As I write, the campus is inspiringly and energetically full of young artists.

Just in the last week, for example, I gave a tour of Sweet Briar House to participants in our own BLUR program. These are high school students who are creating innovative and interdisciplinary art under the guidance of faculty and student interns. Because their projects engage a sense of place — because they in some manner respond to the specific beauty and history of Sweet Briar — BLUR students are always interested to learn more about our history and to explore every corner of the campus. I don’t think any other tour group has ever asked me so many questions!

Another evening I attended a performance of “The Taming of the Shrew” on the lawn behind Sweet Briar House — the first I’ve ever seen that featured a puppet! Sweet Briar sponsors the Blue Ridge Summer Theatre Festival in conjunction with Endstation Theatre Company, whose work is distinguished by its artistic commitment to place. “Taming,” therefore, was staged as if presented by a touring vaudeville company arriving in Lynchburg in the early 20th century.

On yet another afternoon I greeted families arriving to bring their children to the University of Virginia’s Young Writers Workshop. UVa holds this program on our campus because we provide an unparalleled environment for young writers. The beauty of the campus inspires them, the expanse of the campus gives them room to roam and explore, the quiet of the campus gives them occasion to pause and reflect.

All these young artists are experiencing for a summer what we here on campus — and you as alumnae — know so well already: Sweet Briar is a special, inspiring and moving place. The education we offer is enriched immeasurably by the fact that it is offered here.

But the real value of time spent in this magical place, as generations of alumnae have proved, is that it prepares students to go out into the world and do remarkable things. You’ll read in this issue about Candince McMillian’s work in New Orleans and Sally Haas’ work in Haiti, for example. Professor Tom O’Halloran, like many faculty, travels with his students to locations where they can encounter new phenomena and gain hands-on experience, as this issue’s photo essay demonstrates.

Each of these stories tells of people prepared in this magical place to go out and improve the experience of people in other, less fortunate places. Proud as I am of our campus, I am even prouder of stories like these.

Best wishes for the remainder of the summer.

Jo Ellen Parker
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IN APRIL, PHYSICAL PLANT WORKERS AND naturalist-in-residence Mike Hayslett installed two “bat condos” on the wetland behind the Nature Center. Local bat expert and condo donor Bonnie Miles stopped by to get a closer look at the final result, which will provide roosting habitat for up to 1,000 bats.

The Central Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists funded the installation.

More than a Pretty Picture

READERS MAY RECALL SPENCER BEALL’S image from the last issue of this publication. College photographer Meridith De Avila Khan’s CASE award-winning photograph depicts her in Cochran Library, engrossed in the books spread before her. Beall was working on her Honors Summer Research project, selecting and translating art commentaries by influential French writers such as Charles Baudelaire and Marcel Proust.

Now Beall and her mentor, Professor Marie-Thérèse Killiam, have compiled the translations, paired with images of the referenced artwork, into a 353-page Apple iBook, “Painting With Words: Writers’ Transpositions of Masterpieces into Art,” released in March. The commentaries reveal how modern culture has evolved and how social norms, perspectives and tastes have been shaped by famous artworks and by reactions to them. The compilation shows how art has inspired writers to “paint with words.”

Beall, who just completed her junior year in Paris, is majoring in French, history and art history, with a minor in medieval and Renaissance studies. She hopes one day to practice art law.
CHRISTY JACKSON IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MEDIA, marketing and communications. She arrives from Radford University, where she was leading the university relations office following the retirement of its executive director. Jackson began her career as the public relations coordinator for the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, where she advanced to interim director of public relations and communications in 2009.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in communication, with a concentration in public relations and minor in political science, and a master’s in corporate and professional communication, both from Radford.

Jackson is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the College Communicators Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

VINTAGE ARTIFACTS FROM THE OLD DAIRY ARE NOW on view at Sweet Briar Museum, along with farm tools from Sweet Briar’s pre-College days. “‘I have lately bought me a Plantation’: A Brief Survey of Farming and Land Use at Sweet Briar” opened this past spring in Whitley Gallery and will run through March 2014.
Endstation Premieres ‘In Sweet Remembrance’

AN ORIGINAL PLAY ABOUT SWEET BRIAR’S COMPLEX PAST made its first public appearance in March when a cast of actors — including Sweet Briar students and hired professionals — read the entire manuscript to a packed house in Pannell Gallery. Endstation Theatre Company’s Michael Stablein Jr. directed the performance.

“In Sweet Remembrance” by playwright Tearrance A. Chisholm was commissioned by Endstation, Sweet Briar and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. The play pays tribute to the significant role of the black community throughout the College’s history.

Chisholm, who lives in Washington, D.C., has spent the past four summers researching Sweet Briar’s cultural and historical background to create a play that “explores the landscape of its past, discovers the contours of its present and realizes its future.” “In Sweet Remembrance” will be staged as part of the Blue Ridge Summer Theatre Festival in 2014.

In his writing, Chisholm explores the many faces of the African-American experience. The theme of race as a double-edged sword of advantages and shortcomings permeates his works, including “Burning Books,” “Liddy’s Sammiches, Potions & Baths,” “Vulpicide” and “A Month of Sundays.”

Integration at Sweet Briar

SPRING 2013 MARKED 50 YEARS since a group of Sweet Briar students, faculty and alumnae asked President Anne Gary Pannell and the board of directors to seek legal counsel to discover in what way, if any, the restriction laid forth by Indiana Fletcher Williams in her will for the College to educate “white girls and young women” was still binding. This request began a multi-year, complex journey to the College becoming an integrated institution. Over the next four years, Sweet Briar will commemorate significant dates in this historic process.

**Nov. 2, 1963**

The board of directors instructs its executive committee to “take whatever legal action may be necessary and appropriate to secure a judicial determination as to whether we may, consistently with the charitable purposes of Indiana Fletcher Williams, admit qualified persons to Sweet Briar College, regardless of race.”

**Aug. 17, 1964**

The College files a bill of complaint in Amherst Circuit Court to reinterpret the will.

**June 3, 1965**

Judge C. G. Quesenbery rules against Sweet Briar with support from the attorney general of Virginia, who urges the court to uphold the College’s original charter.
“...I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free ...”

—from the Emancipation Proclamation

Joining Voices

SWEET BRIAR’S CHAMBER CHOIR WAS ONE OF 21 choral groups from Virginia colleges and universities invited to join a 200-strong choir ensemble to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. The performance was held April 13 at Richmond CenterStage’s Carpenter Theater.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission of the Virginia General Assembly partnered with the Richmond Symphony to produce the concert, which was one of the signature events of the commission’s celebration of the anniversary of emancipation.

The program featured national and state luminaries, as well as music written during and after the Civil War period by nationally acclaimed Virginia composers and artists.


Marcia Jones Thom directs the Sweet Briar choir, with accompaniment by pianist Anna Billias.

JUNE 11, 1965

Sweet Briar files federal forms signifying its intent to admit African-Americans in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The decision to do so comes despite the June 3 court ruling denying the College’s request to amend its charter to eliminate a race restriction clause. Although the immediate filing is an attempt to preserve federal funding while the case is being litigated, Sweet Briar’s board remains committed to the fight for desegregation.

MAY 28, 1966

Sweet Briar’s board is advised by counsel that, under the injunction granted in the U.S. District Court, it is free to exercise its best judgment on the College’s admission policy. After discussion and deliberation, the board passes a resolution that sets forth a policy “unrestricted as to race, creed or color.”

AUG. 31, 1966

Sweet Briar College admits its first African-American student, Marshalynn Yeargin-Allsopp ’68.

MAY 29, 1967

With two justices dissenting, the U.S. Supreme Court reverses the judgment of the District Court and orders the case remanded for consideration on its merits. This action forces the three-judge panel in the District Court to render an opinion, from which it has previously abstained.

JULY 17, 1967

Without hearing further argument, the three-judge panel in the District Court rules unanimously to forbid the current attorney general of Virginia, the commonwealth’s attorney of Amherst County and their successors from ever seeking to enforce a racial restriction on admission to Sweet Briar College. The commonwealth of Virginia does not appeal.
BETTY SKEEN ’07 RETURNED TO CAMPUS WITH PEARSONWIDRIG DANCETHEATER in a Babcock Season event this spring. Skeen caught the attention of artistic directors Sara Pearson and Patrik Widrig at the University of Maryland, where they had arrived to teach as she was completing her M.F.A. “I was just blown away,” Pearson says of Skeen’s work as both a dancer and choreographer. “This is exactly the kind of art I long to see and rarely do.”

According to Pearson, Sweet Briar has acquired a kind of “mythic significance” at UMD because of Skeen. “We think of [it] as an oasis of the next generation of feminist creativity,” she says.

Skeen showed star potential as an undergraduate, too. She earned recognition in a regional dance competition and was singled out in a Washington Post review for a performance with Joy of Motion Dance Center. Today, Skeen lives and works in New York City. She collaborates on and off with PEARSONWIDRIG and was a guest choreographer at UMD this spring.
In February, AREVA Inc. gave $35,000 to be the title sponsor of the AREVA Explore Engineering program at Sweet Briar for the summer and fall of 2013 and spring of 2014. Although AREVA has collaborated with the College’s Margaret Jones Wyllie ’45 Engineering Program in the past, it has not previously underwritten the four-year-old Explore Engineering series, and is the first sponsor to do so.

Sweet Briar hosts three Explore events a year for high school girls, including a weeklong residential camp that immerses the students in both the college experience and the possibilities of an engineering career. The summer program and spring and fall weekend mini-camps are hands-on, team-based courses structured to emphasize creativity, problem solving and design principles.

So far, more than 200 high school girls from across the country have attended one or more of the camps. For AREVA, sponsoring the program is an exceptional opportunity to serve the community where it works. And it makes good business sense.

“As AREVA faces a shortage of qualified engineers, this program is a great fit for our workforce development strategy because it addresses both the STEM education and diversity gaps in our country,” said Gary Mignogna, AREVA Inc. senior vice president of engineering and projects. “By supporting local STEM programs like this one, we’re ensuring the future success of not only our company, but of our region as a whole.”

Sweet Briar is one of only two women’s colleges in the U.S. to offer an ABET-accredited engineering degree. The curriculum focuses on mechanical engineering while engaging students in opportunities to improve the quality of life for others through engineering design.

“AREVA’s investment in educating women engineers in and for Central Virginia represents the best kind of partnership between business and higher education for the good of the community,” said President Jo Ellen Parker. “Sweet Briar is proud of Explore Engineering and its relationship with AREVA.”
Lending a Hand in Brazil

KATE FANTA (LEFT) AND KIERA CAVALLERI, SOPHOMORE ENGINEERING SCIENCE majors, demonstrate a vestibular therapy game designed for children with autism or other sensory input disorders at an occupational therapy clinic in Ihéus, Brazil. Students in Sweet Briar’s Technology and Society: A Global Perspective course collaborated long-distance with engineering students from St. Ambrose University in Iowa to design and produce several low-cost assistive devices to address the clinic’s needs for treating patients with impairments ranging from autism to complete paralysis.

Cavalleri was part of the team that developed the vestibular therapy game, which aids visual focus and movement coordination in patients who experience symptoms related to inner-ear function. The cylindrical drum rotates on a clock mechanism donated at the team’s request by Harding’s Clocks and Music Boxes in nearby Amherst, Va. The colored shapes on the drum match identical markers on a wobble board, which the patient leans toward the corresponding shape as the cylinder turns.

Bakich Joins CIA Roundtable

SPENCER BAKICH, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL affairs, participated in a roundtable discussion sponsored by the National Intelligence Council at CIA headquarters. He joined national security and intelligence experts to speak about his forthcoming book, “Success and Failure in Limited War: Information and Strategy in the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and Iraq Wars,” and its implications for the U.S.

Bakich’s research for the book, slated for publication in March 2014, examines how the pattern of information flow in the national security bureaucracy directly affected the outcomes of significant foreign policy events over the past seven decades, according to the University of Chicago Press. His analysis has particular relevance for today’s policymakers as they evaluate U.S. responses to current events, such as the civil war in Syria.

The importance of information collection, analysis and sharing to national security is well understood, but making good strategic decisions depends on how information is managed and used, Bakich argues. Information institutions must allow leaders to understand the complex strategic environments in which they act, so they can effectively coordinate the military and diplomatic elements of limited war strategies.

“The focus of my book is on the ability of countries to secure their military objectives while avoiding undesired escalation,” Bakich says.
‘Steeling’ Back to Trinidad 
as Mednick Fellow

JEFFREY JONES, VISITING ASSISTANT professor of music, has received a 2013 Maurice L. Mednick Memorial Fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

Jones is a percussionist, composer and musicologist who studies and performs the music of cultures around the world. He received the award in support of his research project “Music Education and Community Development in Southern Trinidad.” In collaboration with the Trinidadian pan orchestra Skiffle Steel, Jones has been analyzing the value of indigenous pan music to the country’s cultural and social environment since 2006. His most recent visit to Trinidad came during winter break, when he performed with Skiffle at the 2013 Panorama — a world competition that is to pan players the equivalent of a Carnegie Hall recital. Between rehearsals and performances, Jones also conducted his research, which is grounded in participant-observation ethnography. He plans to return this summer to continue his fieldwork.

“[M]y specific focus will be on piloting a documentation protocol and teacher training program that will allow Skiffle to enhance the music learning process,” he said.

Ultimately, Jones plans to publish a book about the social implications of pan playing.
WHEN ELIZABETH HANSBROUGH RECEIVED AN EMAIL summoning her to see the president the morning of April 17, she guessed she was either in trouble or, maybe, she was about to be awarded Sweet Briar’s highest all-around student honor. She quickly decided it wasn’t the former.

“If I was in trouble, they would have sent me to Dean Steele,” she said, reasoning the dean of co-curricular life would handle all but the worst offenses. “If I’d done something that bad, I’d know about it.”

She also knew she’d be in Baltimore for the American National Riding Commission Championships during the 2013 Awards Convocation on the afternoon of Friday, April 19, when the Presidential Medalist was to be announced. So she allowed herself to think it might be possible. Still, there was “disbelief, shock, but then I felt humbled and really flattered,” Hansbrough says. “I love this school so much that to receive this honor, I can’t put it into words.”

The Presidential Medal, a replica of the medal of office worn by President Jo Ellen Parker on ceremonial occasions, is given each year to a graduating senior who represents the full range of the College’s educational values. It recognizes intellectual achievement in addition to distinction in some combination of community service; the arts; global awareness; fitness and athletic achievement; and leadership, civility and integrity.

Every Sweet Briar student knows the medal’s significance and for Hansbrough, it is a tangible symbol. Never one to speak out in high school, the natural leader who emerged at Sweet Briar was a surprise.

“Being at Sweet Briar has helped me overcome so many insecurities. It’s the pinnacle that shows how much I changed for the better by coming here — that I’ve become the intelligent woman I wanted to be,” she says.

Hansbrough graduated with a business management major and a government minor, and also received the Equine Studies Certificate. She was a Sweet Briar Scholar, Pannell Honors Scholar and 2012 Cramer Scholar. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Sigma Beta Delta honor societies, and served as her junior class president and vice president of the Student Government Association as a senior.

In April, Hansbrough was named an Old Dominion Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete for 2013. An accomplished equestrian, she rode on several competitive teams and was head of the Riding Council.

This summer, the San Diego native begins a nine-month leadership development program in business banking at BB&T in Winston-Salem, N.C. Upon completion, she is guaranteed a job with the company.
WHITNEY-GUION PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS SCOTT HYMAN'S SEARCH CONTINUES EVEN as he concludes a sabbatical year spent scouring the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. He is looking for transient radio emissions from astronomical sources such as neutron stars, extra-solar planets, supernovae, and, maybe, previously undiscovered types of objects. It has happened before.

Hyman received a College grant to fund two monthlong visits to the Expanded Very Large Array operations center in Socorro, N.M., as part of his research. He and his collaborators from the Naval Research Laboratory and other institutions make their observations by studying data collected from radio telescopes around the world, including the National Radio Astronomy Observatory’s EVLA and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope in India. They focus on low-frequency, wide-field imaging techniques that are more likely to detect transient sources than radio waves collected at higher frequencies.

In 2004, Hyman and several Sweet Briar students were part of a team that detected a new bursting transient source, which led to an article published in Nature. He hopes to make more such discoveries with help from student researchers.

In addition to his ongoing work, Hyman and his colleagues from the NRL and NRAO are monitoring a rare cosmic event through observations from the EVLA and GMRT. The giant black hole, known as Sagittarius A* (pronounced A-star), at the center of Earth’s galaxy is gobbling up a gas cloud speeding toward it. From observatories around the globe, scientists are watching as it devours what amounts to a snack for Sgr A*, which has a mass about 4 million times greater than our sun.

Early models predicted peak noshing will occur in September, but calculations vary, says Hyman, who cautions the event may be a dud from a radio emissions standpoint. In fact, some models suggest emissions peaked in February or March. Watchers could have missed weaker-than-expected activity, especially because it is taking place at the limits of what scientists can detect. Still, it is one of the most closely observed astronomical events to date, using the most sensitive telescopes ever built.
ANRC Champs!

SWEET BRIAR’S NOVICE AND NATIONAL TEAMS TOOK HOME THE ANRC champion and reserve champion titles respectively at the 2013 American National Riding Commission’s National Intercollegiate Equitation Championship in April.

Riding for the novice team were Kathleen Drake ’14, Brianna Belter ’13 and Abigail Strohmeyer ’16. Ali Davidson ’13, Liz Koslow ’13 and Olivia Smith ’14 represented the College on the national team. Elizabeth Hansbrough ’13 also competed as an individual.

Among other accomplishments, Koslow won the medal course, Drake was the overall novice individual champion, Belter was the overall novice individual reserve champion and Smith was the overall national individual reserve champion.
Led by Duberg Professor of Ecology Linda Fink, President Parker, staff and family members learned about the natural history of the 17-year cicada brood in 2013. The group visited an area near the slave cemetery on May 29, where the males’ loud chorus made their abundant presence in the trees known.

AS SOIL TEMPERATURES WARMED IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA this spring, 17-year cicadas began appearing on campus around May 1. Soon they could also be heard.

Distinct from annual cicadas, the red-eyed periodical variety live most of their lives feeding on tree roots beneath the surface, emerging as nearly adult nymphs once every 13 or 17 years, depending on the brood. After molting a last time, the adults live above ground for a few weeks to reproduce.

The adult males attract females with their synchronized singing, moving every so often to a new copse. This mobile “chorus” is among the loudest sounds in nature.

Females gouge out small furrows in live twigs, laying about 20 eggs in each slit. Once they hatch, the nymphs fall to the ground, where they burrow and begin another cycle. The 2013 brood was last seen at Sweet Briar in 1996.
**Field Hockey**

Aug. 31 @ Sewanee Noon
Sept. 1 @ Sewanee vs. Transylvania 1 p.m.
Sept. 7 @ Hood 2 p.m.
Sept. 14 Notre Dame of Maryland University 3 p.m.
Sept. 18 @ Randolph-Macon (Ashland)* 4 p.m.
Sept. 21 @ Goucher 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 Neumann 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 25 @ Frostburg 5 p.m.
Sept. 29 Virginia Wesleyan* 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 Shenandoah* 1 p.m.
Oct. 8 Washington and Lee* 4:45 p.m.
Oct. 12 @ Eastern Mennonite* Noon
Oct. 16 @ Lynchburg* 7 p.m.
Oct. 19 Roanoke* 3 p.m.
Oct. 27 @ Bridgewater* 1 p.m.

**Soccer**

Aug. 30 William Peace 6 p.m.
Sept. 7 @ Trinity (D.C.) 1 p.m.
Sept. 14 Christendom Noon
Sept. 18 Emory & Henry* 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 @ Bridgewater* 11 a.m.
Sept. 28 Randolph-Macon (Ashland)* 2 p.m.
Oct. 2 @ Roanoke* 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 @ Guilford* 2 p.m.
Oct. 9 Hollins* 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 @ Eastern Mennonite* 7 p.m.
Oct. 16 Randolph* 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 Washington and Lee* 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 @ Lynchburg* 7 p.m.
Oct. 26 Shenandoah* 3 p.m.
Oct. 29 @ Virginia Wesleyan* 4 p.m.

**Tennis**

Sept. 7-8 Vixen Invitational at Sweet Briar All day
Sept. 15 Tournament at Sweet Briar All day
Sept. 21-22 ITA Regionals at Mary Washington All day

**Swimming**

Oct. 11 @ Women’s College Invitational (Converse) 6 p.m.
Oct. 12 @ Women’s College Invitational (Converse) 10:30 a.m.
Oct. 19 @ ODAC Relay Meet (Washington and Lee)* Noon
Oct. 26 Greensboro 1 p.m.
Nov. 2 @ Randolph-Macon (Ashland)* 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 Ferrum College 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 @ Washington and Lee* 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 @ Emory & Henry* with Guilford* 1 p.m.
Nov. 15 @ Bridgewater* 6 p.m.
Jan. 20 @ Hollins* 6 p.m.
Feb. 7-9 ODAC Championships* All day

* Denotes conference play

This schedule is subject to change. For the most up-to-date athletics information, visit vixenathletics.com.
ROCKS

TRACY HAMILTON’S “LAND AS ART” CLASS TRAVELED to New York City in February to explore how art is expressed in an urban landscape.

On a morning walk along Battery Park in Manhattan, students visited the National September 11 Museum & Memorial before heading south to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, where they viewed Andy Goldsworthy’s “Garden of Stones” (2003).

The garden is made up of 18 glacial boulders with dwarf chestnut oaks sprouting from the fire-seared holes in the center of each stone. The number of rocks represents life in the Hebrew tradition.

“The monument’s process of creation and its subsequent growth speak of both fragility and permanence and memorialize those who perished in the Holocaust and those who survived it,” said Hamilton, an associate professor of art history.

The next stop, located on the northern end of Battery Park, was the Irish Hunger Memorial, which is also composed of stone, soil and plant. The monument is meant to commemorate the famine that brought about the death of about 1 million Irish in the mid-19th century and then an exodus of millions more who traveled to the United States. Designed by artist Brian Tolle, landscape architect Gail Wittwer-Laird and 1100 Architect, it is organized around a path that slopes upward toward the Hudson River through a landscape made of rocks and plants brought from the 32 counties of Ireland.
CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT:

The Pilgrim’s Stone, one of the rocks that comprise the Irish Hunger Memorial in New York City’s Battery Park.

Land as Art students pose in Andy Goldsworthy’s “Garden of Stones.”

The Irish Hunger Memorial from a different angle.

