



Passages

Photos through the years: far left 1986, left 1973, below 1992, and portrait for *Visions that Endure* 2004.



CORALIE MALLON GRAY 1928-2007

At the time of the merger of Wilbraham and Monson Academies, it was Corky who combined elements of the crests of the two schools to create the formal WMA seal still used today. In 1979, Coralie was the moving force behind the addition of the Academy Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. The district consists of thirty buildings, twenty-four of which belong to Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

In addition to her work at the Academy, Corky was a loyal citizen of Wilbraham, serving on the Wilbraham Public Library Board of Trustees, the Open Space Committee, the Historic District Survey Committee, the Town Records Advisory Committee, and the Athenaeum Society of Wilbraham. She was a proud member of the

Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member Quota Club International of Springfield and the Society of American Archivists. She was a lecturer of histories for the Town of Wilbraham and for Wilbraham & Monson Academy. She was on the Board of Directors for both the American Red Cross and the Wilbraham Counseling Center. Her activities encompassed the Wilbraham Historical Commission, the MacDuffie School Alumni Board, and the Vestry at the Church of the Epiphany.

We will miss Corky; she was, in a very real sense, the institutional memory of Wilbraham & Monson Academy. At the memorial service held in Alumni Memorial Chapel in January, representatives from the town government, the Wilbraham Library, Quota International, and Wilbraham & Monson Academy spoke of her hard work and devotion to their organizations. Afterward, Cindy St. George Martowski '78 said, "I never realized all the wonderful things she did. I was a kid, and I just knew she was a fun person to be around."

For over 40 years, Coralie Gray served Wilbraham Academy and then Wilbraham & Monson Academy faithfully and well. Among her many professional roles were history teacher, Director of Library Services, and in later years, Academy archivist. She was friend and confidant to countless students. She was also an alumni parent; her son Steve '70W is a current member of the WMA faculty who coaches water polo and track & field, where he specializes in the field events.

When the Academy began to prepare for its Bicentennial anniversary, celebrated in 2004, Corky was an invaluable resource. She contributed her knowledge as well as Academy archival artifacts to the creation of the Bicentennial book, *Visions that Endure*, truly a labor of love.

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ROBERT TURNBULL HALE '55W 1938-2008

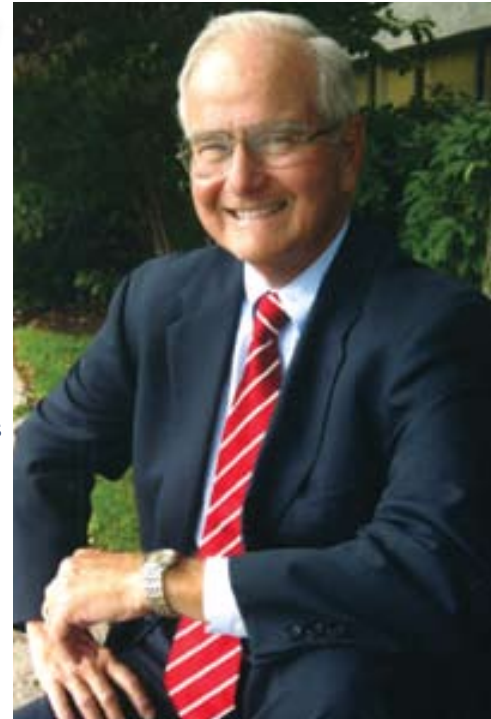
Bob Hale was a highly respected family man, entrepreneur, business leader, and philanthropist. In his retirement, he and Judy, who had been married for 46 years, summered in Westport Harbor, Massachusetts, and wintered in Naples, Florida. Bob died Friday, February 29, 2008, in Naples.

Bob was a member of the Wilbraham Academy Class of 1955. While at the Academy, he ran track and was on the tennis team for three years. He was the Editor in Chief of *Del Todo*, the Wilbraham yearbook, his senior year, having served as Junior Editor the year before. He was also a contributor to *Atlas*, a member of the debating club, and a member of Gold Key, serving as president his senior year. He shared many of these interests with his roommate, Peter Lincoln. Bob was also a campus leader at Tufts University, from which he graduated in 1959. He served in the Indianapolis National Guard from 1962 to 1965.

