

# Echoes

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# THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*By Brian Morgan, Head of School*



Does every reader understand the role of a Trustee, I wonder? As a young teacher I certainly had no more than a vague idea. I gained a deeper understanding when I became a Head of School and a still deeper one, when I was elected as a Trustee of a boarding school in Arizona.

The Board of Trustees has one employee: the Head of School. The task of the Board of Trustees is to take on the fiduciary responsibility for the institution and to plan for its future well-being. In other words, Trustees make policy and the Head of School and the Administration implement these policies. While the WMS Board meets in plenary session three times per year to accomplish this, certain committees meet more frequently.

In a healthy Board/management relationship there is, of course, much give and take in formulating policy and the Board will expect sound recommendations from the Administration. Such is the case at The White Mountain School. We are blessed to have a wise and dedicated Board of Trustees who share a wide variety of talents and life experience. At WMS the Head of School is a Trustee, *ex officio*.

In their recent meeting during Reunion/Family Weekend, the Dickey House living room felt very empty without Ruth Cook, Board Chair for the previous seventeen years. While welcome at Board meetings as Board Chair Emerita, Ruth chose to stay away in order to allow new Board Chair, John Brown to establish himself. It was an intense meeting dominated by the institutional response to the current national financial downturn and the moderate shortfall in enrollments and tuition revenues.

The Administration had taken several proactive steps before the Board meeting to trim the deficit as much as possible without jeopardizing the educational program, and to put in place a “dashboard” of critical data that both the Board and Administration will use to monitor progress over time. More significantly, an *ad hoc* “task force” composed of Trustees, administrators, and faculty convened under the experienced facilitation of Stephen DiCicco in order to identify and articulate the School’s core values and then to take the first steps in formulating a credible marketing plan. This effort is expected to be ready for final Board adoption at its January meeting.

What are the qualifications to be elected a Trustee? In short, each Trustee subscribes to and is inspired by the maxim: *Levavi oculos in montes*.



From left to right: Will Ruhl P’09, David Budd ’86, Philip S. DeRham ’76, Barbara McFadden Sirna ’63, Brian Morgan Head of School, Lynn E. Smith P’06, Neill Osgood ’83, Betsey Phillips P’90, Lisa Santeusanio Patey ’77, Stephen DiCicco, Henry Vaillant, Elizabeth Truslow P’08, Kenneth L. Klothen, Esq. P’02, John E. Brown Chair of Board P’04. *Not pictured:* Ruth Cook Board Chair Emerita P’91, The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Scott Finlay ’76, Seth Izzi ’90



# COMMUNITY WEEKEND

## ANNUAL SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF EVENT

As has become a WMS tradition, new students and faculty/staff were welcomed to the school and old friends reconnected during Community Weekend, the first weekend of the school year. A wide range of events throughout the weekend provided the Light and Dark Blue members with their first opportunity to win points for their team. As always, this year's weekend began with an all-school tug-of-war over a mud pit. Other highlights included crab soccer, a balloon toss, a sidewalk chalk art contest, a pool noodle relay race, and a slip-n-slide. Friendly competition and lots of laughter marked the weekend again this fall!

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# *Light Blue*



# *Dark Blue*





# REUNION 2008



*Clockwise from top left: Jae Oh (James) Kim '11 and new trustee, David Budd '86; Callie Pecunies '90, Josh Early, faculty member and Luis Pena '10; Alumni Soccer Team; Callie Pecunies '90, Seth Izzi '90 and Callie's baby, Ian; Student Panel; Ann Kilbourn Bridge '48, her daughter, Kathryn Bridge Devine '72 and Brian Morgan, Head of School.*







Dear White Mountain School Family,

Special thanks for organizing and creating a wonderful 50th reunion weekend and for a very special and personal welcome for each of us. Somehow you chose the best of autumn mountain weekends - replete with brilliant sunshine, glorious foliage, and all the fresh air one could want.

What a good idea it was to combine the parents' fall weekend with reunion! It was great for us to meet parents of current students. When the families left campus it became our old St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains for a few brief minutes. Many of us walked in groups to places we remembered, others hiked off campus, and a few hearties played a soccer game against the kids!



Re-union: it means we were once all together as one, and again we all come together as one. I do not imagine that in those fugitive years of 1954-1958 we realized our several selves as a union, but in retrospect? We certainly were. And what unites us to each other, and all alums, more than "Lift thine eyes, o lift thine eyes to the mountains," which we yet can and love to sing. Gathering in the great hall before the big windows, looking out over Mt. Washington and beyond, we are all timeless.

Photographs of our weekend will help us remember it, but won't nearly recall our delight in seeing each other. Following Sunday brunch at the Mt. Washington Hotel, many of us made a surreptitious drive back to campus for one last look around, rolling down the window, feeling on our faces the elusive vapor of reunion, until we come together again.



Warmly,

Sue R. Oakes Morin '58





Below is the text of Ellie's homily:

On Sunday mornings in St. Barnabas Church in Berlin, New Hampshire, folks gather for "Bible Study" before the Parish Eucharist. When I first arrived as their Rector, in May 2001 I changed the format to begin with an invitation for each present to tell a story of "how did you encounter the Holy this week?" I insisted our stories are themselves Holy Scripture just as the Bible is full of narratives of people's meetings with God in the midst of the pains and joys of dailyness. Then we would look at the Readings for the day to see how our experiences come into focus in the light of Sacred History.

So in the midst of a worshipping community I knew as a child in 1952-3, I'll begin this homily with a bit of my story at St. Mary's-- Scripture comes alive as we engage God's story personally. I remember singing in this choir, initially looking up with awe and envy at Sukie Dickey, lifting high the Cross in procession, for I had never seen a girl serve as acolyte, and now, privilege of privileges, this woman-priest lifts high the Chalice of saving love in the midst of the People. I remember preparing for those hideous dances, practicing a proper introduction of our blind dates to Miss Jenks and I was so nervous that I forgot Lucy Niles, my roommate's name! But also, a scholarship kid, I remember girls crowding into our room with a pile of dresses for Ellie to try on: love, affection, sharing, and a making one of many-- "from those who have to those who need." St. Mary's students, and teachers, showed me Christian community.

For myself, this school community was best exemplified and taught by Miss Ruth Jackson, with whom I studied history of the United States and the Far East. She was mentor and model both in and out of the classroom. My first months at St. Mary's were hard. I had been orphaned. The

grandparents who raised me had died by my fifteenth year and it was my parish priest Russell Dewart, Rector of St. Peter's, Beverly, and his wife Ann, pregnant with their sixth child, who took me home from grandma's death bed to be made part of that wonderful Christian household. Yet it was the custom of this Boston family of means to send their children away to school. So, after one blissful year in my new family, away I went to SMS.

I cried. And in late Fall I was called to the presence of an unnamed School adult who told me sharply that I was destroying School morale and if I didn't stop crying, I would be sent home. Miss Jackson, to whom I went with my tears of terror, took me regularly to her room to pray with me. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me." Not only did I survive, I thrived here, "and my cup is still running over."

Ruth Jackson also formed my mind and heart, to this day. In US history we all had to write research papers on the impact of Jim Crow, the hellish inheritance of American slavery shadowing the future of all Americans, Natives, immigrants of every nation and the children's children of Africans brought here in chains. This was 1952 mind you! Ruth Jackson set my eyes and heart towards the Gospel demand that we see every human being, every creature as precious, made in God's image, and behave towards all, especially those who are different from ourselves, as sisters and brothers. She gave me the ground on which to stand with my Black sisters and brothers, to find the Holy in the poor and the excluded. Miss Jackson deconstructed the arrogance of mere toleration and noblesse oblige. Some years later, in my encounters with Christian Marxists in Eastern Europe and a visit to rural China, I was again prepared to hear and learn from the other. By my teacher's amazing statement of faith that "Mao Tse Tung was the gift of

Jesus Christ to the Chinese people," Ruth Jackson freed me at 16 from the blinders of nationalism, of the idolatry of the American economic system, freed me to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the radical Gospel of Jesus to love not only our neighbor as ourselves, but also those whom fear names our enemies; to serve and build by grace, this Kingdom of Love, in which for Christians, there is no "Axis of Evil."

These gifts received from this School during one brief year of my life are matched by the stories you all tell when we look deeply at what has formed us as women, mothers, spouses, citizens, spiritual Seekers. Our stories are a prism through which the readings from Scripture today are illuminated, enabling us to make choices which build a more whole and holy world, here and now.

Consider, therefore, the passage from Isaiah, (Isaiah 25:1-9), reflecting the experience of post-Exilic Israel, returned from captivity to a ruined and impoverished land, in which the only hope is in Yahweh a refuge to the poor, to the needy in their distress, a shelter and shade, not just for the Chosen People, for in this new Vision of Universality, God is one 'who will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, well-aged wines'. Good words for those without work and those who have given up hope for fairly paid work. On whom do we place our hopes when 401K's have lost 40% of value... if one is about to retire? The Prophet speaking from his own experience counsels: place our trust in the one who "will destroy ...the shroud that is cast over all peoples, who swallows up death and wipes away tears..." But, to experience the hope and shelter, may require a transformation of the world view of inevitable Growth and radical Individualism as the defining values of our culture. Let us look to the promises of God for another way, a "new Heaven and a New Earth..." co-housing redistribution, less of me and



mine, more of ours and theirs, yes, “sharing the wealth” which is always God’s gift. Seeing the world through new eyes as a Child of God rather than a slave of markets empowers Choices, little and great—to make fresh produce available to the poor of Berlin with a Farmers’ Market, keep the Church Hall heated to provide a “warm room” for those who can’t afford oil this winter, to work for a miracle-- a progressive NH income tax so that North Country kids can have an education for the 21st century and their grandparents can keep their farm houses.

But the Bible is not easy—the Gospel seems more complicated, (Matthew 22:1-14) - showing us God as a welcoming Host but also a threatening Judge. First we hear of the Guest List for the Lord’s Banquet...how every one who is invited has better things to do than to attend God’s Wedding party, property to see to, family to take care of, I can’t get my kid to Youth Group, we’re going skiing that weekend. Choices. For example, does the Banquet involve Health Care? Is a society’s investment in the health of its people a privilege, for those with health savings accounts, the worthy sick, who don’t smoke or drink? Or as one of our politicians has dared say, that Health Care is an invitation to all, as all are invited by God into the joy of well-being? And are not we, God’s people, Stewards of God’s bounty, called by sharing (taxes) to be the means of shared wellness? Choices. Between turning down the Invitation, working hard to accumulate for ourselves, assuming “trickle down” will feed the hungry or joining the Lord of the Banquet for a common meal, a sharing of the goods of the earth which finally are not ours, but God’s Gift?

