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Meet “Trixie,” WT’s seven-foot tall Tyrannosaurus rex. Adorned with detailed paintings of nearly 400 birds, Trixie was the focus of a school-wide project from March through June 2003. Students and faculty converged on the mammoth project of meticulously planning, drawing, and painting the surface of this prehistoric treasure as part of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s DinoMite Days™ project. The result: a spectacular collaboration of time, patience, and accomplishment, which created not only a work of art, but also an expression of WT’s community spirit.

In June, Trixie was installed in front of the Carnegie Museum of Art, where she majestically stood watch over the fountain and was admired by tourists, museum-goers and passers-by. Several Winchester Thurston community members and friends came forward to partially sponsor Trixie. Without their help, the WT T. rex would never have become a reality. “Sponsors” included WT parents James and Susan Tracy; Glassworks; Cheeks; Chartwells; and Love, Scherle, & Bauer, P.C.

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**field hockey:** a time honored tradition at WT

Can you find the answers to the questions below in this issue of *Thistletalk?*

1. What were WT's school colors in the 1940's?
2. With which local museum did WT first-grade teacher Ellen Freise-Diulus collaborate to create a unit on architecture?
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Ordinarily, we hear little about boards, and much more about management. But recent problems in the corporate boardroom have focused the spotlight on corporate governance. The failures of corporate boards are changing the composition of boards, committee structures, and the workload of directors. Are any of these lessons relevant to boards of trustees of independent schools such as Winchester Thurston?

In Peter F. Drucker’s wonderfully useful book, Managing the Non-Profit Organization, he draws some important distinctions between the boards of for-profits and boards of non-profits. For-profit boards, Drucker states, should be independent of company management. They work primarily on measurements of management performance, regulatory requirements, customers, and shareholders. Independent school boards are deeply interested in and committed to mission. Independent school boards also have many more constituencies than a for-profit board. Our WT board has relationships with parents, alums, faculty, administrators, students, school neighbors, vendors, consultants and, of course, the Head of School. Most importantly, the board of an independent school is the institution’s premier fund-raising group. The boards of for-profit corporations leave revenue growth largely to management.

The role of the board at Winchester Thurston can be defined both by what it does and what it does not do. It does lead the fundraising for the school’s annual giving campaign—the WT Fund—and its capital campaigns. Financial leadership always begins with the board’s own donations. But beyond fundraising, the board works to secure a successful future for the school by dealing with issues important to the children of our current students. The board maintains the continuity of policies and strategies supporting the school’s mission. Finally, the most important task of the board is to recruit and support the Head of School.

The board is not involved in the day-to-day life and administration of the school. Matters of curriculum, staffing, and school programs are in the capable hands of administration and faculty. Only the Head of School directly reports to the board. The work of the board is governance, financial oversight, policies in support of the mission, and support for the Head. The board is a resource to the Head and the school. A strong, committed, and energetic board makes our school more effective in delivering our mission.

It is hard work to find, recruit, and orient good trustees for the WT board. An invitation to serve on the board is not a reward for past achievements. We agree with the tough expectations of Peter Drucker’s list of trustee obligations, “time, money, work, and
DeKuyper outlines the work of the Committee on Trustees for finding, orienting, training, and measuring the effectiveness of both individual trustees and the board as a group. The composition of the board changes as the needs of the school change. Again, the focus of the board is on the next generation of students; the focus of the faculty and staff is on today’s students.

The board at Winchester Thurston is a dynamic and active world of volunteer work. We have read the problems of boards in both the for-profit and the non-profit worlds. We are paying attention to the needs of our school and its many constituencies. Our board work is accomplished by committed and dedicated individuals such as those introduced here, as well as with our dynamic Head, Gary Niels. His staff and the faculty of Winchester Thurston deliver wonderful results each day. The board has its eyes on the future.

**Daniel Cohen**

Dan Cohen is principal of Cohen Telecommunications Law Group in Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the National Alliance for Community Media, and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). He serves on the boards of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and the Jewish Healthcare Foundation.

Cohen earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his law degree from Stanford Law School. He served on the Pittsburgh City Council from 1990 to 2002. While on City Council, he authored playground safety legislation that led to the reconstruction of all 169 playgrounds in the city of Pittsburgh. Cohen sponsored the Pittsburgh Ethics Act, promoted the development of community policing, and led the City’s efforts to regulate cable rates. He served on the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Allegheny County, which was responsible for the construction of the new David L. Lawrence Convention Center, PNC Park, and Heinz Field. Cohen lives in Shadyside with his wife, Stacy, and their three children, including City Campus fourth-grader Andrew and Madeleine, a kindergartner.

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**Angelo Daniel Lupariello, M.D.**

Angelo Daniel Lupariello, M.D., stands as Vice-Chairman of the Department of Medicine, President of the Medical Staff at the Vencor Hospital in Oakdale, and serves as the key contact to state legislative representatives on behalf of the Renal Physicians Association in Washington, D.C.

Lupariello holds a B.S. from Georgetown University and completed his graduate training at the Georgetown University School of Medicine. He continued his training at Georgetown University Hospital and University of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital.

His professional achievements include: Chief, Section of Nephrology in the Department of Medicine and Chairman of the Long-Range Committee at St. Francis Medical Center, academic positions at the Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, and service on various medical committees throughout Pittsburgh, Wexford, Butler, Kittanning, and the Ohio Valley. He lives in Sewickley with his wife, Mary Jean Rusak and their three children, including WT North fourth-grader, Daniel.
Ear WT Alumnae/i, Families, and Friends,

Much to my delight some have taken note of my interest in Winchester Thurston School’s history. Having always been a believer that a school separated from its history is a school adrift at sea, I have authentically pursued my curiosity about the history of our school.

One of the most intriguing aspects of WT’s history has been its timeless and unique qualities. Allow me to offer a few descriptors that I hope will resonate with you as characteristic of WT—past, present, and future.

**WT is accessible.** Whether your experience with WT occurred when it existed on Braddock Avenue, Fifth Avenue, or Morewood Avenue, over the decades East End families have found our City Campus to be geographically accessible. Today, despite the challenges of our limited acreage, our location in Shadyside is our greatest asset. But our accessibility is not just geographic, it is also psychological. People in our community often describe both campuses of our school as socially accessible—open and welcoming. Historically, WT has opened its doors to families who might not consider an independent school. In addition, the school has made itself available to socioeconomic diversity by maintaining a steady commitment to financial aid. Today we offer financial aid to 25% of our student population. With a rich mix of students, people often describe WT as a place that feels comfortable to them.

**WT is connected.** Our teachers are connected to the students. Repeatedly, I’ve heard students describe the affinity they have felt towards a teacher at WT. This is something that is true of the older alums, recent alums, and our current students. I often tell people that all independent schools boast of strong teacher-student relations, but at WT this is to the nth degree. Whether referring to art history with Mrs. Ann Peterson, French with Mme. Annie Guentner, or more recently, history with Dr. Michael Naragon or drama with Mrs. Barbara (Whitney) Holmes, the relationship between students and teachers at WT is one of connectedness. WT is also connected to the rich educational resources available to us within the City of Pittsburgh. This connectedness has enabled WT to provide students with applications of their learning, and has enabled WT students to serve their community, an aspect of the school that has been foundational since its inception.

**WT is challenging.** At their fiftieth Reunion, members of the Class of ’52 still bemoaned the rigors of parsing Latin with Miss Philput. One alumna recently told me that her senior year at WT was more challenging than her freshman year at Harvard. As I have listened to alums talk about their classroom experience, I have come to view WT historically as “the thinking girl’s school.” Today the challenging classroom experience continues. However, the definition of rigor not only includes breadth, but also depth of academic coverage. One focal point of last year’s Upper School Task Force was the development of student research skills. From the ninth through the twelfth grades, the Task Force constructed a curriculum that develops within our students the ability to thoroughly, thoughtfully, and objectively research a topic.
**WT is progressive.** At the turn of the twentieth century, nothing could have been more progressive than saying, “Women have as much right to attend private eastern colleges as men.” Yet, that’s what Miss Thurston and Miss Mitchell insisted upon. This progressive spirit is still alive at WT. Years before it became fashionable, WT was talking about the most effective way to engage students in the classroom. Thanks to our remarkable *Milestones* program, Dr. Howard Gardner, Dr. Mel Levine, Dr. Michael Thompson, Dr. Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot, and Dr. James Comer have visited WT. These are some of the world’s greatest minds in understanding the development of young people and how learning occurs. Today we maintain a deep commitment to girls’ education as well as to the education of boys, but most importantly, the progressive zeal that drove our two founders still exists.

**WT is responsive.** Miss Elizabeth Mitchell studied in Italy under Madam Maria Montessori. It was there that her perspective on child development emerged. Many of you know that the Montessori Method is “based on the child’s developmental needs for freedom within limits.” It is “designed to take full advantage of the student’s desire to learn.” Recently, a knowledgeable community educator who was familiar with WT told me that within the bounds of reasonable parameters, WT gives students space to make mistakes, grow, and find their own best route. Is this the lasting impact of Miss Mitchell’s Montessori training? Possibly. This year our Upper School has shifted to a trimester system in order to give students opportunities to select from a greater variety of electives in the third trimester. While these choices are set within the context of a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, WT desires to create an environment that allows students to pursue specialized interests. This flexibility within a student’s course of study is what fosters my final and favorite quality.

**WT has passion!** One of the most impressive characteristics of our alums is their commitment to their careers, convictions, and their community. WT alums are diverse in their career expressions but they are also bound by a deep commitment to excellence. I believe their experience at WT fostered this passion. Today, teachers at WT are doing what they love to do; younger students often comment that they love coming to school. Some of our parents are amazed at the enthusiasm with which their children participate. Older students are discovering areas of interest and they are being given the opportunity to pursue them.

No doubt, there are many other timeless descriptors of WT. Nonetheless, these few important ones help us to understand our past and define our future. I welcome your input on these descriptors. Let me know if they evoke your endorsement. Let me know if you think I’ve missed key aspects of WT’s timeless qualities.

Sincerely,

*Gary J. Niels*
**Head of School**

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R econnect with a lost classmate, find tonight’s homework assignment, register to attend a Milestones meeting, or get the latest information about Winchester Thurston “in the news.” All this and more through the new WT website, www.winchesterthurston.org.

“We have a complex community here at WT—students, alumnae/i, parents, faculty, and trustees—as well as two campuses and three divisions,” says Maura Farrell, Director of Communications. “And we have a lot of information to share with each of these constituencies. We see the website as a hub of information for everyone in our community. In addition, the new website is a resource for prospective WT families, providing comprehensive information about our program as well as a glimpse of day-to-day school life.”
“The website is designed to serve all the constituencies of WT,” agrees Louis Gudema, President of Magic Hour Communications, the Boston-based company that built the site and its dynamic and powerful content management system (Pittsburgh-based BD&E, a design firm, created the look and feel of the new site). “Since the website can be updated so easily, information on it will be more timely than before. And all these quantitative changes added together become a qualitative change in the whole WT experience.” (At last count, the website contained 475 teacher-built web pages—and counting!)

Gudema notes that many leading independent schools are turning to the web to enhance communications. “We went through a first stage for these schools where they thought websites were primarily a way to get admissions information out there—now the cutting edge schools see it as a way to enhance all their communications. And WT is going farther than some schools in the amount of information it will allow people, including prospective parents and students, for example, to see. Many independent schools simply offer a general discussion of the academics that they offer. But WT will permit anyone to penetrate down to the class level, to see the assignments and projects that any individual class is working on at any given time. In this way WT provides a real-time demonstration of the quality of the school.”

Visitors to the new website will find its navigation to be streamlined and intuitive. Drop-down menus enable users to move quickly to pages of interest. Navigation maps run down the left-hand side of each page to tell users where they are and what other sub-topics are available. Most pages are just one or two clicks of the mouse away from the WT home page.

Behind the attractive pages is a powerful technology that facilitates two-way communication. Now site visitors will be able to register or RSVP online for WT events, email teachers and other school personnel right from a web page, and check a calendar filtered to their own needs.

**WT COMMUNITY: DAY-TO-DAY SCHOOL LIFE**

In a section built for WT’s current constituencies, called WT COMMUNITY, parents, students, alumnae/i, faculty, and trustees will find areas just for them.

**Connecting with Alumnae/i: The Alumnae/i Network**

In addition to Alumnae/i Photo Galleries, an Alumnae/i Calendar, and online Event Registration, the Alumnae/i area of the website includes a password-protected online network that provides three powerful features.

First, each alum can maintain a current profile of contact information, which he or she can update through the website. Alums may select which information to display on the Alumnae/i Network for their fellow alums to view. The profile feature of the Network will make it easy for alums to keep WT informed about their contact information, and because the Network includes a Search function, alums will also be able to search easily for the current contact information of fellow graduates.

Second, the Alumnae/i Network also includes an online Class Notes section; alums can submit their own Class Notes and photos for display on the WT site.

