

# Thistle TALK

## Breaking Ground at City Campus



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Alumnae/i, parents, trustees, faculty, and students lent a hand in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Upper School. Pictured are (L-R) Rachel Woods '10; Sally Doerschuk Ketchum '43, WT alum parent, grandparent, and former trustee; Logan Uretsky '07; Henry Posner III, WT parent and trustee; Gary J. Niels, Head of School; Martin Powell, former President of the Board of Trustees, WT trustee, and WT parent; Mary Martin '88, Lower and Middle School Art teacher; and Benjamin Harrison '17.

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### About the Cover: Ground Broken for Upper School at City Campus

Winchester Thurston School broke ground for the new Upper School at the City Campus in Shadyside on May 24, 2005. Students from all three divisions participated in the festivities. Pictured on a contractor's backhoe are (front row, L-R) Fred Egler '11, Kate Bartlett '07, Karolina Karagoyzova '16, (back row, L-R) Alec Silberblatt '08, Taylor Thomas '17, and Julian McClain-Hubbard '10.

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Can you **find the answers** to these questions in this issue of *ThistleTalk*?

1. What is significant about the date November 16?
2. What obscure hobby did Melissa Leapman '80 turn into a number of popular books?
3. What is the "Symbolic Migration" project?



## What All the Buzz Is About

athletic surface on which to compete. If you round the corner at Ellsworth and Morewood Avenues, you will see a spectacular sight: Our new Upper School building's framework rises three stories into the sky! We watch the daily progress as structural elements replace mental images of this crown jewel of the Winchester Thurston vision.

Expansion of our physical facilities leads us to another exciting announcement: the expansion of our Early Childhood Program. This program will widen the age-range of the children WT serves to include boys and girls who will be turning 4 by the start of school. At our City Campus we will change the name of our Kindergarten Readiness program to Pre-Kindergarten. At our North Hills Campus, Pre-Kindergarten will be a brand-new program. Joan Flechtner, current City Campus Kindergarten Readiness teacher and Early Childhood Program Coordinator, and Nancy Rogers, Director of the Lower School and North Hills Campus, have been the chief architects of this program.

I am encouraged as our faculty and staff enthusiastically embrace a commitment to examine our school's moral and community life. At the end of the previous school year we launched two committees to look at ways to better link our daily practices and community life to our beloved credo, "Think Also of the Comfort and the Rights of Others." The Moral Life and Community Life Committees are fully engaged in exploring these challenging and essential topics. In addition, several smaller task forces began working over

the summer on related initiatives—Core Values, the Advisory System in the Middle School and Upper School, and Community Service.

One of the most tangible results of these discussions occurred during an early fall professional development day for faculty and staff organized by the Community Life Committee, whose work is focused on diversity. We rotated through group sessions on how various media have depicted different ethnic groups; how Dr. Beverly Tatum's highly-acclaimed book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*—which we read as a community over the summer—relates to WT; and viewed a PBS documentary film tracing the development of the concept of race. The Community Life Committee is developing a follow-up diversity plan that will inform the school about its direction in thinking also of the comfort and the rights of all people at WT.

Yes, the buzz about our growth can be heard all over town. More than ever I have a sense that we have taken a giant leap forward as a school. I am sincerely humbled to be a part of this exciting time at WT.

From the North Hills Campus to the City Campus to the neighboring communities to the City of Pittsburgh, there is a buzz of excitement about our school's physical changes, our educational developments, and our vigorous commitment to moral vision. More than ever, we are a dynamic community, changing the look of Winchester Thurston School's campuses while enhancing our position as a leader in education for children from 4 to 18.

I wish that everyone could have attended Parents' Night at the North Hills Campus in early October to experience the sense of joy about our new Campus Center. Completing this building project—one that enables us to expand our educational offerings to an increased number of students—was a tremendous team effort. As I surveyed the campus on my way into the school, I had an overwhelming sense that we now have a more visible presence in the North Hills community, and that enables WT North to be all that it can be.

At the City Campus, you will see our newly constructed all-weather turf field where children play outside every day and our sports teams enjoy a level, mud-free, state-of-the-art





# Shining a Light on the New Board President

**Y**ears ago, when WT Board President Victor Roque and his wife, Marcia, noticed “that cute little school on Middle Road,” he had a question: “Winchester Thurston? What on earth is that?” When it was time for their daughter, Nicole, to enter Kindergarten, they evaluated a lot of different schools before settling on WT.

Says Roque, “We were looking for a school that would give our daughter individualized attention. Student diversity was also an important factor; several of our African American friends had sent their children to WT and spoke highly of it. Finally, Marcia and I fell in love with the Winchester Thurston North Hills Campus and its idyllic, country setting.” A “lifer” at WT North, Nicole is now a sixth-grader at the City Campus.

“Our daughter is growing and maturing in a way that makes us very happy with the school at both its campuses. My family’s positive experience with this fine institution is why I joined the Board and why I agreed to serve as its President,” Roque explains.

Roque was elected to the Board four years ago and serves on all its standing committees. He recently retired as president of Duquesne Light Company. Roque received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the City College of New York and went on to attain his Juris Doctor degree from New York University. He served for several years as assistant district attorney for New York County, New York, and then as staff attorney for

the New York Power Authority. From 1978 to 1994 Roque was vice president, general counsel and secretary for the Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. In 1994 he was recruited to join Duquesne Light Company as General Counsel and was promoted to president of Duquesne Light in 2001. Roque chairs the board of the Urban League of Pittsburgh and serves on the board of Highmark, Inc., where he sits on its Audit, Nominating, and Compensation Committees.

As he looks ahead as WT Board President, Roque wants to see WT achieve three goals. The first is the completion of the capital campaign. “Our new physical facilities are pivotal to the future of our institution. They are a part of what sets us apart from other schools, and these buildings have to be paid for,” he states. The second is to bring the construction projects in on time and within budget. The third is to prepare for the next steps to ensure that WT is positioned for success 10 or 20 years down the road. Says Roque, “With construction completed at North and underway at the City Campus, we have taken a major step forward in distinguishing Winchester Thurston as the premier, independent, coeducational institution in an increasingly competitive market.”

Roque and the other dedicated members of the Board want to build on the strong loyalty of WT alumnae/i and parents who have entrusted the education and nurturing of their children to WT. “We want to ensure that no parent of college-bound children in Pittsburgh asks, as I once did, ‘Winchester Thurston School? What is that?’”



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## MANY VOICES ONE VISION:

The Campaign for Winchester Thurston School

W hrrrrr, rat-a-tatt-tatt,  
boom, crash! Bands  
playing...crowds  
applauding...children  
laughing, running,  
throwing, catching....  
Such are the sounds  
and sights of a

school undergoing dramatic transformation  
as it moves toward realizing its educational  
vision. Such is the scene at Winchester  
Thurston as the City Campus builds a new  
Upper School and upgrades its playing field  
and the North Hills Campus opens a new  
Campus Center. Such is the excitement that is  
*Many Voices, One Vision: The Campaign for  
Winchester Thurston School.*







# ing the Vision





## City Campus Breaks Ground For New Upper School Building

In a ceremony whose theme, "We Are Living History," celebrated its 118-year existence and its momentum toward the future, Winchester Thurston School broke ground for a new Upper School building at its City Campus on May 24, 2005. Alumnae/i, parents, trustees, faculty, and students came together to celebrate an important historic moment.

The event began in the Falk Auditorium with the Upper School jazz band, orchestra, and chorus performing "We Are Living History," an original song written, composed, and arranged by music teacher John Maione. Speakers included Martin Powell, WT Board of Trustees President; Michael Zytneck, member of the WT Class of 2005; Lynda Stern Coslov '64, WT alumna, former parent, and former teacher; and Mick Gee, Director of Upper School. The WT bear led the guests in procession from the auditorium to the site of the new Upper School building at the corner of Bayard Street and Morewood Avenue. Students in all divisions showed their school spirit in yellow, gray, and red T-shirts imprinted with the *Many Voices, One Vision: The Campaign for Winchester Thurston School* logo and each student's class year, along with yellow hardhats. Wielding golden shovels with which to overturn the first piles of dirt were Henry Posner III, Martin Powell, Gary J. Niels, Sally Doerschuk Ketchum '43, Rosanne Isay Harrison '56, Mary Martin '88, Benjamin Harrison '17, Taylor Thomas '17, Logan Uretsky '07, and Rachel Woods '10. Following the playing of the alma mater and the WT

marching song led by the fifth-grade class, guests continued the celebration at a festive reception in the City Campus gymnasium.

Head of School Gary J. Niels said, "We decided to build our new Upper School at our City Campus because we are committed to connecting our students to the resources of the city, where we have deep roots. We could have considered building in the more expansive countryside of the suburbs, but we chose to keep our Upper School at our Shadyside location because of its proximity to the educational and cultural resources of the neighborhood."

The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006 and will feature a Georgian-style brick exterior, double-hung windows, and clay-tile roofing. The interior includes a two-story library, expanded Science labs, and a Performing Arts and assembly space that will seat 270 people.



**Members of the Winchester Thurston School Board of Trustees celebrate the Upper School groundbreaking.**



*The Upper School Chorus sings "We Are Living History"*



*Martin Powell*



*The WT bear leads guests to the Upper School site*



*Ben Harrison '17, Mary Martin '88, and Taylor Thomas '17*



# VOICES ONE VISION MANY VOICES



Louise Ketchum '76, David Ketchum, Sally Doerschuk Ketchum '43, and Sally Allan



Brian Schreiber, Amy Bernstein, and Bob and Connie Mitro

The plan for a new Upper School is built upon a two-fold vision: first,

the vision to **showcase WT's outstanding**

**Upper School program** in its own distinct facility, uniquely designed for

high school students; second, the plan to **provide a more expansive and**

**higher-quality extracurricular program** that will result from a larger

Upper School population. When the Upper School moves into its

own space, WT will **create distinctive developmentally**

**appropriate learning environments** for each division—Lower, Middle, and

Upper—while maintaining its cohesive, Pre-K–12 college preparatory campus.



Henry Posner III and Anne Molloy



Joel and Lynda Stern  
Coslov '64



Concrete foundation walls are installed



Steel erection in progress



# MANY VOICES ONE VISION MANY

## School Community Celebrates New Playing Field

While bulldozers, dumptrucks, and cranes labored on the Upper School site, across the street another transformation occurred. The once muddy, uneven, and high-maintenance playing field got a much-needed “face lift” with the installation of an artificial turf surface. The improved field serves as a year-round, outdoor recreation place for all students, a quality athletic facility, and an inviting green space. It was the first officially completed project of the *Many Voices, One Vision* campaign.

A spirited school-wide celebration of the playing field took place on September 9, 2005. Students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents, and friends gathered under bright, sunny skies for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and pep rally on the field. Preceded by the Pep Band’s rousing rendition of the WT Marching Song and accompanied by an enthusiastic



School Spirit Team, student-athletes shared their hopes and dreams for the new playing field. Speaking passionately were students Blaine Dinkin '13, Themba Searles '11, and Sarah Wood '06. Coaches, trustees, alums, and even the WT Bear helped cut the ribbon to signal the field’s opening, followed by a rousing cheer of “Dub, T, Hoo, Rah!” The varsity field hockey team inaugurated the new surface for athletic play by bursting through a giant paper banner and later racking up a victory that afternoon against Peters Township. WT community members gathered for a tailgate party in the rear parking lot, adjacent to the field. Partygoers lingered to cheer on the WT Bears field hockey teams as everyone enjoyed the beautiful year-round, all-weather facility.



**Cutting the ribbon on the new playing field are (L-R) Sue Brand, Lower School Physical Education teacher; Adam Brownold, Middle School Social Studies teacher and coach; Douglas Campbell, WT trustee and WT parent; Victor Roque, Board President and WT parent; and Enid Mitchell Dunmire '42.**



*The field is leveled and canted*



*All-weather turf surface is rolled into place*



*Musicians from all divisions perform on the field*



*Themba Searles '11*



*WT Bears field hockey team*



## North Hills Campus Celebrates the Opening of the Campus Center on Historic Day

For the children in Kindergarten through grade five at the North Hills Campus this year, “back to school” meant watching in eager anticipation as the finishing touches were made to the beautiful new Campus Center.

With an old horse barn as its predecessor, the spacious new building includes a stunning, glass-walled art room, dedicated music room, and a multipurpose space for dance, physical education, lunch, and all-school performances and activities. It is linked to the main building by an outdoor



Steve Loevner

patio with a log-burning fireplace—perfect for toasting marshmallows after an afternoon of sledding on a snowy winter day. The design, created by the architectural firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, enhances the rural campus setting and completes the original vision for

the school, which opened in 1988. Construction of the new building provided space in the existing building for an enlarged library and an Early Childhood Complex featuring the newly equipped farmhouse, home to Pre-Kindergarten students.

North Hills Campus students, faculty, alumnae/i, parents, trustees, and friends came together on November 16, 2005, to mark the opening of the Campus Center. The date held special significance, as it was exactly one year to the day that the groundbreaking celebration for the Center was held, and 17 years to the day that the original campus building opened.

The celebration began in the building’s pillared entryway with the mounting of the “Good Luck Horseshoe” by Nancy Rogers, North Hills Campus and Lower School Director, and

Ralph Probst, North Hills Campus Maintenance Supervisor, assisted by the WT North Class of 2018. The horseshoe had been removed from the old barn during the facility’s ground-breaking ceremony and carefully stored in a special student-created box for this occasion. Following the official cutting of the ribbon, guests moved indoors to the multipurpose room where 20 Upper School jazz and orchestral musicians and 30 chorus members performed Maione’s “We Are Living History.” Many of the older students attended the North Hills Campus for Kindergarten through fifth grade and matriculated to the City Campus beginning in sixth grade.

Tymothy Hoban ’13 delivered welcoming remarks, and speakers Clare Cene-Kush ’06, trustee Steve Loevner, Nancy Rogers, and Head of School Gary J. Niels offered their reflections on WT North. Alexis Rhoades ’13 led the second-grade class in a presentation of poetry about Winchester Thurston



**Cutting the ribbon at the North Hills Campus Center are Gary J. Niels, Head of School; Victor Roque, Board President and WT parent; Maclean Calihan ’13; Sue Brand, Lower School Physical Education teacher; India Loevner, WT parent; and Clare Cene-Kush ’06.**



*The old barn comes down*



*Construction equipment dominates the landscape*



*The Campus Center takes shape*



*Log-burning fireplace and glass-walled art room comprise the building’s north face*



# MANY VOICES ONE VISION MANY

and the new Campus Center, written by the children. A lovely reception made possible by the generosity and hard work of numerous WT North parent volunteers concluded the celebration.

Nancy Rogers remarked, "The new Campus Center will supply our excellent program with the facility it deserves. I couldn't imagine a more beautiful location for a school or a better building for teaching children and fostering a love of learning."



Located on a seven-acre former farmstead, the North Hills Campus features a spring-fed pond, a butterfly garden, and an outdoor classroom environment.

If you'd like more information about *Many Voices, One Vision: The Campaign for Winchester Thurston School*, or the school's educational vision and plans, please contact Maura Farrell at 412.578.3731 or [FarrellML@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:FarrellML@winchesterthurston.org).

We are **thankful** for what we learn because **learning is fun**,  
learning never ends because learning is never done.

We are **thankful** for our teachers who are all very nice,  
they always help us learn and give us **really good advice**.

We are **thankful** for for one another because

**Winchester Thurston rules**, it is the best school around,  
it's the **jewel** of all the schools.

— From "What We're Thankful For at WT" by  
the **second-grade class at WT North**



Ralph Probst hangs the Good Luck Horseshoe



WT North students enjoy the ceremony



Carole Oswald Markus '57, Rooney Forncrook McCloskey '45, Anne Ballard Dunlap '53, and Jean Forncrook Armstrong '44



Sheila Colombo



# reunion 2005 photo gallery

Close to 100 alums returned to WT to reconnect with old friends and participate in a host of reunion activities throughout a glorious fall weekend. With more than 50 percent of the Class of '70 in attendance, spirits were high and the mood was electric. Alums danced to the live music of John Maione, WT teacher and guitarist extraordinaire, in the Thurston Library on Friday night. On Saturday, they traveled to the North Hills Campus to enjoy the first event held in the new Campus Center, which had opened just 10 days earlier. The 50th Reunion Class of '55 enjoyed a sweet homecoming, with classmates traveling from California, Washington state, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Carolina to share laughter and memories.



**Class of '55** Seated (L-R): Barbara Feldman Rogal, Betsy Forstall Keen, Faith Wertz Eastwood, Melinda Brown Beard, Mary Minor Evans Standing (L-R): Marlene Berman Haus, Frannie Blasdel Hubbell, Nancy Riester Allen, Jeannie Murdoch Smith, Ann Wright Curran, Connie Blum Marstine, Sally McQuiston, Suzanne Dressler Kellar, Beverlee Simboli McFadden



**Class of '70** Back row (L-R): Jane Appleyard Roel, Jane Holland, Susie Crump Hammond, Sharon Simon Dunlap, Sally Weigler Golden, Sarah Scott Schuyler, Linda Thiessen Bankson, Rose Sherman Lenchner, Kim Zillweger Beck, Jane Cauley, Patti Pyle Rees, Helen Berkman Habbert, Carolyn Gillespie Raetzke Front row (L-R): Leslie Gross Huff, Becky Niles Lingard, Joanne Thomas Asbill, Andrea Hurr, Hilary Tyson Porter, Megan Hall, Debbie Wilde Nelson, Liz Brinker Noble, Anne Peters, Bunny Bernfeld, Polly Haight Frawley



**Class of '85**  
(L-R) Jeni Snyder, Jamie Blank Feldstein, Nanci Shapiro Kane, Jodi Greenwald Golomb, Amy Goldstein Jaffe



**Class of '95**  
(L-R) Jamie Samrick Hecht, Mattie McLaughlin, Lauren Ames, Sarah McLaughlin, and Katie Brennan



**Class of '75**  
(L-R) Anne Scheuermann, Patty Packer Suhody, Anne Bolanis Standish, Randy Lyon Mayes

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2006

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especially for the classes of

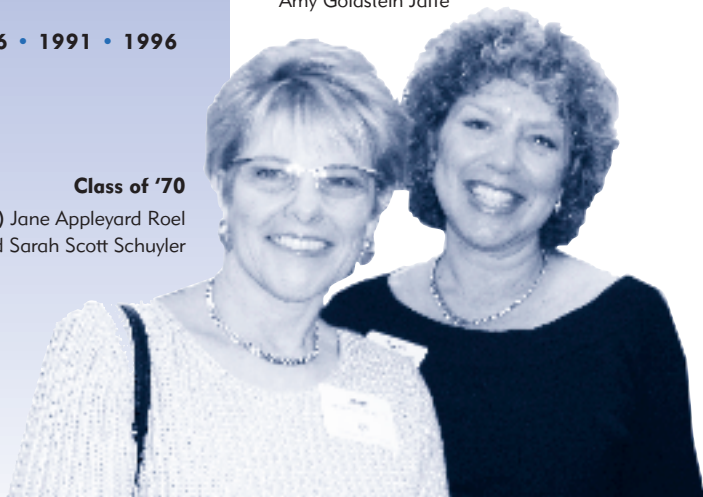
1941 • 1946 • 1951 • 1956

1961 • 1966 • 1971 • 1976

1981 • 1986 • 1991 • 1996

**Class of '70**

(L-R) Jane Appleyard Roel  
and Sarah Scott Schuyler







Carl Jones engages students with visual media both inside and outside the classroom.

