Features

3

SHELL NAMED AFTER COACH — The spring air may have been filled with raindrops, but the mood was bright as a generous group of parents joined with rowers and others to christen the new St. Andrew's girls' first boat, the Bradford D. Bates.

11

REFLECTIONS ON A. FELIX DUPONT, JR. — One of St. Andrew's most gentle men is remembered for his years of unsparing service and guidance to the School his father founded. Board presidents remark on the leadership, the commitment, and the man who gave so much of himself through the years to St. Andrew's.

16

COMMITMENT, COMPASSION & CHARISMA — St. Andrew's stands at the threshold as Jon and Joan O'Brien prepare to depart after 20 years of incredible accomplishment. Alumni, parents and friends pay tribute to the first family of St. Andrew's.

Departments

2 NOTEWORTHY
4 FACULTY NEWS
6 SPORTSBEAT
9 ALUMNI NEWS
10 ALUMNI AUTHORS
14 IN MEMORY
30 CLASS NOTES
CONCERT CHOIR SINGS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS
The Concert Choir treated the Easter crowds at Longwood Gardens to a special blend of songs. The 17-member choir sang three selections and then, spurred on by an enthusiastic audience, sang a fourth.

Choir Director Marc Cheban, who played the organ at Longwood Gardens, said that over the years it has become a prestigious performing venue.

"Any opportunity to perform is good for the choir," Cheban said. "But an opportunity to sing at Longwood Gardens at Easter is very special."

Cheban added that while most high school choirs have been dropped from the performance schedule over the years, the St. Andrew's School Concert Choir has displayed the talent and the presence to make them welcome at the Gardens again and again.

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS IN '97
With the largest applicant pool in the history of the School, the admission office has had a busy year. After a painstaking selection process, our decisions went out on March 10. Seventy-three families took advantage of visit-back days to learn more about St. Andrew's.

Prospective students visited classes while parents met with various members of the community to hear about our academic, residential, chapel, counseling and community service programs. They also had the opportunity to sit in on a class and to ask a panel of students about their co-curricular activities.

Finally, families heard from both Jon O'Brien and Tad Roach about their philosophy and vision for St. Andrew's. We look forward to welcoming another exceptional group of students next fall.

PHILLIPS SCORES ON MATH TEST
Mark Phillips '99 qualified for the second round in the American High School Mathematics Exam this spring. Competing against roughly 80,000 students nationwide, Phillips earned the right to take the second test over spring break with just 5,500 other students who were trying to earn a spot on the U. S. Olympiad Team. He scored above the national average on the second test.

"Students in math clubs prepare for this exam," said mathematics chairman David Wang. "Mark took this test cold and was competing against students who did specific preparation to take the test."

Wang concluded that Phillips' accomplishment was all the more impressive coming from a fourth former.
BOAT NAMED FOR CREW COACH BRAD BATES

Thanks to the initiative and generosity of a small group of parents, this season the St. Andrew's girls' first boat will compete in an ultra-light shell, propelled by the newest in adjustable oars with high-tech hatchet blades. And the boat will bear a special name.

Amid cheers, tears and champagne corks, the eight girls unveiled the new Vespoli, the Bradford D. Bates, named for their coach.

"I was overwhelmed; I had no idea," Bates said. "The name was stenciled on the boat the morning of the christening. We'd been calling it Spanky—as in 'spanking new boat'—for the first few weeks of the season. She is amazing and first class all the way."

What is really amazing is the spirit and energy of this group of girls who, teamed with Coach Brad Bates and the competitive edge of the Bradford D. Bates, are steering a course toward the Women's Henley Regatta in London, England.

1ST CHOICE COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Seventy percent of the Class of '97 gained acceptance to their first or second choice college, while more than half were accepted to their top choice.

St. Andrew's School's graduating class of 1997 has posted impressive academic credentials, and those credentials have taken them to some top colleges around the country.

"It's really an outstanding list of colleges," said Tom Sturtevant, College Counselor. "It's a great reflection on the students as individuals and the quality of the School."

Sturtevant said that the admission process was more than college counselors waving a magic wand.

"The students have done a great deal of work and empowered themselves in meaningful ways," he said. "It's an incredibly competitive process to gain admittance to the top schools."

into the honors program, Johnson was invited with 550 other students to enter an essay competition for the scholarship. He was one of 32 chosen to receive the award which will be used during his four years at the University.

Allison Brayton '97 was named to the Academic All-American swim team by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

NICE DAY FOR A BOAT RIDE

Veronica Erard '97 and Kate Keeley '97 model the spring fashion for the crew team as they prepared for the 1997 crew season—in the snow! Boats were put in the water despite the April snowfall. The team hosted the Scholastic Regatta on May 23 and 24 and plans to travel to England for the Women's Henley Regatta over the summer.
FORMER FACULTY AUTHOR


In a startling exposition, new author Duncan Holcomb (SAS English teacher and coach, 1986-90) challenges both popular piety and skeptical scholarship in considering the Jesus of the gospels, a man whose values are decidedly different from our own.

From the Foreword of The Gospel According to Us: “A prophet is not without honor,” Jesus remarks bitterly, “except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.” In my first reading of Mark this comment struck me more than anything else Jesus says. It seemed to be addressed to the sense of strangeness that I, a cradle Christian, felt in reading one of the gospels through for the first time. Here the disparity between what I’d been taught about Jesus, and what I was reading in the story before me, found a remarkable context...

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ERIC CROSSAN & CAROL STEGEMAN

WALTER LIEFELD '54 RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

In baseball, an important person on any team is the player who is willing to jump in at any position the team needs him to play. These players care more for the team than they do about personal glory. Walter Liefeld is such a person. A 1954 graduate who returned to St. Andrew’s as a member of its faculty in 1972, Walter has probably plugged more holes than any other person during the past 25 years. Just read the following list of responsibilities he has had: Librarian, AV Coordinator, advisor to the Projection Squad, Rifle Club, Outing Club and Yacht Club, coach of soccer, and more.

CONTINUED ON PG. 5

TWO TEACHERS RECEIVE NEH GRANTS

DIAHANN JOHNSON and Aimeclaire Roche will pack their bags this summer and head in opposite directions. Both teachers have been selected to participate in National Endowment for the Humanities programs.

Johnson, a French teacher, was one of 20 teachers selected from over 500 applicants to participate in the Summer Institute at Old Dominion University and the Universite Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal. The program will concentrate on the literature and cultural geography of French-speaking West Africa with a focus on Senegal.

“The opportunity to actually travel to Senegal and meet and collaborate with authors, scholars and colleagues with similar interests and backgrounds will be empowering,” Johnson said. “I have always dreamed about traveling to Africa but never thought that the opportunity would present itself so readily. Everyone at SAS has been very supportive.”

The group will spend two and a half weeks in Norfolk, Va. before traveling to Senegal for the remainder of the 5-week program.

AIMECLAIRE ROCHE, chair of the Department of Classical Languages, will travel to Harvard University for the summer seminar entitled “Lucretius' De rerum natura and Its Epicurean Forebears.” Lucretius' book is based on the teaching of Epicurus, and the seminar participants will study the long poem about atomism. Roche will attend seminars, read ancient Greek and Latin texts, and write about the work discussed.

“The seminar will allow me to explore interdisciplinary studies—the classics as they relate to the other parts of our curriculum,” Roche said. “It will also open bridges for students who study Greek and Latin.”

Only 15 other teachers from around the country will attend the seminar with Roche.

She noted that Tad Roach and Will Speers have attended NEH seminars. “It shows that St. Andrew’s teachers are active in scholarship as well as education.”
DENNING LEAVES TO SEEK DOCTORATE

Michael Denning will be leaving St. Andrew's after five years of teaching and coaching. He will return to The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, where he received a master's in 1992, to pursue a Ph.D. in modern European history.

The fast-paced and often hectic nature of boarding school suited Michael well. Anyone who knows him or has seen him teach has witnessed Michael's prodigious energy; he brings great passion to everything he undertakes. While at St. Andrew's, Michael coached varsity squash, varsity tennis (winning three Independent Conference titles) and varsity basketball. He also served as dorm parent, form advisor to the Class of 1998 and Academic Advisor to the V and VI form boys.

Michael will be most missed in the classroom. His teaching style combined a boyish enthusiasm for his subject with great scholarship—a formidable combination.

When not teaching, coaching or working with students as an advisor, Michael could be found reading, preparing his lessons, attending other classes in English, religious studies and history or discussing with his colleagues the art of teaching. His energy and intellect will be missed by students and colleagues alike.

Louisa Hemphill Zendt '78 Returns

Louisa Hemphill Zendt and her husband, Harvey, will be joining the St. Andrew's faculty in the fall. Louisa has accepted the position of Associate Director of Admission. She earned her B.A. in education and art at the University of Pennsylvania in 1982. She worked as an art teacher and coach at Montgomery School in Chester Springs, Pa., from 1982 to 1991 and then held the position of Director of Admission and Financial Aid from 1993 to present at Oregon Episcopal School, a pre-K through grade 12 day and boarding school. Harvey is currently the Head of Lower School at Oregon Episcopal School, a position he has held since 1992. Previously he served as head of the Middle School at Montgomery School from 1973 to 1988.

LIEFELD—CONTINUED FROM PG. 4

crew and our winter intramural program, supervisor of our waterfront, job and driver education programs, corridor parent, Assistant to our Dean of Boys and Dean of Girls, Book Store Manager and, most recently, the supervisor of our pool. In addition, he has consistently videotaped various athletic contests and been the first person students see in the morning as they check in for breakfast. He has performed all these responsibilities with a cheerful spirit which has made him a favorite of students. He is an alumnus who truly loves his school and has served it well.

Walter and his wife, Judy, will be leaving St. Andrew's in June after 25 years of service. They have purchased a large motor home and plan to make the North American continent their home, traveling where their inclination leads them. But they will probably always be near a spot where they can launch a canoe and paddle off into the wilderness, a pursuit they have followed almost every summer. They are both consummate woodsmen.

The St. Andrew's community will miss Walter and Judy. We hope their retirements will be fulfilling and that they and their three children, Susan '80, Peter '84 and Andrew '84, will return often in the years ahead.

SOUTHWEST CERAMIC ARTS CONFERENCE

Lee Leal, pottery and photography teacher, spent a week in April at a conference sponsored by the National Council on the Education of Ceramic Arts. The national and international association of artists and educators met in Las Vegas to trade notes and insights on how best to teach ceramics in a school setting.

Leal said gallery openings and art demonstrations ranged from the traditional to "a little bit off the traditional." As a member of the association for eight years, Leal used the conference to meet artists and carry renewed enthusiasm back to St. Andrew's. "I always bring back new ideas," Leal said. "I get fresh views on the current trends that ceramic artists are dealing with today."

FACULTY SUMMER PLANS

Louise Hewlett plans to develop her senior religious studies course on ethics.

Eric Kemer will continue his study of Computer Applications for Math/Science Curriculum.

Gail leBlanc will be at Springfield College completing her master's degree in sports administration.

John Austin will attend the Conference on Ante-Bellum Literature. He will also develop his new American studies course.

John Lieb will attend the Exeter Math Conference and AP Stats Workshop.

Beth MacNairn will continue her master's work at Middlebury College.

Ian MacNairn will attend the AP Biology Workshop.

Monica Matouk will attend the NAIS Leadership Conference.

Peter McLean will be involved with field studies in Acadia National Park.

Nan Mein will travel to Oxford, England and participate in a program of continuing education.

Tom Odden will attend the Physics National Association Meeting and the Teacher Development Meeting.

Bobby Rue will attend two creative writing workshops.

Kate Sharkey will attend the University of New Hampshire for her master's in math.

Kyla Terhune will attend the Teacher Enhancement Program in Marine Sciences and the AP Biology Workshop.

Michael Hyde continues to study for his master's in history at Georgetown.
WRESTLING TEAM HOLDS TIGHT

The wrestling team grappled to a 7-6 record despite having to forfeit two or three weight classes in dual meets throughout the season. The team was led by tri-captains David Bass '97, Mike Evans '98 and Phil Pinch '97.

Bass combined a never-say-die attitude with an aggressive style to provide leadership for younger wrestlers. He also took second at D.I.S.C. Evans wrestled in Delaware's toughest weight class and finished undefeated in dual meets, winning the Bo Manor and D.I.S.C. tournaments. He was named the team's Outstanding Wrestler. A physical wrestler, he will be one to watch next year. Pinch muscled his way to the D.I.S.C. title.

Luke Baer '98 was the momentum starter at 112 Ibs. He took second in the D.I.S.C. tournament and qualified for the State meet. At 119 Ibs., Nick McDonough '99 was the one-two punch of the St. Andrew's attack. He won the Bo Manor Tournament and took second at the D.I.S.C. event. At 130 Ibs. and is expected to be a big contributor next year. Morgan Scoville '00 gave up six to seven pounds each match, but his scrappy style helped him overcome adversity and win key matches.

Paul Burnette '98 was bothered by a hip injury all year. Than Rohrbach '98 was also injured, but recorded pins against Sanford, Hill and Ferris wrestlers. Brad Bames 97 showed courage after breaking his leg in practice and then walking on it for two weeks. Najib Joumblat '99 was also sidelined for most of the season.

At 160 lbs., both Ivan Watkins '99 and Sebastian Ramos '97 put in courageous efforts, winning important matches for the team. Nick Conell '00 butted heads with experienced juniors and seniors from around the state at 189 lbs. He paid his dues with hard work and will be one to watch. Heavyweight Jonathan Downs '99 won key matches.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL MARKS IMPROVEMENT

For the varsity girls' basketball team, the 1996-97 season was an improvement over the last few years. In their first two games of the season the team participated in a tournament at Sussex Tech High School in southern Delaware. St. Andrew's defeated Delmar High in the first game and advanced to the championship where they lost to a talented Sussex Tech squad. The team finished second overall.

The Cardinals' final record was 6-13, highlighted by outstanding performances against Lake Forest, Tower Hill and Smyrna. Tri-captains Kate Keeley '97, Elizabeth Laffitte '97 and Penn Graves '98 provided leadership for this team, inspiring them to give their best efforts no matter who the opponent happened to be.

Penn Graves and Cristin O'Brien '98 were named the team's MVPs, while Kate Keeley was named the Most Improved Player, and Heidi Pearce '00 earned a Coaches' Award. All-Conference honors went to Penn Graves, who made the second team and Cristin O'Brien who was given Honorable Mention.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TOUGH ON DEFENSE

With four of the five starters from the previous year's team lost to graduation, including All-Stater Matt Bostic '96, many people believed that the Cardinals would have to rebuild in 1996-97. It was a maddening season, but it was so for reasons that could make a coach optimistic about the future.

"We teetered on the edge of outstanding play all year," said coach Bobby Rue. "We lost five games in the closing minutes, and winning any one of them might have established the momentum that we needed."

When it was over, the Cardinals did finish under .500 for the first time in three years (9-12 overall), but the team established itself in several important ways. First, St. Andrew's held
SQUASH TEAMS HEAT UP COURTS
BOYS' SQUASH

After losing only one starter from last year's Mid-Atlantic Championship squad, the boys' squash team began the season with high expectations — perhaps an undefeated season and another championship. Such a magical record was not to be. The team lost close matches to much improved Lawrenceville and Shipley teams, and the Mid-Atlantic Championship tournament was cancelled. Nevertheless, this team was able to accomplish many of its goals.

The team experienced many personal and collective successes. At the number one spot, tri-captain and MVP Randolph McEvoy '97 set a remarkable example for the younger players by going undefeated. It was the first undefeated season for a number one in many years. At numbers two and three, tri-captains Jeff Gable '97 and Carter Grant '97 fought their way to impressive 8-1 records. Gable overwhelmed his opponents with his precision game, and Grant wore them down with his mental toughness.

The team will sorely miss the leadership of these seniors. But the 5-4 record would not have been possible without clutch performances from numbers four through seven: Charlie Durkin '97, Sam Cox '98, Will Hamilton '97 and Amol Parikh '97. Durkin won the deciding match against Oilman, and Hamilton's win against Shipley avenged a loss earlier in the season.

The squash program now enters a transition phase. In addition to graduating eight members of one of the finest St. Andrew's squash teams ever, the team will be working with a new coach due to Michael Denning's resignation. Next year's team must also adjust to the wide-court facility which will hopefully be constructed this summer. The team will undoubtedly look to its two returning players, captain-elect Sam Cox and Charlie Leonard '99, for leadership during this transition period.

The diving team was an important part in the swim team season.
Pictured here (left to right) are: Andrew DeSalvo '00, Beth Calder '98, Karl Crow '99, Caylei Fujas '99, Allison Hwong '00, coach Emily Holcroft, Meaghan Keeley '99, Jessie Weiland '99 & Ozzie Cuervo '99.

SAS Diving Team

opponents to a stingy average of 47 points per game and five times held teams below the 40-point level. Second, the Cardinals cut back on their turnovers and played offense with a team concept that spread out the scoring.

Caleb Prescott '97 led the team in scoring with a fine perimeter game. Frank Reynolds '98 chipped in several double-digit efforts and led the team in rebounding. Sulaiman Jenkins '99 was the team's offensive wildcard, exploding for 18 and 22 points in key wins versus Tower Hill and Wilmington Christian. Coach Rue expects Jenkins to be among the league's top scorers next year.

The team's MVP award went to point guard Jeff Rosenthal '98, who contributed consistent toughness, outstanding defense, and ball handling. Rosenthal was a large reason for the team's competitiveness this year, as was Jimmy Davis '98 whose rebounding and physical play often went unnoticed by fans.

The Cardinals were blessed by a strong bench this year, which included Jim Maxfield '98 and Sean Morley '98. According to Rue, both players had the talent to be starters, but each was hobbled by injuries. Contributing part-time to the JV as well as full-time to the varsity, Billy Cho '98 developed nicely as the season progressed.

Next year St. Andrew's will have to fill the gaps left behind by three other seniors in addition to Prescott. John Landay '97 was the team's best passer and often sparked the squad in important moments this year. Rox Veghte '97, a four-year varsity player, was a solid defender and rebounder with an excellent strategic sense of the game. And Kirk Kieffer '97, also a four-year varsity player, will be missed for his outstanding shooting touch and explosive athleticism.