Third, alums can communicate with each other online through a threaded discussion forum—an online bulletin board organized by topic. Alison Wolfson, WT’s Director of Alumnae/i Relations, sees alums using the discussion forum to share memories about their years at WT or to converse about current events from a WT perspective. She also expects that alums will use the discussion pages to address practical matters, such as job networking. “Or perhaps, if an alum is visiting a city, he or she can easily get restaurant or theater recommendations—this website opens up all kinds of ways that our alumnae/i community can support each other and communicate with each other in ways that we haven’t ever had before.”

Gudema adds, “If the Class of ’78 is holding a reunion, the organizer can easily send out an inquiry, develop a working committee based on the alums’ responses, even send out sample menus or event listings for classmates to react to.”
Wolfson is excited about the possibility of obtaining fresher information about alums and the events important in their lives. She welcomes the posting of class news and expects to create several photo galleries. She also notes that there are no plans to discontinue publication of Thistletalk. "We're very proud of this publication and have been pleased with the positive response to its reappearance. But we do want to communicate more often—and more rapidly—with alums in the future. Sometimes events of interest to a particular class come up too quickly for us to send mail through the postal system. That's why it is so important for us to have everyone's current e-mail address." While promising not to "spam" users, Wolfson notes that WT has viable e-mail addresses for only about one-third of its alumnae/i, "spread out fairly evenly across all the years, even back to classes in the 1930s," she adds.

**KEEPING PARENTS AND STUDENTS INFORMED**

Within WT COMMUNITY lie comprehensive areas for parents and students, on academics, athletics, and school events. Each division of WT—Lower School (both campuses), Middle School, and Upper School—has its own online community. On the opening pages of these areas, division directors will maintain regular communication with parents. Through these areas, parents and students may also visit department, classroom, faculty, and course pages where teachers post assignments, class news, and student work. In Middle School and Upper School, comprehensive Student Life areas provide student organizations and publications with their own web pages. Online photo galleries and news will keep the current community informed while also showcasing for prospective WT families the school’s distinctive learning community.

The Athletics section of the site features an online schedule that can be filtered in a number of ways—by team or by time frame—and game recaps and scores will be entered on a regular basis by WT coaches.

A Parents section within WT COMMUNITY serves as the gateway to WT’s Parents Association, and allows parents to access the academic areas of the site. Parents will also have access to password-protected discussion forums. They can use the site to check a calendar customized to their needs, RSVP for events and activities, and check out the school lunch menu.

Wolfson and Farrell urge everyone in the WT community to visit the new website and take advantage of its impressive features. As Gudema notes, “this website will revolutionize how people in the WT community communicate with each other.”
What’s “Private” on the WT Site?

A portion of the Alumnae/i section of the site, the Alumnae/i Network, requires a user name and password, assigned by WT. If you haven’t received your user name and password by mail yet, please contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, at (412) 578-7529 or wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org.

Parents, students, and faculty will be able to visit most areas relevant to them without a user name and password. But there are several private areas. Should a user click on a private page, a log-in prompt will appear. WT has assigned user names and passwords to all parents, students, and faculty members. If you haven’t received your user name and password, please contact Maura Farrell, Director of Communications, at (412) 578-3731 or farrellml@winchesterthurston.org.

Register for events online.

Use the e-mail function to contact faculty and administrators directly from the site.

Get up-to-the minute school news and an overview of campus events.

Enjoy the appealing photographs and personal messages from program directors and administrators.
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McCloskey ’45 remembers field hockey when it was referred to as just “hockey,” before the popularity of ice hockey. McCloskey played center halfback for five years, when the school was located on Fifth Avenue and the team consisted of players in grades 8 through 12. Their daily practices became quite an attraction for the boys at Central Catholic across the street. “They would make very interesting remarks and whistle at us, but we didn’t dare wave back,” says Ann Gare Keck ’42, who played inside forward and wing for WT. “We would be on detention if we did,” says McCloskey.

Not that the Central boys were a big distraction, says McCloskey. “We were always so intent on practicing, we didn’t have time for anything silly!” She remembers daily practices with her 20 teammates that included scrimmages between the white team and the gold team, the School’s colors at the time. “I remember our field was so small, it was about half of regulation size,” she says, glad that the field wasn’t bigger, because that would have only meant more running.

At that time, school was dismissed at 4:00 p.m., with study hall following and then field hockey practice, but only for those who were current on their studies, a rule that was strictly enforced. “It was a cruel punishment to us if we couldn’t play hockey,” says Keck. “Almost everybody played, and it was wonderful exercise,” she remembers. “We would play every day, so long as the field was cut sufficiently,” says Keck ’42, an interesting comment echoed by current Middle Schooler Hannah Whiting ’09, who said at the start of preseason practices this year, “we can’t find the ball, the grass is too high!”

Field hockey in the fall would lead to basketball in winter and softball come springtime, and all three were coached by Athletics Director Mildred Smart, who taught physical education at WT. Today, field hockey in the fall is now joined by cross country, soccer, tennis, and crew.

One of the mainstays of field hockey at Winchester Thurston is the rivalry with The Ellis School. Today the results against Ellis make or break a season for the Bears, and this was true in McCloskey and Keck’s day, except for one crucial difference. The game with Ellis was the season and WT’s intrasquad games led up to that one crucial match. Playing just one game is a concept totally foreign to today’s field hockey players. “I can’t imagine having to practice and work so hard to build up for just one game which was the high point of the whole season,” says Liz Schroeder ’04, one of the senior leaders of this fall’s team. “It must have required incredible dedication.”

More recently, WT field hockey has started rivalries with other public and private schools, giving the teams a chance for more competition than just Ellis. The Upper School competes in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League on a much more rigorous schedule than ever before, and the Middle School team will play a 14-game schedule this fall.

As the old French proverb says, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Players have now traded in their navy blue bloomers and white tops for kilts and athletic jerseys, but what they take away from their days of playing field hockey has remained remarkably true to the first days of play at WT.

“The importance of teamwork is something I learned as a WT field hockey player, and I have carried that with me,” says Kate Masley ’94, who says she could never forget the “good times, laughing, playing with all our hearts, supporting one another, meshing as a team, and just having a blast.” Some of her vivid memories include “just hanging out with my awesome teammates and our wonderful coaches Brenda Carnahan, Amy Bunten, and Jenny Donahue ’90.” She adds that “beating Shady Side and Ellis wasn’t too bad, either!”

The importance of that rivalry with Ellis is not lost on today’s players. “We want to beat them every year because there’s a big tradition and they’re our rival,” says Helen Cestra ’08.

The values of teamwork and dedication espoused by coach Smart to players like McCloskey and Keck have been instilled in generations of WT field hockey players, through Masley up to the Middle School players who pick up their crooked sticks for the first time.

“I learned to work hard and not give up, even if you’re running up the hill on Negley Avenue,” says Masley.

A TIME-HONORED TRADITION AT WT

We didn’t realize we were learning anything at the time, we were too busy playing,” says Keck. “It’s just what we did.”

“We certainly knew how to get along and how to help each other,” says McCloskey—this is a lesson learned by Eliza Hens-Greco ’08. “You learn that it’s about the team more than yourself. If you’re not working together you can’t succeed.”

Learning about hard work, having fun, discovering what it means to be a team, this is “just what they’ve done” for years. As head coach Mandy Marcu ’90, assistant coach Abby Dorrance ’00, and their players take the field this fall, this is the proud tradition of WT field hockey they continue.

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o get into good schools you have to have a good screening method—and Advanced Placement examinations have proven to be a gold standard in screening,” says Jill Kazmierczak, Upper School English teacher and English Department Chair, who has served as a reader for the AP English exam.

“The AP tests are one of the very few national measures of a student’s ability to handle material and take examinations at a college level,” adds Upper School Director Mick Gee. “The exams are graded externally by independent evaluators. And the exams themselves are similar to those that a student will see in college. Kids who do well on AP exams do well pretty much everywhere else.

“The number of WT students taking AP exams and the number of exams that they take has sky-rocketed over the last ten years,” Gee notes that some students take two or, occasionally, three AP courses in a year. He adds that while WT has an open enrollment policy for AP classes, interested students must go through intensive counseling to examine how the course fits their academic objectives and to ensure they are ready for the course demands.

In the spring of 2003, 81 WT juniors and seniors sat for 156 AP examinations. On a scoring scale of 1-5, 79% of the exams were scored 3 or above (a “3” is the minimum score for eligibility to receive college credit for an AP course); 46% of the exams were scored “4” or “5”—a result comparable to that achieved in 2002. One hundred percent of WT students who took the AP Calculus BC exam earned a 5; 47% who took AP Calculus AB got a 4 or a 5.

Still, College Counselor Dr. David Seward notes there is controversy in the independent school world as to the value of AP courses. “Some schools feel that the pre-set AP curricula hamper the creativity of the faculty and force a definite point of view upon the students.” He adds that in some fields, notably science and history, there is an enormous amount of material to be covered in one year, which poses challenges to teachers who want to explore in greater depth the topics that intrigue their students.

At WT, the faculty make a concerted effort to incorporate innovative teaching practices and hands-on learning in AP courses. “We don’t dispense with important things like labs for the sake of coverage,” says Gee, who teaches AP Physics. “These activities teach important science processes and skills that engage students and prepare

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them to be scientists; that can’t be done by powering through a textbook.”

AP works a bit differently in English courses. Kazmierczak is enthusiastic about both the college-level curriculum and its culminating examination. “As an exam grader it is incredible to see the multiple ways in which people approach writing and literature. AP English is not a reductive, boilerplate approach to the teaching of literature. The course requires students to think critically, write effectively, convey insight and emotion, and to perform all this in the context of a several-hour examination.”

“Colleges and universities appreciate the level playing field of the evaluation process,” says Seward. “It is exactly because the course syllabi and examinations are preset that the colleges know what they are getting in an applicant. And the courses are high-powered enough that they challenge WT’s bright students.”

From the students’ point of view the courses are tough yet rewarding. “I think that if you’re willing to put the time and effort into it, then the AP courses will work for you,” says Beth Hoffman ’03, now attending Brown University. Beth earned “5s” on the Physics and Calculus A/B, Calculus BC, Physics B, Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, Chemistry, Statistics, and Art History. All students in AP courses are required to sit for the corresponding exam. AP scores are included on a student’s transcript only at his or her request.

Thirty WT Students Named 2003 AP Scholars

On October 7, WT received word that 30 of the 81 Upper School students who took AP exams last spring have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams. Of these, one student, Rachel Alexander ’03, qualified for the National AP Scholar Award, which is earned by those who achieve an average grade of 4 or higher on the 5-point AP grading scale. Eleven WT students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken (average grade among WT’s AP Scholars of Distinction was 4.43 of 5). Seven student were names AP Scholars with Honor, by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken (average grade among these WT students on all their AP exams was 3.57).
Young Architects
First-Graders Explore the World of Architecture

Why are museums so big and candy stores so small? What’s the difference between a Doric and a Corinthian column? What shape is the base of a pyramid: rectangle, square, or triangle? Each year WT first-graders learn the answers to these questions in their architecture unit.

Seven years ago, City Campus first-grade teacher Ellen Freise-Diulus developed the unit in collaboration with the education department of the Carnegie Museum of Art. “The former unit on shelters focused on homes for animals and people. I wanted the first-graders to go beyond this concept to explore the architectural fundamentals of many different kinds of buildings. At that time no institution in the city offered this kind of program, so I worked with the Carnegie to develop the age-appropriate curriculum,” Freise-Diulus explains.

The students begin by learning the vocabulary of architecture and the basics of building construction. They discuss such important historical buildings as the Pyramids and the temples of the Greeks and Romans, and work their way through time to contemporary buildings.

In the last days of the unit first-graders spend three half-days at the Carnegie Museum. They tour the Hall of Architecture and discuss what they see. Working with Museum staff members, each student makes a three-dimensional interior and exterior representation of his or her building.

This exercise gives the students a frame of reference to build their own models—not strict replicas of the buildings they studied, but a creative combination of the architectural elements they like best.
“They use a whole variety of media,” City Campus first-grade teacher Lisa Naveh notes. “Paint, pastels, cloth, and cardboard. One student might make a grocery cart for her grocery store, or another create little figures of children and a teacher for a school-room.”

North Hills Campus first-grade teacher Mimi Cooper provides additional experiential approaches to understanding how things fit together. Children mix cement and pour it into a form, then sign their names and the date. These stepping-stones are then laid outside the door to the porch. Weather permitting, they also pour water mixed with food coloring into baking pans, freeze it, and build igloos and other structures from the resulting ice blocks.

“I love how the unit on architecture fits so well with Math Investigations,” Cooper says. “Students at this age are always interested in construction and building equipment anyway. This unit also enhances how they connect to their own communities—they begin to notice buildings in their neighborhood that are under construction or the types of columns on a friend’s house.”

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The architecture unit incorporates mathematics along with social studies. In the Math Investigations unit that takes place at the same time, students build a city of geo-blocks, a hands-on learning activity that introduces concepts of two- and three-dimensional geometry. “In some years we make pyramids out of blocks, and the students have to work hard to make the base perfectly square so that they can achieve the distinctive shape,” says Naveh.