In January 2005 Winchester Thurston School announced the Edward E. Ford Foundation had awarded the school a matching grant of \$50,000 to support *City as Our Campus*, an initiative linking curriculum and students to the rich educational and cultural resources available in the city of Pittsburgh. After the announcement of the grant, an anonymous donor came forward to match it, for a total of \$100,000 devoted toward this program in the Upper School. Funds will be used to identify potential collaborative ventures in the city and to compensate WT teachers for the time spent in developing new curricula or enhancing existing courses.

Receiving an E. E. Ford grant is a feather in any independent school's cap; the application process is extremely thorough and involves site visits and a comprehensive proposal. "This grant is an affirmation not only of the *City as Our Campus*, but of the Foundation's confidence in Winchester Thurston School," said Gary J. Niels,

Head of School, noting that the E.E. Ford Foundation thoroughly researches each recipient's financial and academic performance, as well as the innovation and quality of the proposed program.

*City as Our Campus* was piloted in two Upper School courses in the 2003-2004 school year.

Science teacher Sharon Goughnour, a wildlife photographer and researcher, developed a course, Natural Sciences, in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Zoo, in which students designed and conducted their own studies on animal behaviors and their evolutionary advantages or disadvantages.

In his Pittsburgh History course, Michael Naragon, Ph.D., who also chairs the Social Studies Department, led his students to the Archives of the Industrialist Society, where they were the first researchers ever to delve into primary source material collected there on events in Pittsburgh related to the Vietnam War.

Naragon plans to expand his Pittsburgh History module into a full-year course, continuing to use

archival research to answer questions about how major events coursed through the city and its people. With the addition of secondary sources and essential audio equipment, students will examine broad topics and explore new methodologies in order to create an oral history center at Winchester Thurston School. Conducting research using books, documents, newspapers, and nontextual collections housed at the Carnegie Library, the Hillman Library, the Archives of the Industrialist Society, and the Frick Art and Historical Center among others; devising a set of open-ended questions; and interviewing those who witnessed the history covered in textbooks, students will use Pittsburgh as the context in which they will enrich their understanding of modern America. They will also give back to the community by presenting their scholarly work publicly and archiving it for future study. "In essence, students will create, rather than simply study, history," Naragon says.



# as our Campus

## E. E. Ford Foundation Awards Grant for *City as Our Campus* Upper School Curriculum Initiative

Students discuss Pittsburgh history with Michael Naragon.



*City as Our Campus* is also adding depth to the Visual Arts Department. Teachers Carl Jones and Chris Fetter are designing a media production course in which students utilize the resources of several major Pittsburgh-area media producers—Pittsburgh Filmmakers, WQED-Multimedia, and Carnegie Mellon University, among others—to write, produce, and screen a finished film and obtain a professional critique. Guest speakers from these media

outlets will further expose students to the dynamic local community of professional photographers and filmmakers. This course could pave the way for media internships, TV production, and a Media Arts program—a natural companion to WT’s already comprehensive Performing Arts program.

Jill Kazmierczak, English Department Chair, has planned a Creative Writing course with a special emphasis on poetry. While reading and

examining canonical literature—both fiction and poetry—students will also learn from the writing of contemporary local authors, who will visit the school to read their work and lead writing workshops. Kazmierczak has designed the course to achieve an optimum balance between using literature for analysis and using writing for inspiration in one’s own creative works.

The E. E. Ford grant also funds internships for Winchester Thurston’s juniors and seniors. The school’s goal is to provide a six-week internship for every student. In the 2004-2005 year, four students were accepted for research internships at the Pittsburgh Bacteriophage Institute. In other years, students have “shadowed” emergency room physicians, helped to search for life on Mars, volunteered for peace and social justice at the Thomas Merton Center, and worked in the newsroom of a local paper.

While the E.E. Ford Foundation grant and the matching donation are designated for Upper School programming, the school has also designated resources for Lower and Middle Schools in its operating budget; teachers in these divisions have submitted proposals as well, and they are currently under review.

“The *City as Our Campus* initiative is very much part of the school’s educational strategic plan,” notes Niels. “It is part of what we view as one of the significant differentiators of our educational program.”



# Alum Authors Cover Many Subjects, from Cooking to Rachel Carson

BY LAUREN OBER '96

Upon arriving at Winchester Thurston from a public school at the start of my sophomore year, I quickly had to get used to a new way of being schooled. I soon found out that WT was not about hall passes or formal seating or asking to use the restroom. It wasn't rigid or exacting; it was fluid and flexible and allowed for a variety of learning styles. Critical thinking and deductive reasoning were valued and, in fact, essential in every class. Faculty emphasized collaborative and experiential learning and fostered a true love of the educational process.

But what was even more apparent to me those first few weeks at Winchester, apart from the fact that a uniform was so much easier than a widely varying wardrobe, was how much writing was stressed. At my previous school, writing seemed no more important than creating shoebox dioramas or eating lunch. Our poetry unit grade was based on the quantity not quality of the stanzas we produced.

At WT, writing reigned. From daily essay work to the annual research project that consumed the better part of the fourth quarter, good writing was an integral part of every course. I remember having to write reports on Science books for my biology class, our teacher insisting that it was not enough just to know Science. You had to be able to express your knowledge in written, intelligible form.

I was never much of a writer before attending WT, and I probably was only slightly more adept upon my graduation. But what I learned at WT was the value of the

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**From college texts to personal memoirs, and from books published by major publishing houses to those published on the internet, Winchester Thurston authors are out there putting their education and expertise on paper.**

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written word, that writing is essential in all aspects of life outside of school. I worked hard for the mediocre grades I received on writing projects, but it made it all the more sweet when I finally earned an "A" on a paper about "Antigone." Finally, something clicked. Whatever it was stayed with me through college and paved the way for my graduate work in journalism. And I am far from alone amongst Winchester Thurston alums. Dozens of old girls and perhaps even some old boys have heeded the call of the written form and between them have created a respectable and





broad body of work. From college texts to personal memoirs, and from books published by major publishing houses to those published on the internet, Winchester Thurston authors are out there putting their education and expertise on paper.

For WT alum Mary Lowenthal Felstiner '59, writing has become a natural extension of her professorship at San Francisco State University. In the academic world where the "publish or perish" ethos rules the lives of many a professor, writing is a given. But for Felstiner, writing is more than just part of her job. It's a labor of love.

As a professor of history, Felstiner has written for numerous academic journals. But the true joy has come from writing her two books, *To Paint Her Life: Charlotte Salomon in the Nazi Era*, a history of the Jewish artist Charlotte Salomon, and *Out of Joint: A Private and Public Story of Arthritis*, a memoir of her battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

The books did not come easily to Felstiner, who because of her arthritis must use a computer voice recognition program to write. Her first book took 12 years to research and write, and her second took ten years. That is not because of the disease but because Felstiner is a consummate researcher, a skill she learned during her graduate school days at Columbia and Stanford. She also learned how to craft a compelling history book that would be engaging to a general audience. "I wanted to know if you could write good history as a story," Felstiner says. "I had to find the emotional heart of the story on my own. I had to find the dramatic core."

Felstiner's first effort with *To Paint Her Life* garnered the Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's

History from the American Historical Association and started her on the path to her next book. *Out of Joint* chronicles the author's battles with arthritis in a lyrical, creative voice. Since 1969, Felstiner has lived with the disease that has made it difficult to pursue her teaching and writing careers. But what better way to face the disease than to write about it? "I thought it would be really important

## Alum Authors

**NANCY RIESTER ALLEN '55**

*Fair Seafarer*

**CAROL AMORE '71**

*20 Ways to Track a Tiger*

**ELIZABETH ANNE "LISA" BANSVAGE '71**

*Software Solutions for the Successful Actor*

(with L.E. McCullough & Dan Jacoby)

*One Hundred and Eleven Shakespeare Monologues*

*Sixty Shakespeare Scenes*

*Don't Whistle in the Dressing Room: A Treasury of Theater Traditions and Superstitions*

**MEENA BOSE '87**

*Shaping and Signaling Presidential Policy:*

*The National Security Decision Making of Eisenhower and Kennedy*

*The Uses and Abuses of Presidential Ratings*

**CYNTHIA M. BULIK, PH.D., '78**

*Runaway Eating: The 8-Point Plan to Conquer Adult Food and Weight Obsessions*

**MARY MINOR EVANS '55**

*A Twentieth Century Lady, the Story of Katharine Sinclair Minor*

**MARY LOWENTHAL FELSTINER '59**

*To Paint Her Life: Charlotte Salomon in the Nazi Era*

*Charlotte Salomon: Een Biografie*

*Out of Joint: A Private and Public Story of Arthritis*



**ALICE GAULT FUCHS '54**  
(BOOKS OF POETRY)

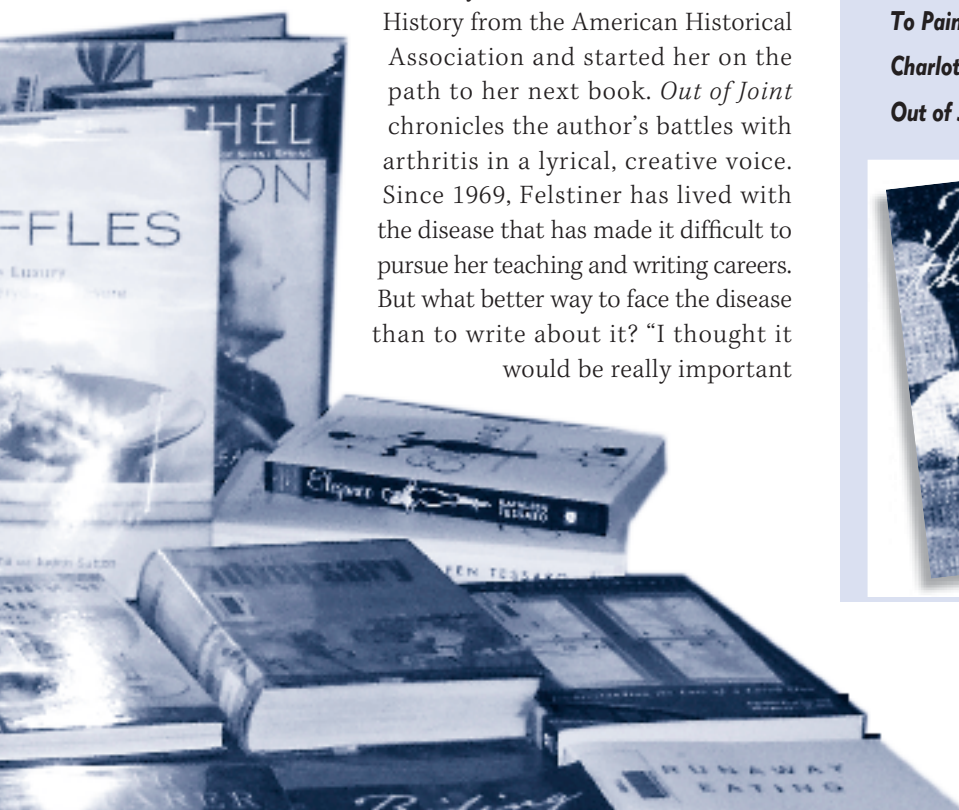
*Morning in Agrigento*

*Blood Poppies*

*Eye of Day (forthcoming)*

**JAN COCO GROFT '68**

*Riding the Dog: My Father's Journey Home*





to write about it. I had suppressed it and very few people knew," she says. "I was almost ashamed of it."

Over the years, Felstiner has participated in numerous writers' residencies in New York, New Hampshire, California, and other places. The peace and serenity of these residencies allow Felstiner to capture her thoughts without the noise of the city disrupting her computer. Plus, she is able to focus all her energy on writing without being distracted by everyday life. "I live to write," she says. "The art of creating a simple, elegant sentence is far more interesting than anything else I could do."

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Another alum, Judith Sutton '67, found her writing career taking off somewhat by accident. After attending Smith and Dartmouth Colleges, she landed a job as a textbook editor in Boston and later as a book review editor in New York City. On the side, Sutton did some catering for extra money and found that food was her true passion. So at the recommendation of a friend, Sutton traveled to Paris and studied culinary arts at Anne Willan's renowned cooking school, La Varenne, for a year. After completing the program, she combined the two things she knew best—food and editing—and began doing freelance editing for cookbooks and food articles. She soon wrote articles of her own in a number of popular and trade food publications. "I feel lucky. I didn't have a grand plan," she says.

Sutton started developing recipes for magazines and continued to write regular pieces for *Chocolatier* magazine. Writing cookbooks was a natural extension of her work, and she's written and edited numerous cooking manuals. She characterizes her cooking as "simple" and emphasizes recipes that people can make at home. "I like to mix and match recipes. And I really want them to be easy," she says.

Her latest cookbook, *Sweet Gratitude: Delicious Ways to Bake a Thank You for the Really Important People in Your Life*, began as a collection of dessert recipes to make as a way of saying thanks to someone, or "baking thank-yous," as she puts it. Sutton calls the collection her "greatest hits" and feels a more personal attachment to the recipes than to those in her

other books that have focused on chocolate, truffles, caviar, and champagne. "If I can't stop eating it, it's a good recipe," she says.

Another WT grad who turned her avocation into her vocation is Melissa Leapman '80. As a young student, Leapman always thought she was a bit different because of her hobby—most girls her age didn't knit! It was something grandmothers did, but it was certainly not the province of teenagers. After graduating from Mount Holyoke with a dual degree in biochemistry and English, Leapman settled on a graduate program in English at Columbia. It was while she was living in New York that friends encouraged her to sell some of her wares. As Leapman says, she "pounded the pavement" in New York's famous Garment District, trying to get her knitwear noticed. Her persistence paid off, and soon she was selling her clothes and making samples for various designers. She began designing her own clothes and later became a freelance designer for a yarn company.

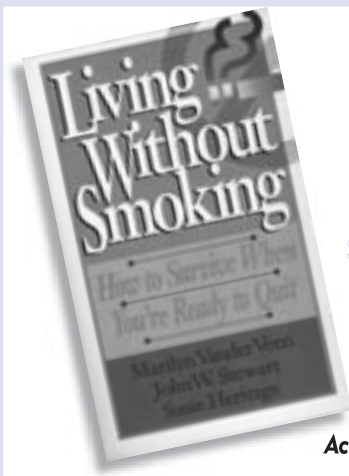
Leapman's first book, *A Close Knit Family: Sweaters for Everyone You Love*, was published in hardback in 1999 by a small publishing house called Taunton Press. In just six years, Leapman has produced eight or nine books (she's not quite sure the exact number) and just recently sent her latest manuscript to Random House, due for publication sometime in 2006. She has come to appreciate the writing side of her job. "A book is a huge project, an enormous undertaking," she says. "But I have total editorial and creative control."

Thanks to a public relations blitz by the hand-knitting industry about 10 years ago, knitting and crocheting have become cool again. Leapman credits celebrity knitters like Cameron Diaz, Julia Roberts, and Madonna for helping to increase the visibility of needle arts. And though she doesn't have much time to knit herself these days—she writes an average of one book a year—being able to write books about knitting and meeting people who have been helped by them makes up for it. And traveling to cities across the country for trunk shows, demonstrations, and book signings has a few perks. "It definitely gets me out of the office," she says.

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**Lauren Ober '96** lives with her multiracial dog, Eva, in the great white north of upstate New York. When she's not shoveling snow, she writes for a small daily newspaper covering the Finger Lakes region. Anyone wanting to take the teetotaler's tour of the Finger Lakes wine country is more than welcome to contact Lauren at [ober31@yahoo.com](mailto:ober31@yahoo.com).





**SUSAN KUNZ HERITAGE '62**

*Living Without Smoking -  
How to Survive When You're  
Ready to Quit*

**MARGARET E. KECK '66**

*Activists Beyond Borders*

*The Workers' Party and Democratization in Brazil*

**MELISSA LEAPMAN '80**

*Hot Knits*

*Cozy Crochet: 26 Fun Projects from Fashion to Home Décor*

*A Year of Knit Sweaters*

*Cool Crochet: 30 Hot, Fun Designs to Crochet and Wear*

*A Close-Knit Family: Sweaters for Everyone You Love*

*Crochet With Style*

**LINDA LEAR '58**

*Rachel Carson:*

*Witness for Nature*

*Lost Woods: The Discovered Writing  
of Rachel Carson*

**AMY COMINS**

**LOWENSTEIN '46**

*For Grandmas Who Do Windows*

*Window Dressing: There Is More to  
Your Computer Than E-mail*

**JEAN MACINTYRE '52**

*Costumes and Scripts in the Elizabethan Theatres*

**JANET MARSTINE '77**

*New Museum Theory and Practice: An Introduction*

**DANA SPICER MCCOWN '54**

*The Telia Rumal*



**JANE ASKIN PARSONS-FEIN '43**

*Loving in the Here and Now*

**NANCY KAMIN**

**SCHLOSSBERG '47**

*Getting the Most Out of College*

*Overwhelmed: Coping With Life's Ups  
and Downs*

*Counseling Adults in Transition  
(Second Edition)*

*Going to Plan B: How You Can Cope, Regroup,  
and Start Your Life on a New Path*

*Retire Smart, Retire Happy: Finding Your True Path*

**JULIET SCHOR '72**

*Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child  
and the New Consumerism Culture*

*The Overworked American: The  
Unexpected Decline of Leisure*

*The Overspent American: Why We  
Want What We Don't Need*

**JENNIFER SOLOW '82**

*The Booster (coming 2006)*

**JUDITH SUTTON '67**

*Champagne, Caviar, and Other Delicacies*

*Sweet Gratitude*

*Truffles (coauthored with Rosario Safina)*

**CHRISTIN ZANDIN '88**

*Spring, 2005: Travelogue from Dublin*

*December, 2004: Arvika Next (Short story in Swedish in the  
anthology Finally)*

*July, 2004: Modern Stories (A collection of three essays in Swedish on  
the importance of narrative and four short stories in English)*

*Spring, 2004: The Power of Stories: Reflections*

*March, 2003: Three poems – Atlantic, Castles in the Sand, and Walk  
(in Point of Departure: The Stockholm Writers Group Anthology)*

**PEGGY STUBBS '65 AND**

**CYNTHIA PEARSON TURICH '65**

*Parting Company: Understanding the Loss of a Loved One:  
The Caregiver's Journey*

**KATHLEEN TESSARO '84**

*Elegance*

*Innocence*

**F. IRENE THOMAS, HONORARY  
ALUM**

*Looking Through the Keyhole*

**LYNN JOHNSON '71**

*Pittsburgh Moments*

**JEANNE-ANNA WIDGERY '37**

*Trumpet at the Gates*

*Counterparts*



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## Summer Experiences

Students Explore a World of Possibilities

While summer is traditionally a time to recharge intellectual batteries, a number of WT students use part of their break to expand their horizons. While there is plenty of time to read, hang out with friends, and relax, many WT students find interesting and unique ways to challenge themselves, from volunteering at local hospitals or nursing homes to earning an Emergency Medical Technician certificate to studying kung-fu karate with the Shaolin monks in China.