This is a parable of redistribution. The Lord of the Banquet in the face of the Refusers, goes into the streets and alleys and fills the seats with the off-scourings of the city, the poor, even the unworthy poor, the self-medicating with drugs and alcohol, the sinners and maybe even repentant sinners like old Weathermen! The Universality of God’s care, all are invited, not just the prosperous and healthy. Jesus said it is the sick who need a physician. So

far so good. We get it. We are not to make excuses when God calls. We have Choices.

Yet what is this business about a dress code? It’s not enough to just turn up for God’s invitation to the Feast of Bliss and Love-- we have to be prepared. What is this “wedding robe”? Not, I believe, the “mother of the bride” outfit I bought last August which I will never wear again. Anybody need size 16 pants suit in a luscious fashionable green from Cold Water Creek? It’s not outward preparation, but what our Puritan ancestors called rightly, a “prepared heart”. For this, Paul’s letter to the Church at Philippi, (Phillipians 4:1-9), gives us guidance, with which I close, guidelines for the Prepared Heart, leading to Choices, little and big. The Prepared Heart is the “Wedding Garment” , an emblem of the holy desiring which gives entrance to the Banquet.

Pray that we might be so clothed. First with rejoicing “rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice”. Christians are not gloomy, as our Presiding Bishop, and Bishop Gene Robinson, say, “We are already saved!” Let our Gentleness be known to everyone. Oh, how I sin against this requirement. When my mind is offended, I am not gentle. Be care-ful for nothing, but in everything with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. I have trouble with this one too. My elder daughter struggles with serious mental illness. Only when I am disciplined enough to take time to pray, to be quiet and attend to God’s love for her, as she is, can I deal with those phone calls gracefully. There is a direct relationship between a disciplined religious practice, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and our ability to be a non-anxious, loving and encouraging Presence to those God sends to us, the homeless, or the bored toll taker on the Interstate. A spiritual practice daily honors and treasures what is just, pure, pleasing---the justice of laws requiring a living wage, the beauty of the autumn leaves, the purity of heart of an honest ‘yes’ or ‘no’ when avoidance would be easier. What is commendable—like the service of WMS students in the

communities of the North Country, what is excellent, like a mathematical equation that is elegant in its simplicity, what is worthy of praise, the faithful teaching in word, example and heart work of the adults at the WMS!

This prepared heart, the wedding garment, is like a magnifying glass. It sets the fire of love in the young, the Seeker, lights a path for the lost, kindles hope in the despairing. Example - the other week, I spotted a Mini Cooper at Moe’s Mobil Station. I stopped and asked the driver, a woman unknown to me, how she liked her Mini, whether she can drive it in our winter? After we had talked for a while she confided, with the beginning of tears, that her husband had given her the sweet car in his last illness six months ago. She ended our conversation by asking me to come and bless the rocks she had piled at the end of her field to remember her husband who so loved to work in their rocky patch of woods. I went to her home, listened to stories of her man, and blessed the rocks in memory of Ralph. This stranger and I had together been invited to the Banquet, and had been equipped with the Wedding Garment. We each were prepared to seek that Peace, the granite boulders. My listening and words of assurance were a kind of tikkun olam, a mending of the world, the widow’s world, of my world as retired priest now without a parish. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Henry Purcell, 1683)





# *121<sup>st</sup> Commencement*

## *Saturday, June 7, 2008*



Elizabeth Anne Alexson	Littleton, NH	Joanna Miriam Lichtin	Newton Center, MA
Samantha Elizabeth Allen	Yarmouth, ME	Ashley Rose Milne	Lee, NH & South Hamilton, MA
Michael Boudino Atterbury	Newton Square, PA	Grace Auma Ochieng	Nyanza, Kenya
Christina Anne Blank	Islesford, ME	Robert Armstrong Powers	Ridgefield, CT
Ronan Patrick Casey	Chestnut Hill, MA	Sean William Rule	New York, NY
Lisa Ann Clark	North Woodstock, NH	Evan Devost Semiao	Franconia, NH
Erik Joseph Dynan	Littleton, NH	Ian René Solano	New York, NY
Elsa Alem Fitsum	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Robert P. Stupp	St. Louis, MO
Kyllan Joseph Gilmore	Littleton, NH	Charles Robinson Truslow	St. Johnsbury, VT
Chelsea Hannah Heath	Littleton & Sugar Hill, NH	Austin Walker	Topsham, ME
Hilary Booth Huntington	Lyman & Lisbon, NH	Le'Anna Mari Watkins	Tome, NM
Edward Morgan Ingersoll	Washington, DE	Jan Paul Wojtasinski	Kingston, MA
Samuel Hughes Knowlton	Collinsville & Winsted, CT	Jung Won Yoon	Seoul, Korea
Kevin John Kress	West Boxford, MA		



# *2008 Prize and Scholarship Recipients*

## **The Ethel W. Devin Prize for excellence in English**

Davi da Silva '09

## **The Richard J. Hayes Prize for excellence in Mathematics**

Davi da Silva '09

## **The Frederic L. Steele Prize for excellence in Science**

Chelsea Heath '08

## **The Jack Cook Sustainability Prize**

Christina Blank '08

## **The Goodrich Prize for excellence in French**

Lisa Clark '08

## **The Alice C. Humphrey Prize for excellence in Spanish**

Samantha Allen '08

## **The Hamish MacEwan Prize for excellence in Art**

Ian Solano '08

## **The Caroline O. McMillan '47 Music Award**

Le'Anna Watkins '08

## **The Mountaineering Award**

Austin Walker '08

## **The Courage Prize**

Grace Ochieng '08

## **The Samuel Robinson II Community Service Award**

Grace Ochieng' '08

## **The Robin MacQuire Pearson Prize**

Christina Blank '08

## **The Lt. Michael S. Pierce '82 Award**

Max Pizey '09

## **The Bishop's Prize**

Miles Evans '11

## **The Faculty Award**

Austin Walker '08

## **The Head's Award**

Le'Anna Watkins '08

## **Ann Jane Connor Scholar**

Given by Mr. Howard Connor, a generous benefactor of this School, in memory of his mother. This prize is awarded to the young woman who best exemplifies excellent progress in her studies and who has made significant contributions to the life of the School. This year, the Jane Ann Connor Prize is awarded to a member of the class of 2009, Alexia Sampson.

## **Dorothy Ellingwood McLane Scholar**

Dorothy Ellingwood McLane was Principal of our School from 1931 to 1945. It was her foresight that moved the school from Concord to its location here in the mountains. When Mrs. McLane died in December of 1982, a memorial fund was established in her name, the interest of which helps underwrite the scholarship of a girl in next year's graduating class who represents the ideals "Aunt Dot" believed in: academic curiosity, vigor, wit, good sportsmanship and common sense. The Dorothy E. McLane Scholar is awarded to Sharon Mazimba, class of 2009.

## **Houghton-Duane Scholar**

Established by Audrey Houghton-Duane, class of 1950, and Harry B. Duane, the Houghton-Duane Scholar award is given to a student developing leadership potential and who has shown a deep love and respect for mountains, rivers, and the environment. This year, the Houghton-Duane Scholar is presented to Mike Wessler, class of 2009.

## **Deborah McIlwaine/Brantwood Scholar**

Each year, in collaboration with the Brantwood Camp in Peterborough, NH, WMS names a female student as the McIlwaine/Brantwood Scholar. The award is named after Deborah P. McIlwaine, a former English teacher, Social Worker and wife of former Head of School John McIlwaine. The Scholar represents the ideals Deborah lived by: academic curiosity, vigor, wit, and a strong commitment to one's community. The award, established in 1997, is presented this year to a member of the class of 2009, Sedona Chinn.

## **Paula K. Valar Scholarship**

In honor of former faculty member, ski instructor, trustee and mother of three graduates, the Paula K. Valar Scholarship is given to a day student excelling in his/her studies and life at The White Mountain School. Established in 1996, this award is presented to Miles Evans, class of 2011.

## **Mary Holbrook Russell Scholarship**

This scholarship honors the memory of Mary Holbrook Russell who dedicated thirty years to the former Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, New York. A trust fund established by students of Ms. Russell was given to The White Mountain School in 2002 so that a scholarship would be granted each year to a female student who has achieved a solid academic standing, contributed enthusiastically to the School's mission and participated actively in School affairs. Established in 2003, this award is presented to Yanina Marin, class of 2011.



# 2008 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Agnes Scott College  
 Albertson College  
 Brenau University  
 Champlain College  
 Clark University  
 College of Wooster  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia College Chicago  
 Cornell University  
 Denison University  
 Earlham College  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Embry-Riddle University  
 Evergreen State College  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Fort Lewis College  
 Franklin Pierce University  
 Green Mountain College  
 Guilford College  
 Hartford University  
 Humbolt State University  
 Keene State College  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Mitchell College  
 Montana State University  
 New England College  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Prescott College  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Sierra Nevada College  
 Simmons College  
 College of St. Catherine  
 Unity College  
 University of Colorado  
 University of Maine-  
 Farmington  
 University of Mary  
 Washington  
 University of Montana  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of Utah  
 University of Vermont  
 Western State of Colorado  
 Western Washington  
 University  
 Westminster College



*Happy graduates! Sean Rule '08, Grace Ochieng '08,  
Sam Knowlton '08, Liz Alexson '08.*



*Sam Allen '08 and Rose Milne '08*



*Jan Wojtasinski '08*



*I pledge to explore and take into account the social and ecological consequences of my decisions and actions. Furthermore, I pledge to use the knowledge I have gained while at The White Mountain School to improve the awareness and sustainability of the communities in which I live, learn and work.*



**A**s commencement speaker, Ruth Cook, Board Chair Emerita, spoke to the Class of 2008 and reflected on the importance of the White Mountain mission.

*"Later in the ceremony, you are to be awarded your diplomas. You have completed part one of the WMS mission – Preparation for rigorous college studies. That's your Graduation. The second part of the mission – Knowing who you are, How you give to your communities, How to become responsible citizens of the changing planet. That's your Commencement."*

*"An interesting thing happens as we separate our identity from material possessions, from what others think of us, from our perceived identities, from our descriptors -- the boundaries that we have set up between ourselves and others begin to diminish."*

*"The less concerned we are about what we get, the more spontaneity there will be in what we give; the less driven we are by what we earn, the more intentionality there will be in how we live; the less impressed we are by whom we know, the more inclusiveness there will be in whom we serve."*



Ruth Cook, Board Chair Emerita P'91



Austin Walker '08 presents the Senior Gift



Lisa Clark '08



Acapella sings "Lift Thine Eyes"



Ian Solano '08 and Ronan Casey '08



Ruth Cook, Chelsea "Ranger" Heath '08, Brian Morgan



# SUSTAINABILITY at WMS

by Torrey McMillan

**Snapshot #1:** Around a table, students sign up for Work Jobs (campus chores). Among their options are breakfast crew, cleaning the student lounge, and caring for the chickens and collecting eggs that will show up the same day at breakfast.

