Congratulations to the Class of 2011!
The Friends Academy Mission

Founded in 1876 by Gideon Frost for “the children of Friends and those similarly sentimented,” Friends Academy is a Quaker, coeducational, independent, college preparatory school serving 750 students from age three through twelfth grade.

The school’s philosophy is based on the Quaker principles of integrity, simplicity, patience, moderation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and a belief that the silence and simple ministry of the “gathered meeting” brings the presence of God into the midst of busy lives. Friends Academy is committed to developing a diverse community whose members value excellence in learning and growth in knowledge and skill, a genuine commitment to service and ethical action, and a realization that every life is to be explored, celebrated, and enjoyed in the spirit of the Religious Society of Friends.

The Meeting House

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Friends,

We are pleased to send you the spring issue of The Meeting House, and I hope that, as you read about your school, you find inspiration in the lives and activities of students, faculty, alumni, and parents profiled herein. Many of the stories speak of service to others, of taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves unexpectedly, and of how the foundation established at Friends allows for living fully and meaningfully.

I am reminded of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher’s response when she was asked how she had seized opportunities to become a leader, “Opportunity arises when luck meets readiness.” Certainly Ms. Thatcher suggests that serendipity played a role in her life, but she also speaks to having the confidence to act because of her preparation. Peter Galbraith ’56, our Distinguished Alumnus, exemplifies how a life of service in public health resulted from a mixture of good luck, hard work, and a passion that began as a whisper in his conscience and grew into a calling that he has pursued with quiet dignity and total dedication. Anne DeContades d’Ornano’s poignant and powerful story shows how an individual can make a lasting impact, and clearly her time at FA gave her the confidence and “you can do it” motivation. More importantly, though, through Meeting for Worship, she gained a lasting appreciation of listening, reflection, and discerning what is important in life. In Peter’s and Anne’s lives, their readiness met good fortune and turned into life-changing opportunity for themselves and others.

I also see in the life of Brian Hom ’11 lessons that resonate with the spirit of Friends Academy and speak to all of us in an uplifting way. Brian had many passions, but none more defining than the 100-yard dash in track where he competed fiercely and joyfully. We might think that competition is anathema to the ideals of a Quaker community, but the roots of the word compete are from the Latin con petire, which means “to seek together.” For Brian, striving to actualize his potential as a sprinter – or scholar, friend, or advocate for social justice and equity – meant not only honing his own skills and determination, but helping his teammates and those he competed against actualize theirs as well. Brian instinctively understood that it is within community, no matter how small or large – that we create opportunity for ourselves and others. May we all heed his message, because we live in times when we need “to seek together” the Truth and the Light.

I wish you the best for the rest of the summer and look forward to seeing you at Fall Fair & Homecoming on Saturday, September 24.

William G. Morris Jr.
Coming to America

Fourth graders perform in the 4th Grade Immigration Project, a theater and social studies combined unit. Students researched and wrote their family stories and met with the advanced acting class nearly a dozen times to learn gestures, blocking and how to give vocal inflection.
Fourth graders (left) Mya Guiler-Papin and Kelsey O’Sullivan and (above) Andrew LeoGrande, Chloe Papouchado and Jaedon Rooney reenact the stories of their parents, grandparents and others in their journey to America.

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Joyful Gathering of Red and Black. Eighty-seven seniors received their diplomas this year at Friends Academy’s 125th Commencement. AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY
Past memories

What can I say? Having lived most of my life in the back row, or in a group, I am astonished and overwhelmed to find myself singled out, and you could even say “featured” in your beautiful alumni magazine. Seeing my own writing gave me cold chills and a few tears when I first saw it. The next day though, this morning, when reading “the Meeting House Letters,” the well known fact that old people remember their early days clearly and their recent ones not at all, was proven when I didn’t realize that the letter I was reading was mine until I came to my signature!

– Ruth Cotterill Richards ’35

The winter issue

Just picked up our mail and couldn’t wait to tell you what a beautiful, originally creative and most of all interesting issue of The Meeting House delighted me today!!

– Doris Pailet, former FA Early Childhood teacher and Board of Trustees Vice President for 2010-11

More FA couples

The magazine is wonderful. Thank you for the tribute to my mother and for Joan Heagney’s obit.

Loved the article about people who met at Friends. Add to that:

Laurie Castleman (’52) and Valerie Greenman Castleman (’53) Valerie’s little sister (Connie, now deceased) married Donn Andre in FA. His dad was a history teacher and his mom taught drama. Joe Fletcher (’53) and Linda Ferro Fletcher (’53).

– Margaret Whitney Shiel’s ’52

Other correct responses:

Roger Thomas ’75
Allison Kinsley ’77
Laura Match Schaffer ’85
Bill Dudjoc ’73
Judi Upright – Administrative Assistant to Director of Student Life/Upper School Attendance

the former logo with a picture of the Meeting House could be revived. I have always believed the Quaker traditions represented the heart and soul of dear old F.A. and made the school stand out from its peers.

– Ward Burian ’54

Editor’s Note: On the contents page, we have made the rounded photo of the Meeting House much larger. Thank you for the suggestion and look for it at the top right-hand corner.

Send Us Your Meeting House Letters:

Share a reflection of a past article or remembrance of Friends.
Also, we are compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input! E-mail kathy_fox@fa.org.
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Serving those in need

Third grade teacher develops plan to assist current students who need extra support

Lillian Shulman: 2010-11 Fahey Master Teacher

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This year, my greatest satisfaction was in the development of a ‘safe’ environment in which children are given the opportunity to learn,” said 2010-11 Fahey Master Teacher award recipient Lillian Shulman.

Throughout the year, Shulman worked to create a pilot program that would bring current students, who were challenged in a particular area, up to where they needed to be academically. “This meant getting creative with the curriculum now in place,” explained Shulman. “I knew I wasn’t going to ‘change the world’ so to speak, but I was willing to take it one step at a time.”

For example, rather than have a child struggle through a novel, Shulman’s program individualized the lessons so that each student was taught the specific skills needed in order to improve reading fluency and strengthen comprehension. Tape recorders and cassettes gave the children an opportunity to listen to the story, which enabled them to easily participate in group discussions. They also recorded their own voice as they were reading, which helped to improve their fluency.

“I spent a considerable amount of time teaching, modeling and supporting peer tutoring within the classroom,” said Shulman.

“It was amazing to watch this unfold as the stronger students reached out to the ones who were struggling. What was different from last year to this was the intuitive understanding that they were both travelling down the same path, but just doing it a bit differently.”

“I believe we need to provide an academic environment that takes the child right where he is, celebrates him for the gifts he has, and then teaches him how to learn and move on from there,” added Shulman.

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A 1,2 ... a 1,2,3... 4! Introducing the Middle School Jazz Band

Fledging Middle School program takes after-school leap, lands on top

By Andrea Miller
Director of Communications

When you hear the Middle School jazz band, you just can’t help but tap your feet, bob your head and ... smile. It might be the sunglasses or just maybe the blue wigs, but it’s definitely got something to do with the swing.

This year, the jazz band became a regular, fixed after-school program led by music teacher Jesse Tennyson. “We decided to move the class to the afternoon because there was so much interest from all three Middle School grades, and what I found, was that students had more time to dig deeply into this rich art form and experiment with music creatively,” said Tennyson.

For the student musicians, jazz band has been about coming together and creating something larger. “When I was in fifth grade, I heard about the jazz band and I got really inspired because I had just gotten my saxophone,” recalled sixth grader Julia Mariani, who plays the alto saxophone. “In the beginning of the year, I could only play a basic B-flat, but now all of us have progressed to a jazz band that amounts to something big.”

From “Chameleon” to “Sweet Caroline” to “Afro Blue,” the band features a variety of instrumental sounds – bass guitar and saxophone, drums and keyboard, flute and trombone. “I strive to choose music from all styles and genres. We play Afro-Cuban, Funk, Rock-Fusion, Pop, Bebop and Big-Band, but we always go back to the Blues,” said Tennyson.

In May, the jazz band travelled to the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags Amusement Park. “It was our first time going to something competitive,” said sixth grader Amber Broder, who plays the piano. While the band did not directly compete, they did receive a rating. “We got an Excellent rating,” said Tennyson. “They had the highest score out of all the middle school bands and a few of the high school bands,” he added.

It’s clear to see that “the band” has become the most important thing for these musicians. “It’s amazing how far we’ve gotten from the first practice,” said sixth grader and alto saxophonist Cade Huseby. And as Wynton Marsalis told these budding jazzers earlier this year, “This music was designed to have you play with each other.”
Around the Quad

Middle School annual walk-a-thon huge success

This year, Middle School students raised over $21,000 to benefit the North Shore Sheltering Program. Students also donated funds to the Brain Injury Association of America, in memory of Brian Hom, ’11.

New organic FA Edible Garden takes root

With the help of FA parents, faculty and staff, a new organic edible garden was planted in mid-June behind the Kindergarten classroom. Pumpkins, tomatoes, herbs, lettuce and more were sowed into six raised boxes. During the summer, a group of volunteers are helping to weed, clip and take the harvest to the FA Kitchen for use in meals.

Bringing Stories to Life

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Fifth grade teacher Brie Kraska ’93, her daughter Marley (class of 2026), and nephew help plant rosemary, parsley, thyme and sage in the organic herb garden.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

TOP: Early Childhood students performed songs from folktales and nursery rhymes for family and friends. MIDDLE: First graders read from plays in Reader’s Theater as they put their literacy skills on stage for parents and family. BOTTOM: Third grader Liam Jachetta portrays Daniel Boone during the People of Accomplishment presentation. Third graders researched a historical celebrity, and literally became that person, able to answer almost any question about their life.
125th FA Commencement

“You must choose to stay in a place of love amongst the chaos and confusion.”

– Bill Morris, FA Commencement Address

Fifth grade Invention Convention tests physics and creative hutzpah!


These “EZ” inventions and more were featured, demonstrated and deconstructed at this year’s Fifth Grade Invention Convention.

In class, students learned the A, B, C’s of simple machines – about levers, pulleys, the wheel and axle, as well as the inclined plane. Out of class, they pooled their creative juices to construct a machine that would make a task less work, using at least one of these simple machines.

The Bubble Blower employed a wheel and axle, pulley and fan, while the Level Best Dry Compound Leveler made use of a pulley, wheel and axle and inclined plane. “A lot of people use a knife to measure and that's dangerous,” stated its inventor. Safe and simple. Words to live by.

By Andrea Miller
Director of Communications

Under threatening skies, but encased safely within the lighted large, but cozy white tent, families, faculty and friends sat together to watch the Class of 2011 take their final step before college.

Seniors Amanda Lamothe and Edward McNelis reminisced with their classmates about what made their journey through Friends so unique and so unforgettable.

Middle School Social Studies teacher Phil Clicciari delivered the faculty address along with five important life lessons he shared with the graduates. “You are the first class I had the privilege to teach here at Friends Academy and one that will always be close to my heart,” Clicciari said.

Ever present in all speeches and emblazoned within the white ribbons each graduate wore, was the spirit of senior Brian Hom, who passed away earlier this year.

Senior Dana Schlenger announced that the class gift would be given in honor of Hom – a donation to the Diversity Grant Fund and the foundation of the Brian Hom Scholarship.

“I think our Senior Class gift is reflective of the remarkable impact Brian has had on all of our lives,” said Schlenger.

The Class of 2011 accumulated an impressive list of college matriculations and honors. One student received the Dickinson Scholarship to the University of Miami Business School, while another earned the Marquis Scholarship to Lafayette College, both worth $20,000 per year. Forty-six percent of the Class of 2011 will attend the top 30 universities and colleges, while 16% of the class were recruited for athletics and arts, with 8 attending D1 schools.

* U.S. News & World Report ranking
Needed, but not asked

From ISPs to Community Service Day, Upper Schoolers step into bettering someone else’s world

**Baseball/Softball team HR Derby definitely scores**

Outslugging the weather, 40 student-athletes from JV Baseball and Girls Varsity Softball, their parents and faculty/staff showed their support for the Boomer Esiason Foundation at the 2nd annual Home Run Derby on May 7.

The four-hour long event raised $2,350 for research for awareness of Cystic Fibrosis through the sale of T-shirts (still available) and participation pledges. “We want this to be an annual event and get everyone involved,” said JV Baseball coach Mike Damm.

**Community Service Day**

Doing community service is part of the Quaker philosophy of helping out where it is needed and not asked,” said senior Katie Sands as she addressed her classmates on Community Service Day, along with her co-coordinator, senior Bailey Saltz. Saltz also serves as co-leader of W.A.T.C.H.

Separating into groups, Upper Schoolers then headed out to a myriad of organizations for the day. While some students stayed on campus to clean up the Meeting House, paint the Wall Ball and help out sorting textbooks, others set out to Momma’s House, Westbury Friends, the Christopher Morely Park and the Great Neck Senior Citizen Center, to name a few.

“One of the new things we did this year was RockCanRoll,” said Sands. “Groups of four students and a teacher, armed with coupons and a budget, headed to Stop & Shop and bought food for a soup kitchen or food pantry,” she added.

Senior Independent Study Programs (ISP), a graduation requirement, also ran the gamut. Senior Jon DeFrancesch wanted “to give back to a place where I spent so many hours” and chose to work with 6- to 10-year-olds at a tennis help center with both physical and mental challenges.

Seniors Jenna Trotta and Jackie Cron travelled to Florida to volunteer with Give Kids the World, geared to helping families with terminally ill children. Senior Jessie McNiel spent her time with Project Sage, a horse rescue group in Northport, which functions entirely on volunteers, by mucking out stalls and caring for the abused horses. And seniors Amanda Lamothe and Nikita Chabra reorganized the garage/storage facility of Momma’s House, a non-profit that provides a support system and child care for teenage mothers.
CONNECTING IN CHINA

On March 26, a group of Upper School students, accompanied by Hui-Lin Lin, FAs Upper School Chinese teacher, took to the skies for an adventure of a lifetime. They were bound for Shanghai, China, where they spent more than a week soaking in the culture. Dining on Chinese delicacies, attending language classes, touring the city and its environs, and living with host families, students Emma Brown, Ryan Dobrin, Candace Taylor, Amanda Wylie, Tommy Kaminsky, David Sher, Jake Henin, Andrew Feinstein, Sam Staffeld, and Alison Kennedy had the unique opportunity to experience life in China firsthand. Classes were held at Fudan High School, and it was on their first day there that the group unexpectedly ran into Nate Klass '05, who has been working in Shanghai as a college counselor.