Laurie Heinricher, Director of Student Development, spends a great deal of time in the winter and spring months matching students' interests with the many summer opportunities available.

"Summer experiences are great, low-risk ways to strengthen your strengths, work on your weaknesses, or simply **explore new interests.**"

— Laurie Heinricher,  
Director of Student Development

Some students choose to work with her one-on-one, while others prefer to do their own research via the Student Development section of the WT Web site. The resources on the site are so extensive, in fact, that other schools in the area are using it for their students as well.



Owen Campbell '07



Rachel Apt '10



Clare Cene-Kush '06

A few of the highlights of this past summer included a sophomore who volunteered at a day-care in Lima, Peru; an eighth-grader who analyzed the play behavior of a baby gorilla; and a senior who prepared specimen slides for a study of colon cancer.

### DAYCARE VOLUNTEER IN LIMA, PERU

Owen Campbell '07 wanted to spend part of his summer doing community service in a foreign country. He found what he was looking for with Cross-Cultural Solutions, an international volunteer program. With nearly 20 other young volunteers from many different countries, Owen went to Lima, Peru, to work in a before-school daycare for children aged 8 to 12 whose school day began at noon. The center was located in a shantytown outside the sprawling, polluted, fast-growing city. Owen played soccer with the children and helped them with their English and Math homework, learning about Peruvian history and culture in the process.

"One point of my working at the school was to be a role model for these poor children," says Owen. "The Peruvian social structure is still in a pretty extreme caste system, with European whites at the top and the

native Incans at the bottom. It isn't often that poor people come in contact with white Europeans." By modeling empathy, compassion, and respect, the volunteers with Cross-Cultural Solutions work toward accomplishing one of the main goals of the program, which is effect positive change in racial and class perceptions and attitudes.

One experience that Owen remembers vividly is a day when the school was closed, and he went with another volunteer to work at a hospital for the disabled, located in one of the worst sections of Lima. "The streets were literally paved with garbage. There were people selling live chickens right there and mounted police in riot gear beating people away so that the cars could go down the street."

Owen feels that he was changed by his weeks abroad, having gained a new perspective of himself as a citizen of a global community. "I learned that there is a whole different world outside America." He notes that many people in the world live in poverty that Americans can hardly imagine. "Life in America is not the norm. The things that we throw away are things most people in Lima couldn't even imagine owning. Travel helps you to see what it is that we take for granted."



### RESEARCHER OF GORILLA PLAY HABITS

WT eighth-grader Rachel Apt spent part of her summer studying the play behavior of the youngest baby gorilla at the Pittsburgh Zoo through a program called KidsScience. Rachel attended a class at the zoo every other week throughout the school year, then spent five hours a day for a month at the zoo in the summer.

"I observed the baby gorilla and recorded who she played with and for how long. I had predicted that she would play with the two gorillas closest to her in age, but in fact she played with only one of them and with an older adult female, her mother's friend." During their winter study the 60 student scientists made nesting boxes for barn owls, engaged in a "penguin watch" to make sure that the hatching baby penguin didn't get stepped on, and made suggestions for an educational exhibit on the bush-meat problem in Africa. "Poor people there who can't afford other meat buy or poach bush-meat—that is, wild and sometimes endangered animals," says Rachel. "We looked at ways to educate people about this crisis."

Rachel adds, "I gained insight into the 'back stage' of the zoo and inspiration to encourage conservation within our community. It was cool to be in a group of people my age who were interested in conservation." It was while Rachel attended winter zoo classes that she initiated a recycling program at the school. Recycling receptacles that were previously underutilized are now being taken from the school to the local recycling center on a regular basis, under Rachel's watchful eye.

### GENETIC RESEARCHER

Clare Cene-Kush '06 worked for 30 hours a week at Allegheny General Hospital as part of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Program. "I studied a deleted in-colon cancer gene, a very large gene that has not been well-studied before. It appears that patients in whom this gene is deleted progress in their illness more rapidly. This being the case, if you determine that a patient with cancer has the deleted gene, you would treat their cancer more aggressively."

Clare used antibodies to attach fluorescent markers to samples of the gene, up to 100 patient samples on a single slide. Allegheny General Hospital is one of a handful of centers that can employ special software to examine these markers. After all this data is accumulated, the doctors will go back to the patient case histories and submit the results to a statistician. "We expect to see patients without the gene to have a mortality rate comparable to people with a more advanced stage of this cancer," says Clare.

Clare felt that she benefited immensely from her intense summer experience. "It was such an enriching learning experience. 'I was supposed to be scooping ice cream at Brewsters when the opportunity suddenly arose. I jumped on it. I loved the people I worked with—they were really good teachers, and they were all so smart and so willing to help. I was inspired by their dedication.'"

As a result of her summer medical research opportunity, Clare has a keener interest in studying Science, perhaps combined with History, a subject she loves, in college. "I'm definitely more interested now—it doesn't seem as threatening or as abstract as it did, now that I've had contact with actual doctors. It's a lot of hard work, but it seems like an obtainable goal."

## What I Did on My Summer Vacation

In the summer of 2005, Middle and Upper School students enjoyed the following activities:

- Studied kung-fu karate with the Shaolin monks in China
- Volunteered at The Children's Institute and UPMC Shadyside Hospital's Elder Life Program
- Rowed crew at the U.S. National Competitions
- Caddied at a golf club
- Attended a "Women in Engineering" Program at the University of Dayton and an "Entrepreneur Program" at Grove City College
- Competed in the Magic Card Junior Super Series Championships
- Attended a Pre-Medicine Program at Brown University
- Spent a month in Norway at an International Children's Camp
- Volunteered as a Teen Docent at the Carnegie Museum
- Got certified as an Emergency Medical Technician
- Learned to fly at the Embry-Riddle Flight Exploration Program
- Attended the National Student Leadership Conference on Business and Entrepreneurship in Washington, D.C.

**Search for summer—or year-round—learning or volunteer opportunities via the WT Web site. Click on "WT Community," then on "Upper School," then on "Summer Opportunities."**

## Transformations: 2005 Carnegie International Inspires Student Installation

Visitors to WT's Art Gallery this fall were struck by a dramatic student-created mural covering three walls with colorful collages of trees, butterflies, a werewolf, and the sun. What they might not have known was that this bold installation was directly inspired by the contemporary art that students had seen at the prestigious Carnegie International at Carnegie Museum of Art, just a few blocks from the City Campus.

"The Carnegie International, held every three years, is one of the most important exhibitions of contemporary art not only in this country but in the world," says Michele Farrell, Upper School Visual Arts teacher. "We worked to get students from second through twelfth grades there to see as much of the exhibit as possible." For example, the Upper School Filmmaking Class—mostly ninth-graders—focused on the various video and animation installations, writing about the artists whose work they saw.

City Campus Lower School students took docent-led tours of portions of the show. Art teacher Tina Plaks had met with the docent earlier to discuss which pieces to focus on. "Certain classes were working on clay pieces, so we made an effort to look at the clay works represented at the show," says Plaks. "The students were so enthusiastic—they loved the exhibition. They said, 'I didn't know you could make art of everything or anything!' Sometimes I think the younger students get even more than the older ones do from a modern art exhibition like this. They view the artwork with fewer preconceptions."



One tangible result of the students' viewing the installations at the Carnegie International was the mural that transformed the walls of the WT Art Gallery in an explosion of textures and colors. "The 38 artists of the 2005 Carnegie International looked at art as a vehicle to confront fundamentally human questions such as the nature of life and death. Inspired by these themes, some of the Upper School students examined the idea of "Transformation" by taking ordinary objects and morphing them into an extraordinary blend of complex images. Leaves became butterflies in flight; a sunflower morphed into a glowing sun."

One mural that the students had particularly liked at the show used different colors of sticky tape to define images, so they incorporated this technique into their own work. They cut up color and black-and-white images from magazines to create collages within the shapes of their mural. Thus, the students transformed cast-off materials into artwork derived from recycling itself.

Students worked in groups to develop and create their themes. "The whole mural captured the cycle of life," says Farrell. "It started on the left wall with a body of water. The students depicted the process of water

condensing from the sea and returning to it as rain. As the viewer moved from left to right, the ocean with its sea creatures converged to land. Next, we saw a transformation of a tree with spring colors on the left and fall foliage on the right. The mural on the center wall was mostly in black and white. It depicted a tree in winter, with a werewolf—a creature of transformation—howling under a silvery full moon. Green ivy leaves spiraled up the black tree trunk, symbolizing life in the dead of winter. In the final mural, the ivy leaves transformed into orange and yellow butterflies—an insect that undergoes many transformations in its own life cycle. These butterflies transformed into giant sunflowers with water showering down upon them from a giant watering can. The conclusion of the whole mural was that the right-most sunflower metamorphosed into a huge image of the sun.

"After visiting the International, our students really had their minds broadened as to what constitutes a work of art. Interpreting what they saw, engaging in thematic exploration, and creating their own form of visual expression was an exciting, gratifying process," says Farrell.



## Committed to Community Service

### Students Mobilize to Help Those in Need

**Neighborhoods submerged in toxic floodwaters. Desperate survivors perched on rooftops, awaiting rescue. Inadequate shelters overflowing with the hungry, the sick, the poor, and the aged. These are the media images that have marked recent months and made headlines and history in our country.**

Like most people, many in the Winchester Thurston School community have been overwhelmed by the level of destruction caused by the recent natural disasters, especially Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf Coast of the United States.

Administrators and faculty at the school came together soon after Katrina struck to discuss ways to approach this tragedy with its students; ways to support the students' desire to make a positive contribution; ways to ensure that school efforts align with the true needs; and ways to provide vehicles for students to understand, process, and discuss what they see, read, hear, and experience. One of the first outcomes of the school's discussions was an assembly for grades four through twelve, during which students and faculty shared personal reflections and heard first-hand of the impact on family from one of Winchester Thurston's own parents. Afterward, Mr. Dan Sadowski, Dean of Students, created a "Reflection Message Board" as a vehicle for students to express and process their responses.

Sadowski announced plans for a student-initiated, schoolwide



fundraising effort whose proceeds will go toward assisting hurricane victims. Students are offering purple silicone bracelets embossed with the phrase "WT...Making A Difference."

Sadowski also scheduled Upper and Middle School Community Service Days—four throughout the year—for each division. As another way of generating funds for the Katrina relief effort, Sadowski asked students to get

voluntary sponsorship for their time on Community Service Days, thus connecting the students' local service with national efforts. To date, \$2,350 has been raised through bracelet sales and sponsorship.

For their first Community Service Day, eighth-graders spent the day at three different Family House locations. Family House provides housing to families who are relocated to Pittsburgh for medical reasons. Students baked cookies, made trail mix, assembled fall decorations, toured the facilities, and visited with Family House guests. Seventh-graders spent the day removing plants and preparing the ground at two Western Pennsylvania Conservancy gardens. The sixth grade created Halloween decorations that were given to Children's Hospital; candy bags that were given to The Children's Institute; and "Jared Boxes"—collections of crayons, toys, and handwritten notes for chronically ill children—that were given to Children's Hospital. They also began "pillowcase projects" for Children's Hospital at the holidays.

On their first Community Service Day, Upper School seniors traveled to the World Vision warehouse where they sorted, packed, and labeled clothing and food items to be shipped to those in need. The eleventh grade worked at three Family House locations, the tenth grade removed plant materials from community gardens with The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and the ninth grade created more candy bags and "Jared Boxes" for The Children's Institute and Children's Hospital.

Reaction to the first Community Service Days was positive. One parent called Mr. Sadowski to say, "I was surprised when I heard my children say that they are interested in volunteering on a long-term basis. What [the school] is doing is really opening them up in terms of looking beyond themselves."

## Natural Scientists:

### Third Grade Delves into Butterfly Study and a “Winged” Journey to Mexico

**T**hird-graders from the City and North Hills Campuses have seen the results of their intensive, interdisciplinary exploration literally take international flight.

This fall marked the first year that third-graders at both campuses studied the life cycle of the monarch butterfly as part of a Science unit on the creature and its annual migration to and from Mexico. North Hills Campus Science teacher Heather Capezutti and City Campus Science teacher Kelly Vignale attended a monarch butterfly workshop at the Pittsburgh Children’s Museum this past summer and brought their expertise back to their classrooms, where, in the students’ hands, their ideas really took off.

“Our students have been observing, learning about, and caring for these monarchs since we received them as eggs during the second week of school,” says Capezutti. “We watched the caterpillars grow from 3 cm. to 50 cm. The students cannot believe how big the caterpillars grow.” Since the caterpillars required milkweed leaves as “host plants,” the City Campus third-graders were caretakers of a section of the outdoor herb garden devoted to milkweed and other plants that butterflies like; North Hills Campus students planted milkweed roots and scattered seeds to create a permanent, flourishing butterfly refuge.

“I never knew what would happen during any given class when we observed the insects,” Capezutti said. “One time, using a microscope, we saw a caterpillar emerge from its egg and eat the egg shell. In another class we

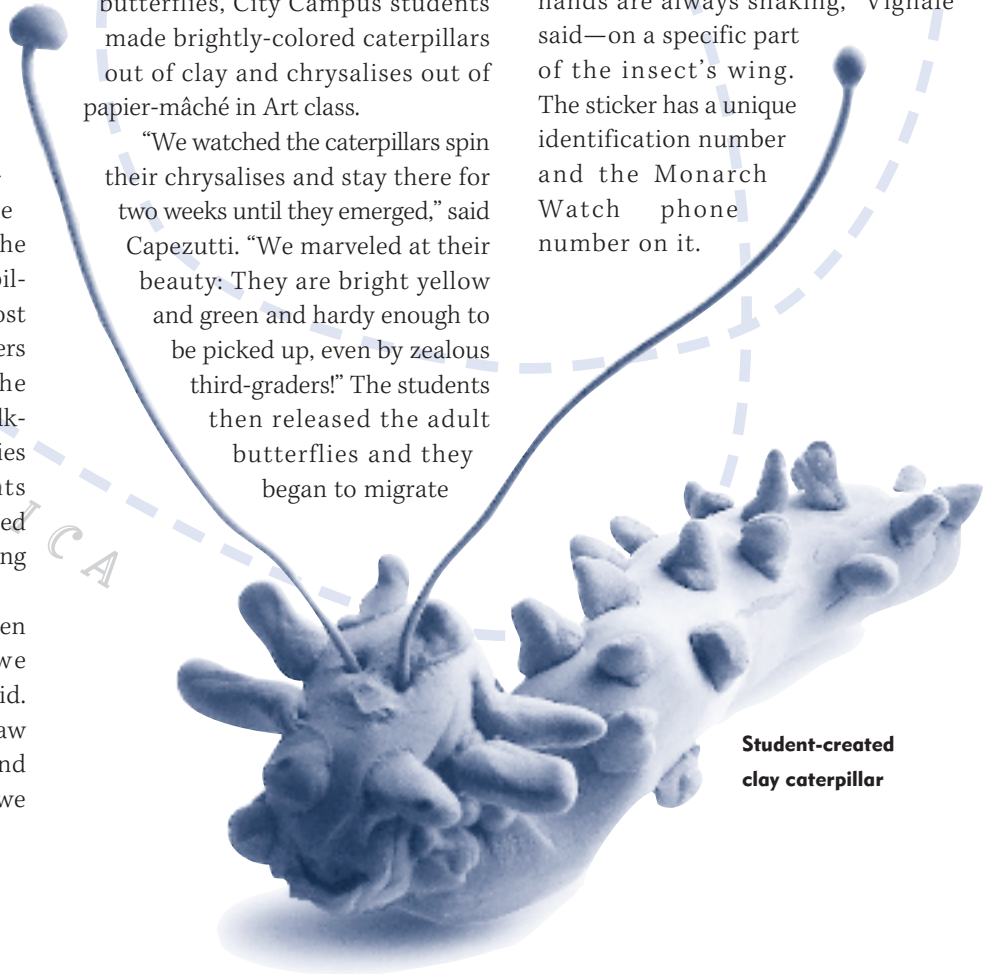
observed a caterpillar molt, as it does five times during its growth period. We also were lucky enough to observe a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis: the outer part of the chrysalis becomes transparent and you can see the orange and black of the butterfly beneath it. One girl saw it begin to split and called everyone over to watch this incredible two- or three-minute process. It was a moment of pure, raw discovery for all of us.”

North Hills Campus third-graders kept a monarch journal, in which they recorded the lengths of their growing caterpillars and the temperature of the room as well as noting their questions and observations about butterflies. To creatively enhance their study of the butterflies, City Campus students made brightly-colored caterpillars out of clay and chrysalises out of papier-mâché in Art class.

“We watched the caterpillars spin their chrysalises and stay there for two weeks until they emerged,” said Capezutti. “We marveled at their beauty: They are bright yellow and green and hardy enough to be picked up, even by zealous third-graders!” The students then released the adult butterflies and they began to migrate

south toward their over-wintering site in the oyamel fir forests 9,000 feet above Michoacan, Mexico. This unusual migration from North America to Mexico is made only by monarch butterflies living east of the Rockies. “If the butterflies make it to Mexico and survive the stay, they mate, and their off-spring migrate north again in late February and early March. It is our butterflies’ grandchildren or great-grandchildren that we may see in Pittsburgh the following spring,” notes Vignale.

Some of the butterflies that the WT students released were tagged as part of the international Monarch Watch program. Observed by the students, the teachers carefully placed a sticker—“My hands are always shaking,” Vignale said—on a specific part of the insect’s wing. The sticker has a unique identification number and the Monarch Watch phone number on it.



**Student-created  
clay caterpillar**





"The idea is that someone finds the dead insect and then phones in its location and number. It was through this program that scientists discovered that the insect actually migrated—for a long time prior to that it was thought that they were two separate populations."

As part of the unit, third-graders also participate in a "Symbolic Migration" project that incorporates Art and Spanish as well as Science. "As part of an international monarch butterfly program called 'Journeys North,' each student decorated a monarch butterfly printed on a page of paper and included a brief message, written in Spanish, on the back," said Capezutti. The students worked with Spanish teacher Hela Edelsack to write their messages. "The day we released our first butterflies, we mailed our letters to students in Mexico City and at schools near the butterfly over-wintering site. In the spring, when the butterflies begin their northward migration, we hope to receive similar messages from the children in Mexico."