SAS Diving Team
GIRLS' SQUASH
The 1996-1997 varsity girls' squash team ensured a .500 season by winning five of their last seven matches. With seven players returning next year, the team is sure to continue its winning ways. After a 0-3 start to the season, the team's hopes for a winning season seemed unlikely. But early season losses to Lawrenceville, Shipley and Bryn Mawr did not dampen the team's enthusiasm and a willingness to improve their skills. In January the team rebounded with victories over Episcopal High School and Madeira.

The team faced the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore and was beaten by a stronger and more experienced team dominated by seniors. The match was played on international courts which are wider than those at St. Andrew's, and the different lines posed problems on serves and short shots. The team displayed its ability to adjust to new courts and beat Roland Park on the wider courts in the second match of the day, 7-3.

The team showed further signs of improvement in a 1-6 loss to a senior-laden Lawrenceville squad. In December St. Andrew's won only one game in eight matches. In February they won seven games in seven matches.

The Mid-Atlantic Tournament which concluded previous seasons was scratched because many teams dropped out. As a result the top six players traveled to Baltimore to play Bryn Mawr in a final match. Kathryn Bohannon's victory gave the team the overall victory and revenge for the two previous losses.

Tri-captains Moira Forbes '97, Lindsay Dormer '97 and Kathryn Bohannon '97 provided outstanding leadership. Varsity returners Sophie Stenbeck '98, Molly Laramy '99 and Meredith Forney '98 also contributed their experience and energy on a regular basis.

Newcomer Lisa Pilkington '99 settled into the number five position, and her 8-2 win-loss record was the best on the team. Helen Smith '99, Susan Clarkson '00 and Robin Juliano '99 rounded out the varsity team.

Congratulations to Sophie Stenbeck and Meredith Forney who have been elected captains next season. The team eagerly anticipates the conversion of the courts to the regulation international size. This dramatic improvement is sure to help catapult St. Andrew's into the squash elite.

BOYS' SWIMMING MAKES SPLASH
The 1996-97 St. Andrew's boys' swimming team finished with a fine overall record of 9-3 and remained undefeated (4-0 ) in conference, garnering their third consecutive Independent Conference Championship. They also placed 14th at the State meet. While setting a record number of wins for the year, the boys remained unbeaten for the last two years in league competition.

The strong leadership of captains Tom Stephens '97 and Jonathan Moneta '97 was instrumental in bringing together a talented but inexperienced group. Stephens and Moneta joined with Rob Baldwin '99, Stephen Comstock '99, Chris Moneta '99 and Doug Brayton '00 to set three new school records in the 200-yard medley relay, the 200 free relay, and the 400 free relay at the State meet. Chris Moneta also scored points for the team with a 12th place finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.76.

With 15 under formers returning to next year's squad, the boys' swimming team will continue to be a dominant force in the Independent Conference and look to improve upon their 14th place finish at the State meet.

Chris Moneta received the MVP award, and the Coaches' Award went to Stephen Comstock '99 and Emmett Lynskey '98. The Most Improved Award was shared between Ryan Connell '99 and Rob Baldwin. James Jenkins '98 and Emmett Lynskey were selected to be captains of the 1997-98 team.

GIRLS' SWIMMING TEAM WINS TITLE
The St. Andrew's girls' swimming team enjoyed its most successful season ever. After posting an outstanding overall record of 10-2 and winning the Independent Conference Championship, the team showed their depth by placing 10th at the State meet and 13th at the Eastern Interscholastic Championships. The season started slowly for the girls when the "SAS flu epidemic of '96" sidelined 14 girls for the team's opening meets against Tower Hill and Concord High. The girls rebounded to finish the season with ten straight wins including a 109-99 victory over rival Tower Hill for their third straight D.I.S.C. championship.

At the State championship meet, Jessi Walter '99 became St. Andrew's first two-time State medalist by virtue of her second place finish in the 100-yard back. Her time of :59.99 put her in the select group for All-American consideration. Her third place in the 100 free style was :55.20. Rounding out the scoring in individual events at the State meet were Sarah Marvel '99 who placed 8th in 200 free with a time of 2:01.54 and 5th in 100 back (1:02.54); Beth Calder '98 (7th diving 326.75) and Caylei Fujas '99 (14th in diving). For their performances at the meet, Walter and Marvel were selected as members of the All-State team.

Also placing at the State meet were Alli Brayton '97 (5th 200 medley relay, 14th 400 free relay), Meredith Blake '97 (14th in 400 free relay, 13th in 200 free relay), Anne Willis '98 (14th in 400 free relay) and Laura Zarchin '99 (14th in 400 free relay, 13th in 200 free relay) and Laura Westfall '99 (13th 200 free relay).

Jessi Walter and Beth Calder were selected to receive the MVP Award, and Sarah Marvel earned the Coaches' Award. The Most Improved swimmers were Courtney Cordeiro '00, Meg Nicoll '00 and Alison Hwong '00. In addition to her fine performances in the pool, Alli Brayton received Academic All-America honors.
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL CALLING

More than 35 alums reached out and touched their classmates via the telephone during the spring phonathons. Calling from New York, Wilmington, Delaware, Washington, D.C., and Ocean City, Maryland, alums from every decade of the School’s history garnered class notes as well as pledges for the 1996-97 Annual Fund. If by chance you weren’t home when your classmate called, there’s still time to help St. Andrew’s reach its alumni participation goal of 50 percent. We need your commitment—and we need it by June 30th.

ABOVE: Veteran caller Rich Costello ‘78 enjoys a chat with a classmate from the phonathon center in Wilmington—and as a bonus, he gets a pledge!

AN INSIDER’S VIEW OF BOARDING SCHOOL LIFE

ALUMNI CHILDREN IN THE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO AN OVERNIGHT AND CAMPUS VISIT

HOMECOMING WEEKEND
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Attend Friday evening dinner with students, spend an overnight in the dorms, go to Saturday morning classes and Homecoming games.

Saturday morning, Director of Admission Peter Caldwell will meet with alumni families to explain the application process, testing and financial aid.

PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMISSION OFFICE BETWEEN AUGUST 27 AND SEPTEMBER 13 IF YOU AND YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

DIAMOND STATE MASTERS REGATTA

The Wilmington Rowing Center will host the 7th Annual Diamond State Masters Regatta on Sunday, July 27, 1997, on Noxontown Pond, Middletown, Delaware. Over 500 men and women Masters rowers will compete in 36 races from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The 1100-meter course is one of the most beautiful in the country. Athletes from all over the East Coast participate in this prestigious regatta, featuring the “Dead Poets” Trophy. Scullers and crews will race in singles, doubles, fours and eights. Plenty of food and drinks are available. Admission and parking are free.

WHEN IS THE GRIFFIN NOT A GRIFFIN?

When it’s a Welsh dragon! Eagle-eye historian Herndon Werth ‘52 brought to our attention that a griffin has the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion—"and dat surely ain’t no eagle’s head (or beak) on the SAS creature." He continues, "It has the head (ears, mouth and head shape) of a Welsh dragon, although its mane has been removed, probably to allow for the duPont ionic column"—a very important symbol in the St. Andrew’s seal.

In explaining the sources and significance of the St. Andrew’s crest, Herndon notes that the Welsh dragon is the official seal of the State of Delaware, presumably from the emblem of Lord De La Warr. He says he never knew the significance of the ionic column until a decade ago when he saw the shields of French Huguenot families in Eglise Francaise du Saint-Esprit, originally a French Huguenot church, now Episcopal church in New York City where Herndon lives. The ionic column (with no other decorative elements) is the coat of arms of the duPont family, hence its relevance to St. Andrew’s.

We suspect that Felix duPont, Sr. and Bishop Cook (and maybe Waldy Pell) designed the St. Andrew’s coat of arms, with Bishop Cook (or Waldy) introducing the religious symbols in the shield—the Saltaire (St. Andrew’s Cross), the Bible and the two bishop’s mitres. “Lost in the mists of time” is the meaning of the two, not just one, bishops’ mitres. Felix, Sr. probably introduced the Welsh dragon and the ionic column.

With that all explained, Herndon also brought to our attention that in some St. Andrew’s logos, the column has been left out. We would like to remedy this grave oversight, and ask every member of the St. Andrew’s family for their help in a Column Watch.

As we attempt to replace the lost column in letterhead and the many School publications, please let us know if you come across any St. Andrew’s communications in which the column is missing.

Remember, it’s a Welsh dragon and an ionic column.

St. Andrew’s Magazine | SPRING '97

Hume Horan '51 displays another facet of his versatility in his new novel, To the Happy Few. The book is a gripping tale of intrigue, action and passion set in contemporary Sudan. It is the story of a young diplomat's experience in the American Embassy in Khartoum, during a time of upheaval and diplomatic crisis. The tale is closely linked to events that have happened in that part of the world in recent years.

One of the many virtues of the novel is its vivid description of the culture and atmosphere that Foreign Service officers experience in a hardship post. It also presents an accurate and convincing rendering of politics within the American State Department. In a talk to the Foreign Service Club in October, Horan said "the foreign service novel is the domestic novel turned inside out. In the case of the domestic novel, the settings are likely to be intellectually and psychologically accessible to the reader...he accepts them at least broadly, as being part of a world that abuts onto his own.... In such contexts the setting can be sketched in briefly...[and] the author can then get on with the main job: developing and exploring the sometimes exotic inner world of his characters.... In the foreign service novel, it's the setting that is peculiar and exotic. The author must devote time and skill and effort to make the reader accept and comprehend it. Add a protagonist who is also peculiar and exotic, and you have one level of peculiarity too many. It won't work."

Horan succeeds admirably in this effort. The reader is drawn deeply into the fascinating world of Sudanese culture, history and current politics. His rendering of contemporary Islam is very enlightening and a refreshing departure from that of the popular press. His characters are believable and admirable, and they serve his purpose well.

While the book is not a Roman a clef, there are many references that will be familiar to St. Andreans. The hero's son, for example, attends a small boarding school on the shores of Noxontown Pond in Delaware. We highly recommend To the Happy Few. Readers will be engrossed, entertained and enlightened.


In Deeper, Seabrook, a staff writer for the New Yorker, takes us along on his personal journey down the information highway. In the beginning of this pioneering adventure into cyberspace, our hero <seabrook> is a clueless newbie. He ends up an old hand, complete with arrow wounds to show off.

Seabrook writes: "This is the story of my life on-line. Although I did get out of the house once in a while to interview people for this book, my main strategy was to remain alone in my room, with my PowerBook on my desk, or sometimes on my lap, reading, lurking, e-mailing, posting, pointing and clicking, and observing the effects that all this time spent on-line had on my head."

When Seabrook is not narrating his own on-line adventures, he is writing an eyewitness history of a tumultuous period in the early history of a new medium, when the Net moved decisively from a geeky hobby to a part of mainstream popular culture. We meet major figures in the computer industry, catch the Utopian feeling, get flamed, get laid, soar over the Net like Satan soaring over the earth in Paradise Lost, join a virtual community and find out what daily life is like, lose the Utopian feeling, adapt to the World Wide Web, and build a Web site.

Whether you're an old computer hand looking to compare notes, or you're thinking about getting on-line and would like a literary road map, or you have no intention of ever going near a computer and just want an entertaining, well-told tale to read, this is the book for you. (Reprinted from book jacket.)

We are preparing a section in our newly renovated library for alumni authors and would love to have a copy of your published works. Please send us the titles and dates of your publication(s) or book(s) so we can include them in our special collection in the Irene duPont Library.
From his earliest days on the Board, quiet, shy and gentle Alexis Felix duPont, Jr., son of the Founder, displayed complete dedication to the School. While his father was alive and for many years thereafter, young Felix never visited the campus and knew very little about St. Andrew's. After he was appointed to the Board in 1956, he never missed a Board or committee meeting, never shunned a difficult assignment, and gave unstintingly of his time, energy and resources. In 1957, Felix duPont was elected vice president, three years later executive vice president, then president, finally chairman (in 1985) after the position no longer was occupied by the Bishop of Delaware (who became a member ex officio of a greatly enlarged Board).

... More than any other trustee of his era, Felix, Jr., had time to give to the School, and he did so unsparingly. He was imbued with a humane spirit; he had a sense of public service and brought to meetings a light touch and humor when one did not expect it.

-To Felix duPont on his 90th Birthday

I would like to share a vivid memory that relates to Mr. duPont from my early years at St. Andrew's School. I still remember lunch many years ago in 1963. Mr. duPont was probably at School for one of the hundreds of Trustee meetings he attended. It made quite an impression on me. The manner and tone that all, students and faculty alike, spoke of him could only be described as awe and admiration. Everyone was abuzz with "There goes Mr. duPont. Did you see Mr. duPont?" etc., etc. It left a powerful imprint on my young mind. There was another emotion his presence evoked that bears mentioning. That emotion was the one of security. People had an attitude of "Mr. duPont is here. Everything is right with our world." I want to emphasize that this feeling came from faculty and students alike. That sense has never changed.

-John "Dale" Showell IV '68
President, Alumni Corporation
Reflections from Two Board Presidents

We knew Felix particularly as our leader, colleague and friend on the Board of Trustees at St. Andrew’s School. How much he loved St. Andrew’s School and how generously he supported it with his time, wisdom and resources! Felix worked constantly and tirelessly to make this an ever better School. Whether attending classes, looking over construction projects, talking to our neighbors, listening to students, watching sports and other School activities, checking in with the headmaster and myriad of other things large and small, he daily showed how deeply he cared for St. Andrew’s. Felix will be sorely missed, but we are grateful for our time with him and that his memory and heritage will remain with us.

- H. HICKMAN ROWLAND, JR.’58
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No words can really do justice to this good, kind, thoughtful, caring and courageous man whom we knew and loved. There are any number of landmarks that chart Felix’s 40 years as the leader of this Board of Trustees and St. Andrew’s School. When he joined the Board in 1956, there had been an eight-year hiatus without a descendant of the Founder among its members. Apart from the Board offices he held, it is worth noting some of what occurred on his watch:

His 40 years as a Trustee spanned the incumbency of all three of the School’s headmasters. During that time there were not more than a handful of occasions when he missed a Board or committee meeting.

He had some challenging tasks to deal with in his time. Typical of the man, he shirked none of them, beginning with the transition from the founding headmaster, Walden Pell, to that of his successor, when Walden handed Felix the baton of office at Waldy’s final Board meeting on June 6, 1957.

After a year and a half search process produced no suitable successor, Felix plunged into the thicket himself and identified Robert Moss as Walden Pell’s successor.

He provided key leadership to the Board for the School’s desegregation and the beginnings of the co-education.

He took on the burden—one that he clearly disliked—to later say to Bob Moss that it was time for the School to have new leadership.

It was Felix who saw the need for the somewhat remote Episcopal Church School Foundation that directly managed the School’s endowment and selected its head, but was not intimately involved with St. Andrew’s, to focus on this school and cause it to become the great school that it is today, St. Andrew’s School of Delaware.

It was Felix who supported an increase—in terms of numbers and constituencies represented—of the Board of Trustees and an expansion of its role in the life of the School.

It was he who spearheaded a land acquisition program to assure preservation of the School’s pastoral surrounding. He began that program as one of the very first things he did on joining the Board in 1956, and he never left the race.

The capital improvements that have been one of many marks of Jon O’Brien’s tenure, all had Felix’s careful and constant attention and his unwavering support.

The list could go on. Felix, however, if he were here today would tell us he did nothing at all.

Each of us has a particular set of recollections of Felix. I think of the many conversations we had after he asked me to take on a few of his SAS chores. Times that we spent together going over committee assignments; working on our first ever Trustees retreat; talking about long-range planning, building projects, fund raising, THE movie and the like, but also partying. He was wonderful at a party! Good cheer and goodwill welled from the man.

Along with all of you, I shared a tremendous affection for Felix. There are so many pictures for each of us to recall. Probably, we all share a mental picture of Felix at our May meetings, with his evident pride in each graduating sixth former, as he carefully signed “A. Felix duPont, Jr.” on each diploma in handwriting eerily like that of his father.

Felix duPont was a modest man. In all of his doings, there was a subtext that in reality was the dominant theme: he did what he did to help each of us and to help others here at St. Andrew’s and elsewhere. He was, in the truest sense, a gentle man.

-HENRY N. HERNDON, JR. ’48
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
elix duPont, philanthropist, aviator and former treasurer and director of Christiana Securities Co., died on December 30, 1996, at his Greenville, Delaware home, Elton, where he was born 91 years ago.

His single greatest interest and source of joy was serving on the Board of St. Andrew's School, which was founded by his father, his family said. During his 40-year tenure, he was vice president, executive vice president and chairman.

He was an active pilot until he was 88 and taught many members of the community and his immediate family to fly.

His interest in aviation dated to about 1910 when the Delaware State Fair was held in Elsmere. His father took him out on the porch to watch an early biplane fly by. He took his first airplane ride in 1918 and his first solo flight in 1927.

"He flew with Charles A. Lindbergh in the Pacific during World War II," said his first cousin, Irenee duPont, Jr., of Granogue.

In 1928, Felix interrupted his education at Princeton University to enlist in the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet and was stationed at Kelly Field in Texas. In the 1930s, he helped his brother, Richard C., form All American Aviation, a pick-up mail feeder airline that later became Allegheny Airlines, now USAir.

Felix served as vice president and director from 1939 to 1941. He was a founding investor and director of Piasecki Helicopter of Philadelphia, a company that later became Vertol Aircraft Co. before merging into Boeing.

During World War II, Felix served at the Pentagon in the Air Transport Command and was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a combat training officer for crews of the 54th Troop Carrier Wing, 5th Air Force. After the war, he joined the Air Force Reserve and retired in 1965 as a lieutenant colonel.

Before World War II, he was a test pilot for Fokker Aircraft Co., a Dutch aircraft manufacturer; was a dispatcher for Ludington Line; marketed airplane finishes for the DuPont Co.; and was treasurer and director of Christiana Securities Corp.

He served on the boards of the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, Chichester duPont Foundation, Delaware Wild Lands, Delaware Curative Workshop, Franklin Institute, Medical Center of Delaware and St. James (Md.) School.

His wife, Marka Truesdale duPont, died in 1993.