It is a small world after all.

My life – in China

By Nate Klass '05

As the college counselor at Fudan High School, a small international school in Shanghai, I am the co-advisor for the Student Government Association, and we were given the task of planning the prom. My co-advisor and I wandered aimlessly around what is now a barren, deserted concrete jungle. All around us were broken buses, half-demolished pavilions; an entire city built for just a six-month span of time that is now left in a state of ruin. China may be developing quickly, but it seems everything they build disintegrates even quicker.

Six years ago, I don’t think I could ever have imagined that China would be my home. I had never thought about being a teacher, had never thought about education as a choice for my future life. It all began in college, when I decided to study Chinese. From there, I studied abroad in both Beijing and Nanjing, which truly got me hooked. I knew that moving to China was the only way I would be able to truly master the language.

There will always be parts of China that are just not knowable for foreigners, but it is this struggle to understand my surroundings that I find so intriguing and what will keep me here for many years.

I hugged my parents for the last time at the airport and departed for Shanghai with Mrs. Lin. After an exhausting fifteen-hour flight, I finally had my first glimpse of the gleaming lights of China. Later that night I met Wu Wei Tong, my hosting student, at the Fudan High School. After only a few minutes of conversation (in Chinese) we wanted to know everything about each other. All my fears were gone and excitement rushed to my brain.

Wu lives on the 23rd floor of an apartment in Shanghai across from a very beautiful park. She would later tell me that she wished she had more time to enjoy the park, but her schoolwork takes up too much of her time.

The next morning, Wei Tong and I parted, and I went off to the morning Chinese lesson. Walking through the halls of the Fudan High School, I was introduced to Nathan Class ‘05, who is currently working there.

Over the course of the next ten days, I had so many terrific experiences that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I went to the Chinese Pavilion and Expo, the Pearl Tower, Cheng Huang Miao (City of God Temple), HanZhou, XiXi Wetlands, West Lake, tea farm, silk factory, Ocean Aquarium, and last but not least, Dairy Queen. My favorite place was Cheng Huang Miao because I learned how to bargain in Chinese.

Four years of Mrs. Lin’s class and this incredible trip, have inspired me to major in Chinese at the United States Naval Academy.

I am looking forward to a lifetime of speaking Chinese and one day meeting up with Wei Tong again, as old pals.

* Find full versions of both these stories on the Alumni Portal at www.fa.org
Friends Academy’s 19th annual Dinner and Auction was a tremendous success as parents, alumni, faculty and friends came to Old Westbury Golf and Country Club to show their support for the school’s biggest annual fundraising event of the year.

This year’s event was chaired by Margaret Hutzel, along with Silent Auction Chair Marie Napoli and Journal Chair David Miller. The Dinner Chairs were Marisa and Curt Kramer. Kimberly Griffiths organized the gift bags.

The theme of this year’s event was FA@Play: “A retrospective of good times at Friends Academy.” The evening began with cocktails and appetizers as guests browsed the vast selection of Silent Auction items, which ranged from tickets to events and play dates with faculty members, to jewelry and guitar lessons.

New to the event this year was BidPal, an electronic bidding device, which allowed bidders to bid anytime, anywhere from the event. Bidders were able to bid on items, watch items, and be alerted when they were outbid. This added to the excitement of the Silent Auction.

This was followed by a sit-down dinner and Live Auction, conducted by veteran auctioneer and trustee John Gambling ’69. Some of the Live Auction’s biggest ticket items included a sail around Oyster Bay Harbor, golf at Sebonac Golf Club, a murder mystery party hosted by a group of faculty, and Head of School for the Day.

From pounding the pavement and creating gift baskets to decorating the ballroom at Old Westbury and proofreading the catalog, our volunteers worked tirelessly. Thanks to the hard work and efforts of more than 100 parent, faculty and staff volunteers, this year’s Auction exceeded all expectations and certainly was a labor of love.

“I think I love you... so what am I so afraid of...?” “Just take another piece of my heart now, baby!” “Yeah... you really got me... you got me so I don’t know what I’m doing...”

Sound familiar? Sound like Shakespeare? Well, for those who witnessed the high-flying, soliloquy-sounding rocked-out chords of this year’s Middle School production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” take to the stage for their final number and salute to the audience.

SHAKESPEARE GETS GROOVY

Middle School reimagines Shakespeare’s comedy – 60s-style

By Andrea Miller
Director of Communications

Sixth grader Sabrina Harris feels the beat as a member of Hippolyta’s court.
Midsummer Night’s Dream,” it sounded just right.

Fierce spinning on aerial silks, vibrant colors and a score of 60s hits injected a new energy into the classic Shakespeare love triangle.

“This is the first time we’ve ever done Shakespeare in a Middle School production,” director Tracey Foster told the audience following the show. It is also a first in a number of other areas, including use of aerial silks in a Middle School play and the first time a middle schooler (eighth grader Julia Neisloss) has been the show’s stage manager.

“Running the show when the show’s running is harder than every other role,” explained Foster. “She has to know everyone’s part, the mikes, the sound, the lighting and be able to tell them all what to do.”

Belting out tunes from The Doors, The Kinks, The Partridge Family, Janis Joplin and others was the fully charged student and faculty band, including Carl Pozzi on acoustic/electric guitar, Ken Ambach on acoustic/bass guitar, Elijah Rechler, 8th, on keyboard and Tyrone Perkins, 8th, on drums.

“This was the second time we had Middle School students in the pit band,” said Foster. “Not every note in the play is written down,” said pit band leader Rechler. “We needed to listen to dialogue and pay attention to the ‘stops’.”

Cast members guided the audience through the ever-fluid trio of interlocking love stories in rapid and tight Shakespearean English.

Brightly-colored silks provided the Fairyland forest backdrop commanded by the King and Queen Fairies – Oberon (Matt Tidona, 8th) and Titania (Sierra Fisher, 8th). Mischievous Puck (Peter Bahr, 7th) plays havoc with the hearts of Helena (Brooke Gardner, 8th), Lysander (Ethan Flicker, 8th), Hermia (Alexis Toles, 8th) and Demetrius (Perry Gordon, 8th). And the glib Nick Bottom (Cameron Hellerman, 8th), who ends up becoming Titania’s love interest after being transformed into a donkey, rounds out the lead characters.

Dance teacher Kimo Sibbett choreographed the dance and silk numbers, while alum Corey Pierro ‘02 blocked out the stunt numbers with the cast. “He showed us how to react with emotions, how to look like we were stabbing ourselves with a foam sword,” said Hellerman of his death scene with seventh grader Natalia Lee.

The play capped the intensive four-day Middle School Arts Week that offered all students the opportunity to explore visual, performing and musical arts.
Every year the “Distinguished Alumni Award” is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has conducted his or her life in accordance with the values upon which Friends Academy was founded, including honesty, integrity, respect and perhaps most notably, service.

It is appropriate that this year’s recipient, Peter Galbraith ’56, is an alumnus who relinquished his private dental practice more than 30 years ago in order to dedicate his career to service, in particular, improving public health. Throughout the span of his career, Peter has been involved in providing dental care to underprivileged children, developing programs to help treat infectious diseases, regulating the use of antibiotics in agricultural products, researching the impacts of carcinogens in food and water and expanding programs for substance abuse prevention and treatment.
I
n describing his decision to devote his career to public service, Peter says, “There was something about public service that... seemed like a noble calling. I really enjoyed the wider perspective,” he says.

“I have had some wonderful opportunities to do a variety of things,” he says, adding that in many cases, these opportunities have simply been a result of being at the right place at the right time.

“I didn’t set out to specifically deal with these causes but that’s where I ended up, and it was fascinating and exciting.”

Peter’s call to service didn’t come right away, however.

“I was slow to get my act together,” he says. After graduating from Friends Academy, he joined the army and then went on to receive a B.A. at Hobart College. After graduation, though, he was still unclear about what path lay ahead.

“All of my roommates were going to law school so I gave that a try,” he says. He soon recognized that wasn’t the right path. After a period of time, Peter decided to pursue a career in dentistry. He went back to school to complete some additional undergraduate work and enrolled in dental school at the University of Pennsylvania.

After receiving his D.M.D. and completing a residency in Vermont, Peter set up a dental practice. It was during this phase of his life that his perspective began to change.

“While I was practicing dentistry I heard from a social worker friend about the problems with children in certain rural parts of Vermont not being able to get dental care.” For many of these children, he says, dental care consisted of their parents using pliers to remove their teeth or gargling with kerosene to relieve tooth pain.

After seeing these harsh realities for himself, Peter received a grant to set up a mobile dental unit to help children with urgent dental needs. He would set up shop in church basements and school buildings where he could have access to children. He staffers the dental units by going around the Northeast recruiting dental students that were about to graduate. The success of this program prompted Peter to team up with a friend and together they expanded that single unit into seven statewide mobile and portable dental clinics.

“While I really enjoyed my dental practice and trying to meet the needs of my patients... it wasn’t terribly challenging, and my work with this non-profit that I set up called me to think about a broader picture of public health,” Peter says.

“By 37, I had a doctorate degree, but not really a life calling,” Peter said, adding, “by the time I was in my late 30s I had figured it out. It’s hard to say why it took me so long to figure it out, but once I did I was fortunate.”

Though Peter didn’t recognize this calling until later in his life, looking back, he says, “the things that I grew up in the midst of, and the beliefs that are a large part of the Friends education had more...
of an impact on me than I realized at the
time."

“My sense is that those 13 years [as a
student at Friends] had an impact on me.
I know there are some seniors that can
articulate what it has meant to them, but I
don’t think I began to think about it until
I was in my mid to late 30s,” he said.

Now, however, it is easy to see how many
of the Quaker principles and philosophies
have impacted his life.

“At our 50th reunion, they handed out
A Quaker Book of Wisdom. I started reading
that and I’ve seen many connections to the
things that are important to me.”

Peter received his Masters of Public
Health from Harvard in 1977, after which
he took a job with the Erie County Depart-
ment of Health in Buffalo, N.Y. In this
role, Peter worked with foundations to put
nurse practitioners in public schools in
addition to reaching out to families with
newborns to make sure they had proper
healthcare by the time the children got to
school.

After three years in this post, Peter’s boss,
the health commissioner, was let go along
with his deputy commissioner – Peter. For-
unately, just prior to this, their efforts paid
off as the program received a $3.5 million
grant to bring a full array of health care
services into Buffalo’s schools using nurse
practitioners.

“As is common in public health over the
last 20 years or more, these positions have
become political. They used to be based on
expertise and credentials. Now when you
get a new county executive or governor
they change staff,” he said. But for Peter,
this wasn’t necessarily a bad thing. In fact,
it opened up many doors for him and gave
him the chance to be involved in areas of
public health that he otherwise wouldn’t
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After his work in Buffalo concluded,
Peter assumed a position of director of
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been exposed to the virus died and the lab
 technician who had worked on the blood
sample almost died as well. Peter convened
the hospital leadership as well as a leading
virologist hunter and ultimately stabilized the
situation. Shortly after they brought in two
virologists to figure out how this person
became infected while working on the
virus in his lab.

Peter’s next position was as a state
epidemiologist with the Vermont Depart-
ment of Health, where he was involved in
the discovery of a new type of Salmonella
(not yet discovered in the U.S.) that was
responsible for a significant number of
hospitalizations in the U.K., 10% of which
were fatal.

Peter retired in 2001, though he has
continued to remain an active public
servant, developing a statewide interfaith
social justice advocacy organization (The
Vermont Interfaith Action), as well as
working to expand substance abuse treat-
ment and prevention
in Vermont, which has
one of the worst rates of
untreated substance abuse
in the nation.

Peter says the trajec-
tory of his life can best
be articulated by a quote
from author and The
New Yorker contributor
Roger Angell: “…a life
sheltered by privilege and
ingressing work, and shot
through with good luck.”

“When I saw that
[quote] it really struck
me,” Peter says, adding
that spending Kindergarten through high
school at Friends Academy was an extraor-
dinary privilege. “It was an extraordinary
privilege to marry a woman who has
managed to stay with me for almost 50
years. And the work I have stumbled into
without a real game plan, I look back and
think, ‘I had an extraordinary opportunity,
it was a privilege, it was certainly engross-
ing – and shot through with good luck is
about the best way to explain how or why
it happened.’”

Peter Galbraith '56 and Head of School Bill Morris

“Peter Galbraith ’56
rebuild infectious disease programs, which
had gone largely dormant in the late 70s.
Along with his group of infectious disease
epidemiologists, Peter helped create the
state of Connecticut’s initial response to
HIV/AIDS. While the
virus had not yet been
identified, the methods of
transmission were becom-
ing clear, which prompted
Peter’s group to create
one of the country’s first
needle exchange programs
and to repeal a Connecti-
cut law that required a
prescription in order to
purchase needles.

In the years that fol-
dowed, Peter assumed a
position as chief of the
Bureau of Health Promo-
tion for the state of Connecticut, where
he developed programs to deal with infec-
tious disease epidemiology, among other
things. While in this role, Peter recalls
his most interesting case: One Saturday
morning he received a call from the Yale
New Haven Hospital director asking
him to remove, via airlift, a Yale research
scientist, who had become infected with a
hemorrhagic fever virus. Little was known
at the time about the virus, other than the
fact that a Brazilian engineer who had

Peter Galbraith ’56
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ANANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

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important to me.”
From perfect seasons, regatta medals and exciting no-hitter games, to trips to the states and conference championship wins, the 2011 Spring sports season offered something for everyone.
Spring track 2011 can only be characterized as bittersweet. The team was happy to have successfully completed a challenging season and according to Coach Louisa Garry, all the athletes relied deeply on their strength, resilience, and love of the sport.