Bob's career in business was filled with entrepreneurial success. At the age of 28, he acquired and operated Hampshire Bookshop in Northampton, Massachusetts. After selling the bookshop, he founded Hampshire Imports, the exclusive importer of Laura Ashley to the United States, as well as Hampshire Marketing Systems, a successful paperwares business, which he also operated for years until its successful sale.

Bob and his son Rob then founded Network Plus, a national telecom firm, for which he served as Chairman of the Board and oversaw a successful IPO of the business.

The last company he founded, again with his son, is Granite Telecommunications, which is headquartered in Quincy and has been recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in the United States, currently employing over 600 people, 550 of whom reside in Massachusetts. Bob remained Granite's Chairman of the Board up until the time of his death.



Bob supported numerous philanthropic causes. He and Judy funded the Hale Learning Center at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Massachusetts. They also started the Hale Pancreatic Research Foundation at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Bob was an avid supporter of the Massachusetts Soldier Legacy Fund, Wilbraham Academy, Tufts University, Wellesley College, and the Westport Land Trust.

Bob enjoyed playing tennis and golf and the time it allowed him to spend with his buddies. He befriended everyone he met and treasured every friendship dearly.

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NECROLOGY

ALUMNI

Evert D. Cobb '30M
Jerome R. Bender '32W
Jackson H. Skillings Sr. '33W
Charles E. Ferree, Jr. '35W
Alderic W. Richard '35W
Forrest M. Teeson '37W
Norman A. Wilson '38W
Clark E. Woodward Jr. '38W
Arthur F. Bowler '39W
Donald B. Emerson '39W
Alexander Shapiro '39M
George E. Halle '40W

Stephen P. Dunn, Jr. '43M,
Alumni Parent
Americo Rodriguez Jr. '44W
Robert C. Wiegand '44W
Robert W. Spencer '45W
Earl L'esperance '47M
Keith Martin '47W
Harold H. Gagne '49M
Alan G. Sharp '49W
Richard H. Bastian '50W
John H. Givan '51W
Stephen R. Burke '55W
Robert T. Hale '55W
William N. Meade '55M
Peter J. Brass '56W

Harry M. Dixon '66W
Anthony P. Fenton '68M

OTHERS

Stephen I. Allen – Former Faculty (1939)
Coralie M. Gray – Former Faculty, Alumni Parent
Bruno P. Nadolski – Former Staff
Helen C. McEwen – Former Staff, Alumni Grandparent
Helen worked in dining services at Monson Academy from 1955-1971 and at Wilbraham & Monson Academy, first in dining

services and then in the Alumni & Development Office until she retired in 1990. Her daughter Carol has worked in the Business Office at the Academy since 1977, and her granddaughter Julie is a member of the Class of 1991.

Most of the obituaries we receive come through our clipping service. If you know of a friend or classmate who has passed away, please notify the Alumni Office. As space allows, we publish remembrances at the families' request.

Class Notes

1933 WILBRAHAM

Dr. S. James Beale of Jacksonville, Florida, reports that he and wife Paula will soon be married 68 years. They have five children, 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. Jim says he can name them all, but it takes a little time!

1936 WILBRAHAM

Corliss Hunter of Burlington, Vermont, planned to move in February 2008 to a motor home & begin publishing an online log-blog, www.gypsyfeet.net. He hopes alumni will check in now and then.

1941 MONSON

John Garrity of New Haven,

Connecticut, is a retired guidance counselor and has also retired from coaching soccer, basketball, and golf at Hamden Hall School.

Perry Thompson of Amherst, Massachusetts, is enjoying condo living and at age 86 still plays golf and tennis. He and his wife Jean have taken many overseas trips, the most recent to Russia. They also enjoy their five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

1944 WILBRAHAM



Dick and Connie Davis inspecting the Cowdrey Memorial Pool facelift at Homecoming.

Rev. Richard Davis remarked how good it was to be back on campus

for October's Homecoming. "A great joy to be present at the induction of Mr. Shaw into [the WMA] Athletic Hall of Fame, my soccer coach, teacher, and boyhood hero!"