"The students loved this unit," said Vignale. "Kids are natural scientists. They come to us wanting to know everything there is to know about a topic that excites them."

Capezutti adds, "We approach our study and exploration in a way that blends curricular areas. In this case, students were involved with biology, horticulture, language arts, visual arts, and even international relations. They come away knowing that things that may seem disparate can be very interconnected." And that's a life lesson that's beautiful, indeed.



MEXICO



Butterfly garden at the North Hills Campus

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Kelly Vignale, Third-Grade Science Teacher, City Campus

## School Motto Challenges WT to Examine Its Moral and Community Life

What core values are most obviously and passionately demonstrated at WT, activating our Mission as well as our credo, *Think also of the comfort and the rights of others*? How can we promote the values and our credo in our daily practices with all our students? How can we capitalize on the experiences that our students have in the Community

### Community Life Committee Addresses Issues of Racial Diversity and Equality

To begin the discussion of race and racism, last summer all faculty and staff read Dr. Beverly Tatum's challenging and highly acclaimed book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* In the early fall, the

issue in isolation here; we need to work within our community as well," says Kazmierczak.

The WT student Diversity Club, led by Patrice Alexander '06, made its first club activity of the school year the articulation of a diversity mission statement. "It is important that our message is one articulated by the students themselves; that's the kind of



Service Program to affirm our values? What does the WT credo mean with respect to racial understanding? And, finally, how can we more effectively embody the *Think also...* credo in the day-to-day life of the school? These are the challenging questions set forth by the Community Life Committee, chaired by Jill Kazmierczak, Upper and Middle School English Department Chair, and the Moral Life Committee, chaired by Ken Lovasik, Upper School Modern and Classical Languages teacher and Department Chair.

Community Life Committee sponsored a full-day faculty development seminar titled "Reflections on Race in America: Thinking More about the Comfort and the Rights of Others." Participants viewed the PBS documentary *Race: The Power of an Illusion*, and attended break-out sessions to discuss Tatum's points as they related to children of varying ages. Teresa Foley, Media Literary Arts Educator from Pittsburgh Filmmakers, led interactive sessions on how to analyze media with regard to racial issues.

Kazmierczak notes that many discussions on the topic of racial diversity are currently taking place throughout Pittsburgh, "and we need to join in. We're not working on this

process our committee is looking for," says Kazmierczak.

While the Community Life Committee is currently focusing on the issue of racial diversity, it is also engaging in conversations about socio-economic diversity, religion and culture, gender, and other diversity topics. "We are discussing what is appropriate music for holiday performances in the Lower School," says Kazmierczak. "We are also discussing how to find the dividing line between celebrating diversity and pretending that it doesn't exist. A key goal of the committee will be to evaluate the curriculum to ensure that it constructively reflects diversity in all its aspects," she says.



### Moral Life Committee Looks at Putting the WT Motto to Work in Daily Life

For more than 100 years, WT faculty have exhorted students to follow the school credo, *Think also of the comfort and the rights of others*. The Moral Life Committee is challenged to take this exhortation a step further to



“Colorblindness will not end racism. **Pretending** race doesn’t exist is not the same as **creating equality.**”

— From *Ten Things Everyone Should Know About Race*

embody the statement in the day-to-day life of the school.

“Our goal is to create a positive moral climate in the school,” says Lovasik. “That is, to discover what it means to actively live out the motto of the school.” Last summer, a task force on Core Values, informed by all faculty and staff’s insights and ideas, implemented a process to articulate five Core Values that activate the Mission and the credo (see sidebar). In a recent all-school faculty and staff meeting, the Core Values task force presented the five Core Values, which were subsequently adopted by the school. The Moral Life Committee will use these five values as a blueprint for its work over the course of this academic year. Students in grades six through twelve will meet in advisory groups to discuss these values and devise further definitions or “codes” of behavior. The results of these student deliberations will be presented to the WT community at the end of the academic year.

“We want our students to discuss and answer questions like: ‘What does integrity look like?’ ‘What does it mean to you?’” says Lovasik. “The value of the activity lies less in the answers that the students produce, but in the year-long process of their examination of these values in connection with their own lives and behavior.”



## Winchester Thurston School

### Mission

Winchester Thurston School actively engages each student in a challenging and inspiring learning process that develops the mind, motivates the passion to achieve and cultivates the character to serve.

### Core Values

We activate our Mission by creating a learning environment that promotes and instills appreciation for these five Core Values:

#### Critical Thinking

Learning and self-discovery can only happen with critical thinking. Critical thinking is actively seeking knowledge and understanding with open-mindedness, evaluation, discernment, and reflection. The result is the blossoming of the intellect, self-awareness, and discovery of individual passions.

#### Integrity

Integrity starts with the ability to discern the best course of action when faced with a difficult moral or ethical challenge. It requires taking the initiative and having the courage and strength to act on conviction and embrace responsibility.

#### Empathy

Empathy is the ability to understand the experiences and feelings of others. We foster the development of a healthy self-respect that energizes respect and compassion for others.

#### Community

We are an interdependent learning community that relies on the full participation of every member. We foster strong relationships, demonstrated through acceptance, respect, mutual support, and collaboration that enhances the lives of others.

#### Diversity

We recognize and respect difference—in ideas, beliefs, culture, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. We maintain an inclusive learning environment that prepares each student to be a fully effective citizen in an increasingly complex world.



**Kelly Vignale**, Lower School City Science/Computer Education teacher and **Heather Capezzuti**, North Hills Campus Science teacher,



attended a two-day workshop led by expert and author/illustrator Ba Rea on monarch butterflies at the Children's Museum. They learned to care for butterflies from the egg stage through release and tag their fragile wings for the Monarch Watch program. They immediately put their knowledge to work in the opening unit of the third-grade Science curriculum. (See page 22.) Capezzuti notes, "When I attend these workshops, it makes me realize how unique Winchester Thurston School is: We have science specialists and a schedule dedicated to teaching

Science in the Lower School. I am always so proud to talk about our Science program with teachers from other schools."



**Nancy Patton**, Director of Support Services, and **Jill Kazmierczak**, Middle School/Upper School English Language Arts teacher and Department Chair, attended a workshop last



year about using modern research on the brain to enhance student learning. Presenting researchers reinforced the concept that cognitive learning does not take place in a vacuum; that to optimize learning, the child's social, emotional, and physiological needs must also be met. Patton used some of this material in both faculty and parent workshops. She was

particularly struck by one presentation that addressed the topic of resiliency in children: "We learned that it takes only one 'charismatic' adult—that is, one who cares and is able to connect with a child—to help a child overcome obstacles and become successful." Inspired by this idea, Patton worked with Middle School Director Holly Hatcher-Frazier this fall to develop a Parent Forum program with a guest speaker on the topic of resiliency in adolescent development.



Director of City Campus Lower School **John Charney** used his former career as a professional photographer to document the "March of the Living"—the march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built during World War II. This event, held in May, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps. "The organizers had hoped for 18,000 participants," he says. "21,000 showed up. It was a deeply moving experience." Charney's images will be used on a DVD of primary

materials and lesson plans, including interviews with survivors, for educators to use in the classroom.



**Jeff Cronauer**, City Campus Physical Education teacher and Department Chair, has been asked by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education to participate in a committee to update the university's curriculum for future teachers. "Pitt had found that the Physical Education curriculum at a lot of high schools was outdated and stale," says Cronauer. "At WT we're doing some more innovative things, like yoga, tai chi, and self defense, as well as more of the individual sports that contribute to lifetime fitness." Cronauer notes that one roadblock for teens and P.E. classes is to have to change clothes and get sweaty. "Students don't change clothes for the Practical Self Defense course since it teaches defense against real world situations," he says. "We focus on creative ways to give our students the skills and the desire to stay active all their lives."



# 2004-2005 Teaching Awards Highlight Three Faculty Members

## 2005 Jane L. Scarborough Award



North Hills Campus Art teacher Sally Allan was honored to receive the 2004-2005 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 was honored, humbled, and shocked when I received the Scarborough Award. I was honored because the awardee is chosen by a committee made up of students and teachers," says Allan. "It was truly special to be recognized by my peers and especially by those I teach. I also knew Jane L. Scarborough personally and her dedication to the arts was one of my earliest professional inspirations. It is wonderful to be part of her legacy. I was humbled to be chosen because of the quality of the faculty at WT. I work with dedicated professionals, any of whom deserve this award as much as I do. Mostly, I was shocked - shocked because I never thought my family could keep such a secret!"

Allan received the award at the 2005 Commencement Ceremony last June.

## 2005 Judy Apt Nathenson Award for Excellence in Children's Education



Last June, City Campus Second Grade teacher Vicki Katrencik was awarded the 2005 Judy Apt Nathenson '69 Memorial Chair for Excellence in Children's Education. The award is given to a Lower School teacher who demonstrates excellence and innovation in teaching.

"I am deeply honored to be chosen for this award and I have

been touched by the many warm messages I have received from students, parents, and faculty, says Katrencik. "Understandably, Judy has been very much in my thoughts this summer; I have many memories of her, both as a devoted parent and an expert teacher. As I have distilled these memories, one essential quality stands out. I am struck by the profound respect Judy had for children as intellectual and moral beings. She had very high expectations for children and was ready to help them stretch to reach their personal best. I hope that by using this award to enable faculty to study new ways to enrich and stretch our students' learning, we can all share in the honor of furthering Judy's ideals."

During her tenure as a faculty member at Winchester Thurston, Judy championed the importance of developmentally appropriate teaching practices in early childhood education. As a creative, talents and caring teacher she devoted her professional career to exploring new teaching methodologies and enhancing the curriculum in the lower elementary grades.

## 2005 Mary Houston Griffin Award for Excellence in Teaching



Carl Jones, Upper School Visual Arts and Science teacher, was pleased to receive the 2005 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.

Jones submitted a proposal to develop and advise a Student Video Club. The primary function of this club will be the video documenting and archiving of many school-wide events including performing arts, sports, clubs, classroom activities, assemblies, Spring Fling, and the progress of the construction of the new Upper School building. "We currently have a growing number of students who are very enthusiastic about filmmaking and video production. I believe that they can provide a solid foundation for the start of a success Student Video Club," notes Jones.

Jones also hopes to have the Student Video Club work with local media arts organizations such as Pittsburgh Filmmakers, WQED, and Carnegie Mellon University to also tie this activity with the City as Our Campus initiative.

## Honoring Our Traditions, Sustaining Our Mission

The Miss Mitchell Society



### Members of the Miss Mitchell Society

Barbara Abney Bolger '52

Marion Weis Cohen '44

Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer '37

Harriet Adler Feldman '57

Loretta Lobes '88

Louise Baldrige Lytle '51

Carole Oswald Markus '57

Anne Forncrook McCloskey '45

Beverlee Simboli McFadden '55

Dorothy Dodworth Scullin '47

Bonnie Solomon '48\*

Molly Cannon Stevenson '72

Allyson Baird Sveda '84

F. Irene Thomas, Honorary Alumna

Ruth Weimar Tillar '41

Carol Spear Williams '57

Norma Weis Wilner '40\*



\*Deceased

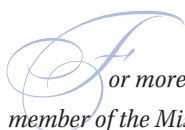
**M**ost people have a hierarchy of needs that govern how they use and transfer their wealth. Estate planning is more than merely transferring what we own. It involves the transfer of our values – who we are.

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 reducing their taxes.

Second, people often provide for their children, grandchildren, and other heirs in the amounts they deem appro-

priate. 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, 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.



*For more information on how you can make a planned gift to Winchester Thurston School and become a member of the Miss Mitchell Society, contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, at (412) 578-7529 or [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org).*





# what do you see, WT?

These students are parading in celebration of a **major milestone** in the history of WT.

What do you notice about this photo? Who do you recognize? What stories can you tell about this exciting time in WT's history?

What stories would you like to see written about WT's future?

Contact Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org), with your memories, reactions, and ideas.



# class notes

## 2004

### Ian Holmes Sullivan

had a very full summer. After painting a house and traveling to Charleston, SC, he made his first trip to France. Upon return from Europe, he traveled down the coast of California and drove back to New York for his sophomore year at Sarah Lawrence College. Ian is living in an organic food co-op designed around providing alternative art space. [sullivan.ian@gmail.com](mailto:sullivan.ian@gmail.com)

## 2003

**Julia Holland** had a six-week internship in January 2005 working for a non-profit solar company, BASIC Solar. She returned to Oberlin for her fourth semester and declared Environmental Studies and (South/East Asian) History as her majors. Julia spent the summer as a research assistant for her advisor. [Julia.holland@oberlin.edu](mailto:Julia.holland@oberlin.edu)

## 2002

**Mike Roth's** band, Cobalt, played with the Clarks last fall and toured Chicago in June 2005. This fall, they released a CD of their new live album and will embark on their first tour of the east coast and midwest in January. Working with his physics professor, Mike received a \$13,000 grant from City of Oberlin to pursue a wind turbine feasibility



study. Mike published two papers this year and presented one in Orlando, FL, at the World Solar Congress. He spent the summer doing research at CMU's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and doing environmental research for Intel, in addition to polishing a paper that will be submitted to the ES&T journal.

[Michael.Roth@Oberlin.edu](mailto:Michael.Roth@Oberlin.edu)

## 2001

**Byron Raco** graduated from the University of Rochester in May 2005 and moved to New York City in June. The first apartment gift he got was **Alec Karakatsanis**, who carried on the tradition of sleeping on Byron's couch for weeks at a time no matter where Byron moves in the city. Byron started training for his job at JPMorgan, doing investment banking and spent the summer enjoying his last few moments of freedom!

[Byron.raco@gmail.com](mailto:Byron.raco@gmail.com)



**John Turner** recently completed his undergraduate degree in Visual Media at American University, as well as his thesis film entitled "Shelving." Partially shot at WT with assistance from Chris Fetter and the WT administration, it received a grant from Pittsburgh Filmmakers, and John has submitted it to various film festivals. See the Web site for

the film (<http://www.shelvingthemovie.com>).

[john@goateeman.com](mailto:john@goateeman.com)

**Courtney Wagner** graduated with high distinction from McGill University in Montreal, where she majored in Hispanic Studies. Following graduation, she traveled to Spain and Casablanca. [chimichungaz@aol.com](mailto:chimichungaz@aol.com)

**Alec Karakatsanis** graduated magna cum laude from Yale in May, with distinction in his major (Ethics, Politics and Economics) and entered Harvard Law School in September. He spent the summer of 2004 working for NY Attorney General Elliott Spitzer, and spent this past summer in Cyprus, visiting relatives and working on his language. [alec.karakatsanis@gmail.com](mailto:alec.karakatsanis@gmail.com)

## 2000

**Tara McGovern** spent the summer interning at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria, VA. She will finish her master's degree in International Security at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in fall 2005. She hopes to remain in the DC area. [ladylc21@yahoo.com](mailto:ladylc21@yahoo.com)

**Nawal Qarooni** is finishing her master's in Newspaper and Magazine Journalism at the Newhouse School of Syracuse University. She received a fellowship that paid for her education, included a monthly stipend, a job at the local paper, *The Post Standard*, and a guaranteed one-year job at a Newhouse newspaper after graduating. Nawal plans to stay in Syracuse until December

2005, when she will decide between New Orleans, Newark, Cleveland, and Portland. [nqarooni@mailbox.syr.edu](mailto:nqarooni@mailbox.syr.edu)

## 1999

**Seth Borland** lives in Cambridge and works in Boston at Kallmann McKinnell and Wood Architects. He is applying to graduate school for architecture for entrance in fall 2006. Seth has been training for triathlons and competed in his first one in July. [sbborland@yahoo.com](mailto:sbborland@yahoo.com)

**Amy Hirschman** moved to Los Angeles, CA, in June 2005. She landed an internship at Bang Zoom Entertainment, a company that does sound production for Japanese animation. She updates scripts, books talent, and translates Japanese anime episode summaries into English. [hysterichblue42@yahoo.com](mailto:hysterichblue42@yahoo.com)

**Katie Lofquist** graduated from the Public Relations post-graduate program at Humber College in Toronto, Ontario, and is moving to San Francisco to work for the International Association of Business and Communications. [mklofquist@hotmail.com](mailto:mklofquist@hotmail.com)

## 1997

**Megan Kime** lives in Maryland where she is an attorney practicing in the area of land development. She and Tom McCarthy were married in Nags Head, NC, on September 18, 2005. [meganckime@hotmail.com](mailto:meganckime@hotmail.com)



## Sarah Gross Fife '96 and Laurel Shaw '96 Organize Mayoral Candidates' Forum at WT



**R**ecognizing a vital need to disseminate information about the mayoral candidates running in the primary last April, Sarah Gross Fife and Laurel Shaw, both Class of '96, approached the WT Alumnae/i Association to co-sponsor a Mayoral Candidates' Forum in April, 2005.

Fife and Shaw, both active in student government during their years at Winchester Thurston, have continued to make their marks in the area of public policy and service. Laurel Shaw received her B.S. in Business and Public Policy from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in Public Policy and Management from the Heinz School, Carnegie Mellon University, and is now development manager for The Pittsburgh Project, a neighborhood-based community development organization.

Sarah Gross Fife, a WT "lifer," obtained a B.S. degree in Social History and a master's degree in Public Policy and Management from the Heinz School. She recently left her position as director of operations at the Richard Florida Creativity Group to spend a year in Australia, as her husband, Tim, pursues an exciting work opportunity.

The Candidates' Forum provided another example of how Winchester Thurston lends its assets to enrich the community around it.