**Snapshot #2:** The discussion evolves. Does nature have its own economic system? How does the human economy relate to nature's economy? What are the boundaries on our economic system?

**Snapshot #3:** Gathered around several large plastic bins connected with tubing and pumps, students are seeding their small-scale living water treatment system with biota from local ponds and wetlands.

**Snapshot #4:** In the supermarket, students search for high quality food at the best prices as they shop for refugee families arriving from Iraq and Sudan later in the week.

**Snapshot #5:** The sound of a chisel and mallet carving out joints for the timber frame shed. The smell of compost and feel of dirt on the hands.

**Snapshot #6:** It's not enough to target HIV/AIDS and malaria in developing countries, students explain to Senator Sununu's staff member. A systems approach is needed.



*Biomimicry students assemble their living machine*

Sometimes, I think I am one of the luckiest teachers around. Why? Because when I am asked what I teach, my answer is complicated by the fact that I don't teach exclusively in any one of the traditional disciplines. In the past year I have taught in the English, Science, and History and Human Values Departments. Additionally, I instructed Farm and Forest, an alternative option in our sports program, led a community service trip working with a refugee resettlement program, and took students sea kayaking on the coast of Maine to study the Atlantic fisheries. Yet, within the diversity of what I do, there is an underlying theme and a unifying department of study - sustainability.

The White Mountain School's Sustainability Studies Department was founded six years ago to build upon and focus the school's commitment to environmental stewardship, community service, and social justice. Since then we have expanded our course offerings, redesigned some courses, and instituted graduation requirements in the department. The department's design builds on two core ideas: 1) learning both the why and the how of active citizenship and 2) providing multiple and diverse points of entry into the principles and practices of sustainability.

## LEARNING THE WHY AND HOW OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

In order to graduate from White Mountain, students are required to take both a theory based course addressing sustainability issues and to meet an action requirement. Building upon academic research findings on behavior change and effective environmental education, our department structure and requirements aim to give students foundational understanding of our economic, social, and economic systems and how they interact with and depend upon each other. These discussions include analysis of what is and is not working well in our current structures, and engage students in envisioning better systems. In these classes, students are developing core understandings of current issues and the habits of mind central to someone seeing the world through the sustainability lens. Unfortunately, this is often where the lesson ends in schools.



*Water quality testing*

If we stop here, however, our mission to educate our students to be active citizens is only partially complete. At this point, students are left with the dilemmas and challenges of our world hanging over them without being given the opportunity to develop the tools needed to make change. One of my graduate school professors once explained that a person might know why she should make compost and want to make compost, but if she doesn't know how to make compost, she's not going to make compost. Likewise, students may learn why people in developing countries lack clean water and feel compelled to do something about it, but if they don't have the tools in their toolbox to take action, they aren't going to do it.

This is where the action component of the Sustainability Studies Department comes in. The action requirement can be met through one of several semester-long classes, through a season of work with our Farm and Forest program, or through an approved internship or independent study. These are the times when students develop skills in how to make change. Like the theory based classes, the options for meeting the action requirement are broad, allowing students to select what kind of action skills they want to develop - political, scientific field work and environmental planning, hands-in-the-dirt farming and construction, or community projects and initiatives.



## MULTIPLE AND DIVERSE POINTS OF ENTRY

As much as I love compost, not everyone is enthralled with the idea of turning kitchen scraps into a rich soil amendment for our gardens. However, the student who remains neutral about food production on campus might get excited about taking on the challenge of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. Or, perhaps he can relate to the teenagers in M. T. Anderson's *Feed* who have lost all connection to place and environment, and are struggling with defining their own identities. Maybe she gets excited by the design challenges of our times, and the idea of using nature as a source of inspiration for time-tested solutions. Leave No Trace principles taught on wilderness trips might make a lot of sense to one person, whereas the ethic of giving back to our school community through caring for the physical place may speak to another. There are so many ways to engage with the big ideas of sustainability.



At White Mountain, we offer this multiplicity of entry points. The benefits of doing so are several. First, with so many different avenues and disciplines to explore sustainability, there is likely to be at least one (and likely more) to which each student can relate. Second, by spreading sustainability across the disciplinary spectrum (really, making it trans-disciplinary), students are more likely to understand that sustainability is not a particular content area, but rather a lens through which to see the world that can be applied in any field of study or any part of life. Finally, the trans-disciplinary approach helps students make the connections between different elements of sustainability, and build a broader

understanding of its core ideas and applications. When they arrive in Comparative Economic Development and can bring their experiences on the farm or working with the refugee resettlement program to the discussion we are having on economic security and environmental integrity, the experience in each setting both reinforces and adds depth and breadth to their understanding of the issues.

While we are constantly working to improve the teaching and learning in the Department, the basic structure seems to be working well. Shortly before graduating last year, one of our seniors, Chelsea "Ranger" Heath '08, reflected on her experience in the Department:

"The sustainability department here at school didn't teach me to respect the world we live in. It taught me *how* to respect it. The very structure of the sustainability department has broadened my understanding of how I can help. The action credits allow me to make an impact and see directly the difference that my work has made while the theory credits allow me to see the big picture. For example, in Environmental Science, our group decided to test the water in the Ammonoosuc River above and below Wal-Mart. We got to see the direct results of our work. As a result of this project, I went on to do water quality testing with White Mountain Summer for the state. It was exciting to teach other students about something that I had really learned to love and then to see the data we collected sent to the state to be put to good use."

Imagine the potential force for positive change that could emerge in our world if all students graduating from high school felt empowered like Chelsea, knowing something of the challenges we face, able to envision a brighter future, and holding within themselves the confidence and empowerment to know that they can be the agents of change to bring this about.



*Farm and Forest crew make apple cider*

## WMS FARM & FOREST PRODUCTION TOTALS FOR 2008

Beet greens: 8 gallons  
Parsley: 10.5 oz  
Basil: 4 gallons leaves  
Peppers: 26.4 lbs  
Eggplant: 53.5 lbs  
Zucchini: 94.25 lbs  
Pattypan: 62.25 lbs  
Potatoes: 157.5 lbs  
Tomatoes: 277.5 lbs  
Kale: 10 gallons  
Mesclun: 22 gallons  
Carrots: 149 lbs  
Onions: 72 lbs  
Butternut: 121 lbs  
Buttercup: 23 lbs  
Red Kuri: 26.25 lbs  
Chard: 6 gallons  
Beets: 65 lbs  
That's over 1128 lbs not including eggs.



*Editor's note: As a consumer of these items I can attest to their deliciousness!*



*Economics students engage in a role-play game demonstrating the tragedy of the commons*



*Ryan Mosby '09 helps assemble the new greenhouse which will increase farm productivity*



*Remembering*  
*St. Mary's*  
*School for Girls*  
*Concord, New Hampshire*

*St. Mary's School for Grls,  
To be Scanned and placed by Sherwin Dodge*

*St. Mary's School for Grls,  
To be Scanned and placed by Sherwin Dodge*

*St. Mary's School for Girls, Concord, New Hampshire 1898  
Ruth Hall, Carrie Taylor, Helen Sandersson, and Bertha Batchelder*



# Class Notes

**1938**

Scribe: **Cynthia (Taffy)  
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**Cynthia Taft Lathrop**

We are still living in the old family homestead – it requires lots of TLC, but we enjoy it. Still playing tennis and skiing in a very moderate way!

**1939**

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**1940**

Scribe: **Carroll Russell  
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**1941**

Scribe: **Penelope (Penny)  
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**Anne Townley Brooks  
Graney**

I wish I could see my way to getting up there for Reunion, but it does not look possible, not this year anyway. I still think of the School often. It was my only home for three years, and I still get "homesick" for it. I'm quite happy in my present home here in Baltimore, Maryland with my two daughters. They run a pet care service which keeps them on the hop and pays quite well! My two sons are both married and

are located in New York and New Zealand. I really enjoy each issue of *Echoes*... the magazine always brings with it a whiff of the hills and the woods. I am still a bird watcher, just as I was back in the '40's! So long for now, and good luck with the Annual Fund campaign this year.

**1942**

Scribe: **Beverly Selinger  
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**Beverly Selinger Buder**

I am a great-grandmother as of February 16, 2007.

**1943**

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Purinton Nutter**

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**1944**

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**1946**

Scribe: **Anne Bobis  
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**Barbara Lind Lenstrup**

Talking to you (Marian

Tonjes) woke up thousands of memories, faces, names, wonderful craziness and seriousness! Although ill, I have had some WONDERFUL days just sitting around and remembering. My soul, spirits, and inside feel much younger and happier! I have tried to recall all 52 students during my 2 years at St. Mary's, which gave me the feeling of being back...the corridors, fields, study hall, dining room, music room, etc.. I breathed in the atmosphere and felt enriched by it! I have missed the American hospitality and generosity a million times since I left the USA in 1948. Although I have had many illnesses throughout life, positive thinking, strong will power and a prize from St. Mary's for "Leadership in Good Direction" have whipped me forward through all the jungles. I would love to hear from my former classmates and friends! The alumnae/i office has my address over here in Sweden.

**1947**

Scribe: **Marian Tonjes**  
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**Marian Benton Tonjes**

I just returned from two weeks in Alaska, and am getting ready for a UK trip in June. Ruth Cook and her husband Jack are remarkable human beings! How fortunate we have been to have their dedication and support through the years. Our school would

not have survived without them. I am very happy we are honoring Ruth, and that a capable leader like John Brown has taken over the reins. Ruth and Jack both have my greatest admiration and affection! I much enjoyed my six years as Trustee of the White Mountain School, flying from Albuquerque to Manchester and then driving up the state three times a year. The last few years I stayed at the old Thayer Hotel in downtown Littleton, driving up the back road to school - the road we all used to hike down to town for shopping. I managed to locate our Seven Springs with staff help, and it is still beautiful and serene.

**1948**

Scribe Needed

**1949**

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**Josephine Harding  
Brownback**

I am alive and well and living here in San Francisco - welcome any classmates to stop by for a visit!

**Grace Woodbury Stone**

We've re-retired from Maine to Atlanta to be near our children and grandchildren. We're less active now but I still ride my horse several times a week.

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LINDY Picture - Sherwin  
Dodge to scan and place

Barbara "Lindy" Lenstrup '46

## 1950

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## 1951

*Scribe: Harriette C.*

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**Harriette Walbridge Ward**

My husband and I just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We are both doing well health wise. Best news - our oldest grandson is going to Princeton in the fall!

## 1952

*Scribe needed*

**Sandie Heeks Jordhamo**

Although I am no longer the listed class scribe I wanted to give you recent news. My husband Harry and I recently became great-grandparents to Claire Paige, daughter of our eldest grandson Michael Parniawski and his wife Agnes. We have two more weddings of grandkids on tap for next year. Any of my classmates can contact me with their news at sjordhamo@comcast.net and I'll be happy to forward it to Echoes.