The culmination of the unit is the Young Architects Convention. At the North Hills Campus Cooper covers a table with paper on which the students place their buildings and artwork. At the City Campus Freise-Diulus and Naveh spread out a large canvas painted with a “Yellow Brick Road,” on which each student sits with his or her creation. Parents, teachers, and other children walk along the road and interview the proud young architects.

“The interaction between the students and their parents and friends is just delightful,” says Freise-Diulus. “Everybody gets down on the floor to see the details of the buildings, and every parent talks to every child. This kind of adult and older-student interaction focused on a project produced by the first-graders is an integral part of what I set out to achieve in this unit.”
Today's Weather?
A Flurry of Data with the WT Weather Station

Want to know the humidity index? Curious about when moonrise will be tonight? Soon you will be able to get this information courtesy of a new, solar-powered weather station mounted on the roof of the City Campus building. The station collects data on local weather conditions on a continuous basis and feeds it via radio to a PC in the science lab. The new weather station was funded in large part by the Parents Association, with a portion covered by the awardees of the 2002 Mary Houston Griffin Teaching Excellence Award.

“The study of weather ties the disciplines of math and science together,” says Peter Frischmann, Middle School Science teacher and Science Department Chair. “Weather facts consist of data that you add together to make a forecast. We collect data on temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, and barometric pressure, among other elements.” Frischmann works with math and science teachers in all the divisions to find ways to integrate the data into grade-appropriate curricula. “As a teacher, I think it is so important to draw the connections between different disciplines. And the weather station data provides students with ways to better understand the scientific principles behind the weather as well as working with graphs, charts, and data trend patterns.”

Will the new weather station help WT forecast inclement weather days? Frischmann laughs. “Weather forecasting today has been made much easier and more accurate since the advent of the weather-monitoring satellites. I’m afraid, however, that the WT weather station won’t bring in any of that data, so our ability to make accurate long-range forecasts will be limited.” In other words, hang on to that inclement weather hotline number and keep your fingers crossed this winter!
Newbery Author Jack Gantos Comes to WT

Journal-keeping may be a form of personal expression or a prelude to a career in writing—that’s one of the many thoughts that visiting author Jack Gantos will share with Lower and Middle School students in November. Gantos is the author of the Joey Pigza novels, which feature a boy with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder; one of the novels in that series, Joey Pigza Loses Control, won a prestigious Newbery Honor Award. In addition, Gantos authored the popular Rotten Ralph books and Heads or Tails: Stories from the Sixth Grade, Jack’s New Power: Stories from a Caribbean Year (which won School Library Journal Best Book of the Year in 1995), Desire Lines, and Jack’s Black Book (1997).

City Campus Lower School librarian Jennifer Kraar, who arranged the one-day visit, is excited about bringing the acclaimed author to WT. “He is a very accessible speaker who will appeal to all ages with his picture books, early readers, and books for older children.”

Each year Kraar seeks to bring to WT authors who can engage students both in their work and in the process of writing. “These authors invariably stress the importance not only of writing, but of re-writing,” she notes, adding that when addressing older students, the authors often share insights into the publishing world, from the challenges of working with editors and illustrators to the economic reality of how bookstores and libraries create publishing trends. “We’ve also been fortunate to bring in two wonderful local authors who have national reputations—Sally Alexander and Karen Williams,” she adds.

Author visits are not just a one-day event. Kraar and her colleague at the North Hills Campus, Debbie Witte, work with Lower School faculty to create appropriate activities. “I usually spend at least a month introducing the author to all the Lower School students,” says Kraar. “We’ll talk about him as a person and as an author, and we’ll read the age-appropriate books. The second- and third-grade students will read some of the Rotten Ralph books and we’ll talk about how storybooks are crafted. Fifth-grade students will write Rotten Ralph ‘exercises’—not a finished picture book, but the beginnings of a story taking someone in their lives and turning him or her into a ‘rotten’ character.”

Other grades experimented with the types of poems Lewis writes: shape poems, riddle poems, and limericks. When award-winning author and illustrator David Wisniewski visited WT, Art teacher Tina Plaks collaborated with Kraar on cut-paper projects in the author’s distinctive style.

During his visit in November, Gantos will deliver a workshop on journaling for the eighth grade. Gantos has kept a journal since he was eight years old, and uses the daily process to record events and feelings and to think through his characters and plots.

“One theme in Middle School English classes is that the kind of writing you do varies greatly with your intention and with your audience,” says Kathryn Gaertner, Middle School Language Arts teacher. “Journal writing can be intensely private and individual compared to something like a book review. Gantos uses pictures, maps, and diagrams in his daily journals, for example.” Gaertner and Middle School colleague Holly King plan special writing activities for their sixth- and seventh-graders as well, addressing such concepts as point of view, plot construction, and creating memorable characters.

Lower and Middle School students look forward to meeting a new author each year. “Each year’s author touches the students in a different way,” says Kraar. “I’ve had students show me poems and stories that they’ve written at home, after the presentation. Meeting a real author is a great way to instill a love of reading in young people.”
You can create racism. And, as with anything, if you can create it, you can destroy it.” That’s the philosophy that retired schoolteacher and national speaker Jane Elliott has been teaching and practicing since 1968, the year Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. Elliott will speak at WT in February as part of the WT Parents Association Milestones program.

In 1968, as a fourth-grade teacher in the small all-white town of Riceville, Iowa, Elliott began asking her students how they felt about African-Americans. Their ugly and unthinking responses led her to administer a racial reality check. She divided the class into two groups based on eye color, an attribute completely out of the students’ control. She then told the children that brown-eyed people were superior to blue-eyed people, due to the amount of melanin, a color-causing chemical, in their blood, while blue-eyed people were lazy, stupid, and untrustworthy. She withdrew blue-eyed children’s basic classroom rights, such as drinking directly from the water fountain or having a second helping of food at lunch. Blue-eyed students wore “shackles” of cloth for easy identification. By contrast, brown-eyed children received preferential treatment.

Elliott reports that she was amazed—and horrified—at how quickly the children took on the characteristics that she had assigned to them. Bright and confident blue-eyed students became withdrawn and timid while brown-eyed students became arrogant and domineering. Several brown-eyed children with dyslexia flourished under their new status and suddenly read and spelled words they never had been able to master before. The exercise proved to Elliott that racism was a learned behavior—and that what was learned could be unlearned. Prior to the exercise, the students had had neither positive nor negative thoughts about each other based on eye color. While Elliott taught them

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that they could make judgments based on an attribute that, like skin color, was an uncontrollable factor, she did not teach them how to oppress each other. “They already knew how to be racist because every one of them knew without my telling them how to treat those who were on the bottom,” says Elliott. At the conclusion of the exercise and after discussing what had happened in the classroom, many of Elliott’s students went home to challenge their parents’ racist statements.

As a result of her internationally known program, Elliott wrote, people began to recognize racism as a choice. To Elliott, choosing not to go along means that we must “actively protest racist remarks, racist advertising, racist politics, racist politicians, and racist behaviors.” Despite harassment of her family and children, Elliott continued to teach the exercise and fight racism for 14 more years in Riceville before becoming a professional consultant.

Elliott will visit WT Monday, February 2, 2004, as part of the Milestones program. Her visit will include an evening talk open to the public, entitled “Anatomy of Prejudice.”

To prepare for Elliott’s visit, the Parents Association will host book and film discussions for Parents and Students. Milestones is an annual series of informal discussions allowing parents to connect through conversation about developmental issues. Previous Milestones discussion series have focused on “hyper-parenting,” the social lives of children, girls’ development and body issues, and the challenges of raising boys.

For more information on Milestones or other Parents Association events, contact Jan Chalfant in the Development Office, (412) 578-7512, or visit www.winchesterthurston.org.
WT welcomes the following new administrators:

**Michael Dale** is Director of Educational Technology. He will act as an educational leader who will enable faculty to improve their use of technology as a resource for teaching and learning. In addition, he will oversee all computer and technology operations for the City Campus and North Hills Campus. Dale comes to WT from Seattle, Washington, with more than 19 years of experience in education and technology. He holds a B.S. in Education from Central Washington University as well as various certifications in network engineering.

**M. David Wollam** is Director of Finance and Operations. He will oversee financial, business, and facility matters for the City Campus and North Hills Campus. Wollam comes to WT with 30 years of experience in education and financial operations. He holds an A.B. in History from Kenyon College and a M.B.A. in Finance from Southern Illinois University.

**Nancy Patton** is Director of Support Services. She will provide a full range of services to meet the academic and personal needs of each student at WT. Patton has had extensive experience as a school psychologist, having overseen the student support systems within local school districts with as many as 3,000 students. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Bucknell University and an M.S. in Education and a certification in School Psychology from Duquesne University. Patton is a Licensed Psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania.

**Sharron Kaczynski** is Capital Campaign Director. She will coordinate and manage a campaign to build a new Upper School building at Winchester Thurston’s City Campus and complete the school’s North Hills Campus in Hampton. Kaczynski comes to Winchester Thurston with more than 15 years of fundraising experience for foundations, hospitals, and colleges. She stands as President of the Western Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which has more than 400 members. She holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University and received accreditation in 1995 as a Certified Fundraising Executive.

**Ricardo Graca** is the Upper School Dean of Students. He will oversee all aspects of Upper School student affairs including community service, extracurricular activities, and student discipline. Graca comes to WT from Santa Clarita, California, with more than 17 years of experience in education. He taught for 11 years at The Oaks School in Hollywood, California, and stood as the Assistant Head of School there for the past six years. Graca holds a B.A. in Sociology from Eastern University.

**Kevin Miller** has a new role as Director of Athletics. A fifth-grade teacher at WT’s North Hills Campus from 1996 to 2003, Miller also has an extensive background in athletics. He acted as the Upper School Boys Basketball Coach from 1999 to 2001. Miller holds a B.S. in Elementary Education and a Master’s degree in Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
Daniel A. Sadowski, Jr.:  
Recipient of 2003 Mary Houston Griffin Teaching Excellence Award

Daniel Sadowski, Middle School Dean of Students and Performing Arts Department Chair, was pleased to receive the 2003 Mary Houston Griffin Teaching Excellence Award. This award, given annually, provides funds to support the development of programs to enhance the students’ experience at WT.

“I submitted a proposal to revise the Middle School advisory program and create a handbook and reference resources for our faculty advisors,” says Sadowski. He began researching independent school advisory programs last year; then over the summer he worked with Middle School faculty to assess the existing program and develop ideas for enhancing it. In addition, Sadowski is working on incorporation of community service into the Middle School curriculum through the advisory program. Each Middle School class will do annual community service projects with their grade level advisors. “We’re trying to make community service—both within and outside the school—a greater part of our advisory curriculum. We see the advisory groups as taking on more class and group projects as well as a way for the faculty and students to get to know each other better.”

“We’ve strengthened the advisory program to increase student/teacher contact,” Sadowski notes. “We’re making it an even more important part of the daily lives of both the students and the teachers in the Middle School.”

Kathryn Gaertner:  
2003 Jane L. Scarborough Award Recipient

Middle School English teacher Kathryn Gaertner was pleased and proud to receive the 2002-2003 Jane L. Scarborough Teaching Award, the highest award given to a faculty member, established in honor of the former Head of School, who served at WT from 1978 to 1982.

The Scarborough award is given by the Board of Trustees to a returning member of the faculty who “is making an exemplary contribution to teaching by demonstrating a strong professional commitment to the Winchester Thurston community, respecting the uniqueness of the individual, valuing intellectual inquiry and mastery as well as intellectual honesty and humility, modeling for others the frustration and excitement of learning and the exhilaration of discovery, and viewing the experience of teaching as the opportunity to remain a life-long learner.” A committee of students, faculty, and a member of the board select the recipient of the award each year.

“I feel very honored because it is something that comes from the initiative of the students, and that is incredibly important to me,” says Gaertner. “The students had to make their opinions known, and it is very touching that the Middle School students, who have so much else going on in their lives, took the trouble to do that. It also meant a lot to me to see how pleased they all were with the choice at the ceremony itself.”

Gaertner received her honor amid tumultuous applause at the Middle School Moving Up Ceremony last May. She is pleased to note that this is the first time in at least 10 years that a Middle School teacher has won this prestigious honor.

“The language describing the award means so much to me, too,” Gaertner says. “That’s what I strive to be and do every day. I consider myself so lucky because I come to work every day and do what I love—reading, writing, and talking about books with incredible people, who just happen to be kids.”
Joan Flechtner:
Recipient of 2003 Judy Apt Nathenson Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Last June, City Campus Kindergarten Readiness teacher and Early Childhood Program Coordinator Joan Flechtner was awarded the 2003 Judy Apt Nathenson ’69 Memorial Chair for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. The award is given to an Early Childhood teacher who demonstrates excellence and innovation in teaching.

“It is an incredible honor to receive this award in Judy’s memory,” says Flechtner, who has taught at WT for eight years. “Judy was a good friend to me in my first years at the school and it means a great deal to me to have this special honor.”