Hunger Memorial photos by Margret Wood ’13
Tales from the Shore
Photos by Dan Addison
TOM O’HALLORAN, ASSISTANT professor of environmental science, and his oceanography class spent the last weekend in April hiking through the salt marshes on Hog Island. Along with Sweet Briar marine biologist John “Shark Man” Morrissey, the class stayed at the Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center, which is part of the University of Virginia’s Department of Environmental Sciences.

The group explored the 7-mile-long island and came face to face with various forms of sea life.

Located on the Eastern Shore, Hog Island is one of 14 barrier islands that make up the Virginia Coast Reserve. It features shallow lagoons with extensive mudflats, tidal marshes and mainland watersheds extending 70 miles along the seaward margin of the Delmarva Peninsula.

The reserve was created in the 1970s by the Nature Conservancy and has since been designated a United Nations International Man and Biosphere Reserve. The barrier islands are largely uninhabited due to the rising sea level, which causes them to migrate toward land by as much as 40 feet in a single year.

The reserve is ideal for the study of coastal processes: events that might take decades elsewhere can be observed over the span of just a few years.
Poetry’s Landscape

THIS SPRING, VISITING ASSISTANT professor of English John Casteen taught Poetry and the Environment, a class in which students studied the landscape of contemporary poetry through selected readings focused on such environmental themes as wilderness, nature, the city, the suburb, the industrial zone, the farm, virtual and online experience and culture.

Students also wrote their own poems. “Stalking the Trees” was written by Nina Kappel ’15, an English and creative writing major from Rye, N.Y.

“I took this course because of my love for poetry,” Kappel says. “It’s helped me realize, more than anything, the ways in which I want to live my life.”
It’s hard not to think of the cold,
As the wind, and degree change
Make my head begin to ache. Cold snap
After a couple days of warmth
Brings days of howling, and skies
Of grey. Or the harsh winter
Sun that makes the ache
Sting; and all I can do
Is wrap my arms tightly around
Myself, and get to where I’m going.

I couldn’t have written this
In bitterness — with numb fingers, and a hatred
I’m guilty of. I can’t write in that. But now,
As I’m warm, and curled up, I remember:
I do more than just go. I think of the cold;
I think of the dull brown trees, and the dry
Faded grass. So many
Dull brown trees — with their mess
Of scraggly branches. I long for the bright hues
Of springtime . . .

I’ve been stalking the trees,
And the buds are growing — slowly.
Taking their sweet time, and I’ve wondered,
While gazing, what they might be
Waiting for. So in the stark wind of Wednesday
Morning, I thought: Could it be
Me? As if I was the one that the world
Revolved around. As if the flowers
Were waiting on me to bloom — to settle into the good
Habits, and flourish.

But the flowers, and the soft green grass will come,
Even if I don’t go anywhere.
So I’ll be going now.

— Nina Kappel ’15
Intellectual pursuits ... for Fun!

“Why is chocolate so yummy?”

“What causes pancake bubbles?”
THE ANNE GARY PANNELL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP IS AN OPEN-ENDED invitation to pursue intellectual curiosity. The competitive program was created to reward exceptional first-year students with the opportunity to fully explore an area of interest during their sophomore year — for the pure joy of it.

The award is applied to students’ tuition and project funding. It can be used for research, creative endeavors, or travel for academic purposes or service. Nine sophomores earned Pannell Scholarships for 2012-2013.

Ashley Baker, a chemistry major who minors in English and creative writing, created a blog that makes science fun and accessible — even for those of us who still have vivid nightmares about that high school class. “Chemistry for Everyone” explores questions we all may have posed at one time or another, including “Why do pancakes have bubbles?” or “What makes apple cider go ‘bad?’”

Kelsey Barta, an engineering major, developed and hosted “Engineering for Girls,” a series of after-school workshops for local middle school girls aimed at piquing their interest in the field of engineering.

Rachel Byrd’s research on sustainable agriculture for her project, “Going Beyond Organic,” took her to a number of working farms and markets for first-hand experience and observations. Byrd’s research went well beyond her majors, which are Spanish and international affairs.

Khirsten Cook (English and creative writing major with minors in art history and medieval and Renaissance studies) and Gabriela Herrera (double-major in liberal studies and Spanish) undertook “Diminishing the Gap” to develop teaching aids that help student teachers better engage with English language learners.

Lydia Ethridge, who majors in history, French and Spanish, traveled to France in pursuit of her longstanding interest in the development of the Versailles palace as a political device of the French monarchy to control the nobility beginning in the late 17th century. Her project, “Château de Versailles: A Gilded Cage,” is just the beginning of her academic research.

Fumin Li, an engineering major and math minor, examined traffic patterns and driver behavior on campus for her project, “Traffic Data Collecting and MATLAB Modeling of Part of Sweet Briar Road.”

Kaitlin Schaal, a biology major with minors in chemistry and English and creative writing, conducted a self-directed study of sword-and-shield fighting and two-handed sword fighting for her project, “Rediscovering Western European Historical Swordsmanship.”

Kasey Stewart’s “Doctors Without Borders: Phase One” was intended to explore her plan to work as a physician with Doctors Without Borders. The Spanish and art history major and Latin American studies minor continues to take pre-med classes, but is adjusting some of her career plans as a result of her travel experiences in Costa Rica.

To read “Chemistry for Everyone,” scan or visit chemforeveryone.blog.sbc.edu/
When Guion Science Center was dedicated on April 22, 1966, President Anne Gary Pannell introduced Connie Guion, saying her life epitomized a belief in women’s education.

“She stands as an ideal of the goal toward which every woman must aspire — to educate herself to the limit of her abilities and contribute her talents to the betterment of society wherever she finds herself.”

Pannell could cite ample evidence for the statement, including that Sweet Briar’s new science hall was the second building to bear her name.

A few years earlier, the new outpatient wing of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center was named the Connie Guion Building — a first for a living woman doctor. It was the new home of the Cornell Pay Clinic, which she had helped establish in 1922 and later led as its chief.

The clinic revolutionized outpatient care for New York’s poor and working-class residents, creating a model that was implemented across the country and is evident today.

By then, Guion was already noted for shaking things up, with characteristic wit and common sense. In 1918 at Bellevue Hospital, she challenged the long ambulance shifts required of her as an intern, and succeeded in getting them changed from 24 to 12 hours.

“I think it is inhuman to make interns hang on the back of an ambulance 24 hours at a time,” she told the superintendent, according to a profile in Look magazine (“The amazing Doctor Guion,” Sept. 12, 1961).

He told her it had been that way for 100 years. “Well,” she replied, “the century’s up.”

During the internship, she began teaching at Cornell University Weill Medical College, where she had graduated at the top of her class. Guion taught in addition to running a private practice in New York, which she maintained into her late 80s. She became the nation’s first woman to be promoted to full professor of clinical medicine in 1946.

Of course, all that happened after she made her first impression on Sweet Briar as a chemistry and physics
teacher from 1908 to 1913. The Lincolnton, N.C., native had delayed medical school to help put two younger sisters through school, as an older sister had helped her. She was the ninth of 12 children. According to Look, she did not learn to read until age 10.

Guion appreciated founding president Mary Benedict’s determination to make Sweet Briar viable without compromising her vision for its mission. When Benedict arrived in June 1906, there were four impressive new buildings — but only two faculty members and one student enrolled for the coming fall.

In a 1959 Founders’ Day keynote address, Guion said, “How simply Mary Benedict could have answered all the problems that confronted her — both financial and academic — had she decided to build here a stylish boarding school where girls could be prepared to cook, to sew, to paint, to become musicians, linguists — in short to be accomplished young ladies and promising wives. This she would not do because she believed that Indiana Fletcher had higher ideals for the education of women.”

Although Guion’s time at Sweet Briar was short, she recognized that she and her colleagues were building something special. She saw it among the students, about whom she wrote, “Everywhere I was conscious of a spirit of ownership or a better word is partnership, a spirit of jealousy for this growing young college.”

If memories of Guion have faded, her path is nonetheless well-traveled by Sweet Briar women such as Dr. Laura Lee Rihl Joiner ’96. Joiner was her class valedictorian and the Presidential Medalist, among other honors. She attended medical school on an Army scholarship and served until 2007.

As an OB-GYN, Joiner has devoted her career to women’s health, often working with underserved groups — the Iraqi Women’s Initiative while deployed, caring for women veterans in a system built for men, and directing a clinic for lower-income clients. She also held numerous teaching positions and recently left the University of Alabama to work in private practice.

And she is raising three children.

Joiner admires Guion’s pluck — and appreciates it. “She would have been unusual in her time,” she says. “It is because of trailblazers like Dr. Guion that women are so readily a part of medicine today. … I have met no resistance during my career to the idea that I could not only be a doctor and an Army officer, but also a wife and mother.”
Candince McMillian was 21 years old when she graduated from Sweet Briar in 1998. Drawn home to New Orleans by her ailing grandmother, the philosophy major moved back in with her mother. She took a job at Tulane University Law School’s library and enrolled part time in a master’s program. At 22, she had saved enough money to buy a cheap house in Central City — a rough neighborhood, but close to work. McMillian didn’t realize how rough until bullets came flying through her front door and windows.
Before she moved in, she’d only been there during the day, but at night, the “raggedy” bar opposite her home came dangerously alive.

“I could walk right outside my door and see a guy hustling on the corner,” she remembers. “The bar room across the street was a stage for a lot of negative behavior and activity, a lot of violence, and several people were killed there.”

McMillian understood that the real problem wasn’t crime — it was lack of opportunity and employment. Crime and drug use were only consequences.

“Some people truly do not know how to go about desiring better, seeking better and becoming better; they feel trapped and lost; they lack the tools necessary to navigate them to change,” she explains.

Witnessing this dilemma began to tear at her spirit, but instead of moving to a safer area, she wanted to do something about it.

“I knew God had placed me here for a purpose,” she says.

McMillian began purchasing blighted structures in her neighborhood and turning them into federally funded Section 8 housing. Her investments helped pay for her master’s in philosophy, but they also did something far more important: They provided decent living spaces for people who had no plumbing, no job and no hope for a better life.

After the storm

When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, McMillian decided to help rebuild the city full time. By then, she was partners with Johnnie A. Holden, a successful contractor, and was licensed in construction and real estate.

Spending more time in her community made a big impact. Neighbors who had once shunned her began letting her into their lives.

“For a long time, nobody wanted to talk to me,” she recalls. “I would later learn that they thought I was an undercover police officer; after all, no black person who had ‘made it’ would dare come live in the hood.”

They started asking her for help with job applications, to use her computer, or for work. Before she knew it, McMillian was running a community center from her living room.
“It was in working with truly disadvantaged, impoverished young men and women that I learned so much about who they truly were, what they truly desire for themselves, and how, if just given an opportunity to do right, they wouldn’t choose wrong,” she says.

“Eventually, people in my community stopped looking like strangers, and started looking more like myself to me.”

A new way
After 5-year-old Brianna Allen was killed at a birthday party in May 2012, McMillian rented a bus and invited all 4- to 17-year-olds in the neighborhood on a trip to Skate Country.

“I expected about twenty kids to show up, at best, but when I pulled up there were fifty-five excited kids eager to board the bus,” she wrote in a letter to New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu last summer.

The letter asked the mayor for help with her project, “Exodus Place.” Last year, McMillian purchased the now closed bar across the street for $55,000 and began turning it into a community center. The center will provide an apprenticeship program for young, disadvantaged African-Americans, as well as resources such as computers, printers and washing machines. It will also offer after-school tutoring and free dance lessons, gymnastics and karate for children.

McMillian & Holden have teamed up with the nonprofit organizations APEX Youth Center, Shalom Zone and Jericho Road to cover the job training.

“We will provide them with on-site work opportunities and expose them to various aspects of construction so that they will acquire a set of practical skills that are transferrable,” she says.

The mayor’s “NOLA For Life” initiative helped sponsor the center by donating $10,000 to APEX, with $5,000 going toward the renovation, and the other half toward the apprenticeship program.

Upstairs, the building houses three affordable apartment units, which McMillian created in collaboration with Responsibility House to help female drug addicts stay clean.

The rental income has helped to fund the renovation downstairs, but unexpected structural issues have
slowed down its completion. Initially set to open in January, the 2,000-square foot community center will now be finished this summer — if McMillian manages to raise enough funds.

**Spirit catches on**

Despite the current freeze on her project, McMillian is overwhelmed by the support she has received so far. When The Times-Picayune reported on “Exodus Place” last fall, she heard from people all over New Orleans. A fundraiser with local churches and nonprofit organizations brought in nearly $10,000 — and it triggered something else, too.

“The most impressive response has been the diversity that the initiative attracted, in terms of people stepping up to be mentors, teach dance for free, teach karate for free,” McMillian says. “That’s very important for this community, and that’s what we need around here.”

The support has stretched far beyond New Orleans. A post on Sweet Briar’s website last fall prompted many alumnae to reach out to McMillian, who shies away from social media and admits she isn’t good at keeping in contact with most classmates.

“I was really touched by the amount of support I received from the SBC community,” she says. “I just got flooded with emails of support from my SBC sisters, and it just made so much of a difference as far as encouragement and motivation, so I’m very happy. Several people made donations and sent checks to Exodus Place — you know, keeping with the SBC spirit. I love it!”

**No limits**

It’s a spirit that has stayed with her ever since she visited Sweet Briar for the first time. Growing up poor with her mother and grandmother, McMillian worked as a shift manager at KFC by the time she was 16. College wasn’t part of the plan for her — but it was for her mother.

“She told me she was saving money to take me to this place called Sweet Briar. She told me, ‘They keep sending us magazines and pamphlets and maybe if they give you a scholarship you can go there.’ She read a lot about the institution and said that it looked like it would afford me a lot of opportunities and expose me to different things.”

Mother and daughter attended an open house at Sweet Briar, and McMillian never looked back.

“I immediately fell in love with the campus, the hospitality, the people and the warm feeling the entire place exudes,” she says. “SBC opened my eyes to possibility. The amazing women I met during my time there opened my eyes to a whole new world.

“When an individual grows up poor and black they are always limited; limited in experiences, limited in interactions, limited in travel, limited in freedom. When I got to SBC, I no longer felt limited, I felt free; free to learn, free to grow, free to have different experiences, free to travel, free to ask questions that people would actually have the answers to. I met young women from all over the world who not only shared their experiences with me, but also their resources.”

Her professors, she adds, challenged her to think critically. McMillian particularly remembers philosophy professor Margaret Hartman, who was chair of the department at the time, and sociology professor Edward Drayer.

Drayer helped her understand what social stratification means, and that opportunities aren’t the same for everyone.

“Even though I grew up poor and black, I still was ignorant to social factors that plagued urban communities,” she remembers.

“I didn’t have an intellectual perspective. I grew up in an environment where my mother was constantly pushing me, so I believed everybody’s life kind of goes like that — that, whether you’re a have or have-not, you could be whatever you wanted to be.”

Years later, life in Central City proved Drayer right.

“He was an old white male, but he was more sensitive to issues that affect people than I was,” McMillian says.

**Opening eyes**

Sweet Briar didn’t just change her perspective, it’s helped her to tackle her biggest challenge yet: communicating the problems in her neighborhood to outsiders who are able to help.
“They want to help the people in my community, but unfortunately they wrestle with the negative [picture] that is often portrayed by the media,” she explains.

“Actually being able to reshape that perspective and being able to provide clarity and understanding, being that advocate, has been the most challenging part. It’s frustrating because you do have young black males who are seeking employment, but they have a criminal record, or they don’t always have the social skills to give them access to different job opportunities. Conveying that level of frustration on their end to people who are in a position to help them, that’s the challenge.”

Fifteen years on, Central City is still a violent place, but things are better than they used to be, she says. Efforts by the New Orleans Police Department and local community leaders have cut down on overt crime, and McMillian has seen an increase in working-class people moving to the neighborhood.

“Now that there’s a balance between renters and homeowners, you definitely see more community pride,” she says. “As far as the crime that Central City is known for, you still see that, because until the economic dynamics are accurately dealt with, it’s going to be an issue, but as far as the level of it, I’ve seen a considerable decline.”

Involvement, on the other hand, is up. “When we have a young person between the ages of 16 and 24 being murdered every day in one particular community, sometimes several times a day, eventually people step up and say, ‘Enough is enough.’ So you see people putting up signs, you see pastors walking [through] the community, you see people trying to take their own little initiatives to effect change.”

Behavior.” She sought Brower as one of the world’s foremost experts on monarch butterflies because she needed to know if and how her book’s premise could happen — even though it hasn’t.

The novel opens with a dramatic effect of climate change: Millions of the migratory monarchs appear on a southern Appalachian mountainside. The butterflies are supposed to be thousands of miles away, in their protective overwintering grounds in Mexico.

As part of her meticulous research, Kingsolver visited Brower and his wife, Duberg Professor of Ecology Linda Fink, at their Sweet Briar lab. Their consequent friendship also brought Kingsolver to the College in March. She read from and spoke about “Flight Behavior” as the 2013 Julia B. Waxter Environmental Forum presenter.

The book’s narrative grows from how her characters respond to the monarchs’ presence — from the scientists who investigate it as an ecological disaster to town folk who see the hand of God, and those who fall somewhere between.
Clockwise from left: From the “Mariposa Monarca” portfolio by Medford Taylor; during the winter months, monarch butterflies roost in high-altitude fir forests in central Mexico by the millions; Sarah Lindemann ’13, Barbara Kingsolver and President Jo Ellen Parker.

Kingsolver said she wanted to write a novel about why people think about climate change or why they don’t, and how they draw different conclusions from the same set of facts.

Kingsolver says her books don’t try to take sides.

“A novel is more like a conversation that asks the reader to think about things in a new way,” she says. “[‘Flight Behavior’] is about people, family, about telling the truth, modes of denial, the divide between rural and urban cultures, between science and religion, faith and objectivity, and the media.”

Brower and Fink counted on that.

“We knew she was going to be objective about [climate change] and she was going to spin an interesting yarn around it,” Brower says. “I have no problem with that, in fact using literature to explore complex issues is an important thing to do.”

The author was relieved by the couple’s response, as she had approached them with some trepidation. Would they think her central premise was nonsense, despite her own preliminary research concluding it was not? They didn’t disagree.

“It turns out they are literary people, they read fiction, they understand the symbolic nature of fiction. They understand that fiction is about real things even though they haven’t happened,” she says. “I was so gratified by the generosity of their imaginations.”

Kingsolver says she has always needed to write, but saw training in science as a more useful occupation. After almost accidentally publishing her first book, “The Bean Trees,” she decided she liked being a novelist.

“But I feel that I can also be a scientist, I can also be a citizen of the world, I can do a lot of the work that I wanted to do as a scientist while sitting at my desk being a writer.”

Addressing students studying science and creative writing during the Waxter Forum, she noted the “combination of those interests is something very valuable in the world at this moment,” when we have big environmental questions to think about and decisions that can no longer be postponed.

“Talking across those divides is the most useful thing we can possibly do,” she said, adding that listening is equally important.
Students who had opportunities to talk with Kingsolver while she was on campus took her message to heart.

“The biggest thing I took away was that we need all kinds of people who can understand science and communicate it through all kinds of mediums, whether through writing, paintings, photography or education,” said Morgan Franke, a senior studying biology and environmental science.

“It further impressed upon me that I not only want to be researching different conservation methods, but I need to be able to relay to the public why it’s important and give them a reason to care.”

Sophomore Kaitlin Schaal heard that, too, but after Kingsolver spoke vividly of the need to see, hear and smell the things she writes about, the biology major and creative writing minor took away another lesson.

“As an author, you have to know everything,” Schaal said.

Even so, Kingsolver asked Brower and Fink to review the finished manuscript.

“I felt they had my back, that when this book went to press I was probably not going to hear complaints from monarch butterfly researchers about the science. And that’s been true.”

Speaking at Sweet Briar was a measure of her appreciation. While she enjoys meeting readers, she doesn’t do paid public appearances, she said in an interview. She’d rather spend her time where her heart is, at her writing desk.

Besides, she says looking back at her writing career, her first child and first book contract arrived at the same time.

“Gallivanting around the country [being a celebrity] is also anathema to family life,” she says. “I looked around and saw that very successful writers were generally not women raising children and if I was going to be one, I was going to have to work hard on getting my priorities straight. You can’t do it all. I just made that choice.”

She has no regrets. Kingsolver’s online biography lists numerous accolades including the National Humanities Medal and finalist consideration for a Pulitzer. She also established the Bellwether Prize for first unpublished novels, which has helped launch careers.

What gratifies her the most?

“That I have managed to do it all and raise two daughters who seem to be happy, well-adjusted and are determined to be useful to society.”
What Nature’s Coffers Hold

On any given day, Lincoln Brower can recount in vivid detail his more than 50 years investigating the biology of the monarch butterfly. Its extraordinary annual migration across North America to the high mountains of Michoacán, Mexico, is the stuff of dazzling nature documentaries, picture books, conservation forums and, recently, Barbara Kingsolver’s novel “Flight Behavior.”

A research professor of biology at Sweet Briar since 1997, Brower is Distinguished Service Professor of Zoology, Emeritus at the University of Florida. He first visited the monarch’s winter roost in Mexico in 1977 and has been back more than 50 times — most recently in February 2013, when he spent a day with former President Jimmy Carter. He has authored or coauthored more than 200 scientific papers, eight films and two books, and is currently writing his magnum opus on the species.

The monarch’s story is one that captures the popular imagination, and many widely known facts about them come out of Brower’s research. Conservation has always been part of the narrative because the monarch is so selective in its overwintering and breeding habitats, as well as its food sources. Talking to the media, consulting on books and making documentaries are all part of what Brower does.

“I feel keeping it on the front page is really important,” he says.

The monarchs made headlines this spring when an annual census reported their numbers had declined by 59 percent since last year. Brower says it’s a continuation of a decadelong slide in their population. Habitat loss is mostly to blame, he says.

He cites persistent illegal logging in Mexico and the prevalence of genetically modified plants, or GMOs, which are “eliminating milkweed and nectaring habitats on an unprecedented scale where most of the monarchs breed in the Midwestern United States.”

But in a recent interview on National Public Radio’s “Science Friday,” Brower said he is optimistic.

“To me, the monarch is a treasure like a great piece of art. We need to develop a cultural appreciation of wildlife that’s equivalent to art and music and so forth.”

— Lincoln Brower

“One of my wonderful reasons to be on this program is to reach people because we need a constituency who are going to stand up for all wildlife,” he said.

He noted that conservation groups such as Monarch Watch and Journey North have tens of thousands of participants, and they encourage mitigation programs to help restore breeding habitat. Moreover, schoolteachers love the butterflies.