The team hosted the Division championships and the athletes responded well to the support from the FA fans by winning an unprecedented 9 events. The girls team amassed 124 points to finish 2nd overall. 12 athletes received All-Division recognition and 15 athletes qualified to compete in the Nassau County championships.

At the County meet, five FA athletes received All-County recognition and qualified to compete in the New York State Championships. The girls team finished 4th in the County, their strongest finish in over 5 years.

Girls Varsity Golf: Team Finishes with Perfect 10-0 Season

Ending with a perfect 10-0 season, as well as finishing first in their conference, the Friends Academy Girls Varsity Golf team accomplished what no other golf team in FA history has achieved.

“Last year we were so close to winning the conference north title and this year we accomplished this goal,” said sophomore Emily LeoGrande. “Our team, without seniors, really came together at every match to play their hardest despite the minor setbacks we encountered,” LeoGrande added.

In addition to their conference win, Friends posted pivotal wins against Jericho, Locust Valley, Manhasset, and Great Neck South. According to coach Gail Baker, the success of the season was built on consistent low scores from all team members. “All the girls were able to improve their scores throughout the season. I was most impressed with the determination and drive that they showed to achieve our team goal of winning the conference,” said Baker.

Friends also finished third in the county tournament on May 25th at Bethpage State Park. “Looking ahead to next year, I am very optimistic about our team’s success,” said Baker. “We are returning with all our girls and looking forward to challenging ourselves to win another conference championship. It was a pleasure working with this team and watching their hard work come to fruition,” she added.

2011 ROSTER: Gab Aaron, Maggie Brennan, Jalisa Clark, Stacey Danziger, Jamie Genatt, Meghan Johansen, Nicole Katz, Emily LeoGrande, Augusta Mayer, Sydney Menzin and Danielle Soviero.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-DIVISION – JAMIE GENATT, AUGUSTA MAYER, MAGGIE BRENNAN, NICOLE KATZ, SYDNEY MENZIN, STACEY DANZIGER, EMILY LEOGRANDE
teams joined together to practice and work in a very positive way this season. Their 8th annual marathon relay was supported not only by the track team, but also by the boys’ varsity lacrosse team and twenty-five other students, parents, staff members and teachers in the FA community. “We are very pleased to be able to donate over $8,000 to the Brain Injury Association in memory of Brian Hom. We are very thankful to this community and to all of Nassau County track for the love and support we have felt throughout this season. We are very proud of this team and all their accomplishments,” said Coach Garry.


2011 SCHOOL RECORDS

3,000m. steeplechase – Glenn Losritto
1500m. run 4:47.1 – Kira Garry (broke 1986 record)
3,000m. run 10:02.0 – Kira Garry (broke 1987 record)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

NATIONALS Qualifier – Kira Garry – 8th Place 2,000m. steeplechase
ALL-State – Kira Garry – 2,000m. steeplechase
STATE Qualifiers – Kira Garry 2,000 m. steeplechase and 3,000 m. run; Candace Taylor 400m. dash; 4 x 800m. relay – Molly Sullivan, Katrina Garry, Sunny Losritto, Kira Garry
TEAM – 4th Place in County
ALL-County – 4 x 800m. Champions – Molly Sullivan, Katrina Garry, Sunny Losritto, Kira Garry; 400m. Champion – Candace Taylor; 2000m. steeplechase 2nd Place Kira Garry
3000m. 2nd Place Kira Garry
ALL-Division – 100 M. dash – Lydia Graham (3rd Place); Long Jump Kasey Katz (2nd Place); 800m. run Katrina Garry (3rd Place); 3,200m. run Glenn Losritto (2nd Place); 200 M. Dash Shekinah Pettway (2nd Place)
TEAM – 2nd Place in Division
DIVISION Champions – 100m. Champion Shekinah Pettway; 1500m. Champion Kira Garry; 400m. Champion Candace Taylor; 800m. Champion Molly Sullivan; 3000m. Champion Kira Garry; 200 M. Champion Candace Taylor; 4 x 800m. Champions – Molly Sullivan, Katrina Garry, Sunny Losritto, Kira Garry; 4 x 100m. Champions – Lydia Graham, Tolulope Ojo, Sophia Toles, Shekinah Pettway; 4 x 400m. Champions – Candace Taylor, Lydia Graham, Molly Sullivan, Amanda Lamothe

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VARSITY Baseball:
No-Hitter Raises Excitement

Although the baseball team did not win as many games as they hoped, this did not reflect the fine efforts of the players. Every player on the team gave a 100 percent effort in all games and practices. “We were especially proud of the way that the boys supported each other regardless of the score of the game,” said coach Marshall Lindner.

Highlights of the season included a no-hitter by senior Sam Harrington, the first no hitter thrown by a Friends Academy pitcher since 2004.


INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL Conference – Alek Kucich
ALL Division – Sam Harrington, Ed McNelis

Senior Jess Sawicki

Eighth grader Glenn Losritto

We are very thankful to this community and to all of Nassau County track for the love and support we have felt throughout this season. We are very proud of this team and all their accomplishments,” said Coach Garry.
**Varsity Boys Golf:**
**Player Ranked in NYS Top 10**

With only slight exaggeration, the 2011 Friends Academy boys golf season was the most exciting series of athletic events as the team embarked on competitive golf in the deepest division on Long Island.

Backed by four senior leaders, this group of small-time dreamers and big-time players suffered a crushing loss to division favorite, Jericho, on the opening day of the season. Two days later, Friends found revenge in the form of low numbers, beating Jericho with a team total of 200. It was the first in a string of six straight victories – the center of the team’s 7-3, second place finish in Division II. Signature victories included road wins at Manhasset and Great Neck South, as well as a home victory over a very strong Syosset team.

This says nothing of the season’s exceptional individual moments – junior Hunter Robinson sitting two-under on the eighth at Nassau, taking an 11 on the hole and still finishing with a 41 for the round. Or senior Peter Scialabba finishing second in the county in scoring average with a total just over 35. In the end, Friends qualified all six starting players for the individual County tournament, also qualifying the team as a wild card based on scoring average.

At the Counties, sophomore Christian Fitzgerald shot a second-day 71 on the Bethpage Red Course, playing over 7000 yards, securing his spot in the top nine and a trip to States. This was the lowest number shot over both days of play. Scialabba shot a day-two 76 and beat two other players over a four-hole playoff to secure the 10th spot as an alternate to the state tournament.


**Individual Awards**

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**Varsity Girls Lacrosse:**
**Second in Conference**

The Friends Academy Boys Lacrosse team had a very successful spring campaign this year. They began the year with a victory over Suffolk’s top Class C school, Bayport Blue Point, and followed that with a dramatic come-from-behind overtime win against Class A Oceanside. Highlights of the regular season included convincing wins over rivals Locust Valley, Floral Park and Seaford, a last second victory over Carey, and an impressive win over Port Washington fueled by a circus of a third quarter.

They finished the regular season second in their conference, and at the season’s end, stood ninth in New York State’s class C with a record of 11-3.


(Mgrs) Thomas Gambino, Sierra Linder, Michelle Quick, Bailey Saltz, Elizabeth Vitiello.

**Individual Awards**

| All County (All Three Are Two-Time Selections) – Alex Ryan, Bryan Judge, Quentin DellaFera |
| Honorable Mention All County – Derek Maruca, Jon Wagner, Harry DellaFera |
| All Conference – David Zambratto, Ryan Marsh, Nick Gavin |

**FA 2011 Spring Sports**

**Varsity Boys Golf:**
**Player Ranked in NYS Top 10**

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse:**
**Valuable Season**

The 2011 Friends Academy Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team concluded another season in which they strove to work hard and compete to win in every competition in which they played. The team proved to, yet again, be a formidable opponent as they competed in many hard fought games throughout the course of the season.

There were many exciting and intense competitions as five of the team’s conference games were decided by a margin of three goals or less.

The lessons and experiences the girls faced in both their victories and defeats will surely have a positive effect on each player as they grow as both individuals and as a team in seasons to come.

The 2011 Spring Crew season was exciting from the start. Unfortunately, senior Emily Browning, and also a captain, could not compete this season. She got injured before the first race, but despite this, was a wonderful supporter and leader by coming to practice and traveling together with the team. She didn’t miss a race and was a big help for all rowers as well as coaches.

Friends Crew started their season strong at The Big Duck Regatta, where they won several medals. Junior Matt Kuczmarski earned gold in a single followed by junior Daniel DeCamello with silver and sophomore Chris Sawicki with bronze. DeCamello and Kuczmarski also won a double race. Junior Cecilia Judge also had a great race finishing second in her single. Freshman Ada Bielawski and senior Alison Kennedy won the gold medal in the girls’ double, setting the bar high for their two novice teammates, freshmen Emma Brown and Amanda Wylie, who also won their first race in a double. In the novice boys’ quad, sophomores Matt Lieber, Stefan Sayre and freshmen Aidan Vascotto and Jack Viener also had their first race at the Big Duck where they finished second. Freshmen Jack Piuggi and Bobby Moore finished fourth in their novice double race.

Next stop for Friends Academy rowers was the Long Island Championships in Oyster Bay. It was a great day for Wylie and Brown, who won their double race once again. Both Kuczmarski in his single and the novice boys’ quad came in third in their finals. Judge finished 4th in the varsity single race, while Bielawski came in second in a JV single race.

At the New York State Championships, Bielawski and Kennedy once again showed that they are one of the strongest doubles in New York. The double came in second overall, but first in the scholastic division and, therefore, claimed the NY State Championship. The following weekend, at the Stotesbury Cup in Philadelphia, the double came in a strong second. The strong spring results qualified the duo for Scholastic Nationals, where the girls not only qualified for finals, but finished 2nd in the Women’s Lightweight Varsity Double race.

Overall, it was a very successful season for both varsity and novice rowers. All rowers showed great passion, growth, and resilience to inclement weather – on and off the water, and we’re already looking forward to next year.

2011 ROSTER: Adrienne Bielawski, Emma Brown, Emily Browning, Daniel DeCamello, Cecilia Judge, Alison Kennedy, Matthew Kuczmarski, Matthew Lieber, Robert Moore, Spencer Moslow, Jack Piuggi, Christopher Sawicki, Stefan Sayre, Aidan Vascotto, Jack Viener, Amanda Wylie.

Friends Academy Varsity softball ended the regular season finishing with a conference record of 7-7 in the B-C conference. Highlights of the season included an 11-10 victory in a come-from-behind win against Oyster Bay and a 4-3 win over Wheatley High School.

According to Coach Christine Botti, the girls did an excellent job of remaining focused and working hard throughout the season. “Their camaraderie and belief in each other contributed to the improvement that was accomplished throughout the season as a team and individuals,” said Coach Botti.


INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – ERIN GLUCK
ALL-CONFERENCE – PAIGE ELGARTEN, SASHA ZEZULIN
ALL-LEAGUE – HOLLY CONSTANTS

Junior Erin Gluck
**FA 2011 Spring Sports**

**Varsity Boys Tennis: Season of Ups and Downs**

The Boys Varsity Tennis team this spring had its share of ups and downs, yet by late April the team had come together to become a formidable force on the courts.

After losing their number one singles player to a shoulder injury after only the fourth match, the team rallied after two grueling matches against rivals Roslyn and Herricks to bring home back-to-back wins against Garden City and Wheatley.

Over the course of the season, the four doubles pairs increased in strength and skill, coming to the net and finding their game there. They became more and more adept at drilling the ball to their opponents’ feet, or just beyond the other team’s reach, and finishing off the point in a quick and timely fashion.

The singles courts consistently put on an admirable contest at every match, with some serious sweat and stamina accompanying the boys’ rocket-like serves and rock-solid baseline play. At times, they were in a sort of David and Goliath situation, with their opponents appearing to be twice their stature, but even then, the athletes kept their cool and just kept hammering away until they won the point.

With trips to the far side of Nassau County, to right around the corner at Wheatley, the Friends Academy Boys Varsity Tennis team had a season of which they can be proud.

Four of the players – senior Jon DeFrancesch, sophomore Jack Vissichio, freshman Bhavin Vaid, and sophomore Gregory Rosenthal – were all selected to play in the Nassau County Championship in Oceanside on May 14th.

**2011 ROSTER:**
- (Mgrs.) Lauren Kolodny, Kate Neisloss.

**JV Boys Lacrosse: Strong Season Showing**

The 2011 Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse team can be looked at as a success in many ways – total wins, the level of participation and the individual improvements.

With 23 players on the team, one of the largest rosters in recent memory, each and every player helped push one another to get better in practice and played a major role in every game. “Whether they were expected to score goals, stop the other team from scoring goals, or do the dirty work in between the lines, the boys knew and accepted their role on the team. This team showed maturity beyond their years and was critical to their successful season,” said coach Dave Barth.

Throughout the season the boys proved that they were truly a 4th-quarter team, posting a number of late-game comebacks. This was evident in the game against Locust Valley. Losing 8-3 at the start of the 4th quarter, the boys outscored the Falcons 6-1 to force overtime, where, after exchanging multiple possessions, sophomore Jonny Blum scored the game-winning goal.

Though the boys fell just short of their goals of 10 wins, they finished the 2011 season with 9 wins and 5 losses – one of the best JV records in recent memory.

**2011 ROSTER:**
- (Mgrs.) Cori Rooney, Olivia Youngwall.

**JV Baseball: Home Run Derby Caps Great Season**

“IT was an honor to have worked with the JV baseball team this spring. A talented and dedicated group comprised of 12 athletes who wore the “F” with pride,” said Coach Mike Damm.

The season was marked by a drastic improvement where the team eclipsed their total win record over the past three years.

The athletes made great progression individually and collectively as they started to gel towards the end.

The season culminated with the team’s second annual Home Run Derby, which they sponsored along with Girls Softball.

JV Boys Tennis: Setting a Foundation

The Boys JV Tennis Team started off the 2011 season with some very competitive try-outs and despite some difficult conditions, weather and otherwise, the players worked extremely hard. Both the try-outs and the practices were conducted at a high level and the players all displayed a willingness to follow the program and the “team” concept.