Flechtner approaches every day with enthusiasm. “Kindergarten Readiness is a wonderful age to work with—the students are excited about everything they do. They are eager to be independent and to explore, and yet they still need lots of hugs and kisses and a lap to sit on. And they are thrilled to be at a big school with all the big kids. Our access to the programs—and to the students in Middle and Upper Schools, who read to us or volunteer in other ways—is wonderful, and being part of this bigger community is very important to the KR students.”

While undecided as to the best use of her award, Flechtner knows that she will continue to think of Judy Apt Nathenson who died of cancer in 2000. “There’s no greater honor the school could give me than this award in her memory.”

Sharon Lauer Awarded E. E. Ford Fellowship

Sharon Lauer, Middle School Director, was awarded an E. E. Ford Fellowship from the National Association of Independent Schools in the spring of 2003. Ford Fellows engage in specialized programs and leadership training in such areas as fundraising, crisis management, communicating effectively with internal and external communities, understanding case and regulatory law, and building effective teams. The Fellowship is designed to develop leadership potential in individuals at independent schools. With this Fellowship, Lauer works with a mentor to analyze her leadership style, study strategic school and leadership issues, work on a leadership project at WT, and enroll in a sequence of professional development opportunities.
The Miss Mitchell Society
Recognizing Charter Members

Established in 2002, the Miss Mitchell Society is comprised of individuals who love the life and traditions of Winchester Thurston School and share a desire to leave a lasting legacy to WT by including the School in their wills or by making a planned gift. The Miss Mitchell Society includes some of WT’s closest and most generous friends, and WT is profoundly honored and grateful to be remembered by them.

The following people are charter members of the Miss Mitchell Society. We thank them for the generosity, commitment, and leadership they have shown.

Barbara Abney Bolger ’52
Harriet Adler Feldman ’57
Loretta Lobes ’88
Louise Baldridge Lyle ’51
Carole Oswald Markus ’57
Anne Forncrook McCloskey ’45
Dorothy Dodworth Scullin ’47
Bonnie Solomon ’48
Molly Cannon Stevenson ’72
Allyson Baird Sveda ’84
F. Irene Thomas, Honorary Alumna
Carol Spear Williams ’57

Some Thoughts About Estate Planning

Most people have a hierarchy of needs that govern how they use and transfer their wealth. Estate planning is more than merely transferring what we own. It involves the transfer of our values – who we are.

When considering an estate plan, people must first provide for themselves and their spouses. What will it take to provide a secure retirement, allow for travel and other adventures, and provide insurance against the expense of a long illness? For some people, a planned gift to WT can actually help achieve some of these objectives by increasing their current income and by reducing taxes.

Second, they should provide for their children, grandchildren, and other heirs in the amounts they deem appropriate. Parents want to care for, nurture, and provide for their heirs, but they also consider how the transfer of wealth may affect the lives and personal productivity of their beneficiaries. Some types of charitable giving can help you accomplish your goals in this area in a tax-advantaged manner.

Once personal and family needs have been met, people have a special opportunity to nurture and remember the organizations they love. Whether you wish to support a religious organization, a social, environmental, or health organization, or an educational institution such as Winchester Thurston, we encourage you to take the time to be intentional, making thoughtful and purposeful gifts during your lifetime and through your estate.

If you have included WT in your plans please let us know so you can be properly thanked and welcomed into the Miss Mitchell Society. For more information, contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, at (412) 578-7529 or wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org.
We think these bright-eyed Lower School students are projecting themselves into their future—imagining logging on to the Alumnae/i Network of the new WT Website, updating their profiles, communicating with one another, and staying connected to their alma mater. What do you see?

If you can identify this photo—who’s in it and when it was taken—do tell! Contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, (wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org), and tell her what’s happening. Or post your thoughts on the Alumnae/i Network at: www.winchesterthurston.org

What do you see,

WT?
First “Purebred” WT Baby Born!

On August 27, 2002, at 12:03 pm, Cassandra Jean Smith ‘20, was born. Cassie is the first child born to two WT alumnae/i. She entered the world bright-eyed and alert, and has not missed a beat since. Although Justin Smith ‘94 and Stacey Stanczak Smith ’97 were at WT at the same time, he was a senior when she entered ninth grade, and they did not really know each other until they spent time together at a party on the night of Stacey’s graduation. They have been together ever since.

One year after their private marriage ceremony with only immediate family before a Justice of the Peace, Stacey and Justin held a large wedding attended by many of their WT friends including Anne Caliguiri ’97, Jill Davis ’97, Alexis Lopatin ’97, Payal Ghandi ’97, bridesmaid Kathleen McDonald ’97, groomsman Mark Boleky ’96, and maid of honor Lauren Phillip Jones ’97. Of course, Justin’s sister and Cassie’s aunt, Rebecca Smith Nelson ’92, was part of the celebration, as was drama teacher Barbara Whitney Holmes, whose husband, John, deejayed at the party.

Justin works for an Audio Visual Company and is starting his own business. Although she worked at National City before Cassie was born, Stacey is a stay-at-home mom now and loves every minute of it. Stacey claims that when Cassie begins to talk she’ll be sure to teach her the Alma Mater. WT class of 2020, here she comes!

2002

Abby Loughrey was named the Women’s Newcomer of the Year, helping Stanford Women’s Varsity to a third place finish at the NCAA Rowing Championships in her freshman year.

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2001

Emily Flechtner spent the summer in DC working for a non-profit ocean conservation organization called Oceana. She was a policy intern for the DirtyFishing campaign, which works to prevent fishermen from killing wildlife while catching fish (such as dolphins that get caught in tuna nets.) Emily is back in Chicago for the fall and will study abroad in Padova, Italy for the winter semester. She majors in political science with a minor in Italian. She is highly active in a campus environmental group. Emily is charmed by her new puppy named Lily.

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Alec Karakatsanis spent the first two months of this past summer in DC working for the law firm Foley & Lardner. He spent a month in Greece studying before returning to Yale. Alexander.karakatsanis@yale.edu

Barry Rabkin is a junior at Beloit College majoring in psychology and minorin in philosophy. He plans to go into marketing after college. Besides having a popular campus radio show, playing drums for a performing college band, being on intramural soccer, basketball and frisbee teams, and picking up weight lifting, Barry started a breakdancing class with several friends. They designed a credited course structured around videos and information they found on the internet and had several practices a week in the dance studio, finishing off the year with a performance for the whole campus. Barry hangs out constantly with Milo Pullman (majoring in creative writing at Kenyon College), Eli Richter and Steven Nathenson (both majoring in Engineering at RIT), and John Turner. BassKoala@aol.com

John Turner attends American University majoring in visual media. His filmmaking interests were sparked by a video production course taught by Mr. Fetter as well his senior project in scriptwriting overseen by Dr. Seward. “The flexibility allowed by WT definitely encouraged me to pursue the career course that I am currently on, as well as helping me develop as an individual.” John has studied at Pittsburgh Filmmakers, and his films can be seen on www.goateeman.com.

2000

Angela Ambroz transferred to American University in DC this fall and is majoring in economic theory. She recently saw Shelby Bacharach, Emily Flechtner, Abby Ross, Molly Dorrance, Robert and Steven Nathenson, and Mike Nordenberg. Angela vacationed in Trieste, Austria and the Dolomiti mountains.
Claire Blaustein is entering her senior year and realized that she has been in a grand total of almost 50 violin performances, including 12 operas/musicals, three high masses (chorus and orchestra) and two solo recitals during her three years of college. This year she’ll be adding one more solo recital to complete her degree, along with another score of orchestral performances. She recently completed a performance of Prokofiev’s original film score to Einstein’s film Alexander Nevsky, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Prokofiev’s death. Despite, or perhaps because of all this performing, Claire is thinking of moving more into teaching private violin lessons and will be teaching her first beginning student this year. She is also contemplating going to graduate school to pursue arts criticism.

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1999

Amy Hirschman spent the fall semester 2002 studying in Japan at Kansai Gaidai University, near Osaka, through Pitt’s study abroad program. Amy was enrolled in their Asian Studies program, and took language, religion, and film/literature classes with a Japanese theme. Amy stayed with a host family, made use of her language skills, and learned about the culture. She traveled often and spent time in Osaka, Kyoto, Tokyo, Nara, Kobe, and Hiroshima. Amy is a film studies and Japanese double major at Pitt. She is thinking of applying to the JET program (Japanese Exchange Teaching), to teach English in Japan for a year or two and will also try to make connections with people and see what kind of industries could use her language and cultural knowledge as well as her creative abilities. She is considering magazine publishing/journalism or international movie distribution. Starry_eyes42@hotmail.com

Christopher Potter graduated from Yale University in May 2003 with a B.A. in sociology. He now lives in Arlington, VA, where he recently began work as a personnel consultant. christopher.potter@aya.yale.edu

1998

Brynn Evans graduated from Stanford in June 2003 and spent the month of July working as a camp counselor in the South of France. She moved to San Francisco to work as a research assistant at SAM Technology, an EEG (brain) imaging company. Brynn plans to play lacrosse with the San Francisco Bay Club Team. brynn.evans@stanford.edu

Kate Masley is in her fourth year as a Ph.D. student in medical anthropology at Case Western Reserve University, and will begin her dissertation fieldwork next fall in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. This past summer she researched pregnancy and birth experiences of various groups of Latina immigrant women in inner city Cleveland, Ohio. Kate is getting married to Regis Bane (Bethany College ’98) next year! “Hello to the class of ’98, I hope we can all get together soon!” masley76@yahoo.com

1997

Meridith Deluzio graduated in June 2003 from Pitt with a Master’s degree in special education while interning at an elementary school in North Allegheny. This fall she began teaching in an autistic support classroom for the Watson Institute in Sewickley. merrugby@yahoo.com

Adam Witt spent the summer as a judicial clerk for the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Ralph J. Cappy. He is now in his third and final year at Penn State University - The Dickinson School of Law. Upon graduation, Adam plans to move back to Pittsburgh to practice corporate law. adamwitty@hotmail.com

1996

Sarah Gross had many great changes in her life this past year. Since March 2003, she has been working as director of operations for the Richard Florida Creativity Group. This past June, Sarah became engaged to Timothy K. Fife, whom she met while they were students at Carnegie Mellon University. They recently bought a house in the North Hills and are beginning to plan a September 2004 wedding. sarahgross@creativityclass.org
William Banks ‘01

You'll Never Believe What He Did on His Summer Vacation!

William Banks remembers being moved by opera broadcasts on television as a child. But it was frequent conversations with college counselor Dr. David Seward that opened Banks’s world to music and the possibility of a musical career. Even so, neither dreamed that Banks would be singing a major role in Mozart’s The Garden Girl in Love and a minor role in The Magic Flute, in Salzburg, Austria, both in German this summer. “At first I was excited, but then, when I received the score I realized what a huge undertaking this was. But I have confidence I can do it,” says Banks of his roles in the productions mounted by the Austrian American Mozart Academy.

While attending a pre-college program at Carnegie Mellon University the summer before his senior year at WT, Banks got his first taste of what it would be like to be a college performing arts student. It was life changing and he was hooked. Seward pointed Banks to Loyola University – New Orleans, which, after grueling auditions, offered him one of their highest scholarships. Banks felt that college was an easy transition academically after WT. And, musically, he has succeeded with flying colors, placing second in his division at the National Association for Teachers of Singing Competition, a prestigious event requiring several rounds of performances over three days.