“It’s a wonderful educational tool, and it’s such a beautiful thing for anybody to get to Mexico to see it. To me, the monarch is a treasure like a great piece of art. We really need to develop a cultural appreciation of wildlife that’s equivalent to art and music and so forth.”
Sally Haas ’72 gave up a successful estate planning business to serve the people of Haiti. She used to help clients, many of them elderly, manage their wealth. Now her first priority is making sure children in remote villages live past toddlerhood.
According to UNICEF, even before the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, nearly a third of children younger than 5 were chronically malnourished. More than half the deaths in children of that age were due to malnutrition.

If a child makes it to 3 healthy and well nourished, Haas’ next objective is getting him or her into school. For years, she has funded tuition for 65 children at St. Alban in the mountain village of Crochu. More than 90 percent of the country’s primary schools are privately run by charitable organizations, churches, nongovernmental organizations or for-profit centers, with little government funding or oversight. Those who do attend public schools typically live in urban areas.

Haas also has distributed ceramic water purification filter systems to 200 homes and started a goat farm in Titanyen, near the capital Port-au-Prince. Adding a chicken coop to provide meat and eggs is next. Lack of protein in the Haitian diet is a significant health issue, especially for children.

Haas works through the Haiti Mission, which she initially established in 2002 through Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta, where she is a member. Since 2004 she has directed it under the umbrella nonprofit Mission for Biblical Literacy. Partnering with the MBL allows her to continue receiving tax-deductible donations to fund these programs. Each one is targeted at defeating the kind of poverty she couldn’t even imagine before her first visit to the Caribbean nation.
After 11 years and 18 trips, the Haitians call her “Mamá Sallé.” Haas, who is single, often says she never had children — in the United States. In Haiti, she has hundreds.

Climbing the ladder

The moment Haas went “all Haiti” probably happened on the plane home that first time, but her story was years in the making.

She recalls studying a lot during her time at Sweet Briar. Even before she arrived, dean Catherine Sims insisted she pass a test to be allowed into the French course Haas wanted to take. Sims was steering her toward Spanish, but Haas, who had studied French at her Atlanta high school, persisted, blissfully unaware she was signing up for a literature class.

She endured the first C she’d ever received on a test in that class, as well as frequent summonses to the dean’s office, where she depleted the kleenex supply. Ultimately, she earned an A — along with Sims’ grudging admiration.

Haas graduated with an A.B. in math and corresponded with the dean for years. She regrets the one letter she didn’t send, though.

“I never let her know that after 35 years I finally realized why I just had to take French: It is the formal language in Haiti.”

Haas sold real estate after graduating, although she chose not to work for her family’s well-established firm, Haas & Dodd Realty. Next, she managed a new hotel restaurant before becoming the hotel’s sales manager. Although proud of what she’d accomplished, restlessness pushed her to try something new at Hewlett-Packard.

She thrived at the computer company, claiming the No.1 technical sales spot in the southern states in her second year. Her rapid ascension to district and regional sales management landed her in Woman and Glamour magazines in 1983 and 1984, and Sweet Briar featured her in 1989.

In 1993, after 15 years, she left Hewlett-Packard to start her firm, Haas & Associates. Business was good in 2001 when a little girl came bounding into her life and completely changed its course.

‘A huge reversal’

Haas was volunteering at an Atlanta children’s hospital when she met 18-month-old Linose through Childspring International. The Haitian girl was there to have a tumor removed from her lower eyelid. Linose took one look at Haas and leapt into her lap.

“I was a goner,” says Haas, who brought the girl home with her to recover after the surgery.

But when Childspring International tried to recruit her for a trip to Haiti six months later, she hesitated. The last leg of the trip required landing a single-prop plane on an island beach strip, she recalls. “I thought, ‘I don’t think so. Let me just write you a check.’”

She decided to go anyway and saw the one-room mud hut where Linose, her twin sister, parents and grandmother live with no electricity and no running water. Access to clean water and sanitation is limited throughout the country. According to the United Nations, 26 percent of rural households have running water. Haas discovered many Haitians walk for miles to collect a single bucket of water.

“I cried all the way home,” she says, her voice breaking again with the memory.

“I never felt such a huge reversal in my life as I felt after coming back from Haiti.”

On that trip, Haas met Father Fritz Valdema, an Episcopal priest, and his wife, Carmel, a nurse. They look after six villages, each one with a church, a school and a nutrition clinic. They told her Haiti needed doctors, medicine, milk and vitamins for the women and children who were dying every day.

“And bring friends so they can see our needs,” Carmel Valdema told her.

For two years, Haas returned every three months with a medical team, including OB-GYNs, to conduct women’s clinics, which continue today.

Then she began to focus on nutrition, clean water and schooling.

Wonder food

Haas first heard of Plumpy’Nut on “60 Minutes.” She says the shelf-stable, ready-to-use peanut paste does in six weeks what used to take months with a powdered milk formula:
return a severely malnourished baby with protruding ribs back to health. Mothers walk to the clinics weekly for a fresh supply, bringing back the empty package to prove they didn’t sell it. Haas supplies the Plumpy’Nut to the clinics overseen by the Valdemas, knowing where the mission’s money is going and how it’s being used.

Families in the nutrition program at Crochu also receive FilterPure water purifiers and training on how to use them. The ceramic filter and bucket systems cost $47 each.

The mission is working to expand that critical program, but Haas’ next project is drilling a well. Already completed is a school cafeteria in Croix-des-Bouquets that serves hot rice and beans to 200 children daily. Members of her church funded the construction.

Over the years, Haas has hosted many Haitian children in Atlanta, including Linose and her twin, Lena, in 2009. She never tires of seeing them flush a toilet for the first time, squeal when she puts them in the shower or switch the lights off and on over and over again.

“It’s not that Haiti has less than we have or that their children have less than our children,” she says. “Haiti has nothing.”

Making the leap

Her experience has changed the way Haas thinks about everything. She even stopped eating out for two years.

“Spending twenty, thirty dollars or, heaven forbid, more on food just for me made me ill, knowing I could save a child’s life with that money,” she says.

“Friends had to tell me often that I was ‘all Haiti’ and needed to get back to a somewhat more normal life. I do dine out now, but there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think about how incredibly fortunate we are.”

Haas, who was recognized last year with a humanitarian award for her work, thinks often about boarding that first plane to Haiti. It takes a leap of faith to stop saying “no,” but the payoff is great, she says.

“I climbed the corporate ladder but something was still missing. It feels really good to do something that fulfills you, and this has been it for me.”

– Sally Haas
1. Stephanie Edwards ’13 with great-aunt Natalie Susan Roberts Funk ’66
2. Ashley Hester ’13 and cousin Amy Adair ’06
3. Autumn Zack ’11 and sister Amanda Zack ’13
4. Heather McTague ’11 and sister Lauren McTague ’13
5. Yuliya Rigg ’13 and mother Olga Rigg ’04
6. Sally Freeman ’76 and niece Victoria Mott ’13
7. Sisters Samantha Schwartz ’13 and Torrey Schwartz ’16
8. McKinsey Skeens ’13 and mother Heather Skeens ’88
10. Turning Point students Annamarie Lichtenberg ’13 (left) and Charity Brown ’13

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MELISSA “MISSY” GENTRY

Witherow ’80 has been appointed the director of alumnae relations and annual giving at Sweet Briar College. She began her new duties May 1.

Witherow has served the College since 2004, most recently as the director of Boxwood Circle, the College’s leadership annual giving program. She has also served as associate director of annual giving, and assistant and associate director of the alumnae office.

“Missy brings to this position her passion for Sweet Briar, an ability to build strong relationships, a keen appreciation for the critical importance of engaging our alumnae in supporting the College, and a strategic, data-driven and goal-oriented focus to her work,” said Heidi Hansen McCrory, vice president for development.

For Witherow, this new position offers her the best of both worlds, alumnae relations and development.

“It is a privilege to be here in this new role. I am thrilled about this opportunity, as it combines two passions with an institution and community I believe in wholeheartedly,” she said.

“I look forward to sharing news and successes from campus while garnering support for the College through alumnae engagement and annual giving.”

Prior to joining the College in a professional capacity, Witherow served on the Alumnae Association board and was an active volunteer. Among her many roles, she was the national reunion giving chair, chair of Region VII and a member of the Centennial Committee.

Witherow’s numerous other civic and philanthropic duties include chairing the STAB Fine Arts Boosters at St. Anne’s-Belfield School in Charlottesville and participating in the Junior League.

She received her bachelor’s degree in international affairs from Sweet Briar in 1980.

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I spent two grand weeks visiting a friend in Boca Grande, FL, this year. I went to Santa Fe, NM, last fall. It was my first visit there; I loved it.

Christmas greetings: Luci Lamb was pleased to hear from college traveler, Margie Lippard. I reminded me about Pearl Harbor and Kay Coggins Clark for the Mother’s Day gathering.

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Alice Johnson Fessenden writes from her life story: “Perhaps Meta Glass was an inspiration: riding at SBC, going on a fox hunt with Bedford Hounds were highlights. After debu-tante years in Atlanta, marriage to a geologist, pilot, from Yale led me to life in Venezuela and bearing 2 children there, followed by move to U.S. west, obtaining an M.A. at Hill Air Force Base, UT provided by U. of UT. I became a teacher, then principal, then headmistress for the exchange program at U. of UT with London Polytechnique in Essex, U.K. I spent a summer term at Universidad de las Americas in Cholula, Mexico, through a group Fulbright Scholarship with Brigham Young U. (Also had another child.) Shortly after my husband’s death in ’92, I attended the birth of a granddaughter in CA. I moved to the small town of Mesquite and ended up on the City Council and into NV politics! I spent summers in South Africa. To make any sense of it I signed up for a diamond grading course in Joburg, I have been back 6 times, and covered most of sub-Saharan Africa from Zanzibar to Namibia, and Morocco in the north just once. Children gave a huge party in Henderson, NV, on 12/12/12 for my 90th.” Alice also said that she and Louise Smith Barry “went down the CO River on a float trip 2 years ago—imagine two 88 year olds!”

Paulett Long Taggart celebrated her 90th birthday last June with family, and Marion Shanley Jacobs and family celebrated hers in Oct. Marion lost her husband Bill at the end of 11/2011. Marion and Louise Smith Barry and Jean Blanton Stein and I were guests of Betty Williams Gookin and Richard at their home in Warrenton last Oct.

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Betty Farinholt Cockrill sent a picture of herself surrounded by 10 grand-children while celebrating her 25th annual family trip to Hilton Head. Pat Whitaker Waters says she’s having trouble with her sight. She added that “Speedy” (Marion Saunders) died last July. We lost another beloved classmate, Emily Ann Wilkins Mason, on 10/18/12. She was so faithful about coming to our reunions. I enjoy life at Ashby Ponds. I enjoy singing in the “Songbirds,” acting in plays and doing some writing, as well as Bible studies and church activities. Louise Barry enjoys her retirement community also and is taking a class on “Great Decisions” as well as attending a current events class. In Feb. she went to FL for her family’s celebra-tion of her 90th birthday at Callaway Gardens. Please continue to send me your news.
and I granddaughter/namesake. Regarding her cancer. In April, she'll go to Canterbury-Richmond—home for them all.

Hart Belew

Her daughter's old house. She joined the neighborhood. And is keeping busy with all its activities now.

and is the great 'ole' days together." I had a card with my name, but sure does remember all messages follow.

Although Judy Baldwin Waxter's death (6/3/12) was reported earlier, Pat Brown Boyer wrote of her attendance 12 years ago with Judy and Bill Waxter at an early meeting of the Sweet Briar Forum they founded. Dr. E.D. Wilson, noted author and naturalist was the speaker. Judy and Bill's children plan to continue this program. Preston Hodges Hill has lived in her Denver house 50 years. She rotates between it and her Aspen condo and her children's homes. Many clubs, tennis, swimming, bridge, church, theater, and dog shows keep her busy. Alice Trout Hagan has found Walter Brown, Sunny's husband and our honorary '49er, has moved to Princeton, NJ. Alice is in her 3rd year at a retirement home and doing well. She had heard from Maggie Towers Talman, who also boasts good health. "I'm walking or doing the gym half an hour almost every day! My 5 children and I'll take our 11th "Siblings and Mom" trip at Wrightsville Beach, NC, this year.

Caroline Casey Brandt's older son is a basket case about turning 60 this year. Her small retort we could all share: "That's not as bad as being the mother of a 60-year-old!"

Amy Fran Ballard worked the national election. She and Don walk with canes and stay close to home.

Judy Easley Mak and Dayton decided to stay put in their DC house. They took a voyage on the Queen Mary II, spent 3 nights in London and flew home for Christmas. Judy sells real estate. She attended the funeral of Sally Ayers Shroyer's husband Louis in mid-Jan.

Emily Pratt Jones and Saunders in their home in Birmingham, AL. Emily continues to compose songs with illustrations. Katie Cox Reynolds reported the sudden death of Larry Lawrence Simmons' son Paul (54) of acute appendicitis in 9/2012. Katie and Phil stay busy with music, theater and golf. In March, they're planning a week at Hilton Head when grandson Chris stays in VA. Tom and Lisa in La Jolla. My Tom is OK. John is training with the Navy Seals and hopes to become one. John lives with Tom and Lisa in La Jolla. My Tom is OK. We'll celebrate 61 years of marriage on 12/20/12. SBC will be in my heart forever, especially the class of 1951.

Carolyn Sample Abshire: We feel lucky to be living at Alexandria Goodwin House (Episcopal Retirement Home) because David has developed Pulmonary Fibrosis and is on oxygen. He's writing a memoir of his think tank and government years. I'm involved in all sorts of volunteer stuff; see Nancy Pesek Rasenberger.

For years I said my life consisted of "basket case about turning 60 this year. Almost every day! My 5 children and I'll take our 11th "Siblings and Mom" trip at Wrightsville Beach, NC, this year." My Tom is OK.

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Patty Linsay Ford

Thank you all for writing. Our hearts go out to Joan Davis Warren and Janet Broman Dingle who have both been widowed. Their immediate family: cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews bring in Germany, France, Senegal, and Bulgaria. I do have a grandson in school here in FL. I go back to VA 3/10.

Susan Taylor Hubbard: I spent Christmas here with my daughter's Airedale, Willa, and my grandson Zoe. I enjoy knitting in Sewing, Altar Guild and the Audubon Society. Tomorrow I will go to the SBC gathering, a breakfast at the Norfolk Yacht Club. Marie Ironmonger Bundy (my freshman roommate) will be there—she's the only other SBC '49." Lynne McCullough Gush: We've performed the duo transcript of Nutcracker 3 times and have 3 more with parties starting this weekend. Now that the Nutcracker is over, our search begins for new music. I'm also researching duos for the students—we project we undertake each year after the holidays.

Betty Browder Nibley: I still live at the Army Distaff Foundation/Krollwood in Washington, DC. All the residents are related to military in some way. My son Stuart and wife Liz live nearby with 4 grandchildren in college, finished college living nearby, and one in high school. Other grandchildren live in NJ and attend college in NC and NJ. Another son, Peter and his wife live near Ann Arbor, Granddaughter Sarah and her partner live in LSI. I still hear from Mary Kraus Pierson. I'm coming to attend a women's gym, knit and play architecture.

Jean Graham “Randie” Randolph Bruns: I still live at the Army Distaff Foundation/Krollwood in Washington, DC. All the residents are related to military in some way. My son Stuart and Wife Liz live nearby with 4 grandchildren in college, finished college living nearby, and one in high school. Other grandchildren live in NJ and attend college in NC and NJ. Another son, Peter and his wife live near Ann Arbor, Granddaughter Sarah and her partner live in LSI. I still hear from Mary Kraus Pierson. Julie Micou Eastwood: Dick has slowed down quite a lot. I'm still swimming and am active in the Rossmoor Camera Club print group displaying prints at several locations here and as treasurer of the Mac Users group. We are lucky to have our children nearby, seeing Lib often and Ben when he isn't traveling for Apple. Ann Arent Yellott: Keep up your good work with the Animal Shelter—that's important! I've done therapy work with my dogs in the past, and plan to continue with my current fox terrier when she's ready.

Ann Taylor “Shelly” Campbell: I'm coming to the Bay Area, to Walnut Creek to cel- ebrate my brother's birthday. We had lunch with Mary Pease Fleming and Rivers not long ago in Cedaredge in Richmond. Rosalie "Pinkie" Barringer Wornham: Cataract surgery went well. Children and grandchildren are well. Amara graduates from UVa in June, Celestine is a junior at Harvard, Chloe is a freshman at Boston U. and Caleb graduates from Milton Academy in June. Tommy graduated from Princeton in June (awarded the Scholar-Athlete award at graduation) and has a job in NY. John is training with the Navy Seals and hopes to become one. John lives with Tom and Lisa in La Jolla. My Tom is OK.

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Lake home, and has a grandson (8) and college-age grandchildren.

Mary Barcus Hunter spent Christmas in Ft. Worth with her son’s family.

Benita Phillips Johnson, Atlanta, visited Nancy Hamel Clark in Greensboro during the Christmas season. Benita works at a retirement home and plays bridge. Nancy had a hip replacement in Aug. Husband Blake is in assisted living. Benita’s daughter Ann is Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Son Jim is a freelance writer, is working on several books. Ann and Nancy spent 2 days together. Grove Park Inn just before Christmas before returning home to celebrate with Blake.

Whitningham Smith and Grace Wallace Brown met Pauline Wells Bolton (up from Houston) in NYC for a visit.

Pat Beech Thompson said her Opera Farm in Millerton, NY, where they celebrated 25 years of holidays.

Pat Layne Winks sends some news she heard: Ann Hoagland Kelsey’s granddaughter Hayley is a freshman at Millerton, NY, where they celebrated 25 years of holidays.

Polly Plumb DeButts sent a family picture taken at their 4th annual reunion in a high mountainside cabin near Bozeman, MT. Last July, Sally joined on a hiking trip to Cape May, NJ. In Sept., Sally’s sister gave her a spa vacation for her 80th birthday. Sally arranges monthly bird trips through the natural history museum and is active in church.

Hattie Hughes Stone was hard hit by Hurricane Sandy and had a tree on their roof for 4 weeks. Their son treated them to a week in March. In October, Sept., saw them at the Story Telling Festival in Jonesborough, TN, followed by a week in Fairfield Glades. They visited family there and back. Their grandson Jon is the head of the family business, a house of Great Britain production of “Warhorse,” which opened here at Lincoln Center. Hattie and Dick, plus 15 other family members, went to see the play at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.

Judy Breisch Ludke went to Greenland and Iceland with Overseas Adventure Travel. She also did a Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) trip hiking in the high Sierra and on a safari in Tanzania with her son Scott and family at the San Francisco Family Camp bordering Yosemite. Scott and Patty have 3 sons. Jerry went to the Rose Bowl and to Los Angeles to see “Warhorse,” the same one that Hattie’s grandson is in! Her son Kevin and Amy are still with the embassy in Costa Rica, but their 3 children now live in the U.S. When she’s home, Jerry is active with her church’s direct the Bakersfield College Archives.

We had 2 deaths in the family—Bill’s sister in the fall and his niece in Dec. But we did have all our kids, granddaughter, and Bill’s other sister in the house here for Christmas. We took a trip in July/Aug. on the Elbe River from Hamburg to Prague with Grand Circle. We also spent our annual week in June at North Topsail Island, NC, with my sister, Virginia Watts Fournier.

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Betty Byrne Gill Ware saw her in church when she and Hudnall were visiting. Peggy West Valentine, Richmond, VA, and Henry are spending several weeks this winter in Delray Beach, FL, with their children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Five grandchildren are enjoying college. Mary Boyd Murray Trussell, from Columbus, GA, spent a lot of time on campus in Chy Beach, FL, at her condo. Son Walter and his family live there too. They recently had a trip to Marsh Harbour in the Abacos. Mary looks forward to seeing Camille Williams Yow this winter.

Jane Felts Welch is starring in A.R. Gurney’s play, “Love Letters,” in Louisville, this Feb. She spends some time in NYC, but mostly is in Louisville, and plans a visit to Naples, FL, this winter.

Honey Addington Passano writes from Baltimore that her daughter Joanne and husband are moving from NY back to Baltimore! Other daughters are in Charlotteville and on the eastern shore of MD, and their son is in the publishing business in NJ. Honey and Bill enjoy their house on Gibson Island. She keeps up with Bexie Faxon Knowles.

Sue Bernard Odence writes from Cotuit, MA, that for many years she travelled all over the world with her husband in international agriculture, and now she’s enjoying the grandchildren, playing the piano, painting, and writing.

Emily Hunter Slingluff, reports from Virginia Beach that all is well here. A very little book I’ve been working on for years is being published in a few months. Please send me e-mails, letters or phone calls telling me about you! Ending as usual with the words of our class song, to make us smile and remember our wonderful days at Sweet Briar, “We’re the greatest!”

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Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham says, “As you remember, Byrd Stone was a long time faculty member and director of the Campus School. After she died, Ann Allen sculpted and donated a bronze statue, “Summer’s Child,” in her memory. At our reunion, class presidents Joan and I brought up the need to seat the statue on a permanent structure. All those attending the class meeting agreed to contribute money for the cause if Mary Ann would head the fundraising to purchase a bench and a plaque and have the statue attached to the bench. The Goal was $2500. Donations from many class members topped $6,100. The project cost $2700. Our class was able to give the remaining $3400 to the Class of 1956 Scholarship fund!”

Karen Steinhardt Kirkbridge, Annandale, VA: “Prior to retirement I worked for the Dept. of Defense, as did my husband Dick, both of us as information technology specialists. In late Dec., Dick and I went to NYC just as our son, Trevor, his wife Sara and their daughter Penelope were moving to Battery Park. Recently, we’ve been in DE for long weekends. We’ll enjoy having our other 2 sons nearby, Steven and Kevin. Kevin and his wife Brit will join us in April in Maui. Stay in touch and plan to attend our reunion in 2016!”

Barbara Brown McFarland writes: “I work full time, but I’m my own boss. Daughter Bonny and I walk several miles every day. Her 2 boys have graduated from college. My daughter Ruth and her husband are spending winter in Scottsdale; I’ll visit in Feb. Her son graduated in mechanical engineering. Her daughter, Barbara Page, plans to become a firefighter.”

Rose Montgomery Johnston writes: “I still work in private practice as a psychologist, travel, and spend time with my 4 daughters and families. I serve on the boards of an art museum and the College of Art in Memphis, and I’m again on the Vestry at my church.”

Jean Newman Wright visited with classmate Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham. They toured Montpelier home of James Madison. In Oct. when Mary Ann was in route to Baltimore for foot surgery, she stopped by Charlottesville and they drove to SB to attend a luncheon. While there, they saw the bench our class gave in memory of Byrd. Joan has also visited with Marty Field File, Mimi Th Lehman and Loo Galleher Corneliss. Mary Kooz Gynn is still farming and she enjoys her grandchildren. Mary says, “I am also blessed with a collection of supportive friends, many of whom I have known from SBC.” She stays active by playing golf, tennis, and biking.