The Honorable Kent B. Smith

published the third edition of his work, *Criminal Practice and Procedure in Massachusetts*, in November 2007. It consists of more than 2000 pages and extends to three volumes. Since first published in 1970, the work has been cited as an authority over 200 times by various courts.

1946 WILBRAHAM

Alan Hale and his wife Janet were presented with the 2007 Partners in Philanthropy award by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. (See the photo and details on page 3.)

Donald Joffray wrote from Old Lyme, Connecticut, to say how pleased he and wife, Suzanne are that their grandson, Jesse Joffray, has entered the seventh grade at

WMA. According to Don's son Rexford and daughter-in-law Deborah, Don regularly enjoys year-round ocean kayaking in Long Island Sound.

1948 WILBRAHAM

Eddie Shore Jr. was named 2007 Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. (See the details on page 3.)

1950 WILBRAHAM

Dr. Robert MacLaughlin and his wife Liz continue to enjoy their retirement life in beautiful Fort Collins, Colorado. They are completing their 10th year of retirement. Bob was a Professor of Speech Communication & Director of Television - Radio Instruction (Undergraduate & Graduate Programs) at Colorado State University. Bob served at CSU for more than 28 years. In January, Bob & Liz took a ten-day cruise aboard the Tahitian Princess to Papeete and Tahiti/Marquesas Islands.

Sheldon Woolf and **Arthur Robbins**, roommates their senior year at Wilbraham and lifelong friends, took their brides of 53 years and 50 years respectively to Quebec City late in 2007. The couples are frequent travel partners.

1951 MONSON

Barry Beckwith and his wife Phyllis of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in September 2007. They are retired and have two children and three grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren are in the U.S. Navy; one is at UConn.

1951 WILBRAHAM

Ralph Quackenbush recently spent a month cruising the Caribbean and the Amazon.

1952 MONSON

James Wait Sr. suffered a mild stroke in April and reports that he is recovering nicely. He sends his best wishes to his classmates.

1949 WILBRAHAM

Congratulations to **Bill Nixon**, whose contributions to his hometown of Easton, Massachusetts, were celebrated when the town administrators named the new high school gymnasium in his honor. At the dedication ceremony on February 1, hundreds of



people turned out to show their appreciation to Bill, who has dedicated his career to the school and the community.

Bill began teaching English and Social Studies at Oliver Ames High School in 1954. This is also when his legendary 77-season coaching career began. Throughout his tenure, Bill coached Freshman Football, Varsity Baseball, Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball. He assisted with Varsity Football, and Varsity Track. Bill coached in almost 1000 victories for Oliver Ames Boy's Basketball, including

eleven Hockomock League Championships. His team also won the Hockomock Baseball championship in 1958.

Some of the numerous awards he has received in his renowned career include: Oliver Ames High School Hall of Fame (2004); Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame (2001); Easton Lions Club Special Appreciation (1995); Stonehill College Hall of Fame (1991); and Easton Educators Association Award for Outstanding Service (1991).

Bill said, "It was wonderful to see so many old friends, and people who were on the faculty with me. We talked about all the good times. We all worked so hard together back then; we had great cooperation; we had an excellent school system." His only regret was that Helen, his wife of 53 years, did not live to enjoy the celebration with him.



Get the word out! Send your news for the fall *Academy World* to Glenn LaChapelle, 423 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 10195 or at glachapelle@WMA.net by August 1, 2008.



1955 MONSON

In February, a group of "slightly older" Monson Academy graduates gathered with their wives at CJ's Restaurant in Monson. Fond memories and much laughter were shared. They look forward to meeting again and to attending Wilbraham & Monson Academy events. From left, standing, are Parker Hodgman '55, Nicholas Mushenko '53, Knowlton Utley '55, and Joseph Slowick '53. Seated is Jim Russell '55.

1952 WILBRAHAM

Raymond Walke and his wife Louise are involved in wetland delineation and are designers of erosion and sediment-control systems in Florida. Ray writes that they would retire, but they have more fun working on shoreline, swamp, and riverine environmental issues. Both are on local recycling committees, and they are guides at Broxton Rocks with The Nature Conservancy.