About to enter his junior year, Banks expects he will proceed to graduate school in music with the hopes of teaching.
a forest ranger. And my first Shakespeare performance was in WT’s Midsummers Night’s Dream in 1992, so Mrs. Holmes and WT can share credit for getting the ball rolling.” icgould@hotmail.com

Erin Herward Thurston writes, “The summer of 2003 proved to be even more exciting for me than the summer of 2002, so here is all the wonderful news in my life. I became engaged to Adam Thurston on June 15, 2003, while visiting Haverford College, our (other) alma mater. Five days later, Adam received a call from the State Department offering him a position working at the consulate in St. Petersburg, Russia, starting this fall. So our wedding, originally slated for February 2004, was quickly moved up to August 23! Believe it or not, a big, old, traditional wedding can be planned in two months, with a little help from some experienced friends. Adam and I were married at St. James Catholic Church in Wilkinsburg, surrounded by family and friends, including several folks from ‘Dear Old WT’. So, I am now fittingly Mrs. Thurston. How about that?! We will be departing for St. Petersburg sometime this fall. Adam has been teaching Shakespeare performance in WT’s Midsummers Night’s Dream since 1992, so Mrs. Holmes and WT can share credit for getting the ball rolling.” icgould@hotmail.com

Helena Liddle spent the past five years studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is now back in Pittsburgh to begin the job search process. She submitted her Ph.D. dissertation and is teaching freshman composition as an adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University. In July, she attended the wedding of Natalie Kolcun and Brian Fatchet at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. Natalie lives in Pittsburgh and is a physician’s assistant specializing in plastic surgery. 9814156@sms.ed.ac.uk

1992

Lisa (Helsel) Bennington is planning her May 2004 wedding at the Carnegie Museum and enjoying every minute of it! Ironically, she also loves being a divorce attorney! As always, she would love to hear from any classmates. ebennington@pbkg.net

Julie Pett-Ridge is in grad school at Cornell, about halfway through working towards a Ph.D. in geochemistry. jcp38@cornell.edu

Zakia Redd majored in sociology and African American Studies at Oberlin. She moved to DC and went to Georgetown Public Policy Institute for graduate school in 1998. Upon graduation in 2000, Zakia went to work as a research analyst at Child Trends, where, as a senior research analyst, she does quantitative and qualitative studies on how youth development programs and social and education policies affect children and their families. She would be happy to talk to anyone interested in research or policy. Zakia loves living in Adams Morgan, a vibrant, diverse neighborhood in the heart of the city. “I’m a city girl enjoying the single life. I can’t wait to see the rest of my classmates for the reunion.” zakia@wmata.com

1993

Mara McFalls is back in Pittsburgh after five years in San Francisco. “I jumped careers from high-tech PR (snore!) to TV producer. I’ve worked on various films and TV shows (including West Wing and Robert Redford’s latest, The Clearing), while trying to figure out where I fit in the industry. And I’ve finally found my passion. I produce, write, and report on the art and culture scene in Pittsburgh for WQED-TV’s daily news show, ‘OnQ.’ It airs 7:30 p.m. weekdays and my pieces run each Thursday. I feature local up-and-coming artists who are generating a dynamic and interesting buzz for the young population in the city to enjoy. I absolutely love my job and cannot be more positive about Pittsburgh and my decision to come back home.” MmcFalls@WQED.org

Rebecca Smith Nelson married Kenneth “Buzz” Nelson in May 2002. She works as a staff industrial engineer at Mine Safety Appliances where she facilitates new product development projects including a chemical/biological escape hood for high-rise office buildings, heads-up display unit for firefighting facemasks and various other safety-related products. She currently attends Villanova University Online to receive her Master certificate in project management and her PMP Certification. She took a French class to brush up on her WT-acquired French skills since the company has plants in Quebec and Paris. Becca and Buzz bought a home in Monroeville, PA, where she teaches CCD at St. Bernadette Parish and plays guitar and sings in the contemporary choir. becca.nelson@MSANET.com

1991

Christine Phillips Gregory and her husband have been
foster parents for several years. They decided not to have children of their own and, since Tom surprised her by signing them up for foster licensing classes for Valentine’s Day 2000, they’ve had 16 children live in their home, ranging from two at a time to the current eight. They will be seeking permanent guardianship for their oldest, Rochelle, this fall. Christine’s husband and father went into business together and bought a restaurant, Gregory’s Grille. It has been a tremendous success and is a neighborhood favorite. Last February, Christine was nominated to apply for a position as an educator astronaut. In April 2003 she earned an internship to work on the Mars Exploration Rover science program, Athena. With two of her high school students, she developed a plan for research using rovers that are safely on their way to Mars now and will be arriving in January 2004. Christine graduated from the University of North Dakota this past summer with an Master’s degree in Space Studies. She completed the degree entirely through distance learning over the internet. Mmechris@aol.com

Mollie Halpern is still working in the media industry, most recently as a TV news reporter in Scranton, PA. She is happy being closer to Pittsburgh since her last reporting and anchoring jobs have taken her farther and farther away to cities like Boston and Portland.

tamollie@hotmail.com

1990

Jessica McMichael Ortiz was married on October 28, 2000, to Pablo Ortiz, whom she met while studying abroad in Ecuador. Their son, Pablo, was born on September 24, 2002, in Brampton, Ontario, Canada, where they currently reside. pjortiz@rogers.com

1989

Liz Miller Buchanan had a little boy on March 30, 2003. William Beckler “Beck” Buchanan is number three! Tess turned two in July and Lily turned four in June. Together with husband Jack they are really enjoying life in Highland Park!

jacknliz@yahoo.com

Annie Carson Engel and husband Gus welcomed a baby girl, Helen Freyvogel Engel, into the world on July 24, 2003. Helen “Rory” joins her big brother Will.

aengel@law.uconn.edu

1988

Anna Cotone attended WT from K-8. Upon graduation from Princeton University, she attended the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College for an M.A. in English and then went to Sarah Lawrence College, where she earned an M.F.A. in writing. Anna moved back to Pittsburgh about three years ago after living in Boston and Brooklyn. She is a writer and professor at Chatham College. She also visits schools as a poet for the International Poetry Forum and writes reviews for the Boston Review.

acatone@chatham.edu

Jacqueline Marks will marry George Ledo on May 30, 2004, at The Beach House in Bal Harbour, FL. Her sister, Wendy Marks ’90 will be the maid of honor. Both Jacqueline and Wendy are very successful in the real estate market in south Florida. Jacqueline works for Turnberry International Realty in Aventura, FL, and Wendy is the sales manager of Boca Grand and Aquazul and works for The Related Group of Florida. jacki6@aol.com

Bidisha Mukherjee Riccardi gave birth to Mackenzie Elizabeth Riccardi on July 16, 2003. Zachary is a great big brother!

bidisha1@hotmail.com

Annette Caplan Ruzicka and her husband welcomed a baby girl to the brood. Anya Leigh was born April 9, 2003, and joins sisters Liza and Emilia and brother Zane.

ruzickafam@yahoo.com

Christin Zandin ’88 writes that The Stockholm Writers Group, to which she belongs, published its first anthology in March 2003. Point of Departure is a collection of short stories, essays, and novel excerpts and includes her three poems, “Atlantic,” “Castles in the Sand,” and “Walk.” If anyone is interested they can contact Chris and she’ll arrange for copies to be delivered. Chris has written a short story set at dear old WT (though given a different name in the story).

1987

Liz Wollman is an assistant professor of music at Baruch College, City University of New York. She and her husband are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Paulina Arabella Dunn, on February 14, 2003.

lizwollman@yahoo.com

1986

Gretchen Biesecker completed her Ph.D. in developmental psychology at Tufts University in 2001. For the past two years she lived in Sweden, conducting research at Vrebro University, and enjoyed living and traveling in Europe. Recently, she moved back to Boston, where she directs a longitudinal study of adolescents for the University of Chicago Department of Psychiatry.

gbieseck@yahoo.com

Tracy Marasti Hawkins and husband Len are expecting their third child in November 2003. They have two boys.

Janet Harrison Kuzmishin ’87 and Mary McLenahan ’87 had a reunion at the Pittsburgh airport while Janet was visiting family. It was also a first meeting of the Rachels. Janet’s daughter Rachel Rose and Mary’s daughter Rachel Iris became fast friends.
Theron, 5, and Adam, 3. They live in Northern Virginia, and Tracy continues to work part-time for Booz Allen Hamilton. hawkins.tracy@bah.com

Tamara Love joined five defending world champions on Team USA at the World Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Stade de France in Saint-Denis, Paris, in August 2003. She believes the key to her selection was her 2:37:32 time at the California International marathon in Sacramento last December. Tamara lives in San Diego and works as a public defender.

1985

Tracey Cohen lives in Bristol, RI, with husband Gil and their baby boy, Hanibal, who was born February 23, 2003. She is a family physician and works as the medical director at an underserved community health care center. Tracey_ellen@att.net

Mara Mrvos is special reports editor for the Pittsburgh Business Times. Prior to taking this position in 2000, she worked for the Miami Herald and The Wine News magazine in Miami. She holds Master’s degrees in Journalism and International Communication from the University of Miami and American University, respectively. In her spare time, she trains her 15-month-old Vizsla, Tokaj. The two are currently involved in American Kennel Club hunt tests and field trials. mmrvos@bizjournals.com

Lisa R. Baldwin-Youngblood and husband Marlon have a new addition, named Niyah Elise, born January 20, 2003. Sons Amon, 5, and Demetrius, 10, are in kindergarten and fifth grade, respectively, at WT. fame@theellisschool.org

Cindy Berger gave birth to her second daughter, Piper Emma Hancock, on July 26, 2003. About five years ago she stopped practicing civil rights law and returned to school for her Master’s in Counseling Psychology. She and her husband still enjoy Alaska living and are avid runners and rock and mountain climbers. cinberger@aol.com.

Jill Medina is the proud mother of two boys, Melvin, 9, and Brenden, 7, and her adopted daughter, Maegen, pre-teen, yikes! Jill is a single parent and an active soccer mom. She was recently promoted to associate director of admissions for Oberlin College where she begins her seventh year of employment. jill.medina@oberlin.edu

Kathleen Tessaro was featured in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review in an article praising her debut effort as a novelist. According to the article, “Elegance is a bestselling in England and [is] the story of Louise Canova, an expatriate Pittsburgher living in London who has given up on acting and is casting about for another career.” Rumor has it that some of Kathleen’s WT experiences are quite recognizable in the book.

1982

Amy Jones Teele writes, “Believe it or not my oldest child, Dawn, is in her second year of college. Emily is in her second year of high school and my son, Sam, is in his second year of middle school at WT. Now that I no longer have to tie shoes and wipe noses I am enjoying the second half of my life working in the garden or playing with other people’s children in my art room. It was so much fun seeing so many of my classmates at reunion last fall. Please let me know when you are in town because I miss you all.” ateele@aol.com

1981

Rohini Taneja Jeet is now a practicing physician in New Delhi, India. She is married with three kids, 13, 12, and 7 (two boys and a girl). Rohini comes home every summer to Pittsburgh and is in touch with Amy Tenenouser, Lori Adelson Derman, Debbie Leff Dutton, and Heidi Hageman Smith. She would love to meet others. drjeet@yahoo.com

Jaymi Myers-Newman and husband. Ken, live in Squirrel Hill with their three bold and beautiful boys. Grant, 8, Cole, 5, and Heath, 2. Grant and Cole attend WT and are, respectively, in second grade and kindergarten readiness. Heath keeps busy with typical toddler mayhem! “Last spring, I was fortunate to co-chair the school’s wine tasting benefit. I made wonderful new friends and reconnected with terrific old friends. I encourage everyone out there to become more active in our alma mater! You will have a great time and be able to give back to a school that has given so much to us all!” jaymi.lynn@verizon.net

Alison Rosenberg lives in Olney, MD, with husband Charles Kallenbach and their three children, Evie, 10, Jonah, 8 and Sophie, 4. She is a social worker doing individual and group therapy at an agency in Gaithersburg, MD. Alison wishes she lived in Pittsburgh and could send her own kids to WT! kallenbach@comcast.net

Julie Felman Wagner had a great summer in Aspen with lots of hiking, horseback riding, swimming, s’mores, and just plain fun. Her daughter Brenanne, 9, spent part of her summer at camp in Canada while Margo, 6, stayed home. Julie had fun when she unexpectedly bumped into Marcy Nord while on a visit to Pittsburgh. “Anyone visiting the Aspen area, just drop me a line or call. I would love to hear from you.” juliewags@earthlink.net

Stephanie Wishnev sends greetings from hot and sunny Las Vegas. She has been happily living with her life partner, Lynn, for the last three years. They are both pelvic surgeons and frequently operate together. For her 40th birthday they went to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. Perhaps Canada will be in their travel plans at some point. “Anyone visiting Las Vegas is encouraged to look us up.” buttdoctor@lv.rmci.net

1980

Viveka (Fuchs) Fox anglicized her name to Fox about 10 years ago.
after she got sick of people mispronouncing it. Since graduating from college, she has been an outdoor education teacher, a high school teacher, a geologist, a high school teacher again, a musician, and a fencing instructor. The last two are her current professions. “I seem to have come full circle and figured out how to make a living (albeit marginal!) doing the two things I enjoyed most in high school. I play in a band called Atlantic Crossing and coach the Vermont Fencing Alliance club. My husband Peter Macfarlane is a native of England, up until recently a high school teacher, and a would-be boat builder.”