**Julie Bigg Veazy**

Sandie Jordhamo reports the following about Julie: Julie Bigg Veazey recently wrote a novel *Reckless Indifference* that explores the timely issue of the failure of the criminal-justice system to protect the innocent. Her novel sets up a landscape crackling with tension and a variety of self-interested characters that generate both sympathy and dislike. Julie is also author of the novel *Silent Cry*, a story about an all-girls boarding school in the 1950s and *Merrymeeting*, a book of poems. Julie is a member of the New Hampshire Writer Project and divides her time between New Hampshire, the Dominican Republic, and Florida where she is working on her next novel. You can visit her website: [www.juliebiggveazey.com](http://www.juliebiggveazey.com).

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**Geraldine Webster Dellenback**

Thank you, Ruth Cook, for your loyalty, dedication, and your amazing ability! White Mountain wouldn't

be where it is without your wisdom and guidance! We hope you will continue to be at school with your many friends on many occasions. Congratulations and very best wishes for a happy retirement.

**Joan Howard**

Our 55th Reunion will take place on October 10-12. Let's try to make it back to St. Mary's in-the-Mountains/White Mountain School in force, as we did for our 50th Reunion. There were eleven of us out of the class of 20. Do you remember the sharing of thoughts and ideas, and how we sang 'Lift Thine Eyes' from Elijah (and in three parts). Spouses and partners are encouraged to come for the weekend. Beatie Young Blain and I are planning an alumni cruise in 2009. You will be hearing more details in the future. I continue to work in my private practice as a Clinical Social Worker, treating individuals, couples, and families with an emphasis on trauma and mood disorders. There are no plans to retire because this engagement with my clients gives my life meaning. Last year I traveled to Thailand and Cambodia in February/March and back to Munchen and Salzburg to visit German friends in August. In March of 2008, I traveled to Egypt with Grand Circle Travel.

## 1954

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**Bright Miller Judson**

2007 was a big year! I have been married to Art (Dartmouth man) for 50 years. Sukie Dickey and Gretchen Stubbs Stone, my St. Mary's classmates, were in the wedding. Art and I are both major volunteers.

Our lives are very busy and wonderful.

## 1955

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**Jill Henderson**

The St. Mary's/WMS memories rolled around in my head as I spent July 4th weekend in Woodstock, Vermont for my eldest grand-daughter's wedding. She graduated from Dartmouth in 2007 and her husband, bridesmaids and groomsmen at all attended Dartmouth. 50 years ago, we would take the drive from Littleton to Hanover to attend the Dartmouth lectures and I felt so grown-up being on a college campus. Reuniting with Georgia and Patti for our 50th reunion along with so many other classmates and friends from other classes was such a highlight of my life. I'm now volunteering three days a week with Household Goods Recycling Ministry which gave over 20,000 pieces of furniture to homeless families and others who had been through disasters. We will exceed that number this year due to foreclosures and the terribly hard times that people on the edge of poverty suffer daily. Linda Clark McGoldrick '55, gave a WMS graduation address in the '70's



about the importance of volunteering. Ruth Cook carries on her torch. Bravo to both for making that a student tradition. I will try to make Reunion this year. Best to all!

#### **Linda Damrell Ellis**

I am still working as a nurse, playing golf and taking care of grandchildren. My oldest granddaughter graduated from Meredith College in Raleigh on May 18. We spent two months in Florida. That is about it!

### **1957**

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### **1958**

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#### **Susan Moore Williams**

Hi friends. I have written in my blog again after along absence. Please visit if you can. [www.tiasue.blogspot.com](http://www.tiasue.blogspot.com). Blessings, Tia Sue.

#### **Judith Butler Shea**

My son Jimmy was married to Dr. Kellee Reed of Orlando, FL. A March wedding took place in Key West, FL. (middle of ski season!) Remember our 50th Reunion on October 10-12th!!!

### **1959**

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#### **Carolyn Dorr-Rich**

I attended our 49th reunion in conjunction with the class of 1958's 50th reunion. They had 13 members and we had 5. What a "blast" seeing all these old friends. Wonderful socialization - not like some times when we were 16-18, with all the silly hang ups.

#### **Barbara Hamilton Gibson**

Reunion 2008 was wonderful. It was a terrific opportunity to see the school and be re-introduced to the programs available and to meet students and faculty. Best of all was seeing friends and re-connecting! Priceless! The mountains were glorious, and the foliage beautiful. Participating in the service at All Saints Sunday was wonderful. We did indeed Lift our Eyes To the Mountains.

### **1960**

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### **1961**

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#### **Priscilla Fitzhugh**

Seattle is a beautiful city but very far from The White Mountain School and family members living in Vermont and New Hampshire. Some day I do hope to visit WMS. When I am in New England, a part of me always feels "at home." I loved my years at the school!

### **1962**

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### **1963**

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#### **Marcia Hayes Torrey**

I'm in Newport Beach, CA and moving on up to Montecito shortly. The last few years have been busy. I

moved up to Newburyport to care for my mother, four years ago. Annabel was married last October in Malibu (she's in L.A. at USC for graduate work) and I moved out here in April. My mother died in June, and, then Serena married late this summer, so there has been lots of back and forth. I'll be back in Newburyport during the reunion time, and I'm going to make a real effort to get up there to see you all. I can't think of anything more fun.

### **1964**

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(Mother of **Muffie Brown Milens '64**)

#### **Ellen Waterston**

The most exciting news is grandparenthood! Eben and Jussiely (Juss), who live in Dominical, Costa Rica now, have two wonderful, enchanting boys. Sam is three years and Elijah (Elias in Spanish) is 10 months old. Pure delight! We enjoyed Thanksgiving 2007 together at the house in Todas Santos, BCS, Mexico. Luckily for us, Elise and Katharine are sticking closer to home - Elise in Portland, where David and Ellie live part time (when not in Bend) and Katharine in Bend. Dr. David heads to Barcelona in February to begin an eight-month sabbatical studying an ultra-sound technique for analyzing joint health. He'll be putting aside his Nordic Masters-level ski racing to go, but not before racing the 51 kilometer American Birkebeiner in his native Wisconsin in February. Ellie will just have to participate in the World Nordic Masters in McCall, Idaho in March without him! David's plans will mean some long-distance

commuting for Ellie, while at the same time managing the Writing Ranch, ([www.writingranch.com](http://www.writingranch.com)) and The Nature of Words ([www.thenatureofwords.org](http://www.thenatureofwords.org)), a non-profit literary event headed into its fourth year. Ellie has a collection of poetry coming out next summer from Ice River Press and a collection of essays on Oregon's High Desert due out the same time....and for the rest of the story...nothing a visit, call or e-mail wouldn't cure.

### **1965**

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### **1966**

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#### **Caren Jones Cutler**

I have never really been a great fan of Bruce Springsteen. However, since reading of Patti and Bruce's great generosity to my alma mater (the music lessons for students of financial need), they have just been added to my favorites!

### **Planned Giving**

You can help secure the future of the School, while you secure your own financial objectives through a planned gift. A planned gift allows a donor to advance his or her own financial interests as they give back to the school. It also enables a donor to give a significantly larger gift than he or she thought possible. The simplest bequest can make the brightest future! Call the development office today!





Ginny Peterson Johnson '67, Judy Hatch Orne '67 P'07, Cindy Warden Mahoney '66 and Betsey (Boo) Neville '67 on Cape Cod in September 2008.

## 1967

Scribe: **Lisa Gregory Schmierer**

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### Virginia Peterson Johnson

See photo next page. Taken in September 2008 on Cape Cod in September for a fantastic weekend of fun and reminiscing. There was much talk and laughter about escapades at Valliant House and Burroughs.

### Betsey Neville

Attending our 40th Reunion were Stevie Spencer, Betsy Eckfeldt, Mary Stelle, Ginny Peterson, Kathy Dickinson, Judy Robinson and Betsey (Boo) Neville. Everyone had a fantastic time, reminiscing, laughing, hiking, eating at awesome restaurants and much more. It was a blast and we're looking forward to reconnecting with others as well in October, 2008.

## 1968

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### Henny-Lill Wibye Thinn

I have looked through the yearbooks of these two



Henny-Lill Wibye Thinn '68 receives news about grandchildren #3 & #4, twins!

years, and many fond memories came to my mind. So many years ago, and all those nice girls and teachers! My husband and I recently celebrated the 41st anniversary of the day we met. In the picture we had just gotten news about our newborn 3rd and 4th grandchildren (twins). I am still enjoying the outdoor life, and every summer we are spending 1-2 weeks on our motorbike, mostly cruising around in Norway. I also love to be in my garden with vegetables and flowers, with a never-ending need for care! Last month I changed my job from working in the energy department of a big

company (Norske Skog) to a small farm where I take care of the business administration. I really love it! We are producing strawberries and apples and make different drinks from the produce, with and without alcohol. We have Polish workers, so now I have to learn Polish. But that will be after I have finished my studies at the business administration school this fall. I send my best greetings to you all!

## 1969

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### Carmen Arsenault Perry

I'm still in Ohio after 21 years and have recently become a grandmother. My second son James and his wife Heidi have a son, Micah Areli Perry, born on May 31, 2008, 7 lbs 14 oz and 21 and 1/2 inches long. I'm currently working as a Quality Assurance Analyst for SAIC and in my spare time I am the manager of souvenirs for the Ohio Renaissance Festival. Yes, I dress up in 16th century garb and speak with a proper English accent. Meanwhile my husband, Bill, still works for the Kettering Medical Health Network as well as teaching at Wright State. My eldest, Bill, is a manager for emerging markets at the

United Way of Dayton, and the twins - Matt - is an assistant manager for Aero Postal and his sister will be finishing her Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Wright State next spring. James is an event planning manager and his wife teaches 8th grade science. If anyone is ever at the Renaissance Festival in Harveysburg make sure to stop by the front souvenirs booth and say hello.

## 1970

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### Anne Weathers Ritchie

Elly Andrews '70, Mazzie Gogolak '68 and Anne Ritchie '70 got together in Maine recently for loads of reminiscing and a lot of laughs, as pictured below!

## 1971

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### Irene D. Gilbert

Enclosed is a gift to The WMS Annual Fund, in memory of two faculty members who recently passed away; Betty K. Marler and Robert Todd Whitten, III. I read with great sadness the notice in *Echoes* that these two



Elly Andrews '70, Mazzie Gogolak '68, and Anne Ritchie '70 in Maine.



teachers had passed on. Both of them were gifted teachers, kind human beings and generally solid people. I think of both of them often as they were significant in my development as a person. They were truly what St. Mary's in the Mountains/The White Mountain School was/is about - a great education in the classroom, and in life generally.