Janet Monroe Schumann Marshall writes: “Most sadly, my beloved husband Henry Marshall died in 1/2012 with heart problems, which had been managed for many of years allowing him to remain at home until the end. The grief journey is a whole new world and one that is made possible by family, friends and a terrific bereavement program by an area hospice. My children are a great support. Patty and family (2 wonderful grandchildren) living in Ireland have been over 3 times in the last year.”

Nancy Ettinger Minor writes: “I enjoy life on Skidaway Island, love Savannah, and work with inner city 3rd graders. I’m still active in my church. It’s my 6th year chairing art, antiques and collectibles group. I have fun entertaining, playing golf and less bridge.”

Bunny Burwell Nesbit writes: “In Jan. after a Caribbean cruise, Miss Posh (a 4-month old Yorkshire puppy) joined me at the Glenridge. Daughter Katherine had her left shoulder replaced last June, but was in top condition when she visited for Thanksgiving. She lives near Charlottesville and can take advantage of UVA Med School and its rehab facilities. Katherine and her husband Larry plan to return for another visit in May.”

We are sorry to report the sad news that Mary Ann Willingham’s husband, Jim, died 12/26/12. They had 7 happy years together before he started developing Alzheimer’s, making it necessary for him to spend the last 2 years in an Alzheimer’s facility. A graveside service was held in FL where Jim had lived for many years and a memorial service was held in Asheville where Jim had grown up.

Sadly, 2 of our classmates have died. Louise Mellor Gault died 5/23/03 in NYC. Louise Barry Bennett (Mrs. Horner B. Gibbs, Jr.) died 1/22/12 in Nashville, TN.

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Dear 1959-ers, Our 55th reunion in 2014 takes place May 30-June 1. We’ll need volunteers! Let Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb know if you can help in any way: clilipscomb@netls.org.

Sue Perry Farmer has a slight new change to her email address: susanfarmer1@mac.com. Ginny Robinson Harris has a new address: 214 Shelby Circle, Highlands, NC 2874. Jane Wheeler Garcia has a new email: rochaa3283@yahoo.com.

Joanne Bossert Thompson: “I can’t believe we now have 2 great-grandchildren—the youngest turns one on 12/20.”

Alice Cary Farmer Brown: Husband Lee had spinal surgery on 12/12 and is recovering. We live in NYC when we’re not in Vienna or in Gulfstream, FL. Our oldest grandchild has graduated from college, 3 are in colleges, 3 are in boarding schools and one (13) is at home. Our 3 weeks in India last Feb. was our favorite trip yet. I continue to judge horticulture at Garden Club of America flower shows and enjoy seeing Ginny Marchant Noyes when she judges.

Penny Fisher Dunklee: John is writing up a storm. Soon his latest book, “Secrets” will be out. Traveling to a book signing, John drove and I photographed “reference photos” of clouds, rain showers, rainbows and shadows and light on the southwest country for my paintings. Here’s my new address: pennfunk@centurylink.net.

Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill: “I’m grateful to be working, dancing and playing with grandchildren after a great fall. I had a wonderful 75th birthday celebration—touched all my kids and grandkids (17 of us) to Cape Cod.

Gay Hart Gaines: I had my left shoulder replaced at The Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC on Jan. 22. Stanley’s macular degeneration is serious, but he’s been incredibly brave. We moved into a full service apt, building where Stanley feels safe. We also bought an apt for our children and grandchildren to use. This will be my last year on the board of Mount Vernon and we will bring to fruition on Sept. 26-27 the grand opening of a library for our first president. I’ve been on the library task force for 4 years and Chairman of the Capital Campaign, which has consumed so much of my energy; it will be a dream come true. I was honored in Dec. by the Colonial Dames and made an honorary Dame because of my work in historic preservation and American Founding history.”
Jane Jamison Messer: My husband of 32 years, Frank, died 12/18/12. I still go to Torch Lake in northern MI for 7 weeks in the summer. I Amoving to spend 2 months in Naples, FL.

Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb: I want to thank all of our classmates who responded to my message about the possibility of our funding a 2nd classroom. Donations have been found for all of the classroom renovations. Lloyd and I enjoy life at Westminster Canterbury. I completed my term as chair of our Residents’ Council, a position that has taught me quite a lot about the inner workings of a continuing care community. We take pleasure in regular visits to SBC, and we’re watching with interest the construction of a major addition to the Mary Helen Cochran Library. There will be much to see when we have our 55th reunion in 2014.

Jini Jones Vail: My year’s activities are on my website, jinijonesvail.com, right up to last week of traveling to talk on Rochambeau everywhere I could easily reach—VA, MA, NY, NJ and CT.

Virginia MacKethan Kitchin: Corky and I were in Berlin last Nov. We later joined one of our sons, have his family of 5 in Provence, and then Athens.

Sorrel Mackall McCrory: We spend a lot of time at the family farm in Chestertown, MD, with children and 13 grands. I’ve now had my 2nd knee replacement. Corky and I bought a condo in Pelican Marsh, in Naples, FL, and will be here this year from Jan. through early April.

Ginny Robinson Harris: I volunteer at a local art center in summer. Also at 2nd VP of Garden Club of NC and do a lot of traveling. I have 3 boy grands, 2 to my daughter, and 2 family who live in Charlotte, NC, and a 6-yr-old in Houston with son and family.

Mary Blair Scott Valentine: I’m on my way to Delray Beach, FL, for Grandparents Day at Gulf Stream School. Two granddaughters there.

Pooley Space Dunn: Still painting and playing golf.

Susan Taylor Montague-Reese: France in Sept., and I fell in love with Normandy.

Rew Price Carnes was on the trip. I leave for Philadelphia on the 22nd to spend Christmas with the grandchildren.

Tabb Thornton Farinholt: Old Tabb and Blair with children and grandchildren on our river the day after Thanksgiving 2012. I’m getting a pacemaker 2/13.

Kathy Tyler Sheldon: All the grandchildren are teenagers with their own busy lives, but we stay in touch.

Judy Welton Sargent: I was in NYC in Nov. and had a great time seeing Di Sporcerie. Ann Turnbull Lowry stopped in NYC for a night on her way to Switzerland to see her brother. She, Di and I had dinner and saw Turandot at the opera.

Jane Wheeler Garcia: What makes life exciting is my relationship with Jesus and my lifelong study of God’s Word, the Bible. I still back in the memories of our 50th reunion.

All Wood Thompson: It’s whale season here so when walking on the beach it’s fun to see whales and their babies jumping clear out of the water. Three of my “Plunkers” band passed on this year, but I have picked up 2 others. One of them is a bass player who now plays along with his dad (my guitarist–age 88). My 93-year-old is still dancing! Please keep me abreast of all address, phone, and email changes. Others who don’t have email, please write your news and send it to me. Thanks.

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We mourn the passing of 2 classmates, Jane Jamison Messer and Susan Taylor Scott Valentine. Judy Welton Sargent died on 1/29/13.

Jane Headstream Yerkes (Seattle, WA): Leonard and I have moved from our 3 acres in The Highlands to a flat in a high rise 23 stories above Lake Washington. I’m still involved in Seattle Garden Club, U. of WA PRESS, and a group of women called the Committee of 33. Leonard is still working with a financial consulting firm and as president of his Princeton club.

Carolyn Gough Harding (Sterling, VA): I do occasional work with the county’s English as a Second Language program, babysit grandchildren and try to help my sisters with their ailing husbands. Last fall, I helped with the presidential campaign. In March we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

B. Schwab Stephen (Eastport, MI): Widowed for 10 years, now residing in MI, active in Episcopal Church, Petosky Bridge Club, Antique Club and other organizations.

Winnie Wimbish Chafaint (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL): We welcomed granddaughter Jenny into the family last April. Ed and I have begun our first course on Coursera.com, which provides courses at no cost to students across the globe.

Linda Sims Grady Newmark (Salem, SC): Just completed a SBC Alumnae Club-sponsored Living Room Learning course, Inside the Past: The Civil War. Twenty plus alumnae and 85 friends and relatives enjoy these stimulating lectures at the Atlanta History Center. Great to again be in “class” with Nina Wilkerson Bugg and Ann Crowle Lemmon. Off in March for a week in London visiting granddaughter Shelby Grady, studying there this term.

Jane Tatman Walker (Indianapolis, IN): Frank and I keep busy with family and friends in Indianapolis, Lake Wawasee (northern IN) and our winter home in University Park, FL. I enjoy being on the board of Indiana Landmarks, which focuses on endangered places, helping with renovations and restorations and revitalizing neighborhoods and communities. Our grandchildren range from 15 to 20 and 6 others in between. We plan a trip to Iceland and Norway in early June, will enjoy a day in July celebrating my home town’s Bicentennial (Connersville, IN) and will do more work on family genealogy.

Barbara Murphy Hale (Cambridge, MD): Phil and I went to China last April as guests of our nephew who is serving as U.S. ambassador in Beijing. Life is good in the Dorchester marshes. Last summer we had our 2 TX grandchildren here for 2 weeks without their parents. Phil and daughter Lenetta ’85 are planning a 75th birthday party for me.

Patti Powell Pusey (Richmond, VA): Greetings from sunny FL, our home away from home for 7 weeks. We see Carolyn King Ratcliffe and Clyde. Heidi Wood Huddleston will spend a night soon. Gwen Speel Kaplan, Ann Rienecoste Clarke, Grace Suttle, Anita Perrin Gyzmes, and I caught up on lunch. Jane Ellis Covington and Mickey Svoboda appear magically. I chat regularly with Rheett Blatt Thagard. We had an interesting trip to HI last fall, realizing that Pearl Harbor was our first 9/11. I’ve had the good fortune to work with Betsy Muhlenfeld and her husband Larry Wolfe in the production of “The Magic Flute” at Virginia Opera. Periodic chats with Adrienne Massie Hill, Ellie Crosby Erdman, Barbara Bear Denison and Sally Underhill Vraut remind me how fortunate I am to be an alumna.

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Jane Riddle Lambert (Dallas, TX): John and I are enjoying 10 grands, 7 of which are still in school in Dallas. We have one granddaughter in Washington & Lee Law School and one graduating Phi Beta Kappa from W&L in May. I still keep up with Flo McGowin Ullhorn, Lee Cullum, Maline Gilbert McCalla and Mayelle Foster Fasold.

Ann Crowell Lamon (Sandy Springs, GA): I’m still involved in the Reader to Patient Program at Children’s Healthcare, book clubs, bridge and church. We travel to see our daughter Sally and Bill Bugg (Nina Wilkerson Frazee’s spouse Frank) in Portland, VT, and son Jim and family in Raleigh.

Isabel Ware Burch (Williamsburg, VA): I help at Bruton Parish Church. I see Lynn Clark’61 frequently. I was in Philadelphia for 2 weeks during Christmas when our chil-dren and grandchildren. Two of my sisters-in-law are SBC graduates: Betty Byrne Gill Ware’55 and Patricia Coxo Ware ’59. Elizabeth Few Penfield (Savannah, GA): Teddy Hill returned from Christmas in New Orleans to Savannah. E-mail addresses stay the same, and we plan to use the house as a jumping off place, heading to our usual haunts: CO, NY, Edisto Beach and CA.

Mary Ellen Dohs Acoy (Baltimore, MD): I passed up our 50 year reunion to be with Min Ho Kwan in NYC. She spends most of her time in Hong Kong and some in CA. After close to a lifetime teaching on the science faculty of The Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore and as adjunct faculty of Johns Hopkins working with Teach for America science teachers, I’ve taken on a more leisurely approach to life. Daughter Claire is in Seattle with her adopted daughter (15); our son and his wife have 3 children under 7 in Richmond.

Nancy Cooper Rhoades (Williamsburg, VA): I returned from a trip to Antarctica, traveling with a gal I met on a Nepal trip last year. I had a visit with Elsie Burch Donald and Robin Ould Rentsch at Robin’s house in Great Falls, VA. I saw Bettye Meadow Howar in Charlottesville in July.

Sue Stryer Cahill (Reading, PA): Luna Wampler and I had lunch together, Bessie Bulkeley Bradley ’61 and I still go to Park City and Deer Valley, UT, every year for 12 days for downhill skiing. My 1st grandson, a boy, was born to Soror and wife Nicole in Denver, CO. Other sons Lefi still works at HQ.

Judy Barnes Agnew (Durham, NC): I read, play bridge and keep up with children and grandchildren.

Elizabeth Meade Howard (Charlottesville, VA): Saw Teddy Hill and Liz Penfield in NY last fall before they flew to Africa. Grace Suttle is moving to Charlottesville. I talk often with Suzanne Reitz Weinstein in Boston. I’m now the art editor of Streetlight online magazine.

Betsy Buechner Morris (Marblehead, MA): Monty and I are off to New Zealand for 6 weeks of camping, celebrating our 50th anniversary.

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**PUBLICATIONS BY ALUMNAE**

**Great and Mighty Things: Outsider Art from the Jill and Sheldon Bonovitz Collection**  
(Yale University Press, 2013)  
*Edited by Ann Stroud Percy '62 with Cara Zimmerman*

Ann Stroud Percy, curator of drawings at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, is the lead editor of the first book to explore the collection of Jill and Sheldon Bonovitz, one of the finest private collections of American outsider art. Twenty-seven self-taught, out-of-the-mainstream artists are represented. The book includes short biographies of the artists and essays by major scholars that examine the work from both theoretical and historical perspectives.

**Rochambeau, Washington’s Ideal Lieutenant: A French General’s Role in the American Revolution**  
(Word Association Publishers, 2011)  
*By Jini Jones Vail ’59*

Jini Jones Vail, a retired French teacher, has meticulously chronicled the crucial role of Lt. Gen. Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau, and the French troops under his command in the British defeat at Yorktown to end the Revolutionary War. Vail tells of the partnership de Rochambeau formed with George Washington, and how France aided in the birth of a new nation with its best generals, engineers, diplomats and treasure.

**Elegant Rooms That Work: Fantasy and Function in Interior Design**  
(Rizzoli, 2013)  
*By Stephanie Stokes ’64 and Jorge S. Arango*

New York-based interior designer Stephanie Stokes explains how to maintain fantasy and functionality in home decor by focusing on the planning of comfortable and multipurpose spaces that include attractive storage. Stokes’ work has appeared in such publications as Architectural Digest, Traditional Home and House Beautiful, which named her to its list of top 100 designers.

**Writing & Healing: A Mindful Guide for Cancer Survivors**  
(Hatherleigh Press, 2012)  
*By Pamela Post-Ferrante ’68*

Writer, teacher and workshop leader Pamela Post-Ferrante encourages cancer patients and survivors in 12 practical writing lessons to put their fears and experiences into words. A breast cancer survivor, Post-Ferrante was featured on NPR and teaches in the Graduate School of Expressive Therapies at Lesley University.

**The Rattling Window**  
(The Ashland Poetry Press, 2013)  
*By Catherine Staples ’79*

Art and artists permeate this award-winning debut collection by poet Catherine Staples, who teaches in the Honors Program at Villanova University.
Patricia Jane Allen (Ormond Beach, FL): Feeding birds and squirrels occupy my time. 

Lura Coleman Wampler (Wayne, PA): I still board horses, tend gardens and maintain our old house and farm. I’m active in my garden club and judge horticulture at local flower shows. I’m an apprentice photographer judging classes. My hedges have even won nearby. Lucy Martin Gianino and I share grandmotherly honors for 2 of them. 

Janelle Haldeman Hope (Louisville, KY): Enjoying gran's and doing water aerobics. Oldest son got married to his partner of 15 years last Sept. 

Winnie Ward (Jefferson, NH): I’m immersed in the Wayne Theatre Alliance’s restoration effort, the Augusta County Spay/Neuter Clinic and a Progressive Dinner charitable event. Get together with eldest daughter Debbie (SBC grad) in Richmond, VA—we’re collaborating on genealogical research. Fly out to San Francisco at least twice a year to see daughter Alison (UVA grad) and help with the twins. 

Lucy Martin Gianino (New York, NY): I’m still acting and Jack does stage manage. Elizabeth Meade Howard came to see a show I did last fall. I still volunteer for Parents’ in Action. Children and grandchildren come and spend the summer with us at Fire Island. 

Jane Ellis Covington (Richmond, VA): For us, our 55th reunion is a must, as time is moving on. What is it about coming back to SBC that seems like the proverbial shot in the arm? To me, it seems like a bit of escape to the past as well as a visit to the future. Start setting your sights for being on campus in May of 2023. 

Carol Barnard Ottenberg (Seattle, WA): Simon and I took nephews, nieces and their kids to a Tucson guest ranch in April. Then I went with a Natl Parks Conservation tour to hike (well, walk briskly) in Zion and Bryce Canyon parks. 

Bette Hutchins Sharland (Pittsburgh, PA): When you read this, our 50th reunion is a memory for those who were able to attend. Maybe you wished you could have been with us, but were traveling. 

Sallie Youn Williams traveled to Istanbul for a visit with son Courtney and wife Nazli and sons Sedik and Emry. Lynn Clark Pegg took 2-3-month trip through the South and had the good fortune of being with Ginger Cates Mitchell. 

Jean Meyer Aloe was the speaker at the SBC Washington, DC Alumnae Club meeting in Feb. on her poetry (she’s the new chair). She and Ed are planning a trip to Russia in Oct. Their older daughter and family are moving to Abu Dhabi for her new position as associate director of counsel with NYU’s campus there. Jean is taking classes in pottery, poetry, and meditation. She volunteers as an usher at their local Emmy Award winning theater. 

Katherine Blackford Collins of Minneapolis spent July-Oct. at their home in WY. From Nov-Feb., they’re in La Manzanilla, MX, near their oldest son Davison, his wife Annara, and their grandson Dane (7 mos.). From March-June they stay in Seattle with their younger son Doug, his wife Amy, and 2 sons Silas (5) and Parker (2). 

Katharine Ann Funkhouse Stire-Kuz has had a number of teaching trips and family visits with the grandchildren on both coasts. Bill joined in Santa Fe for one seminar and they combined a 2nd seminar in Philadelphia with side trips to Rehoboth, Alexandria, and Charles Town, WV. Last spring Sarah Whitener O’Connor had a great trip to Italy. Larry joined her daughter, the grandchildren, and both her sons in CO and WY where they enjoyed the wildlife and activities in Jackson Hole and Yellowstone. She and roommate Susan Strous got together for lunch. 

Betsy Parker McColl and Jim have 2 grandchildren (4 ½ and 3). Jim shot his age (72) last summer and she still plays tennis. She looks forward to her next new love in touch. Her husband, the Rev. Spurgeon Hays, was going to participate in the April wedding of Cecil Collins Scanlan’s daughter in South Carolina. She sees Laura Sauls Watson reading a book. Her daughter parlor and Sarah Hitch Hill at church. 

On 12/22/12, Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch and Bill celebrated 50 years of marriage with their kids, grandchildren, friends of 50 years, and a crowd to celebrate. Lyn Carole Blau and Jeffrey plan a family cele- bration of their 50-year marriage at the Inn at Pelmetto Bluff. They stay busy between West Hartford, NYC, and Las Vegas where their daughter Elizabeth and her husband and opened a restaurant. She attended an art opening in Nashville where her daughter Alexandra is showing her latest work and visited her daughter Jeanne in CA. 

Caroline Prentice Keown and Mark celebrate their 50th wed- ding anniversary in Aug. She’s attending a high school reunion in Philadelphia. 

Cynthia Livingston Gibert continues as an infectious diseases physician at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Washington, DC. Both of her children are physicians. Her granddaughter Sophia (12) has a horse and wants to go to SBC to be on the riding team. Her daughter Jennifer lives in Charlottesville and her son Christopher and family live in Virginia Beach. She sees Valerie Elbrick Hanlon for lunch when she comes through. 

Karen Gill Meyer still loves her clients and works hard at Morgan Stanley. With the help of a great partner and assistants, they travel a great deal including long weekends at the beach in CA, 3-4 trips to NYC, and other getaways. She serves on the SB board as finance and endowment chair. 

Last June, 2 of Nerissa vom Baur Rohrs piano pieces were performed during Delbert’s concert (2 of Cecelia’s mezzo were performed in China and Australia; some contractual songs were to be performed in March in Zwickau, and her Christmas Carol in Sarajevo, Bosnia and organ, in translation, will be performed at the St. Thomas Choir Carol Ceremony in 2023. Nerissa’s daughter Marina was to be married in an Englishman in London on Easter Day. In May she and Heinrich were to visit Siena and Florence; in June they were to host friends from Sweden and France for the Bachfest; in July they visit France; and in Sept. they visit Istanbul on an art tour.

Thank you all for providing me with up- dates during the last 5 years. It’s been a pleasure!
I find you all enthusiastic for our 50th reunion coming up in 2014. This energy is accompanied by disbelief and wonder that we could be 70+. Susie Glasgow Brown is semi-retired as a real estate agent and grandmother of 6. She’s “trying to be disciplined about writing poetry. I’m in a reading group and have taken workshops.” Linda Lee McAndrew continues to work, but has managed to get back to her trips to HI, one with her dance improv company in 7/2012 and another to celebrate her 70th (12/12/2012). Gail Anderton Ramey, Ashton Barfield, and Caroline Tate are well. Joan Moore Biddle writes: “our daughter, Virginia “Ginny” was married to David Moore of Golden, CO. We’ve planned a trip in March to Machu Picchu, Peru and the Galapagos.” Nancy Lynn Hood is “enjoying retirement—taking her grandson (2+) for his first visit to the British Museum and the Natural History Museum! This year we have explored Rome (again), Marrakech for 3 days with friends in and countryside, and Oslo. I was commissioned to do another photograph book on National Park on snowmobiles.”

Tina Patterson Murray is “enjoying retirement—taking her 70th (12/12/2012).” Nancy Lynah is “enjoying retirement—taking her 70th in Costa Rica with my sons and as time and money permit. “I celebrated my 70th in 7/2012 and another to celebrate her 70th (12/12/2012). Gail Anderton Ramey, Ashton Barfield, and Caroline Tate are well. Joan Moore Biddle writes: “our daughter, Virginia “Ginny” was married to David Moore of Golden, CO. We’ve planned a trip in March to Machu Picchu, Peru and the Galapagos.” Nancy Lynn Hood is “enjoying retirement—taking her grandson (2+) for his first visit to the British Museum and the Natural History Museum! This year we have explored Rome (again), Marrakech for 3 days with friends in and countryside, and Oslo. I was commissioned to do another photograph book on National Park on snowmobiles.”

Mary Daes Boykin Wortley went to Boykin, SC, before Christmas to help out with their “annual funky Christmas Parade in Boykin. Thousands come—the National Guard directs parking. It’s totally home-made—70 or so entries include the fatback queen, mules and wagons, somebody riding a long-horn steer, etc. My favorite event is our family beach vacation, followed this year by a birthday party in Boykin for me.”