The team’s matches were played against some very strong competition, and although the match-play record was not what they would have liked, the experience was invaluable, especially for the first-year players. Next year looks very promising with the majority of the players set to return for the Spring 2012 season.

2011 ROSTER: Justin Ashkin, Rani Bendary, Andrew Eng, Samuel Friedman, David Hanna, Timothy Ingrassia, Tommy Kaminsky, Justin Levine, Erik Loscalzo, Aaron Moslow, Tyler Newitt, Ethan Nyein, Zachary Podbela, Ian Rudolph, Alexander Schneider, Alexander Storch. (Mgrs.) Zorina Akhund, Rebecca Broxmeyer, Jacqueline Leon.

JV Girls Lacrosse: Playing Smart

This past season, the coaches had the pleasure of working with one of the strongest Junior Varsity teams that the FA Girls’ Lacrosse program has seen in recent years. With only three losses and an incredibly impressive and reaffirming tie against Cold Spring Harbor, Friends Academy approached every game this season with unyielding heart, intelligence, endurance, and class. However challenging the circumstance, these players maintained a positive spirit and serious mindset on the field.

According to Head Coach Blake Miller, each accomplished their original goal – to play “smart” with a high “Lacrosse IQ” – and each supported and encouraged all others with words of praise and crucial risk-taking when trying new positions.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to work with these young women, aid in their development as teammates, and get to know each player individually. Thank you all for your patience, commitment, and hard work, resulting in a very fruitful season,” said Assistant Coach Kate Scudellari.


19 FA Athletes to Play Collegiate Competitive Sports in Fall 2011

(Back row) Alison Kennedy: Navy (Crew); Derek Maruca: Drexel (Lacrosse); Nick Gavin: Hamilton (Lacrosse, Football); Emily Browning: Bucknell (Crew); Holly Constants: Bryn Mawr (Field Hockey, Basketball); Jonathan Wagner: St. Lawrence (Lacrosse); Matt Slotnick: Duke (Soccer); Ryan Marsh: Clark (Lacrosse); Jon DeFrancesch: Bucknell (Tennis) and TJ Hefele: Cortland (Basketball). (Front row) Colin Heffron: Dartmouth (Soccer); Quentin DellaFera: Wesleyan (Lacrosse); Chris Campbell: Colgate (Soccer); Kira Garry: Yale (Cross Country, Track); Michelle Babicz: Haverford (Soccer); Kyle Grady: Bentley (Football); Bryan Judge: Stony Brook (Lacrosse).

2011 ROSTER: Colin Heffron: Dartmouth (Soccer); Quentin DellaFera: Wesleyan (Lacrosse); Chris Campbell: Colgate (Soccer); Kira Garry: Yale (Cross Country, Track); Michelle Babicz: Haverford (Soccer); Kyle Grady: Bentley (Football); Bryan Judge: Stony Brook (Lacrosse).
Congratulations Class of 2011!

Friends Academy Class of 2011 College Matriculations

Alfred University • American Musical and Dramatic Academy • Barnard College • Bentley University • Binghamton University • Boston College • Boston University • Brown University • Bryn Mawr College • Bucknell University • Carnegie Mellon University • Clark University • Clarkson University • Clemson University • Colgate University • College at Cortland • College of Charleston • Columbia University • Connecticut College • Cornell University • Dartmouth College • Davidson College • Drexel University • Duke University • Elon University • Fairfield University • Franklin & Marshall College • Georgetown University • George Washington University • Hamilton College • Harvard University • Haverford College • Johns Hopkins University • Lafayette College • Loyola College • Manhattanville College • McGill University • Miami University at Oxford • Muhlenberg College • New York University • Northeastern University • Northfield Mt. Hermon/US Naval Academy • Northwestern University • Parsons The School for New Design • Princeton University • Providence College • Quinnipiac University • Randolph Macon College • Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute • Rice University • Roanoke College • Roger Williams University • Smith College • St. Lawrence University • Stony Brook University • Swarthmore College • Syracuse University • Trinity College • Tufts University • Tulane University • University of Colorado at Boulder • University of Denver • University of Mary Washington • University of Miami • University of Michigan • University of Richmond • University of Rochester • University of Toronto • University of Vermont • University of Virginia • Vanderbilt University • Villanova University • Wake Forest University • Washington University in St. Louis • Wellesley College • Wesleyan University • Williams College • University of Wisconsin at Madison • Yale University
**Faculty Professional Development**

**Polly Duke** presented during “La Journée Francophone” at Baruch College on March 6, 2011, on “La Technologie qui soutient la Francophonie.” She was invited as a delegate to attend the national AATF Convention in July 2011 in Montreal where she both presided over one session and presented at a panel entitled “Teaching Quebec in New York.”

**Amy Mulcahy** completed her MA degree in Spanish from Middlebury College this past year. Amy also spent two summers studying advanced grammar, literature and culture in Guadalajara, Mexico.

New to FA, **Kate Scudellari** presented at a conference this past spring for the New York City Association of Foreign Language Teachers entitled “Using Storybooks in the Spanish Classroom.” This experiential student-centered workshop, geared toward middle and high school students, used technology, realia, dramatic readings with role-playing, critical analysis of essential questions, song clozes and contemporary polemic issues.

**Meghan Stott** completed her MA degree in Science Education from Walden University. She is also a recipient of several Professional Development grants for Academic Study. As a result of her work, Meghan has introduced a number of new units and projects into her LS curriculum, including several topics in earth science. Meghan has recently taken on the role of Professional Development Liaison for NYSAIS and offered her first workshop here at FA last spring. It was a workshop on teaching, using your school campus. Meghan has plans for a second workshop this fall.

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**Edward Herscher**

For 23 years, Upper School English and Art History teacher Ed Herscher (or “Hersch” to his students) wore too many hats to count: From Department convener to ISP Committee member, to helping with Admissions, college profile writing, opera, music appreciation and more.

One particularly insightful and prophetic remark, written by Ted Withington, commented that Herscher would have to be “a jack of all trades in the first year.” To which Herscher replied, “I am enough of a dilettante to regard any new discipline as a challenge to teach, whatever your academic needs are – just don’t make me a football coach, especially if you want a winning team.”

Known by his colleagues for his breadth and depth of knowledge, as well as his ongoing penchant for reading, Herscher constantly pushed boundaries. David Drinkwater would comment, “Ed has a challenging way of making connections between different aspects of culture.”

In 1995, a Rauch Grant enabled Herscher to travel for over two months to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka and ultimately led to the development of an enlightening new course for his students entitled, “Passage to India.”

By 1996, Herscher had dived into the internet with his commitment to his Humanities website. Today, the works of art showcased on the site number into the multi-thousands.

In June 2002, Herscher was awarded The Fahey Master Teacher award for his work on his opus magnum (website) and in supporting American Studies, English 10, Art History and 9th grade Early Civilizations History.

In addition to the works of art Herscher collected digitally, he also donated hundreds of art history books, music CDs and opera videos to the FA Library and ultimately helped create one of the most premiere independent school art collections in the area. Herscher’s appreciation of the arts was not limited to the visuals. According to Theater teacher Andrew Geha, Herscher offered his own personal spin to Macbeth.

“Edward played Duncan in Macbeth. After Duncan is killed, Edward had about an hour and a half before the curtain call. During the first night of the show, Will Roland (playing Macbeth), went to look for the king’s crown before his entrance as the newly kinged Macbeth. No crown, no Edward. A student ran over to Edward’s classroom, where he found King Duncan, crowned and wearing his full costume, working on his website. He didn’t know the crown was used by anyone other than himself,” said Geha.

In addition to the FA legacy of his three children – Hilary ’91, Charlotte ’92 and Daniel ’94 – Friends will treasure the legacy that renaissance man Edward Herscher built and left.

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**Former Faculty Notes**

Trisha Baca, former Upper School Spanish teacher and JV Basketball Coach writes, “I’m in my second year at the School of the Holy Child in Rye, New York and loving the 15-minute commute! I’m currently the 11th grade Dean and happily survived the crazy and fun tradition of Ring Day in March. Also in March, I traveled throughout Guatemala for one week and saw many cities throughout this beautiful and often-forgotten country.

During the second week of spring break, I traveled with a group of 18 girls to New Orleans, LA. We did community service in the Lower 9th ward, saw several parts of the city and had the fortunate luck of meeting Mr. Abdulrahman Zeitoun, the Syrian-American at the center of the book Zeitoun. I was truly moved by the stories of his experiences during and after Hurricane Katrina. I whole-heartedly recommend the book and all who can, to visit and help out in New Orleans. Even after almost six years since the hurricane and levees broke, NOLA still needs help. I look forward to the summer, working in Barcelona for Oxbridge Academic Programs and returning to Holy Child as the 12th grade Dean. I send everyone at Friends a big hug, especially the language department and the Upper School. Congrats Quaker Basketball!”

Former Upper School Spanish teacher Trish Baca (center) in New Orleans.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

Commencement at Friends – it comes complete with smiles and tears, new beginnings and closing chapters. On June 11th, as the Class of 2011 threw their hats in the air in celebration, I was reminded of a June day 32 years earlier, when my graduating class, the Class of 1979, celebrated in a similar way. I often reflect on my time at Friends and the education I received, and I am forever grateful. A week earlier, at Fourth Day Honors, I had the privilege of inducting the Class of 2011 into the Friends Academy Alumni Association. I am confident that these bright young men and women, equipped with the foundation our school has given them, will “let their life speak.”

That same day, I had the honor of hearing Peter Galbraith ‘56 deliver the Distinguished Alumnus address at the awards ceremony. Peter began his career as a dentist in private practice, but realized that something was missing. He decided to change his career path and dedicate his life to service, in particular, improving public health. As he told fellow alum Jennifer Ryan Woods ’99 (you can read Peter’s profile on page 16), “The things that I grew up in the midst of, and the beliefs that are a large part of the Friends education had more of an impact on me than I realized at the time.”

We are all shaped in part by the foundation we built from our experiences at Friends and that helps to guide us in sometimes unexpected ways.

Another June event was the Annual New York City Reunion held this year at the Princeton/Columbia Club. More than 200 alums gathered to share an evening together and to honor retiring English and art history teacher, Ed Herscher. Graduates from the ’60s to 2010 filled the room, along with Friends faculty, both present and former.

As we look ahead, September brings with it Fall Fair and Homecoming. On Friday, September 23rd the Class of 1961 will celebrate their 50th Reunion with a luncheon at the Jackson House. On Saturday, September 24th, following the Fall Fair, all alumni are invited to our Homecoming Reception at the Jackson House. Additionally, classes ending in 1 and 6 will celebrate special year reunions. Class reps will be in touch with specific reunion details shortly.

I wish you all a summer filled with sunshine, happiness, health and peace.
See you in the fall!

Peter

Peter Stein ’79, Friends Academy Alumni Association President

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   Click on log into “My Backpack” on the left-hand side. Search by last name, maiden name, class year and profession.

3. **Are you on Facebook?**
   Become a member of the Friends Academy group. Type “Friends Academy Alumni Association” in the search bar.

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   Register and join the Friends Academy Alumni group to network with fellow alums at www.linkedin.com.

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Reconnect at FA's Largest Community Event

Special Reunion Celebrations for Classes Ending in 1 and 6

Fall Fair & Homecoming September 23-25, 2011

Friday: 50th Reunion Luncheon for the Class of 1961

Friday night: Potential class gatherings

Saturday: Fall Fair followed by the Homecoming Reception on campus for all alumni. Join us in recognizing Craig White ’61, at the Reception.

Saturday night: Reunion Dinners off campus for classes ending in 1 and 6.

Sunday: Meeting for Worship in Matinecock Meeting House

Volunteers in classes planning special reunions will reach out to classmates soon. More information is on the alumni pages of the FA website: www.fa.org/alumni. Contact Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office with questions: alumni@fa.org or 516-465-1796

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That same year, Barry entered the mandatory Friends Academy typing class and saw row after row of typewriters. “I had used typewriters before, but that is not how I’d already learned to type. Four years earlier I was fortunate enough to receive a home computer from my parents, one of the first generation. I programmed games and used Bulletin Board Systems to log into chat rooms and pretend to hack government computers. So when I saw those typewriters I had the foresight, or arrogance, to laugh. I explained to the teacher that I would never use a typewriter, so I should not learn to type on one.” Instead, he asked if he could learn on the one computer in the back of the room, which, at the time, could have been the only computer in the entire school. The teacher agreed, and Barry was elated to notice that one year later, all of the typewriters had been replaced with computers.

After years of becoming enveloped deeper and deeper in the world of computers, Barry became regarded by many as an outsider, but as he notes, “It was a role I was willing to occupy if that’s what it meant to pursue my interests.”

During Barry’s time in public school before entering
Friends Academy for high school, “there was a strong wall between my interest-driven learning at home and what I was “supposed” to learn in school. At Friends, the line was more permeable: that computer available in the back of the typing room and the flexibility of the teacher to accommodate my personalized learning needs. The computer programming class was led by an exceptional educator who cared less if I could sort numbers than if I could do it with style. These were key to my later success in life.”

In 1995, four years after Barry received his BA from Northwestern University and his MA in American Studies from NYU, a new phenomenon called the “World Wide Web” was born. This new “thing” was being led by young people, people that were a lot like Barry, who previously had been dismissed as slackers or “outsiders.” “Few seasoned adult professionals were prepared with academic or professional experience required to not just code web pages but to design these new interactive experiences. Few had the skills or the autodidact capabili- ties necessary to run the required programs and keep up as they changed almost monthly.” He did not expect the World Wide Web to be a big hit, so Barry dropped out of Social Work School after one year, anticipating returning, but as history tells, the Web was a huge success and he did not end up returning to school. Barry then entered the commercial Web development world building and managing the first websites for Sotheby’s, Car and Driver magazine, and Black and Decker. “It was an exciting and creative time, and more lucrative than I had ever imagined for my mid-20s, but before long it felt empty. There was a reason I had wanted to go to social work school and the Web and my comfy desk chair could not change that. There was something I had come to appreciate, from both my Jewish background and my hours spent performing community service at Friends Academy, that I expected from my work, but was just not getting it.”