Felix is survived by daughter Katharine Gahagan of Greenville; sons, Michael H. of Olympia, Wash., and Christopher T. of Ketchum, Idaho; stepdaughters, Louise Loening of Landenberg, Pa., and Priscilla Hanford of Paradise, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

(Reprinted from The News Journal, Wilmington, Del., January 1, 1997)
LOIS VOORHEES

Lois Voorhees, 86, wife of the late G. Coerte Voorhees, died on January 20, 1997. She had been residing in recent years at the Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, Pa.

Mrs. Voorhees was one of five children of Robert and Anita Gaw of Weehawken, N.J. Her sister, the late Winifred Gaw Hindie, is the mother of Lawton Kindle '48 and David Hindle '58 and the grandmother of David's children, Desh '85, Mike '88 and Jill '93.

She married G. Coerte Voorhees, a teacher of Latin and Greek, in 1933. After two years at the Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y., she and her husband moved to St. Andrew's, where he taught and coached crew and she kept their home open to countless schoolboys. No boy entrusted to their care whose birthday fell during the school year ever missed having a party with a freshly baked cake of his choice. They remained at St. Andrew's until 1962, and boys and men would visit the Voorhees home for reunions, homecomings or just to call after they had graduated.

In 1962, Mr. Voorhees became headmaster of the Choir School at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Once again, their home quickly became the "home away from home" for both students and teachers alike.

After her husband's death in 1964, Lois moved to Merrimacport with her sister, Winifred, until she moved to the house in Rocks Village, Haverhill, that would be her home until 1990. After a few years of secretarial work at various schools in the area, she learned from her good friend, the late Hans Rohr of Byfield, how to color old prints and started, in her mid-fifties, a second and entirely new career coloring prints for rare book and print dealers around the country. Her work was in great demand.

In 1990, her health forced her to move to Pennsylvania to be close to her children, Stephen '53 of Wynnewood, Pa., and Pieter '60 of Long Valley, N.J. and granddaughter, Sally Voorhees '91. She remained there until her death. She was buried in Middletown, Del., with her husband, Coerte, near St. Andrew's where they served for so long (1935-62, with the exception of 1943-45, when Mr. Voorhees was on North Atlantic convoy duty).

On Awards Night at the end of the school year, The G. Coerte Voorhees Classics Prize (given by Lois in memory of her husband, Latin teacher at St. Andrew's School from 1935 to 1962) is awarded to the student who has done outstanding work in Latin.

Mrs. Voorhees is survived by her two sons and five grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the G. Coerte Voorhees Memorial Faculty Enhancement Fund, St. Andrew's School.

(Harold Kenneth Wood, Jr. '56

Ken Wood, 58, an Environmental Protection Agency senior legislative specialist for 26 years who had been active in area and national rugby groups as a player, coach and administrator, died November 14, 1996, at his home in Bethesda, Md., after a heart attack. He had diabetes.

Ken joined the EPA in Washington in 1970. He played for the Washington Rugby Football Club and for both regional and national teams. In the mid-1970s, he helped form the United States Rugby Football Union.

He coached the Eastern Rugby Union team in international matches, beating a Canadian team at Towson in 1978. He also managed the team, the Eagles, on a 1977 tour of England and a 1983 Australian tour. He was active in local teams and coached local players to the national and international competition levels. He was a past president of the Washington Rugby Club and past member of the Eastern Rugby Union All-Star Team.

Ken, a Pennsylvania native, was a 1960 graduate of Amherst College. He served briefly in the Army before joining the Navy. By the time he left the service in 1966, he had become an officer and had served two tours in Vietnamese
waters. Before going to Washington, he had been executive director of the Brandywine Conservancy in Pennsylvania.

He attended the Church of the Holy Trinity, was a member of the Forest Lake Club and was a former member of the SAS Alumni Board.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth E '93, and Kathryn R. Wood, both of West Chester, Pa.; two brothers, Chester Country Common Pleas Court Judge Lawrence E. Wood '54 of Chadds Ford, Pa., and William S. Wood, II '57, of West Chester; a sister, Martha W. Wilson of Huntington, R.I.; and his former wife, Karen McKinney Wood of West Chester.

(Reprinted from Daily Local News, West Chester, Pa., Nov. 18, 1996.)

ARTHUR L. PARTRIDGE '50
Art died of a massive coronary on November 2, 1996, after a long illness, three weeks shy of his 64th birthday.

After graduating from Cornell with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in 1955, Art went on active duty with the United States Air Force as a C-124 Globemaster pilot, was engaged in Operation Deep Freeze III in the Antarctic, and was separated as captain in 1970.

He spent most of his successful career with Westinghouse Electric Company in the U.S., Europe and Saudi Arabia in various capacities as sales engineer up to senior marketing representative. He left the company a few years ago, and he and wife Pat moved from Pittsburgh to their retirement home in Cortez, Colorado.

At St. Andrew's, he is best recalled as a consistent academic high-grouper, football player, rower and a very active Criss Cross member, his most memorable role being Boris Kalenkov in You Can't Take It With You.

Pat speaks fondly of her husband: "Art was a devoted family man and loved people, especially when they'd ask him what time it was so he could explain how to build a watch. He loved his children and grandsons and was loyal to me to the end." Pat is living at 45 East Montezuma Ave., Cortez, Colorado 81321.

KERI J. ADVOCAT '91
Keri Advocat died on January 6, 1997, from scleroderma. She had been living in Brooklyn, NY.

During Sunday chapel services the week after Keri's death, Rob Fogelman '91 presented the following:

Early last week, a woman named Keri Advocat passed away after a long bout with a terminal illness. She was a classmate of mine here at St. Andrew's. At the funeral this past Thursday, four of Keri's closest friends in the Class of 1991 composed the following thoughts and asked me to share them with the St. Andrew's community.

"We would like to take a moment to remember a dear friend, Keri Advocat. She was a free-spirit in every sense of the word. She pursued a career in graphic design and photography; she pursued, in fact, the world with a vigor and courage that most could not begin to imagine. She was independent and quietly brave and, above all else, she was very funny. She was our friend and we loved her. She will be dearly missed."

In closing, I will share with you the quotation that Keri placed on her senior page in our yearbook. As we remember her here today, please attempt to appreciate the irony of the written words Keri left behind. The poignancy of these words is immeasurable now that she is gone.

"At a time like this, curiously, you begin to think of the things you regret, or things you might miss . . . I would like to climb a tall hill, not too tall, and sit in the cool grass, not too cool, and feel the sun on my face. I wish I could have cracked the Lindbergh kidnapping case . . . and of course, it goes without saying that I would like to visit Tibet. I wish they could get their country back and the Dali Lama could return. Oh, I would like that very much."

Keri's classmates who attended the funeral, which was held in Woodbridge, N.J., were:

Kathryn Anschutz, Beccy Hance, Sally Voorhees, Katy Fischer and Rob Fogelman. ♦
Commitment, Compassion, Accomplishment & Charisma

Jon & Joan O'Brien
SQUARE DANCING IN THE 80S

THE O'BRIENS' PARTNERSHIP IS A MODEL FOR OTHERS IN A MODERN WORLD WHERE MAN AND WOMAN WORK TOGETHER IN A COMMON ENTERPRISE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THEM IN THE SUCCESSFUL RUNNING OF ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL.

FROM TIME TO REMEMBER BY WILLIAM H. AMOS

COMPiled by CHESA PROFACI '80

PHOTOGRAPH BY CAROL STEGEMAN
ONE OF MY ST. ANDREW'S HEROES IS OUR HEADMASTER, JON O'BRIEN. IN AN EDITORIAL WRITTEN LAST SUNDAY DESCRIBING THE LEGACY OF GREAT LEADERS, A NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST RECALLED A PHRASE INSCRIBED ON THE TOMB OF ARCHITECT CHRISTOPHER WREN: "IF YOU SEEK HIS MONUMENT, LOOK AROUND YOU." AND THE SAME IS TRUE FOR JON O'BRIEN'S LEGACY TO THIS SCHOOL.

-JON O'BRIEN'S MONUMENT LIES NOT SOLELY IN HIS BUILDINGS: A RENOVATED CHAPEL, AUDITORIUM, LIBRARY AND ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL, A NEW STUDENT MAIL ROOM, A NEW ALUMNI/DEVELOPMENT HOUSE, A NEW ARTS STUDIO, A SERIES OF NEW FACULTY HOMES AND APARTMENTS, A BOAT HOUSE, A STUDENT CENTER, A SENIOR ROOM, A SWIMMING POOL, A NEW WEIGHT ROOM, TRAINING ROOM, INFIRMARY, A NEW ACADEMIC WING, NEW COMPUTER LAB, PADDLE TENNIS COURTS, A DAY-CARE CENTER, NEW DORMS IN MOSS AND NORTH.

His monument lies not solely in new programs: our prefect/proctor system, our emphasis on community service, our superb academic program, our excellent admissions, alumni and development programs, our commitment to excellence in coeducation, our embrace of diversity, our work in college admissions.

His monument lies not solely in the development and management of his faculty, or in the quality and distinctive character of St. Andrew's students. Jon O'Brien's presence, you see, is apparent in every aspect, visible and invisible, of St. Andrew's.

I will try, therefore, to give you a sense of one person's view of the 17 years I have spent working at St. Andrew's in the O'Brien era. Jon, of course, would like to escape to Westport without such a public tribute. But it is important, I think, to celebrate his great leadership.

For 20 years now, St. Andrew's has been Jon O'Brien's school. It seems impossible to imagine a more perfect, dynamic match between an institution and a leader. In an era when heads of schools have become increasingly removed from the day-to-day internal affairs of their schools, Jon brought an energetic, distinctive, personal style to his role as St. Andrew's third headmaster. Because he knew the School so well—its students, teachers, staff members, trustees, alumni, parents and friends—he was completely in touch with the mission, the spirit of St. Andrew's. And, as is the case with great leaders, Jon and the School became inseparable.

His intuitive knowledge of the essential nature and potential of St. Andrew's inspired him to develop a superb faculty and student body, to protect the precious natural environment of the campus, and to build facilities that enhance the quality of education the School offers its students each year. A man of remarkable energy, dedication, optimism, warmth, resilience and vision, Jon leaves St. Andrew's secure in the knowledge that under his leadership the School flourished, came of age and developed into an excellent national boarding school. Because of Jon's leadership, the name St. Andrew's now has a resonance, a strong, respected, competitive, distinctive place among the very best boarding schools in the nation.

I will remember him, of course, in his most characteristic poses and places: working tirelessly morning, noon and night in his office in Founders' Hall—door invariably open to colleagues, students, visitors—Scout in the best chair, blueprints, maps of the St. Andrew's campus upon the first table in view, yellow legal pads, no computer, on his desk. As I drove to St. Andrew's at the end of a summer, Christmas or spring vacation, I would often see only the lone light of the Headmaster's Office shining in a black,
empty building.

Jon’s work here was a labor of love; he often told me that serving as headmaster was the greatest job in the world. But he set a grueling pace each year for himself. His remarkable dedication enabled him to master every detail of the School’s program and, at the same time, to act as the School’s visionary leader. When Jon took a break from his duties during two brief sabbaticals, he returned to his office with new ideas, new plans, new initiatives that were right for the future of the School. We could barely keep up with him.

I will remember him, of course, for his love of the campus, his love of the natural beauty of the woods, the pond, the animals. Perhaps through his study of William Faulkner and his stories of the wilderness, Jon turned to nature for moments of pure serenity, release and exercise. It is therefore only fitting that one of Jon’s major legacies to us is the protection of our campus from the suburban sprawl that has attacked so much of southern New Castle County, Delaware.

Like Faulkner’s Sam Fathers, Jon stood proudly in his defense of the woods, the solitude, the beauty of nature. Here is Faulkner’s classic description of Sam Fathers: He taught the boy the woods, to hunt, when to shoot and when not to shoot, when to kill and when not to kill, and better, what to do with the gun afterward. Then he would talk to the boy, the two of them sitting beneath the close fierce stars on a summer hilltop while they waited for the hounds to bring the fox back within hearing, or beside a fire in the November or December woods while the dogs worked a coon’s trail along the creek, or fireless in the pitch dark and heavy dew of April mornings while they squatted beneath a turkey-roost. The boy would never question him; Sam would not react to questions. The boy would just wait and listen, and Sam would begin, talking about the old days.....

And as he talked about those old times, gradually to the boy those old times would cease to be old times and would become part of the boy’s present...

Jon O’Brien carries the wisdom, the experience, the resilience, the surety, the grace of Sam Fathers, and all of us, like young Ike McCaslin, have learned life’s lessons through his eloquence and example.

His annual Arbor Day for the VI Form is an O’Brien tradition that will remain at St. Andrew’s forever, for as Jon gathered the seniors and led them through a series of projects designed to preserve the beauty of the campus and plan for its future, he distinctly taught them that he and St. Andrew’s expected them to be stewards, defenders of both the earth and the sense of humanity St. Andrew’s fosters.

I will remember him, too, standing alert, solitary beside the white goal posts at a St. Andrew’s football game in early November. As a former lineman in prep school and college, Jon identified with those athletes who played with determination, grit, resilience and sportsmanship. Wherever and whenever St. Andrew’s played, Jon would try to be there—his booming voice resounding at the games.

As our bands, choirs or dramatists performed at Parents or Arts Weekend, Jon’s pride in the School, its students and the Arts Department often led him to make his long awaited announcements of a free day. Jon exuberantly announced School holidays to celebrate the arrival of a new faculty baby, or to celebrate the beauty of a snow or ice storm, the precise memorization by the students of the identities of the portraits hanging in the dining room; he also called them, of course, to relieve an exhausted student body and faculty.

Over the years, Jon’s voice and perspective became the voice, perspective and values of the School. In times of disappointment, sadness and tragedy, in times of great joy, pride and accomplishment, Jon measured the spirit, the morale, the questions of the School community.

He counseled, praised, reasoned, laughed, lectured and even, at rare times, threatened and scolded. It is true that he scolded and threatened much more often in his early years than he does now. But in all those public moments over the years he captured, with remarkable precision and flair, the needs of his students and teachers.

Part of his greatness certainly lay in his ability to retain and recruit great teachers, those men and women who help make St. Andrew’s such a great school. Jon sought teachers with intellectual accomplishment, but he knew that great boarding school faculties should be composed of men and women with unusual personal qualities of generosity, sensitivity, good humor and patience.

Just as Jon immersed himself in every aspect of his school, he
inspired his teachers to follow his lead. As the years passed, Jon made sure that the spotlight, the attention, the praise for St. Andrew's fell on its students and teachers. He and Joan never appeared on the cover of our alumni/parent magazine until he announced his retirement, but as fellow Head Peter Anderson once said, Jon's presence was clear in every room of the School, every page of its publications. Jon quietly created a school designed so well that he could, in James Joyce's words, "pare his fingernails" as his greatest work of art naturally appeared.

As he gathered this faculty, Jon worked to create an energy, a momentum, a mission that inspired his teachers to work with passion, inspiration and distinct intention. Those of us who work for Jon have developed a loyalty to him and St. Andrew's that is unshakable. There was nothing he could ask me or others to do for the School that we would not do. And so, year after year, great teachers have come and stayed on.

As a great teacher himself, Jon spoke to us eloquently about the importance of values like honesty, integrity, compassion, forgiveness, humor and civility. He celebrated the distinctive humanity of his School above all its other virtues. He warned against the evils of materialism, selfishness, elitism and racism. He viewed malls, television, technology, and baseball caps with alarm and disdain.

I have reviewed most of Jon's speeches to the faculty and student body, delivered over the past 20 years. Together, they form a strong, coherent, dynamic philosophy of life, of education. Together they create a portrait of a man who shared his beliefs and life with us all.

1979 Commencement... I also believe life should be taken joyfully. Laugh loudly and love deeply. Seize and cherish those moments that call for wine and song, revelry and celebration, love and companionship. Let those moments of light burn with fierce intensity against those inevitable moments of darkness you will all experience.

1980 On summer jobs...I think the best jobs of all lead in new directions. If possible, do something you haven't done before, work with people you don't normally associate with, get your hands dirty, take some risks.

1994 I was not a scholar in high school. Looking back over my first three years, I can remember thinking of only two things—girls and sports. These subjects were tidal waves, drowning the piddling attempts of my poor teachers as they tried to interest me in Latin, French, math and chemistry. It was not until the end of my 11th grade year that my father and I had a serious discussion. He talked; I listened. Never before had I seen him so angry. By halfway through the next year I had vaulted into the top half of the class.

1980 Following Reagan's Inaugural and the release of 52 hostages from Iran.... It seems to me that the survival of our planet will depend on how rapidly the leaders of the nations of the world recognize that we are interdependent and to paraphrase John Donne, that whatever tragedy befalls any person or people diminishes all of us. That the death by starvation of one tribesman in Africa diminishes you and me. That depriving one refugee of his homeland diminishes you and me. That any prejudice toward any person because of his race, color, creed or sex diminishes you and me. That the pollution of the air in Peking or Detroit diminishes you and me.

1991 To quote E.M. Forster, all of us can join the aristocracy of "the sensitive and the considerate." This aristocracy is found in all walks of life, and its members teach by example. Some live in obscurity; others may become great names; but they all care about those less fortunate, and all are sensitive to the beauty and mystery of creation and the possibilities of life.

1995 On his decision to leave the legal profession.... What I learned that year in Hartford was the stupidity of spending our days doing things we don't believe in — doing things we aren't proud of. No sum of money we receive can compensate us for wasting our lives on trivial pursuits. On the other hand, the
Congratulations on your very successful 20 years as head of St. Andrew’s School. You have made the School better than ever.
—Huldah Moss

Two decades of Jon O’Brien’s leadership stand out like a beacon, its clear steady beam growing more brilliant as the years passed... A headmaster taking on the torch of his own administration has an arduous, if not awesome, task. Traditions may be formed, policies settled and architecture fixed, but times and circumstances change... Jon O’Brien possessed the character, background, discipline of mind and spirit to lead this great School up the mountain to heights thought inconceivable in those earlier days. His judgement, persuasive powers, warm natural personality, caused the School to blossom. The consensus is highest accolade to Headmaster Jon O’Brien and his partner, Joanie. Together they have made an enormous difference—and we shall always be grateful to them.
—Peter Megargee Brown ’40

At our first meeting when you were being “presented” to the Board (of Trustees), I now confess to an initial visceral reaction to how youthful you seemed. Then I considered that you were familiar with Mount Graylock... and a Purple Cow, thus giving me pause quietly to contemplate your success to date... winning Joan! Your credentials were splendid, your curriculum vitae impressive and you were quite charming. Considering the days and hours we had labored over defining “the right man,” I had to conclude that you just might be him.