1954 WILBRAHAM

Donald Femia wrote that he and wife Lou are, "still alive and healthy!" They reside in Ouray, Colorado.

1956 WILBRAHAM

Douglas Blampied and wife Nancy sold their home in Concord, New Hampshire, & moved to Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, for the months of June-October. The couple resides in Venice, Florida, between November and May.

1957 WILBRAHAM

M. Scott Mitchell reports that his 11 grandchildren keep him and his wife Peggy very busy at their home in Michigan.

1958 WILBRAHAM

Robert Kalaski gave this synopsis recently. "I graduated in 1962, from Boston University, with a B.S. in Public Relations; spent four years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force; was employed by Int'l. Association of Machinists &

Aerospace Workers for 37 years; Director of Communications; retired in 2001 to Lake Wallenpaupack, Lakeville, Pennsylvania. [I'm] currently serving on the county watershed district and writing freelance articles for editorial pages. [I'm] married to Christine with three kids, and four grandchildren."

Richard Shroyer is a professor emeritus of English at the University of Western Ontario in Canada. He received a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

1961 MONSON

Gerry Meyers is a professor in the School of Business at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. He teaches cost accounting and accounting information systems. In December 2007, Gerry was recognized for 25 years of service to the university.

1963 MONSON

In 2000, **Cary Brick** retired after a 31-year career on the staff of the US Congress and is now living in his native northern New York on the St. Lawrence River, just a few thousand feet from the Canadian border. He is active in the community on numerous boards and also serves on the 15-member Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the US Postal Service. Cary is also an adjunct instructor of American government at the local community college; He has also served as a Village Justice and continues to perform

marriages in that capacity. "When I am not doing all of the above, I brag about my one-year-old granddaughter and work as first mate on a charter fishing boat." He lists his role models as Hugh Harrell, Robert Johnson, Eugene Angus, and George Morrow of the Monson Academy faculty.

1965 WILBRAHAM

Dr. Richard Bucci writes that he has "decided to retire from emergency medicine and dedicate my life to the pursuit of fun and happiness traveling and riding my Road King Harley Davidson. My wild and crazy years at Wilbraham have always served me well in this lifestyle!"

Andrew Veitch had a nice visit with classmate Bruce North & Bruce's wife Sandy this past summer. The Norths were on their way south from their home in Maine. Andrew's impression was that Bruce hasn't changed much and jokingly wondered if that was good or bad!

Robert Willis wrote that he is bored with retirement; he's a granddad and hopes to open a new restaurant chain. His son is in the last semester of college and his daughter is a new mom. He would love to hear from classmates.

1968 WILBRAHAM

Richard Glaubman wrote to WMA librarian Sarah Ludwig. He is working on a new book and was citing two English teachers he had at Wilbraham in his book's acknowledgments. Richard wrote and published the book *Life is so Good* with George Dawson in 2000. The book tells the remarkable story of Dawson, who at age 98 learned to read and write.

James Law and his wife Roberta of The Netherlands welcomed their first grandson, Jonathan Robert Law, on September 1. Jonathan was born in Porvoo, Finland, where his parents, James' older son Jim and his wife Helena, are living. The trio plan to visit Jonathan's great grandfather, **Sidney Law '41**, in June at the home of his great aunt, **Nancy Law '80** (See page 8).

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1969 WILBRAHAM

Wayne Ranbom checked in at the February Philadelphia reception with his wife Karen. He reports that after Wilbraham, he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and majored in chemistry. He then earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Minnesota. Wayne now works for a French chemical company in the Philadelphia area, leading research and development in polymers and materials.



Wayne and Tim Huston '64 at the Alumni reception in Philadelphia.

1971 WILBRAHAM

Donald Holway retired from his job with the state of Florida in February after 33 years. Don has most recently served as Deputy Director of Law Enforcement with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission.

1972

David Blanchard is keeping fit and playing a lot of golf at PGA National in Palm Beach, Florida.