Anne O’Dair lives in Sparta, NJ, with her husband, Tim Holovacs. She has a two-year-old son, Finn; daughter Shea was born on July 17, 2003. Anne and Tim are both chiropractors and have a home office that allows them to alternate seeing patients and taking care of their children. They love to bike around the lake in their town, and kayak on it, and Tim is an avid rower. “After I recover from giving birth, I can’t wait to start running again.” anneod@earthlink.net

1979

Ellen Krause Johnson reports that she got together with Jodi Cohen Klein, Ellen Silverman Garvin, and spouses in Las Vegas, as they do every year. They were also joined by two families who have students at WT: David and Barb Kalla and Jon and Lindsay Isaacson. Ellen and David have been traveling extensively. After a fabulous weekend in Fryeburg, ME, for a summer camp reunion (where she saw cousin Diane (Dee Dee) Krouse ‘78, Pam Aranson Adelsheimer ‘83, and Lynn Aranson Shapiro (Assoc Alum) and a September trip to Pittsburgh for her mother’s 80th birthday, they are looking forward to a trip to Bangkok and Phuket, Thailand, in November. mblueyz@pacbell.net

Carolyn “Laurie” Kapner writes, “I am completely loving new motherhood with my son Daniel whom I adopted from Guatemala in May 2003. Daniel is funny and outgoing, and he’s very patient with his new mom who is starting to get the hang of it.” c.kapner@att.net

Kathleen Paylor lives in Laguna Beach with her partner of six years, two dogs, and a giant cat. She looks out on the ocean every day and loves living in Southern California. Kathleen is the director of individual giving for AIDS Services Foundation, Orange County, an organization providing services to men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS. “I have been woefully out of touch with my classmates and would love to hear from people! kpaylor@ocasf.org

Helene Stone Prince lives in Shadyside, is still in real estate, and started a new fitness and nutrition company called LifeStart. She and her business partner coach people to achieve their physical dreams through exercise and nutrition. “The company is mobile so we typically go into the home. Life is great and I am very blessed!” helene@stargate.net

Peggy Jo Vanderbeck-Thomas and husband Dan are renovating their home on Deer Island in CT so that Peggy’s father may move from Murrysville, PA, to live with them. Daughter Shellby Jo entered second grade this fall at a Christian school in Torrington. She is really thriving there and plans to send her own children there as well! Peggy Jo began teaching piano from her home last year. She held her first annual recital and was quite satisfied with the progress of her first students. Three of them happen to be adults, proving you are never too old to learn! Peggy Jo sings with a Gospel choir called Salt and Pepper, located in New Haven, and plays piano for her church. She directs the church choir, plays hammered dulcimer, and sings in a local band. In July 2003, Dan and Peggy Jo had the extreme pleasure of attending the wedding of Vireka Fox ‘80 by the shores of Lake Champlain. Everything was beautiful! memumsedso@aol.com

1978

Cindy Bulik recently moved with her husband Patrick Sullivan and children, Brendan, 13, Emily, 9, and Natalie, 7, to Chapel Hill, NC. Cindy is currently the William R. and Jeanne H. Jordan Distinguished Professor of Eating Disorders at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is also the president of the Academy for Eating Disorders. This position at Chapel Hill is the first endowed chair in eating disorders in the country. She will develop a new comprehensive treatment program for eating disorders at UNC and will continue her research on the genetics of eating disorders and weight regulation. In her spare time, she still figure skates (with her three children), learns new languages, and is working on several projects around the world focusing on eating disorders as well as adolescent and women’s mental health. cbulik@med.unc.edu

Janice Birrell French works at Carnegie Mellon’s Graduate School of Industrial Administration as a development associate where she primarily works with the alumni director. She enjoys spending free time with her husband, Bart, and daughters Natalie, 13, and Kirsten, 11. jkhfrench@worldnet.att.net

1977

Cindy Deskins Brickley reports, “I launched yet another web store - this one is called TeapotsGalore.com (for all of life’s little parties), and I’ve also been venturing into estate auctions for resale on
1974

**Leisel Locke Lengyel**

is going through breast cancer treatment, with daily radiation treatments and once a week Herceptin treatments. Her family managed a vacation to the Jersey shore this past summer, which was very relaxing. Leisel went to her 25th college reunion and daughter Liz’s soccer tournament. She enjoys reading about the activities going on at WT.

cindy@thebasketeer.com

1976

**Susan Dunmire** reports that life is busy with three teenagers. Robert had his Bar Mitzvah October 2002, and Sara and Becky turned twelve over the summer. Susan still works as an attending physician in the emergency department at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh and spends at least 50 percent of her time teaching medical students. Her husband is a trauma surgeon at Presby so they meet frequently in the ER. “I do miss all of the friendships I had at WT and wish we could get together more often. I look forward to mentoring more WT students in the emergency department.”

cindy@thebasketeer.com

1975

**Randy Lyon Mayes** recently met a woman named Barbara Lytle at Duke Clinical Research Institute who seemed so familiar. The more she inquired, the faster Randy realized that she is the daughter of **Louise Baldridge Lytle ’51**! “I get a big kick out of working with the daughter of my first grade teacher!”

rlyon007@yahoo.com

1974

**Mary Martin ’88** has returned to WT, this time to teach art to fifth- through eighth-graders. Although she initially resisted becoming a teacher because both of her parents are educators, Martin discovered that her call to teach is strong and deep. Martin has always had a deep love of, and talent for, art. Upon encouragement from WT Art teacher **Gerry Ondrizek**, Mary attended the Rhode Island School of Design and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture and a B.F.A in 1993.

Since then she has held a number of unusual positions with many institutions including the Smithsonian Institute, the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, the Carnegie Museum of Art, the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild, and the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center. Most recently, she coordinated an artist-in-residency program for which she recruited African American artists to teach in Pittsburgh’s public housing communities.

Martin believes that WT instilled in her a habit of involvement that remains with her today. While a student at WT, she was encouraged and relied upon to participate in so many activities—from art, to athletics, to working on **Plaid**, to community service. Martin continues that tradition of involvement. In addition to her position as Middle School art teacher, Martin is active on the board of the Sankore Institute, a center for Islamic Studies, and Women of Visions, an arts collective for African American women artists.

Martin and her husband, Luqman Abdul-Salaam, are parents of a son, Jafaar, 2 ½, and a daughter, Asma’u, 11 months.
1973

Liz Pentin returned to Pittsburgh in 2001 after living 14 years in NYC (where she worked in advertising and marketing, primarily for HBO), three years in Freiburg and Stuttgart, Germany (where she completed Waldorf teacher certification), and two years in Basel, Switzerland (where she taught English as a Second Language in a Waldorf/Rudolf Steiner School). Liz has been teaching English part time at Pitt since 2001. In April 2003 she married William Franko, a classmate from Allegheny College. They live in Squirrel Hill. lizpentin@yahoo.com

1972

Molly Cannon Stevenson’s son Will recently graduated from high school and is attending the University of the Pacific in California. He is a big guy and a surfer dude at heart. Mamie is 12 going on 20, and Molly is sorry that she will miss the WT experience. But Mamie will do well at the Jesuit High School her brother attended. After a delay due to SARS, Molly traveled to China to take possession of her youngest child, Sophie, aka Xiao Fan (Little Sail) in July. Details of the experience and photos of Sophie can be seen at www.principalsphilanthropy.com. Molly still consults in fundraising and hopes to work at a non-profit part of the week while still consulting. Husband Bill is extremely busy and still runs marathons. They will be raising kids forever, and Molly thinks of starting a network of midlife mothers who are raising toddlers! mstevensPIP@aol.com

1971

Ellen “Charney” Regenstein Spyra has been traveling quite a bit this year. She spent her January wedding anniversary in New York with her husband Dennis, and a lovely Valentine’s weekend in Naples, FL, at Dennis’ uncle’s home. March found the Spyras, along with their daughters Jennifer and Jacqueline (WT ’06) in Jamaica for the girls’ spring break. In April the family returned to visit Barnard College in NYC, where Jennifer began this fall. In May Charney and Dennis escaped to London for a long weekend and enjoyed (at least Charney did) the Chelsea Flower show, Kew Gardens, and delicious Indian, French, and Lebanese food. July 4th weekend found the clan again in Naples, FL for swimming and shopping. In late August they returned to NYC to drop off Jennifer at school. When not traveling, Charney works as an attorney for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection, and Dennis practices bankruptcy law at his own firm. cregenstein@state.pa.us

1970

Polly Haight Frawley and her husband Al still live on their farm in North Yarmouth, ME, and celebrated their 25th anniversary this year with a bike trip. They have one son in college and one graduating from high school this year. Polly has a mediation/ arbitration practice in Portland. PHFraw@aol.com

1969

Sherry Weissman Schweitzer still works in the Office of Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Education — a federal employee for 18 years! Her husband practices law involving children, and her daughter just turned nine. Sherry and her daughter are part of a mother-daughter book club – “it’s really cool.” sherry.schweitzer@ed.gov

1968

Carol Byrom Conrad has adjusted to their move to DC after 18 years in Providence RI…a big change. Carol had dinner with Wendy Franklin Planel before she moved in 2002. Carol is in her third year as Social Studies Department chair at the Bullis School in Potomac, MD. Younger son Tim is a happy sophomore there and avoids Carol unless he needs something. Older son Jamie is in his second year of marriage and finished his Marine air training just in time to spend his first deployment with his Prowler squadron at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia at war with Iraq. He is now home and well, but it was an experience none of them wants to repeat. Husband Dennis is an historian at the Early Historical Center with the Navy, moving his study of the American Revolution from land to sea. So two of the family are employed by the Department of Defense, but in very different roles. Carol looks forward to an alum event in DC. Carol_Conrad@bullis.org

Joy Marks Gray is officially an empty nester with Daniel entering his third year of college at Case Western Reserve and Matthew entering his second year at the University of Maryland Honors Program. So now it’s Marvin, Joy, and the four cats. Joy continues teaching at Kenston High School: senior AP, junior AP, American Studies, a Whodunit elective, and a Holocaust elective. She’s become involved in Holocaust education both at the high school and at her temple, and she had a lesson plan accepted for publication on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s website, so look for her there! MysteriousGray@aol.com

Roberta Felman Lewis became an empty nester with son Jordan at the University of Arizona and daughter Sasha starting at Arizona State University this fall. They enjoyed a vacation in England.
this past summer to escape
the heat in Arizona. The
last class notes put Roberta
in touch with an old WT
friend, Judy McCloskey Dyke,
whose daughter Maity Kirk
taught at WT, as well as with
Julie Felman Wagner ’81,
whom Roberta recognized
as a (much younger)
cousin she had never met!
Both were great surprises.
Dogonitart@aol.com

1967
Kristi Kerins is delighted
to see WT’s reinvigorated
interest in its alumnae/i. She
reads everything she receives
with great interest and would
love to get back to Pittsburgh
sometime. Kristi has been
head of Lake Forest Country
Day School in Lake Forest, IL,
for the past five years. “It is
unbelievable to me that I have
been in the world of education
for 32 years!!! It continues
to be a challenging career.”
Kristi was recently elected
to the Board of Trustees of
the National Association
of Independent Schools
(NAIS) and finds it incredibly
stimulating to be involved
with independent education
from this perspective. kerinsk@lfcds.org

Heather Wishik recently
completed work for a
Certificate in group process
facilitation from UNISA
(University of South Africa) in
Pretoria, SA. She also taught
wood block printmaking to
five young artists in Soweto,
the Black township near
Johannesburg. Her partner
of 22 years, Susan, just
completed all requirements
to be a licensed attorney in
Ireland. Heather’s son, Gabriel,
just finished his first year
of medical school. While
Amsterdam is still their home
base, Heather and Susan
both have been expanding
the international nature of
their credentials and travel.
hwptown@hotmail.com

1966
Judy Uptegraff Spaeth
and husband Frank recently
celebrated their 32nd wedding
anniversary and 29 years of
optometric practice together.
They are starting over (after
leaving a large corporate group
practice) with the renovation
of a new office in a new
location that they hope to
have ready this fall. Daughter
Margaret, 23, just graduated
from Parsons School of Design
in NYC and is looking for a job
in Manhattan, and daughter
Susan, 21, attends St. Andrews
Presbyterian College. Judy
plays team tennis three to five
times a week and enjoys the
“empty nest.” They love getting
away to Bald Head Island, NC,
for the occasional weekend
at the beach. Judy would love
to hear from her classmates
and catch up on their news.
fspaeth@triad.rr.com

1965
Mary Riehl Peabody wrote
that five ’65’ers gathered at
Van Buren Point, NY, for a
weekend in June. Ronna
Brouerman Wallace,
Cynnne Pearson Turich,
Carol Heape Dee, Peggy
StubbS, and Mary enjoyed
antiquing, beachcombing,
and each other’s company.
marnyp@skillview.com

Joyce Kless Teese moved
to Treesdale in Butler County
last December. She enjoys
decorating what she hopes will
be her final home. Her mother
passed away in January at the
age of 93.