During the ensuing eight years in which there were multiple opportunities (for me) to see you in action and to work with you, I learned to appreciate how well focused you were, how you could be incisive without being cutting, how you made things happen.

SAS is the happy beneficiary of your gifts. You will be greatly missed, almost as much as Joan.
—Arthur Dodge ’41

I was not only impressed by your moving a complex institution into a new era, but I was moved by your ability to communicate at a personal level. I enjoyed your brilliance and sense of humor. St. Andrew’s has been fortunate to have you and Joan to guide her over the past 20 years.
—Barry Benepe ’46

I’ve been thinking each time I visited St. Andrew’s over the last 20 years: “I wish I could have gone to St. Andrew’s while you two were leading it.”

I loved St. Andrew’s and consider my four years there some of the best in my life, but the accomplishment and personality you have brought to the School are wondrous. Even more amazing are the many signs that what you brought to the School will “stick.” Your impact has been indelible.

Please pat yourselves on the back for turning a good school into a great one and for giving so much to two decades of St. Andreans.
—Henry Hillenmeyer ’61

St. Andrew’s was a wonderful place of learning and fellowship and maturing for me between 1960 and 1964. While I’m sure I didn’t know then what I can see now—that it lacked a vision, a plan and more importantly, a warmth and charisma—I want you to know that there is a whole world of people you have touched who give you and your wonderful helpmate, Joanie, credit for adding those missing ingredients.

Extensive involvement with you is not required to understand the reason for your success—you care so much for the School and its people. That characteristic has raised the standards for St. Andrew’s from the ranks of the excellent to the superb.
—Jackson Pope ’64

As a very homesick Vth former, Joanie and Jon did their best to comfort me like parents to a child rather than as administrators to an awkward student. I was grateful for their warmth and encouragement, and from that nurturing base, I was able to successfully integrate into the St. Andrew’s world.
—Stephanie Kandarin ’81

Thank you both for all your infectious enthusiasm, deep, caring...
I now regard the St. Andrew's experience as the single most significant turning point in my life (and I suspect that the same is also the case for most if not all of my contemporaries). That one institution can have such a profound and lasting impact upon the lives and fortunes of so many young men and women is, indeed, a well-deserved tribute to your legacy.

I will never forget the words of encouragement which Jon whispered as he handed me my St. Andrew's diploma on May 28, 1981 (an event my father swore would never come to pass):

"John, you finished up right!" I have carried and will continue to carry those words with me throughout the balance of my life, remembering always the commitment and compassion which the two of you have brought to so many lives. Obviously, I wouldn't be half the person I am today without both of you.

—John Paradee '81

You are two of the most important people in my life. From my first interview through today, I have been greatly influenced by Jon's loving leadership, ability to smile through tough times, and unswerving belief in good and right and Jon's vision to do and build much with relatively little, easy charming manner and ability to solve problems with a steady and intelligent hand.

I am grateful to call you my friends. Rest assured that the School is greatly improved by your legacy.

—Michael Whalen '84

The School has grown impressively since I graduated in terms of physical structure, financial stability, the quality of its students and the curriculum. In addition, the family environment that you and your faculty have established at SAS is stronger than ever.

The highly motivated students I met over the weekend (when I visited the School) were a testament to your hard work and success at SAS... My discussions with these students brought back one memory from an English class that I took with you, Jon, that focused on Hemingway. I recall your enthusiasm and thorough respect for his work, and your inspiration lead me to approach these types of classes as an opportunity to expand my outlook on the world as opposed to a task required for graduation.

—Leif Christoffersen '88

My father has long been involved with the organization and management of various schools in this country (England) and has consistently held St. Andrew's up as a model of excellence throughout: from the quality of the faculty and student body, to the spirit of community which it has engendered. He is quite clear that it is your vision which has made the School what it is... I write to thank you for all your kindnesses to me at St. Andrew's. You are owed an immense debt of gratitude for being kind and influential to thousands of students whom you have guided through their time at the School over the last 20 years.

—Rupert Bell '87

Leadership with humility, leadership with humanness, and leadership with humor are what separate the great school leaders from the good school leaders. I would, even more, put you in a class all by yourselves—the ideal school leaders.

The fact that you two create a team at the top is, in and of itself, not unusual as you know. But what is unusual is the symmetry, the balance, even the union of your philosophical and educational outlooks on how to deal with students, parents and that even inimical (at times) faculty. Your styles, your wits, your laughs, your dedications and your judgements all naturally combine for touchdown after touchdown.

—Charles Dietrich
Father of '89 Alumnus

A lot of it was chemistry. The chemistry was right on that spring day in 1983 when our family of four visited St. Andrew's for the first time. The mixture of elements that is the School was distilled that day when we first shook hands with you two: Vision. High expectations. Support, emotional and logistical... So fortunate, our children and their age-mates, to have been alternately challenged and treasured by you and the St. Andrew's family... Children need roots and wings. You gave them both.

—Linda and Dave Ellis
Parents
She Interviewed Them All

In March 1996, Elizabeth McCann '96 presented her English exhibition paper on Jane Austen's *Emma* to a group of teachers: Monica Matouk '84, Beth Lindley MacNairn '84, John Austin '83, Elizabeth Roach, Joan O'Brien and me. A half hour later, Joan and I left the classroom, and as we walked slowly to lunch in the dining room, we shared our impressions of the brilliant work of Elizabeth McCann and the strong, penetrating, sophisticated teaching done by the senior English teachers. Just as we arrived at our respective tables, Joan quietly observed that she had interviewed Elizabeth McCann, Monica Matouk, Beth Lindley MacNairn and John Austin. Her eyes gleamed with pride over their accomplishments.

Joan O'Brien is quite simply the very best interviewer in secondary school admissions today. As our Associate Director of Admission for the past 20 years, she has brought to St. Andrew's absolutely outstanding candidates from across the country, and it is due to her brilliance that I say confidently that our girls at St. Andrew's are the very best students in any boarding school in the country.

Over the years, I have identified a number of reasons for Joan's great success at St. Andrew's. She is a bright, lively, dynamic, warm and friendly person who puts her candidates at ease and draws out the best from them. She cares deeply about St. Andrew's and believes wholeheartedly in its mission, its spirit, its quality. As a parent of three daughters, she understands the joys, challenges and complexities of parenthood; she therefore calms even the most anxious mothers and fathers. She offers wise counsel, intelligent advice; as parents leave her interviews, they feel proud of their children and their accomplishments.

As a veteran of admissions work in two boarding schools, and a trustee of Westover, Joan brings a wealth of information about the world of boarding schools to every interview.

Most importantly, Joan makes every student and parent visitor feel the warmth of her remarkable personality. And so, when I ask student after student why they chose to come to St. Andrew's, they invariably say “I fell in love with Mrs. O'Brien” or “Mrs. O'Brien completely convinced me that St. Andrew's was the only possible choice for me.”

As the spouse of a great headmaster, Joan created and nurtured St. Andrew’s sense of community. Like Mrs. Ramsay in Virginia Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse*, who lived “with an indescribable air of expectation, as if she were going to meet someone round the corner,” she worked to bring teachers and students together in a dynamic and distinctive school. She often brought us all together through the warmth of her hospitality at her home, but more importantly, she was always sensitive to the times when a student or teacher needed a word of encouragement, a kind smile, a warm reassuring hug. Her office, lined with photographs of the various personalities of the St. Andrew's family, was her second home. It is there that I will always remember her.

—Tad Roach
Like her husband, Joan O'Brien was a product of a younger, activist generation, experienced in school matters far beyond the social role of a headmaster's wife. After six years as Associate Director of Admissions at Westminster School, she immediately continued this work at St. Andrew's, becoming one of the chief officers in that all-important exercise in the growth of a school. Despite busy days filled with her job in the admissions office and being an administrative partner to her husband, she filled the other roles of a headmaster's wife seemingly effortlessly. School days and weekends alike were busy from rising to bedtime. Her home was perhaps the most open of all faculty houses, with youngsters entering at will any hour, any day, always welcome, leaving later satiated with punch and cookies. Quickly seeing in her the best in surrogate motherhood, girl students trooped gaily into her house whenever they wanted a little fun and a sense of home life and sought her out privately when they felt the need. Joan O'Brien's warm, observant, often merry influence upon the School is rich material for a future historian.

- FROM TIME TO REMEMBER BY WILLIAM H. AMOS

TO JDO'B

I came to St. Andrew's in tears, and because of you, made it through four years.

At winter sports I never excelled; you may recall I was nearly expelled.

And then junior year, I sailed by on a breeze except you were gone and I slept through SATs.

Senior year, to your greatest surprise, I attempted to learn a few dives.

At graduation our two paths parted. For me, at Wellesley, a new life started.

When we first met, I couldn't foresee all that your friendship would mean to me.

Although St. Andrew's weeps with the news of your loss, I smile, knowing our paths will soon cross.

—Samantha Doherty '94

THE LOLLIPOP LADY

With fear and trepidation I walk into the room. Mom and Dad must wait outside. Alone I face my doom. An interview for boarding school I'm shaking in my boots. For half an hour - Eternity - I must discuss my roots.

But wait! Who is this lady With the warm, mischievous smile? I blossom as she chats with me. It's fun, there's no denial.

The interview too quickly ends. The time just flew away. She made it all so easy that I'd really like to stay.

Heading home, I'm questioned, "How did your meeting go?" And sucking on my Tootsie Pop, I remember Mrs. O.

—Maureen Harrington Parent/Trustee

St. Andrew's Magazine | SPRING '97 23
ALUMNI

I still remember my first encounter with Joan. I was a naive ninth grader who was just dragged three hours from Virginia by my father to see the School, ostensibly with a buyer’s eye. Because I was fully expecting to be extricated from my public high school sanctuary and forced by my parents to go to this private school, the purchase seemed all but complete and my enthusiasm was more or less absent. Upon meeting Joan, my disposition changed — almost immediately. Her charm and friendliness caught me by surprise, and in no time I was at ease in this new environment. With this new outlook, I found myself reveling, during my brief exposure, in the culture of SAS. In no time, I was taken, and my path through Middletown paved.

—Michael Atalay ’84

My parents often said that Joan O’Brien picked up where they left off. In my first year at St. Andrew’s during which I was particularly shy, she forever tried to engage me in conversation and to otherwise make me feel comfortable in my new surroundings and in her presence.

She always wanted to know about what was going on in my life and around campus. The pro-forma answer that I might have given to Mr. O’Brien would not have been acceptable to her because she wanted to know the inside story with full commen-

tary on both the personalities and activities.

—Michael S. Meers ’86

Mrs. O’Brien means and meant a lot to me. She made me feel at home being away from home. I spent my first two weeks of my year in America at the O’Briens’ home. Looking back it seems that we both were curious to see how the other was living — despite the difference in age and background.

I spent a “long weekend” in January at their home and remember going skating on the frozen pond — a wonderful experience. I will never forget the sight of that clear cold day.

A few years later Mrs. and Mr. O’Brien visited us in Cologne, Germany. I wish I had had more time to show them more of my town and country. Let’s hope that now they will have more time for traveling — especially to Germany.

—Maria Antonow ’82

Although I spent one year as an exchange student, I still today remember my wonderful time at SAS. I always think of Mrs. O’Brien. For me, she was a replacement for my mother during this period. I will never forget the evening after graduation when I was so sad to leave SAS and everything else I had learned to love during those ten months. Mrs. O’Brien’s hug that night helped me a lot.

It’s not easy to imagine SAS without the O’Briens.

—Matthias A. Lilienthal ’87

Joanie reminded me of Julie Andrews. Bright, humorous, disarming and generous are just a few of the words I would use to describe her. Joanie always made me feel at home and appreciated. It was a great confidence builder to have an adult in my daily life who really listened to me and respected my thoughts and opinions. Jon and Joanie’s first year at St. Andrew’s was my last. In part, I have Joanie to thank for making my last year at SAS the best of all.

—Cathy Shields ’78

PARENTS

Thank you for inviting us to stay for lunch nine years ago on our first visit to St. Andrew’s. Your enthusiastic, friendly welcome to us that day made Adrian’s ’91 decision to attend SAS a very easy one. You have continued to make us feel welcome. Stopping in to visit with you to hear news of the School has become a regular ritual.

Thank you for your generous hospitality extended on countless Trustee weekends. Your genuine warmth and effervescence coupled with your dedication to the SAS community has come to embody its uniqueness. We will always feel at home at St. Andrew’s, thanks to you.

—Daisy and Philip Keevil

Like many SAS parents, my initial contact with St. Andrew’s was through Joan. My son and I were wary, nervous and uncertain as we began the boarding school search process. Joan immediately put us at ease with her warm smile and heart-felt welcome. In Joan, I met a woman who deeply and intuitively understood the needs of the student and of the School. She has made a meaningful difference in my children’s years at St. Andrew’s, for which I will always be grateful.

—Nancy Chapin

In the mid-1980s, we arrived at St. Andrew’s on a dark, rainy Friday evening and raced to the dining hall for a dinner to be followed by an alumni meeting. Our daughter, Beccy ’91, looked a bit bewildered and uncertain to say the least. But who do you suspect was sizing up the situation from afar and came to Beccy’s rescue? Of course, Joanie.

“Oh,” she said, “This food can be yucky sometimes and this place far too noisy. Why don’t you come over to our house where I have a stash of chocolate chip cookies and some Coke. Besides, my dog likes having kids around.”

Without a glance backwards, Joanie and Beccy walked right up the common room steps and out the door.

—Nancy Hance

A few years ago, my son Charlie ’97, went to pick up a package that had been left at the O’Briens’ house for him. He reported that Joan was just like me and that Jon was just like Dad. Joan said that he should sit down and have a Coke and some cookies. Jon said to let him leave because
he was sure that Charlie wanted to do his homework.

It was Joan who made all of us comfortable leaving our child at St. Andrew's. When I asked Charlie to describe her he said, "She puts you at ease. She is friendly, warm and optimistic."

She is that way to the students and to the parents. She made St. Andrew's very user friendly and a place we all love.

—Mary Durkin

Four wonderful years of association with St. Andrew's was highlighted by an extraordinary friendship with Joanie O'Brien. That September day in 1986 when Bill and I left our two children to embark on their new adventures as boarding school students, I knew I could relax knowing that Mrs. O'Brien, among many others, would be there with a warm smile and encouragement. Any time one needed a cup of tea, sage advice, a good laugh or a warm shoulder to lean on, Joan was there.

—Stephanie P. Hurtt

I will always think of Joan and St. Andrew's together. Joan has delighted in every new student, every faculty baby and new puppy. All have received Joan's special loving welcome. Her enthusiasm, warmth and commitment are deeply imbedded in the spirit of St. Andrew's. Her unconditional love for St. Andrew's has made every parent feel safe entrusting a child to her. She has truly been the "heart" of the school.

—Nancy Davies

Joanie was our daughters' surrogate mother, dispensing hugs, advice and brownies iced with York Peppermint Patties. What would we have done without you, Joanie? We would have survived, no doubt, but without your special gift of love, wisdom and friendship. These qualities have enriched many lives. Our thanks will never equal the gifts you have given.

—Frani Doherty

Since the first day my son Jay arrived at St. Andrew's 17 years ago, Joanie O'Brien has been a tremendous influence, not only on his life, but on the lives of the whole Blum family. She quickly cast a spell on me and drew me into the St. Andrew's family as a Trustee, and I have had that privilege ever since. Her impact on the success and growth of the School is hard to measure. She is the School at its best.

—Robert B. Blum

I met Joanie in October 1988 at my first Trustee Meeting and was immediately overwhelmed with her wonderful warmth, sparkle, wisdom and graciousness. I'm still overwhelmed. She has given such life to St. Andrew's and represented the School in exceptional ways. How fortunate that Jon found Joan and St. Andrew's found the O'Briens. And how we will miss her.

—Frederick B. Starr '51
In his own words...

EXTemporaneous Observations at Mid-Career

-Jon O'Brien arrived, felt the pulse of the School for a year, then made changes to set a course toward what he envisioned the school of the future should be. Unlike his predecessor, his settling-in period was brief. Year by year his administrative skill grew and with it, his popularity. Like every good headmaster, he took a hand in, and was responsible for, every aspect of St. Andrew's School's operations and planning.

What follows, in his own spoken words, are Jon O'Brien's perceptions of today's School, its successes, its problems, and thoughts for tomorrow—extemporaneous observations from an active headmaster at the height of his career. Sources are primarily tapes recorded during long evening talks with the O'Briens in their home, mostly in 1986. Occasional material is also drawn from Jon's public talks, sermons and publications.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS—STUDENT LIFE

When I walked into the South Dorm my first year, some of the business that went on there at night—picking on kids—was really bad news. One of the things that bothered me most about St. Andrew's is probably something the alumni love the most: the old English system brought here by Waldy—Sixth Form privileges, handing out marks, the rigid disciplinary system. It created in my mind an incredibly inflated self-importance among the seniors.

My philosophy in life has been, the older you get, the higher office you attain, the more you should serve, the harder you should work. I think I work as hard as or harder than anyone in the School. What we were telling the kids by that incredible English system was that the higher you go, the less you do and the more others must serve you. I found that appalling.

I don't think St. Andrew's was brutal, but it was a boys-will-be-boys attitude—almost a survival-of-the-fittest mentality on the corridors which got you to toughen up. Everybody had to play football in the old days. It was symptomatic of a lot of boarding schools....

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

...The increase in the number and diversity of our students and the increase in the number of sports and activities offered have brought a richness to the community that it did not have in earlier days. But it's a delicate matter, one I'm keeping my finger on—you can go too far one way or the other and if you lose a certain coherence and direction to the School, you're lost. Every school must have that central coherence, that direction, and within that tolerate as much diversity as possible and add to the richness of the fabric, so that you don't become too precious and too selective.
It's a delicate balance, and we're walking that tightrope right now [1986]. We've gone as far as some of us think we can go in terms of diversity of program—aademic, co-curricular. We can't go much further without losing the coherence that I think is a staple and the hallmark of St. Andrew's.