1973

Charles Feinstein made a list for us to share:

1. Celebrated 30 years of marriage
2. Completed an MBA at New York Institute of Technology
3. Has a granddaughter who is almost two years old
4. Is starting a new career as a maintenance manager at Sanofi-Pasteur

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He added, "I completed nine years at Mars, Inc. with my last assignment in software development. **Don Stuart '73** visited Mars, Inc. on business and reminded me to come to our 35th reunion. I plan on being there!"

Theodore Parson says all is well. Both his kids will be graduating from college this year, and he is skiing and cycling a ton.

Martitia Tuttle runs a small earth science research and consulting company in Maine. Recent projects include paleoearthquake studies for the New Madrid seismic zone in the central U.S. and the Charleroi seismic zone in Quebec, Canada.

1979

Richard Newton reports that he has fond memories of the Academy from 1976-1979. Everyone called him Ricky, and he used to hang around with **James Burt**, **Kenny Johnston**, **Rick Carrol '78**, and **David Jones**. Ricky received a football scholarship to Grambling University in Louisiana. He now lives and works in the south Seattle, Washington, area, where he is the Dean at Totem Middle School in Federal Way. He's doing fine and misses the Academy.

Edward Shore III is regularly lacing 'em up with no fewer than three different hockey leagues. The over-20-, over-30- and over-40-year-old leagues keep him moving, as does coaching the defense and goalies for the Springfield College club hockey team.



From left: Bill Lane Sr., Olga, Nina & Bill Jr., Virginia Lane with Ben Lawlor, Ann-Marie Lane Lawlor '84, Olga's mother Tanya with Teresa Lawlor, and Matt Lawlor.

1983

Bill and Olga Lane celebrated Christmas 2007 in Moscow, Russia, with their extended family, who got a chance to meet Nina Lane, born on November 10, 2007. (Photo above)

Jerilyn Jacobs Paolino and husband David welcomed a new addition to the family. Mitchell Joseph Paolino was born in December of 2006 and joins older brother Isaac.

The very best of luck to **Jeff Sattler**, who is the proposed president of Nuvo Bank & Trust, the first new community bank to open in western Massachusetts in 20 years. Jeff has been working with local business leaders to gather the capital necessary for the start-up venture for a year now.

1987

Christopher Hudon is a middle school teacher in Methuen, Massachusetts. He is currently finishing up his Certified Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Leadership to become a principal. He says, "Hopefully I will have started my Ph.D. by fall 2008. I have two wonderful children, a daughter Kileigh Rose, who is 6 and in the first grade, and a son Macklin, who is 4.

Nina Butera Panzer attended the WMA reception in Philadelphia in February. She reports that all is well with her and her husband Dale and that her two boys, ages 3 and 7, are great.

Michael Swift was also at the WMA reception in Philadelphia. He has been married to his

wife Nicole for 15 years and has two sons, Tyler 9 and Zachary 7. Michael graduated from the University of Delaware in 1993 and is a vice president with Bank of America.



Members of the Class of 1987 at the Philadelphia reception in February: John Seravalli, Michael Swift, Nina Butera Panzer, and husband Dale.

1988

Dr. Christopher Prior of Castle Rock, Colorado, writes that he left the U.S. Army last year and is in private practice in Littleton. He adds, "My wife Suzanne and daughters Casey, Brianna, and Emma enjoy not having me deployed! My brother **Tom** is still playing and coaching lacrosse in New York, where he lives with wife Peg and daughters Reagan, Erin, and Maeve."

Cristina Montanari is still living in Brussels, Belgium, and running a fine food shop there.

Dr. John TenBrook is working as an internist at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Massachusetts. He and his wife Gretchen have two children, ages 4 and 8. They were spotted sledding on campus this past winter when visiting John's parents, Former Trustee John and Bitty, on Main Street in Wilbraham.

1989

Bill Guerin is playing this year for the New York Islanders. (Read more on page 5.)

Trustee **Mahsa Khanbabai**, her husband, Dr. Soheil Hanjani, and older brother Ayub welcomed Cyrus into the family on January 25, 2008.



1984

Kelley McCormick sent a quick update on himself and his twin brother, **Kevin**. Kelley is still with the Boston Police Department, serving as Deputy Superintendent and the head of Homeland Security/Counterterrorism. Kevin is a Special Agent with the FBI assigned to Naples, Florida. Kevin's first daughter will be off to college next year,



and his two boys are doing great. Kelley hopes all is well in Wilbraham and asks that we say hello to Joe Mazeika and Gary Cook.