## 1972

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### **Kathryn Bridge Devine**

Kathryn looks forward to reconnecting with classmates at Alumnae/i Weekend this October on the Bethlehem campus. Kathy's mom, Ann Kilbourn Bridge '48, is very excited to celebrate her 60th Reunion this fall!

## 1973

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## 1974

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## 1975

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## 1977

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### **Liza Christie Ley**

I live in the beautiful mountains of southern VT, and own a dog boarding business. I would love to hear from any of my old classmates.

## 1978

Scribe: **Alexandra (Alex or Sink) MacPhail**

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### **Caryl Taylor Quinn**

In the late 70's, music was and is everywhere in the mountains and at our special small school. My dear friend Peter could always be heard playing the piano and singing. Music could always be heard floating from the dorm rooms. I do believe that learning to play or enjoy music increases a person's ability to learn. Thank you, Bruce and Patti Springsteen, for your thoughtful contribution to White Mountain. I find that it is our turn to give back to the school.

## 1979

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### **Susan Garcia Mori**

We've recently moved to a larger home a little closer to the school I work in and my two younger sons attend. Life is full with two boys in high school, one in college, a remodeling firm and a full time job (Administrative Assistant to the Head of School/High School Principal.) I'd love to hear from Annie, Allan, Paul, Scott, Peter, Margot. Classes of '78-'79 email me!

## 1980

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### **David Iseri**

I moved from Maine to Virginia. Why? Don't Ask! I hope all the '80s class is doing well. You can contact me at Ashes111@comcast.net

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### **Caroline Cheng**

I am doing fine and have been very busy in China as a ceramic artist. Back in my days, The White Mountain School had some tough times. I sure hope it is now one of the best small schools in New Hampshire. As a city person from Hong Kong, I was certainly challenged with the outdoor sports and the isolation. I still have a good friend from WMS who lives in Bethlehem, and I still keep in touch with a few friends from my Class of 81. And Liz Chace '55 just ended up in my shop here in China last year. Keep in touch! Caroline's webpage is located at: <http://www.potteryworkshop.com.cn/english/hongkong/resident.htm#>

### **Dennis Sweeney**

Dennis is the Head of Operations of The Frick Collection in New York City.

## 1982

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### **Erik Robinson**

The passing of Paul Valar was a sad day for New England skiers. Mr. Valar was an inspiration to me and many others. I still remember advice he gave me over 25 years ago to become a better skier: "participate in every sport you can." I still possess a pair of 225 cm downhill skis that he mounted for me over 25 years ago and remember his warning: "for specially prepared courses only", and he engraved my name on them. He was a man who really cared and had a deep passion for the sport and its heritage. Looking at his photos, Mr. Valar was right in there with Stein Eriksen - what style! To my ski friends Chrissy and Vicky and all: God bless your father.

### **Alvaro Roche**

I am now living in DC with my wife and two kids. We moved here from Venezuela 10 years ago when I started a business in the US and my wife got an offer to work at the Inter American Development Bank where she still works. I since have sold and started another business. We sell children's clothes in Latin America. We have stores in Venezuela and a few other countries in the region. Business is good, though I travel about half the time. It was great to reconnect with Neill Osgood '83 recently.

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## 1984

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### David Demers

David is a photographer living in Long Island. His website is [www.dbarpics.com](http://www.dbarpics.com).

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### David Budd

Still Living in Denver and working as a commercial photographer. Sorry to have missed the 20th but I will be there for the 25th!

### Heidi Forbes Oste

I am working as a social entrepreneur in Sweden building bridges between women and the networks and organizations they participate in for global knowledge sharing.

## 1987

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## 1990

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### Seth Izzi

Seth Izzi '90 and his wife Cecelia are proud new parents of Mia Belen Izzi. 7 lbs. 7 oz. Born January 7th at 7 o'clock, 2008. As the new parents say, "She is our Lucky Number 7, and she's a beauty!"

### Carolyn Phillips Pecunies



Callie gave birth to Ian Barrett Pecunies on Friday, August 1, 2008. Ian joins big brother Cameron. "Everyone is doing GREAT" per Grandma and Grandpa Phillips.

### Nori Krone Mayhew Towns



Hello to all of you. The last couple months have been crazy, Clover's birth, Raine's 4 year birthday, Turtle's death, Rob's dad passing away, us getting a new puppy, my taking Clover to my last four masters courses and then graduating with my masters degree and Rob

busier than ever at work. Finally, it feels like we are getting our feet back under us... and in a blink of all the craziness... Clover is THREE months old! Yikes how time flies. We are all doing well though, and in the wake of Dick's unexpected death (and Turtle's) we are grateful for each day! Here.... finally... here is a photo of little Miss Clover at 3 mos. She and her sister are definitely the brightest parts of our lives now (and likely forever...or at least until they're teenagers). Raine finally shared with me that maybe she is a "little upset about Clover" and she "would like one whole day with just momma and Raine Lilli". xoxox to you all, Love, Nori, Rob, Raine, Clover and Freckles (the puppy).

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### Jeremiah Jenne

I recall a time when our music program was relegated to some half-decent bands and a few of us tinkering around on the Great Hall piano before formal dinner. I think I once even tinkered out a half-decent rendition of "Thunder Road." Who knew? Thanks to Bruce and Patti Springsteen for the wonderful gift of music to our school, and to Grace Ochieng '08, her family, and the WMS staff for their efforts. Let's keep the music going at White Mountain!

### Michael Stewart

I recently moved away from Brooklyn to Jersey City, New Jersey, and am now working full-time in Manhattan, as the Warehouse Manager at a custom A/V integrator.

## 1992

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### Shelagh Harvard

Congratulations to new Student Body President Maggie Lubanko '09! When I was Student Judge, our big coup was abolishing the tucked-in-buttoned-down dress code in favor of t-shirts-are-cool-as-long-as-they-don't-offend style. Looks like you've moved on to the big questions - woohoo! I wish you the best Maggie!

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### Nathaniel Baker

Nathaniel's dad reports that he is living in New York City and teaching in a New York City public school. His fiancé, a lawyer, also lives in NYC. They expect to get married in August of 2009.

### Solomon Diamond

Sol's dad reports that Sol is a professor at Dartmouth doing good work with brain waves in his lab.

## 1994

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### Jennifer Halstead

Jenny stays in touch with many members of the Class of 1994, and has volunteered to be the "Class Scribe" for

the Class of 1994. Thanks so much Jenny! Please send your news to Jenny for the next issues of *Echoes Magazine*.

**SuZanne Lachance  
Salladin**

I am recently divorced, with my daughter Briar turning 7, and my son, Aidan, turning 4 in May. I found out a year ago my son, Aidan has autism, in the spectrum, PDD NOS. I graduated from Corning Community College, Corning, NY, in May of '07 with an Associates in Sciences in General Studies and again in December '07 with an Associates in Art in Humanities and Sciences. Another step in the goal of

becoming an Art Therapist (with Spanish speakers.) I am presently seeking work in Human Services with Hispanics/Latinos in the surrounding area of the Finger Lakes in New York State, of which there are approximately 12,000 migrant workers from spanish speaking countries, with their families. I would love to hear from anyone, especially those who may have insight for a single mom with an Autistic child. Wishing the best to all.

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**D. Leighton Paulsen**

Anne Bridge '68 reports that Leighton and Jolymn Paulsen moved to Gahanna, OH in March of 2008. Leighton's company, Forward Logistics Group is in Columbus, OH is located near the Rickenbacker Airport.

**Lydia Farnham**

Hi there. I'm now in Jacksonville, and I also have a new job. I work for the University of Phoenix. I am a Corporate Education Liaison. I am a recruiter for graduate degrees in

education and I travel a 12 county territory which encompasses most of Northeast Florida.

**1996**

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**1997**

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**Tobias Burdet**

As a ski racing alumnus of WMS, I was thrilled to read about the resurrection of White Mountain School

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## REFLECTIONS FROM AN ALUMNA

Last year, in Chamonix France, I summited Mont Blanc. As I walked the thin snow ridge to the domed summit, I thought about how far I had journeyed, from the White Mountains to this White Mountain. With my blue harness snug above my hips, carabineers jingling, and my crampons biting into the hard snow crust, I trudged through the thin air with resolve. However, this piece is not about me, it is about Mark Vermeal. Without his guidance and energy as an instructor at The White Mountain School, I doubt I would have had the courage, strength, and skills to follow my own wilderness ambitions.

When I heard that Mark Vermeal had left The White Mountain School to work for the Student Conservation Association, I started to think about all that I had learned from Mark in my four years. Mark started at WMS in the Fall of 1995 and helped to develop the Wilderness Skills program (now the Outdoor Education Department) into a nationally recognized and accredited program. In his years of dedication, he enthusiastically introduced students from various backgrounds to the outdoors. Mark's own outdoor ambitions, combined with his willingness to teach and learn from students, made him a dynamic force in wilderness education. Hundreds of students have shared in the "Mark Vermeal" experience.

In my career at The White Mountain School I knew many facets of Mark; from sophomore Biology class to hiking, paddling and climbing. I can still see him screeching in "pain" as the worst Wilderness First Responder patient in the history of his creatively gruesome scenarios. I also recall the quieter moments of advisee dinners in his apartment; eating antipasto and watching *Trauma In The ER* with Nick Burens '00 and Ben Anderson '00.

What I want to say to Mark is thank you for the numerous instances of patience, of challenge, and of wisdom. Not to mention your jokes, odd stories, and clear vitality for teaching.

Once, Mark told me that if I could still spit at the top of the rapid, I was courageous enough to paddle it. Looking at the churning brown water, I thought he was crazy. However, somehow I could spit at the top of each frothy river runway, and this gave me a strange courage to take paddle in hand. Mark has given me the gift of believing in myself even when I was unsure.

One morning at Kinsman Notch, during a day of WMS ice climbing, I was not excited to plunge ice axe through the sub zero air into brittle ice. I slowly warmed up and eventually was having a tolerable time slamming sharp objects into glassy ice. At the end of the day I was exhausted, but Mark convinced me that I had one more climb left in

my tired limbs. As I hauled myself up through the afternoon sun slant, I was discouraged and cold. I reached up for a solid swing and felt the tool thump and quiver into the ice. From the bottom of the climb Mark yelled "I would hang my Mother off that tool!" With that small encouragement, humor, and energy, I was able to grin and finish the climb.

After teaching at a small boarding school in Switzerland, I realize how much Mark and the other wilderness instructors at WMS have impacted my life. Now I am the one teaching knots and hitches, how to use a Whisperlite, or choose just the right layers for an outing. I gained these skills through numerous Outdoor Learning Expeditions; reading maps, packing food, and leading groups in the background allowing me to learn. So, I wanted to thank Mark and all of the White Mountain faculty for their years of dedication and instruction at The White Mountain School. My White Mountain experience has positively shaped my life and the lives of many of White Mountain students.