Holly Whyte '35 once said the uniqueness of St. Andrew's is that its strengths are its weaknesses. Three come to mind: one is the School's size, another is its location and a third is its endowment. The size forces us to depend upon each other. When you're a school of 240 and you're trying to run a variety of programs and activities, all the kids have to participate. Good growth and a breadth come from that. And exhaustion also comes from that. You can stretch yourself too thin; you can burn yourself out; you expect the kids to do too much, the faculty to do too much, and you get awfully tired. But our size creates an opportunity to be together and work together. The fact we are an all-boarding community means we really do have a community.

I'm glad we are distant from the glitter and distraction of urban/suburban life. Thank God we have the woods. To be removed from suburbia today is a great asset. At the same time our isolation is a weakness. We are desperate for culture here—the faculty especially, but the kids, too. We'd like to have a four-star restaurant in Middletown, to go to an opera or symphony without driving half the night.

Endowment...enables us to be what we are and do what we do—have a financial program, and so on. It also has created a complacency on the part of our entire constituency, from headmaster (the headmaster can be the most guilty of all) to trustees, alumni, parents, everybody associated with the School. Over the years it has created a complacency that we don't have to roll up our sleeves. The incredible inflation of the late '70s and early '80s brought that to a crashing halt.

Just the cost of maintaining an aging plant is enormous. For instance, we are about to embark on a program which will replace every window in Founders' Hall. Every single window in the main building in which the hinge breaks has to be soldered or welded—there are no parts available. Every window is going to have to be replaced in the huge main building, an enormous expense. This aging plant is catching up to us, and we have a long way to go to get the alumni body supporting the School the way other schools' alumni bodies do.

TEENAGE YEARS AND STUDENT PROBLEMS

A positive revolution took place in the late 1960s and 1970s. Anybody who went to school in the fifties was left with scars. Barriers were broken down that were ten feet high when I was at school. When I was in Hotchkiss, I never went into a faculty member's apartment, never. There was no close contact between faculty and students. It was very rare if you met wonderful faculty who actually paid attention to you. I'm reminded of Bill Cameron's story in Waldy's book...about the opening days of School, what it was like here then. The Sixth Form chased the little mice—cat-and-mouse stuff. A totally different world.

Life today moves at a frantic pace, and people are unsure of what they believe in. Life moved at a slower pace in the first half of this century, and, for better or worse, most people had faith—faith in God, faith in their families and faith in their country.
Today there is nothing but uncertainty, and the situation for the young is made worse by the dissolution of the family. That is why St. Andrew's is so important. We offer stability and a community of people who share values.

Our culture today is whirling around like a top, not knowing what direction it's going in. There are few guiding lights out there that act as beacons. One of the great services we provide is good parenting and stability, and a value system. Not everyone on this faculty believes in the same thing, but I think that all of us can sit down with a kid and say why it is not right and proper and healthy to jump from one bed to another. We're willing to sit down and talk and reason and explain why we believe that.

**ADMISSIONS AND THE STUDENT BODY**
We have an extraordinary student body; we track our kids carefully in college, where they are doing a phenomenal job. We are too good a school not to attract the very best qualified kids, leaders of tomorrow. If that's an elitist concept, it's one I believe in. There are not a lot of schools that have the opportunity to deal with students who have the intellectual capability to be leaders of this country, no matter what they do. If we are going to be elitist at all, I want to be elitist in the admissions process.... I want kids who are spread out in their backgrounds, with a common denominator of being bright, intelligent people who are capable of taking advantage of a uniquely qualified faculty and a very good program. After that, I want to be egalitarian. I don't care who comes in, but I want them all to be bright and capable of taking advantage of what we have to offer.

**STRENGTHS**
St. Andrew's today does not stray very far from the specific goals that are stated in the [early] catalogues.

Kids see people [around them] who are living exemplary lives. The faculty is a very stable group of people. Most of them are very good role models from the standpoint of old-fashioned virtues—they are good, God-fearing, moral, ethical people. I think perhaps the greatest gift we can offer students who come here is the example of these lives that they live with for three or four years. With a seven to one student to faculty ratio, we pour innumerable hours into discussing kids, the parenting aspect of a boarding school. We do a very good job. I can't believe there are boarding schools around that do a better job of parenting than we do.

**ACADEMICS**
One reason we have a good academic program is because we have a pretty darned good idea of what we want to do....

...One of the great mistakes of a lot of secondary education since about 1967 or 1968 is that they have decided they are going to do the job that colleges do. And St. Andrew's hasn't. That's not thanks to me, it's thanks to Bill Amos and thanks to Jim Brown and Bob Stegeman and other people who have controlled the curriculum at the School, a good curriculum. There are certain fundamentals of learning that kids must have before they go to college. It doesn't do a whole lot of good for them if they're conversant in economics. What is important for them is to be able to think, to read critically, analytically, to write coherently, gracefully, and to have, frankly, an old-fashioned context to work with.

**THE FUTURE**
The Trustees and faculty would like St. Andrew's to remain pretty much what it is today in all outward appearances. In other words, they don't want the School to grow a great deal; they want it to remain a small school. They see it continuing as a school with a maximum of 300 students, even in the year 2000, and maybe not even that much growth.... When you look at this long-range plan, you won't see anything drastic—no right-hand turns, no left-hand turns. It's a continuation of what the School has been ever since 1929; really no basic changes in goals and philosophy—the curriculum, the religious perspective—everything the same. Now a lot of people might think, "How dull; you're not going to change anything." But I get very excited about it, because what this school is doing now and what it did in 1935 and 1965, it should be doing in the year 2000 and beyond. I see no reason for change as long as the people who are teaching here change, as necessary, with the times.
rewards which come from throwing oneself into something one believes in cannot be measured. For me, that something has been education, and more specifically, helping young people achieve their potential.

1992 What is the answer? Every family begins with two unique individuals. Somehow or other our culture must increase the sense of responsibility these two feel towards those they bring into the world. Somehow or other we must reduce the number of 15-year-old, unwed mothers. Somehow or other we must care more about the values with which our children are nurtured and the ways they are educated.

1992 To be honest, I cling to the Christian faith because for me, it is a brilliant and invariably beautiful light which pierces eternal dark and chaos. It makes sense of nonsense. It gives purpose and meaning to life.

1995 Soon it will be time to go. Mrs. O’Brien and I have lived and breathed this School for almost 19 years. We have hiked every inch of our beautiful land and watched eagles and deer and fox and herons and listened to owls and geese. We have worked with wonderful teachers and watched hundreds of 14-year-old ugly ducklings turn into handsome and beautiful 18-year-old swans.

We honestly believe that St. Andrew’s is the finest school of its kind in the United States today, and that you its students, and you its faculty, represent the very best there is in secondary education. We are incredibly proud of all of you; we are incredibly proud of this School.

As Jon set high standards of character and citizenship for his students, Jon ultimately cared for each student. In times of disciplinary crises, he would look to find reasons to retain a student, and he used expulsion only as a final and unfortunate last step. He firmly believed in the ability of students to learn and grow from their mistakes. And so he defended students, supported students, believed in students whenever he could identify a source of hope and renewal.

When St. Andrew’s students needed help, advice or support following graduation, Jon was ready at all times to support, advise and encourage them. When Jenny Kern ‘83 had a serious automobile accident in 1985, Jon went to New Jersey to be with Jenny and her family whenever he could. He carefully followed her courageous journey through college and law school. She now is a strong member of our Board of Trustees.

When Aili Zheng, a St. Andrew’s graduate from the Peoples Republic of China, had problems leaving the Peoples Republic, Jon worked to help her gain admission to the University of Delaware; he and Joan sat proudly as Aili’s American family when she graduated this year. Each year large numbers of St. Andrew’s alumni wrote to Jon to discuss their desire to begin careers in teaching. Jon was always generous with his advice, counsel and support. O’Brien alumni now teach throughout the country in superb public and private schools.

Few have benefited from Jon’s mentoring more than I. It was his enthusiasm and inspiration that brought me to St. Andrew’s in the first place. In 1979, I found here a young headmaster with distinctive energy, optimism and enthusiasm for the work of boarding schools. Though I had never heard of St. Andrew’s and though I barely knew where Delaware was, Jon’s presence convinced me that this was a school destined for greatness. As the years passed, Jon taught me and challenged me as a master works with a raw and clumsy apprentice.

He knew instinctively how to inspire me to develop my skills as a teacher, coach, dean and faculty leader, and he ultimately trusted me enough to give me the freedom to develop new initiatives within the School. Thanks to his great teaching, I feel prepared for the complexity and challenge of heading a school. And though he was my boss, my employer, all of these years, he was also much more of a father, a mentor, yes, a headmaster, to me. He taught me important lessons about marriage, about parenting, about the choice I might make to become a teacher for life.

On a cold December day in 1980, Jon joined a few students, Will Speers, Phil Thornton and me for an impromptu touch football game on the front lawn of the School. Phil’s long pass to Jon soared just beyond Jon’s reach, but our Headmaster still leapt earnestly after the ball, ultimately landing hard on his right shoulder.

We walked quietly back to his house in the shadow of a wintry afternoon. Jon packed his newly separated shoulder with ice and thanked us for the great game. An hour later he reappeared at Wednesday night dinner and delivered a typically brilliant chapel address to the School before we all headed off on vacation. Spirited, resilient, reliable, indefatigable, Jon’s days at his School filled us with inspiration, humanity and awe.

“St. Andrew’s,” Jon said in his retirement speech, “will remain even as all of us who love and serve her pass away.” But it is also true that St. Andrew’s is St. Andrew’s because of the dignity, wisdom, humanity and vision of Jon O’Brien.
Jerry retired from the Army as a brigadier general. He fought in both World War II. He is a graduate of the artillery Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

On October 26, 1996, Jerome D. Niles, Jr. was inducted into the Fight-End James L. Duncan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Southeast Florida. He planned Parenthood of Greater Miami recognized Ed Swenson (a former trustee of Ransom Everglades School) in awarding him the Margaret Sawyer Award for Longstanding Service, named for the organization's founder. The co-recipient was The Right Reverend L. Duncan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

In the fall 1996 class notes, it was incorrectly reported that Chuck Silliman's wife, Betty, had died. Chuck reports that Betty is under constant care in a nursing home at this time.

Frank Hawkins "is alive and well and writing letters to the editor" of The Star Democrat, Easton, MD. His comment in the Opinion & Commentary section titled "Bring on the Blue Dogs" reads as follows: "Referring to David Broder's column about the 'Blue Dogs' on your editorial page today (March 6): This threshold octogenarian retiree is happy to note that there are some Democrats in Congress who, unlike the President, are willing to ask the affluent elderly to help balance the budget and reduce the burden on the younger generations."

Frank Hawkins 7 Chadwick Terrace Easton, MD 21601

Frank Hawkins submitted his "classy class notes for the classy Class of 1936": "referring to David Broder's column about the 'Blue Dogs' on your editorial page today (March 6): This threshold octogenarian retiree is happy to note that there are some Democrats in Congress who, unlike the President, are willing to ask the affluent elderly to help balance the budget and reduce the burden on the younger generations."

Ches Baum P.O. Box 71 Oxford, MD 21654

Ches Baum submitted his "classy class notes for the classy Class of 1936": For this issue of the Magazine, I, your class agent, abandoned my usual practice of calling the roll and asking for news items and relied instead upon requests sent by extra-sensory perception. The only response was a press-release about Ed Swenson (see below). This experience has destroyed whatever faint credence I may have placed in parapsychology, and I shall try to elicit material for the fall bulletin class notes by telling you to mark on your calendars that my deadline is July 11, 1997. Sometime well before that date I'll remind you by an antediluvian method like non-electronic mail to send me some words about yourselves.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Miami recognized Ed Swenson (a former trustee of Ransom Everglades School) in awarding him the Margaret Sawyer Award for Longstanding Service, named for the organization's founder. The co-recipient was The Right Reverend L. Duncan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

In the fall 1996 class notes, it was incorrectly reported that Chuck Silliman's wife, Betty, had died. Chuck reports that Betty is under constant care in a nursing home at this time.

John Parry 1039 loyalist lane Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

John Parry remarks: "Hale and hearty—or at least hearty—at 77?"

Nancy and Gus Trippe started doing some volunteer work last year. They thought a contribution of just an hour or two a week would make them feel fulfilled. "We might as well do it while we are still young enough," says Nancy. "Of course, now we each are up to six or ten hours a week working on some project or other. Gus started last year (1995) helping in a middle school cooking class," continues Nancy. "The teacher appreciates having a second pair of adult eyes in the classroom. In fact, she appreciates the help so much that she now has talked him into helping in the sewing classes as well. You all can imagine what it is like having 40 boys and girls, 13 and 14 years old, making pies. It is a challenge to maintain some semblance of order. Gus has developed a tremendous rapport with the kids and is a great role model for these young teens. His cooking skills are improving as well.... Now I'm waiting for him to do the mending. I've taken on remedial reading as well as doing a lot of administrative work for the office of the Golden Diggers, which is what we call our organization. I'm recruiting new volunteers and put all the files on computer. Gus and I cooked chili con carne for 100 senior volunteers who were helping to organize a new school library. We also teach a driving class for seniors run by AARP. It's called Alive. It just helps people become aware of the physical changes that happen as we all age and ways in which we can compensate for some of those changes.... We still play golf almost every day and are generally very happy and healthy."

Buzz Speakman Box 148 Smyrna, DE 19977

In July, 1997, Doris and Bill Corddry will celebrate 50 years of marriage. Congratulations!! Their children will honor them at a party in Victoria, British Columbia, since three of them live in the Northwest. Doris and Bill are looking forward to the 60th Reunion in 1998.

Frank Williams 19 Williams Street Rockville, MD 20850

George Dunum is "still hanging in there" after a total right shoulder rebuild in April 1996, followed very quickly by two prostate operations. Unfortunately, he fell on his "rebuilt shoulder" in October, which set him back considerably! Otherwise, all three children and five grandchildren are well and healthy, along with his "faithful wife, Yvonne, of 49 years."

Ken Ervin shared a brief account of his past in a recent correspondence with Buzz Speakman '38. He was quite interested in the writeups in the World War II Stories book. His past includes a stint with Pan American Airlines in Miami (Ferry Division) as a mechanic at Amelia Earhart Field—this operation moved to what is now Homestead Municipal Airport. Ken worked his way up to the one and only maintenance inspector. After he left PAA in Miami, he went to Ford's Willow Run Plant in the flight test department as a flight mechanic. In 1944, "the Navy got [him]." He wanted to get into naval aviation, but never did. Instead, he was sent to basic engineering school at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, then to PT boat school at Melville, RI, then to California, Pearl Harbor and then Japan, as the war ended. Currently, Ken is flying and doing annual inspections on civilian aircraft (and even some "warbirds" from W.W. II) with his company, Ervinair.

Jon Willard Slippers Cove, P.O. Box 953 Easton, MD 21601

Although John Hananaa seems to consider himself timeless, he says, "Timeless or not, I seem to be getting around much less these days. It seems easier to push around in a wheelchair at home than get up and go out." He wants to do something about that situation, so he tried out the reunion deal by going to a fraternity gathering in Knoxville, TN, and it wasn't all bad." He planned to attend a graduation of a godchild in Philadelphia in May and then stop in Annapolis to visit a friend. John still keeps up the house in the mountains and his apartment in Belmont, NC, spending about six months in each. He continues with his fundraising for Belmont Abbey College and enjoys keeping in touch with former students over a 45-year period.

Upon learning of Felix duPont's death, John remembered "the wonderful time he landed his glider on the
football field at the School." He also remembered Felix, Sr., who was a family friend. John hears of the many changes at St. Andrew's and realizes that's to be expected. His remark: "Imagine GIRLS in the dorms!!"

'42
Alumni Office
St. Andrew's School
350 Naxonstown Road
Middletown, DE 19709-1605

Buzz Speakman '38 received a Christmas card from Sam Rinaker who was pleased to get the Alumni Directory and the World War II Stories book.

'44
Bill Brownlee
3606 Shepherd Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

While Bill Brownlee was in Virginia Beach in March, he spoke to Jack Cowperthwaite, who was celebrating his 75th birthday. Jack and his wife were preparing to leave for three weeks in Spain and a week in London, in spite of having a "slight stroke" the week before. Bill then went on to Williamsburg and spent the weekend with Marlene and Bill Davis.

Working in the United Kingdom for a year (September '96-September '97), Bill Rogers is head of Arnold and Poetter's London Office.

'45
Gattie Jones
193 Lynn Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71103

In October 1996, Gattie Jones spoke with Jack Rodd, who lives in Prescott, AZ. He was taking flying lessons and hoped to get his license.

In March, Jim Rooney wrote: "Since retirement, I have taken up two disparate activities: the graduate program at St. John's College in Annapolis in humanities, and pursuit of paleopathology of the horse. The latter was begun at the Natural History Museum in Gainesville, FL, and shall continue, I trust, with other collections. It is interesting and healthy for my old mind to be handling and studying 20- and 30-million-year-old bones, seeing what went wrong with them and trying to figure out why. I am winding up and writing up a study on fossil horse paleopathology. Rather puts things in perspective, and it clears the sinuses of the corruption with which Zoom Welling so graphically and completely gales us. Audrey successfully defended her dissertation in history at the University of Kentucky and is wrapping up the final draft for the archives. I am also at work revising a book, The Lame Horse, the most successful of my several volumes. It has been around for over 20 years in English, German and Japanese versions and badly needs either revising or interment, so we go for the former. The latter comes soon enough."

Thom Jervey studied archaeology after retiring from the construction business and spent considerable time in Greece on a dig. He spent ten weeks at the site in the Peloponnesse, working on the mosaic and sightseeing throughout Greece in 1994. This year he plans to go to Crowe Canyon, Cortez, CO, for another dig.

Gattie and Marty are very sorry that they will not be available to participate in the Reunion Weekend activities honoring Jon and Joan O'Brien.

A closing note: The headcount of '45ers equipped for e-mail and other forms of cyber-activity now stands at seven—one-third of our group. Jim Rooney came on last summer and Tom Jervey during the fall, joining Welling, Witheford, Lynch, Dunlevie and me. There are bound to be other of the Brothers out there similarly qualified, and it surely would be handy if they would make themselves known. You cannot imagine how much easier the corresponding becomes! Best to all—Gattie.