Kim Christensen-McCormick, Ryan McCormick and Kelley McCormick '84 following Kelley's promotion to Deputy Superintendent in charge of Homeland Security/Counterterrorism for the Boston Police Department.

1992

Katherine Alois Balog announced the arrival of her first baby. Jackson James was born March 29, 2007, and she reports that he is a complete angel!

1994

Melissa Kressler Meyer '94 and Mike welcomed Brady Harrison Meyer at 8 lbs., 9 oz. on October 28, 2007. She writes, "Had a baby; it's a BOY!!!, with the biggest feet you have ever seen! We think he wins the prize for least amount of wait for a Red Sox Championship! Melissa and Mike are doing great."

1995

Kimberley Bernier's business, Kim's Dog and Cat Grooming, received press coverage in *The Republican* newspaper of Springfield, Massachusetts, in January. She had recently relocated her business from Belchertown. Kim also breeds and sells cocker spaniels and Morgan horses.



On January 1, 2008, **Thapana Sirivadhanabhakdi**, who was known as Noom while at the Academy, was promoted to the top post at Thai Beverage Plc - the family's flagship business. He has served in a variety of positions in Thailand's largest liquor and beer company since graduating from Boston University. (Read his profile on page 12 for more information about what he's up to.)

1996

Matthew Jarvinen is the lead infrastructure specialist for Edison

Mission Marketing and Trading in Boston.

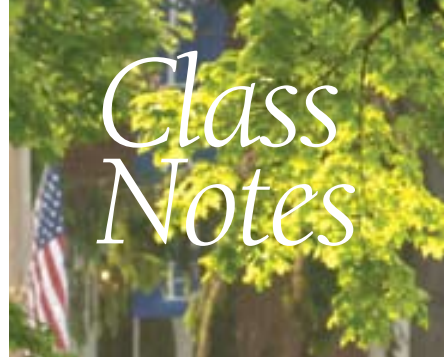


Courtney Tillson Paterna '96 and Matt are proud to announce the arrival of Madelyn Rose Paterna, above, who arrived on February 9, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., 4.5 oz.

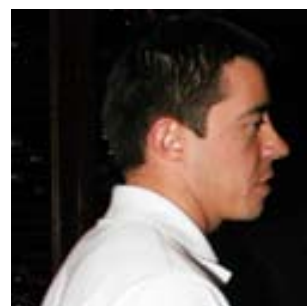
Peter Jerusik is married and works as a firefighter and emergency medical technician for the city of Chicopee.

1997

Larry Bourdeau is the Director of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation at Greendale Physical Therapy in Worcester, Massachusetts. He also serves as head athletic trainer for two semi-professional foot-



ball teams, the Worcester County Wildcats and the Massachusetts Fury. Players from the New England Surge arena football team, the AHL Worcester Ice Sharks, and local colleges also use the clinic for treatment and rehab.



Larry joined us for the Worcester reception at the 111 Chop House.

LAUREN BOREK '98 CAMPAIGNS FOR CEREBRAL PALSY

Lauren Borek of Purchase, New York, realized the importance of going out into the community and helping others at an early age. In her youth, she played with children at Blythedale Children's Hospital, cooked for homeless shelters with her congregation, ran to raise money for the Special Olympics, worked with ESL students, painted community playgrounds, and assisted in local animal shelters.

In college Lauren joined her sorority in community service projects. She often participated in community events and even volunteered at the local police department. Realizing how fortunate she was, Lauren felt that it was her responsibility to share her time and effort with others who might not be as privileged.

After college, she volunteered with outreach programs through the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Saint Joseph's School for the Deaf, where she is proud to have organized benefits to purchase Braille dictionaries, thus ensuring the students had the necessary tools they needed to succeed.

On February 15, 2008, Lauren hosted a benefit at the National Arts Club in New York City to raise awareness and garner funds for Cerebral Palsy of Westchester Summer Day Camp.