Catherine Doucette '00

*Do you have reflections to share for the next Echoes Magazine? This will be a new Echoes feature and we need you to help us. Please send your reflections for consideration to Julie Yates, Assistant Director of Development, at [julie.yates@whitemountain.org](mailto:julie.yates@whitemountain.org).*



racing at Cannon Mountain! Although I no longer race, my racing years were definitely a stepping stone to my career as a professional adaptive ski instructor. Racing (at Cannon) is such an integral part of the school's history, and it will be great to see it once again carried on into the future.

#### **Eliot Paulsen**

Eliot will have a new address in Australia soon. He and Kirra Dyer, his partner, have just been offered positions at Hall's Outdoor Education - they lead trips for elementary and up students; outdoor skills building, team building and group leading.

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When he's not leading a group of kids, he's tending to maintenance issues at 3 campuses. Their home is on the edge of a lake, a Panda preserve, and the Pacific Ocean is only a 10 minute paddle away.

#### **1998**

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#### **Jessica Ardita**

Jessica was married to Mathew Cheek on September 13, 2008 in Vail CO. Pictured are Morgan Weinberg '96, his wife Heather Kelly '97, their baby, Ebbit Kelly Weinberg, Emily Girdwood, '00, Jessica '98 and Christian Ardita, '98 who were there for the celebration. It was a beautiful wedding in the Colorado Rocky Mountains and a great reunion for WMS Alumnae/i.

#### **Kirsten Mueller**

I'm getting married next September! I have a gorgeous little girl who will be three years old in February. I come up to NH a lot, and can't wait for Alumni weekend.



Colorado Rocky Mountain wedding of Jessica Ardita '98 and Matthew Cheek. In attendance were Morgan Weiberg '96 and his wife, Heather Kelly '97, their baby Ebbit Kelly Weinberg, Emily Girdwood '00, Jessica '98 and Christian Ardita '98.

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Ben Mirkin heard from David that he is a graduate of Oberlin College, and has a wide variety of experience working with diverse youth populations including adjudicated adolescents, student leaders, those identified as gifted and talented, special needs children, and Spanish-speaking immigrant youth and more than five years facilitating self-empowerment workshops. David has spent a lot of time out of doors, recently walking the entire 2,175-mile Appalachian Trail. He is trained in experiential education and also facilitates outdoor adventure challenge activities. <http://www.commongroundcenter.org/>

#### **Philip Bohannon**

Hello to Ryan and David...I just got done with Telefest here at Grand Targhee, WY. Recently saw a viewing of pw07...loved it. If either of you guys are ever in the area drop me a line. I work at the resort, you can find

me just about anytime up here. I have been working for Grand Targhee ski resort in Alta, WY for almost a year now. Loving the snow and I hope all you guys back in NH did too last winter. Thanks for dropping me a line.

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#### **David Stratton**

Dave Stratton was recently on the cover of Backcountry Magazine showing off his teleski prowess. He is becoming quite renowned and well sponsored for his "extreme back country telemarking" skills. Dave always credits former faculty member Tim Wennrich for getting him started.

#### **Catherine Doucette**

I am just finishing up my first year of graduate school at Oregon State University and I am loving it. I am a candidate for an MFA in creative writing. I live in Corvallis OR and have managed to ski and boat often since I moved here.

#### **Carie Krajewski**

It has been ages since I last contacted WMS. The last time I emailed, I

was at MetLife. Now I'm over at The Hartford as a Marketing Communications Consultant. I write the copy for the Individual Life Division's marketing materials. I also work with designers on the creation of the marketing piece and I do quite a bit of marketing campaign design and management. It was a great move for me and I'm very happy that I made the change. I also serve on the Board for the American Marketing Association, CT Chapter and this year, I will serve as President. A couple weekends ago I was in Chicago for the 2008 AMA Summit. I met people from all over the United States that are also apart of the AMA. This year will be quite the challenge but extremely exciting at the same time. The AMA is how I got my position at The Hartford and has been a great way for me to experience a variety of different aspects of the 'marketing world.' I am also happy to announce that I got engaged (in May of 2007) to my fiancé Matt Fielding. Our wedding is set for September 20, 2009 and will take place in CT. We also purchased our first home in Coventry, CT. Our house sits on 4 acres of land in a very nicely wooded area (we have trails that run through our backyard!) and we share it with our two labs, Lucky and Lily, and our cat Moses.

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#### **Ricky Muniz**

Ricky is doing great. He took an academic break for a couple years but has decided to go back to school for business and fashion design. If you remember him and would like to contact him here is his email address: rickymuniz82@gmail.com.



Shannah Paddock '02 and Tory Amarello '02 enjoy the sights in Zihuatanejo, Mexico.

### Ethan Greaves

Ethan is doing well. He is attending a guide school in British Columbia. Ethan says hello to everyone who remembers him. If anyone would like to contact him, his email address is: greavesethan@yahoo.com.

### Christine Benally

Christine is now working in the Development Office at the Stanford University Law School. She loves her job, but is sorry that Stanford's Homecoming and Reunion Weekend conflicts with the WMS Reunion Weekend this fall, so she will be unable to attend. She will be in the area next year for her fiancé's college reunion and hopes to stop by WMS then. You can get in touch with her at cbenally@alum.dartmouth.org.

### Andrew Myer

Greetings to all of my former classmates and teachers! I graduated from Willamette University here in Oregon (FINALLY!) this past spring, and am continuing to work for Cristom Vineyards. This fall will be my first real harvest, and the first step on the long road to becoming a winemaker. In the spring, I will be heading to New Zealand for a few months to do a harvest down there (which may become a habit in the next few years). In the meantime, I've been busy

backpacking and exploring the Northwest, and recently took up whitewater kayaking. I've heard a rumor that there are quite a few WMS alumni in this area- let me know if any of you are around!

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### Nathaniel Lesch-Huie

Nate recently graduated from Keene State College with a major in sociology, and he lives and works in Keene, NH.

### Nicholas Savage

At the moment I'm living in Edinburgh, Scotland, but will be moving to London in September where I'm attending law school. I don't have an address yet but I'll send you one when I find a flat!

### Joanne Kilgour

I am moving back to New England in August of 2008 to study Environmental and Natural Resources Law at Vermont Law School. This means I will only be a hop, skip, and a jump away from WMS in South Royalton, VT! I am so excited to return to the area and perhaps be able to come back to WMS on occasion as well. This past year, after graduating, I have done so many crazy things, community development in inner city Pittsburgh, moderating discussions on climate change, and working in the development department at the National Aviary. Now, I am ready to be back in a stimulating academic setting. I was thrilled to find a school like Vermont Law for my next phase, and reassured to find out how close I would

be to you all and the WMS community. As a quick update on my favorite (and only) brother, Dave, he is doing well and just started a job as the Brew Master for Bar Harbor Brewing Company up in Maine. Lee, those chemistry skills you imparted on him are being put to "good" use after all! Seriously, though, he is such a remarkable person and I know that WMS played a big part in that.

### Lillian Schrank

All of you have inspired me at some point in my life through your own forms of expression and passions that has left a mark with me, which is why I am writing. For those of you who may not be aware, I will be graduating from Marlboro College with a BA in Visual Arts. I had a solo exhibition of my work in Drury Gallery at Marlboro College last spring. The show consisted of photographs of recycled constructed realities based loosely from childhood memories and dreams. There was also intaglio etchings (drawings) of architectural spaces, and a group of photo-polymer prints (a combination of photography and printmaking,) using more of my constructed realities images.

### Jennifer (Nikki) Farmer

Nikki had an opening reception for her Art Show at the Springfield College School of Human Services, St. Johnsbury Campus, on September 25, 2008.

## 2004

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### Matthew Beery

I graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder in May 2008, with a major in History and a minor in Geology. This past September, I moved to Seoul, South Korea and took a year long job as an English Teacher at a Montessori

School. In my free time, I am traveling around Southeast Asia and hopefully seeing some of the world. I hope everyone is doing well.

### Christopher Shauger

Chris' mom recently wrote to WMS. All is going well, and the family was heading off to Portland, Oregon for Chris' graduation from college.



Braeden Elieja Anderton, son of Samantha Anderton '04.

### Samantha Anderton

Samantha Anderton reports a new arrival, Braeden Elieja Anderton. Braeden was born on 5/31/08 at 9:52 am. He weighed 9 lbs and was 21" long. Sam is currently intending to finish up college, keep on working, and raising Braeden in Baltimore, MD. Sam would love to hear from any faculty and former classmates who knew her. Her email is: grasshopperpie1@gmail.com.

## 2005

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### Michelle Isner

This summer I'm living with a few friends and working at the VA hospital. I'm in the PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit) here. I'm going to be a senior at Colby-Sawyer in the fall (oh my!) No idea what I want to do when I graduate other than something in a critical care unit. I'd love to visit WMS at some point.

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### Owen Curvelo

His father writes that Owen is doing well as a junior at Eckerd College. Still pursuing a creative writing major, and thrilled with his first car and his own apartment.

### 2006

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### Andrew Elmaleh

Andrew took a leave from Johnson State and is working and was traveling in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia for three months. He was 'little chief' of his village in Fiji! More recently, Drew's mom also sent WMS some video of Drew doing Tai Ji in Beijing, which she took while visiting him. Drew is studying martial arts and already speaking Chinese quite well given the short time he's been in the country.

### Yannic Steffan

Hey guys from Switzerland. After a year of civil service in South Africa, I'll finally start studying in St. Gallen, Switzerland next year. I got a very nice, very old house there including a guest room. So whoever travels to Europe, don't forget to get in touch with me! Whoever doesn't travel, keep in touch anyways. Hamba gahle ;-) My email address is yannic.steffan@gmx.de.

### Andrew McKean

I just completed an amazing trip to the Black Canyon. We did the Hallucinogen Wall VI 510 R A3+. It was an epic filled journey. We spent 3 nights on the ledge and 4 days climbing. We also spent 1 night at the base and got chewed up by the poison ivy. This climb just showed me that if you are motivated and don't mind some hard work, the possibilities are limitless. You guys at White Mountain really planted the seed and my love for the rock just keeps growing.

### 2007

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### Daniel Finklestein

Dan has finished his internship in Peru and will be working on an organic farm in western MA for the rest of the summer. Then it is off to Earlham College!

### Hiroki Inaba

Hiroki's dad writes: Right now Spring is in full bloom with cherry blossoms sprouting everywhere and of course lots of pollen floating around stimulating people with allergies. Hiroki has been admitted to Chiba University in the Educational Department, and this is one of the national institutes (tuition is much less than the private schools, "which is a blessing" per his parents.) The campus is located 60km (approx. 40 miles) east of Tokyo so Hiroki is planning to rent an apartment and live by himself. Hiroki and his family might visit the White Mountain campus in 2008 or 2009...they love the countryside of New England and love to cheer on the Boston Red Sox!