Rosamond Sample Brown is in good health and traveling as much as time and money permit. “I celebrated my 70th in Costa Rica with my sons and stepdaughter. In Oct., my husband and I had dinner with Vera LeCraw Carvallo and Philippe in 2013. We include Greece, Turkey and France. In 2014, we visit Africa. Husband David Banks and I still live between my Dallas townhouse, his Fayetteville, AK, farm and my San Diego house.”

Karla Pernson Murray teaches at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC. “I had some release time allowing me to be in Sun Valley, ID—a better place to do writing on my research! I had a number of trips to conferences in 2012 in Vancouver, B.C. the highlight. This spring I’ll give a paper at the International Language Society in Puerto Rico. My friend Mario and I just got back from a trip to MT and WY where we went with a group of friends through Yellowstone National Park on snowmobiles.”

Kitty Griffith made it to Savannah for a wedding and to VT for “2 glorious weeks.”

Christie Calder Solomon is celebrating 2 new grandchildren (total 11) “I’m still repairing after the 2nd hurricane in 2 years and splitting time between CT and NYC and doing a lot of the piano, music, various classes and some work on a couple of nonprofit boards.” Jackie Nicholson Wysong welcomed a new hip this year. “All of my children are happily married, and I’m Grammy to 4 girls and 3 boys.”

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More class notes online sbc.edu/magazine

Sally Rosco Thomas will retire from the American Heart Assoc. in April. She enjoyed her 30-year career in the nonprofit world, especially the last 10 years in planned giving.

Eugenia Dickey Caldwell is working on a new, large database machine at IBM, which she enjoys; however, she’s thinking of retiring. Peter and Eugenia will attend the Jazz Festival in New Orleans in spring. In July, they’ll visit Peru for bird watching on the Tambopata River. Plus their annual birthing trip with Audubon to MT. Lassen at the end of June.

Evira McMillan Tate joined Mary Melnenn, 5/19/2012. They were introduced by a mutual friend and are excited about having spouses again after 5 years for Jay and 28 years for Evira. Her name has changed, but email and address are the same.

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I didn’t quite have time to follow through with everyone, so please folks, check it! Penn Willett Fullerton. Jane Nelson, Susan Sudduth Hiller and I managed our annual reunion in NH this past fall. Penn’s life remains full with tutoring in creative writing, time in her Gold country cabin with hubby George, and all 3 children married, 2 families, and her youngest announcing pregnancy. Grandparenting is a big part of Penn’s life, as it is for Susan’s, with 2 from daughter Penn and more from husband Chuck. In recent years, Susan has weathered a blood clot in her leg, a wrist crack, and her first fracture on the ski slopes after 35 years of the sport. Jane is absorbed with chaplaincy at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, VA. She looks forward to hosting her family reunion in Culpeper this summer. I, Keenan, retired this fall from active parish ministry in the Presbyterian Church. With both my kids buying houses within 10 mi. of me, I’ll soon be living with grandsons (7, 12) and granddaughter (20 mos.) Makanah Dunham Morris made the same transition 3 years ago—my role model. She and Bob are helping the congregation of which they’re members to become an official “Green Sanctuary Congregation.”

Encouraging members to become more mindful and committed to eco-sustainable lifestyle choices as well as reaching out to the wider Lynchburg, VA community to help others with environmental justice projects. Makanah sees Kit Baker Sydnor, the Jazz Festival in New Orleans (2), and Betty Booker Morris, her sister-in-law who is married to Bob’s brother. Makanah and Bob are supervisors for an intern minister in the Unitarian Universalist
church in Charlottesville. Andrea Pearson is married to Mac, but is still married to John. Apologies, ladies. Mary Lindsay Smith Newsom and Mac are fine, no new changes. Last year, Glory McRae Bowen traveled to Viet Nam, Cambodia, Belgium and the Netherlands. She’s been to the British Isles with a stop in France. Glory sings in an opera chorus, the U. Women’s Chorale and church choir. Daughter Glory is involved with theater, travel, Italy and Singapore. Her son Derick is with the World Bank in Washington, DC, and has just returned from Ghana; son T.J. is finishing his masters in economics in NY. Gloria also visits South Mountain, Moore Williams and husband Bob in VA. Carroll Randolph Barr is retired and visits his grandchildren in Larchmont, NY, often. Son Angus is getting married in Oct. at Carroll and Mike’s home. She and Mike went golfing in Ireland last spring and will take a ski getaway in March. The Barrs spend summer in MI with their 2 sons including their family’s dog. And Carroll was able to visit with Mary Bell Timm-Lake and Wayt at a UVA basketball game. She also talks to Beth Glaser Isaacs who lives in the Fan with husband Ed.

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professionals after retiring from my day job in a midtown law firm. Darling grand-
children, Evie and Sebastian, are my first customers.”

Frances Kirvon Morse and John are involved with Friends of Edgewood Park.
John is the treasurer, and Frances helps with projects, including monitoring bluebird boxes and “helping orchestrate Bluebird Summer.”

Suzanne Weston is retired. “Stan and I have traveled around the country on our 2
BMW motorcycles and also rented BMWs in Ireland last year and Norway this year.”

Katherine “Kazie” Burton in La Grange Park, IL, writes: “I retired last June. My
husband, Ron Ritsert, had heart surgery in St. Louis. My daughter Alastair is a 4th year that Jared and she spent on Koh
Samui in Thailand in 1999. “We actually walked across the sand at low tide to get
our passports stamped and buy a Coke at the Burmese border. The guards let us in
for a small remuneration in US $.”

Amy Thompson McCandless is leading another group of students to the U.K. over
spring break. Last summer, she joined son Alastair for 8 days of his 4000 mile
walk across the U.S. to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project. Amy and sig-
nificant other Steve spent time in Jamaica, where he is consulting for Alcoa.

As for me, Lynne Gardner Detmer, Jim
and I had a wonderful trip around South America this winter.

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With 37 years experience, Giana DePaul
(Dallas) started her own business with a
photographer 5 years ago. She sits on 5
nonprofit boards, loves gardening and is
involved in dog rescue.

Liz Medaglia (Arlington, VA) sent news of
other classmates with her Christmas update. Sadly, Liz’s father passed away in 6/2012. Liz and husband Joe Sinnott
travel (Italy, the Shenandoah Valley),
continue traditions like summer evenings at
Wolf Trap, and find rewards and oppor-
tunities in their work at the Dept. of Labor
(Liz) and MITRE (Joe). Liz has begun work
on celebrations for the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta (1215),
Liz and Joe enjoy Viennese Waltz and
ballroom dancing, further enlivened for Liz
when she spotted Patsy Parkinson Riley
(McLean, VA) in a class and again at 2
Viennese Balls. Liz has seen Lynn Pearson
Russell (Alexandria, VA) who heads the
Division of Education at the National
Gallery, and is in touch with Peggy Davis
Molander (Boxborough, MA) who has re-
tired from Harvard’s Widener Library and
may move with husband Erik to Seattle
where daughter Margot lives.

Jonathan and Jean Rushin Brown
(Wilton, CT) announce the engagement of son Rob
(a VP at Deutsche Bank) to Julia Stroup
(JP Morgan Chase), both in NYC. When she wrote, Susan Scanlan
(Alexandria, VA) was just home from Israel
where she got to meet with the Palestinian PM in Ramallah. Sue had been invited to
join friends on a trip to Burma, which led her to reminisce about the ‘retirement’
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Catherine Hall Stopher, via the online
form: Daughter Marshall and son-in-law
Douglas Kiker (in DC) had Walter Simpson
Kiker on 8/7/12. They visited us in Gulf
Stream, FL, for Thanksgiving, along with
our son Charles, his wife Stephanie, and
dughter Lucy (2).

Ann Tremain Lee (Newport News, VA) re-
ported a Christmas visit for all the Lees in
southern CA with Maria and Marshall (run-
ing in the Boston Marathon, ’13), when
they got to see Sterling (11) and Kendall
(8+) in school and church performances.
Ann and Saint took a Baltic cruise, a trip
to AZ for Ann’s 65th, and a family week at
Nags Head. At home, Ann keeps Larkin (1)
for Allie and Zack 2 days/week, visits her
father (92) in CVille, and volunteers for
church and community. Saint continues
his part-time therapy practice and work at
a free medical clinic. Cameron, in CO, is
happy with restaurant work, tax prepara-
tion, her dog, home, and yard.

In ’08, AtLee Walker (DC) and her hus-
band moved back from rural VA, happy to
be closer to her daughter and 2 grandchil-
dren in MD. Her fabric art and beadwork
was in a couple of galleries when she was in
VA.

I still work as a secretary at the local
school where I used to be the nurse. Adele
is in L.A. working for S Factor (Google it,
but forget the striptease part). Charles is a
business manager at Sotheby’s (NYC) and
is engaged to be married this July. Save
May 30-June 1, 2014 for our 45th Reunion.
One last chance to roar before our
50th when we might finally have
to become too mature for that sort of car-
rying on.

Smithsonian Nabs Sweet Briar Alumna

KATE HAW ’92 SAYS SHE WAS “OVER
the moon” when the Smithsonian offered her
the job of director of its Archives of American
Art this past spring. Previously, Haw had
delved as vice president for development at the
National Building Museum for two years and
was executive director for development and
administration at the Skowhegan School of
Painting and Sculpture in New York City and in
Skowhegan, Maine, from 2006 to 2011.

“When I was [at] Skowhegan, I had the
opportunity to establish an archive and launch
an oral history program,” she says. “I gained
a real appreciation for the importance of
preserving all of the material that is essential to
understanding the full story of American art. So
when I got the chance to throw my hat in the
ring with the Archives of American Art, I felt like it was a really perfect
next step for me.”

Haw received her graduate degree in art history from the University of
North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but the seed for her passion — and
perseverance — was planted at Sweet Briar, where she double-majored
in art history and religion. One professor in particular stands out.

“One of my best memories is studying art history with Ninie Laing,”
Haw says. “She pushed me harder than anyone else ever had, and she
encouraged me to really, really work. She truly believed in me and made
me want to do better.”

The lessons Haw learned from Laing went
beyond art and work ethic.

“Ninnie opened my eyes to the fact that there
isn’t just a single formula for how women
should build their lives,” she says.

Laing’s advice fit in perfectly with the
environment Haw found at Sweet Briar.

“As a student, I don’t think I was really aware
of the challenges that women face in the
professional world,” she remembers. “Looking
back, I think that naïveté actually served
me well. I never had the sense that anyone
thought I couldn’t do something because I was
a woman — we were all women and every
option was open to us, and we had many great
women as role models in our community.”

After graduation, Haw served on the board of the Friends of Art for
many years, a position that allowed her to “get to know generations
of amazing women.” Today, she continues to stay in touch with many
alumnae and looks forward to reconnecting with more of them in the
D.C. area.

“The first people to congratulate me and spread the word [of the
Smithsonian appointment] were Sweet Briar friends,” she says. “I was
so touched by that. The great sense of camaraderie among all of us —
students, alumnae, faculty, staff — is really special, and it doesn’t go
away no matter when we graduate.”
In Memoriam

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the alumnae office for the name and address.

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Margaret Bradley
Mrs. George W. Forsyth
Feb. 15, 2013

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Maud Tucker
Mrs. Walter H. Drane
Nov. 4, 2012

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Katharine Bonsall
Mrs. Katharine B. Strong
Nov. 19, 2012

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Cecilia MacKinnon
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Aug. 28, 2012

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Mrs. Hugh G. Alexander Jr.
Feb. 1, 2013

Christine Headley
Mrs. Craig Allen
March 9, 2013

Jane Taylor
Mrs. Jane T. Lowell
March 28, 2013

Ethel Charles Lindsay
Mrs. J. Watts Martin
Feb. 18, 2013

Marion Mundy
Mrs. Seymour R. Young
Feb. 22, 2013

1943
Margaret Luther
Mrs. Robert R. Kurtz
March 27, 2012

Barbara Perkins
Mrs. John B. Maxwell
March 26, 2013

1944
Mary Jarvis
Mrs. Albert K. Cocke
Aug. 3, 2012

1945
Julia Mills
Mrs. Lawrence Jacobsen
Dec. 20, 2012

Jean Moores
Mrs. Jean M. McCulloch
Feb. 10, 2013

Elizabeth Zulick
Mrs. Donald Reuter
March 2, 2013

1946
Jean Pollard
Mrs. Robert H. Kline
April 4, 2013

1947
Jean Hazlehurst
Mrs. Malcolm S. Cone Jr.
Dec. 10, 2012

Elizabeth “Betty” Newell
Mrs. Benjamin I. Johns
Jan. 17, 2013

1948
Constance van Conover
Ms. Constance van Conover
April 4, 2013

Elizabeth “Betty” Gibson
Ms. Elizabeth C. Gibson
March 22, 2013

Frances Robb
Miss Frances L. Robb
April 4, 2013

1950
Emma Kyle
Mrs. Emma K. Kimpel
Nov. 19, 2012

Elizabeth Todd
Mrs. Joseph D. Landen
March 7, 2013

1952
Ruth Edgerton
Mrs. William Boyer
Dec. 25, 2012

Louise Warfield
Mrs. A. Herman Stump Jr.
Dec. 31, 2012

1953
Isabel Grayson
Mrs. Havner H. Parish Jr.
Dec. 23, 2012

1954
Joy Bennett
Mrs. Daniel G. Hartshorn
April 16, 2013

1955
Mary Whitelaw
Mrs. Mary W. Baidree
Oct. 9, 2012

1956
Louise Gault
Ms. Louise M. Gault
May 23, 2003

Elise Parrish
Mrs. Charles W. Laughlin
March 10, 2013

1958
Josephine Ruffin
Mrs. Jerome E. Adamson
Oct. 8, 2012

1960
Janet Holmes
Mrs. Janet H. Rothard
Nov. 29, 2012

Mary Laird
Ms. Mary Laird Silvia
Jan. 29, 2013

1962
Kate Webb
Kate W. Ragsdale
Feb. 24, 2013

1966
Courtney Stevenson
Miss Courtney Stevenson
Jan. 11, 2013

Donna Martin
Mrs. Anthony J. Zahorik
Feb. 8, 2013

1967
Elizabeth Bernard
Mrs. Philip R. Hatch
Jan. 23, 2013

1968
Cornelia Keller
Cornelia F. Keller
Jan. 16, 2013

1970
Jane Lewis
Mrs. Terry G. Seaks
Jan. 25, 2013

1971
Nancy Glaser
Mrs. J. Christopher LaGow
April 16, 2013

1975
Dorothy McCartney
Miss Dorothy T. McCartney
July 15, 2011

1986
Mary Corinne Neale
Ms. Mary Neale
Dec. 4, 2012

2002
Jennifer Sorrells
Miss Jennifer Leigh Sorrells
July 18, 2006

2013
Elizabeth “Liz” Wilson
June 12, 2013
WHEN ALICE DIXON ’82 WAS A STUDENT AT SWEET BRIAR, SHE TOOK every single class Maxine Garner offered. That Garner taught religion and Dixon majored in biology didn’t matter.

“I liked Miss Garner almost immediately,” Dixon remembers. “Her care and concern for her students was absolutely sincere … She was kind and charming, and we all enjoyed her Southern ways and accent.”

Garner began her 26-year term at Sweet Briar in 1957, eventually becoming the Wallace E. Rollins Professor of Religion. She died March 8, 2013, at the age of 92, in her native Liberty, N.C.

Sporting Peter Pan-collared shirts, knee-long dresses — “never pants” — and Keds in matching colors, along with a headband that was “perched on top, almost like a tiara,” Garner was as distinctive in appearance as she was in character.

Admired by her students, she fit in well with the young crowd. Dixon remembers that the professor was unfazed by the noise level on Randolph Hall’s first floor, where she lived.

Garner called her students “Friend” and made sure they mastered their grammar as well as their course material.

“She was a full-service educator,” Dixon says. “One of my favorite things she once said was: ‘Jesus was a good boy, but Paul spread the Word!’ I can still hear her say it now.”

Garner was so popular that the graduating class of 1983 made her an honorary member of their class, and the professor spoke at opening Convocation that fall.

Garner retired in 1984 and returned to Liberty, N.C.

Dixon had not seen her in years when, after field hockey coach Jennifer Crispen’s death in 2008, she decided to reach out to the professor emerita.

“I realized how quickly time passes, and that if she was still living I would enjoy reconnecting with her,” she says. “I got her number and just called out of the blue. She was delighted to hear from a former student, and after that I made a point of talking with her occasionally, especially on holidays and her birthday.”

Dixon visited her twice — the last time during Christmas last year. They talked about this and that, but mostly Sweet Briar.

“I asked her what she liked the most about teaching there, and she immediately said the students. She told me about how fine the faculty was and how many travel and professional development opportunities Sweet Briar provided to her. She especially commented on going to India.

“She mentioned to me often that she had a good life, very full and satisfying … but that she was ready to go.”

Born March 15, 1919, Garner graduated in 1939 from the Woman’s College at the University of North Carolina, where she edited the student newspaper and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She later attended Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York, completing her master’s degree in 1946. From 1950 to 1952, she was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, where she earned her Ph.D.

Sweet Briar remained a constant in her life, even 30 years after she retired.

During Dixon’s last visit, the professor gave her a special photo she had received from former Sweet Briar President Harold Whiteman. It pictures the Fletcher Oak during all four seasons.

“It seemed to be such a relief to her to give the photo to someone she knew would appreciate it and value it as she did,” Dixon says. “I cherish it.”

Garner’s memory lives on in other ways, too. Dixon, now a chemistry teacher at Collegiate School in Richmond, Va., is glad Garner knew before she died that her former student had become a teacher as well — both Garner and Crispen had encouraged her to go that route, but it took 25 years for it to sink in.

“In homage to Miss Garner, I always grade with a green pen,” Dixon says. “[It’s] something she often did.”
1970
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Kay Parham Picha: We expect our 3rd
grandchild, a girl, in July. We enjoy Ocean
Isle Beach, NC and visits with family in
NC and WA. David and I had a SBC mini
reunion at the beach last May with Susan
Lykes Mueller, Karen Hartnett, Katie
Harris, Pam Becker Jones, Heatee Tully
Click and their old husbands of 40+ years.
I see Frances Gravel, Molly wetz Connors,
and Emily Gooch Creswrench.

Sally Adamson Taylor: Cancer dance
4 years ago (endometrial)—a reminder
of how short life is with no husbands or children and 40 years in
the same house in San Francisco. I have
in 20 years in Asia (based in Hong
Kong) covering teaching and business
work for Publishers Weekly; then a
decade-long love affair with sailing. Now
I live on the family farm in Powhatan, VA,
doing sustainable forestry and wildlife
management. Latest edition of “Culture Shock
France” should be available on
Amazon.com.
Elizabeth Smith Avery: Here in DC, I
head up a boutique private equity firm,
Kalorama Capital. I launched a 2nd ven-
toring a course from Sewanee School of
Theology. I retired and began a student in the
master in public health program at U. of
AR in Little Rock, Paul is a retiree bureau-
crat. Last June we went to the Lake District
and Scotland. My family originated in a
village named Eileanach in Cumbria. This
fall, Paul and I are hosting the Blencowe
family Assoc, here in LR at the Clinton
Presidential Center. Our daughters live in
Nashville and Alexandria.
Karen Wooten Towers: Besides looking
after my older elderly husband Charlie, I’m busy
with 2 Bible studies, a foundation board,
garden and reading clubs, church board of
elders, yard and house work, running and
spending time with family and friends. We spend
about 3 mos. of the year at our mountain	house in NC. About a month ago
I visited with Mary Jo Petree Murphy when she and husband Frank were on their way
and got married in 9/2011. She and
husband Tom are hosting the Blencowe
reunion at her home in SC with
Betsy Anderson, Marcia Ragsdale, Connie
and Frances. I also visit with
Sallie Anne, May Humphries, in my
roomates, live in Richmond also. Her
son is my godson and I’m her daughter’s
adopted godmother. My daughter is May’s
goddaughter. George Fox, May’s son, is
godfather to our granddaughter Carter.
Candace Buker Chang: I go to MT 4 times
a year to see my parents, who are in
sustained living out on the prairie. This
summer I’ll take them to Yellowstone. Other
travels this past year included: mini-breaks in
Mill Valley in Marin County, CA has become
a 2nd home. I spent time with classmates
such as Wallis, Mary Jane, Lori, Jessica,
Connie and Frances. I also visit with
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to West Palm Beach.

Joanna Clarkson: John and I have been
married 40 years this summer. Many
things haven’t changed: home in the
Nelson Co. mountains of VA, horses and
animals, enjoy activities involving history,
art, music, reading, hiking. About 10 years ago,
we met a man from a rural, impoverished
community in EL Salvador, returned
there with John and began a mission
program to raise the standard of living. We do edu-
cational presentations here in VA, raise
funds, and travel to EI Salvador. Things
have changed for the communities we
serve, but we and the people who travel with us are changed even more. After
retiring from 42 yrs. of elementary school
teaching and counseling, I enrolled in a
beginning Spanish class at SBC.

Mardane Rebenstech McIemore: I still
work as an environmental engineer with
Hampton Roads Sanitation District in the
Tidewater area of VA. I have 2 daughters
and 5 grandchildren (3-9), I took the oldest
to NY around Christmas. My daughter
went to SBC and is now in DC, I see Betty
MacDowell in the DC in-law set, she lives
in the love of my life, Jim, in ’99. Planning a
trip to Tanzania in early June and my 2nd trip
in AK Aug. Betty and I went to the SBC
luncheon in DC and saw Martha Holland
and Mary Jo Petree Murphy when she
and husband Frank were on their way
here in Ashland after all these years. ML
“Mimi” Moore, Diane Reiling ‘73 and Gene
Lowell were in DC last weekend.

Kate Schlech: I’m still at USDJO Antitrust
Division, trying to prosecute criminals, but
instead awaiting my sequester furlough.
I may retire in 2014. Two adventure trips:
3/2011 to Peru, followed by a week in the
Amazon jungle. And whitewater rafting
and camping on the Flathead River in MT
in 9/2012, followed by a week at a dude
ranch outside Whitefish, MT. On our rodeo,
I won 2nd place in the goat-dressing
competition (use your imagination!)

Denise Mullens: I’m the president of OR
College of Art and Craft in Portland. The
year here involved 35 years as a Sales Rep.
working in the NJ state system, the grad
program at Pratt Institute, and SUNY
Purchase, with 4 years at the Corcoran in
DC, followed by a year in Calgary, Alberta
at the Banff College of Art and Design. I also
still manage to have a modest studio practice,
though primarily on my iPhone. Travel is
mostly business related, to Venice and
Berlin, China, Brazil. My personal life is
focused on my elderly parents on the east
coast.