### 1996

**Sarah Gross Fife** and Timothy celebrated their first anniversary and have undergone much change and excitement since. Tim finished his contract with CMU's School of Design and the United States Postal Service and has taken a position as a design consultant for 2nd Road, a strategy firm in Sydney, Australia. Sarah, who had been living in Pittsburgh her entire life, reluctantly left her position as director of operations for the Richard Florida Creativity Group, and is currently exploring Sydney and beginning to search for a new and interesting career opportunity. Of course, the move is only temporary—they

plan to be back within a year or two...and they will return to Pittsburgh!  
[sarahfife@gmail.com](mailto:sarahfife@gmail.com)

### 1995

**Jeanine Edmonds** graduated, as valedictorian, from the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute in May 2005. She now holds an associate degree in Specialized Technology, and has completed the Le Cordon Bleu Program in Patisserie and Baking. She won the Professionalism award, for recognition of outstanding achievements and potential in the hospitality industry. After an externship, Jeanine worked at The Ritz-Carlton, on Canal Street in New Orleans, before and during Hurricane

Katrina. She has not seen her home or her car since she left them before the storm hit but is grateful that she and her cat made it out safely. She is temporarily staying with her brother and sister-in-law, **Alunda Gryzbek Edmonds '91**.  
[Jeedmonds@hotmail.com](mailto:Jeedmonds@hotmail.com)

### Mattie McLaughlin

**Schloetzer** moved back to Pittsburgh in summer 2004. She lives in Oakland and works at the Carnegie Museum of Art in the Heinz Architectural Center. Once in a while, she sees WT students passing through the museum. Her interest in art is balanced by her husband's studies in accounting. Jason is a Ph.D. student at University of Pittsburgh's

Katz School of Business.  
[mcmattie@hotmail.com](mailto:mcmattie@hotmail.com)

**Hope Baker Shadle** gave birth on May 17, 2005, to a happy and healthy baby girl, Emma Kathryn. She weighed a whopping eight pounds and three ounces and was 21 inches long.  
[hope@shadco.com](mailto:hope@shadco.com)

**Sarah McLaughlin** is in her fifth year as a medical social worker at West Penn Hospital, in Pittsburgh. She recently transitioned from renal to burn trauma and enjoys the change. Last October, she enjoyed a fabulous vacation to Australia with sister, **Dorothy McLaughlin '91**. Thanks to a WT friendship Dorothy made in Kindergarten with

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classmate **Melinda Reece**, they enjoyed warm hospitality in Adelaide, South Australia. Since returning to Pittsburgh, Sarah has reconnected with **Lauren Ames**, **Heather Itle**, **Maggie McFalls**, and **Adam Farkas** and, though not in the area, she was delighted to reconnect with **Shawna Ganaway** via the magic of Friendstar.com. Sarah gets WT construction updates from parent, board member, and friend, Russ Boehner, who assures her that the improvements will be great and the war-zone-like construction site is only temporary. [smclaughlin1@hotmail.com](mailto:smclaughlin1@hotmail.com)

**Jodi Poniewaz** lives in California with husband Cory and son Tadan, almost 2. Her life as a stay-at-home mom



isn't nearly as easy as she once imagined. But it is almost always interesting, and Tadan is a very amusing little guy. He's talking and running and climbing and getting into everything. Jodi is considering enrolling him in daycare part time so she can return to school, but can't quite bring herself to do it.

### 1993

**Robin Rockman** and husband Oliver welcomed their first child, a boy named

Jackson Daniel Pruksarnukul, on April 20, 2005.

[Robin.Rockman@wmg.com](mailto:Robin.Rockman@wmg.com)

**Sherri Hercules Sokolovich** is at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, working on her second bachelor's degree, an accelerated degree in Nursing. [skhercules@yahoo.com](mailto:skhercules@yahoo.com)

### 1992

**Lisa Gonsenheimer Naveh** and her husband Barak welcomed their daughter, Gabriella Louisa, on July 9, 2005. Lisa is currently on a year-long leave of absence from teaching first grade at WT.

**Becca Smith Nelson** recently celebrated her third anniversary with husband Ken "Buzz" Nelson. Becca received a Master Certificate in Project Management from Villanova University and professional certification from the Project Management Institute and is working on an Advanced Master Certificate through George Washington University. She is an engineer and project manager at Mine Safety Appliances, and volunteers as a pro-life pregnancy counselor at the Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center in Monroeville. She has been instrumental in starting a Catholic group in the east suburban area, called "Theology on Tap," which provides fellowship for Christians in their 20s and 30s. Becca and Buzz spend lots of time doting over their nieces Cassie, Graycee (daughters of **Justin Smith '94** and **Stacey Stanczak Smith '98**), and Clare (daughter of Becca's sister Ruthann). [Becca.Nelson@MSANET.COM](mailto:Becca.Nelson@MSANET.COM)



**Becca Smith Nelson '92 (center) with friend, Missy Peterson (left), sister Marguerite Smith (left center), sister Ruthann Talbott (right center) and mother, Peggy Smith (right).**

### 1991

**Claire Bruyneel** was appointed judge in the Court of First Instance in Brussels, Belgium, in November 2004. She still teaches Criminal Law and Procedure in the University of Brussels. Husband Thomas is a lawyer. Their daughter, Laure, was 2 in August, and Claire is expecting a second child in November. They spent some time in the summer with the Heimann family (Simon, entering second grade, and Pauline, entering first grade at WT North). [clairebruyneel@hotmail.com](mailto:clairebruyneel@hotmail.com)

**Chris Phillips Gregory** and husband Tom had a busy summer. They are working on the adoptions of their four foster children, which should be completed by December. Then Chris gave birth to Donald on July 10, 2005, seven weeks premature after several weeks of hospitalized bed rest. This has been a big family expansion year! [MmeChris@aol.com](mailto:MmeChris@aol.com)

### 1990

**Isil Arican** has been living and working in Istanbul for the last eight years. After finishing medical school, she decided not to practice medicine and jumped into the insurance business. Currently, she is the health insurance department manager of AXAOYAK, which is an AXA Group company. She has been traveling abroad a lot for work and just loves it. She plans to visit Pennsylvania next summer. Isil is single once again, having gotten divorced a few months ago, and is living alone and enjoying life. She is an active member of the AFS community and a scuba divers





association and practices yoga and sings in a local band for fun. [Isil.arican@gmail.com](mailto:Isil.arican@gmail.com)

## 1989



**Dina Kaplan** left Louisville and returned to NYC, where she will be reporting the news and starting a company. Dina won an Emmy in July 2005 for her Louisville Spot News coverage of a fire that burned down an entire city block. [dina@dinakaplan.com](mailto:dina@dinakaplan.com)

**Jennifer Gonzalez McComb** and husband Paul recently moved to Pittsburgh. Jen finished her residency in Rochester, NY, and is now doing a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at UPMC. Paul works as a fitness coordinator at the downtown YMCA. They are expecting their first child in December. [jengonzalez02@hotmail.com](mailto:jengonzalez02@hotmail.com)

## 1988

**Jacqueline Marks Ledo** and husband George welcomed their first child, Julia Brooke Ledo, into the world on August 8, 2005. Julia weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 19¾ inches long. **Wendy Marks '90** is the proud aunt and has already started spoiling her niece! [Jacki6@aol.com](mailto:Jacki6@aol.com)

## 1987

**Janet Harrison Kuzmishin**, husband John, and big sister Rachel welcomed the birth of Samuel Harrison on February 1, 2005. The son of Janet's brother, Edward, attends Winchester's North Hills Campus. Proud grandma, **Rosanne Isay Harrison '56**, is a frequent and happy babysitter.

**Lauren Raphael** and husband Russ Herron, are pleased to announce that Maya Rose Herron was born on March 19, 2004. Maya joins her big sister Sophia Rebecca Raphael, who is now 2½. Sophie had regular play dates with Rachel Kuzmishin, daughter of **Janet Harrison**, before Rachel and family moved from Chicago back to Pittsburgh. [lraphael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lraphael@sbcglobal.net)

## 1986

**Andrea Kann Gassner**, her husband John, and 2-year-old son Toby welcomed a baby girl, Zoey Bea, on April 21, 2005. [andreakann@yahoo.com](mailto:andreakann@yahoo.com)

**Amy Danovitz Tanen** lives in Washington, DC, with husband Paul and their three children, Seth, 10, Ethan, 8, and Abby, 6. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and teaching spin classes a few mornings a week. [amytanen@comcast.net](mailto:amytanen@comcast.net)

## 1985

**Julie Tarasevich Dever** and Mike welcomed Anna Marguerite on December 8, 2004.

**Mara Rizzo McClain** received her M.S.W. at the University of Pittsburgh and

worked as a medical and psychiatric social worker for several years before Chris's career in the golf industry took them to Pawleys Island, SC. Mara has been working as the director of operations for a contemporary worship service at an Anglican church. She uses her social work and counseling skills, biblical teachings, and a study of pop culture to create relevant worship services. She and Chris also opened a franchise, *Moe's Southwest Grill*. When not working at the church or *Moe's*, or chauffeuring her kids, Mara takes spinning classes and plays on a tennis team. Jordan, 9, is beautiful, smart, and a soccer player. Jake, 5, has a great sense of humor and loves sports and video games. [mmclain@sc.rr.com](mailto:mmclain@sc.rr.com)

**Melissa Munoz** writes, "It is definitely a big change for me moving to Florida after 10 years in Manhattan. No more cold winters! My father lives in the Tampa Bay area, so I wanted to be closer to him. I will be working at a multi-national real estate firm, Cushman & Wakefield. I'll be managing the finance and accounting operations for their Southeast region. I'm looking forward to this change, but I will miss many things about Manhattan and the northeast." [melissa\\_munoz19@verizon.net](mailto:melissa_munoz19@verizon.net)

## 1984

**Mary Elko Comfort** is a registered yoga instructor and is fitness director at Alexander's Athletic Club in Monroeville, PA. [mcomfort@telerama.com](mailto:mcomfort@telerama.com)

**Christine D'Appolonia** was named a "Rising Star" by the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association. The award is given to those who serve as role models for other women in the industry by exemplifying outstanding leadership, drive, team-building, innovation, and work/family balance. Chris is a senior vice president, account group supervisor at LLNS, a pharmaceutical healthcare communications company. [Cdappolonia@Llns.com](mailto:Cdappolonia@Llns.com)

**Cynthia "Joy" Scully** married Michael Koo in Italy last spring. Joy is a program director for a subsidiary of the Young & Rubicon advertising agency that helps pharmaceutical clients develop symposiums and conferences. [Cynthia\\_Scully@sfo.sudler.com](mailto:Cynthia_Scully@sfo.sudler.com)



**Andrea Steiner Strahm**, the AFS student from Switzerland, reports that she works as a yoga teacher and breath therapist. She is married and happy. [y-andrea@bluewin.ch](mailto:y-andrea@bluewin.ch)

## Remember to update your profile!

Please visit the Alum page of the Web site and update your profile. Get your new password by contacting [Alison Wolfson](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org) at [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org).

## class notes

1983

### Edith Raphael Brotman

said farewell to Cleveland (and **Rachel Rawson**, who is now a partner at Jones Day) and headed back East. They are still re-acclimating to the Baltimore area, having been gone for five years. Husband Daniel is now head of the hospitalist section of the Internal Medicine Department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The move went well except for one great loss—Shmueli, Edith's cat for 16 years. The kids and Edith miss him terribly. [erbrotman@comcast.net](mailto:erbrotman@comcast.net)

1982

**Sharon Reidbord** received her M.B.A. in August 2005! She was in the one-year, accelerated program at the (all-women) Simmons College School of Management in Boston. Sharon is looking for a wonderful management job in the non-profit sector. Eliza, 10, and Sarah, 6, had a great summer in day camp, swimming as much as possible. [slrz\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:slrz_2000@yahoo.com)

**Jennifer Solow** writes, "75,000 copies of my debut novel, *The Booster*, from Atria Books, will hit bookstores March, 2006. Pleeeeee buy my book



so I don't have to go back into advertising!" Drop her a line at [jennifer@jennifersolow.com](mailto:jennifer@jennifersolow.com).

1980

**Emme Parker Kozloff** lives in NYC and is a stock analyst at Sanford Bernstein. After graduating from Pomona College in California, she spent several years working overseas in Europe and Asia and then went to business school at Harvard. She spent five years working at The Walt Disney Company and one year at Fox in L.A. before moving in a completely different direction in terms of job content and geography by relocating to NYC and Wall Street. She goes by Emme now, instead of Emsie—easier to spell and pronounce (it is what her family always has called her from the start). She and husband Kyle have a son, Cameron, 7, and a daughter, Lily, 2. [KozloffEP@bernstein.com](mailto:KozloffEP@bernstein.com)

**Susan Vosburgh** wrote, "I achieved exactly 15 minutes of actual fame through no effort

or special ability of my own when my husband Tad Davis and I were first in line at the re-opening of the Museum of Modern Art in NYC last November, on our 10th wedding anniversary! We were interviewed by press from all over the world for no reason – I kept saying things like, 'I sure hope MOMA has included more women artists in its new exhibit space,' and hoping they were translating it for Japanese television. They let us into the museum early, alone with reporters following us and asking our opinions about the art! THANK YOU, MRS. PETERSON, wherever you are." [susan@beastinme.com](mailto:susan@beastinme.com)

1979

**Laura Dutch Dinkin** is happy that her daughter Gabrielle '10 will be in the first class in the new Upper School building! Daughter Blaine '13 will follow. Laura is thrilled to be a part of this exciting time at Winchester Thurston and be able to have her girls benefit and share in WT's success! [LDD711@hotmail.com](mailto:LDD711@hotmail.com)



Back row (L-R) Debbie Leff Dutton '81, Anita Prizio '81, Justine Betzler, Nicole Rawson '81  
Front row (L-R) Emily West, Georgie Dutton, Erin West

1978

### Cynthia Smith DeBaldo

changed jobs recently and is now working as a social worker in a dialysis clinic just a few blocks from WT. [CAPPD@aol.com](mailto:CAPPD@aol.com)

**Jennifer Hetzel Gear** lives outside of Boston with her husband, Ralph, and three children, Audrey, 13, Jeffrey, 12, and Colin, 10. She is a founding partner in a public relations agency, Cogent Public Relations, with offices in Manhattan and Boston. Jennifer would love to hear from any classmates. [jennifer@cogentpr.com](mailto:jennifer@cogentpr.com)

**Martha Tymeson** has been living in Dayton, Ohio, since 1985 when her active duty Air Force commitment brought her there to do her psychiatry residency. She has been in private psychiatric practice in a south Dayton suburb for many years now. Husband Roger, son Sam, 13, and Martha are moving back to Martha's family's hometown of Binghamton, New York, in October 2005. Martha is a staff psychiatrist at Binghamton General Hospital and is on the teaching faculty of SUNY Upstate School of Medicine. Daughters Carolyn and Robin remained in Ohio to finish college—Carolyn is a junior at Ohio Northern and Robin is a sophomore at Bowling Green. [tymdoc@aol.com](mailto:tymdoc@aol.com)

1977

**Adrienne Statti** was promoted to vice president at Graphic Orb, Inc., an IPG





(L-R) Mary Odom '76, Liz Vilim Rankin '74, and Louise Ketchum '76

company, in October 2004. Graphic Orb is an advertising agency in North Hollywood, California, specializing in print advertising for the entertainment industry. Recently, she was named account director for a new client, branching out into the field of biotechnology and pharmaceutical advertising. [Statti3@Earthlink.Net](mailto:Statti3@Earthlink.Net)

### 1976

**Lynn J. Snyderman** married Lewis Hyman on June 12, 2005, and they are happily living in Lynn's childhood home in Squirrel Hill with their three kids, Jillian and Hannah, twelfth and ninth grades, respectively, at Allderdice, and Jesse '12. Lynn enjoyed leaving the private practice of law and working as an attorney for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for the past five years. [Lirwin18@aol.com](mailto:Lirwin18@aol.com)

**Gretta McIlvaine** has started a healing/retreat center near Charlottesville, VA. [MWMCIK@aol.com](mailto:MWMCIK@aol.com)

**Stacy Jannis Tamerlani** recently completed a broadcast graphics package

for the PBS special about successful reform initiatives in US public education, *Making Schools Work*. Working closely with correspondent/executive producer Hedrick Smith, Stacy designed and produced the show opening, the graphic look for the program, the logo, and promotional elements. Stacy also recently completed a broadcast media package for the Alzheimer's Association. The package included live-action scenes of patients and caregivers, and extensive computer animation illustrating the cellular events specific to Alzheimer's disease. [JannisProds@earthlink.net](mailto:JannisProds@earthlink.net)

### 1975

**Michelle Lally** received the Professionalism Award given by the Allegheny County Bar Association's civil litigation section. She is the first woman to receive the award, which honors attorneys who are committed to raising the level of professionalism among their colleagues. [Michellelally@aol.com](mailto:Michellelally@aol.com)

**Connie Wood Spencer** writes, "I am married five years to Chuck Spencer whose

greatest claim to fame is how much he makes me laugh. We have great fun exploring the burgeoning VA wine industry and think taking a Sunday drive through the bucolic countryside, stopping to try a new vineyard's harvest and having a picnic is the best entertainment there is. We love to have friends join us, so all who are in the area or come to visit are welcome...Oh yeah, and we work, too. I am, like most of Metro area, a contractor. I am currently working on a Transportation Security Administration's HR Processing Project, researching and fixing payroll/personnel discrepancies. It really isn't glamorous but helps pay the mortgage and the wine bills (see above)." [cwoodspencer@msn.com](mailto:cwoodspencer@msn.com)

### 1974

**Eleanor Agnew Giriappa** retired from her position as a cancer registrar at the local hospital. Now she is free to spend her time working as a parent liaison for children with disabilities. Eleanor set up a resource fair for parents and people with disabilities. [egiriappa@yahoo.com](mailto:egiriappa@yahoo.com)

### 1972

**Molly Cannon Stevenson** is transitioning in her work life. She may continue as a consultant or join the staff of a nonprofit educational or healthcare organization. Sophie, 3, is making gains and is just starting to talk. Molly is researching the best way to help Chinese orphans. She also trained for a distance swim, 2.4 miles, in August 2005. Will attends The University of the Pacific and studies music management, and Mamie attends the Jesuit High School in Denver and is a star student-athlete! Husband Bill, after running many marathons, had his hips replaced in September. He had to hang up the running shoes, sadly. [MStevensPIP@aol.com](mailto:MStevensPIP@aol.com)

### 1970

**Kim Zillweger Beck** is still in the dental hygiene profession, but has taken a break from her career since October 2004 to have bilateral rotator cuff repairs. It has been tough and she is glad it is over. Kim is still happily married to Don after 24 years, and they have two wonderful grandchildren, ages 1 and 3, who live in Connecticut. [deekim2@connecttime.net](mailto:deekim2@connecttime.net)



(L-R) Kim Zillweger Beck, Megan Williams Hall, and Rose Sherman Lenchner prepare for their 35th Reunion.