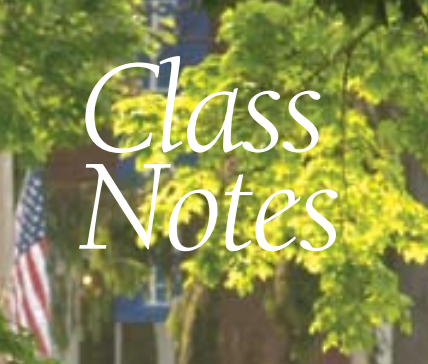
Lauren Borek '98 with Kimberly Unrine '99

Since 1949, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester (CP/W) has been a leading non-profit organization in Westchester County, providing essential services to children with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities. It has been their purpose to help children realize their goals, build brighter futures, and lead more independent lives as members of their community. One of the programs that allows this goal to be reached is the Jimmy Vejar Summer Day Camp for children with disabilities.

With increased costs for specialized services such as nursing, transportation, and therapeutic equipment, camp is unaffordable for many families who have children with disabilities. Through Lauren's efforts and the support of generous donors, over \$12,500 was raised through this event. The funds will be used to sponsor summer camp memberships for children with special needs.

This is just the beginning says Lauren, whose goal is to be able to afford each and every child the opportunity to create a memorable summer experience! To learn more or get involved with the Cerebral Palsy of Westchester Summer Day Camp 2008 Make a Difference Campaign, please contact Joan Colangelo at 914.937.3800 ext.215 or visit: www.cpwestchester.org.

Class Notes



England College. She has clerked at the Hartford offices of Robinson & Cole and with the Honorable Judge William Abrashkin. In the summer, she'll be working for Bacon & Wilson, where former WMA Trustee Gary Fialky is one of the partners and his son **Jeff '87** also works. (Read more about Jasmin in her profile on page 6.)

Keshawn Dodds hosted "A Night with the Author – A fight for our Children's Education" in late November at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he is Associate Director of Graduate Admission. During the event, Keshawn read from his two published books and offered a sneak peek of his next book. The goal of the event was to combat delinquency among Springfield youth.

Bruce Mutch was married in July 2007 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, to Kelly Heer. The newlyweds honeymooned in Ogunquit, Maine, before returning to St. Catherines, Ontario, where Bruce is the Assistant Director of Admission at Ridley College, and Kelly is sales manager at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls.

Jasmin Rojas is a second-year law student at Western New

Chun Kit Wong is currently residing in Taiwan and says life has been great. He was planning on moving to Shanghai for office relocation sometime in 2007 and felt it would be "an exciting chapter of my life." He enjoys music and singing when he's not in front of his pc.

1999

Joshua Pearson was married in September in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. He and his bride Melissa honeymooned in Hawaii. He is currently living in New York City establishing a career as an actor.

2000

Kimberly McGrath Jabaut and her husband Jared welcomed Joie-Lynn Marie on December 10. Joie-Lynn weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. (At right)



2003

Jessica Ekness, who completed her second major at Westfield State College this year, presented a fine program of classical and contemporary vocal works in her Senior Recital in December, accompanied by Scott Bailey on piano. Jess's voice just gets stronger and stronger.

Congratulations to **Matt Trusz**, who's playing in the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League. (See page 5 for details.)

2004

Marisa Barone completed her career as a member of the Mount Holyoke College Women's Varsity Basketball team this winter. (For details, turn to page 5.)

Patrick Phelan ended his college soccer career at Wake Forest by helping lead the team to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship. (For more, see page 5.)

Dan Staples swam on the Alfred University Swim Team again this year. (See page 5.)

Xavierra Webb-Spann traveled to Australia this past Christmas break. She planned on a 26-day trip, visiting friends and exploring.

2006

Shellie Brzoska recently participated in the St. Lawrence University modern outdoor recreation ethics course during the summer of 2007. She traveled from Quebec's Hudson Bay on the Nastapoka River to explore Inuit and Cree villages in Canada. Shellie is on the women's soccer team at SLU.

2007

Kyle Cabral made the Franklin Pierce College varsity baseball squad. (See page 5.)