Kay Parham Picha: I’m retired. I’m living in
Beaufort, SC, travel and tap dance! I’ve
travelled to Patagonia, Chile (on the way to
Torres del Paine where I hiked for a week),
also Antarctica (in a tap-dance group, the “Beaufortettes.”
I’m in a tap-dance group, the “Beaufortettes.”

Ages range from 64 to 80!
Heatee Tully Click: I’ve enjoyed the SBC
Reunions I’ve attended—a fond memory from the last 3 decades of the life of some
of the Sweet Tones, alumnae version, on
the Quad at midnight. Mini-reunions are
fun too. I loved the trip to the beach
with classmates previously reported by
Kay Parham Picha. I am a nut and a pilot
with 2 children both newly married. Ben
is a Naval Intelligence Officer who will be
spending his career overseas. Ingrid is
married to Vivian, a dentist. Amanda is a librarian
pursuing her Ph.D. and married to Josiah,
also a librarian at UNC-Chapel Hill.
Karen J. Hartnett: For the past few years,
professionally, I’ve been consulting to
banks on executive compensation, succession
planning and strategic use of human capital.
In my last corporate assignment as chief human resources officer, I helped take
take our company public and got to ring
the bell at the NY Stock Exchange. On
the personal side, George and I moved 7 years ago to our horse and cattle ranch
about 35 miles west of Houston—The G.
Ranch. We enjoy skiing and hiking and
usually have the Morgan Library
Mueller and John, and Kay Parham Picha
and David, to the Ranch for the Houston
Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Wine
Auction Dinner, where we saw $125,000
bottles of wine sold. This year, Paul
and David return with their daughter and son-in-
law. Kay and David, George and I also
took a cruise to Italy in Oct.
Nia Rose: I’m still working at IBM on
12/31/13. Plan on working with some of
my business partners in the association
related with dealing with IBM. My
email will be niaeaton@verizon.net. Post
retirement, I plan to listen to the radio
of MainLine Animal Rescue. Hopefully I’ll
spend more time at my condo in Bethany
Beach, DE.

Deborah Jones: I plan to retire from the
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
Education this summer. John and I were
in NM last fall and had dinner with Gateley.
Grandchildren are getting older; we enjoy
living on the coast of ME.

May Fox: May Fox has been our
homecoming since ’75. Our children, Keely
and George, both married within a year’s
time—10/2011 for Keely and 9/2012 for
George. Keely and husband are expecting
their first child. Charlie and I are still
managing to work and play. I’m still
lobbying and he is still managing money! We
travel and spend time at our house on
the Rappahannock. A special trip for me
was last summer’s reunion at Lori Harris
Amass’s home on Flathead Lake in MT.

Ann Gateley: I’m in NM, still working at
UNM part time taking care of the colle-
giate athletes. Still running but will need
2 feet on the trip. In July I’m planning a
trip this summer. Will do my 2nd century bike ride
this May then meet friends for hiking in Slovenia. Traveled a bunch last year; Italy 3 times, Germany, Argentina and Chile, England and Holland over the holidays. Susan McGrath Slate: Jim and I are retired. Daughter Garnet and grandson Andrew (almost 19 and in college), live nearby. I’m in regular contact with Jane Gott and Shawn Holbrook in St. Louis. I travel lately as I suffer from a chronic pain syn-drome and have had 6 back surgeries. We have a place in AZ, and we’ll get out there next fall/winter.

Tricia Hodges: I remain in Dallas, TX, and have a company of 28 people, Parks Associates (www.parkassociates.com). Parks Associates covers “digital living” across all categories on a global basis. In 2013, I was named one of the 20 most influential professionals across years for consumer electronics (the only woman). My husband, Terry Mikel, is a professor of computer science in the TX college system. Our children, the Ciring Minding of Glass, are both married with children (oldest is 9). Rusty has 3 children while Elizabeth has 2 and expects another the first week of Aug. We’ve lived in TX all of our time. Son-in-law of Augusta, GA. We traveled from TX to New Hampshire in May then meet friends for hiking in the White Mountains. My dear husband is 55.

Betty Rau Santanderia: I live in Corning, NY, near the northern PA border. My hus-band Bob and I moved to the Finger Lakes in 1974. Enjoying retirement, traveling, 2 grandkids and her husband of 42 years. Enjoying retirement, traveling, 2 grandkids and her husband of 42 years. The 3 big kids have given us 4 grandchild-ens and our 2, Tim and Ty, a doctor in Providence and a lawyer in NYC, respec-tively, both married in the last 2 years. Ty and Kristen welcomed a baby boy Feb. 2013. Kristen graduated with an almost by accident, a talent for sculpture and have made 9 bronzes. My life in CO has been filled with outdoor activities—skiing, road biking and golf.

Jessica Howie: I’ve been the managing director for the next 35 years at Olitigh/Citibank where I’m a manag-ing direct. I’ve lived for the past 35 years in St. Louis, MO, but have traveled around the world multiple times on business and have seen my family real family reunite to NY where I catch up with family and with Mary Jane Hipp Brock. Walls Wickham Raeran and I are close friends. In addition, Schuyler Gott Andrews also ended up in St. Louis 40 years ago. We see each other weekly. Son Pete (29) graduated from Harvard, finished his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Berkeley, and is in his 2nd year at the Max Planck Institute in Germany. I’m a member of the Shakespeare Festival St. Louis and chef for many dinners and fund raisers. Mary Jane, Wallis, and I are working on a short trip to Paris in June to celebrate our birthday, and we’re planning our 65th group celebration for this fall with Mat, Katie, Lori, Connie and Frances. Kate Pinner: After grad school at Yale Drama, I settled in NJ. I’m a member of a couple of theater/arts groups, but don’t feel burnt-out, I took a hiatus and worked at the Princeton Art Museum. It was supposed to be a 2-3 year breather, but I woke up one morning and it was 10 years. I’ve worked at a job opening at a commu-nity college that would allow me to design costumes and sets, and I’ve been doing that for 20 years. A few years ago my husband, Lou Stalworth, and I started our own small production company, PinnWorth Productions, and we produce a couple of shows a year. Daughter Jordan lives in Philly, My 2 kids have given me 7 grandkids. Jane Gott: I moved my mother to as-sisted living in Leesburg, VA. My father (96) died in Dec. of pancreatic cancer. Ron and I have spent the last 9 mos. traveling in McClintock, Son of my parents. I worked for 23 years in pharmaceutical sales for Sanofi Aventis. I retired in 8/2005 and have studied watercolor at the Art League School in the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria for 21 years. I was juried into a profession-watercolor society—Potomac Valley Watercolorists. I’m now on the board and program chair. I spent 2 weeks in Italy in 2006 with a group of artists painting in Italian hill towns in Umbria. Ron and I have cruised the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. We go to Kauai often. In 2011 we spent 2 weeks in May in Paris. My daughter Lara took a few classes on a baby quilt for the grandson expected soon of Barbara Offutt Mathieson. I’ve remained in close contact over the years with Barbara, Laura Sickman Baca, Consuelo M. Davenport, and bricksy Herzog, and Susan McGrath Slate. Bonnie Palmer McCliskey: I got an MBA at Wharton ’72, then helped build a busi-ness and life with my husband. I had 4 children (10-18) to launch in ’86, with 42 years. I live for a few years in FL, then 30 years in Aspen, CO, where we now re-side in the summer. Recently we live a lot of the winter in San Francisco and travel some to Cabo (in the development, Querencia) and to Kauai. I’ve done a lot of volunteer work (once ran a plan-etaryarium) and have been on various boards including Women’s Foundation of CO, SBC Board and Nature Conservancy of Hi Board. I’ve been active on the Aspen Institute Board for 12 years. We have 2 sons and 2 daughters. Three of our chil-dren married in ‘07 of Aug., the other in Aspen. The daughters have 3 children. I still ride horses both in CO and in Kauai.

Suzanne Yates Calhoun: We’ve lived in Westwood (Boston suburb) for the last 27 years and are planning a move to Martha’s Vineyard. Daughter Laura is finishing law school at U. of Richmond this spring. She and her fiancé have settled there, with Justin in a downtown law firm and Laura about to begin a 2-year shepherding the judge in the VA Court of Appeals. After 40+ years of working I’m happily retired. The last 28 years I was the director of special events at Brandeis U. Kristin Herzog’s show was wonderful. It was the 2nd time to some Boston alumnas: Candace, Wallis and Kathy Cummings. I keep in touch with Katy Harris and Betty Brewer. I take watercolor classes and volunteer at Meals on Wheels. Elsa Jones Foster: After 25 years of doing echocardiograms, I taught in a private preschool for 10 years so Rod and I could create our own thoughts. I think feeling burnt-out, I took a hiatus and worked at the Princeton Art Museum. It was supposed to be a 2-3 year breather, but I woke up one morning and it was 10 years. I’ve worked at a job opening at a community college that would allow me to design costumes and sets, and I’ve been doing that for 20 years. A few years ago my husband, Lou Stalworth, and I started our own small production company, PinnWorth Productions, and we produce a couple of shows a year. Daughter Jordan lives in Philly. My 2 kids have given me 7 grandkids. Mary Jo Petree Murphy: I married Frank in July after graduation. Taught 2 years while he finished law school at Vanderbilt. Then we moved back to Winston-Salem where we reared our girl and 2 boys. In June 2007, we left our hometown to move to Kiawah Island, SC, for the winters and Carbondale, CO, for the summers! Our 6 grandkids (our daughter Laura lives in Glenwood Springs, CO. The boys are in Atlanta and Chapel Hill. Katy Warren Towers taught our children in Winston- Salem. She is now in Baton Rouge. Lawson Calhoun Kelly: A few years after our graduation, I married Frank Kelly, a 3rd-year medical student in my hometown of Augusta, GA. We traveled from TX to TN, getting the rest of his orthopedic education and ended up in Macon, GA. I picked up 2 masters, one in education and another in marriage and family therapy, as well as 2 precious children, Will (37), an electrical engineer, and Carter, my son. My dear husband is Frank and I still work, but travel to Cashiers, NC, in summer and more often to Atlanta. Frances Dornette Schafer: After SBC, I went to Cornell Law School and then found a job at the Internal Revenue Service in Cleveland. I transferred to the IRS National Office in St. Louis in 2003. I then worked in the National Tax Office of KMPG (the accounting firm on Phil Mickelson’s visor) for over 5 years before moving to a similar position at Grant Thornton. Frank is now at the Florida Institute the end of July, but continue to do consulting work for them. I also continue to serve at the Chair of the Trusts, Estate and Gift Tax Technical Resource Panel for the AICPA. My husband Tom was an at- torney at the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. He died of pancreatic can-cer 15 years ago. Our son William moved to Bozeman, MT, in Aug. He attends MT State.

Claudia Forman Pleasant: I’m still in Upper Montgomery County, MD, with my husband of 22 years, Don Plessapants. We have 3 children, 2 married and a son who will attend Auburn U. in fall. From our other children, we have now 12 grand-children! Son Ross just had his 2nd boy. For the last 20 years I’ve been working as a real estate broker and real estate development business, I completed my graduate business degree from Johns Hopkins before our daughter came along, and previously worked as a real estate Group VP with several regional banks. I serve on independent school boards, at Hopkins, as well as other nonprofits. Elizabeth Holloway Playforth: I hesitated to write as I was a classmate for only 2 years in college. My father was an official of the AICPA. My husband Tom was an attor- ney at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was a stay-at-home mom who raised a son and helped raise grandchildren and horses. After returning home I galloped steeple-chasers for my father, finished college and became an in-tensive care and surgical nurse, moved to DC for 6 years working at the Georgetown Hospital. I returned to Lexington, met and married Jim Holloway and we’ve been there ever since married for 32 years. After Herman retired as a cardiovascular surgeon we’ve contin-ued riding horses, foxhunting and farming. Herman has 3 daughters and we’ve a 9 grandchild—some of whom served on the board of the Lexington School for 10 years. Today we ride, hunt, raise a big garden and hay, run a few cows and have a tree nursery of native KY trees. I have stayed in touch with Kate Harris.

Carey Cleveland Swan: As I survey my existence, I realize the only professional success I’ve experienced over the past number of years is being Pres/CEO of the SBC. How does one describe job qualifications? Picking out a needlepoint stitch for an already painted canvas will reflect my acute artis-tic skill, with a 9-year-old's 7-13) provides plenty of intellectual stimu-lation. Yoga for seniors is all the cardio I need. Wait! That isn’t true. I walk boxer pup. He provides the drama and humor. Actually, I have spent a lot of time at Bayou Bend—the American Decorative Arts Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Stuart Davenport Simrill: I retired this year in the 42nd year of teaching in elementary education. My final position was the media specialist. We’d been in MN for 10 years.
1. Lauren and Sam Kistler, children of Elizabeth Kistler ’88 and husband Jim, on a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

2. Kathryn Deriso Schwartz ’88 and her husband Alan recently celebrated their 22nd anniversary. They live in Miami with their 4 children: Kacki, Webb, Burgen and Chandler.

3. Nikki Johnson-Kaler ’96 welcomed her baby boy, Ryland, this year.

4. Mary Copeland ’96 and her fiancé, Martin.

5. Severine Delerue ’96 welcomed Charlotte in April 2012.


7. Susan Kirby Peacock ’73 in Panama City, Fla., 2011.


10. Kimberly Gibson-McDonald ’05 and her husband, David, spent six weeks traveling from South Vietnam to North Vietnam for their honeymoon. In this photo, she is in the famous Bin Thành Market in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City).


12. Libby Kopper Schollaert ’64 and her husband, Jim, kayaking in Sarasota, Fla.


14. Blair Mullally ’12, Margaret Melchor ’10, Samantha Benito ’11 and Rachel Martin ’10 with bride Madeline Davis Brewer ’10.


16. Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham ’56 and Joan Broman Wright ’56 on the bench with “Summer’s Child,” given in memory of Byrd Stone, faculty member and director of the campus school.


18. Kelly Mosher ’12 and her fiancé riding horses on the beach in St. Augustine, Fla.

19. Caitlin Nealon ’10 and Emma Parker ’10 met for a mini reunion.


24. Bride and groom, Madeline Davis Brewer ’10 and Brandon Brewer.
spen with Spencer as the dean of the cathedral. We had a lot of fun traveling around the Anglican Communion meeting new people working on various evangelical projects. Our 3 kids are great. Son Spencer teaches at U. of GA with stints in either Costa Rica or Cortona, Italy. Helen is studying at the CA Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco. Spencer is in his 2nd year of Teach for America in Minneapolis. We’re thrilled to be back in Atlanta renovating a house in our old neighborhood and reconnecting here.

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had been there 2 years ago with Eileen and husband Jim and dozens of mos. off to relax before starting the job search again. Had a great time in Mathews OA, VA. Bought a parcel that completed the other 2 they already had and I helped Dad (85) clear some paths.

Anita O’Connor: “I'm still working at my company, Brandywine Technical Services. Both my husband and I are still recovering from auto accidents, his last March and mine in Jan.; no major harm!”

Evie Carter Cowles: “I’m still painting, riding (foxhunting a lot on my green horse this year) and fishing and hiking in MT.”

1973

Evelyn Carter Cowles

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Jane Potts: “I’m in Richmond and had dinner with Linda Lipscomb who lives here now, as well as Lisa Wickham, Lacy Williams, Melinda Williams. Lisa had a party last Oct. and all of those were present. She was in July, Adelyn Cutler Crockard! Cutler Bellows Crockard

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Beth Bates Locke is still in Dallas, working in agent services at Briggs Freeman/ Sotheby’s. Daughter Becky is a student at Brookhaven Coll, Husband Claude had his left hip replaced in Dec.

Jennie Batson Hamby and husband Lou were in Durham NC in July, Oct. for son Allan’s wedding at Pippin Hill Winery south of C’ville. Lou and Jennie met in C’ville in 10/1973; they never dreamed 39 years later that their son would be getting married at a place they drove by so often! Allan is a resident physician at UVA hospital (psychiatry) and his wife Jenny is an ER RN. Jennie and Lou got a Newfoundland puppy, Jean Dailey will be coming to visit
Witt ’74 is UVa Medical School’s Outstanding Alumnus

A SWEET BRIAR ALUMNA IS THE FIRST woman to be named Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Mary Witt, Sweet Briar Class of 1974, was presented the 2012 award by the association and its financial arm, the UVa Medical School Foundation, at their 47th Annual Meeting in Williamsburg in February. The award recognizes leadership and loyalty to the alumni association and foundation.

Witt earned her bachelor’s in psychology at Sweet Briar College before entering medical school. She is a board-certified pediatric endocrinologist. She completed her residency and fellowship at UVa and Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to moving to Richmond in 1988, Witt was in private practice in Atlanta. She is a former medical director with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia and currently holds a position with United Health Care.

Witt also serves as the secretary-treasurer of the Richmond Pediatric Society. She is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society.

She resides in Richmond with her husband, Fritz Will, and volunteers as a clinician at Cross Over Ministry health center.

Witt represents the Class of 1978, and over the past decade, has provided tremendous service to the medical school’s alumni association and foundation. She was a member of the association’s board of directors from 2003-2012, serving as secretary from 2008-2009 and becoming the first female president in 2009. After her service to the Medical Alumni Association, she was appointed as a trustee to the Medical School Foundation.

the Hambys in March. Jennie will be retiring and closing her real estate business in June.

Becky Burt writes from LA that her stepfather passed away 18 mos. ago. Becky spent 3 weeks at Christmas in Santa Fe, trying it on as a potential destination. But she thinks with her involvement in the Krewe of Museus parade, the New Orleans Art Markets, Jazz Fest and teaching beginning metal jewelry, NOLA will be home. She’ll be doing the Tupelo Gumtree Festival over Mother’s Day weekend and, hopefully, the Decatur, GA, Art Festival over Memorial Day weekend.

Sherry Buttrick is still working for VA Outdoors Foundation. This past year, she and her husband have been building a new house.

Kelsey Canady Griffo-Grice is in Virginia Beach and says that the family company, Virginia Yacht Brokers, had a great year in 2012, with a lot of world wide business. She took New Years off to cruise on the ship daughter McKenzie Griffo was per- forming on. Son Parker graduated from Horace’s graduation from Yale.

Debbie Gahaghan Hill will be grandma soon to David Hill III. Debbie lives in Lakeland, FL, and is now Sr. VP of consumer lending at MidFlorida Credit Union. She has trav- eled to the NC Mountains and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

From Houston, Norris Judf Ferguson, writes that husband Grant is now with Mertz Energy. Elder daughter Katie vol- unteers for a nonprofit called Compute the end of the NC Mountains and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Felice Ludington in northern CA, says daughter Leslie graduated with her mas- ter’s degree from the U. of San Francisco in May! Felice works for an association management firm that specializes in providing headquarters and member support services for over 1,200 nonprofits. She flies to the east coast often to visit her parents (90). Felice loves to walk and hike. She’s engaged to Peter Lee.

From MT: Cheryl Lux Cobb is busy with seasonal chores on her cattle farm. Daughter Elizabeth ’15 returned to SBC for the spring. She’s thinking of a government major. Cheryl was back at SBC for Parents’ Weekend in 10/2012 and did a Garden Tour of Monticello, was impressed with the “King & I” production, visited a neigh- boring Charolais breeder whose grand- daughter is at SBC. SBC has historically been more than a college; it still is part of a vibrant cultural network of old farming communities. Cheryl has had many visits with Sally Berriman Brown and husband Steve in Denver.

Margaret “Maggie” Minnor Mallory and Bart in Memphis, TN, are spending more time at their vacation house in Heber Springs, AR, as well as traveling the world (24 countries). Last Nov, they were ap- proached by pirates in the Gulf of Aden, but the onboard security team showed them their machine guns on tripods, and they backed down. Margaret’s boys (27, 26) are launching careers—one is starting a business and the other is with the U.S. Navy. Margaret teaches piano. She sees Carrington Brown Wise, now in Memphis. Mare Moran went to Costa Rica in Jan., touring coast to coast and through the jungle, volcanoes, rivers, coffee and pine- apple plantations, hiking, zip-lining, etc.

Sharon Ruvane cherishes the friendships she shared freshman year. Leslie Fisher Sims (who transferred to Rollins with Sharon) was in touch for a while. Sharon is in a year-long training in CT to become a facilitator in Family Constellations—a healing process rooted in psychology, developed by Bert Hellinger and aimed at working with adults. Kids Constellations is designed for children.

Karina Schless is still working at Shire Pharma and trail riding her horse, Angus. She spent Christmas in Jackson Hole, WY, and will return in summer. Will go to Italy with her brother in Oct.

Cynde Seiler Eister welcomed first grand- child Wyatt Noel in Jan. born to son Ron and wife Meghan. Daughter Sarah and husband Steve are house hunting in the Leesburg, VA, area. Daughter Laura has an audition with “The Voice.” The entire Eister family spent a week in Ocean City, NJ, and will go again this year. Cynde and Ron spent a week in the poorest areas of the Dominican Republic doing medical missionary work.

After more than 16 years as Drinker Biddle & Reath’s law library director, Linda-Jean Smith Schneider took a 4-mo. break before becoming the electronic resources manager for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Philadelphia. In the past several years, Linda-Jean has par- ticipated on panels and contributed to the publications of the American Association of Law Libraries, culminating in serving as chair of the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section, for 2012-2013. She and husband Lee will celebrate 25 years of marriage in June!

Gina Spangler Polley is still showing dogs, horses and traveling. The new carpet
manufacturing business is slow, but with associates in China and Mexico at least trips are business expenses. Son Frank is well in DC, working for T.E. Stearns. Daughter Linda work on the foreign relations committee.

Ann Skryker Busch’s oldest daughter Katie got married 9/9/12 to Erich Geise from Chicago. Katie lives in Atlanta and the wedding was in Sept. Her sister Allie started AMBusc Performance Horses in Wellington, FL. Allie has a full barn of horses in training. Son Adam is graduating from CO State U. in May with a degree in business and finance. Ann and son Adam are going to Namibia after graduation.

Last year, Marshal Taylor Norton became dean for the Evelyn Syphax School of Education, Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Union U. in Richmond, VA. Richmond is home to Marshal parents, sister (Sandra Taylor ’74) and brother, along with a niece, nephew and other family members. Sandra hosted a mini-reunion dinner in Jan. Lucy Williams, Lisa Wickham, Linda Lipscomb, Melinda Williams attended. Marshal’s board and other travels (Sandra, 13, and Jasmine, 9) are still in DE, so Marshal is driving back and forth twice a month. Marshal rejoined the SBC Board of Directors.