1964
Joyce Griffith Butler keeps
very busy with her six children
and 10 grandchildren. She
also is active with Habitat
for Humanity. Joyce extends
an open invitation to the
class of ’64. If you are flying
or driving through Charlotte,
NC, she would love to show
you this lovely city and share
tales of the last 39 years!
rbutler7@carolina.rr.com

1959
Lyn Clark Pegg reports
that life in the heartland
continues to be good with
two grandchildren living
2½ hours away, rewarding
employment with the
University of Minnesota, travel
to Nicaragua with Witness
for Peace, and sailing on Lake
Superior. synsails@charter.net

Donna Gow Taylor is still
an itinerant teacher for Head
Start with the Allegheny
Intermediate Unit. She is
pursuing a second Master’s
degree in education of young
children and she’s getting
this one online! The biggest
excitement in her life is
her 10 grandchildren and
one more on the way. Since
none of them live locally,
Donna and her husband
do a lot of traveling. Donna
had a great time at her 40th
college reunion in June.
donnahu@comcast.net

1958
Judy Goldstein Marks sent
greetings from London where
she and her husband spent
the summer. They travel from
Chapel Hill, NC, for their
annual cultural injection,
and do lots of theatre, opera,
concerts, and museums.
During the day they both

tend to go to the British Library where Judy researches the history of English bookbinding. Judy is sorry to miss seeing everyone at the reunion and looks forward to her class next landmark!

scrams@earthlink.net

1957

Judy Rohrer Davis enjoys life in Raleigh, where she continues to do counseling and volunteers at the State Archaeology Research Center and finds both activities very interesting and rewarding. Son Rick and his wife Leisa live nearby. He is an attorney at NC State and she is working on her post-doctorate at UNC in neurobiology. Son Brooks and his wife Ingrid have one boy, Matthew, 18 months, and are building a house in Charleston, SC, where they plan to move later this year. Son Tim, who returned from 2½ years working in Germany, spent the summer in Philadelphia on contract with SmithKline. He was married in August 2003 in Germany to a wonderful young woman whom they’re all looking forward to welcoming into the family. They have a house in Raleigh, but aren’t sure where they will be in the future. Judy spent some time with Betsy Smelzer Winslow who lives in Chapel Hill. She’s doing well, has six granddaughters! Her son Brad practices medicine in Colorado, and daughter Liz lives in Corning, NY, with her husband Chris and three daughters. Judy says “Hi! to all classmates and friends. Would love to have you stop by for a visit if you find yourselves in this area!

jardavis@mindspring.com

Sally Guy Stone-Worsing still works as executive director of City Music Center in Pittsburgh and is thankful to have a job she loves. Sally went to India in January 2003 for son Christopher’s wedding. “Three down and one to go!” Chris and his wife began faculty jobs at Middlebury College in September 2003, where his speciality is modern Arabic literature. Daughter Tade Stone Allen ’80 and her family live in Virginia Beach. Tade is busy with a full-time job and three children. Son Guy and his family recently transferred from Basel to Cork, where he is a chemist with Novartis, and Sally’s youngest son Charlie is an architect who also works in Basel. Life is good! stone@duq.edu

1956

Lynne Crookston Stull took a five-week car trek through Dallas, Tennessee, Ohio and, Virginia and ended in Orlando in early spring 2003. Flowering trees were all abloom so it was the perfect time to go! Now she is learning all about the county she lives in through a class that teaches residents how their tax dollars are being spent. “We spend eight hours each week visiting the jail, airport, courts, library, transportation, etc., so we can understand all about our county. It’s a very informative program and I’ve certainly learned a lot. Retirement is fun!” lyn438@webtv.net

1955

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Mary Minor Evans is setting up a volunteer program for the Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior, WI. Husband Bob retired last spring, so travel is in their future. mevans@d.umn.edu

Elizabeth Forstall Keen says that retirement in Florida is wonderful. She and Don enjoyed a three-week trip to China.

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1955

Melinda Brown Beard writes that she and her husband Phil “recently returned from a trip following the steps of St. Paul in Turkey and Greece, although not EXACTLY as St. Paul did it, as we were on the Sea Cloud. What a glorious experience!” She recently saw Franny Blasdell Hubbell, who was in Pittsburgh for a photography meeting, her new passion. “Franny looks as beautiful as the pictures she takes.” All four children and nine grandchildren are doing well. She sends love to all. melinda@SCBSLAW.com

Mary Minor Evans is setting up a volunteer program for the Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior, WI. Husband Bob retired last spring, so travel is in their future. mevans@d.umn.edu

Elizabeth Forstall Keen says that retirement in Florida is wonderful. She and Don enjoyed a three-week trip to China.

Linda Goorin Marcus is now a full-time choral lyricist for the sacred and educational markets, after many years teaching humanities courses. She writes for several choral music publishers including Warner Brothers, Shawnee Press, Hinshaw, Santa Barbara, and Lorenz, and collaborates with several composers, all of whom are gifted and generous! She and Dick have been married 45 years. Daughter Susan Marcus Jacobson ’78 lives in Dana Spicer McCown ’54
Class of ’54

1 to r, Brenda Wise Moffitt, Jeanne Arthur Roth, Betsy Croft Byerly, and Polly Richardson Hawkins

Croton, NY, with her husband, Harlan, and daughters Elodie and Blaise. Together, they run TALK CINEMA (www.talkcinema.com). Son Joel lives in Seattle with his wife Mita and daughter Sonja. He is the principal analyst for Safeco Investment Services. Linda thinks so often of WT and the class of 1955. linda@forcomm.net

1954

Polly Richardson Hawkins writes, “Please plan on attending our 50th reunion in October 2004. A number of us are planning a fun-filled weekend. Watch for further details!”

billhawk@adelphia.net

Dana Spicer McCown is a textile artist, independent researcher, and curator. Her research has been furthered this past year by visiting Bangkok, Thailand, to attend a conference on textile conservation. She then stayed in a weaving village in Eastern Thailand specializing in ikat weaving to document their particular techniques. More recently she visited Switzerland to spend several days with the Asian arts curator of the Museum der Kulturen in Basel that holds an important collection of the Telia Rumal, double ikat from South India, which she has studied most extensively.

Dana’s own exhibition of Telia Rumal entitled An Endangered Species has been touring in Australia the past year and finished up in Sydney in September. She created a website with videos and interactive components to complement the exhibition at www.ozeemail.com.au/~danajune/rumal.htm. She also made a 30-minute video that documents the story and is in the library of the Textile Museum in Washington, DC, so anyone in that area can see it. Dana is taking her 21-year-old grandson to India to give him an experience of this most fascinating country. Husband Bob retired this past year and is just happy not to travel after a career that took him overseas quite often for development work.

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Darin Geise Snyder has already started working on next year’s 50th reunion. “Attention Class of ’54! We need your e-mail addresses so that we can be in contact with each of you as we look forward to our 50th Reunion. Please reply when you read this so you do not forget.” DarSny5633@aol.com

1953

Ann Livingston Reed ’53 lives in Philadelphia and spends summers in Freedom, NH. She has two sons with four grandchildren ranging in age from 3 months to 11 years. “Being a grandmother is the BEST!” Ann retired from partnership of P&B Associates and is still active in volunteer circles. She is chairman of the board of the Morris Arboretum and is on the boards of Chanticleer Garden, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Leadership, Inc. Ann loves to travel, and in last couple of years she has visited Africa, Russia, Mexico, Alaska, Nova Scotia, England, with many more places to go and see. She still plays some tennis, squash, cross-country skis, and enjoys the outdoors. “Gardening has been our passion – we have a two-acre restored garden that we have done over in the last few years, and we enjoy showing it to others.”

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Mary Ann Rowe Wucher has been married to high school sweetheart Dr. Fred Wucher for 46 years and has lived in the same Mt. Lebanon house for 35 years. All of their children, Brad, Kathy, and Scott, are happily married and live within 15 minutes of Mary Ann. Now that Fred is retired, besides enjoying time with their grandchildren, Mary Ann and Fred volunteer for Make-A-Wish, Pittsburgh Elderhostel, Southminster Presbyterian Church, and Wesley Institute. Mary Ann served as Pennsylvania president for PEO in 1997 and Muskingum College reunion chairman for many years. She’s now on the Institutional Review Board of UPMC where she reviews their protocols and consent forms for the average layperson to understand and reports at the monthly committee meetings. They will be touring Eastern Europe in early October, so, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the reunion. “I shall miss seeing all of my classmates.”

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1952

Barbara Abney Bolger was the recipient of the first Volunteer of the Year Award given by Children’s Aid and Family Services in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the agency and particularly to the Woodlea Home in Ridgewood, NJ, last spring.

bsybz@aol.com

Jean MacIntyre will be in Pittsburgh for the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (October 30-November 2), chairing one session and reading a paper, “Enchanted Islands Floating,” at another, and perhaps going on to deliver a talk on Canadian writers in St. Louis.

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Cynthia Hill Smith wrote that the year since the wonderful 50th reunion passed with routine activities and no major events. She and Rod spent February 2003 in the Florida Keys. John and Jodi Kesel Shallenberger spent three days with them and they had a great time. Jodi and Cynthia were enchanted by a visit to the new butterfly conservatory in Key West. Cynthia and Rod are again out in New Mexico from May to October, fretting over the fact that as of the end of July the monsoons haven’t started. They’d be very grateful to have some of the East coast’s rain. She is busy with two grandchildren and is having a wonderful time taking a class in portrait drawing.

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1951
Carol Crookston Close had fun with Patty McClay Boggs when she and Flip were visiting from Savannah, GA, for a wedding.

1948
Nancy Moore Whitney and Bob attended the Doolittle family reunion in Wallingford, CT, in August. “We had gone there to do research and found that it has a goldmine of information since the family settled in that area in the 1600’s. More than 100 came and took part.” whitney.nancy@worldnet.att.net

1947
Dorothy Dodworth Scullin is recuperating from a broken back as a result of a fall. Physical therapy helps to strengthen her muscles and re-educate her posture. (Thanks to carrying too many books at WT!)

1946
Jane Calloman Arkus still consults on marketing communications issues with a for-profit client (Isaly’s) and, extra-curricularly, with non-profit boards on which she serves, including the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and City Theatre. Jane is also deeply involved in helping orchestrate a five-day cultural tour of Pittsburgh in October 2004 for the national support group of the art center at Vassar College, plus a region-wide symposium to be conducted by the college for Vassar alums. As Jane says, “the beat goes on and I like it.” JCARKUS@cs.com

Nancy Fink Nirenberg has lived in Stockbridge, MA, full-time since 1987. She works at the gallery of sculptor Andrew DeVries and creates events and graphic designs and promotion for several nonprofits: Literacy Network of South Berkshire, Berkshire Botanical Garden, and the Berkshire Art Association. A highlight of the year was a trip to Fallingwater with a structural engineer friend who has been working for six years to stabilize the house. Nancy’s sister, Suzanne Fink Scott ’43 and husband Gerald joined them from Philadelphia. Enroute, Nancy squeezed in four hours for her first return to Pittsburgh in 40 years to lunch with Joan Berkman Ostrow ’50 and Jane Callomon Arkus. (Nancy often has lunch with Joan’s sister, Barbara Berkman Lesser ’46 somewhere between where they live Stockbridge and Williamstown.) Jane Arkus came up to Williamstown with Pittsburgh neon artist and past WT Trustee Jane Haskell, and Nancy enjoyed showing them MASS MoCA in North Adams, MA. nancyn@bcn.net

1945
Shirley Kerr Kennard and husband Hunter have had a dreadfully eventful two years. In February 2002 Hunter collapsed at home and underwent surgery to replace a heart valve. After a slow recuperation he was able to get out on their boat (Island Packet 31) by June. They had a month-long cruise to Asia in early 2003 and luckily visited all of the SARS places just before the disease broke out. Hunter had elective back surgery upon return. They spent three weeks in New Mexico in August. Shirley and Hunter are mostly retired from their architectural practice, only doing small things for old clients. They truly love living in Annapolis on the water with their boat, just down the steps. Shirley’s latest endeavor is singing with the Annapolis Chorale and this will be her second year. They sing all kinds of music from musicals to pop to help pay for the serious works they really want to do. Their son is in NYC doing software work, and their daughter and her husband are in Kensington, MD. Grandson Cameron starts high school this year. Shirley is looking forward to a two-week Caribbean junket on a huge square rigger with old friends. The three husbands all turned 80 this year, and since all are sailors, this trip seemed a joyous way to celebrate! bonkerstwo@annapolis.net

Anne “Roo” Forncrook McCloskey reports that her daughter, Jean “Mimi” Dow ’69, a school psychologist, has two children, Allison and Kristin. Allison is married to Jesse Threet and has a little boy, Matthew, who was born in January 2001. They live in Lewisburg, PA. Kristin is an occupational therapist and is going to be married Memorial Day 2004. Her husband-to-be is Paul Krautworst. WT154@aol.com

1943
Marguerite Yates writes “widowhood, retirement, and five children encourage trips to various grandchildren in Paris, Boston and New York. Our penthouse on Central Park West means I enjoy entertaining diverse groups outdoors like the British Universities and Schools Association, the United Nations Womens’ Guild, the Episcopal Church Book Reading Club, and the ad hoc tennis/bridge players of Central Park. Most refreshing each summer is my lengthy enjoyment of the serenity and sports and crafts of an old Quaker community at Pocono Lake Preserve. Here simplicity, sincerity, and service help us maintain dirt roads, no streetlights, and ecological frugality. All year I try to actively participate in...”
discussions on peace and moral commitment to alleviate hunger and pain as the American Friends Service Committee, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Move On carry out humanitarian action and position papers concerning the Middle East, Africa, and South America. I try to be involved and urge each of us to write our Congressmen and Senators frequently on global issues.”

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1941

Ruth Weimer Tillar had a wonderful trip to Scotland last spring. “The experiences and travels throughout this beautiful country brought back special memories of living in Miss Mitchell’s home as a boarding student for three years. She shared so much with us about Scotland and her life there. I once again enjoyed foods which were frequently served to us at her home. It also brought back happy memories of the wonderful times we had as students living in her home and being a part of the entire WT family. I realize now, too, that I am also a part of the Graham Clan which was also her family. I will wear the Graham plaid with pride!

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1938

Mary Cooper Dunn writes that she is doing great, still gardening and traveling.