'47
Frank Giammattei
P.O. Box 4133
Wilmington, DE 19807

Jo and Joe Mamo send greetings from their Anglican church community. Joe remarks, "Although small and old (average age is around 65), it is extremely active. We are entirely responsible for the financial upkeep of the church and our minister, and yet we also have a tremendous program of outreach to those not as fortunate as ourselves. We even publish a 40-page color magazine every two months, sending out 3,000 copies to the community."

'48
Sky Smith
Rigidized Metals Corp.
658 Ohio Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Jim (Sweet Eyes) Metts, who was envied by his classmates for his ability to find and enjoy the company of girlfriend from Itherto undiscovered sources in Middletown and its environs, enjoys fame of another sort nowadays. Jack Keller '50 reports that the coroner frequently referred to "Dr. Jim Metts" in the best-selling true-fiction novel Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil is the same Jim Metts!" who stroked the St. Andrew's four-oared shell to a national championship.

'49
Wes Martin
44 Newpoint Road
Beaufort, SC 29902

John Stoner has been happily retired since 1993 in Sewickley, PA. Steve Price's biggest news is that wife Dee retired on December 31 after 30-1/2 years of teaching Spanish at Nassau Community College. They are using her e-mail address (flowtot@nass. acs.sunysassu.edu) and Inter-net access and are on-line more now than ever before, particularly to Europe. They go to their home in Menorca twice a year (spring and summer) instead of just once.

Steve writes, "We invite all classmates to contact us by snail-mail, e-mail, fax or phone and to visit us whenever they have the opportunity both here in The Hamptons or in Menorca. We have lots of room and a pool, so don't be shy. Our address is: P.O. Box 5101, East Hampton, NY 11937; fax number: 516-329-0223; and phone number: 516-329-1299. Our phone number in Menorca is 011-34-71-37-04-94. See you in CyberSpace!"

It was good to hear from Ed Fielding in December. He wrote, "I am retired from the Campbell Soup Company, having worked for 30 years in Camden, NJ, and Chicago in the Company's Transportation/Logistics Department. My wife, Janet, is still teaching high school English. When she retires, we look forward to traveling and to making more frequent visits to our two grandsons and their parents in Salisbury, MD, and Jackson, GA. In the meantime, I'm catching up on all those things I was supposed to do or wanted to do years ago."

Barney Megargee says he has "found the South to be a kinder, gentler place than New England for the last 30+ years!" He enjoys being near three of his four children (and four grandchildren), who also migrated South, plus a fourth who calls Annapolis "home." Barney adds, "Looking forward to our 50th in 1999. Where are the rest of the '49 troublemakers?"

'50
Stu Bracken
1401 Rose Valley Way
Amler, PA 19002

Jack Keller, in the course of a phone conversation with the Alumni Office, sketched in some of the highlights...
of his career. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a naval reserve officer training candidate. There, at a fraternity-sorority mixer he met Joyce, the girl who was to become his wife. Most of his active duty years in the Navy were spent aboard a destroyer in Korean waters.

Jack’s civilian career as a manufacturing executive began at the McCormick Spice Company in Baltimore, where he worked for 18 years. Then he continued the same sort of work for the Miller Brewing Company, from which he retired in 1989.

Jack and Joyce are enjoying retirement at Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head. He says they would welcome visits from St. Andrew’s friends who might find Hilton Head a convenient stopping place. Shortly after moving to Sea Pines, Jack encountered a horticultural problem that he sought help for through the county agricultural agent’s office in Beaufort. The man who turned up to diagnose the problem and recommend solutions turned out to be classmate Cleve Sanders, whom Jack hadn’t seen since his St. Andrew’s days. Cleve has retired since their Hilton Head meeting and now lives in Banner Elk near Asheville, NC.

Since March 1995, Jim Bullitt has been “unvoluntarily retired” and loves it.

There’s no stopping Will Johnson these days. In the Winter 1996 issue of the Magazine, we reported that he is able to go fishing with the aid of a special device. When deer season was approaching, Will was determined he would go hunting, so he bought a muzzle loader (black powder) and a device which enables him to load with one hand. He can load for a second shot without waiting for help. Go get ‘em, Will!

Chal Schley writes: “Never! is what I said about getting married again, so it happened on October 5, 1996. In a private Native American ceremony that pre-dates paper by millennia, White Wolf Woman (Blackfeet) and I were joined by Grandmother Morning Dove of the Abenaki (who later adopted us both). Isn’t life amazing?”

Congratulations to Carter Werth, who celebrated his 40th service anniversary with Unisys FSD in January 1997. This is certainly a noteworthy accomplishment on any score, but particularly so in the 80s and 90s with so many people nationwide having been “terminated” (fired) or forced into “early retirement” through mergers and “hollowing downsize view” and resultant “downsizing.” With Carter, it’s been a particular accomplishment since his company, originally Remington-Rand, then Univac, then after a hostile takeover by Burrough’s (which was a disaster, causing the company into a dramatic tailspin), it’s now Unisys. Univac/Unisys is and has been the biggest competitor of IBM. When these downsizings take place, while newer employees are many times targeted for “termination,” so also are the longtime/senior employees targeted to save the companies money (because of their higher salaries) and replaced by younger employees at much lower starting salaries. In response to several co-workers who commented, “Heavens, you began working here before I was born!”, Carter replied: “Though I’ve been here a few years shy of a half century, it doesn’t reflect my actual age—for you see, I was hired when I was a pre-teen.” Actually, Carter’s secret to staying so young is by watching his diet, exercising regularly and lying about his age.

We will be honored when ubiquitous Bob Banke, a legend in his own time, joins us to help celebrate our 45th. Another unique feature of our 45th will be the arrival from Argentina of world traveler Joseph T. Carberry, who is recovering from near fatal mushroom poisoning. Josiah was fed the mushrooms by indigenous personnel protesting his latest venture—building condominiums in Tierra del Fuego.

Jane and Charlie Kenney are visiting their place in Hilton Head, SC, (Wexford Plantation) on a once-a-month basis. Charlie still maintains a full-time orthodontic practice in Lexington, KY.

Garnett and Ian MacInnes are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Stuart Gilligan, formerly of Sydney, Australia, on March 1, 1997. Sara is a 1990 graduate of the University of California, Irvine, was a member of the U.S. Figure Skating team from 1983 to 1985, and is presently coaching at the La Jolla Ice Chalet. Stuart, the son of Alan and Elaine Gilligan of Epping North, Australia, is an advertising executive with the San Diego Reader and also a part-time skating coach. Former SAS assistant headman John “Mac” MacInnes (now 88) danced with his granddaughter at the wedding. Mac, a retired U.S.N. captain, had recently gotten out of the hospital, where he was diagnosed as having lymphoma and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Robert Robinson
104 West Market Street
Georgetown, DE 19947

Located in Arlington, VA, Powell Hutton is the Director of Corporate Training for IBM International, Inc., an information company of 8500 employees in over 100 locations.

George Brakeley
98 Winfield Lane
New Canaan, CT 06840

Les Fairfield’s Christmas letter brings us up to date: “...We continue to teach in our several capacities. Lynn teaches writing at Geneva College, as well as a wide variety of courses in the adult degree completion program (e.g. Humanities, Workworlds and Business Ethics). She also wrote a course in Christian Communications for the extension department at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, where I teach. I continue as professor of church history and dean of extension studies. The latter ‘hat’ travels a good deal—teaching courses in Albuquerque, Orlando and Pawleys Island, SC, last year. After leading a Celtic Christianity study-tour to Ireland and Scotland in June, I will undertake no further travels unless Lynn goes, too. The children flourish; Katie and Andrew and baby Joe live in Elkhart, IN, where Andrew is admissions director at the Menomonee semi-nary, Jono continues to work for World Vision in Pittsburgh, Nate finished his M.A. this year, Matt’s a junior at Wheaton College near Chicago, majoring in studio art.”

Tom Rightmyer continues at the General Board of Examining Chaplains and as chaplain at St. Timothy’s-Hale High School. This year he taught a course in Bible, theology, ethics and church history. He also was part of a study to determine if changes in diet can reduce hypertension. He is still active in ecumenical church work and on the Internet at trightmy@acp.edu. Tom writes, “Lucy is relishing life. She continues to work with the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South as treasurer and was co-chair of the May conference featuring Virginia Ramey Mollenkot. She is writing and taking art classes. Since March, she has been attending the Dances of Universal Peace. The Triangle Multicultural Women’s History Project is doing well. February brought a trip to Charlottetown to do oral history interviews on Sarah Patton Boyle for the Episcopal Women’s History Project. Lucy loved going to the Berkshire Women’s History Conference held at UNC in June. The summer was active, including kayaking on the New River at the NC/VA border and climbing Mt. Katahdin in Maine. Sarah is in her second year at Guilford College in Greensboro, and Dallas is in his senior year at Maryville College in east Tennessee.”

Jerry Wigglesworth
115 North Delaware Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502

Jock Davenport won aaffle last fall. The Grand Prize was two round-trip tickets to Rome, so he and Batya were off to sunny Italy.

Chip Hulick retired from the government after 32 years of service and is hanging his hat at the National Academy of Public Administration doing project work as part of a new career as an independent research consultant. He and Janice have a 26-foot McGregor sailboat moored south of Annapolis.

Shelia and Doug Pells’ twin boys, Evan and Kent, are nine and Doug is a center fielder in their soccer league in Los Angeles. He works as chief engineer for one of TRW’s Business Units,
which builds data processing and control systems in support of various satellite systems.

Jerry Wigglesworth's comment about himself in his class notes was: "It's March and I'm in the hay business."

Hank is in his 30th year of practicing law with the same firm and notes, "The practice has changed enormously in that time, and probably not for the better, but since the good, challenging days still outnumber the bad ones, I'm planning to hang in there for another ten years or so. My three children are grown, gone and 'off the payroll.' My oldest, Laura, is in San Francisco working for a publishing company; the middle one, Heather, is working on her M.E.A. at Penn; and the youngest, Russell, a recent Lehigh grad, just got his first 'real' job with Microbio Laboratories in Louisville. No children-in-law or grandchildren yet. It occurred to me that our 40th (gulp) Reunion will take place during the year 2000: I'm not sure there is any significance to this, but keeping with the hoopla that will surround the millennium, it would be nice to see a good turnout from our class. I admit that I'm a recent convert to attending St. Andrew's reunions, but now I wouldn't miss one. I'm looking forward to the 40th Reunion and to hearing more from my classmates."

Russ Chesney received the Nutrition Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics, given to one pediatric researcher each year. He was also chosen as one of four Florida teachers in the exchange this year and will travel to Hungary to be engaged in a partnership with a Civitas teacher. Jim will spend a week in Hungarian schools and also participate in social functions and touring expeditions. He will have the option of flying directly to Washington, DC, for the We the People national finals, where the Hungarian teacher partners and other officials will be to observe our national finals and participate in various meetings.

Carl Bear
P.O. Box 682
Bozeman, MT 59771-0682

Linda and Hank Pool are still living in Pittsburgh. Hank is in his 30th year of practicing law with the same firm and states, "If we hadn't lost to the national champions, we would have finished in the Top 5 Nationals." Jim's application to participate in the Civitas International Civic Education Exchange program was approved in February. He will be one of four Florida teachers in the exchange this year and will travel to Hungary to be engaged in a partnership with a Civitas teacher. Jim will spend a week in Hungarian schools and also participate in social functions and touring expeditions. He will have the option of flying directly to Washington, DC, for the We the People national finals, where the Hungarian teacher partners and other officials will be to observe our national finals and participate in various meetings.

Bill Pfeifer
126 Cedarcroft Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348-2421

John Schoonover Studios, LTD.
1610 N. Rodney Street
Wilmington, DE 19806

Kent Hughes had the pleasure of seeing his SAS roommate Dick Crawford at a venture capital conference in Philadelphia.

Bill Holder
43 Goodnow Road
Princeton, NJ 08541

In late November 1996, Lory Peck spent ten days in the San Francisco area on a combined business/pleasure trip. While he was out there, he had lunch with Ned Tripe in Oakland on the waterfront, and half a day with Marshall Thompson in Sun Mateo (near Palo Alto). Ned told entertaining stories of having to commute to work in San Francisco by high-speed motorboat when the Bay Bridge was closed by the earthquake. He works in international trade for Fairn and Swanson, Inc., as Director of Trade and Business Development and has calling cards in quite a few languages. He lives with his wife and children on the east side of Oakland Hills in Orinda, the town his wife grew up in. She is a very high-ranking attorney for the University of California system.

Marshall has worked for the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center for a few years now. He had thought seriously of a mid-life career change, but a new project at work rekindled interest in staying. Lory's comments: "We talked and talked and talked; it was hard to leave. He still asks some of the philosophical questions we used to ask back when we were more idealistic and more energetic. We exchanged all the news and gossip we had heard over the years about our ex-classmates. He had heard that Andy Reynolds was in Rome, Italy, with the State Department and the Carl Slocumb had just visited him the previous month."

Lory is a little stunned to realize that he has been working as a therapist at the Schuyler County Mental Health Clinic for nine years and that he has been in his old farm house for over twenty years. Ned, Marshall and Lory all use e-mail and know that there have to be other classmates out there with e-mail addresses. Lory says, "All of you should check out the SAS web site and pass that information on. It is a good way to reconnect and to stay in touch. The Classes of '48 and '58 have more e-mail addresses listed than us; don't we use this technology?" Lory adds, "The three of us plan to be at our 30th Reunion in 1998 and want to see all of you there."

Effective February 29, 1997, the Bank of Bermuda announced the transition of chief operating officer Henry Smith to president and CEO. After joining the Bank in 1973 as a management trainee, Henry was appointed to top positions including senior vice president, retail banking and executive vice president, Europe.

"Music is a form of meditation and self-examination," says Paul Scott, who welcomes numerous musicians into his made-for-music home. He picks up his own instruments and joins the chamber ensemble, which allows semi-professional and former professional musicians to recapture the joy of making music with others. Nestled in the woods on the eastern shore of Herring Creek, MD, Paul's home provides the perfect backdrop for that revelation. The house's massive living room with wood floors and large windows renders the site a sort of acoustic heaven. A piano and elaborate homemade organ also grace the scene. The group of ten musicians from Ocean City, Salisbury and the surrounding area in Maryland is committed to the notion that there is more to life than television sets and shopping malls. The artwork they produce bears testimony to that. This all came about through ads in local newspapers and word of mouth for musicians interested in a regular outlet for their musical propensities. They perform at concerts and art society events. More information about the group appeared in the Ocean City Today newspaper, "Second Wind," January 24, 1997."

Paul plays five woodwind instruments, the piano, organ, French horn and cello. "Music reveals aspects of the self... that you've never discovered before," he claims.


Richard Baer
P.O. Box 426, 1706 Bay Drive
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

SAS joins Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. (FLREA), in congratulating Jim Beverley and his team of students from Palmetto Senior High School on placing second at this year's State-Level We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution Mock Congressional Hearing Competition. Jim
In March Dave Lyon wrote, "We are now eight months into our three-year tour in China, where I am the Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. It's been an interesting time seeing firsthand the near total transformation of Chinese society as a result of years of dramatic economic growth. We have made it through Deng Xiaoping's death and are now looking at Hong Kong's reversion to Chinese rule in less than four months. If any SAS alums are living in or traveling through the area, please let us know by e-mail or call me at the Embassy."

'70

Bill Strong
119 Home Avenue, Apt. 2A
Oak Park, IL 60302-2836

Sandy Hazlett celebrated 20 years with Eaton Corporation. Having lived in Europe and traveled the balance of the world, his responsibilities are now focused on North America. Sandy has moved again to a house closer to his headquarters. He has been single for five years but is dating. He still has a fairly heavy travel schedule. Sandy sends greetings to all his classmates and other alums.

With the Department of State and living in Geneva, Bill Brownfield is managing the U.S.G.'s humanitarian account — Zaire, Bosnia, Afghanistan and so on. He writes, "When work permits, I try to manage some skiing in the Alps and eating in France. It's almost as much fun as St. Andrew's."

'71

Chuck Shorley
10120 Silver Point Lane
Ocean City, MD 21842

Jared Ingersoll is having a blast exploring the Internet and contacting his classmates. He remarked, "I have found that the guys in my class are pretty neat, regardless of what I may have thought in 1971!" Jared's latest e-mail correspondence reads: "It was a dark and dreary night outside, but radiant inside. December 28th [1996] it was—I remember it as if it were only a few months ago. Yes, it was my second marriage but hopefully my better (remembering comparative v. superlative). "We were married at Calvary Assembly of God in Hanover, PA, before an assemblage of family only (please don't take umbrage!). It was a beautiful ceremony crafted largely by us. Karen has two children, and I two, too, and all were 'involved' in the wedding. They range from 13 to 5 and many of you will remember them all from our reunion last summer. We had a small but elegant reception (in a very down-to-earth, folksy way) in our farmhouse in town. We have announcements but still haven't sent them out! Even though Karen and I have been together almost two years, we are still like newlyweds!"

Larry Bateman has started his own company selling a connecting device for computers. For more information, see Larry's home page at www.va.net/L3. He and his family still live in Washington State.

Pete McGagg says that he dodged the bullet when the previous dean at International Christian University opted to re-up for another term. Most likely, Pete is moving toward greater responsibilities at this institution in coming years, whether he wants to or not! For the golfers in the crowd, Pete sketched to Chuck Shorley a very decadent scenario of a yearly golf outing in December. We had a small but elegant reception (in a very down-to-earth, folksy way) in our farmhouse in town. We have announcements but still haven't sent them out! Even though Karen and I have been together almost two years, we are still like newlyweds!"

'72

Bill Bean
2242 Via Tempo
Cardiff By The Sea, CA 92007-1216

Wedding bells rang in November for Riley Abbott '79 and his bride. Front row: Ned Mumford '59, Riley and Ellen, back row Mark Abbott '71, Mike Quillin '77 Chuck Shorley '71 & Ed Hammond '60. For those who are not able to attend the 25th Reunion, check out the class's reunion biography book!