Susan Verbridge Paulson is still principal at an IB elementary school in CO Springs. Susan became a grandmother in Nov. and is lucky that her new grandson is living in Denver.

Tennessee Nielsen and I, Cissy Humphrey had an “excellent adventure” in Nov. to Bentonville, AR, to see the Crystal Bridges Museum. I still see Beth Bates Locke, Kay Ellisor Hopkins and Tennessee every few months for our Girls Night Out dinners.

Glenn King Springer and husband John came for my nephew’s wedding in 1/13. Rex and I have been researching our family history and will visit Scotland this summer. We found the Uroean Castle on Loch Ness. Our 4 daughters, Emily (27), Ginny (25), Mary Susan (23) and Kate (21) will travel with us.

Anne Rubel Waddell: I continue to care for elderly or cancer patients privately. Eldest son Cooper is San Diego’s sole financial advisor for Banker’s Life. Jack is in his 6th and (hopefully) last year at SDSU pursuing a mechanical engineering degree. I talk or text Torey Bredin Massie frequently. She’s also doing quite well; enjoying her summer home on Nantucket.

Kate McElhinney Montgomery: Hosted Angela Scully Elser’s son Matthew as he made the transition from east to west coast. Feel glad to still be in touch with my dear friend and roommate, and also to have met her son.

Helen Gordon: I’ve been helping my husband John with recruiting for his company. I have 3 grown sons.

Missy Flanagan Clark: Our daughter and her husband gave us granddaughter Isabella last April! We moved to a house on the Lafayette River, our 2nd son is out of school and working locally. Our young-est is a senior in college.

Nina Baker Neal: My daughter, Natalie Hazelhurst, graduated from St. Andrews in Scotland, and we traveled for the cer- mony. My step-daughter Kira got engaged in 2012. The wedding will be in June at our home on the eastern shore. My step- son Garrett lives in Minneapolis and is a musician, and I just went back from a vacation in Cancun.

Kari Anderson: I’m in Dallas, working for Texas Co., and teaching 5 classes a week. She hopes to travel to see alumsnae soon. Ann Connolly Simpson drove to the Outer Banks last summer, then to St. John, U.S.V.L, then New Orleans and then Nashville and CO in the spring. Daughter Hannah is getting her master’s at Simmons in education and is student teaching in Newton. Recently separated, Jeanine Davis Harris is living in Princeton, working as retail manager at J. Mclaughlin. Her kids are well. Leigh is graduating from Murman and May and the other spent the summer in Hawaii. Reid is a freshman at Miami of Ohio, and Brad is a freshman at Woodbury Forest (boarding school) in VA.

Claire Dennis Griffin is still running herDirect Hits Education business, which does SAT and ACT prep in the Atlanta area. Claire also enjoyed visiting Carson Freeman Meinen, Diana Tarride Palmer and Ann Darden Seif while she was in Fort Worth to visit her son at TCU.

Catherine Flaherty writes from Steamboat Springs, where she was with her book club as the snow came down. All her boys are doing great.

Martha Freneau lives in Charlottesvile. She works for Hospice of The Piedmont and LessCancer.com. Her 4 children are grown. Recently, she took up photography. She’s been successful with her work displayed in Charlottesville, MI, FL, CO and CA. She’s getting ready to produce a showing for the benefit of Hospice in Charlottesville this June. In addition, she has contracted for “300” bike ride in MI this summer. She’ll be trav- eiling with her mother and Laurie Tuchel to Provence, France, to take a painting semi- nar from Jill Steinhurst.

Charlotte Gay Gerhardt works in the develop- ment office of the Jamesmont-Yorktown Foundation. Her oldest, Catherine, is in her 2nd year of law school at U. of SC. Her middle, Augusta, also in SC, is working retail in Charleston. Youngest, Ann Burton, is a senior at W&L.

Missy Gentry Witherow loves her job at SBC, particularly because it gives her an excuse to visit classmates across the country. Her daughter Jordan is in college. Son Thomas (13) is in 8th grade and Meaghan (12) is in 6th grade. Tish Longest Tyler is still working as a paralegal at the Office of the Attorney General in Richmond and will reach 30 years of service in Nov. She enjoys work and needs it to pay for her trips to France. This year’s trip will take her for one week of language school in Sancerre and another week in Paris. She keeps in touch with Carolyn Birbick Thomason and had a
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shops and has begun taking drawing and painting workshops. She talks to Kenny about her teaching and her nieces who are doing their workshops this summer for one of Jill’s painting workshops.

Suzanne Collins ’78! She had dinner in May. Jill’s 3rd son and last has applied to work in March and Jorge Alejandro has moved in with us in Nov. and started a job at Habitat for Humanity of Northern VA. Our latest rendezvous was at Top O’ the Exuma’s for the Famous Family Island Tour.

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“I’m still taking some horse shows this year with my mount Reagan. Lori Faust Williams is living in White Post, VA, and writes that daughter Ashli (28) graduated from Lord Fairfax Coll. (LFC) and may attend George Mason in fall. (LFC) has one more semester at LFC and plans to pursue a B.S. and master’s degree in library science. Shelby started a business called Shelby Crafts Extraordinary Fudge. Shelby will be getting married later this year to Daniel Westendorf. Son Ted (23) is attending LFC as well.

Kearsley Rand Walsh writes: “I still work for Habitat for Humanity of Northern VA. My boys are in high school. Harry is a freshman and plays basketball. Jack is a freshmen and plays soccer. Jack is a senior and pursuing his artistic talents. Jill expanded JFallon & Co.’s services to include JFallon Celebrations. She’s working with clients from MA to CT to “create those special occasions that celebrate family, friendships, life’s milestones and community.”

Angela V. Averett and Brian retired 2 years ago to Jaco Beach, Costa Rica. Cathy Miller’s girls are in college. Jill’s daughter Mary (19) is a freshman at Ferrum, and Madeline got back from her 2nd term in Africa for a biology class. Ali will go to Peru for an E-term class. Andrew and I plan to visit Ukraine and Istanbul this spring. Kit Johnson Parks is excited to go see the Monarch butterflies in Mexico next month. Heidi Willard is walking on her own again. She keeps up with Jennifer, Heather, Amorett, Molly, Dirt, Jean, Francie, Nancy, Sally, Beth and everyone else. Heidi has been awarded a Patent!

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Waterman ’83 Elected Maryland GOP Leader

DIANA DUFFY WATERMAN ’83, FIRST VICE CHAIR and interim-chair of the Maryland Republican Party, was elected to fulfill the remainder of former Sen. Alex X. Mooney’s term through the 2014 elections. The former math-physics major is one of only a handful of women serving as state party chairs on the Republican National Committee.

“I am proud to represent our state on the Republican National Committee and look forward to working with all of the members,” Waterman said in a press release by the Maryland Republican Party.

Waterman was elected to the Republican Central Committee of Queen Anne’s County in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, serving as a member, treasurer, vice chairman and chairman. She has also served on several committees for the Maryland Republican Party, including Credentials, Resolutions, Voter Registration, Chairman’s Ad Hoc Voting Committee and Bylaws.

Prior to her election as first vice chair of the Maryland Republican Party, Waterman served on the National Federation of Republican Women’s Membership Committee. She was elected first vice president of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, having served previously as a regional chair and club president for the federation. She remains active in the federation.
Shelby Burns is still living in Hermosa Beach, CA, working as a fixed-income associate at Capital, and freelance writing. Her studio is very healthy and exhausting, so she’s trying to keep up the illusion of control and purpose!

Lisa Leigh Bennett is 2 years cancer free! She and Bob took 2 vacations this winter: one to our family home and one to Acapulco. Daughter Sydney is in 11th grade. In addition to working on Lisa, she is excited to have started her own PR firm, Sugartown Media Group.

Lynn Parrett's daughter has lived in Williamsburg for 37 years. The kids are growing and becoming independent. Elizabeth is a freshman in college, and Ben a sophomore in high school, with Thomas in 8th grade. Sue and her family celebrated Michael’s mom’s 89th birthday with his entire extended family in town this past Christmas and Sue’s youngest sister (Jenny, born our freshman year at SBC) had her first child this past year. Sue continues working at home in new product development. She hopes to get Homecoming next fall. Lynn Parrett Charette’s oldest son Ben graduated from boarding school grade 7, and Tucker will follow next year! Daughter Elizabeth is in 7th grade. Sports take much of the family’s time, but Lynn has a personalized stationary and gift business that perks along too!

Leigh Ann White purchased a 1928 home in Arlington, MA, with partner Brian. Leigh Ann is delighted to report that her role as a health economist at the biotechnology company Biogen Idec is rewarding. So, all is well with L.A. in Boston. Hopefully, the tour being planned by Karen Gonya Nickolich will include the northeast and the tour being planned by Alphonso Knowles. Sharon lost her grandmother Mildred (101) in Feb. Mildred had lived with Sharon and family for the past 10 years. She’s adjusting to a new life, a new routine, and an empty nest. Sharon has been busy as a stay-at-home mom taking care of Contessa (5), who entered Kindergarten this year, and is home-schooling her 4th grader Kendall! Sharon says homeschooling has been interesting for both of them!

All is well here in TN, from Sharon Staley Kelly! She regretted not being at the 25th reunion last year. She bumped into Dana Avery ‘86 at Christmas and keeps in touch with Ellen Tozzer Smith and Ginger Pascoe Jennings. Sharon has been busy as a stay-at-home mom taking care of Contessa (5), who entered Kindergarten this year, and is home-schooling her daughter Kendall. Sharon says homeschooling has been interesting for both of them!

Ellen Tozzer Smith was at SBC when she got our email request for class notes! “It’s just as beautiful as I remember—so many good friends and good memories, I’ve been smiling all day!” She enjoyed showing her family around campus while her youngest daughter had a tour and tried out a few classes!

Kristen Kearegg Carter and I see each other on my trips to Virginia Beach. Kristen is the vice president of Early Childhood Education at the YMCA of South Hampton Roads. She is still riding, and we’re hoping that we can start endurance riding together soon! Kristen’s husband Dave (VM ’88) and my husband Ted (VM’88) were roommates at VMI. We will be heading to VMI for their 25th reunion in Sept.

Jennifer Crossland’s son Tyler will be off to college in fall at Fairfield U. in CT where he’ll play baseball. Daughter Chelsea, a high school freshman, is running track after 10 years of gymnastics. She’s a sprinter and wants to try pole vaulting. The Blinds spent a week in Palm Springs, CA. In Nov. they live in NJ. Denise can’t wait to see her roommate Julie Martin Collins at the Reunion.

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Sherry McGowan Barber and family still live in Tampa, FL. Oldest son Chas (19) is a freshman at Ole Miss. Caroline (17) is a junior in the Tampa IB program and begins the college search this fall. The family has a northeastern college tour planned where they’d like to swing by swing. Baby Bill is 7. Holly has finished working the past 2 years on the GO Convnetion in Tampa and has had a fun job afterwards in Columbus, OH.

Anne Bruce Porter and husband Billy live in Auburn, AL. Bruce (16) plays soccer. Terry Cerrina Davis is a busy at home mom enjoying being PTO president for Lindsey’s (11) elementary school and Girl Scout leader for her Junior GRS troop. They had a great trip last summer to DisneyWorld with her and a group of other dancers and moms.

Karen Harcym Levy lives in Wyckoff, NJ. Oldest daughter Meredith graduated from Hollins in May and is studying in her master’s. Second daughter Alexandra is a sophomore at Washington Coll. in MD. On Clayton is a sophomore in high school. Eric is the 3rd generation to be running his family’s wholesale flower company, Hillcrest Garden Inc. Karen has been managing a rental real estate company for the past 3 years, and is working on her teacher training in Yoga. Karen participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 2-day walk; so she’s setting her sights on the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day walk; so she’s setting her sights on the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day walk. Elizabeth Lindsey spent the last 8 mos. editing the introductory parts and part of the commentary for the Common English Bible translation’s Study Bible. Now that project’s done, she is repainting the inside of the house. Each day for a few weeks she walks the dogs one block over to her mother’s house to watch a film crew work across the street at the houses used for the exterior and interior of scarlett jonsson & deacon’s homes on ABC’s “Nashville.” Elizabeth says it’s fascinating to see the people, gear, and time necessary for just 10 min. of action. But so far no one’s invited her photogenic, well-trained basset’s to be extras on the show.

Lisa Marks Todd has been married for 8 years, and they have 2 girls (6 and 7). Lisa says Quincli Stevenson Vele and Corrine Cunningham Brown had babies in their 40s, so they all can share mommy fatigue! Lisa and family live in Raleigh, and she stays at home to homeschool her daughters. Lisa does a little marketing, communication and website consulting.

Lee Sokowitz has lived in southern CA for 12 years with husband Andrzej, and 2 daughters (12 and 9). The girls’ homeschooling takes more of her time, but Lee enjoys yoga, fitness, golf, gardening, cooking and traveling. June Lee Richardson is just down the road. Lee took the girls to NYC in fall of 2012 and had a great time seeing Stephen Knowles and Paula Veale. This summer, Lee and the girls are looking forward to traveling to London, Warsaw, Poznan, Berlin and Prague.

In SBC’s Annual Fund. If anyone didn’t receive the email, please contact Teresa at TeresapileTomlinson@gmail.com. Lee Carrell Roeback Maia_jay@cox.net Class presidents Katie Keither Milden and Kathryn Ingham Reese worked hard planning our Reunion weekend, including a boat house party for our class. My daughter, Nina will start high school in fall and son, Jack will be a junior at LSU. In fall, Kristen Kreassig Carter’s son Tyler will be off to college in fall at Fairfield U. in CT where he’ll play baseball. Daughter Chelsea, a high school freshman, is running track after 10 years of gymnastics. She’s a sprinter and wants to try pole vaulting. The Blinds spent a week in Palm Springs, CA. In Nov. they live in NJ. Denise can’t wait to see her roommate Julie Martin Collins at the Reunion.

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We're approaching one year before our 20th Reunion, 5/30-6/1/14, and I cannot wait to get that party started!

Amy Ross Hanna took 9 trips to New Orleans in 2012! She married Gary Hanna on the balcony at Muriel's in Jackson Square, New Orleans. Corrine Gaillard, Gretchen Vida '95 and Laura Dubberi '93 were there.

Lia DeSimon Colbert and Frank visited Corrine in New Orleans when they visited New Orleans for JazzFest. Corrine said of Amy Ross Hanna's wedding, "The bride's taste for bling was well-accounted for, right down to the rhinestone-studded disposable cameras."

Liz Gilgan's son Nicholas (4) starts kindergarten in fall. He's been busy with ski lessons, Isabella (3) loves preschool. She e-mailed Ashley Henderson Swigart and Lia DeSimon Colbert over the holidays and talks with Amelia McDaniel Johnson and Robyn Barto.

Kim Bramley's daughters Morgan (12) and Riley (11) take karate, and Kim is active in car racing. In 2011, Kim and Scott took a trip to Europe to race cars and celebrated Oktoberfestin Munich.

Carlene Harper lives in Wake Forest and sells real estate. She was named Listing Broker of the Year for her office, and she's enjoying growing her business in the Triangle area. She plays tennis.

Tsysa Calhoun Stroka is expanding her theatre involvement by directing Lockhart and Wimberley—loves it. She celebrated her 40th birthday in Costa Rica.

Kelleigh Smith Sommer has been married over 15 years and recently quit her accounting job to start a home-based quilting business: www.kellesquilting.com. She makes custom t-shirt quilts and provides quilting services. She loves spending more time with boys Richard and Sam (12). They spent spring break in Ambercay Cayes.

Katherine Schupp Zeringue is still running the Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance Dept. in the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. She's busy with volleyball, horseback riding and paddleboarding. During Mardi Gras, she rides in the parade!

Cara Gunther Waterhouse and family moved to Farmham, England, last Christmas. They enjoy being close to Amy Davis, godmother to youngest daughter Emma. They're often near Royal Holloway, and Cara enjoys family and friends from her junior year abroad there… and now married to a fellow former Royal Holloway student!

Catlin Sunbury Russell and Scott in Atlanta celebrated their 10-yr anniversary. Eva (7) and Julia (4) are busy with piano, ballet, tennis and swimming. She keeps up with Molly Morris Flasche, Betsy Lanard McCafferty, Kelleigh Smith Sommer, Jim Schmitt Molique, Lucia Marks and Karen Holt. She's now a registered dietitian and took a family cruise in the Caribbean to celebrate!

Amelia McDaniel Johnson writes that Wyly is 11 and Jed is 7. She's teaching religion in her kids' school and enjoys it.

Patti Geaths Hawk and family have moved from DC to Leesburg, VA. She's working part time for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and can spend more time with her 2 kids. She had a mini-reunion last year with Laura Greene Silsbee, Heather Stevens Wine, Lee McEachern Collins and Ali Chance Carter. Lucia Marks and daughter Lily (4) still live in Atlanta. Lucia works for the CDC. She took Lily to a recent SB Day, and they gave her a name tag that read “Class of 2030!”

Allison Vollmer Douglass and William are in New Westminster, close to his job in NYC. She’s busy with Kate (11), Abby (8) and Will (4) who do swimming, soccer and lacrosse.

Hopie Carter Avery launched a local area guide: “The Scout Guide: Raleigh Durham | Chapel Hill.” It’s been a fun project—working with a talented local photographer and meeting businesses and entrepreneurs. “It’s the perfect blend of my background in design and my love to chat!” In June, she attended a baby shower for Kim Clayton Cohen. Noam Charlotte Cohen was born soon after.

Over the summer she enjoyed visits with Kirsten Osmundsen Boyd and Dr. Ashley Celis Cavalier. Hopie’s son Porter (6) is in a magnet school, specializing in the arts and humanities. Liza (5) will start Kindergarten next year.

Life dynamics and positive renewal finds Robyn Barto in the Philadelphia, PA area, working as a student affairs administratoma at Bryn Mawr Coll. She’s grateful for supportive SB friends who encourage her through thick and thin. Children Madeline (6) and Alex (4) are well.

Molly Phemister and her partner live in Lincoln, NE, where Molly works as a landscaper designer and volunteers with the Occupy Lincoln Community Garden group (OLGA). She’s also joining the board of her local health food co-op.

Linda Lombardo is using time between jobs to remodel her home. She’s grateful for being able to watch daughter Daniel and her son. Daniel and his wife are expecting a daughter and Linda will take care of her as well. Her son David will be getting married in May 2013 at the Mast Farm Inn in Boone, NC. She’s looking forward to welcoming Ashley into the family. Tony is doing great, and Mark is working at a law firm in Charlotte.

Elizabeth Belser Kistler from Spartanburg, SC, says daughter Lauren is a junior at Spartanburg High School and son Sam is in 8th grade at McCracken Middle School. Lauren plays tennis, basketball and lacrosse, and Sam plays soccer on the JV team at SHS and basketball. Elizabeth and Jim will celebrate their 20th anniversary this May! They enjoyed a family evaluation a silver sword that’s been in their family for over 100 years.

Eden Zuckerman Brown and husband Bill relocated to Key West. They’ve been traveling there together for 22 years and decided to make it a more permanent residence. Eden is finishing her first novel, beginning her 2nd, and looking for a publisher for her children’s book. Her website is: www.readedenbrown.com.

Christine Diver Ans reports from Tampa, FL. “Son Aleks graduated from U. of FL in international relations and Russian—just like his mom! Daughter Amanda is a junior in high school. I work in a busy law office that handles family law and real estate law. I also enjoy keeping in touch with my mom and her husband in Naples, FL.”

Kelly O’Conner, who was at SBC for our freshman year, has lived in Nashville for the past 17 years working in development and advancement in the music business. She published her first novel, “Awaiting the Green Flash.” She misses her friends from SBC and would love to catch up! Her e-mail address is kellyoconnor@yahoo.com.

Stacey Sickers Locke, via the online form: “I’m and I celebrated our anniversary with a trip to France. I’m now serving the U. of MD. Kent (16) is thinking of colleges. Leland (14) is in middle school and into soccer. Our family is nearby, including sister Susan Sickers Dyey ‘91.”

Kathryn Deriso Schwartz (Miami) and husband Alan celebrated their 22nd anniversary. Daughter Kacki is a senior at FSU and is planning to go to medical school. Her twins are seniors in high school. Burgen was head drum major for this year’s football season. Webb continues to be active with the Dade County Fire Dept. as a Junior Firefighting Cadet. Chandler, 8th grade, has been busy with an after school science program building robots, rockets and bridges.

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Rosanna Jones Thrum wrote via online form: I live in Papillion, NE, and have a private practice in psychology in Omaha and one in Council Bluffs, IA, and practice in both states. My oldest son is 22 and manages a fitness center. My other 2 sons are in high school and junior high school. We travel with my husband’s powerlifting and see family in CA, VA and FL.

Sarah Evans Stacy and Chad are in their 3rd year of living on the campus of a boarding school in Los Olivos (Santa Barbara Academy, CA) where Chad is the dir. of finance. They have 2 boys and 2 girls, (ages 10 to 3). They bought a small ranch bordering the Ventana wilderness in the Santa Lucia Mts. in Monterey County where they will dabble in farming. Last year Chuck and I moved to Bexley, a suburb of Columbus, where we bought an old house a block from the church where we got married in 2011. At Christmas, we got a goldendoodle puppy, Indiana “Indie” (named after our very own Indiana Fletcher Williams). I’m working for JP Morgan Chase. We’re planning a vacation to HI in May last year we spent a few days in Chapel Hill with Dana Varnado Campbell ‘93 and family and proved that Dana and I can regress 20 years or so in mere moments. Okay ladies, mark your calendars! We descend on Sweet Briar May 30-June 1, 2014! Get ready to celebrate our 20th!

1995
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Abby Phillips Hinga: We welcomed Maven Berner and her husband Bill to our family. It was the best, and a healthy Bibi, 2 oz and 21 inches long. Robin Bettger Fishburne: “Joseph “Parker” Fishburne was born on 7/7/12. He joins big sister, Gabbie, who turns 8 in March. Had a wonderful time at the SBC Greenville luncheon with Sarah Betz succio ’97 and Melody Peters on 1/12/13. Sarah Chaffee Paris and Jonathan moved to Austin, TX, 2/28. Sarah, Jonathan, Isabella (10), Stevie (5) and Charlie (2) enjoy their new city and hope to meet local alumnae.

Angie Conklin Abell: I run my own real estate company Beach Bay Realty on Chincoteague Island. I coach soccer, basketball and softball. Son Taulman is 13 and daughter Hope is 10, I play volleyball and softball and ride horses. I love my SBC friends and memories!

Sarah Dennis Roberts: I work 4 days a week for Inasmuch Foundation while Hayden remains in administratina at Heights Public Schools. Jackson is (9) and Owen is (3). They attend Crossings Christian School, love it. Jackson plays soccer, flag football, baseball, basketball and swims. Our swim team is the Country Club. Owen is in soccer and gymnastics. Julis Baier Diter is living in the south of France with husband Grégory and children Alexandra (12) and Guillaume (4). They’re building a house.