Through Barry’s involvement with the New Voices Fellowship of the Academy for Education Development, funded by the Ford Foundation, Barry became involved with Global Kids’ Online Leadership Program. As explained on the program’s website, Barry has “developed innovative programs in the areas of youth-led online dialogues, video games as a form of youth media, and the educational potential of virtual worlds, combining youth development practices with the development of high profile digital media projects that develop 21st Century Skills.” He has also worked with Global Kids’ development program to secure funding from a number of foundations and corporations. He currently is entering his twelfth year as the director of Global Kids, which serves as an afterschool program in New York City that supports urban youth to become global citizens, community leaders, and successful students. “My team and I have developed innovative programs that work on the bleeding edge of education to turn youth’s electronic playthings – video games, mobile phones, social media, virtual games, and whatever may follow – into powerful educational tools for the production of youth media addressing critical social and world issues – a video game about poverty in Haiti played by millions, an animated movie about child soldiers in Northern Uganda viewed on YouTube by tens of thousands, a Google map of human rights abusers, etc...”

Barry explains that “the youth I work with do not have the same financial privileges I enjoyed, nor a school with the same resources and educational philosophy that served me so well. Through my work, I aim not just to develop the youth’s IT abilities, but also their digital literacies, the skills they need to fully participate in the workplace, classroom and civic spaces of our digital age. That means, in part, learning how to learn, to be in charge of how they develop new skills and gain knowledge, and how to strategically navigate and integrate their interest-driven, informal and formal learning environments. At Global Kids, we seek to build the capacity of educators; not to be intimidated by the changes being wrought by digital media, nor sit back in deference to youth’s existing abilities, but to collaborate with them as guides and mentors, helping them to develop the ethical and safety behaviors required to effectively traverse our new third spaces.”

Since graduating from Friends Academy, not only has Barry chosen to live a life dedicated to helping improve the lives of the people around him, but he has been a role model to those who have been bullied. Not only was he bullied in cyberspace back in 1986, but he used that experience to transform his life, which in turn has positively transformed so many other lives as well. Barry continues to be a class representative from his NYC home for his FA class and states that “some of my best friends now are still my best friends from my time at FA.” The FA years continue to prove, alumni profile after profile, to be some of the most influential and transformative years in many of its students’ lives.

For more information about the Global Kids’ Online Leadership Program, please visit http://www.olpglobalkids.org

Barry Joseph ’87: Truth and Justice – by Using the Digital World

“It was an exciting and creative time and more lucrative than I had ever imagined for my mid-20s, but before long it felt empty.”
Anne DeContades d’Ornano ’55

From wartime child to influential French politician: A life guided by Friends

Anne DeContades d’Ornano ’55 is one of those rare Friends Academy alums. You could pick up her biography at a corner bookstore and not put the book down until the last page had been read, maybe aloud, twice. The Friends community is very fortunate to be able to name Anne to its list of accomplished alumni, and Anne has also explained that she, too, feels very fortunate to have attended FA. She was born in Paris, France in December 1936 and was only 2-1/2 years old when WWII began.

Although many of her first memories of her life took place during the wartime years in occupied France, where she traveled between Paris and the Loire Valley where her grandparents lived, Anne notes that she really does not have any bad memories from this part of her childhood. Wartime life became the norm: no toys, sometimes not enough food, not enough heating, not much school, no electricity, sometimes long hours in air-raid shelters and no father because he had been made a POW at a very early stage, only to return six years later.

But Anne was never lonely because she was never without her brother, three years older than she. Anne notes, “It was a time of storytelling and imagination. You can’t miss things you don’t know about, and nearly everyone was in the same boat. I was lucky to be that age, not old enough to really realize and too young to remember “before the war.”

It was then, in 1944, just before D-Day, when life became more complicated. Both Anne and her brother became ill and they were sent to a nursing home/care center in the French Alps. After a brief stay in the Alps, Anne and her brother moved to a boarding school in Switzerland where they remained for two years. While initially living in the Alps, Anne’s father returned from Germany, but he had been away for over six years and Anne’s mother, who was young and very beautiful, had fallen in love with another man—a Frenchman who lived in New York. Her parents eventually divorced while the children lived in Switzerland and Anne’s mother left for the USA.

Anne explains that “divorce at the time and under those circumstances was not frequent and, to say the least, not well looked upon, even less so in a Catholic, aristocratic family. So, they settled upon the best arrangement of which they could think – her brother would inherit the title, the name, and the castle in France, while Anne would go and join her mother, her
mother's husband, and their new baby girl
in the United States – Plandome, Long
Island to be exact. Anne explains that she
arrived “at the age of 11 in February 1948,
a skinny, quiet, rather introverted, shy and
not a very happy child.” After
trying out the Manhasset Public
Schools, Anne eventually landed at
Friends Academy. Anne recounts,
“Just before school was out for the
summer, Mr. Hyatt, FA’s headmaster
asked my mother to come see him
with me. I remember that very
well. He talked to me more than
he did to my mother and told me
that I hadn’t done well but that he
was sure that I could ‘make it’ and
that he was determined to help
me do so, but there was a condition: I had
to go through 7th grade again! I hated the
thought and felt like an idiot, but it proved
out to be the best idea.”

Anne returned to FA the following
September, quickly made friends, became
“popular,” loved most of her teachers – “I
remember them all very well – and began
to really enjoy life. I was an average student;
I probably could have done better but was
actually rather lazy and I think, at the
beginning at least, my French accent and
‘the poor child who has been through the
war’ excuse helped me get away with more
than normal.”

After high school, Anne had to make
a tough decision – whether or not
to move to Mexico with her mother
and stepfather, move to France with her
father, or go to college. Anne explains, “As a
child, I dreamt of becoming a doctor but it
could not possibly fit into my schedule and
my grades in science were not that good.
So I decided to go to nursing school and
I became an RN at Flower Fifth Avenue
Hospital, New York Medical College. I then
worked for a while as an operating room
nurse.” Soon after though, Anne returned to
Paris where she married French business-
man, Michel d’Ornano, one of the creators
(along with his father and brother) of the
perfume and cosmetic firm Orlane, which
at the time was the number one cosmetic
firm in Europe. Michel made a career
change and went into politics. He became
the mayor of a well-known French resort
on the Normandy coast, not far from the
D-Day beaches, called Deauville. He would
do his business work Monday-Thursday
in Paris and work at City Hall
on Fridays and weekends. “This
schedule made it difficult for me to
keep working... But as I can’t stand
not to do anything and household work
is not really my cup of tea, I
did all kinds of things – I became
president of the
local Red Cross,
helped establish
an institution for
abused children,
learned how to fly
and became a pilot, wrote
speeches for my husband, etc...”

In 1968, Michel was
elected to Parliament
and became very
close to Valéry Giscard
d’Estaing who was elected
President of France in
1974. He became so
involved in politics that
he sold his business, his
father retired and his
brother started a new firm
called “Sisley” which con-
tinues to thrive. Michel
became Minister of Indus-
try and stayed involved
with government during
all of Giscard’s presiden-
In 1977 the local
elections came up and he
decided not to run again
as mayor so, instead, Anne ran. Anne was
elected and re-elected four times (it is a
six-year term), so Anne remained Mayor for
twenty-four years.

In 1991, Michel was killed in an
accident. At the time he was still a very in-
fluential politician. He was in the national
Parlement and was President of the “Con-
seil Général” of the state of Calvados, which
placed him in charge of infrastructures
such as roads, harbors, school buildings, etc.
in addition to welfare, the fire department
and all kinds of local bureaus. Anne ran for
County Councillor, was elected locally and
then elected President. “I was re-elected ev-
ery 3 years until last March when I decided
not to run for the presidency and became
First Vice-President. For the first ten years,
I was the only woman to hold that position
in France. There are one hundred départe-
ments in France. They are, of course, much
smaller than the states in the U.S. but it is
still a pretty big job.”

Anne continues to
be City Council-
lor in Deauville,
first Vice-President of
the ‘Département’ and
has been involved in
humanitarian work in
Asia – particularly Burma
– for many years. “I was a
co-founder of an American
Film Festival in Deauville
before becoming Mayor
of the town and I still am
involved with that. I try
to find more time for my
six grandchildren. I go to
the U.S. once in a while
but, unfortunately less and
less... I do not have much
time nor reasons to go, but
I miss it.”

Anne has led a selfless
life of leadership and ser-
tice to the French people,
characteristics that are
commonly attributed to a
Friends Academy student.
“I think the FA ‘spirit’
gave me self-confidence
and tolerance. The meetings in the Meet-
ing House taught me to listen to others, to
think by myself and to think twice. It gave
me that “you can do it” motivation which
has certainly helped... and also a sense of
decision as to what is important, or not, in
life. All that shines is not gold. My FA years
were happy years as were many others, but
the memory of them certainly helped me
get through the difficulties.”
Happy 100th birthday to Zebulon Wilson! Zeb left Friends at the age of 14 to help provide for his family. A birthday celebration took place on Saturday, July 2 at The Waterview Club in Bayville, NY. A founding member of the Robert Spittel Post 1285 of the American Legion, Zeb was honored by the Post and his birthday of July 3 was designated by local dignitaries as Zeb Wilson Day in Bayville. The Post is named after Zeb's nephew who was killed on Dec. 8, 1944, while on duty in the Pacific during WWII.

Calling all members of the Class of 1940: we are compiling memories of Friends from the ‘40s and ‘50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to Margaret Whitney Shiels ’52 at mspaumanok@aol.com. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input!

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1948

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To the Class of 1948: we are compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to Margaret Whitney Shiel’s 52 at mspaumanok@aol.com. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input!

1949

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1950

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1951

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Save the date! September 24th is Fall Fair and Homecoming … and the class of 1951’s 60th Reunion! We are also compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to Margaret Whitney Shiel’s 52 at mspaumanok@aol.com. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input!
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1954

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The Class of 1955 brings beauty to the quad as their gift of four trees takes root.

1953

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Herb Cares writes, “Jamie Reid ’54, came from his home in Vermont and staggered into my office in a Boston suburb. He had spinal cord compression in his neck from overgrown arthritis-like spurs, and could barely walk. He didn’t like the neurosurgeon he saw at Dartmouth in New Hampshire, and asked if I would operate on him. It was easy to say yes, but when it came time for the surgery, I realized that Jamie was a life-long friend I had known for 60 years – since I came to Friends in 1950. Anyhow, we pulled out all the stops, and the surgery went very well. Jamie is back running over a mile a day now. Years ago ... who would have thought? Here’s another unlikely event: the Chief of General Surgery in my hospital is Fred Millham, nephew of our classmate Hazel Millham [now Lucia Michelli].” This must be the season for neck problems. Peter Klinge recently had a serious problem with his neck vertebrae that required the surgical insertion of 5 plates, and then a follow-up surgery. For the first four months of the year, he was hooked up to a portable machine to facilitate healing. In spite of it all, Pete and Sandy continue to play duplicate bridge, dance, remain very active in the Anastasia Baptist Church, and even play a bit of tennis.

Sondi Conklin Wright writes, “My husband Hal and I just came back from a month in Dharamsala and McLeod Ganj, India, which is the residence of the Dalai Lama and the seat of Tibet in India. I had wanted to go there for 20 years, ever since I was sitting at many 10-day Buddhist meditation retreats and picked up a young couple at the airport in California to take them to the next retreat. They had just returned from Dharamsala and had been “in heaven.” They said the monks and the nuns are just beautiful: playful, wise, at peace and happy. I thought ahhh, someday I’d like to be there. Of course, in 20 years much has changed and there are many foreigners (every country in the world, save China). We stayed in a Tibetan Guest House with a staff of young, happy Tibetan refugees who literally sang in the hallways. They had made the dangerous trek across the Himalayas in 25-50 days, and had they been caught by the Chinese they would have been shot or jailed. The energy was palpable, and meditating there was easy and natural. I could go on and on – I’d be happy to answer anyone’s questions by email or telephone. Back here in Denver, I am still teaching yoga (9 classes a week). My son, daughter-in-law and grandson live here. My son Juan has been in managerial tech for a long time and is writing a book about his relationship with his father, Hunter. My husband, Hal, is a psychiatrist, working for the VA 2 days a week and private one day. So here we are. I’ve had and am having a very, very rich life – no doubt about it – lots of pain and suffering but also lots of joy.”

Sarah (Sally) Leonori Pusey writes that she is a retired educator living in the Napa Valley. She occasionally tutors and edits, and also teaches the art of basket-making one-on-one. “Once in a great while I meet someone who went to Friends,” she says, and “Mr. Stubbs is always a topic of conversation.”

John Galbraith wrote at press time that he was about to leave for three weeks in Norway. Stand by for his report in the next issue. Allan Munro writes, “18 years ago, the class column carried a note that my daughter, Amy, from my second marriage, and my granddaughter, Annie, were born a few months apart. Well, now they are both graduating from Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, where my brother, Sandy ’57, and my brother, Blake ’61, and I graduated after many years...
attending FA. The three of us all started in the FA elementary school. Amy looks like she is bound for Skidmore where I believe Peggy Foster and maybe a couple of other ‘55s went. Amy is an equestrienne and was attracted to the Skidmore riding team, which was the Intercollegiate Champion in 2010 or 2009. Annie is off to Sacred Heart in Fairfield, CT where she will study nursing. My son, Jon, will be a junior this fall at Kimball Union and is doing well and playing soccer and lacrosse, so we will be doing the college tours again later this year. As for Kathy and me, we are into our third year living in New London, NH and welcome any ‘55s to stop by as we are easy to find, being only 3 doors down from Colby Sawyer College on Main Street.” Owen Smith writes that he still spends most of his time at the Millridge Inn. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of World Politics, a 200-student graduate school in Washington DC. This semester he taught a course at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. He sold his house in Palm Beach but still has his mother’s home in Fort Lauderdale, where he hopes to spend time this coming winter. We are compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to Margaret Whitney Shiefs ’52 at msplaumanok@aol.com. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input!