### 2008

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## Share your news!

Reconnect with classmates & friends from St. Mary's & The White Mountain School. Please email your news to us at

[alumni@whitemountain.org](mailto:alumni@whitemountain.org)

## Faculty News

### Jessica Griffiths & Timothy Wennrich

Tim and Jessie have adopted a new baby girl named Ana Luisa....she is 8 months old and hails from Guatemala.

### Matthew Toms



Matt and his wife Kathleen have welcomed their second son, Asa Victor Toms, who joined the WMS community weighing in at 6 lbs 5 oz.

### Hiapo Emmons-Shaw & Becky Beno



Hiapo and Becky have welcomed Alden Richard Shaw to their family and the White Mountain Community. Alden was born on 7/25/08, weighing in at almost 9 pounds.

### Mirkin/Annunziato Place 4th at 24 Hour Bike Race

by Ben Mirkin, Director of Summer Programs

The relationships between students and faculty at The White Mountain School extend beyond the classroom. Most notably, into the outdoors.

Dan Annunziato '10 is a local student with wonderful parents who are incredibly supportive of everything he does. Dan has been my advisee since he arrived here as a freshman two years ago. Since then we have been

to Tuckerman Ravine a few times for spring skiing and snowboarding, rock climbing, and on numerous mountain biking trips. On one of these bike rides I got to telling Dan about this grueling race I had done the previous summer, 24 Hours of Great Glen. I told him about how a huge chunk of the Littleton bike community is involved and what a great event it is. He told me the race sounded, "SWEET!!" I suggested he get his own team together and give it a try. As the year progressed, my race partner (and fellow teacher) learned his wife was pregnant with their second child and, amazingly enough, the due date coincided with race day!

Meanwhile, Dan went from keeping up to flying by me on the bike; this got me thinking... maybe a new teammate for 24 Hours of Great Glen, The White Mountain Wheelers!

As a result, we have spent a lot of time together. We began by picking our name with helpful suggestions from many folks at The White Mountain School. Then it quickly became time for training rides together – long training rides. We also worked together to plan our nutrition for the race and bought lights and learned to ride at night. Our rides included days in dry conditions, super wet, rides at night, and rides in the super wet at night. The experience has been fun, exhausting, painful and wonderful. It has been a long and bumpy road, from night rides in the mud to casual rides on campus, and with a few more rides, and dinners together to get excited and plan out the details, we should be ready.

We are just racing to share this amazing experience, have fun, and see how we do. We do not expect to win or even be in the top few. I think Dan would agree that we have shared a great journey and learned a lot from each other.

# White Mountain Summer Update

by Ben Mirkin, Director of Summer Programs



After another fun and exciting summer at The White Mountain School I asked lots of people what they would like to do for a summer trip. A former student of mine, turned instructor said, "You should take a lucky group of teens on a true highlight tour of the Northeast." That inspired me to try to put that dream together.

In addition to Exploration and Expression and our Climbing and Kayak Skills Camps, we are proud to announce ULTIMATE NORTHEAST!! One day you are hiking the majestic Long Trail in Vermont, the next rock climbing at world renowned Rumney, then you are on a multi-day rafting trip, and much more. We participate in the best Northeastern activities. You will quickly discover why Ultimate is the only name that works!

We have decided to allow 12 White Mountain School students as well as 12 other teens from 14-16 years old to join us for this adventure.



## ULTIMATE NORTHEAST ADVENTURE ITINERARY

### *Backpack Vermont's Long Trail*

This is the oldest long distance hiking trail in the US. You will discover why it inspired the creation of so many others. Some days will be spent strolling through lush green hills, while others we will be scrambling around rocks on our way to spectacular views and beautiful campsites.

### *Rock Climbing at Rumney and Echo*

Spend a full day rock climbing at each of these legendary rock climbing areas. Both located in northern New Hampshire, they have hundreds of fantastic climbs for rock climbers of any ability level.

### *Overnight Whitewater Rafting Trip*

We take our journey over the next border and head to Maine's Kennebec River. Our first day we will learn to paddle our own sit on top kayaks starting in class I and II water before moving on to exciting class III sections. We will spend the night on the river and the next morning switch our kayaks for rafts to take on the infamous class IV Gorge and many other exciting rapids.

### *Backpacking at Katahdin*

We continue north to Baxter State Park, the home of Maine's highest peak, Katahdin. Most days will be spent backpacking, but all participants will have the opportunity to leave their packs in a base camp and take a day pack to try for Katahdin's summit and the most famous ridge in the Northeast, the Knife's Edge.

### *Raft Maine's Wildest Whitewater*

As we exit Baxter, we are at the West Branch of the Penobscot River. This class V rafting has spectacular views of Katahdin, if you can take your eyes off the huge water long enough to enjoy them. This ride is truly wild and exhilarating!

### *Summit the Northeast's Highest Peak*

We take a day to head up to our base camp on Mt. Washington. From there, we make an alpine start for the summit of this spectacular peak.

### *Appropriate Challenge*

These trips are suitable for students with little or no previous outdoor experience, as well as those seasoned in the ways of outdoor trips. Each student is offered the opportunity to choose different levels of challenge for each activity. A positive attitude and open mind are the two key ingredients to a great adventure. Students should be in good physical shape and ready to take on new challenges.

For additional information about White Mountain Summer's *Exploration and Expression, Ultimate Northeast, White Mountain Kayak Camp, White Mountain Climbing Camp*, check out the website at [www.whitemountain.org/wmsummer](http://www.whitemountain.org/wmsummer). To apply contact Ben Mirkin, Director of Summer Programs, [ben.mirkin@whitemountain.org](mailto:ben.mirkin@whitemountain.org); 603.444.2928 ext.40.





# In Memoriam

## Samuel W. Anderson

Former trustee, past parent and loyal supporter Samuel W. Anderson, age 58, passed away suddenly March 18, 2008. Sam was the loving husband of Kathy, nee Baxter; father of Samantha, Derek '00 and Benjamin '02; brother of Karen (Mark) Lega; uncle of Kristen and Michelle; son-in-law of Martha and Jack North; brother-in-law of Jane Baxter; preceded in death by his parents Margaret and Edwin Anderson. Sam was the retired managing partner of UBS Brinson. A memorial service was held on Monday, March 24, 2008.

## Reflections of Sam Anderson

by Ruth Cook, Board Chair Emerita

Sam was a colleague and a friend.

We were fortunate enough to have both Sam and Kathy's sons – Derek and Ben – get their high school education from White Mountain.

And we were blessed to have Sam as a member of our Board, sharing his good business sense, his passion, and his sometimes-mischievous sense of humor.

Sam was a rare personality – able to accomplish much in business yet at the same time remain a remarkable free spirit and affable human being.

When I emailed White Mountain trustees that I was going to be speaking today and wanted to express our respect and love for Sam, they sent me words and phrases that to them speak of Sam:

*appropriate sense of self with the absence of hubris*

*sparkling and oft-mischievous sense of humor*

*serious yet not solemn dedication to the needs of the school*

*passionate care and approach to school betterment*

*approachable and charismatic*

*outspokenness at times (which I loved)*

*One of the more interesting and affable characters I have been introduced to through WMS.*

*Passionate but with a gentle sense of humor and always willing to listen to other perspectives*

*Unassuming*

*An absolutely genuine sense of humility and wonder in the face of the grandness of nature*

Sam was definitely all of that.

With good grace he helped the School advance making it just a little bit easier for this small school to ask tough questions, make tough decisions and to survive during hard economic times.

For this wonderful school with only 100 students, and almost no endowment, it is a constant struggle between balanced

budgets and mission fulfillment.

It is our mission along with preparing young people for college studies, to educate them to understand who they are, how they can contribute to their communities, and how they can become responsible citizens of the changing planet.

There were many discussions between budget capability and mission progress.

One of the responsibilities of a trustee at The White Mountain School is to participate fully in meetings, speaking freely to issues consistent with one's conviction and conscience.

Sam was more than a businessperson and a trustee. He gave of himself to the young people.

I ran into a set of local parents the other night. They had learned of Sam's death. Leaving the restaurant they saw us and sat at our table wanting to talk about Sam and how he gave his heart to the kids – to their kids.

They were grateful that Sam was in their kids' lives giving them someone to talk with, that talking often to work through their relationship with their own parents.

If your dad was around, yet you needed someone else to talk to– even about your own dad, Sam was there for you. And if your father was not around, or if he was around but you were not in relationship with him at the time, you could count on Sam – could call him when you needed someone; talk with him; discuss with him; work with him; even go on college visits with him. "He taught us many hard things. We could learn them because of the way he taught us."

A teacher at WMS talking about Sam's relationship to kids, referred to Sam as "the glue."

Kathy, you are recognized as base camp. (Those of you who have taken a trip in the wilderness know the importance of a base camp.)

Yes, Sam was a person who gave a lot of himself – without taking credit.

(I can't end without speaking of my own most vivid memory of Sam)



It was at dinner, after the Board meeting that completed his tenure. Each of us, in turn, spoke to Sam, offering our gratitude for what he had done, and our love and respect for who he was.

I will never lose the image of the look on his face as he listened.

It was one of incredulousness. Are you talking about me?

When we finished, he sat there shaking his head, looking at us, a sense of wonder on his face, tears in his eyes. Then he spoke, slowly – about his feelings, about how much being a part of WMS had meant to him – about what he had received and how he had grown through the sense of community and caring.

In that moment, I felt that I was seeing a part of Sam that I had not seen before – a Sam who recognized how much he had given, and how much he had received; and was able to acknowledge it. Sam's legacy will live on at The White Mountain School. I am certain that his spirit –in his gentle way and with his compelling smile – will continue to look after it.

Thank you for letting me share the love and respect we have for our colleague and friend Sam. And thank you, Sam.

We will miss you in the White Mountains in northern New Hampshire.



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**Jessica Hart Brevelle '74**

Jessica's husband Jeff reports sadly that Jessica Brevelle passed away unexpectedly in November of 2007. She was born on March 8, 1956. Her funeral services were held on Monday, November 12, 2007 in the Delhomme Chapel. Reverend Morgan Allen, Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Lafayette officiated at her services. The interment took place in Fountain Memorial Gardens in Lafayette. Mrs. Brevelle, the daughter of the late Allan Dale Hart and the former Flora Mae Mitchell, was a native and resident of Lafayette. She was a strong advocate for the Humane Society and Multiple Sclerosis Association. Survivors include her husband, Jeff A. Brevelle; one son, John Brevelle; and one sister, Sandra Hart. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one infant brother.