**Jane Cauley** is a professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh. She loves her job and feels very fortunate to work in such exciting research on women's health. Most of her work is in osteoporosis, but she is also involved in studies of breast cancer and "successful" aging. Daughter Kathryn, 19, is a freshman at Penn State, and Nora, 16, is a junior at Upper St. Clair high school. Husband Bob Merchant works in the car business. He has really shown Jane a different type of fun as they hop on his Harley and ride! [JCauley@edc.pitt.edu](mailto:JCauley@edc.pitt.edu)

**Susan Crump Hammond** and David recently celebrated their 27th anniversary. They've been living in New

England for the whole time. Their oldest boy, Matt, 24, lives in Boulder, CO, and their younger son, Pete, 21, has one more year at Hobart College in Geneva, NY. After being a paralegal for several years, Susan left the workforce to raise the boys and for the last 10 years has worked part-time at a local tennis club. Life is very quiet in their empty nest! Susan looks forward to seeing classmates she hasn't seen since graduation. [susan02052@comcast.net](mailto:susan02052@comcast.net)

## 1969

**Gretchen Haien** won the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award for Photography. The awards honor the achievements of living Mississippians (current residents or former ones with significant ties to the state) on the basis of work shown, published, or performed in 2004. Gretchen currently teaches at Belhaven College in Jackson, MS. [Gretchen@Studio4And5.com](mailto:Gretchen@Studio4And5.com)

**Christine McGowan Hess** writes, "Two of my quadruplet daughters have graduated from college, one is now married. A third just got



**Jan Coco Groft '68 (R) with husband Randy (C) and daughter Katherine (L).**



**(L-R) Marvin and Joy Marks Gray '68 with son Matthew.**

an AA in New York outside Albany and just bought a house. My dad, James McGowan, died in Pittsburgh in August 2003. My mom, 87, is still doing well, playing golf or bridge several times a week in Monterey, CA. [Quadzoo@Aol.com](mailto:Quadzoo@Aol.com)

## 1968

**Margie Balter** was involved in three movies released this year, including *Beauty Shop* with Queen Latifah. She is finishing her book, *Music from My Heart, Solo Piano Pieces by Margie Balter*. [mbalter@dslextrreme.com](mailto:mbalter@dslextrreme.com)

**Jan Coco Groft** recently released a spiritual memoir, *Riding the Dog: My Father's Journey Home*, offering hope and a kindred heart to anyone facing or coping with loss. Jan took her daughter and husband on a tour of WT in the spring. [jangroft@ptd.net](mailto:jangroft@ptd.net)

**Joy Marks Gray** and husband Marvin traveled to England to visit their son Matthew, who was studying at the University of Bristol for his junior year abroad from the University of Maryland. They proudly attended their older son Daniel's commencement in May 2005, from Case

Western Reserve, where Joy is a double alum. A political science major, Daniel now works in Richmond, Virginia, for the Democratic party on their gubernatorial campaign. [mysteriousgray@aol.com](mailto:mysteriousgray@aol.com)

## 1967

**Suzanne Gurzenda** retired in June and plans to move onto her sailboat and sail around the world over the next five years. After short trips to New York and New England to work out some kinks, she plans to leave the DC area in mid-October, spend November in Charleston, SC, then on Dec. 1, leave for the Bahamas. [airyfairy@juno.com](mailto:airyfairy@juno.com)

**Karen McKinley** is a clinical pediatric oncology social worker at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter. She is active in many professional organizations and local boards related to her field and recently hosted the annual conference of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers. [Klane49@Earthlink.Net](mailto:Klane49@Earthlink.Net)

**Judith Sutton** recently published *Sweet Gratitude: Bake a Thank-You for Really Important People in Your Life*, a very personal collection



of easy dessert recipes.  
[jcsfood@aol.com](mailto:jcsfood@aol.com)

**Virginia "Jiji" Reed Weidner** received her D.Ed. from Florida State University in April 2005, in Educational Leadership. Son Peter 23, recently moved to London to work as an analyst for a capital management firm, and daughter Michelle, 19, is in her second year at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. Jiji and husband Don have lived in Tallahassee, FL, for the past 29 years and really love the South and boating.  
[jijiweidner@nettally.com](mailto:jijiweidner@nettally.com)

## 1966

**Martha Hunter-Elmer** writes, "eleven years ago Mike and I adopted a 7-year-old Russian boy. He is now a junior at Central Catholic and a member of the state championship Viking football team (16-0) and lacrosse team. My life is centered on sports these days, which my classmates should find amusing. Athletics was hardly my strong suit. But I do love participating vicariously with someone who is able to do them!" [Oakm1@Aol.com](mailto:Oakm1@Aol.com)

**Margaret "Mimi" Keck** is a professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University. Husband Larry Wright works at the National Cancer Institute designing information systems. Their older daughter, Melissa, started high school in the fall, and daughter Laura is in seventh grade. Mimi and Melissa traveled to Andalusia, Spain, this summer before Mimi attended a Spanish Immersion Camp. Mimi is finishing a co-authored book

on Brazilian environmental politics. Earlier this year she won a grant in International Peace and Security from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to write another book with a colleague in Brazil based on research they have been doing on the development of participatory river basin management committees in Brazil.  
[margaretkeck@mac.com](mailto:margaretkeck@mac.com)

**Anne Eaton Woolley** has lived outside Princeton, NJ, for 21 years and is a free lance writer and public relations consultant for the friends group of Rockingham State Historic Site and a small social service group. She and husband Tad have two grown daughters in the sports field. Margot works for the Detroit Pistons and Kristen works for ESPN. Anne sees **M.J. Nims Valent** about once a year, which is wonderful.  
[woolleyfam@aol.com](mailto:woolleyfam@aol.com)

## 1965

**Mary Hamilton Burroughs** retired this year after 36 years as an elementary school teacher. Her next job will be storyteller, wearing the same pair of jeans for a week!  
[hammy52\\_79@yahoo.com](mailto:hammy52_79@yahoo.com)

**Maria Matheny Chapman** lives in the U. S. Virgin Islands with her husband, Andrew. She owns a retail store named UpIsland Home that sells everything from clothes to furniture. Her two stepsons are graduated and off into the world. They are left with seven dogs and a small piece of paradise. Maria still travels every chance she gets!  
[textilesvi@hotmail.com](mailto:textilesvi@hotmail.com)

**Marilyn Goldberg** lives on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, and is a professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, teaching Greek, Roman, and Near Eastern Archaeology and Women in the Classical World. She remarried, to Patrick McClintock, who is a massage therapist. For fun, Marilyn swims and they have a Tibetan Buddhist Center in their house. [goldberg@umbc.edu](mailto:goldberg@umbc.edu)

**Helen Mar Parkin** spent a month during spring 2005 in Cincinnati, OH, where she conserved several paintings for the Taft Museum of Art. The museum has recently completed an ambitious and beautiful renovation/expansion of the 1820 Federal home that houses the collection. She was asked to remove discolored varnish layers from two paintings by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot and carry out a number of minor treatments. She plans to return in the fall to undertake structural work on another painting in the collection.  
[steve\\_how@msn.com](mailto:steve_how@msn.com)

## 1964

**Carole Haskell Epstein** writes, "Getting to see so many classmates at our reunion was great. Returning to WT certainly brought back a flood of memories. Since that weekend, our eldest son Daniel has decided to move with his family to Massachusetts. Ken and I are thrilled to now have both sons nearby. We will get to be a part of our granddaughter's growing up without long trips west."  
[chaseps@comcast.net](mailto:chaseps@comcast.net)

## 1962

**Susan Kunz Heritage** is married to William Holt Heritage Jr. They have three children, William III, Heather, and John, and four grandchildren, with a fifth on the way. Will and Kathy have three girls (Briley, Claire, and Abby) and Heather and Jeff have a son (Sam) and were expecting their second in August 2005. Will is a business attorney like his dad, Heather is a special education high school teacher, and John is a graphic artist and image specialist. Bill and Susie live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and enjoy boating and traveling. Susie is a retired nurse who taught smoking cessation programs, clinics, and retreats for 14 years and is now an avid needle artist and grandma!  
[GRHERITAGE@aol.com](mailto:GRHERITAGE@aol.com)

**Elizabeth Bell Middleton** has been greatly honored to receive seven awards for her ministries to prisoners and memory-impaired patients and her church work in the last two years.

## 1961

**Eileen Mauclair D'Appolonia** celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary in Bermuda in June 2005 with her family. Her youngest daughter, Anne, became engaged in May 2005 to Andrew Dickson, son of **Mary Succop Dickson '57**.  
[eileen@dappolonia.net](mailto:eileen@dappolonia.net)

## 1959

**Mary Lowenthal Felstiner's** new book, *Out of Joint: A Private & Public Story of Arthritis*, will appear in fall 2005. Since everyone knows

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**J**ane Marshall Lohman '56 and Holly Carlson Campbell '56 say, "If you can remember the slogan on our sign, you can remember a host of other things as well. They may not be as lofty, but they are guaranteed to be funny and warm-hearted and all the things we hope for at reunion – by just being together again. Why else would Jane and I make fools of ourselves posing in the halls of WT wearing hats that belonged to none other than Miss Mitchell herself? Whatever it takes to get our old friends back so we can say to each other, 'thanks for the memories.' "

someone with arthritis, Mary hopes this book will be helpful to many women. [mf@sfsu.edu](mailto:mf@sfsu.edu)

### Alexandra Brittain Knox

and Squire spent six months in Naples, FL, and six months in Sullivan, ME, for the third year. Alex works in Naples as a speech-language pathologist and studies the oboe. She began five years ago, although it has been a lifetime love. In Maine, Alex gardens, kayaks, catches up on continuing

education for her job, and plays the oboe to the seals and to human audiences when available. Alex feels very close to Pittsburgh (although she gets there infrequently) because her two sisters live there. Winchester is in her heart and in her brain always. [pudoir@aol.com](mailto:pudoir@aol.com)

**Donna Gow Taylor** still works full-time, teaching Head Start in depressed areas of Allegheny County. She enjoys

having summers off to visit her 11 grandchildren who live in New York and Virginia. What could be more fun than "grandma-bonding" on a trip to Maine while listening to Harry Potter on CD? [donnahu@comcast.net](mailto:donnahu@comcast.net)

### Judith Getty Treadwell

works at the town library and volunteers at the local elementary school. They are thinking of building a home in Vermont so the grandchildren can come and visit. [eastwest@pshift.com](mailto:eastwest@pshift.com)

### 1958

#### Johnston Williams Harris

wrote, "Do you realize that in 2008 it will be 50 years since I graduated from WT. Why is it WT memories are so fresh but I struggle to remember what went on five years ago? Was it good teachers, lots of homework, many steps to climb, good morals taught? In retrospect I appreciate all of WT now that I am older and can see the value of it all."

### 1957

#### Harriet Adler Feldman

was featured in the *Greenwich Citizen* newspaper in June 2005, in an article about her business, Memory Lane Productions. Her company preserves the memories of individuals' life stories through recorded interviews and written transcripts. [lmlegend@aol.com](mailto:lmlegend@aol.com)

#### Barbara Easton Marks

writes, "Southern living in Greenville, SC, is delightful. Bachelor son Scott lives in our pool guest house with his dachshunds, Oscar and Mayer. Daughter Kris and her lovely

family live nearby. Keeping up with our five grandchildren—kindergarten to college-age—is energizing!"

#### Sally Guy Stone-Worsing

continues to work and enjoy life at home with her husband, friends, and two large dogs. Four children and five grandchildren scattered between Ireland, Switzerland, New York, and Virginia keep Sally and her husband traveling! [Stone@Duq.Edu](mailto:Stone@Duq.Edu)

### 1956

#### Myrna Katz Morris

still works full time. For the last six years, she has been an outreach specialist for Gateway Rehabilitation Center, representing a court-ordered adolescent inpatient drug and alcohol program. Myrna deals with probation officers, assesses teenagers, and gives presentations to various groups on the red flags of usage. Myrna has four children (three sons and a daughter, ranging in age from 35–45), their spouses, and seven grandchildren (from 5 wks to 14 yrs) all of whom reside in the NY/NJ area. She visits them all regularly. [mno302@comcast.net](mailto:mno302@comcast.net)

#### Robin McKinney Weiss

is married to Charles Weiss, a lawyer at Thorp, Reed and Armstrong. She is retired as president of Samuel Land Co. They have nine children and 16 grandchildren. "I loved my years at WT. Wonderful classmates—outstanding education." [Rweiss5798@aol.com](mailto:Rweiss5798@aol.com)





**Bob and Mary Evans '55 on the right, with their granddaughter and others at the Cotton Club in Budapest.**

## 1955

**Mary Minor Evans** was elected President of the Minnesota D.A.R. State Officers Club. She also chairs the University for Seniors curriculum committee. Mary and her husband recently traveled to Eastern Europe, visiting Bucharest, Belgrade, Budapest, Bratislava, and others. [mevans@d.umn.edu](mailto:mevans@d.umn.edu)

**Frances Blasdel Hubbell** retired in 2002, after a 25-year career as a stock broker. Reluctant to molder away, she has built a life-long hobby of photography into a small business. Dick and Fran have traveled extensively, including trips "Around the Horn" by boat, and "Around the Cape" (of Good Hope) on land. Their girls are the joy of their lives, and their grandchildren, ages 8 and 13, are growing and delighting them. Dick and Fran would love to see anyone who comes to Hilton Head. [rbhub@hargray.com](mailto:rbhub@hargray.com)

**Linda Goorin Marcus** co-owns a company with Carrie Widener, *CaroLine Cards*. Carrie does all of the art work and Linda supplies

the words to create greeting cards, bookmarks, and more. They sold their merchandise at WT's Spring Fling last June and had a wonderful time. Also, Linda co-wrote a song entitled *One More Mountain to Climb* with Jack Feldman. Their song is the title of a CD, released on August 23, 2005, by Jimmy Beaumont & the Skyliners. [Linda@Forcomm.net](mailto:Linda@Forcomm.net)

**Barbara Feldman Rogal** and husband Jay are enjoying retired life together. Older daughter Debbie lives outside of Washington, DC. Younger daughter Jeannie lives in Harrisburg with their grandson, Robbie, who will be 10 in October 2005. After living in Churchill for 33 years, where she taught for most of those years, Barbara and Jay now live in an apartment in Oakland, about two blocks from WT. They keep very busy doing work for their temple, and Barbara also volunteers for *Beginning with Books*, an early literacy program for kids. [bfrogal@yahoo.com](mailto:bfrogal@yahoo.com)

**Faith Wertz Eastwood Shore** retired after teaching

for 24 years. Two weeks later she married Dr. Richard E. Shore. They went to Scotland on their honeymoon. Last year was a whirlwind of volunteer activities—the most significant being a program to provide math training to middle school teachers. [feastwoodshore@insightbb.com](mailto:feastwoodshore@insightbb.com)

**Jeannie Murdoch Smith** writes that two grandsons are in college, one is at Pitt Medical School, and the other eight are doing very well, too, including one as young as age 4 in pre-school.

**Judy Allen Summersby** worked as a volunteer this year on a second-grade social studies curriculum devoted to Native Americans and enjoyed it very much. Judy admires the Navajo and Hopi peoples whose spiritual quest for balance and harmony in life has brought new hope for peace and harmony in her life and in the life of our nation and the world. Judy continues to work on various peace and justice issues that are crucial to our nation's welfare. She and her husband are strongly opposed to the useless and tragic war in Iraq, which has brought so much pain and suffering to the Iraqi people and to our brave men and women in uniform. From time to time she speaks with WT friends and hopes to be more in touch in the future. [CL771@aol.com](mailto:CL771@aol.com)

## 1954

**Alice Gault Fuchs** has a new granddaughter named Maya Salma. She is the daughter of son Josh Bloom and his wife, Anna Attar.

Alice's grandson Ben just started kindergarten at WT. He is the seventh person and the third generation from Alice's family to attend WT. [AWFuchs@access995.com](mailto:AWFuchs@access995.com)

**Sally Lewis Horner** wrote, "We are having a wonderful summer with LOTS of happy campers. However, the heat is about to get to everyone ... and after one whole week of heat, it is *only* 99 in the shade. Everyone is playing water games, swimming, or windsurfing! Tom Sawyer Camps and Catalina Island Camp are going strong with excellent staffs at each camp. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!" [sally@tomsawycamps.com](mailto:sally@tomsawycamps.com)

**Susan Parker Livingston** is happy to be back living in Pittsburgh with old friends and family.

**Darin Geise Snyder** writes, "A year does go quickly. We had 2½ months on Panama City Beach, and we will be spending two weeks with our son Dan, wife Liz, and grandchildren Evan and Megan in San Clemente, CA. Evan is starting first grade, and Megan will be in Kindergarten. Those of you who remember my father will be interested in the fact that Evan should be at least 6 feet 4 inches. Keep in touch, and don't forget to update your information to me and to Alison." [DarSny5633@aol.com](mailto:DarSny5633@aol.com)

## 1953

**Janice Greenberg Rosenberg** was featured in an article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in April 2005. The article talked about Janice's special talent as a travel agent, tour organizer, and "dream



**Jean Clark Yount '45, Jean Ballard George '44, and Betsy Riddle Ruderfer '53 enjoy lunch in DC with WT's Director of Development, Gaylen Westfall.**

orchestrator." Janice recently taught popular classes at Carnegie Mellon University's Academy for Lifelong Learning on food and travel. [jrtagent@aol.com](mailto:jrtagent@aol.com)

**Betsy Riddle Ruderfer** made a CD entitled *Sophisticated Sweet Swing*, with a jazz ensemble in December 2004 and will record another one soon. She continues working with the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) and is first vice president and chairman of patriotic services for the DC chapter of NSCDA. Betsy enjoys being a resident of Pennsylvania again—at least part time. They bought a little mountain house just west of McConnellsburg, on top of a mountain in the Blue Ridge, looking at Tuscarora Mountain. Emil and Betsy celebrate 35 years of marriage this year, plus his 65th and her 70th, as well as their dog Dandy MacScruff's 10th birthday. [br.ruderfer@att.net](mailto:br.ruderfer@att.net)

## 1952

**Jean MacIntyre** was program chair for the Pacific Northwest Renaissance Society's conference in Banff, Alberta, which took place in May 2005. Her co-chairs were all in Calgary, which meant several drives—about three hours each way—for meetings and lunches, but most of the work in this and other conferences is now going on electronically. She remains on the board of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association. [jmacinty@telusplanet.net](mailto:jmacinty@telusplanet.net)

## 1951

**Carol Crookston Close** reports that all is well. Wade is still working, and they are very involved in their church. Carol feels blessed that their family is growing, with a sixth grandchild due in July 2005.

## 1949

**Eleanor Decker McNaugher** and John thoroughly enjoy retirement. They are moving to Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community in Cranberry, PA, this fall. Eleanor smashed her

lower left leg in a bad fall in April, so their usual visits to family in Chicago and Detroit, and other travels, have been curtailed! Fortunately, they have two daughters and a granddaughter still in the Pittsburgh area who have been a great source of help. Eleanor would love to hear from others in the Class of '49! [edmjrm@fyi.net](mailto:edmjrm@fyi.net)

**Sheila Bortz Pearlman** has two grandsons attending WT – Andy '11 and Nick '15. They are the third generation of her family to be WT students.

## 1948

**Ann Autenreith Saxton** left Pittsburgh in January 2004, to live near her son in Wayland, MA. "New England is beautiful, but 'home' is Pittsburgh!"

## 1947

**Nancy K. Schlossberg's** most recent book, *Retire Smart, Retire Happy: Finding Your True Path in Life*, was published last year. She is an expert in the areas of adult transitions and career development. Currently the co-president of a consulting group, TransitionWorks, and a professor emerita at the University of Maryland, Nancy also authored *Getting the Most Out of College* (Prentice Hall), *Overwhelmed: Coping With Life's Ups and Downs* (Lexington Press), *Counseling Adults in Transition*, (second edition; Springer Press), and *Going to Plan B: How You Can Cope, Regroup, and Start Your Life on a New Path* (Simon & Schuster). Nancy is a frequent guest on radio and TV. Her

work was highlighted in the cover story of November 23, 2004, *USA Today*. [nancyks4@juno.com](mailto:nancyks4@juno.com)

## 1946

**Ruth Friedman Ornitz** had dinner in Sarasota in January 2005, with classmate **Amy Comins Lowenstein '46** and cousin **Lois Hertz Lesser '45**.