Steve Amos is Assistant Director/ Curator of Natural Sciences at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury, VT. At the Museum, Steve has instituted the Student Ecology Workshop, a nature study/ study program for high school students. Currently, Steve is seeking corporate sponsorships for deserving students to participate. "Having traveled throughout Latin America for the last 20 years, I wanted to share some of the knowledge and field experiences with others." Trinidad and Tobago ( '98), the Galapagos Islands ( '99), Belize ( '00), and Venezuela ('01) are his next four February destinations. Steve and the Museum have also been accepted into the International Partnerships Among Museums program. Steve will travel to Argentina this spring for six weeks to advise a museum in the Patagonian Andes. Steve, wife Carol, daughters Cathy (2) and Amanda (9) welcome correspondence from classmates and friends. His e-mail address is: samos@connriver.net.

Alfan Marshall married dentist Dr. Kieny Chrun in Hong Kong (6/88). He returned to Bermuda in June of 1991, where he started Bermuda's first bottled water company, Pure Water, which was acquired by Bermuda Waterworks Limited in January 1996, and is now the vice president of Water Treatment and Plumbing Services. He and his wife have two children—daughter Kaliane (7) and son Jesse (3).

Jack Schreppel's law firm was located in the Delaware Trust Building in Wilmington, DE, which burned in a recent fire (April), as was John Bloxom's '75.

'73

Ralph Neel
11319 Lowell Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66210

On July 5, 1997, Bob Amos and the Front Range will perform at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. Front Range home page: www.banjo.com/Profiles/FrontRange.html

'74

Henry Haupfuhrer
313 Gaskill Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Steve Amos is Assistant Director/ Curator of Natural Sciences at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury, VT. At the Museum, Steve has instituted the Student Ecology Workshop, a nature study/ study program for high school students. Currently, Steve is seeking corporate sponsorships for deserving students to participate. "Having traveled throughout Latin America for the last 20 years, I wanted to share some of the knowledge and field experiences with others." Trinidad and Tobago ( '98), the Galapagos Islands ( '99), Belize ( '00), and Venezuela ('01) are his next four February destinations. Steve and the Museum have also been accepted into the International Partnerships Among Museums program. Steve will travel to Argentina this spring for six weeks to advise a museum in the Patagonian Andes. Steve, wife Carol, daughters Cathy (2) and Amanda (9) welcome correspondence from classmates and friends. His e-mail address is: samos@connriver.net.

Alfan Marshall married dentist Dr. Kieny Chrun in Hong Kong (6/88). He returned to Bermuda in June of 1991, where he started Bermuda's first bottled water company, Pure Water, which was acquired by Bermuda Waterworks Limited in January 1996, and is now the vice president of Water Treatment and Plumbing Services. He and his wife have two children—daughter Kaliane (7) and son Jesse (3).

Jack Schreppel's law firm was located in the Delaware Trust Building in Wilmington, DE, which burned in a recent fire (April), as was John Bloxom's '75.

'75

Ralph Neel
11319 Lowell Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66210

On July 5, 1997, Bob Amos and the Front Range will perform at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. Front Range home page: www.banjo.com/Profiles/FrontRange.html

'76

Ralph Hickman
4896 Sentinel Drive
Brecksville, OH 44141

In February, Parker Coleman checked in with his latest news. After 20 years of performing as a musician 3-4 nights a week in Charleston, SC, he is now officially a Buddhist monastic, living in the Catskills at a Zen monastery, which, by the way, is co-ed (in fact, the second in command, the vice abbot, is a woman). Parker even has an e-mail address at the monastery: zmmresidence@mhv.net
'79

Keely Clifford
1397 Stonemead Road
Annapolis, MD 21403-1523

On November 2, 1996, Ellen Wilson Barrett and Riley Webb Abbott were joined in holy matrimony at St. Mary Star-of-the-Sea Catholic Church in Ocean City, MD. Kathy Ryan, cousin of the bride, was the matron of honor and Dr. Peter Abbott, Riley's brother, served as the best man. Ellen received her bachelor of arts degree from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore and is employed by Ancient Rhythms in Berthesda. Riley received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, and is the co-owner of Ocean Side Motel in Ocean City. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the newlyweds are living in Ocean City.

'80

Rob Casburn
18 Judson Street, #12B
Edison, NJ 08837

"After 12 years of the rat race," writes Martha Richards Valciuakas, "I have chosen to quit and stay home with my two girls, Emily (7) and Ann (3). Husband Stan is very supportive—just says his hair loss will now go at a faster rate."

Life in Italy agrees with Bill and Judi Skeleton Spann. Last year they were busy visiting different cities—Rome, Florence, Pisa, Venice, Capri, Pompeii. Judi's comment, after their latest trip to Spain and Austria, was, "It's not as glamorous as it sounds. Usually, I'm home with the kids! Traveling is a challenge with the kids," says Judi. "Kirstin is a real fireball—so independent but also wants to do everything Dylan does. She talks so well and says her ABC's and the Pledge of Allegiance." Dylan (4) and Kirstin (2-1/2) are active pre-schoolers, learning Italian and loving school. Besides keeping busy with the children, Judi does volunteer work on the naval base and plays tennis. Judi stopped by SAS in April with Dylan and Kirstin while visiting her mother in Dover.

Meredith Golde checked in on-line and told us that she plans to go back to school in the fall of 1997 to the University of Georgia to get her Ph.D. in social work.

Carlyle Smith will be in London for 5-1/2 months (April—September) working on a movie, Saving Private Ryan.

Robin Lilly has created her own website! "A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into it, and many bad words were said as well, but it's done." Check it out: www.sni.net/~rlilly

Suki Guernsey Rohrer enjoys living in Westchester (Pelham, NY). Her job in credit review at Republic National Bank of New York entails a lot of long, international trips. Last year she took a nine-week business trip to Singapore and Australia. After a six-week trip in late spring to France, Luxemburg and Monaco, with some acquisition/due diligence projects in between, Suki was delighted to be home for the Christmas holidays. She's also traveled to London and Montreal.

Jane and Eric Ellisen’s daughter, Hannah, is featured on the cover of the spring Hanna Andersson catalogue.

Time to Remember.

Will Speers and John Paradise '81 at the 1996 White House Christmas Party.

Florida, working on an M.B.A. Dave was wearing his SAS Reunion 1996 T-shirt one day and Stef Granito '86 (whom Dave didn't know previously) noticed it. Needless to say, they were surprised to learn that they were both St. Andrews attendees the University.

Suki Guernsey Rohrer
3646 Beachwood Drive
Sudlersville, MD 21668

Eric Ellisen
111 Downs Avenue
Stanford, CT 06902

On December 19, 1996, John Paradise was elevated to partner in the law firm of Prickett, Jones, Elliott, Kristol & Schnee.

Gillian Davies started her own business, Redwing Environmental Consulting, which specializes in environmental education. In January 1997, she started teaching a class at Boston University called "Environmental Problems and Policy." She works three days a week and spends the rest of the time with her 18-month-old son, Ethan, "who is lots of fun."

Dave Potter finished his first year of graduate school at the University of
Marsteller Moscow and relocated to London in April 1997.

Colleen and Eric Olson welcomed their second daughter, Lara, on April 18, 1996. She joins her older sister, Victoria (4). Eric is "having a great time working for Peco Energy Power Team, a marketer of wholesale bulk power." He buys and sells power throughout the U.S. with other utilities and marketers.

After two years as Director of Sales for Infinity Radio Sales in Philadelphia, John Schwab was promoted in December 1996 to National Director of Sports Sales of CBS Radio Sales Inc. He sells pro sports sponsorships of play-by-play broadcasts on their radio stations all around the country. John comments, "I don't know anyone else from SAS in this business, which amazes me. It must only be a matter of time." A divorcée for three years, John lives in Wynnewood, PA. He is a fan in-line skater, reggae music fan, skier and cat lover. He ran into Alex McPheeters '83, a sales manager for Sherwood Audio, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, who sends his best to all. John periodically hears from Warren Thompson, who says hello.

Mary and Chris Profaci, moved from Falls Point, were expecting their first child in April, and are now calling Glyndon, MD. home. Glyndonites, be they new to the area or longtime residents, are committed to keeping the small-town feeling in their historic hamlet in spite of burgeoning development just outside Glyndon's boundaries. When they stumped upon their house (once St. George's Hall, a boarding school for boys) five years ago, it had been abandoned for three or four years. The windows were broken and a fallen tree was gaping through its roof. It was older and larger than what they had been looking for, but it was affordable and it felt like home. They spent four springs repainting and restoring. Mary and Chris are very pleased with the "nice community" they moved into, because the people make them feel like they've known them for years.

Jeff and Lisa Velasco-Creamer have been in Annapolis, MD, for two years and love it. They had Paul Eichler and his co-workers over for a cookout last July 4th. Since Paul works at the Riva Fire Station, which is only a mile from her house, Lisa stops in to visit him every month or so. Lisa teaches aerobics at the health club, and she saw Pilar Wyman, who had just joined.

Lydia Jarrett Montgomery is an account executive in New York City with Katz Communications, a mid-town firm which acts as liaison between Madison Avenue and the local TV stations nationwide. All three Montgomerys are looking forward to the 15th in June!

Julie Hotchkiss and her husband, Robert Muth, moved to Bend, OR, which is a small city on the eastern side of the Cascades and is surrounded by Alpine and Nordic skiing, hiking, camping, biking, rafting and everything they love to do. Julie is working as a development officer for The High Desert Museum, and Robert will be practicing law.

After leaving TV Guide in pursuit of a new professional life on Friday the 13th, Andy Seymour started his new contracting life at DuPont Center for Research & Development on the 16th. Andy states, "There is much for me to learn! The biggest problem so far is trying to find all the buildings!! People who between them had over 50 years on the campus still carry maps!! I have already been in buildings where they invent Nylon and Kevlar and are working on how spiders make their webs...." Andy works in Computer Services and is amazed with the equipment made available to everyone at DuPont. The corporate e-mail system (employees, contractors, service people, etc., have their own e-mail addresses) is a package called All-in-One and serves global DuPont! Everyone is also connected to the Internet. Considering the benefits and modern technology at DuPont, Andy feels he made the right choice.

In January 1997, Jenny Kern and classmate Andy Kelly spent three weeks in Nairobi, Kenya, participating in a wheelchair building training program as trainers from San Francisco-based wheelied Mobility Center.

Captain John Pegg (U.S. Air Force) will be in Japan for the next year and a half, then hopefully leave the military and fly for the airlines.

After teaching his first class (Duke University students taking first semester physics), Bentley Burnham remarks, "It's a lot of fun but more time consuming than I thought it would be.

Cynthia Tostevin, who works for MOSOM Corp., says, "Hi ya! Not too much going on; just hanging out in Michigan."

Karim and Suya Basta announce, "Our daughter, Michelle Nadine Basta, was born on April 4, 1996. She is beautiful and healthy!"

Lori Velasco-Yanez and husband Nelson are kept very busy caring for daughters Jessica (6) and Amanda (4) at their home in Bear, DE. Lori is working part time in the decorating business. You can find her at Jodlauber's Furniture on weekends and nights. She writes, "Believe it or not, I have run into a lot of SAS people in the gallery. At the one night sale, I met up with Ned Ord '80 and Bryant Davies '81. I also met [fiscal member] Diahann Johnson."

James Brock writes: "I am working as the philanthropic resources librarian at the Flintridge Foundation in Pasadena. Evidently I did something right, because I looked about three days for a job and was hired the following Monday. I am happy there because writing is involved. I meet all sorts of people who are trying to help the disadvantaged and poor. It makes me proud to advise and consult for a man who is a Big Brother to four parentless kids, to a woman trying to establish a day-care center so single mothers have time to work, for a man trying to find an African-based cultural center for youth, to a woman who has gotten scholarships for more than 50 black youths, many poor, into prep schools from her kitchen. I was humbled and proud to be in this workshop...someone started speaking about race and I hadn't even noticed that among 17 people, I was the only white male."

In March, Bob Owens checked in from Durand School in Vineland, NJ, where he teaches 4th Grade: "Here it is! Another exciting feature to the Room 14-A site! We have been working a lot lately on parts of speech. It has been difficult as the students have not thoroughly grasped the concept yet. After trying many things, I reverted to using what I believe taught me the parts of speech...Mad Libs! ... The students love them and have been learning from them and commissioned their teacher to produce a Mad Lib generator for the Web Site. I found there are quite a few sites that offer Mad Libs; however, the scripts were cumbersome and not particularly flexible. After much ado, I have a generator working on the Site. There is but one Mad Lib at present--student-created stories will soon follow...."

Mike Whalen 22 Riverside Drive, Apt. #14B New York, NY 10023

Whitney, Beverly and Mike Whalen are enjoying their new home and invite friends to "share a drink and watch the boats go down the river and laugh about the bucker to bucker traf-fic going up to the GWB!"

Markus Potgiesser is very busy working in the mail-order fashion business and hardly finds time to catch up with even his German friends. He reports, "It seems that Germany is the place to be at the moment. Still no wife, kids or house.

From Australia, Bonnie Hillman writes: "Not much has changed down here—I'm still studying naturopathy (herbal medicine, homeopathy, nutrition, etc.) and acting—plays and TV commercials mostly. Toby and ZuZu, my two hyperactive cattle dog puppies, are doing their best to destroy my renovations as soon as I've done them."

"I saw [my sister] Dawn '86 and Heather '88 at Christmas time. Dawn's about to move to L.A. and Heather's applying to grad schools for her master's in urban planning. Both are doing extremely well."

"I'd love to hear from anyone over there (address: 9 St. Thomas Street, Bronte NSW 2024, Australia; e-mail: bdh@talent.com.au)."

Michael Zimmer is the varsity ski coach at Columbia University. He was awarded the prestigious "Coach of the Year" by the EARC (Eastern Associa-
'85

Heather Morrow Egan
135 Underwood Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601

Living and working in Chicago, Carl Smith writes: “I’m writing software, developing my music, and formulating my political and economic plan. Call and/or visit anytime.”

Polly Dolan has been working with CARE in Uganda since February 1996 under a two-year grant from the University of Michigan. Her duties are primarily in monitoring conservation efforts designed to reduce the destruction of natural resources by the inhabitants of the rural areas of the country. More news via e-mail in the next issue.

Karen and Dave Phillips have relocated to Glens Falls from Avalon, CA.

Paul Keeley, living and acting in L.A., recently shot the Disney film, Romy and Michelle’s High School Reunion, starring Mira Sorvino (an Academy Award winner) and Lisa Kudrow (from the sitcom Friends). He played a part opposite Mira Sorvino. The film is to be released in June 1997. Paul is working on putting together his own Cabaret-style show with the music of the ‘30s, ‘40s and ‘50s and hopes to take it on the road. He also has a few commercials running nationwide.

Ian Montgomery is now in his Midllers (second of three years) at General Seminary in New York City and is the Seminarian assigned to the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue, where he ran into Cindy ’83 and Ron Tostevin ’79, while shaking hands at the door on Christmas Eve. Ian’s wife, Lydia (Jarrett) ’82, is an account executive with Katz Communications, a mid-town firm which acts as liaison between Madison Avenue and the local TV stations nationwide. Son Charlie (Class of 2012) is loving growing up in the City. His favorite words are police car, taxi cab and Chinese takeout! They all enjoyed seeing the entire Zimmer family when Ian assisted at the christening of Annie and Mike Zimmers’ 84 daughter, Mimi, at the St. Paul’s Chapel, Columbia University.

'86

Heather Patzman McAvoy
14 Crystal Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Alex Stancioff has a new job as a manager with Republic Industries.

Greg Dorn is a surgical resident at UCLA Medical Center. His comment is, “Los Angeles is a big change from NYC. The weather is fabulous!”

Mike Dietrich is at Georgetown in the M.B.A. program.

Lucy Zimmer is teaching human development (look out Ms. Ucci) at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, CA.

'87

Kibbey Perry Crumbley
803 Gentrys Walk
Atlanta, GA 30341-1299

Fran Altwater is living in Boston, studying and teaching toward her Ph.D. in art history. She spoke at a conference at the International Center for Migration Policy Development, an international organization. She found “it was such an enriching experience.” While there, she got a chance to talk to Matthias Lilenthal, who was busy preparing for his final examination. He said to say “hi” to everyone at SAS and was looking forward to the class reunion in June. Aili is working on her M.A. in German literature at the University of Delaware. Her studies keep her busy, but she enjoys the program and her professors. (E-mail address: aili@strauss.udel.edu)

'88

Elizabeth Baxter
102 W. 80th Street, Apt. 24
New York, NY 10024
EBaxter1.1238@aol.com

SAS alumni at the Ams/Ogtrup/Hoffberger wedding in June: top row, l-r. Louise Howler (who married the couple) and her husband, Lindsay Brown; bottom row, Daniel Sheats ’94, Taylor Cameron ’90, Liz Dunton ’90, Catherine van Ogtrup Hoffberger ’90, Douglas Hoffberger, Chris Brown ’90, Riddle Lazar ’90, Jennifer Vernon ’90 and Carter Meyer ’90.

St. Andrew's Magazine | SPRING '97
Jennifer Hurt Mullins
883 Boulevard East, Apt. 2G
Weehawken, NJ 07087

Steve Arms '87 and Jennifer Jones were recently married. Jen is now an English teacher at a half-day/half-boarding school in Waltham, Mass., and Steve is working in downtown Boston as a computer consultant, currently for Brown Brothers Harriman Co. They recently bought a house just outside of Boston in Belmont. Jen and Steve won't be able to make Steve's 10th reunion, but they'll be thinking of everyone. See the wedding photograph for list the St. Andreans who attended the gala last June.

Jennifer Hurt and Thomas F. Mullins IV, were married on September 21,1996, at St. George's-by-the-River in Rumson, N.J. A reception followed at Seabright Beach Club, Sea Bright, N.J. According to bridesmaid Liz Baxter, "Nef was beautiful, the food was great, and the band was fantastic. From the first glass of champagne to the last bagpipe, a wonderful time was had by all!" The newlyweds reside in Weehawken, N.J. Tom is the studio manager at an advertising agency in New York City, and Jen is an associate in the corporate strategic planning unit at Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, N.J.

Lainie Thomas sends greetings from Cambodia, where she's working for the Cambodia Environment Management Project, and writes: "After my last summer vacation, I have broken down and gotten a job. So far I don't have long-term work but there's been plenty of consultancy jobs to be filled. Currently I'm working as a trainer for government employees, teaching them to write a proposal for wastewater management systems. I'm living in Siem Reap, where the Angkor Wat temples are, so there's plenty to do out here."