1957

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1958

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1959

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John Gates reports that… Bob Pickels had two new grandchildren in 2010, for a total of 6! He has two artificial knees and now skies in Wyoming. The former mayor of Sherrill, NY is a well-known physician and inventor. Tom Carter remembers our esteemed English teacher, Mrs. Jean Stubbs, and has spent 35 years working for the Peace Corps and doing good work for USAid.gov in India. Alice Fisher worries about Anne Schwiebert’s health as we all do. David Seeler has 42 years at the Bayberry in Amagansett and has not retired. Mike Altman bought a house in Sarasota, FL which he and his wife will visit from Chicago. He has wonderful memories of his years at FA. Robin Holmes, a fine musician and FA’s only salsa pianist has lived in Boscawen, NH for many years. He enjoys an occasional cigar and fine meals. John Froehlich, a poet and lover of the great American West will ride his motorcycle to Driggs, ID and visit San Carlos. Carol Kliberg Tabb writes from California where she had lunch with Abbie Freedman. Carol will retire next year after twenty-five years of teaching. Kate Millham Latimer recently visited Southold, Long Island with Gerry Whitehead to have lunch with Anne Schwiebert. Bruce Burrows followed tradition with a mini-reunion at The Citadel in Charleston, SC with Messrs. Warden, Seeler and Jameson. Then Bruce and his wife went to Vietnam. Bruce prays for Anne Schwiebert who is bravely undergoing chemotherapy and showing great courage. She is active on Long Island’s East End with family and friends. Abbie Freedman graciously thanked me for assuming the 1959 class notes post. The entire class wishes the best of health to Anne Schwiebert and Abbie Freedman and thanks them for their long service as class representatives. Tim O’Connell writes that he saw Steve Sundgaard as he returned from the FA Early 50th Reunion in 2008 at Dave Seeler’s home in the Hamptons. Tim loves the diversity of New Haven where his father originated and looks forward to our 55th FA reunion in 2014. Judith Reeve had arthroscopic treatment on her knee replacements. She is walking and gardening well and grateful for the improvement. Judith says, “Between Ken and me, we have 8 grandchildren.” She continues her landscape design practice and serves the town on the Conservation Committee. She and Ken spend ½ months in NH and the rest in Tucson where they play with John Froehlich. Some years they see Sally and John Wenger when they visit their daughter in Tucson. Charlie Jameson is happily retired in a 55-year-old gated community about 40 miles west of Washington, DC. His daughter and son-in-law have his one and three-year-old grandchildren. Charlie retired in 2006 as Northrop Grumman’s Director of Exports and Imports and enjoys golfing, walking his dogs and having fun with his electric train layout in his 20’ by 40’ basement. His wife Dana retired from the D.E.A. in 2008 and they enjoy Charlie’s restored and enhanced 1957 red Chevy belair convertible with a new 500 HP fuel-injected and supercharged engine, power steering, 5-speed “tremec” transmission, a 3.50 rear end, power brakes and AM/FM radio for unending 50s rock and roll. Charlie visited Ft. Sumter, SC where his relative, Henry Ward Beecher delivered the keynote address, witnessed by another of his relatives, Col. Frank Beecher, who led his unit, the First North Carolina Colored Volunteers (a unit consisting of freed slaves) in a highly successful campaign in the Deep South. John Wenger and his wife, Sally, went to Royal Street in the New Orleans

Save the date! September 24th is Fall Fair and Homecoming … and the class of 1956’s 55th Reunion! We are compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to Margaret Whitney Shiefs ’52 at msplaumanok@aol.com. All memories are welcome – Lower School, Middle School, Upper School, friends, teachers, etc. We would love your input!

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French quarter in January. John brought a Pablo Picasso lithograph in an art gallery there. In February the Wengers visited their oldest daughter, Susan, in Tucson, AZ. John played tennis there with Ken, Judith Reeve’s husband. The Wengers had a nice visit with their younger daughter in South Carolina and saw his brother and sister at a family reunion in Durham, NC. John is glad to be back, playing tennis after some issues with his knees. We are compiling memories of Friends from the ’40s and ’50s. If you have a memory to share, please send it to margaret Whitney Shiels ’52 at mspaumanok@aol.com.

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I had lunch with Melissa Fox in May. She is still working at MIT as an Administrative Assistant. Also had a wonderful visit and dinner with Maria Olivieri Quinn in San Francisco. She is studying Chinese art and calligraphy and is enjoying being a grandmother. Both of our daughters live in San Francisco so I look forward to seeing more of her as we go there frequently to visit our 4 grandkids that live there. My husband Fred and I are going sailing with Sandi Ray Holland off the coast of Sardinia in September and then doing some traveling in Italy. More later.

1961

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Attention all Class of ’61 members! Our 50th Reunion, September 23-25th, is fast approaching! Already we have heard from many of you that you plan to join us in September, and we would like to have as many of our Classmates as possible, even if you didn’t graduate with us. Whether you can make it or not, please join our class Facebook page. Just go to www.facebook.com and search under “FA 1961.” It is a closed group, so you must request to join. If you have any problems, you can email the alumni office at kathy_fox@fa.org. Ruth Edmunds Naylor writes, “Had great fun at my grandson Cole’s 5th birthday party, with little 2-year-old Eden learning to talk – the whole family lives near me in England, by the sea; it was balmy and relaxing. Otherwise, I’m busy with website development for the British Autogenic Society as I’m on the Exec Committee, I’m finishing up my dissertation for a PhD on anxiety and relaxation therapies, and Sue Curtis and I hope to meet up in Paris by the end of June. My PhD is fully funded, too. I don’t do torture without being paid for it! But I have permission now to leave the country and do the dissertation anywhere there’s WiFi, so after the FA reunion I plan on going to South Africa for a month or so.” Susan Galbraith Markey (suemarkey@telus.net) writes that she is still living in Vancouver and nursing part time and travelling all over the globe the rest. Next is a safari to Africa. Meantime yours truly and Craig White will be working with FA planning a great weekend in September. – Park Benjamin, Class Representative

1962

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From Paula Howe: I have been quite remiss as class correspondent the past couple of years and want to get going again – especially since we have a BIG reunion coming up in 2013! For me, 2010 was a year of change. My mother passed away in January at the age of 97½. And Exxon Mobil made the decision to close its Law Library where I had been the Law Librarian for 19 years. I am now a Senior Paralegal in the Litigation section of the Exxon Mobil Law Department. One of these days I will retire. I still have my parents’ retirement home in Cooperstown and visit for a couple of weeks each fall and rent it out as much as possible from May-October. If any of you are baseball fans, let me know. I also still continue my
volunteer work with animal organizations – my passion is helping animals have a better life. I saw Diane Olding Stanley twice last year – once at her home in Oak Ridge, NJ and once at my mother’s memorial service in Cooperstown in the fall of 2010. Melissa Fox from the Class of 1962 also attended and continues to drive over from Boston each fall from Somerville, MA for a visit. I was very surprised to hear on Facebook last month that BJ Brundige is the realtor for my childhood home on Townsend Road in Glen Cove! I hardly recognized it since it has been so wonderfully renovated. I also could not afford to live there... From Diane Olding Stanley [dianest@optonline.net]: I am very thankful to be five years cancer free now, by God’s grace. Also, there are two new grandchildren on the way. This fall, Mel and I are looking forward to a riverboat cruise on the Danube and some travel in Hungary and Poland. From Toni Naren Gates [tonigates@aol.com]: My best, most recent news is a double whammy! My son and his wife moved to Wichita last May. Ryan decided to work for Bud...at least for a while. He liked the job and liked the stability in this very unstable economy. I was really surprised that stability trumped the vagabond, freelance, creative filmmaker lifestyle. Hmmmm. Well, by the end of May, they announced they were pregnant! On January 26, 2011 Maxwell Vincent Gates, “Max,” was born. So for the first time in 17 years we have a child living in our city, and we have a grandchild to watch grow right under our very eyes! It’s been a delight! Our daughter lives in New York (having moved recently from San Francisco). She has a 6-year-old son. We get to spend a good chunk of time with them when we go to the Adirondacks for the summer. Lindsey has founded a theater company there and moves in for July and part of August. Unbelievably, the other 9 months of the year Bud and I are still living in Wichita, KS. We just celebrated 32 years here! Who knew! We, are, however, flirting with the idea of a few months this winter in Florida. Does that sound too old? Yup, it does! We work, we play, we travel, and we try to stay healthy. So far, so good. From Lee Cronbach [ceeleee123@msn.com, 425-673-8747, 4810 241st St. SW, Mountainlake Terrace, WA 98043]: After twenty years as a freelance musician in Boston and Los Angeles, Lee has been living and working since 1991 in a beautiful tree-filled blue-collar Seattle suburb as a piano teacher and church pianist (Bethesda Lutheran Church), while faithfully attending a Conservative Synagogue (Beth Shalom). He and his spouse of 25 years, Rodel A. Baldoz, a medical technologist, plan to retire to the Philippines next year, hopefully with their faithful Golden Retriever Gandalf and their two loyal cats (the fish and chickens will have to fend for themselves). Lee has made several CDs, the best of which, Angel Blues (2010) can be ordered from him. It contains a mix of old recordings from Boston and Los Angeles, and a set of six pieces recorded in Seattle with his favorite Seattle jazz players. You can hear some clips at Lee’s website, www.leecronbach.com. From Bruce Birkett [btbirkett@gmail.com]: Bruce lost his dear partner of many years with his untimely death in March of this year. He continues to live in Europe and continues to be involved with renewable energy projects involving African and European companies. From Kathy Laemmle Garren: New e-mail address: klgarren@gmail.com. She still lives full time in Portland, Maine. Her mother passed away July 24, 2010 at the age of 94, and Kathy really enjoyed living right around her for the last couple of years and being able to see her daily. [I agree with that, having had my mother near me in Houston for over 10 years before she died.] I have reconnected with MaryAnn Engle Jenness [maj1028@comcast.net] via Facebook! She and her husband Steve live in New Hampshire – he is a NH native. MaryAnn taught for 38 years as an elementary school teacher before retiring in 2008 – but she still does some substituting. They love to travel and are also animal lovers, as I am. More news will come...

1966

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As always I stay in constant contact with Kathy Attridge Anas and all is well with her and she too stays in touch with Sally Rising

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Lee Cronbach ’63 with one of his students, Marina Hench, at a recital in 1999.
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Retiring English and Art History teacher Edward Herscher is honored at the 2011 NYC Alumni Reunion on June 6, 2011.

Upper School Principal Deb Schoman with her husband, Jeff, and Alumni Board secretary Pam Foschi Danbusky '97

Spanish teacher Edgar Posada with Brendan O’Kane ’03 and David Hsu ’03

Rigo Reyes ’09, Mike Linchitz ’98, Bryan Good ’09 and his wife Kristin

Robert Greenberg ’00, Jared Crosby Jones ’00, Beth Chase ’00 and Swathi Gopalakrishnan ’00
Frank McRoberts ’96 with fiancee Susan Marron and Dean of Students Ron Baskind.

Meghan Campbell ’95, former teacher Alec Dick and Catherine Callahan ’96

Vishal Mahadkar ’06, Julie Zisfein ’06 and Brian Alessi ’06

Divya Yadlapalli ’07, Amani Shiek ’07, Kevin Sun ’07 and Pria Yadlapalli ’09

Kyle Gerzof ’09 and Courtney Lenoir ’10

Chris Gillick ’99, Melissa Korn ’02, Lisa Pasch ’96 and Beth Chase ’00

Hayley Kucich ’03 and her sister Nell Kucich ’09

Jeffrey Daniels ’90, Rashid Walker ’87 and English teacher Rick Sullivan

Alumni Association President Peter Stein ’79, retiring English teacher Edward Herscher with his wife, Brigitte, and Head of School Bill Morris.

To see more photos from the NYC Reunion, log onto the Alumni Portal at www.fa.org/alumni
Dean. Greg Tarone stays in great contact and is busy as ever enjoying living in Connecticut. Had a Facebook request from David Porter, which was great, and I saw in Paul Hand’s Facebook that his daughter graduated from college. Karin Neilson shares she made another trip to Africa "(great time and very successful event), and am home for a few weeks now, enjoying the responsibilities of my new role as VP of Programs for the local chapter of AAUW." My news remains the same: working for the corporate office at Management Recruiters International. It gives me the opportunity to do some travel. I want to thank Bob Rushmore, Greg Tarone, Peggy Weiner, Nancy Kassop, Willy Merriken, Johnny Malcolm, Kathy Attridge Anas, Karin Neilson, and Robbie Thomas, my favorite FA teacher, for checking in on me after the incredible tornado that hit Joplin May 22nd. All was OK for me but, wow, how devastating for the community. The recovery has been amazing – everyone helping one another. I think my guardian angels Lee & Wilrose Graham were watching over me and this part of town. I appreciate any updates from you all so next news will be more exciting but at least there isn’t a blank for the class of 1968.