**Jean Ayars Pohli** began writing poetry last year and belongs to a local poetry society. She also thoroughly enjoys a philosophy group and just joined the techno-world, beginning computer classes. [jeanvandana@comcast.net](mailto:jeanvandana@comcast.net)

## 1945

**Bobby Hanson Helm** and husband Ralph had a summer of visitors. Their son brought his son, Jack (their seventh grandchild), from San Francisco to Jackson, WY, to be baptized. Their daughter visited with her two daughters, 7 and 5, and their chocolate lab, Maggie. Their other two sons and families are fine, as are Ralph and Bobby. Hello to everyone! [bobbyhelm@aol.com](mailto:bobbyhelm@aol.com)

**Betty Jean King Kane** and husband Louis live in Scottsdale, AZ, from Oct 5 to May 15, and spend the rest of the year in Zelienople, PA, where B.J.'s three children and five grandchildren reside. She looks forward to seeing **Sue Williams Godinez** each summer and would be happy to hear from any old friends. [BJKANE@verizonmail.com](mailto:BJKANE@verizonmail.com)



1944

**Mildred "Middy" Thorn Dethlefsen** has two children (one boy and one girl) and six grandchildren. Four of them live in Sacramento, so Middy does not see them too often, but two live locally, so they do some babysitting. Middy is involved with the Assistance League of San Pedro-Palos Verdes as well as the Toberman Settlement House - both most worthwhile ventures. She plays a little tennis and bridge about four times a month and is active in her church and all of its groups. They enjoy concerts and travel series that keep them up to date on things.  
[middy26@cox.net](mailto:middy26@cox.net)

1943

**Suzanne Fink Scott** continues to work as an educational consultant, helping students find good schools, colleges, and special needs programs. She is grateful to be celebrating her 55th wedding anniversary and finds it hard to believe she is in her 80th year!

1941

**Ruth Weimar Tillar** enjoyed a wonderful trip to Switzerland, a highlight of which was her paragliding adventure over the Alps.



**Ruth Weimar Tillar '41** paraglides over Switzerland.

1939

**Lois Averbach Rosenbaum** is recovering nicely from a broken hip. She will be spending time in Fort Lauderdale and Barbados in the fall.

1933

**Elinor Cowdry Rust** and Murray are still happily situated on Crystal Lake, Orleans, on Cape Cod. They enjoy lots of wildlife, including a resident fox, a pink skunk, and many chipmunks, squirrels, and birds. They have nine and a half great grandchildren—six boys, three girls, and half was still a mystery when Elinor wrote.

1931

**Margaret Laird Anderson** is in an assisted-living facility in Ithaca, NY. Despite a stroke in January 2000 and failing eyesight, she is in good health. Her brother, Bill, moved to St. Barnabas, outside of Pittsburgh.

## Remember to update your profile!

Please visit the Alum page of the Web site and update your profile. Get your new password by contacting **Alison Wolfson** at [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org).

## Honorary Alumna Elizabeth Cookson

continues to volunteer at the Smithsonian, and also at Tudor Place, which was the home of Martha Washington's granddaughter and was lived in by her descendants until 1983. She is president of the friends of her local library, an active group that organizes or assists with many events. Elizabeth enjoys seeing friends in Pittsburgh when she comes to Chatham College, where she is on the Alumnae Board. She often sees their grandchildren who are a great pleasure.  
[Rjcookson@aol.com](mailto:Rjcookson@aol.com)

## Class Notes

Please send us your news and photos! Send information to Alison Wolfson, Director of Alumnae/i Relations, Winchester Thurston School, 555 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org).

*Class notes do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Winchester Thurston School or the editors of ThistleTalk.*

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

## Ellen Lee Dwyer '70

By Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer '37

It is with profound sadness I observe the death of our niece Ellen Dwyer '70 on March 26, 2004. She was blessed with so many talents not bestowed upon all of us.

Her years at WT were brilliant and happy, graduating with honors. She entered Yale (her father was Yale Class of '50) with the determination to complete her degree in three years so as to graduate with the first class to bestow degrees upon women. This she accomplished, again graduating with honors. She was curator of the national Historic House in New Haven before moving on to the same position at the Abigail Adams Smith House in New York State. It was then she was elected to Fellowship at Winterthur, an honor she wore with pride. After extensive training, Winterthur sent her to Cartier Jewelers in New York to be trained in the evaluation of antique jewelry. Falling in love with the challenges of NYC, she remained in Manhattan for the rest of her fascinating career in the buying and selling of antique gold objets d'art.

One word describes Ellen, "Mercurial." Many beloved friends, as well as those well known in the art and jewelers world, attended her memorial service in the Church of the Epiphany, NYC. David Ousley, former curator of the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA, was just one of the many who gave a eulogy. In an age that sees elders living to greater ages, Ellen lived too brief a life, albeit the years she had were brim full and faced with brevity.

*Sleep sweetly in this quiet place  
O Ellen, where're thou art,  
And let no mournful yesterdays  
Disturb thy peaceful heart.  
Nor let tomorrow scare thy rest  
With thought of coming ill,  
Thy maker is they changeless friend  
His love surrounds thee still.  
Forget thyself, and all the world,  
Put out each feverish light,  
The stars are watching overhead  
Sleep sweetly then.....  
Good night.*

## Can You Help Us Find These Lost Alums?

The following alumnae/i are lost. Please contact Alison Wolfson at (412) 578-7529 or [wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org](mailto:wolfsona@winchesterthurston.org) if you have information on how to reach them.

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## Condolences

To **Vicky '65, Martha '66, Jennie '68 Berg** and **Rachel Alexander '03**, on the death of their brother and uncle, J. Parker Berg, on June 8, 2005.

To **Karen Harmeier Berner '60**, on the death of her husband, Jerry Berner, in June 2005.

To **Mary Louise Richardson Brock '41**, on the death of her husband, Gibson E. Brock, on June 9, 2005.

To **Dorothy Squires Clark '54**, on the death of her mother, **Dorothy Meyer Squires '29**, on March 30, 2005.

To **Marion Weis Cohen '44**, on the death of her husband, Eugene Cohen, on February 1, 2005.

To **Eve Keller Cohn '65**, on the death of her sister, **Sue Keller '67**, on November 4, 2004, and her mother, on June 8, 2005.

To **Christine Crawford '66**, on the death of her husband, S. Carlton Tadlock, on December 24, 2004.

To **Virginia Wicks Douglas '44**, on the death of her husband, Bob Douglas, in November 2004.

To **Anne Meckel Hendry '44**, on the death of her sister, **Janet Meckel Thomas '42**, on August 11, 2005.

To **Ariel Koros '96**, on the death of her mother, Aurelia Koros, on January 18, 2005.

To **Margaret Gezon Meltz '66**, on the death of her mother, **Elizabeth Brownlee Gezon '34**, in February 2005.

To **Jane Dressler Page '48, Nita Dressler Argyres '52**, and **Suzanne Dressler Kellar '55**, on the death of their mother, Dorothy Dressler, on January 28, 2005.

To **Mike Roth '02** and **Dan Roth '07** and Alice Buchdal, on the death of their father and husband, Steven Roth, on June 12, 2005.

To **Pat Ruslander-Deery '58** and Peggy Ruslander, on the death of their father and husband and former WT Trustee, Julian Ruslander, on March 2, 2005.

To **Nancy Succop Schroeder '44** and **Linda Schroeder Diebold '68**, on the death of their daughter and sister, **Lisa Schroeder Martin '71**, on August 23, 2005.

To **Martha Harrison Seipel '49**, on the death of her sister, **Nancy Harrison Graham '51**, on May 1, 2004.

To **Christina Kalaris Sfanos '74**, on the death of her husband, Michael Sfanos,

To **Adrienne Pigossi Shryock '43**, on the death of her sister, **Elaine Pigossi Orr '47**, on November 6, 2004.

To **Lynne Crookston Stull '56**, on the death of her husband, Joseph Stull, in March 2005.

To **Cordelia Westervelt Swinton '57**, on the death of her sister, **Catherine Westervelt Bailie '54**, on March 21, 2005.

To **Mary Ann Wilner '69** and **Marion Weis Cohen '44**, on the death of their mother and sister, **Norma Weis Wilner '40**, on January 15, 2005.

## Deaths

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

**Elizabeth "Betty" Abernethy '29**, March, 2005

**Dorothy Meyer Squires '29**, March 30, 2005

**Leona Aronson Berger '32**, date unknown

**Helen Lyne Curtin '34**, March 9, 2005

**Elizabeth Brownlee Gezon '34**, February 2005

**Nancy Langfitt McGraw '34**, October 1, 2004

**Helen Roberts Michel '35**, November 13, 2004

**Norma Weis Wilner '40**, January 15, 2005

**Janet Meckel Thomas '42**, August 11, 2005

**Barbara E. Kneeland '41**, November 25, 2004

**Mary Speidel Roberts '41**, July 23, 2005

**Suzanne Thorn Braun '47**, March 28, 2004

**Elaine Pigossi Orr '47**, November 6, 2004

**Nancy Harrison Graham '51**, May 1, 2004

**Catherine Westervelt Bailie '54**, March 21, 2005

**Marcia McCleary Rueff '57**, June 22, 2005

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Alums, parents, and friends have already donated more than \$10 million to the campaign and raised a record \$667,000 in annual giving in 2004-2005. As a result of this generosity, in this exciting school year, you can see:

- WT's athletic teams playing and practicing on a refurbished Playing Field at the City Campus.
- Students at our North Hills Campus learning in an optimum environment featuring a new Visual Arts classroom overlooking the gorgeous spring-fed pond; a multipurpose room for school performances, Dance and P.E. classes, and lunch; a dedicated library and media center; and a separate Music classroom. The new Campus Center completes this campus and makes room for a preschool, opening in fall 2006.
- The construction of a new Upper School at the City Campus, a beautiful Georgian style building for grades 9-12 that will enable WT to provide distinctive, developmentally appropriate learning environments for all students, grades Pre-K-12.
- A 33 percent growth in Winchester Thurston's endowment fund to support financial aid, faculty development, and curricular initiatives such as the City as Our Campus.

Your one donation this year will support both *Many Voices, One Vision: The Campaign for Winchester Thurston School*, and *The WT Fund*: 75 percent to the capital campaign and 25 percent to annual giving (with the stipulation that the portion directed to *The WT Fund* will not be less than your last gift to *The WT Fund*).

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**Our school motto served as the fundraising theme for 2004-05.**

WT Fund Chairs **Tamar and Todd Rosenfeld** led a Steering Committee of 50 that urged the WT community to:

Think also of the students,

Think also of the faculty, and

Think also of your involvement at WT.

And our community did! WT donors stepped forward to raise a record \$667,000 for *The WT Fund*. This is the most dollars ever raised in a single year to support operations at Winchester Thurston.

Highlights include:

- Average gifts to annual giving increased this year by 25% for alumnae/i and by 9% for parents.
- Party at the Point, the Parents Association spring benefit raised \$40,000 for *The WT Fund*.
- The City as Our Campus initiative was funded this year by The Edward E. Ford Foundation with a \$50,000 grant and matched by an anonymous donor. In addition, individual donors stepped forward this spring to invest in this worthwhile initiative that links WT curriculum to the rich cultural and educational resources in the city of Pittsburgh.

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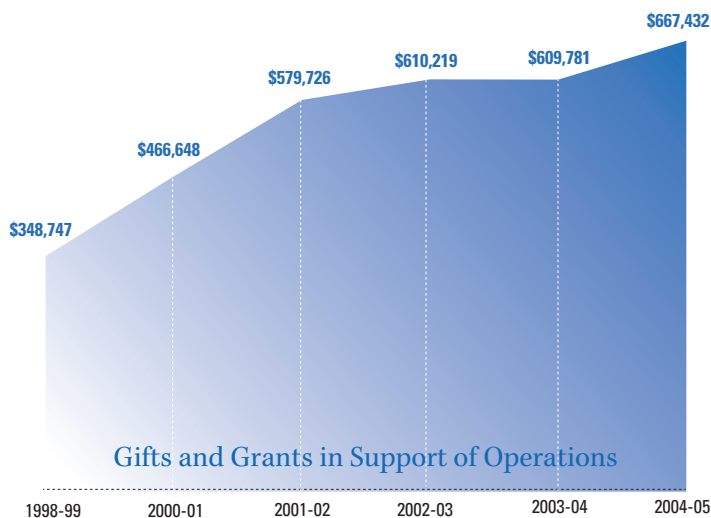
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Mr. Lincoln Sokolski  
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Yuko Suguta  
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Amy Akers-Teets & Robin Teets  
Lois Graham Tingler '51  
Judith Getty Treadwell '59  
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Susan Scarborough

#### 1926

Virginia A. Elliott\* (Thurston)

#### 1929

Jane Metzger Epstine (Winchester)

#### 1931

Margaret Laird Anderson  
(Thurston)  
Eleanor Harbison Bream\*  
(Winchester)  
Betty Thompson Reif (Winchester)

#### 1932

Anonymous  
Jean H. Davis (Winchester)  
Nancy L. Davis (Winchester)  
Eliza Miller (Thurston)  
Elizabeth Felix Parrack (Thurston)  
Betty Jarrett Reed (Winchester)  
Antoinette Vilsack Seifert  
(Winchester)

#### 1933

Elizabeth R. Bradley\* (Winchester)  
Elinor Cowdrey Rust (Winchester)

#### 1934

Dr. Anne Rush Cook (Winchester)  
Mary Louise Warrick Diven  
(Winchester)  
Elisa Pierce Lynch (Winchester)  
Alice McKnight Mackroth  
(Winchester)

#### 1935

Eleanor Wright Heath  
(Winchester)  
Marjorie Vilsack Propst  
(Winchester)  
Betty Cohen Sikov (Winchester)

#### 1936

Helen McNair Sinnett

#### 1937

Nancy Steigerwalt Dwyer  
Jane Brooke Farnsworth  
Mary George Gast  
Mary Jayne Whipkey Redenbaugh  
Nancy Siverd Shrader

#### 1938

Anonymous  
Charlotte Rush Brown, MD  
Mary Jane Harter Forker  
Carol Bostwick McConnon  
Phyllis Keister Semple

#### 1939

Lois Kaplan Finkel  
Mary Louise Kountz Groover  
Alice White Herning  
Lois Averbach Rosenbaum  
Nancy Crook Tishler  
Elizabeth Jack Wells

#### 1940

Anonymous  
Marjorie Baer Allon  
Mary M. Voigt  
June Hahn Whitehill

#### 1941

Mary Louise Richardson Brock  
Britta Ericson Chambers  
Betty Girts Dell  
Barbara Foster Mars  
Dorothy Willison Reed  
Virginia Ann Sheppard  
Nancy Milholland Sprecher  
Ruth Weimer Tillar

#### 1942

Ruth Speidel Dalzell-McMillan  
Marion Thompson Kerwin  
Gertrude M. Kneil  
Eleanor Jackson Migdal  
Jane Bortman Porter

#### 1943

Anonymous (3)  
Winifred Schultz Carr  
Shirley Seubert Chewning  
Joan Borden Drury  
Janet Donaldson Gilmore  
Janet Eisenbeis Johnson  
Sally Doerschuk Ketchum  
Jocelyn Hulme MacConnell  
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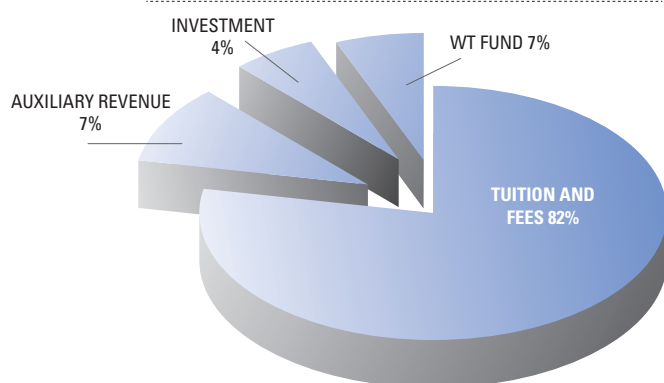
#### 1944

Joan Frank Apt  
Jean Forncrook Armstrong  
Mary Cunningham Bailey  
Marion Weis Cohen  
Marcia Phillips Cornell  
Mildred (Middy) Thorn Dethlefsen  
Virginia Wicks Douglas  
Anna-Stina Ericson  
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Jean Ballard George  
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Murray Armstrong James  
Elizabeth Ricketts Knott  
Valerie Roemer Lynn  
Nancy Succop Schroeder  
Patricia Conner Schulte  
Margaret Edgar Sellers  
Sally Smith Williams

#### 1945

Elizabeth Wright Anderson  
Suzanne Robbins Barnes  
Elizabeth Ann Leggett Black  
Jane Westphal Griesse  
Claire Bloom Hahn  
Frances Lyne Heiner  
Esther Speidel Jack  
Betty Jean "B.J." King Kane  
Shirley Kerr Kennard  
Caroline Curtis Lucal  
Electra Anthon Manfred  
Margery Succop McCarthy  
Anne (Rooney) Forncrook  
McCloskey  
Jean Clark Yount

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**1946**

Enola Sargent Almany  
Jane Callomon Arkus  
Katherine MacDonald Blenko  
Caroline Abraham Delavan  
Jeanne Plowman Deschner  
Rita J. Gould  
Shirley Ferguson Hall  
Lenore Corey Hanson  
Mary Meyer Johns  
Patricia Marlin Laird  
Thelma Levin Levine  
Rita Gottlieb Levis  
Ruth Friedman Ornitz  
Jean Ayars Pohli  
Jane Marcy Pritchard  
Marcia Miller Weiss

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**1947**

Katharine B. Bancroft  
Barbara Bennett Blum  
Betty Bradshaw Caesar  
Joanne Dunlap  
Anne Franklin Hazlett  
Norma Sue Glinn Madden  
Eleanor Hewitt Rushworth  
Dorothy Dodworth Scullin  
Gwen Chenoweth Swaney  
Gerda Rice Whitman

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**1948**

Anonymous  
Katherine Gerwig Bailey  
Suzanne Birmingham  
Virginia Jack Claxon  
Mary M. Cosgrove  
Elizabeth T. Jackman  
Nancy Queer McSorley  
Betty Rayburn Ogren  
Jane Dressler Page  
Ann Autenreith Saxton  
Joan Heppenstall Sieber

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**1949**

Myrna Kline Hackney  
Margaret Moore Mills  
Sheila Bortz Pearlman  
Martha Harrison Seipel  
Anne Christler VonSothen  
Margaret Smith Wenzel MD