Kellie Mitra Doucette has settled into her new home in Bermuda; and so far, she and her husband, John, are enjoying their "extended honeymoon." Her first guest was Jeff Trabaudo who has now laid claim to one of the extra bedrooms as his home away from home! After checking the Alumni/ae Directory, Kellie discovered that a number of St. Andreans live in Bermuda. She hopes to arrange a get together. Jeff's taken up golf in his "spare time," while managing the Virginia office of a systems consulting firm. In December, Jeff was "preparing to launch a new venture and possibly get an M.B.A. soon."

Rob and Alice Duffee Coneybeer were quite busy in 1996. Son Ross was born on February 22 and they moved to San Francisco in June. Alice says, "Despite my extreme provincial tendencies, I adore San Francisco and am never moving east again!" She is working for the Coast Guard (as a civilian) doing historic preservation and environmental review.

Elizabeth Baxter "continues to have a good old time running around New York and wandering through the muck and mire of Wall Street." She reports: The word on the street is that Dave "Tin Cup" McCrystal will be touring with the PGA this spring. Good luck, Dave.

Oliver Wilcox is in Jordan for a few months while he clears up a few problems in the Middle East. We trust he will not come back with any rocks in his pockets or dirt in his shoes.

Art Butcher was wooed away from Air Borne Express and is now an up and coming star at Boston Scientific.
Boggs is happily married and has "a great job teaching at the Odyssey Webb Armentrout Cyre Catherine passes on the news that for dyslexic children—all is well!" She and her husband, Doug, are living in Tampa, FL. Catherine also saw Howell (originally of Rock Hall, MD) graduate of Elon College, NC. She is an English teacher at Perryville High School. Taylor is pursuing a degree in finance.

Catherine van Ogtrop Hoffberger had a great time at sister Jennifer Hurt Mullins' '88 wedding in September and is looking forward to Taylor Cameron's wedding. Catherine is studying at the University of Alabama, expecting a Petroleum Engineering Degree in the spring of 1998. Catherine writes, "Anyone in the deep South traveling through Tuscaloosa should look me up—it gets a little sleepy here."

Taylor Cameron and Shannon Howell (originally of Rock Hall, MD) officially announced their engagement and plan to be married in July 1997. Shannon is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina State. Taylor is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina School. Taylor is pursuing a degree in finance.

Taylor Cameron and Shannon Howell (originally of Rock Hall, MD) officially announced their engagement and plan to be married in July 1997. Shannon is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina State. Taylor is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina School. Taylor is pursuing a degree in finance.

Taylor Cameron and Shannon Howell (originally of Rock Hall, MD) officially announced their engagement and plan to be married in July 1997. Shannon is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina State. Taylor is a 1990 graduate of North Carolina School. Taylor is pursuing a degree in finance.

Callen Hurtt had a great time at sister Jennifer Hurt Mullins' '88 wedding in September and is looking forward to Taylor Cameron's wedding. Callen is studying at the University of Alabama, expecting a Petroleum Engineering Degree in the spring of 1998. Callen writes, "Anyone in the deep South traveling through Tuscaloosa should look me up—it gets a little sleepy here."

'91

Kelly Hoopes
8 Sunny Dell Road
Eaton, MD 21921

Mary Neldig
Alexandra van Roop
Jolie Whitmoyer
2733 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Ted Cotsen is "having fun in Atlanta and still enjoying the pleasures of nude beekeeping on the weekends."

Thad McBride, John Budetti, Joe Bradley and Dexter Walker had a Christmas party and Ben Biddle, Zack Zehner, Jamie Lukes, Rob Fogelman, Reynolds Lockhart, Edwin Williamson (who is completing his pre-med studies at Bryn Mawr) and others were present. According to Thad, Rowland Stebbins has come up with a movie idea featuring John—a spoof on the James Bond movies. Thad writes, "Rowland has employed myself, John, Dexter, Rob and Edwin to work on the script. It should be in theaters by next fall."

Bill Weber graduated from Whiton in May 1997.

Andrew Butters works for Bloomberg Financial Services as financial journalist working in the commodities area.

Sam Stegeman worked as the assistant city planner for Portsmouth, Rhode Island this past winter. In February he traveled to Adelaide, Australia, where he is working as a courier and making a documentary film. Sam will return to the States in July.

Kate Crowley works as a baker in a bakery and for a social services organization in Homer, Alaska. She writes, "Alaska is becoming harder and harder to leave. If anyone is coming up this way for a vacation, please let me know. I love to show people around or give travel advice."

Melissa Bati Johnson and her husband, Oliver, returned to the East Coast from Oregon and are living in Salisbury, MD. Melissa is completing her master's work and teaching freshman English at Salisbury State University.

Garen Topalian visited friends, family and business associates in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and London this year. He is currently trying to launch his film company by making another movie slated for production in the winter of 1997. The film will be shot in Boston, where he has lived since he attended Boston University and graduated with a degree in economics and concentration in Italian.

Jesse Mechling took a trip around the world. In January, he shared his slides with Joy McGrath '92 (who says, "they are absolutely tremendous—the most brilliant I've seen") and Ty Jones '92. Jesse has been all over Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.

At the age of 23, Philippe Wheelock has been to more countries than most people will visit in a lifetime. And...this world traveler is not finished. Two years ago, he was making his way through Africa on a six-month journey; and in October 1996, he scaled the peaks of the world's second highest mountain range—the Cordillera Blanca range in Peru, which is second only the Himalayas in height. Philippe's love of travel started when he visited his grandmother in Spain frequently while growing up. While at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, he pursued a study abroad, but it fell through. So he bought a plane ticket, which "was probably the best choice [he] made— this was far more exciting." He visited a dozen countries in Africa. He found the people to be friendly and generous. He also had several exciting adventures, like having the choice of being kicked out of Zaire or being shot. A brief account of Philippe's travels was featured in an article entitled "World traveler goes way off the beaten path" in The Frederick News-Post (Frederick, MD), November 20, 1996. Philippe now works as a baker at the Province Too in Frederick, but he's hoping to do more traveling, and maybe even study for a graduate degree abroad. Of course, there's more places he'd like to visit, like the Amazonian jungle. His attitude is, "Unless you engulf yourself in it, you're really not going to get the whole picture."

'92

Joy McGrath
2727 29th Street, NW
Apartment 516
Washington, DC 20008

Andy Worth
103 Cabell Way
Charlotte, NC 28211
andy.worth@kohb.com

In the fall, Lori Unruh started her master's degree at Cornell University in soil, crop and atmospheric sciences.

Still at the University of North Carolina, Anne Bond Archie is enrolled at the medical school this time around. Most of her free time is spent hiking and doing other outdoor activities in North Carolina. Anne plans to be at Reunion and is excited about seeing everyone.

Andy Worth is in Charlotte working at First Union National Bank.

Hardy Gieske graduated from Duke in May. His plans are to teach sailing in the Caribbean during the summer and then teach high school in the fall. He spent the day after Thanksgiving last year with David Blanton, relaxing and musing over their time at SAS.

Pamela Heath is a member of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Class of 2000.

Elizabeth Hickok graduated in May from her double-degree programs between Tufts and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. For the present, she intends to remain in Bos-

Joy McGrath began her class notes with: "Happy 5th Reunion to everyone!" In March, she was "plugging along at the Women's Legal Defense Fund, where things are quite busy in legislative season."

Jim Hamilton e-mailed that he is doing well finishing up at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey. He graduates in December 1997 with a communications degree; and, in the meantime, he is "working the field"—interning at a TV station in Atlantic City. He says, "My job consists of running around with a microphone trying to get 20-second ID's from famous people I never seem to recognize. Although I can't command a salary in the Ivan Reitman ballpark, it pays the bills and I've met a lot of famous people." He plans to attend Reunion.

Martine Conley checked in from Groton, MA, where she is teaching at Lawrence Academy. She is teaching history, coaching field hockey and an outdoors program, as well as living in a dorm again. Despite the fact that she has never taken classes on most of the subjects that she's teaching, she really enjoys the kids and finds that teaching is "truly fun." She recently returned from a backpacking trip through the Grand Canyon, rafting and hiking in the Arizona mountains. Although she's supposed to be giving and grading final exams the week end of the Reunion, she's hoping to make it down anyway.

Joy had lunch with Emily O'Brien and John Court, who are both doing well. Emily is working at the Advisory Board in Washington, DC. John is a paralegal at Shaw-Pittman, which is only a few blocks from Joy's office. Both Emily and John are facing the prospect of applying to law school sometime in the near future.

Kathryn Still is also a paralegal in
'M93,'97 ALUMS
Please stay in touch with the Alumni Office via e-mail, sasalum@aol.com snail-mail, or give us a call, 302·378·9511 to update your college address.

Washington. She does escape to Houston every once in a while to visit her niece, Anna.

Sarah Hammond reports that things are good in Maine. She graduated from Bowdoin this spring and applied for teaching internships for next year, including several boarding schools every once in a while to visit her.

A note from Kristopher Taft expresses that he is "happily attending Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR." He sees Greg Gourdet and Nate Jenkins occasionally.

Carolyn Wirth graduated from Vanderbilt in May with a major in child development. She hopes to move to California to find a job for a year before moving on to a graduate program in psychology or maybe law school. Her comment: "It may seem like a plan, but who knows where I'll be in a year?"

As a senior at Dartmouth, Katherine Kelner hopes to work in design in New York City after graduation this year.

Last summer, Matt Meredith and Wes Fling were in the same platoon (out of 60) and trained at Fort Bragg, NC. On May 17, 1997, Matt was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army as an infantry officer. After four years, he will go through a transition semester at the University of Birmingham in England. His rowing really started to take off and his work suffered a bit from practices seven days a week! He's working towards a degree and will be taking a position with Andersen Consulting in November. He says that he'll be over for Reunion '98 and is very excited about it.

Frank Cawley is "sticking it out in Raleigh, NC." His plans include staying there until December 1998. He rebuilt a customer's 1975—911 Targa and he's back at Middlebury and loving it.

Leigh McCandless spent last summer in Boulder, CO, where he met up with Bruce Hertelendy '79 and Arnold Turner '55 and played many games of pool with Chris Kleib '90.

Halimah DeLaine, Camille Cranson and Tammy Small all did well this year at Yale, Spelman College and Wesleyan, respectively. They all say hello!

Lexibeth Reynolds was getting excited as her May graduation date from Cornell approached. She hoped to get a job and an apartment in the Washington, DC area with her cat and bird, who keep her company. Some of her poetry will be published soon. She eventually wants to go back to school and get a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Mariana Batie and Tyler Durham, a first lieutenant in the Army, were married in Bos, Denmark, on December 28, 1995, shortly before he deployed to Bosnia until October of 1996. Mariana returned to Germany. Their planned wedding in Salisbury, MD, had been postponed because of his deployment. Mariana graduated cum laude from Wake Forest University in May 1996.

Elizabeth Wood spent the spring of her junior year at Bucknell University in Australia. She attended Flinders University and traveled to Sydney, Perth, Tasmania and the outback.

Jill Hindle spent last fall (1996) in New Zealand and says it was fabulous. She's back at Middlebury and loving it. Jill says "hi" to everyone, is not married yet, wants to write books and will be socializing wolves this summer and doing some work with their reorientation into the north woods.

Rob Underwood finished his last semester at the University of Birmingham in England. His rowing really started to take off and his work suffered a bit from practices seven days a week! He's working towards a degree and will be taking a position with Andersen Consulting in November. He says that he'll be over for Reunion '98 and is very excited about it.

Frank Cawley is "sticking it out in Raleigh, NC." His plans include staying there until December 1998. He rebuilt a customer's 1975—911 Targa and started restoration of his own. He really enjoys working on them and the perks, too—"like being able to drive the new Boxter at a tech session in March."

Adrian Keevil graduated from Yale this spring, is going around the world with the Whiftenpoofs (one of Yale's traditional singing groups), and then going to Oxford for a year.

Studying in China, Elizabeth Reynolds is in a program at Capitol Normal in Beijing. Andrew Mahlstedt enjoyed Liz's and her mother's hospitality and opportunity to use their e-mail address while visiting them in Beijing and spent his second semester (from Middlebury) in Harbin.

Luke Thompson is looking forward to spending the spring and summer months in Florence, Italy. His plans are to make enough money to travel around Europe by train in the summer.

Bill Draper is spending the summer semester abroad in Australia, where he hopes to gain employment after he finishes his classes.

Stites McDaniel is much happier since he transferred from Hampden-Sydney to the University of Wyoming. He says, "It's like a new world here with the majesty of the mountains and the endless plains. I have truly found a new home."

Alysia Oakley e-mailed us that her Oberlin housemates were going to be on Jenny Jones' show on Valentine's Day—something they did on a whim. Alysia, however, "did not act on the moment" and so was not on the show.

WWW.
SAS WEB LINK
www.dca.net/~sas
E-MAIL
sasalum@aol.com

NO NOTES?!!
CONTACT YOUR CLASS CORRESPONDENT WITH NEWS

'40
Bill Sibert
2029 Albert Circle
Wilmingon, N.C. 28403-4273

'43
Morgan MacDonald
111 Britanny Hills Drive
Dayton, OH 45459

'46
Ken VanDyke
347 Declaration Lane
Christiansburg, VA 24073

'51
Barry Register
65 East 96th Street, Apt. 6B
New York, N. Y. 10128

'53
Tom Oliphant
RR 4, 245 Lynx Drive
Sedona, AZ 86336

'56
Tom O'Rourke
841 Stanton Avenue
Gleneder, PA 19038

'61
Howard Snyder
330 laurel lane
Havenford, PA 19041

'64
Curt Howard
2087 Hunters Crest Way
Vienna, VA 22181-2841

'75
John Morton
119 Huse Drive
Annapolis, MD 21403

'73
Sam Marshall
122 Kennedy Lane
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

St. Andrew's Magazine | Spring '97
On November 30, 1996, Caroline Hooenboom’s parents gave her a debutante party, which many of her St. Andrew’s friends attended in Beaufort, SC. She said, “The evening was lovely, and it was especially nice to have such a large gathering of St. Andrews.” Caroline reports that Bob Kidd is at Emory University with her, and Cary Keifer is going to be spending the summer with her at Fripp Island, SC. Caroline has been working at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens when she’s not busy with schoolwork at Emory. She is a classical studies major with a focus in Latin. She has also been keeping up with her karate, which she truly enjoys.

In February, Emily Snyder returned to Williams College from a semester abroad in Galway, Ireland. She traveled for five weeks before going and had “the time of [her] life.” During spring break, she went to Cape Town, South Africa. This summer she will be on campus doing research for her biology thesis; and she says, “If anyone’s in the area, stop by!” Stony Grunow is at Reading in the United Kingdom.

‘95

Dave Baroody
45 School Street
Tilton, NH 03276

Talley Wettlauffer loves Cornell (Hotel School). She worked in the Olympic Village in food during the summer of 1995. She plays women’s varsity squash and often takes trips to colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

Erik Heinle was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, the academic honor society for first-year students at Colgate University.

‘96

Joe Freeman
919 Ocean Pines
12 Wharf Court
Berlin, MD 21811

Brianne McCarthy
25933 Fox Grape Road
Greensboro, MD 21639

Doris Short
300 Summit Street
Trinity College #701585
Hartford, CT 06106-3160

Emily Jensen was pleased with the way her second semester at Roanoke College started. Her job giving swimming lessons at the Salem YMCA in Virginia has kept her very busy. She is involved with Habitat for Humanity, various church projects and babysitting a lot for her professors.

Augusta Keevil is “loving the University of Virginia but misses SAS friends.”

James Reeve’s first year at the U.S. Naval Academy went very well. He rowed on the plebe crew, grew his hair back and was thriving on Navy food.

Rich Everts, Nicole Mone, Bri McCarthy, Nick Barker, Kate Sidebottom, Jon Moore, J.R. Parsons, Will Garner, Dave Myers and Charles Raffetto attended the Service of Lessons and Carols at SAS on December 15 and got together over the holiday break.

Kristin Douglas survived her first Mardi Gras at Tulane this winter. She said it was wild and a lot of fun and encourages anyone in the future to join her for it in New Orleans and to look her up if you’re in the area.

Alex Koprowski thinks Princeton University is fantastic and was off to a great start rowing. Her one fear is that she only has one-third the amount of time needed to do everything that she wants to do there.

Bri McCarthy urges classmates to contribute to the Annual Fund. Also, class notes should be sent to her or Joe Freeman before the next deadline (July 11, 1997).

Reg Hargrove sent this message: “I’m enjoying the University of Texas. I hope everyone saw the Longhorns beat Nebraska, 37-27.” Jane Keltner finished her freshmen year at Barnard College. She was on Columbia University TV and really enjoyed school.

AXIS CORPORATION

Anne Rhodes Amos ’78
R. Stewart Barroll ’72
Chester E. Baum, Jr. ’36
E. Buck Brinton, Jr. ’61
Keely M. Clifford ’79
Robert D. Colburn ’80
Lawrance M. Court ’62
Paul W. Eichler ’82
Robert F. Fogelman, II ’91
Joseph L. Hargrove, Jr. ’67
Hugo M. Heriz-Smith ’85
Eve G. Kadick ’75
J. Michael Kadick ’75
Carey McDaniel Koppenhaver ’90
Jacqueline Paradee Mette ’83
Heather A. Morrow Egan ’85
Robert D. Owens ’83
W. Barrett Register ’51
Steven Donegan Salter ’77
John D. Showell, IV ’68
Walter W. Speakman ’38
Emiritus
Charlton M. Theus, Jr. ’45
Charles H. Shorley ’71
Robert J. Shank ’57
Doris S. Washburn ’44
L. Herndon Werth ’52

The Answers to your Estate Planning Needs

- Save your heirs the time and labor of probate
- Provide for possible disability
- Protect heirs from losing their inheritance
- Protect yourself from greedy heirs
- Avoid capital gains tax
- Provide for a disabled person
- Protect heirs from losing their inheritance
- Provide for charitable cause(s)
- Make gifts to people or organizations during your lifetime
- Avoid estate taxes
- Avoid estate planning costs
- Provide for a grandchild(ren)
- Provide for children of a previous marriage
- Plan for possible disability
- Avoid probate

... and much more!

Join others from St. Andrew’s on the Net to learn, in Plain English