Kate Mulligan: I’ll be teaching cooking classes at Terrain, and I’ll be an aunt again.

Amy Daugherty Michel: Sam and I are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter Octavia Carol Michel on 10/15/12. Her middle name is for my
mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3). Their mom, who died in '99. She's adored by her big brothers Xander (6) and Owen (3).
of development at the Art Institute of Chicago. Christine Rangel in NYC has returned to water polo after a 3-year hiatus due to an injury. Christine saw Nicole Redwine in Atlanta.

Whitney S. Jordan had her 2nd child, in June, a boy. Jess McClosky moved to Blackpool in the UK, where she took up a therapist position with the NHS. She’s training for CET certification.

Ashley Moring Voss and husband Jason welcomed Lucy Cotten Voss into the world on 11/12/12.

I., Julia Kientz Ambersley, saw Lucy Voss a couple of weeks after she was born. I also spent a weekend in VA where Gus (6) and I saw Dawn Martin and daughter Katie. We had a wonderful day at SBC playing in the snow and then flying soon to Philadelphia to visit Emily Keating Haag and godson Nicholas (1)!

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Jennifer Sorells passed away in July 2006 and http://www.causes.com/profiles/7809896 this is her website in case you’d like to find out more. She was from New Orleans, LA, and she’ll be missed. Moving forward, a lot has changed for this group in Raleigh, NC, called Catch 22!

American Orchestras. She and Jace had David who welcomed Jace Parker on 11/12/12. Jane is working at a medical center in Danville, VA. She and Amy celebrated their 12th anniversary.

Amanda Davis Stevens welcomed her 2nd child, Graham Garrett, on 1/30/13. Big sister Hailey is a great helper.

and I, Brook Tucker Buck, have had a crazy last year! My mom had a hemorrhagic stroke last April, and I’ve been trying to get her back on her feet, literally. We also moved into a new house in Sept. I took 2 trips to Atlanta with Lori Nilan to see Maria Thacker Goethe, Sonya, and Kelly Monigid Goossens. The 2nd trip we were joined by Denise McDonald Gentry and Ashley McGee ’03. We stayed in Kelly’s new home the first trip. I enjoyed hearing from y’all and please update your information!

2003
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Matt and I (Courtney Arnott Silverthorn) bought a house in Leesburg, VA, on 12/10/12, a week before I started a new position at SAIC. I’m now the partnership manager responsible for coordinating research partnerships and services with outside organizations. Soon after, I also became the regional coordinator of the Federal Laboratory Consortium’s Mid-Atlantic region and am responsible for coordinating education and training efforts amongst all the federal research laboratories in 5 states and DC. I also completed a 200-hour yoga teacher training in March.

Christy Maxwell Harris married Jeff on 4/21/12 in Atlanta, GA. Mother of the bride was Emory Fussell Furniss ’74 and bridesmaids were Amy Gardner Adams ’02 and Shandy Hamner ’04.

Claire Affleck is a professional rider in Skaneateles, NY. She’s also been involved with therapeutic riding. She uses horses and riding to help students who suffer from Autism, Down’s Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and more. Her latest endeavor is helping soldiers with PTSD recover via equine therapy.

On 2/26/11, Angelique Milone Dodson married William Lee in Richmond, VA. Her maid of honor was Katherine Morse ’01. Bridesmaids were Mary Dunlevy ’02, Rachel Allred ’02 and Stacey Fallah ’02. Also in attendance were Amanda Schwink, Sarah Peterson, Amy Waller ’04 and Kathy Fowler ’02. Angelique and Lee live in Glen Allen, where Angelique teaches children’s fitness and dance classes.

Jane McKenzie Davis celebrated New Years with the Parks.

Danielle Ross Oberg relocated with her family to Bethel, CT, so her husband could start a career in the civilian world. She left the world of HR to continue working with her company of 9 years in a telecomm position as an administrative coordinator in the operations dept.

2004
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Ginny Wood Susi enjoys staying home and throwing baby showers for fun and profit. Her daughter turned one on 2/28. Ginny is looking forward to reunion next year.

Mary Morris Park and husband Robert welcomed their first baby on 5/25/13. They moved from England to CA where Brienna continues to teach yoga and sell her artwork.

Lisa Moore Waite and husband Marshall moved to a farm in Gattlin, TN. Lisa works at Monroe Carell, Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt on the pediatric cardiac surgery team.

Annie Leibering lived in Harrisford, VA, teaching 8th and 10th grade English at Herdon High School while pursuing a master’s in educational leadership with outside organizations. Also, she spends much of her time calling, emailing, and shopping with Kelli Bergman Thomas at Disney Wood Susi, Misty Vandergriff Forsberg, Grace Farnsworth Loughhead and Mary Davis Blood. She can’t wait for her upcoming SB baby shower, hosted at Kelli Bergman Thomas’ house in Richmond, VA. She’s publishing an EBook titled “How to Fly with a Baby: Your Mile-High Guide to Air Travel with an Infant,” which will be available on Amazon, Kindle and iBooks in September.

Nicole Basbanes Claire is enjoying her youth services library position as well as her first year of marriage to Billy.

Camille Simmons is in her 8th year of teaching middle school Spanish in Henrico, VA. She and Khadine Fish have been happily married since May 2009. They welcomed Carlyn Louise on 2/13/13.

Sarah Elizabeth Bohn lives in Alexandria, VA. She returned to the USA after serving 27 mos. in Kyrgyz Republic as a Peace Corps Volunteer. In 1/2013, she eloped to Cape Cod, Turkey. She hopes to graduate from the School for International Training this year with a master’s degree focused on post-conflict development.

Stacey Maddox graduated from WV School of Osteopathic Medicine on 5/25/13. She’s an internal medicine intern at Danville Regional Medical Center in Danville, VA. She met up with Jerine Bonnett Hume ’03 and her kids in Philadelphia in Feb.

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Amber McGlothlin Finnegon, Brendan and son Craig moved from OR back to TX to start a new life without the military! They welcomed Carlyn Louise on 2/13/13 and purchased a home in Pearland, TX. Brendan will soon start his new career as a property manager for Hines.

Erik Gibbs lives Denver, CO. In winter, she skis every weekend and in the warmer months, she hikes, fishes, and competes in triathlons. She has started riding again. Erin sees Dana Ripperton regularly and makes it to Denver a few times a year to visit family and alumnas. She spent a week in the Outer Banks last summer with Karen Dennehy Godsey, Kerry Martin Spruit, Maggie Murray Watts ’02 and Lauren Wade.

Brienna ‘Brie’ Christine de Hanna hosted a Prospective Student’s Tea at her home in Panama City, Panama, where she talked about SBC’s Riding Program to several high school seniors. She’s publishing an ebook titled “How to Fly with a Baby: Your Mile-High Guide to Air Travel with an Infant,” which will be available on Amazon, Kindle and iBooks in September.

Ginger Tripp McAdams is still in Charlotte, NC, teaching at Charlotte Latin School. Her little boy Tripp turned one and is expecting baby girl number 2 in February.

Miranda Ponton-Dean is an interpreter for James Madison’s Monticello and for James Monroe’s Highland. As an educator, she teaches children about these men and their accomplishments. She and husband Paul (Lynchburg Coll. ’06) expect their first child this fall.

Lynsie Watkins Steel finished building the addition on their house just in time for the arrival of another baby in August. [that’s 3 babies in 4 years]!

Sara “Mollie” Zobel manages her own equestrian enterprise, MZ Eventing & Sport Horses on the family farm, Rocky Swam Farm, in Springfield, SC. As of 5/2013, she and husband David Moss will celebrate 3 years of marriage.
Jennifer Jones Collins, husband and son William (10 mos.) will most likely be moving this summer from Germany to Fort Polk, LA—their 4th move in 4 years! In Sept., Jennifer flew to VA to visit Jessica Mercier Andryshak and baby girl, Jordan. Victoria Chappell Harvey and husband will move from Japan to England this spring. They’ll be there for 4 yrs. and look forward to visitors!

Kit Robertson Gonzales and family (Patrick, VMI '03/08, and Xander, Z) are being posted to Amman, Jordan, for the Dept. of State for 2 years.

Erin M. Denney Kopczyk and husband have a 2nd child due 3/2/13. Son Jack is 20 mos. Erin will stay home full time and can’t wait to focus all her attention on her family.

Melanie Stine will be finishing up her Ph.D. in environmental geography in 5/2013 and will be an assistant professor at the U. TX San Antonio beginning in Aug.

Anel Avila provides a short summary since graduation: Post-SBC she was a government goon for 4 yrs. working in water quality. She was too poor, so she quit. Then she became a corporate cat at Artnet for one year. It wasn’t exciting enough, so she quit. She’s currently living and working in Thailand, enjoying the lack of adult responsibility. Here’s to an amazing 3-O!

Julie Drake got engaged in Feb., to a GA boy, Mike Jamal. After a fall wedding in CA, they’ll relocate to Atlanta.

Cara Cherry has been traveling the globe, saving critters—the last year included trips to Costa Rica and Thailand; and in between she’s staying busy with her residency at UT of MN, looking forward to seeing Ms. (soon Mrs.) Melissa Massy who will marry Ashley Powell in March. The 2 will remain in Denver until fall, when Ashley’s new job in the Army will relocate them to Monterey, CA. Melissa is excited to see Julie Drake, Lauren Martin Pinion, Tabitha Dixon Ward, Cara Cherry and Nicki Brandt at her wedding.

I. Nicki Brandt, accepted a year-round position with SBC’s Department of Natural Resources as a Marine Mammal Technician, I live in Brunswick, GA. My fall travels included a trip to Maui, where I saw my first spinner dolphins and many Hawaiian birds; I also visited with Melissa Massy and Julie Drake during another moving cross country road trip. Anyone thinking of attending Homecoming 2013? If you’d be interested in having a c/o 2006 meet-up at Reunion, please let me know.

Heidi Trude is in her 5th year of teaching at Skyline H.S. She writes: “This spring, teachers from my sister school in France will be coming to work with me and my students.” Heidi participated in a modern languages career panel at SBC recently. Theresa Jorgensen is living in Austin, TX. She’s engaged to Sam Addison and is blowing glasses.

Danielle Dionne writes: “I’m still teaching 1st grade up in northern VA for Loudoun Co. I’m getting married in 10/2013!” Kristin Block was graduating a Ph.D. in marine science. She’ll be joining the marine ecology and conservation lab. Her current research explores the population connectivity of deep sea shrimp vent communities throughout the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and mid-Atlantic Ocean.

Meghan Kaminski is living in Richmond, VA, and has been working for Racefest for the last 3 years. The company handles online registration for events all over the country including Triathlons, Marathons, Adventure Races, Sports Camps, etc. In the Richmond area she works with Sportsbackers, who organize Monument 10K, River Rock, and Richmond Marathon. Among others, she’s an account manager for Tough Mudder, along with a few other events along the east coast. She’ll be attending Murphy Home’s wedding in April in Manette, NC and Sarah Goldstein’s wedding in Oct. in Richmond, VA.

Sarah Campbell is living in College Station, TX, and works as a learning assistant at university athletics. She is a full-time substitute teacher. She’s planning a trip to Hungary this summer. Last summer, she taught English to Afghan refugee children in Debrezun, HU.

Jadrienne Klaye Cox Brandon Atkins is married to Richard Brandon Atkins and has a daughter, Remy Inessa Hope Atkins (19 mos.) She received her master’s degree in nonprofit management and leadership. She is also working toward a Ph.D. in the same field from Walden U. online.

Julia Patt writes: I moved back to MD after completing my MFA in creative writing (fiction) at UNC Greensboro. I’m now pursuing a master’s at St. John’s College in Annapolis, where I also work as an editor for the MD General Assembly’s Dept. of Legislative Services.

After working as a statistician for several years Cheryl Seaver moved to Alberta, Canada, to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology. Jessica Baker will graduate with a master’s in American studies from U. of AL in May!

Mary Ungerega Magazza joined her husband in New York from Jan., May 2012 as he studied abroad for his final semester of law school. They traveled, reaching 3 continents, 17 countries and 35 cities over 5 months. Some of the highlights were a wedding with Helen Bradshaw ’10, Laura Cromwell and Rebecca Girten in Dublin, Ireland and with Amber Lubeck and Paige Cantfil in Vienna, Austria.

2008

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Ellie Donahue Boyd sent a note to the media office: I was married on 1/5/13 to Peter Boyd (H ’12 ’05).

2009

Julia McClung
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I. Julia McClung, will be married on 10/12/13 in Charlotte, NC. NC. Eric Copppersmith Atkin will be my matron of honor and Megan Combs Veney will be a bridesmaid.

Sarah Goldstein will be getting married 10/5/13 in Richmond, VA. Meghan Kaminski and Murphy Block will be bridesmaids.

Lauren Schwartz is working to complete her doctorate in plant biology at Southern Illinois U. and is a research assistant. Courtney LeBlanc lives in Boston, MA, and is working toward her master’s degree in global marketing, communications and advertising. She’ll be completing an internship in China this summer and then moving to NYC to pursue a career in advertising or PR.

Doreen McVeigh finished her M.S. in environmental biology at Hood Coll. studying population genetics of stargrass. She’s at UNC-Chapel Hill pursuing a Ph.D. in marine science. She’ll be joining the marine ecology and conservation lab. Her current research explores the population connectivity of deep sea shrimp vent communities throughout the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and mid-Atlantic Ocean.

2010

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In Sept. 2012, Catherine Cumpman got engaged to 2nd Lt. Logan Springer (Liberty ’12) and will be married at SBC in 8/2013. Devra Schmachter and Murphy Block will be bridesmaids.

Sarah Goldstein will be getting married 10/5/13 in Richmond, VA. Meghan Kaminski and Murphy Block will be bridesmaids.

2011

Ms. Ashley Corren Hinkle
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2012

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Only 3 months after graduating from beloved Sweet Briar, the swans of “12 waste no time in living up to their motto, “Actions not words.” From William and Mary’s School of Accounting to the U. of Essex, alumnae are traveling far and wide to change the world.

Katarina Allen has ventured to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive TESOL certification via LanguageCorps. During this training, she teaches at the International School in Phnom Penh. She’ll later travel to China to complete a one-year teaching contract, educating children from ages 4 to 18. Follow her blog at katamanyadventures.blogspot.com.

Victoria Bradley Gentry married Jesse Gentry (Longwood ’12), her fiancé of 2 years and h.s. sweetheart, in Suffolk, Va., June 1. Sarah Melvin ’11 served as maid of honor, Jordan McIntire ’11 as a bridesmaid and Christian Salters read scripture during the ceremony. Simone Morris ’11, Hilary Bow, Chiquala Sharp ’14, Elleftheria Treklas, Lydia Marsh, Emily Jones, Martha Schley Kemp, Kelly Mosher, Brook Watts, Caroline Hitzel, Lauren Babineau, Rachel Lasky, Carolyn Hicks, Tiffany Hunter, Caitlin Daniel ’15 and Peggy Hoy McCadden ’74 also attended the wedding. In July, Victoria and Jesse moved to Lynchburg and they now attend Liberty U. School of Law to pursue law careers with a Christian foundation. We congratulate Victoria and all other members of the Class of 2013 for the achievements already accomplished so soon after beginning this new chapter in their lives.

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2006

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The College Mourns Liz Wilson ’13

Sweet Briar mourns the loss of Elizabeth “Liz” Wilson ’13, who in May received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with minors in business and classics. Liz was a passenger in an automobile accident on June 13, 2013. She died of her injuries.

Please submit your notes to classnotes@sbc.edu as follows:

• Fall 2013 notes due Sept. 2, 2013
• Spring 2014 notes due March 3, 2014
Thanks to your support, Sweet Briar women stand out in the crowd.

• Since the inception of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) in 2001, Sweet Briar outperformed its peer institutions and colleges nationwide in all five of NSSE’s benchmark categories: academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experience and supportive campus environment.

• In 2012, nearly twice as many Sweet Briar seniors (76 percent compared to 41 percent of their peers) held a formal leadership role in a student organization.

• Two-times as many Sweet Briar seniors (76 percent compared to 38 percent of students from peer institutions) worked with a faculty member on a research project during the 2011-12 academic year.

Source: National Survey of Student Engagement

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Sweet Briar Women: Their imagination is boundless. Their drive is powerful. Their potential is limitless.

Rachel Wilkerson ’13
A.B. in mathematics and government
What are the benefits of being an active alumna?
Being an active alumna brings you a deeper understanding of how meaningful Sweet Briar truly is and how important your support is. I absolutely love staying connected with students. I have friends who are many years younger than me, and I love watching them respond to this place in the same way I did when I was their age. If you give monetarily to the College and remain an active alumna, you have the unique opportunity to see your money making a difference. You get to see how these remarkable young women are using their education to make a difference.

Do you believe an active, engaged alumnae community is critical to the success of a college?
You got it! Ten times over! If our alumnae support falls away, we are nothing. Absolutely nothing. I would encourage all alumnae to become more aware of how valuable their involvement is and to understand our involvement and support has to change over time. As alumnae, we cannot give as we did 25 years ago and expect the return on that gift to be the same. The College is growing, its needs are growing and our support must grow with it.

What is your hope for the alumnae board over the next five years?
I hope the wonderful work that has been done over the last several years will continue. I hope the board will create additional outreach efforts to get more alumnae involved in the College. For example, one idea is to open the Common Reading Program to alumnae, which will give the two groups a shared experience.

What is the biggest change you have seen at the College since you were a student?
There are definitely more activities and opportunities for student involvement. And the culture is a lot more informal. When I was here, we had dress codes, curfews and had to sign out if we left campus. However, one of the great things about Sweet Briar is its adaptability. It has grown from when I was here, but the education is still relevant and the faculty is still outstanding. The things that matter haven’t changed — only the details.

What advice would you offer the Class of 2013?
Make sure you stay connected, and make sure you keep your contact information up to date with the alumnae office. Come back to visit, and come back often! Finally, don’t rely on Facebook to keep you in touch with the school and your classmates. It takes a little effort on your part, too.

Describe your alma mater in one word.
Indelible.

If you are interested in learning more about the alumnae board or how you can become involved, visit sbc.edu/alumdev or call (800) 381-6131.
SANDRA TAYLOR ’74
Richmond, Va.

What are you most looking forward to as you step into your new leadership position?
There are several things I am looking forward to. First, I am really excited to connect with alumnae across the country and around the world. I want them to tell me what they are hearing about the College, and I look forward to sharing updates with them. I am also looking forward to working with the wonderful, talented women on the alumnae board to accomplish great things for the College. Finally, I am eager to work with our current students and learn about the fascinating things they are doing.

What are the benefits of being an active alumna?
The time you spend at Sweet Briar is a time in your life that can never be duplicated. When you look back on it, I am sure you are like me and discover the friends you made here are some of the best of your life. Maintaining that connection is hugely important and every alumna can benefit from that. In addition, as an alumna, you have an instant connection to every woman who has gone here. I promise you, even if you haven’t connected with the College in a while, you will be very happy with the warm reception that awaits you when you reach out. It’s an easy transition to be an active alumna; the first step is the hardest.

In what ways did Sweet Briar impact the course of your life?
In just about every way possible. In addition to going to school here, I spent my first two years after graduation working in the admissions office. Those two years taught me almost as much as the previous four years. After two years as a traveling admissions rep, I went to visit the career services office and through connections there, got my first job in the banking industry at Wachovia, which set the course for the rest of my career. While I was building my career, I also stayed involved with the College by serving on the board of directors and the alumnae board.

How did you choose Sweet Briar?
I remember when the Sweet Briar admissions counselor came to my high school and showed us a slideshow of the College. I immediately thought, “My goodness! That place is gorgeous. That is where I want to go to college.” I filled out an interest card and started getting information in the mail. The more I saw, the more I liked. Everyone and everything seemed so warm and welcoming; it never registered with me that I might be a minority on campus. It did, however, register with my parents. They wanted me to go to William & Mary. I agreed to visit W&M with my parents — twice. Each time we were there, it rained, which I took as a sign I was meant to be at Sweet Briar. Of course, the sun could have been shining in Williamsburg and I still would have thought I belonged at Sweet Briar! My parents eventually agreed that we could visit Sweet Briar, but unbeknownst to me, they met privately with the admissions dean, Nancy Baldwin, to express their concerns about the social environment of the times. They wanted to know I would be safe. Nancy assured them I would be and promised to personally look out for me, which she did. When I got to campus that fall, I jumped right in, and the rest, as the saying goes, is history. In fact, my parents were so impressed with my experience at Sweet Briar, they insisted my sister also come here.

What do you hope to accomplish with the alumnae board over the next three years?
I want us to strengthen the engagement of alumnae with Sweet Briar through more active participation in a variety of events and opportunities. I also want to make sure our alumnae are aware of the great things going on at their alma mater.

Do you believe an active, engaged alumnae community is critical to the success of a college? If so, why?
Absolutely. A strong alumnae network affords the College the opportunity to have ambassadors around the world, strong women to model what a Sweet Briar education is all about. The more engaged an alumna is, the more able and willing she is to support the goals and mission of the College. I think it’s important to stress that service to the College can encompass other things besides financial support. For example, an alumna can attend a college fair on behalf of Sweet Briar, talk to or send notes to prospective students or help organize a social event in her area for fellow alumnae. There are lots of ways to be involved and help the College!

Who was your favorite professor and why?
Ms. Mary Ann Lee, my math professor. She was brilliant, but she also was able to teach using different techniques that made sense to her students. She was very approachable and patient; however, she did not tolerate mediocrity from anyone — students or colleagues.

What is your favorite memory as a Sweet Briar student?
Being a QV was especially meaningful for me since membership is voted on by the whole class. Plus, it was a lot of fun to promote school spirit and to meet in secret. I still have my QV charm!

If you had to do it all over again, would you still choose Sweet Briar for your undergraduate education?
Yes. I experienced the ultimate trifecta: a superior education, development as a strong leader and woman, and lifelong friendships.

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Nannette Crowdus ’57, Mollie Nelson ’64 and Mary Stewart ’78
Jorgee Boyles Johnson '03, Julia Schmitz '03 and Nicole Crowder '03
Class of 1968
Rick Manasa, Chuck Reiling, Diane Reiling ’73 and President Parker

Class of 1978 QVs, left to right: Robin Jones Eddy, Mary Page Stewart, Kathy Jackson Howe, Cannie Crysler Shafer and Dru Springer Oswalt
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Come and enjoy a community picnic, tours, the fall theater production of Shakespeare’s “Richard III,” a concert choir performance and more!

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