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**1950**

Sarah M. Bumbaugh  
Jane Yahres Eskey  
Rev. Carol Straub Guilbert  
Caryl Amshel Halpern  
Adlyn Hollearn Hickey  
Sally Duff Kennedy  
Marilyn Sugerman Latterman  
Patricia Booth Linehan  
Margaret Anne Ewart Riter  
Susan Frankenstein Shapera  
Susan K. Bancroft Voigt  
Mary Jane Langham Walling

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**1951**

Anonymous  
Patricia McClay Boggs  
Carol Crookston Close  
Sally Bloom Cohen  
Ruth O'Brien Collura  
Margery Pearlman Davis  
Audrey Whitcomb Fetter  
Constance Smith Franklin  
Sallie Gottlieb Korman  
Louise Baldrige Lytle  
Marjorie Reed Olson  
Nancy Bair Peacock  
Lois Graham Tingle  
Gail Wainright Tseckares

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**1952**

Suzanne LeClere Barley  
Janine Louise McCaslin Bergmark  
Barbara Abney Bolger  
Joan Dibert Caryl  
Marion Montgomery Colbourne  
Alice Stotz Diehl  
Elaine Kauffman Haid

Jacquelyn Wilson Hill  
Nancy L. Martin  
Caroline O'Nan  
Joanne Kesel Shallenberger  
Cynthia Hill Smith  
Margaret Reed Smith

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**1953**

Anne Ballard Dunlap  
Jane Blough French  
Ann Ross Heymann  
Susanna Biddle Kecskemethy  
Virginia Simboli Leary  
Dorothy Jones Menges  
Margaret Jackman Metzger  
Ann Livingston Reed  
Janice Greenberg Rosenberg  
Barbara Silver Rosenthal  
Betsy Riddle Ruderfer  
Paula Lynn Templeton  
Judith Blough Wentz  
Victoria Crane Williams

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**1954**

Louise Waterman Bailey Assoc  
Catherine Westervelt Bailie \*  
Sarah Buchanan Braun  
Betsy Gott Byerly  
Roberta Moritz Friedlander  
Alice Gault Fuchs  
Sally Lewis Horner  
Nancy Berryman Latimer  
Judith Marshall Lauer  
Susan Parker Livingston  
Janet Rothman Markel  
Anne (Kiki) Bahr McConnel  
Dana Spicer McCown  
Brenda Wise Moffitt  
Bobbie Blackburn Muenzmay  
Sally Helsel Price  
Sandra Metz Qureshi  
Elisabeth Mirsky Ruchkin  
Darin Geise Snyder  
Barbara Messer Steinfirst  
Susan Williams Workman

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**1955**

Anonymous  
Nancy Riestter Allen  
Melinda Brown Beard  
Ann Wright Curran  
Faith Wertz Eastwood Shore  
Mary Minor Evans  
Nancy Stimmel Herpin  
Elizabeth Forstall Keen  
Suzanne Dressler Kellar  
Linda Goorin Marcus  
Constance Blum Marstine  
Beverlee Simboli McFadden  
Jeannie Murdoch Smith

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**1956**

Anonymous  
Holly Carlson Campbell  
Charlotte Crozier Cole  
Lois Silverblatt Crone  
Jane Gault Greer  
Sally Barker Hanan  
Rosanne Isay Harrison  
Jane Marshall Lohman  
Eleanor Donehoo McIntire  
Bee Jee Epstine Morrison  
Carolyn Behrhorst Parker  
Barbara Probst Roth  
Kathryn Cable Sandell  
Lynne Crookston Stull  
Robin McKinney Weiss

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**1957**

Phyllis Chinlund  
Judith Bond Clarke  
Nann Hegmann Cooke  
Judy Rohrer Davis  
Harriet Adler Feldman  
Marilyn King Jones  
Barbara Easton Marks  
Carole Oswald Markus  
Jane Sachs Radoff  
Victoria Brittain Seckel  
Cordelia Westervelt Swinton  
Jane Arensberg Thompson  
Carol Spear Williams  
Elizabeth Smelzer Winslow

\* denotes deceased

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**1958**

Mary Alexandra Navarro  
Alexander  
Katherine Horner Anderson  
Marilyn Wilson Bonner  
Jean Bottcher  
Joanne Johnston Bowser  
Linda Isaly Coughlin  
Susan Pekruhn Glotfelty  
Johnston Williams Harris  
Kathryn W. Kruse  
Claire Evans Martin  
Mary Lee Friday Rafferty  
Josette Neubauer Rolley  
Linda Crandall Smith  
Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Warne

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**1959**

Carolyn Marzke Braun  
Helen Crozier-Breed  
Mary Lowenthal Felstiner  
Alexandra Brittain Knox  
Lyn Clark Pegg  
Nancy Warren Schroeder  
Donna Gow Taylor  
Judith Getty Treadwell

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**1960**

Elizabeth Booth Ezerman  
Christiana Hoffman Hirshberg  
Elizabeth Hackett Huffine  
Bebe Dorrance Marchal  
Barbara Gott Martha  
Susan Hopkins Martin  
Judi Mosenson McCord  
Susan Crip de Santa-Cruz  
Alison Pedicord Schleifer  
Elisa Lynch Simmons  
Mary Jane (Pie) Harter Smith

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**1961**

Barbara Nickel Beisel  
Alisoun Kuhn  
Sally Colbaugh Marks  
Barbara Taylor McKelvey  
Sandra Hawkins Miller  
Dorothy Hart Murray

Holiday Hulme Shoup  
Nan Sachs Solow  
Cathleen McSorley Stanton

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**1962**

Ellen Lehman  
Aline J. Massey  
Elizabeth Bell Middleton

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**1963**

Susan Sharp Dorrance Assoc  
Ann Zehner Edwards  
Susan Wainwright Friesell  
Annette Moser Hodess  
Renee Silberman Holt  
Nan Finegold Tynberg

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**1964**

Judy Ruben Alpert  
Margot Hill Ball  
Gayle Shaw Camden  
Lynda Stern Coslov  
L. Virginia Crawford  
Carol Martin Crook  
Jennifer Davies  
Carole Haskell Epstein  
Francine Gitnick Franke  
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Susan Finkel Wechsler  
Nancy Hickox Wright  
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**1965**

Anonymous  
Mary Sturm Albright  
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R. Victoria Berg  
Darryl Massey Bladen  
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Eve Keller Cohn  
Julie Hibbard Crittenden  
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Sarah Stites Owens  
Helen Mar H. Parkin  
Marny Riehl Peabody  
Myrna Klee Robinson  
Joyce Kloss Teese  
Beth Wright

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**1966**

Martha Lynn Berg  
Chris Habershtick Biedenbach  
Susan Whitmer Craft  
Martha L. Hunter  
Margaret Keck  
Lenore Mardis-McClintock  
Susan McGowan  
Mary McSorley  
Margaret (Meg) Gezon Meltz  
Susan Phillips Morton  
Susan Cohen Myrick  
Nancy Taylor Parrish  
Anne Parkin Pierpont  
Ann Haber Schelbe  
Dr. Jane A. Soxman  
Dr. Judith Uptegraff Spaeth  
Martha Jane Nims Valent  
Lindsay C. Yates

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**1967**

Gerry Garland Cooper  
Cathy Cohen Droz  
Jan Alpert Engelberg  
Patricia Kinney Gross  
Susan Chamovitz Kapp  
Kristi A. Kerins  
Dr. Diana K. Lemley  
Margaret McDowell Lofberg  
Eleanor Schatz Magyar  
Audrey Geer Masalehdan  
Karen McKinley  
Dr. Wendy C. Newstetter  
Maggi Musico Reiss

Judith Sutton  
Virginia (Jiji) Reed Weidner

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**1968**

Jennie W. Berg  
Linda Hildebrand Case  
Carol Byrom Conrad  
L. Melissa Crump Cook  
Cynthia Costa Davis  
Lynn Borus Dunn  
Sally Feinman Garson  
Carolyn Hockensmith Gerber  
Joy Marks Gray  
Janice Coco Groft  
Jacquelyn Freeborn Herst  
Patricia Watson Kammerer  
Barbara L. Krause  
E. Patricia Constantin Orringer  
Frances Hoffman Puntereri  
Sara Viviano Rolley  
Marilyn Griffin Solomon  
Nancy Walton Succop

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**1969**

Anonymous  
Alice May Succop Burger  
Dr. Desiree DeFlorimonte  
Beth Fisher MD  
Marjorie B. Haller  
Christine McGowan Hess  
Claudia Rossi Latona  
Patricia L. Maykuth  
Peggy Thomas McKnight  
Linnea Pearson McQuiston  
Linda Zerbe Pitner  
Sherry Weissman Schweitzer  
Nancy Lora Staisey  
Ann Sutton  
Susan Simon Weiner  
Joan Musgrave Wickham

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**1970**

Anonymous  
Joanne Thomas Asbill  
Kimberley Zillweger Beck  
Susan Nill Flynn  
Polly Haight Frawley



Sally Weigler Golden  
Helen Berkman Habbert  
Megan Williams Hall  
Susan Crump Hammond  
Leslie Gross Huff  
Lynn Wechsler Kramer  
Mary A. Navarro  
Elva Merry Pawle  
Anne Peters  
Valerie Morton Ramsdell  
Hilary Tyson

#### 1971

Kimmel Henninger Blackmar  
H. Perry Chapman  
Joan A. Chapman  
Mary G. Gregg  
Lynn Johnson  
Nancy Van Kirk Kneff  
Kathy Zillweger Putnam  
Ellen (Charney) Regenstein Spyra  
Paula Becker Vito

#### 1972

Sue Ellen Silverblatt Alderman  
Pamela Schaper Cabalka  
Louise Gillespie Cannon  
Joan Clarkson Crowell  
Jane Goldstein Haas  
Leslie M. McKinley  
Mary Pivrotto Murley  
Susan A. Reel-Panish  
Jean M. Silvestri

#### 1973

Molly Alpert Blasier  
BJ Finkel Holmes  
Ann Kalla  
Barbara Lichtenstul Lippman  
Peggy E. Lowenstein  
Amy Nixon Mindlin  
Pamela Price Pryor  
Marsha Regenstein  
Joanne Ross Simon

#### 1974

Anonymous  
Carolyn Fine Friedman  
Eleanor Agnew Giriappa  
Annekathryn Goodman  
Judith Hoover  
Elizabeth S. Hurtt  
Katherine Warman Kern  
Leisel Locke Lengyel  
Margery L. McKinley  
Leslie Ann Meredith  
Meg McKean Taylor  
Amy Gurtin Winokur

#### 1975

Laura Wechsler Broff  
Cynthia Cramer Lackey  
Allison Levy  
Randy Lyon Mayes  
Ann Beldecos Natale  
Michelle Kane O'Donnell  
Sally Barley Pietsch Assoc  
Anne M. Scheuermann

#### 1976

Anonymous  
Lisa Sorce Aiba  
Lisa Whitcomb Capra  
Susan Davis Claus  
Dr. Susan M. Dunmire  
Heather Smith MacIsaac  
Mary Vann Odom  
JoAnn Goble Schaub  
Phyllis Novick Silverman  
Lynn Snyderman & Lewis Hyman  
Julia Marous Straut  
Stacy Jannis Tamerlani  
Candace M. Zillweger

#### 1977

Andrea C. Beldecos  
Cindy Deskins Brickley  
Eleanore Meredith  
Geri Anderson Potter  
Lindsay McKean Scott  
Sarah Ferguson Snider  
Adrienne Statti

#### 1978

Anna Pollice Caulkins  
Cynthia Smith DeBaldo  
Laura Jean Ketchum  
Lisa Posvar Rossi  
Tacie H. Yoon

#### 1979

Catherine Allegra  
Laura Dutch Dinkin  
Gail Kuller Enda  
Dr. Leslie Bondy Latterman  
Mary McKenna  
Helenbeth Reiss Reynolds MPH  
LD RD  
Carol Levy Wilson

#### 1980

Anonymous (2)  
Jennifer Smith Cochran  
Elizabeth Cookson, Hon. Alumna  
Lesla B. Morrison  
Anita K. Niyogi  
Anne M. O'Dair-Holovacs, D.C.  
Susan Baumann Wittrock

#### 1981

Lori Adelson Derman  
Deborah Leff Dutton  
Constance King Faasse  
Carolyn Ferguson  
Marti Kavalier Fischer  
Iris Angerman Friedman  
Marcie Slotsky Katzen  
Barbara Kraemer-Cook  
Debra Durr Ladley  
Julie Lind

Jaymi L. Myers-Newman  
Anita Prizio  
Lillian Goldstein Schapiro  
Heidi Hageman Smith  
Julie Felman Wagner

#### 1982

Anonymous  
Beth Beebe Blackwood  
Mary Beth McLaughlin Leech  
Amy Jones Teele  
Lynn Friedman Warren

#### 1983

Anonymous  
Edith Raphael Brotman  
Catherine Savage Hicks  
Melissa Reynolds Rizer  
Jennifer Gelet Sheehan  
Lori Sobol  
Marsha Fink Turner  
Jeannette Locke Wellman  
Lisa Altman Young

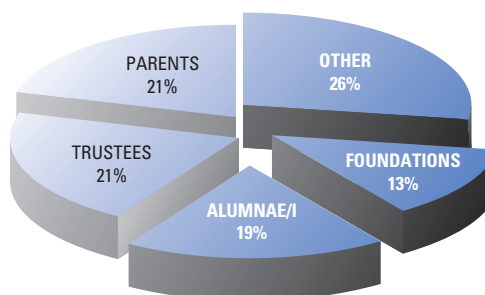
#### 1984

Dr. Kerry A. Bron  
Amy Gottlieb Cook  
Lori Feinman  
Allyson Baird Sveda  
Anne King Unger  
Michelle L. Washington

#### 1985

Tracey Cohen  
Julie Tarasevich Dever  
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Jodi Greenwald Golomb  
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### 1986

Gretchen Biesecker  
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Dana Lynn Sachs  
Elizabeth Samet  
Jordan Solow Sweeting  
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### 1987

Janet Harrison Kuzmishin  
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### 1988

Gail Unger Fryncko  
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Eva Kolodner  
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Mary Martin  
Bonnie Barrett Wymard

### 1989

Elizabeth Miller Buchanan  
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Dina Kaplan Assoc  
Jennifer Gonzalez McComb  
Sheen Sehgal  
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### 1990

Lissa Brett Guttman  
Amanda Marcu

### 1991

Alunda Grzybek Edmonds  
Kathleen L. Metinko

### 1992

Lisa Gonsenheimer Naveh Assoc  
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### 1993

Ann Stanton Adams  
Jennifer Taylor Ames

### 1994

Erin Herward Thurston

### 1995

Lauren Randolph Ames  
Tiffany Sizemore

### 1996

Sarah Gross Fife  
Laurel Shaw

### 1998

Lee Moses Assoc

### 2001

Barry Rabkin

### 2003

Samuel Mindlin

### 2004

Alexandra Lefkowitz Assoc

### 2005

Michael B. Zytznick

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Ms. Marianne Wallach

**Our fiftieth reunion class**  
Darin Geise Snyder '54

**Elliott Finkel's ninety-fifth birthday**  
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**The birth of Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Finkel's great-grandchildren**  
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**Reed Frischman's Bar Mitzvah**  
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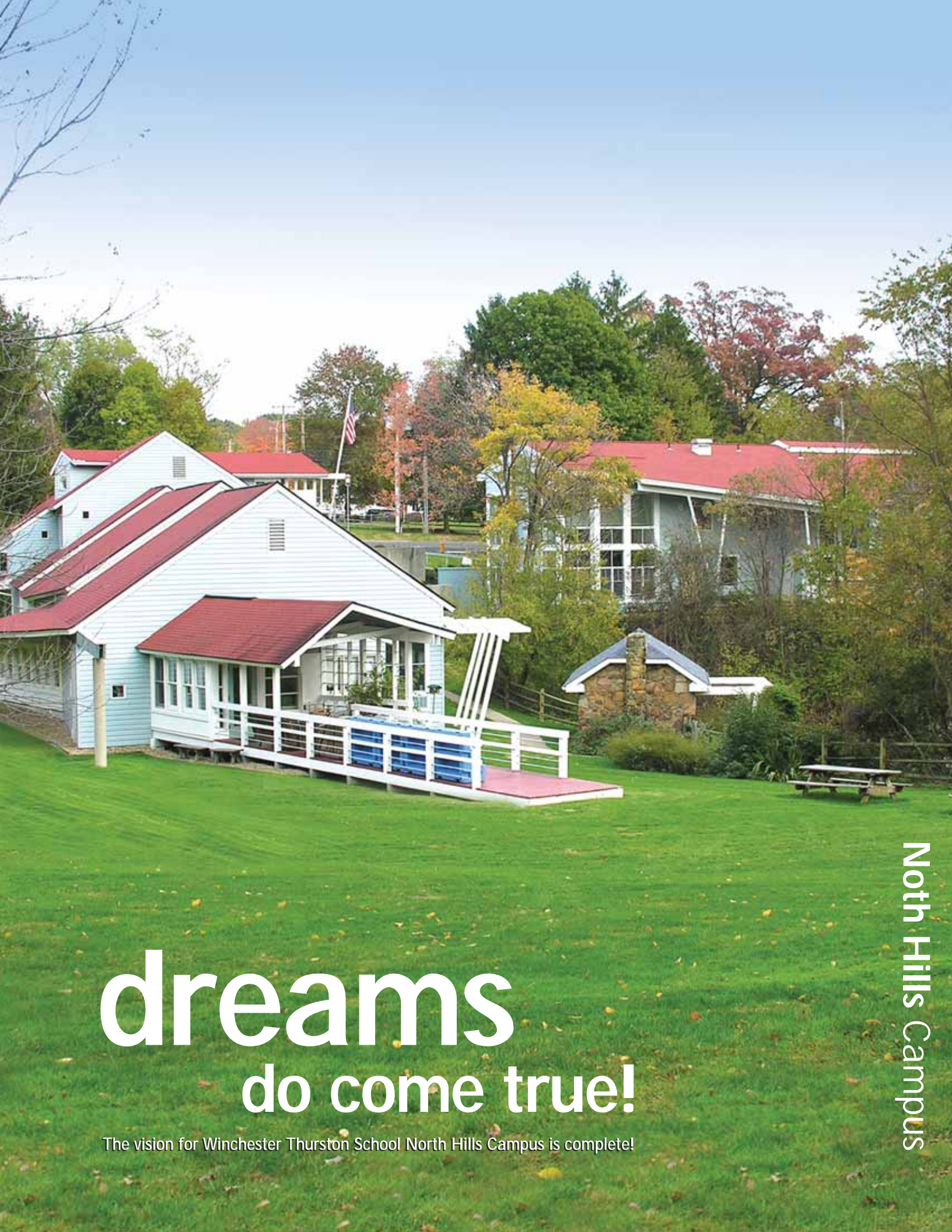
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