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**Narcisse Chamberlain '42**

Narcisse, a highly respected cookbook editor and writer, died on Saturday, March 22, 2008, in New York City following a long illness. She was 83. In her more than 20 years as a senior editor at William Morrow and Company, Ms. Chamberlain edited many of the culinary lights of the last 40 years, including Michael Field, Anne Seranne, Michel Guerard, Jean Anderson, Fredy Girardet, Anne Willan, and Paul Prudhomme. Having been trained as a painter, she also edited a number of esteemed design books, including Needlepoint Design by Louis J. Gartner, Jr., and The Art of the Painted Finish by Isabel O'Neill. Ms. Chamberlain was the daughter of the well-known author, photographer and etcher, Samuel Chamberlain, and Narcissa G. Chamberlain, an accomplished cookbook writer. With her parents, Narcisse co-authored many books including *The Flavor of France* (1959), *The Flavor of Italy* (1965), and *French Menus for Parties* (1968). She was also a contributor to the 1988 and 2001 editions of *Clementine in the Kitchen*, a book originally authored by her father. Narcisse Chamberlain was born June 17, 1924, in Paris. When war threatened in 1939, the family settled permanently in Marblehead, Massachusetts. She attended St. Mary's-in-the-Mountains, now the The White Mountain School, in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, and received a B.A. from Bennington College in 1946. She began her career as a researcher for *Time* in New York City (1950-1952), and for *Newsweek* in Paris (1952-1953). Later she became an editor for *Gourmet* (1954-1956), and then moved to book publishing, serving as an editor with Hasting House and M. Barrows & Co., Inc. In 1968, she was appointed senior editor at William Morrow where she remained until her retirement.

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**Bertrand Juillerat '91**

Elisa Robinson McKleroy '92 reports sadly that Bert passed away on June 9, 2008 of a heart attack. Elisa remains in very close contact with Bert's family, and if you would like to get in touch with Elisa, please contact the Alumnae/i Office at White Mountain via alumni@whitemountain.org

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**Elizabeth Sawyer Klaeson '55**

Elizabeth Klaeson, 70, died on March 22, 2008, at the Dover Rehabilitation Center after a prolonged illness. Lee was the mother of Arthur (Ford) Klaeson and Mary (Pepper) McGlone, and was the daughter of the late George and Isabelle Sawyer, and was the sister of Geoff Sawyer and his wife Jaki, also of Durham. Other survivors are her daughter-in-law, Charmon Klaeson; her son-in-law, Barry McGlone; four grandchildren, James Klaeson, Amy and Brandi Lapierre, Trevor McGlone; one great grandchild, Benjamin McGlone; and one niece, Lissa Staven. She was a descendant of George Frost, New Hampshire representative to the first Continental Congress, and New Hampshire Gov. Charles Sawyer, as well as Silas Deane, the Revolutionary Era diplomat. Nathan Hale and Robert Frost were related family members. She grew up in Andover, MA, where she attended Abbot Academy (now part of Phillips Academy), as well as St. Mary's in the Mountains in Bethlehem, NH, Smith College and the Rhode Island School of Design where she met her husband, the late architect, A. Robert Klaeson. Lee was an active member of the First Parish Congregational Church in Dover. Lee's interests were varied, including cruising on the family boat, the Pilgrim; professional clothing design; and creation of various challenging board games. She was also an expert bridge player.

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**Martha McLane Rotch '32**

Martha McLane Rotch passed away on October 21, 2008 at the RiverMeade Retirement Community in Peterborough. She was 93. Martha was the daughter of "Aunt Dot", the mother of Peter Rotch, former Board Chair, and Aunt of Andy McLane who funded the renovation of the Main Building to name it for his Grandmother, "Aunt Dot." Martha graduated from St. Mary's School. St. Mary's was later named St. Mary's in the Mountains, and then The White Mountain School. She then took a post-graduate course at Concord Business School. She spent several summers at Camp Grey Rocks on Newfound Lake, where her mother had started a summer camp for girls. Martha graduated in 1937 with a bachelor's degree cum laude in

sociology from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she had been very active in the Smith Outing Club. After earning a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago in 1939, she went to work as a child welfare worker for the New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare.



Her interest in history led to her being president of the Milford Historical Society for five years.

Mrs. Rotch was an active Girl Scout for more than 70 years.

She served three terms on the Milford School Board. She was a member of the Milford Education Foundation for more than 20 years, and served as president of the N.H. School Boards Association. She was a member of the SAU 40 building committee in 1985.

She served as director and clerk of the N.H. Children's Aid Society (now Child and Family Services) in Manchester, and a director and president of The Webster House, a group home for teens, in Manchester.

Mrs. Rotch was active in the fight to save the Milford Town Hall, an activity that resulted in a vote to keep town offices on the Oval. She was appointed to the Town Hall Advisory Committee and elected vice chairman of that group. She chaired the subcommittee for the restoration of the auditorium. The family celebrated the Rotches' 50th wedding anniversary in 1990 with a reception in the unfinished auditorium, with gifts designated for the restoration project.

In 1993 Mrs. Rotch traveled to St. Louis, Mo., to accept the National Historic Conservation award for the restoration of the Milford Town Hall auditorium, one of only 20 such awards given each year.

She received the Woman of Achievement Award from the Milford chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club in 1988, and was named the Granite Grange's Citizen of the Year in 1995.

She was active in the New Hampshire Smith College Club, and served on the board of directors for the Smith College Alumnae Association.



# IN THE BEGINNING

## of this year

by Christin Sandhammer '09

The day of registration; what a whirlwind! So many new faces and names, all ready to dive right in to White Mountain "culture" and jump into Orientation.

Within a few minutes here and there we all begin to learn about each other with the common questions: Where are you from? What year are you? What Orientation trip are you going on?

The next morning we all reconvene in the Great Hall for the first of many morning meetings. We are all wished a great Orientation trip. And off we go!

While backpacking up and over the Bald Faces, a returning student says to one of our new students, "Tell us your life story."

This is just one of the ways that we begin to get to know each other; this is how we go from

being returning students and new students, to White Mountain School students.

When we have sufficiently learned about each other's pasts, made plans for the coming months, and laughed until we cried, we make the journey back to WMS; all of us having made a new friend or two and ready to make many more.

The next day, classes begin and we are all ready to see who we will be sharing our days with. We also meet or reconnect with our teachers that we will spend the next few months learning from, and maybe teaching them a thing or two as well.

With the 2008-2009 school year under way, we are all ready to work hard and play hard too. Here's to another great year at White Mountain!



*"It is the mission of the White Mountain School to prepare young people for rigorous college studies, and for life beyond formal academics, by helping them learn who they are, how they contribute to their communities, and how they can become responsible citizens of the changing planet."*

## A WOMAN ON A MISSION

by Maggie Lubanko '09

When asked to write a reflection about how The White Mountain School has affected me, I was sure that the assignment would be a piece of cake. Everyday I recognize that this School has given me so much, so how could it be hard to write about that? But when I actually sat down and started to think about what I was going to say, I realized it was actually going to be really, really difficult, simply because I have learned so much from this wonderful place that it was overwhelming to consider all at once! I was sitting at a table in the dining hall wondering where on earth to start, for quite a while, sipping tea from my mug and staring at the blank page of notebook that was waiting expectantly for me to begin. It wasn't until I drained the last few sips of Restaurant's Pride and put it back down on the table that my answer occurred to me.

On the back of the mug I had taken from the juice room was a sentence that is a part of everything we do here, that sentence is our mission statement. and it was then that I realized there was no better way to show the effect of The White Mountain School than to prove its mission true, for I have been blessed in that everything it promises I have gained in my time here, and continue to do so every day.

Academically, the first indicator that I have learned a lot at this school can be seen simply by looking at my grades. My first two years in a public high school I scraped by with low C's and D's, doing only what was asked of me and nothing more. Last year at this school my grades grew higher and higher with each passing semester, and I finished the year on the Honor Roll, which would have been unheard of during my previous years. I feel that this change came about for many reasons, one being that I was not simply asked to memorize information given to me out of a textbook, but to truly understand it enough that I could draw connections and even teach my own peers. Teachers challenged me to think outside the box, and even more importantly, they made the subjects they taught real.

I remember last year I was hiking with my pre-calculus teacher and we were sharing riddles. I was eagerly asking questions for each one, working hard to reason out the answer no matter how long it took. At the end of a particularly difficult riddle that I

had proudly solved, my teacher looked at me and said, "You know, pre-calculus is a lot like riddle solving." Math has always been a subject of great distaste to me, while riddles are one of my favorite pastimes, so I was outraged by his claims of similarity. When I expressed my vehement disapproval of the comparison he laughed but continued on, explaining that the process of solving a riddle includes constant questioning, keeping your mind open, and developing your present knowledge to obtain more throughout this progression. Now whenever I try to solve a math problem (or any problem, for that matter!), I imagine myself working on a riddle, and that method has been what has improved not only my grades and abilities in mathematics, but also my very opinion of the subject.

*At this school I have discovered more about the process of learning than ever before, which has been infinitely valuable in nearly every aspect of my life.*

It has shown me that I and only I have responsibility over my own education, and this knowledge has made me comfortable and ready for the challenge of college or any other intellectual interest I may have.

Beyond academics, this School is also a strong supporter of the philosophy of experiential education, which reaches far beyond the walls of a classroom. I don't just sit in a lecture hall and copy notes off of a chalkboard, I go outside and take part in what I am learning about, enabling me to experience it for myself, and that impact is far more powerful and lasting than mere textbook instruction. Another huge factor that aids in experiential education is seen in OLE (Outdoor Learning Expeditions), which is one of my favorite aspects of this school. Four times a year we go out into the wilderness with our peers and

do nothing but experience. We backpack, kayak, canoe, climb, and volunteer. We explore ourselves, the people we live with and the world around us. I learn more in those four days about who I am, how

I affect the people and world around me, and what I can do to bring about positive change than any class could ever teach you.

Even the day-to-day life here is full of experiences that shape my views of the world and of myself. Sports, work jobs, crew they're all important life lessons that show the power of community and hard work. I am taught how my actions affect those around me everyday, in nearly

everything I do (or don't do). I skip a crew and my friends and peers are forced to work extra hard to pick up the slack, or I share enthusiasm about a project and that positive vibe get others excited to take part as well. These things, as trivial or cumbersome as they sometimes may seem, reveal to me the type of person I am and help me realize how everything I do can contribute to my community. Through my time here I have discovered that I want to help the people around me, especially at this wonderful school, for it has done so much for me. I could not be the happy and healthy person I am proud to be today without the experiences I had here. Now I just want to spend my life helping others become as happy as I have discovered one can be.

And so this school has prepared me for more than just a future academic career. It had prepared me for life. I am ready to be a responsible citizen of our changing planet. In fact, my only qualm about college is that it could hold off the time I could spend helping to change the world. But I'm going to work my hardest to make sure that nothing, not even college, can hold me back.



Maggie Lubanko '09, School President





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