1969

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At the suggestion of Kathy Fox, I started a Friends Academy Class of 1969 group on Facebook. We only have 14 members so far, but it’s been fun and I strongly urge you to check it out. Search for the group and then request to join; it’s that easy. One of the things I determined in setting this up is that, as we turn 60, we run the gamut (and I won’t name names) from totally embracing social networking to “what’s Facebook?”. As for the latter position, I highly recommend becoming conversant with it, if for no other reason than to snoop on your kids. That said, not all of us got such a late start as to still have high school age kids. One of the best outcomes was to reconnect with some long-lost classmates and catch up on events in their lives. Without a doubt, the most fascinating and inspiring was Melissa (Misty) Moody who’s one of the featured people in Roko Belic’s new documentary “Happy” in which he travels the world to ascertain what makes us truly happy (check out http://www.thehappymovie.com and www.self-healing.org to hear more of her story). In 1992, Melissa was run over by a truck, had her face and body crushed and went through 30 surgeries over 9 years in her quest to overcome the effects of this tragedy. Melissa, who divorced 4 years after her accident, is now remarried to Hap Wotila (during treatment, she was told to “go out and find a boyfriend”) and is heading back to Texas for a while after having been Director of Education and Development at The School For Self-Healing in Seattle, WA. Another classmate I reconnected with is Jane Organist Karuschkat, a fully ordained non-denominational minister, Certified Nutritional Consultant, and Professional Life Coach as well as a gifted psychic. She is a Raw Food Chef and Instructor of Live and Living Foods and still lives in Glen Cove. Patricia Adelson Gould writes from White River Junction, VT where she works at Au Bon Pain in the Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital Facility. Patricia has been organizing a fashion show and luncheon to benefit the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at DHMC. She’s also working on a research project to try to prove that eating raw almonds (which provide the right proportions of calcium, iron and phosphorus) every day is a preventative measure for cancer and makes custom hand-braided rugs on the side. If you’re ever in Quechee, VT, stop in to Dana’s by the Gorge for a bite and check out her heart rug in their entryway. Candy Barr has expanded the exposure for her paintings from the 4 galleries that represent her to include the Internet. You can keep up with her via her website (www.candyharrattartist.blogspot.com). Candy winters in Arizona and summers in Vermont where she enjoys being outdoors, painting landscapes on location, as well as portraits and figures. Judith Fox Javelly writes that while she and Bernard love their Miami lifestyle, she allows that if both Nicole and Alex end up settling in DC, they may relocate closer after they retire in a couple of years (especially when there are grandchildren to visit). Nicole moved there after finishing med school at U Penn in May and Alex just finished his first year of law school at GW. So, stay tuned. Spencer Lovette writes from Southern NH that he’s developing medical instruments and technology, including some surgical products and In Vitro Diagnostic instruments for KMC, a contract developer and manufacturer. His daughter Brenda is working as a Speech Pathologist in Cambridge, MA and son Trevor is still in college and living at home. Spencer and Judie built an energy star home with geothermal heating as a low maintenance retirement retreat and enjoy a wide range of sports through the seasons, including biking, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, swimming, skating and kayaking. Spencer recently got together with Rick Wicker who’s working for a precision machining company in nearby MA. Elizabeth Leslie Traver writes, “I breed and show American Bobtail cats. No, not bobcats. My guys are fully domestic. I was part of a team to take the first American Bobtail in history to a Lifetime Achievement award. That year he earned his IW (International Win) and was the 18th best shorthaired cat in the world. Yes, you read it right, I said in the world. A cat must be in the top twenty to win. The year before, he was number 21. I’d much rather be number 121. I was able to meet and show against the top 5 other cats in the world and even though the competition is tough, the people are great. Last weekend I took his son, Ron II, to a show in Largo/Clearwater. Ron II had all the points he needed, but he needed that Best Cat ribbon. Everyone knew why I was there, so when it got down to the last two ribbons everyone was holding their breath. The judge hung the Best Ribbon and everyone in the area went nuts. I’m surprised some people outside the show hall didn’t hear us. Everyone loves to hear “SUPREME” shouted when it happens. So he’s what’s called “Done” but I’ll still show him, and if I win the lottery, next year I’ll show him to an International Win like his father. It costs about $30-$40K to do the driving and the motels and the show entries. It’s an expensive hobby, but oh, I love it. I think I’ll stay away from long distance shows for a while and join the dark side, CFA, Cat Fanciers Association. They have plenty of shows in the area so I won’t have to drive all over. One year I put 30K miles on my car driving to Raleigh, NC, Augusta, Toledo, Reading, PA, Iselin, NJ, Bessemer, Birmingham, Destin, FL, St Augustine,
Greetings and salutations, Class of 1972!
The last time that I penned school-related news was as Jacque Strappe, Sports Editor for the Red & Black! Maurice Kerins III writes: “Let’s see – Joan and I are still in Dallas – 23 years now. I am currently employed as a Vice President with First Southwest, a Dallas based investment banking firm that concentrates on municipal finance after a bit of a hiatus from the business world. Having been downsized several times in my career, I was ready to throw in the towel and in 2009 I left Wall Street altogether and returned to graduate school and earned an MA in Philosophy in 2010 at the University of Texas at Dallas. During this time I was employed as a graduate TA, which was an interesting experience. Late last summer I decided to return to the job market and was fortunate to find my current position.”

John McGrane was here, passing through on his way to Austin, in April. We had dinner and a chance to catch up.”

Susan Johnson Banta reports: We moved to Stinson Beach – even further west from where we lived before in Nicasio. It is a small town with a population that fluctuates with the weather. Living by the beach and next to fabulous hiking trails has made our family even more outdoorsy. We love it. Sister Kim came out to visit last month while she was here on her book tour for “What to Wear for the Rest of Your Life.” A few days later Judy Keefer, who was in SF for the Natural Resources Defense Council fundraising event and honors dinner, joined us for Easter dinner. Judy is the CFO of NRDC. She hasn’t changed a bit. Good fun. My eldest, Adriana, is graduating from Marin Academy high school this year and will be attending the American University in Paris this fall. She just recently competed in the SW Regionals in Rowing – winning a silver and bronze medal and earning a place at the Nationals in the Girls Lightweight Eight. Very exciting! Our other three children, Gabrielle, Max and Sophia are all thriving – living on the beach and pursuing their academic studies at Marin Academy and the Nicasio School. Gabrielle and Max show a strong interest in acting, lacrosse (Max) and tennis (Gabrielle). Sophia is still in middle school and wants to be a coxswain for the Marin rowing team next year. Philip is slugging it out as an architect in this still terrible CA market. I am being a full-time mom and trying to write in between. I realized my mother was 54 when my father died and she started a whole new life after that. So, at age 57, I remind myself it is not too late to launch a third career. I spoke with Claire Seiburg Hribar recently.

Largo, FL and a few others I can’t remember. They all became a blur after a while. I used to say that I spent more time in motel rooms than at home. I did have to explain that. But it was okay because I was writing a book and I had plenty of quiet time. It’s not finished yet and I already have two more in mind. I have a 31-year-old daughter. She is a computer engineer and works for Harris Corp, a government subcontractor. She has a “Top Secret” clearance and that’s the only thing I’ll ever know about her job. She is also a painter. She painted the wall mural from “Birdcage” on one of their living room walls and now she’s working on another wall mural of a jungle scene, and she writes also. Right brain, left brain thing. I do wall murals also, but I’m not anywhere near as ambitious as Kate is, nor as good. She has a 2 1/2-year-old daughter named Hunter and Hunter was born in December, so she is a Sagittarius. I can’t be old enough to have a 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter! It’s not fair!! Did you hear my foot stomping? So that’s an update on my life for the last 6-7 years, so maybe some of our other silent classmates will contribute. My hat’s off to you [Jane] trying to pull info out of our classmates.” As for me (Jane Forelle Casey), I recently completed 15 years at Blyth, Inc., currently heading up its treasury and tax functions and continue to row competitively.

Last November, a group of us made the trip to Turino (site of the 2006 Winter Olympics) for an 11k race, after which we treated ourselves to a few days in the Piemonte region of Italy, complete with cooking class (I’ve really perfected my focaccia) and ventured into the forest hunt with Giuseppe and his dog Lady in search of the White Alba Truffle. This year, I’m hoping to make it to Poznan, Poland for the Masters World Championships in September. My husband, Bob, continues his investment advisory work at RBC Wealth Management and, if that’s not tough enough these days, he’s embraced the college search for his investment advisory work at RBC Wealth Management and, if that’s not tough enough these days, he’s embraced the college search for
who was bubbling with the news that she and her husband George are now proud grandparents of twin boys! In fact she enjoys being a grandmother so much, that she has decided to place her career as a Physician’s Assistant to an Orthopedic Surgeon on hold indefinitely. Their son George Jr. recently relocated his family to San Francisco, so Claire is a jet setting grandma! Clare Laemmle Bridge and her husband Alexander have been living in Nova Scotia since June 2008. Clare is quite the accomplished jeweler as evidenced by a recent email: “I received a call from Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council (NSDCC), stating that my cuff was chosen for the ‘Inspired!’ exhibit at the Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax; opening reception is June 9!!! The show will run through July 24. I was speechless at the other end of the phone, and needless to say, incredibly honored. I owe many thanks to my mother... who influenced my energy.” You can view her eclectic jewelry collection at http://www.frida.ca/clarebridge/. My family and I are still living in eastern Washington. Both of my sons attend Washington State University; Kevin is finishing his degree in Construction Management and Kyle is a pre-med student. I am still actively involved in PTA and was recently elected as Washington State PTA Vice President. In my free time, I catch up with friends and classmates on Facebook! Tempus fugit - next year our class celebrates its 40th anniversary! Holey Moley! Shall we have a get together? Anyone interested in planning the event or forming a committee? It would be really great to get together before we succumb to the Golden Years of walkers, motorized scooters, designer walking canes and those ever so glamorous oxygen tanks! If you are interested, send me an email and we’ll get this shindig moving. In the meantime, enjoy, stay healthy and happy!

1973
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Thanks to the few who sent in notes! C’mon, we can’t be that dull! Send me your news! Susan Nappo Coke reports, “Phil and I live in Greenwich, CT. I have been working hard building my fashion accessories company – http://www.pkcollection.com/ – travelling on the east coast participating in many charity show boutiques. Phil works with his own investment management company in

Stamford, CT. I see Lulu who lives about 20 minutes away and stay in touch with Cyndy Beach Koch, Jill Johnson and Hank Reusch. Hoping we can try to organize some sort of reunion for many of us sometime... perhaps in NYC? Kathy Neisslass Leventhal writes, “Whew! Where does the time go? My niece, Kate Neissloss, is graduating from F.A. on June 11th. I can still remember our graduation on the lawn behind the gym. I’m not even sure if the configuration of the campus there is even the same as it was in June, 1973! We spend a lot of our time on the west coast now as we have a lot of our family there... a daughter and 2 grandchildren in San Francisco, a daughter in Bellingham, Washington and our son at USC. We love San Francisco and the hills keep us in good shape, to be sure! I’m on the Board of Advisors at Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC, so if anyone needs a joint replaced, this is the place to go. It’s an amazing institution and the patient experience is outstanding. It’s a tad different from my prior life in publishing but whoever said you can only do one thing in this life, right? We have been traveling a lot this year and visits to Hong Kong, Singapore and China are so invigorating. The excitement of growth, opportunity, construction, new technologies really makes you stop and gasp. It’s stunning, indeed. But, every time we touch down in Newark or JFK, we say the same thing, “there’s no place like home.” Hope you and our F.A. classmates are faring well. Andrea Cassullo Harkins writes, “I now have a beautiful grandson. He is 16 months old. We all live on the same property only in different houses. We also have rentals. Going back east in July to the Berkshires. Would like to maybe see some old friends.”

1974
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Greetings from the Class of 1974! Tim Andrea writes from Cold Spring Harbor, NY: “Really sorry to hear about Mrs. Gordon. She was a great lady. She got Bruce, Wink and me through chemistry. The Long Island legal community is moving along pretty well given the economy. Four of our five children are out of the house and the fifth graduates from Cold Spring Harbor next spring. Finally Donna and I can start travelling alone. Speak to Bruce Wood and Kendall Bradley Wood, Wink Picoli and Liz Murcott Beach as they live 1/4 mile from us. My best to everyone. Playing golf with Kevin Hagan ’73 and see Daphne Riker Hagan ’73 every week.” Sandy Huff writes from Jenkintown, PA: “Our third son, Kevin, is graduating from high school on June 16 and will be heading off to Amherst College in the fall.” My husband, Reggie, “retired” from Memorial Presbyterian Church in March as Senior Pastor after almost 38 years. It was a bit emotional for all of us. He is still with Nassau Community College and will stay in the ministry but wants to do ministry in a different way. We are looking at the possibility of starting a non-profit that focuses on the family. I am still with Nassau County, but wearing two hats as Executive Director of the Business Development Unit and also Acting Executive Director of the Office of Minority Affairs. My daughter, Lauren Jackson ’05, lives in Brooklyn along with many other FA graduates, it seems. She is working in television production in Manhattan. Stay well. – EBT
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Tilde Mariani Giacché writes, “I had a wonderful visit from Penelope [Wylie Mayer], Chris [Mayer] and their lovely daughter Augusta in Florence – we had a great time catching up!”

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If anyone from the Class of 1982 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

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Many thanks to all of you who wrote in after my call for class notes. It was fun to hear from you. Here’s the news so we can all be up to date: Dave Bushnell wrote: The fun/hilarious news is that I spent last year as the Executive Creative Director for Lady Gaga’s digital agency, running all the digital/social media business for Gaga, the Black Eyed Peas, and a number of other recording artists and feature films. No, the meat dress was not my idea. Just recently, that job led to a new position as President of Digital for a Washington, DC-area agency called Viva Creative, an experiential advertising agency with mostly Fortune 500 clients. It’s everything from mobile apps to arena-sized live events, and it’s a big challenge and lots of fun. I’m in the process of moving to DC after 20 years in New York City! For people that remember me more as a trumpet player than a geek, I haven’t given that up, and have played jazz around New York at places like BB King’s, the Bitter End, and the Knitting Factory and can’t wait to see what the DC music scene has to offer. Anyway, that’s me in a nutshell at the moment. Hope all’s well with you!

Regina Mead Lafaire wrote in with family news: Gregory has graduated from Westminster and is headed to the School of Architecture at The University of Miami. Marielle will be a senior – looking at colleges now. Gracie is just starting 10th grade and will be commuting to Chapin in NY and Xavier will be in first grade! It is all going too fast. Anthony is working for the Lehman Brothers Estate and I am teaching several cooking classes. Really enjoying it! I hope my classmates are all happy and healthy!