Honorary Alumnae

Annie Guentner wrote, “I don’t want to bore anyone with my leisure activities, which, however, make my life delightful. I am keeping contact with a lot of our gang (teachers) from the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s and we share some memories of our times together at dear old WT. I would have loved to be at the reunion in October but I am going to France and Spain at that time and won’t be back in time. So please give everyone my best.”

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Condolences

To Jaymi Myers-Newman ‘81, Grant ‘14 and Cole ‘17 Newman on the death of her father and their grandfather, Morton Myers, May 2003

To Molly Singley ‘73, on the death of her mother, Marcia Olds Singley ‘46, August 2003

To Elizabeth Pentin ‘72, on the death of her mother, Betty Pentin, July 2003

To Rachel ‘99, Sarah ‘00, and Joseph ‘02 Schmidhofer and former trustee Edie Shapira, on the death of the Schmidhofer’s grandmother and Edie’s mother, Frieda Shapira, July 2003

To Patty Watson Kammerer ‘68 on the death of her father, John P. “Jack” Watson, August 2003

To Joyce Kloss Teese ‘65, on the death of her mother, January 2003

To Cathy Blum ‘73 and Constance Blum Marstine ‘55, on the death of Cathy’s father and Connie’s brother, Jacques Blum, June 2003

To Alison Pedicord Schleifer ‘60, on the death of her mother, Adah Smith Ackerman ‘58, and Elizabeth Ackerman Kaiden ‘86, on the death of Barbara, Susan and Helen’s father and Elizabeth’s grandfather, Allen H. Berkman, May 2003

To WT teacher Ellen Freise-Diulus and Brian Diulus ‘03, on the death of her husband and his stepfather, Ron Diulus, May 2003

Deaths

The following member of the WT community will be missed by their classmates, friends, students, and colleagues. We offer sincere condolences to their families.

Allen H. Berkman, former Trustee, May 29, 2003
Louise Mellor Gault ‘52, May 23, 2003
Joan Whetzel Murray ‘48, January 21, 2003
Matilda “Bucky” Kimerer King Borman ‘47, August 5, 2003
Marcia Olds Singley ‘46, August 10, 2003
Maurine Hatman Wiener ‘43, October 2002
Jean Dunn Prejean ‘36, March 23, 2003
Helen Hardie Lord ‘33, April 23, 2003
Margaret Yates Schuette ‘33, August 8, 2003
Margaret Hildebrand Bartlett ‘31, July 14, 1999
Polly Schoyer Brooks ‘29, Fall 2002
Helene McCune Hart ‘28, April 1, 2003
Mary Louise Fawcett Ludebuhl ‘24, June 9, 2003
Eleanor Baton Schuets ‘22, July 30, 2003
Harriet Grier Donworth ‘17, February 15, 2003

Can You Help Us Find These Lost Alums?

The following alumnae/i from class years ending in ‘4 and ‘9 are lost. Please contact Alison Wolfson at (412) 578-7529 or wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org if you have information on how to reach them.

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Marta Jane Smys Waters ‘49
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Not only did we increase the total dollar value of the WT Fund, we also reached a new record for number of donors. More than 1,200 people supported WT this year with 1,800 gifts—also a new record.

I want to thank the dedicated Steering Committee that directed the campaign. They were the driving force behind our success; their names appear on page 41.

People often ask how Winchester Thurston’s fundraising compares to that of other schools. I am pleased to say that in several areas we outperform comparable independent schools.

Notable achievements include:

- Our Board of Trustees’ average gift was 33% higher than the average in our peer group.

- Our Faculty and Staff reached a remarkable participation rate of 91%.

- Alumnae/i participation—30%—is high; WT had the second highest alumnae/i participation rate in its benchmarking group of comparable independent schools.

- The Parents Association gave $25,000 in gifts to special projects designed to make the educational program better for students and teachers alike.

- EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) grants totaled over $90,000.
I ask you to please continue giving to the WT Fund. Our campaign theme for the 2003-2004 school year, Make It Happen, is another call to every one of us who cares about Winchester Thurston. In my role as trustee and past WT Fund Chair, I am adding a special personal request—please make it happen again!

Steve Loevner
WT Fund Chair
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Thanks to the dedicated 2002-2003 WT Fund Steering Committee, who directed the campaign. These individuals were the driving force behind our success:

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Phyllis Reed Andrews
Britta Ericson Chambers
Martha Tennant Crawford
Betty Gits Dell
Barbara Foster Mars
Dorothy Willow Reed
Virginia Ann Sheppard
Nancy Milholland Sprecher
Ruth Weimer Tillar

1942
Ruth Speidel Dalzell-McMillan
Enid Mitchell Dunmire
Ann Gore Keck
Marion Thompson Kerwin
Gertrude M. Knell
Eleanor Jackson Migdal
Jane Bartman Porter

1943
Anonymous (2)
Winifred Schultz Carr
Shirley Seubert Chewing
Joan Borden Drury
Janet Donalson Gilmore
Jessie Butler Herdic
Letitia Rieck Isherwood

1945
Elizabeth Ann Leggett Black
Dorothy Baird Clark
Jane Westphal Griese
Claire Bloom Hahn
Frances Lyne Heiner
Esther Speidel Jack
Betty Jean “B.J.” King Kane
Shirley Kerr Kennard
Electra Anthan Manfred
Margery Succop McCarthy
Anne (Roone) Forncrook McClaskey
Jean Clark Yount

1946
Enola Sargent Almony
Jane Collomark Arkus
Katherine MacDonald Blein
Caroline Abraham Delevan
Jeanne Plowman Deschner
Rita J. Gould
Shirley Ferguson Hall
Lenore Corey Hanson
Mary Meyer Johns
Patricia Marlin Laird

1949
Myrna Kline Hackney
Margaret Moore Mills
Martha Harrison Seipel
Anne Christler VonSothen
Margaret Smith Wenzel MD

1951
Anonymous (1)
Patricia McClay Baggs
Carol Crookston Close
Sally Bloom Cohen
Ruth O’Brien Collura
Audrey Whitcomb Fetter

1954
Catherine Westervelt Baillie
Sarah Buchanan Braun
Betty Gott Byerly
Alice Gauldt Fuchs
Polly Richardson Hawkins
Sally Lewis Horner
Nancy Berryman Latimer
Judith Marshall Lauer
Susan Parker Livingston
Janet Rothman Markel
Anne (Kiki) Bahr McConnell
Brenda Wise Moffitt
Bobbie Blackburn Muenzmay
Sally Helset Price
Sandra Metz Qureshi
Elizabeth Minsky Ruckkin
Barbara Messer Steinfirst
Susan Williams Workman

1955
Anonymous (1)
Nancy Riester Allen
Melinda Brown Beard
Ann Wright Curran
Faith Wertz Eastwood
Nancy Stimmel Herpin
Elizabeth Forstall Keen
Suzanne Dressler Kellar
Linda Goozin Marcus
Constance Blum Maristine
Jeanne Murdoch Smith

1957
Phyllis Chirnland
Nann Hegmann Cooke
Judy Rohrer Davis
Marilyn King Jones

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- Barbara Berkman Ackerman
- Katherine Horner Anderson
- Marilyn Wilson Bonner
- Jean Botcher
- Joanne Johnson Bowser
- Linda Isaay Coughlin
- Susan Pekruhn Glotfelty
- Kathryn W. Kruse
- Claire Evans Martin
- Mildred Stewart McGough
- Mary Lee Friday Rafferty
- Josette Neubauer Rolley
- Linda Crandall Smith
- Marianna Epstine Spector
- Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Worne

### 1959
- Linda Kramer Berk
- Carolyn Marzke Braun
- Helen Crazier-Breed
- Mary Lowenthal Felstiner
- Alexandra British Knox
- Lyn Clark Pegg
- Donna Gow Taylor
- Judith Getty Treadwell

### 1960
- Joy Duquette Engroff
- Elizabeth Booth Ezerman
- Christina Hoffman Hirshberg
- Donie Erving Holden MD
- Elizabeth Hackett Huffine
- Susan Hopkins Martin
- Judi Mosenson McCord
- Alison Pedicord Schleifer
- Elisa Lynch Simmons

### 1961
- Alison Kuhn
- Sally Calbaugh Marks
- Sandra Hawkins Miller
- Dorothy Hart Murray
- Barbara A. Nickel
- Susan Berkman Rahm
- Holiday Hulme Shoup
- Nan Sachs Solow
- Cathleen McSorley Stanton

### 1962
- Francie Johnston Brentzel
- Ellen Lehman (NE)
- Aline J. Massey
- Judith Knepper McKee
- Elizabeth Bell Middleton

### 1963
- Kathy Haberstick Cypher
- Ann Zehner Edwards
- Susan Wainwright Friesell
- Carolyn RiViere Worrall

### 1964
- Judy Ruben Alpert
- Margot Hill Ball
- Joyce Griffith Butler
- Gayle Shaw Cameron
- Lynda Stern Caslov
- L. Virginia Crawford
- Carol Martin Crook
- Jennifer Davies Crane
- Carole Haskell Epstein
- Francine Gitnick Franke
- Julie Willey Hoase
- Georgia McKee Holmberg
- Dianne Diebold Kelleher
- Jane Michaels

### 1965
- Anonymous (1)
- Mary Sturm Albright
- Emily Amerman
- R. Victoria Berg
- Darryl Massey Bladen
- Mary Helen Hamilton Burroughs
- Joan Clark Davis
- Nancy Lee Herron
- Nancy Clever Middleton
- Lynn Gerrick Miller
- Helen Mar H. Parkin
- Marny Riehl Peabody
- Myrna Klee Robinson
- Joyce Kloss Teese
- Beth Wright

### 1966
- Christine Crawford
- Margaret Keck
- Lenore Mardis-McMintock
- Susan McGowan
- Mary McSorley
- Margaret (Meg) Gezan Meltz
- Susan Phillips Marton

### 1967
- Suzanne Gurzenda Black
- Garry Godard Cooper
- Cathy Cohen Droz
- Jan Alpert Engelberg
- Patricia Kinney Gross
- Kathy Curtis Jaehnig
- Kristi A. Kerins
- Dr. Diana K. Lemley
- Margaret McDowell Lofberg
- Eleanor Schatz Magyar
- Audrey Geer Massallehdon
- Karen McKinley
- Maggi Musica Reiss
- Judith Sutton
- Leslie Thomas
- Virginia (Jiji) Reed Weidner

### 1968
- Cathy Armstrong*
- Jennie W. Berg
- Linda Hildebrand Case
- Carol Byrom Conrad ‘58
- L. Melissa Crump Cook
- Cynthia Costa Davis
- Lynn Borus Dunn
- Sally Feinman Garson
- Carolyn Hackersmith Gerber
- Joy Marks Gray
- Janice Cocoa Grof
- Jacquelyn Freeborn Herst
- Patricia Watson Kammerner
- Barbara L. Krause
- E. Patricia Constantin Orringer
- Tanya Blades Palmer
- Frances Hoffman Puntereri
- Sara Viviano Rolley
- Marilyn Griffin Solomon
- Nancy Walton Succop

### 1969
- Anonymous (1)
- Alice May Succop Burger
- Dr. Desiree DeFlorimonte
- Beth Fisher MD
- Marjorie B. Hopper
- Juliet H. Landon Lesensky
- Patricia L. Maykuth
- Linnea Pearson McGuigan
- Barbara Whalen Miller

### 1970
- Anonymous (1)
- Joanne Thomas Asbill
- Kimberley Zillwegar Beck
- Sharon Simon Dunlap
- Ellen Lee Dwyer
- Melissa Armstrong Fallon
- Susan Nill Flynn
- Polly Haight Freikey
- Sally Weigler Golden
- Helen Berkman Habbert
- Susan Crump Hammond
- Jane Nash Holland
- Leslie Gross Huff
- Lynn Wechsler Kramer
- Mary A. Navarro
- Elva Merry Pawle
- Anne Peters
- Valerie Martin Ramsdell
- Jane Appleyard Roel
- Sarah Scott Schuyler
- Hilary Tyson

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- Jill & John Ferreira
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- Maura Farrell
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- Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Eller
- Mr. & Mrs. James McGraw
- Richard K. Mclunkey
- Susan Moore Mclunkey
- Donald M. Mendolla
- Dr. & Mrs. Diana Metes
- Mark McCormick & Karen L. Meyers '72
- Dr. Mark Miller & Dr. Joan Devine
- Jeffrey & Amy Nixon '73
- Anita L. Mitchell
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- Nancy Fair & Ronald Monah
- Cheryl Moore-Satryan & Stan Levenson
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Anna Coufal
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Mrs. Betty Foster’s Special Birthday
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Dennis H. Grubbs
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Molly Cannon Stevenson ’72

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Margaret Jackman Metzger ’53

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Cathy Armstrong ’68
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Susan Hagan & Ky Zizin

In honor of Alec Silberblatt’s teachers
Jay Silberblatt & Lori Sisson

Julie Wechsler’s Marriage
Elliot & Laura Dutch ’79 Dinkin

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Amanda Zytnick’s Birthday
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