Andrew Strow (Kotimsky) said he’s never written before, but managed to sum up all the years since graduation: It has certainly been quite a long time! I did run into some folks at the Fall Fair a few years go. I keep in infrequent contact with Todd Krakower, Carol Thurer Wolk and Nancy Salzman Papandreadis, but that’s about it. So here’s the quick synopsis: I have been living in Manhattan since 1987 and after a couple of different careers, I fell into what I found I do best: Selling drugs. Actually, no, I am the ringleader for others who sell drugs. My days at FA were clearly well spent. Before this gets edited out by The Meeting House editor or I get inundated with...
calls from many of my former classmates (aka Steve Lash/Robin Wilpon), it’s all for an upstanding pharmaceutical company. I am the uncle of two nephews who also live in the city and I really enjoy being an uncle. I get to be irresponsible and then give the kids back and let my brother deal with the consequences. Greetings and best wishes to all! Brian Lavin and Will Corkhill sent amusing prankster emails that I won’t include here. It gave me a nice warm feeling inside to know that things never change. I got a quick hello from Laura Dilimetin, but she was too rushed to send news. She did, however, offer to take over the position of Class News Gatherer from me. Thank you, Laura. Like I said, things never change. I’m writing this entry from the Green Mountains of Vermont. We arrived here in Smuggler’s Notch this afternoon and my kids have already been out to play mini golf and swim. Vacation is such a different experience when your kids can go to play mini golf and swim. Vacation is such an exciting time for the kids and I always get to be irresponsible and then give the kids back and let my brother deal with the consequences. Greetings Class of 1989! It’s a blistering hot day in NYC as I write this update so it’s going to be short and sweet. Our class has been up to some wonderful things…new jobs, new babies, new careers and bigger homes. Most notably, Alison Pace has a new book out called A Pug’s Tale, which picks up the wonderful storyline of the character Hope McNeill from Alison’s wonderful book called Pug Hill. Alison’s books are great reads and are enjoyable for everyone. Before A Pug’s Tale hit the selling floor, Publisher’s Weekly called it “a charming mystery with abundant personality” and Booklist wrote that it is “a winningly affectionate tribute to art, love, New York City, and pugs.” Congratulations Alison! Pick up your copy today! Tanya Zuckerbrot has launched an F-Factor food line based on her successful book called The F-Factor Diet that is now available at Costco, Gristedes, Fairway and many other markets. Tanya will be opening a second F-Factor center in Roslyn in January of 2012! Congratulations Tanya. Stay tuned for the next column which will detail so much more….please continue to email, Facebook or tweet all your news so that the FA community can hear about it! In the meantime, happy summer to everyone! Xo JoAn.

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Katie Hawkins Schneider just finished her term as President of Parent Council at Friends and is looking forward to quieter times ahead. She has two boys, Alex and Nick, who are entering 10th and 8th grades at FA who will continue to keep her more than

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October 17, 2009, and we bought a home in Springfield, NJ this past fall. I teach third grade at The Peck School in Morristown, NJ. I love teaching there, being married to Joe, and being a homeowner.

Corrie Van Exel alford writes, “I am currently married and living in Atlanta, GA. We have 3 kids – Taylor, 15 (yes 15), Aaron Jr. 5, and Ethan 2. I am a dermatologist and my husband is a general surgeon. We both currently work for Kaiser Permanente, but I am leaving to go into private practice this summer. We met during college but married after med school – we both went to Emory. My daughter goes to the Atlanta Girls School, where she will be a junior in the fall, and Aaron Jr. will be starting kindergarten at Woodward Academy in the fall. Walter Gaceta tells me: “I am married, living in Monroe, NY. We have 3 kids: Brandon, 13, Britney, 9, and Brynn, 5. I started my own business 4 years ago, called S.C.O.R.E. Training LLC, which is an athletic training business. This year we have partnered up with the YMCA to reach even a broader market, and it has gotten off to a very successful start! My wife, Richelle, is a web system administrator for Medco Health Solution in Franklin Lakes, NJ. As for me, Adam and I moved to Lattingtown last summer after 13 years in Manhattan and have an almost 6-year-old starting 1st grade at Friends in September. It’s great seeing so many familiar faces and meeting sons and daughters of alums who have also decided to send their children to Friends. What a testament to the school. Danielle Lio Van Riper and Philip Van Riper just welcomed their first child, son Sloane Douglas Van Riper, on June 3rd. Everyone is happy and doing well. Also in June, Ravi Shah graduated from Stony Brook Medical School, where he completed a fellowship in hematology/oncology. Congrats to all! Reilly Catherine First was born on June 13 to Heather Upton and Zach First. Mom, Dad and baby are all happy and doing well!”

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On April 17, Frank McRoberts was engaged to be married to Susan Marron. The wedding is December 3. Best wishes to them both! Save the date! September 24th is Fall Fair and Homecoming … and the class of 1996’s 15th Reunion! Look for upcoming details.

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Congratulations to Jordanna Davis on the birth of her daughter Norah Davis Mott in January and to Jamie Lombardo Aquilina on the birth of her son Colin Josef Aquilina this past February.
Congratulations to Meghana Saxena who married Harish Sarma on August 21, 2010. The wedding took place at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

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Congratulations to Ashley Levien ’04 and Brian Dooley who got engaged on January 15th and will be getting married on October 1st, 2011.

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Sorry for being so absent lately but here are some updates from the Class of 2004: Zach Rosenow began working as a Digital Sales Planner for BBC Worldwide following a year at CNN working in a comparable fashion. He and his family are also celebrating the engagement of older sister Bari, ’01. Jason Jacobs has continued to excel as a paralegal for one of New York City’s most prestigious law firms concentrating in complex criminal and civil litigation. Jessica Natchovsky graduated from Georgetown University Law School and is spending the summer in NYC studying for the Bar examination. Paul Wagner started his career as the Director of Syndication at NeuLion, Inc., an online entertainment and digital media provider. In addition, he’s co-founded and continues to develop FiestaFive LLC, which produces the Fiesta5 – a party favor that you wear on your hand allowing you to explode, launch, scatter confetti up into the air every time you slap hands or give someone a high five. http://www.fiesta5.com. After 3 years as an analyst for brokerage firm Sterne Agee, Sam Eisner starts a new chapter as an associate at investment firm William Blair & Company, LLC. Dave Greene, who just finished his third year as a private banking associate at Credit Suisse, recently received a long overdue operation to surgically repair his left shoulder. He’s been strengthening and rehabbing well in time for this summer’s country club golf championship so he can reclaim his title. Nobody from the class of 2004 is quite certain of what Ben Ryan is doing. Congratulations to Maya Klauber who writes, “I just got engaged!! My fiance’s name is John Ferrarone and we’ve been friends since high school. We met in upstate New York while we were volunteering at a camp for kids with Muscular Dystrophy. We’ll both be finishing up our graduate programs next spring; John will receive his M.D. from New York Medical College and I’ll be earning my MSW from Columbia University School of Social Work. We’re excited for our future together and just couldn’t be happier.”

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Christopher Alessi ’04 with his sister Caroline Alessi ’09

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Class of 2006 5-Year Anniversary Reception
Held Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Jackson House

Thirty-four classmates from 2006 attended their Five-Year Reunion.

Alumni and faculty gathered to catch up at the Jackson House.

Upper School mathematics teacher Marika Knight and Jennifer Wagner

Brian Alessi, Alric Carter, Gia Vigliotti and George Blocker

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The Class of 2006 had a great reunion on June 4th which began at the Jackson House and continued in NYC into the wee hours. If you didn’t make it, check out more photos on the alumni portal.

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Cassandra Scalfani, Trinity College Class of 2011, was accepted to the Teach for America program. She will complete the 2-year program in CT, which includes receiving a Masters degree in Education. Scalfani will be teaching high school Spanish. Katy Dissinger who just finished her senior year at Bowdoin was named to the IWlCA Division III North/South All-Star Team and played in the North/South game at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, PA, on June 11. Katy was named to the North/South All-Star team after standing third on the team with 44 points this spring, scoring 34 goals, dishing out 10 assists and winning 29 draw controls. The senior upped her game in the tournament, scoring 13 goals on 20 shots for an uncanny .650 percentage and was tabbed for the All-Tournament squad as a result.

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Sam Menzin reports, “Since January, I have been working for Turner-Gary Sports, a baseball agency. I am working for the Mets in their front office this summer. Still playing baseball at Swarthmore. Competing in the NYC triathlon for the first time in August.”

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Congratulations to Jessica Rizzi, a rising junior at Indiana University-Bloomington who was recently awarded “Up & Coming Student of 2011” by the Student Activities Office. Jessica was chosen for her involvement in Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. (newly elected President and past VP of Marketing), Multicultural Greek Council, Parliamentarian, AmeriCorps member through the Lead IU Initiative (Basketball Coach for 2nd Graders, Teacher’s Assistant at Fairview Elementary, Tutor at Banneker at the View Community Center), Student Organization Ethics Board (1 of 12 students chosen by the Dean of Students), Multicultural Outreach Education through the Admissions Office and other clubs as well.

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FA’s Alumni Association warmly welcomes the Class of 2011! You will be missed on campus, and we hope you visit often. Keep us posted on the next exciting chapter of your lives. Follow your dreams – we wish you happiness and peace.
“His smile would light up the room. No matter how down we would feel, Brian’s sense of humor and laughter lifted our spirits. He was our caring and devoted friend. Brian “let his life speak” and fought prejudice and intolerance as a leader in the Diversity Club. He treated everyone with respect. Brian was someone we could count on, trust and believe in. He was an inspiration to us in the classroom and on the track or field. We marveled at his tenacity and determination to win as he sprinted down the straightaway. We listened to his strong opinions, no matter the topic, in class discussions. We admired his commitment to his school work. He was passionate, determined, and persevered in all that he did. He pushed us to do our very best intellectually and athletically. He was a cherished member of our class and will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him. No words can describe how much we love him and how much we will miss him.”

– With love, Class of 2011

Words from a classmate

Brian was one of the funniest, most intelligent, and most extraordinary people I know. His smile glowed and his laugh was infectious. He constantly inspired me to be my best and to do my best and I am so thankful to be able to say that he was and always will be one of my closest friends. Our whole class misses him to no end but we find comfort in knowing that he is in a better place. We are all so grateful for the time that we were blessed to spend with him.

– Alisha Kumar

Members of the Class of 2011 walked the track after a memorial to Brian Hom at Friends Academy.
Lanie Garvan Patton ’71
Full of heart and love for all

It is with great sadness that I bid farewell to Lanie Garvan Patton ’71, a Friends alumna who was one of my best friends since we were in Kindergarten together down in the basement room of the Lower School. We painted pictures together, ate lunches together, played on the playground, took naps side by side and discovered a friendship that would last all through our school years and beyond.

We realized at an early age that we shared a passion for horses, which led to many years of wonderful riding adventures. Lanie loved her childhood pony, Bridie Murphy, who became a favorite of many of our FA classmates as Bridie was always on hand to provide pony rides at Lanie’s birthday parties. As the years progressed, our friendship stayed strong. Whether during school hours or after-school activities, we were constant companions. In our junior year, we made a unified decision to switch from French class to learning Russian. This turned out to be a wonderful decision. It was loads of fun and we both even did quite well, considering all our hysterical mispronunciations.

Lanie had a kind and gentle spirit that never failed to amaze me. For those who didn’t know her well, she appeared shy. For those of us who knew her, we had the privilege of seeing and knowing the funniest and kindest person in the world. Lanie had a heart so big and full of love, all of which was evident in the unending love she gave her friends, her family, and her horses and dogs.

Moving into adulthood, Lanie became a mother of two beautiful daughters, Sondra and Brady, and a grandmother to Danielle. She made her home in Sullivan County, New York, which she shared with her devoted husband, Tim. Always wanting to help others, Lanie was active as an EMT and took care of elderly people. Not surprising, she was also very active with the local humane society. Lanie knew how to lend a hand to all who needed help, whether they were humans or animals.

Lanie, your legacy of love and compassion are an inspiration to us all. Rest in peace, sweet friend!

— CeCe Levy ’71

We Remember...

Alice Jane Pollitt Lockwood ’40
Passionate about quiet service

I’ve had a bit of time to think about what words “fit” my mother and how FA influenced her as a young school girl and how particular sentiments continued throughout her life. She was very loyal to FA – she attended many Fall Fairs and was a class rep as well. FA is steeped in its tradition to expose students/faculty/parents to the importance of service to others. My mother lived that creed very well. She preferred to keep things simple (that Quaker influence) and was a trusted friend to many, doing good deeds quietly.

There was always something baking in the oven at our house, and very often it was headed to someone else’s house – so often that my father, brother and I would need to ask, “Who is this for?” or “Can I cut this?” She recorded tapes/disks for the blind. This is particularly significant because her own sight deteriorated steadily and rapidly due to a misdiagnosis of glaucoma. She accepted her limitations with grace and continued reading and writing as long as she could. She delivered flowers from church to shut-ins, and for years she and my father delivered Meals on Wheels on holidays so the regular drivers could have the day off. They were passionate about getting food to those who needed it.

As a literacy volunteer, she spoke with much admiration about the young South American woman who travelled by bus to meet with her at a nearby library for her weekly English lesson. My mother knew how important it was for her to be patient while her student worked so hard to succeed with her new language. My mother loved her garden and sharing what was blooming in it at any given moment; often taking a bouquet to a friend or offering a handful of blossoms to someone who had just stopped in to say hello. Probably one of the most endearing habits of my mother was her treasured correspondence – no e-mail for this girl! She loved her stationery and wrote notes to everyone, 95% of the time including a newspaper/magazine article that she thought the receiver would find interesting. Her grandchildren can vouch for this, as they were often on the receiving end. Her faith was enormous. I have found her handwriting in the margins of her Bible where she made reference to other favorite scriptures.

In the photo to the side, are my mother and Jean Brown McCarty ’40 (whose obit is in the last Meeting House issue alongside my uncle, Don Pollitt ’34). I believe it was taken in 1990 when Jean was here for the 50th Class Reunion. They are standing outside the Brookville Reformed Church where my parents were married in August 1944 and where Jean stood with my mother as one of her bridesmaids. My mother’s family history goes back to the early 1800s on LI and the Tappen family who settled in Jericho. She spent considerable time collecting family genealogy and preserving cherished family heirlooms like the quilts made by my great-great-grandmother. Every quilt has a date in the corner! She was exceptionally close to her “big” brother (Don Pollitt ’34) speaking regularly even when thousands of miles separated them in later years, and I am grateful that she did not have to mourn for him for an extended period, as she passed away not even two months after him.

— Nancy Lockwood

The class of 1940 – Alice Jane Pollitt Lockwood is in the center of the front row.
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Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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7 p.m. on – Class dinners off-campus

MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN MATINECOCK MEETING HOUSE
Sunday, September 25 at 10 a.m.

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