Molly Goldrick completed her first season as a member of the Elizabethtown College Women's Swimming Team. (See page 5.)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Priscilla "Pucky" Carter, a faculty member from 1978 to 1987 and Chair of the Academic Services Department, lives in a local retirement community. She is a volunteer in a program that helps bring together pre-school children with older girls in Girls Inc. and senior citizens to encourage enthusiasm for reading.

Liz Ganem, who taught English at Blake Middle School from 1994 to 1997, is married to Brian Wogensen, "the nicest person on earth". They have a two-year-old son named Finn (named after



Huck), who is super-sweet, cute, and funny. She's teaching English at The Willows Community School in Culver City and spent a wonderful vacation in Italy last summer, where this photo was taken of her and Finn.

Laurie Blair Ernst '73 is a college counselor at Suffield Academy.

Laurie served the Academy in the College Counseling Office from 1981 until 1984. Her husband John, who taught English and worked with Fred Watts in Development from 1979 to 1984, heads Ernst Financial Group in East Longmeadow.



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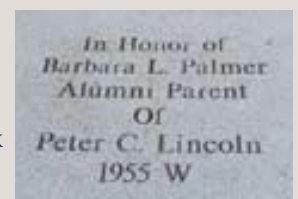
During the years that the Heritage Courtyard has been situated on The Hill, alumni have taken the opportunity to mark their legacy at the Academy through the purchase of a granite bench, granite paver, garden plaque, or courtyard brick. This is a wonderful opportunity to commemorate your time at the Academy or to honor someone important in your life at the Academy.

For further information, contact Don Nicholson '79
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HONORING A FAVORITE UNCLE The John A. Sweeney '47 Scholarship Fund

His postgraduate year at Monson Academy meant the world to John A. (Jack) Sweeney '47M, and his two nieces and two nephews know this very well. Long after he had graduated, Jack continued his involvement with Monson. He helped many talented boys attend the Academy through his work as an Admission Office volunteer. Many of these young men went on to have wonderful careers thanks in part to the caring man who started them on their path to success..

When Jack passed away in 2007, his nieces and nephews wanted their uncle's memory to be honored in a very special way. Jack was a graduate of Tufts University and a World War II veteran who had served proudly in the Navy. He had been a teacher and football coach in Millis, Massachusetts, served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, taught in the Springfield schools, and was active in his church. Jack had even worked for the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, but it was Monson Academy that seemed the logical choice when it came time for the family to choose where to make a gift in Jack's memory.

In January 2008, "Uncle Jack's" nieces and nephews, Tom Sweeney, Mary Sweeney, James Lyons, and Jeanne Caropreso, established The John A. Sweeney '47 Scholarship Fund. This fund provides partial scholarship assistance to a worthy young man or woman enrolled in WMA's postgraduate program. The memory of a man who was grateful for his education and wanted deeply for others to have the same experience will endure on our campus thanks to the generosity of his loving family members.

If you would like information about supporting an existing fund, like The John A. Sweeney '47 Scholarship Fund, about establishing a new fund at the Academy, or about other opportunities for planned giving, please contact Christina Cronin, Director of Major Gifts & Capital Campaigns, at 413.596.6811 x189 or at ccronin@WMAnet.org.



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THE CALLAHAN FAMILY MAKES \$750,000 IN-KIND GIFT TO WILBRAHAM & MONSON ACADEMY

Corbin Fields are currently undergoing a facelift thanks in part to the generous support of the Callahan family.

Shortly after the dedication of the Academy's new athletic center on Faculty Street, current parent and former Academy student David Callahan approached Head of School Rodney LaBrecque about making a donation to improve the Academy's fields.

"This is the perfect next step in our path to improve the athletic infrastructure on our campus," said Mr. LaBrecque. "We have a state-of-the-art athletic center and will soon have the top-notch fields to match. We are thrilled that the Callahan family is able to do this for our students. With the Callahans' help, we are in the process of doing research and developing a plan for field upgrades. We will need to raise additional funds to complete the work, and we are hopeful that other alumni and parents will be inspired by the Callahans' generosity and willingness to help WMA be the best it can be."

Members of the Callahan family, alumni Julie '78, Jon '81, and current parents David & Erin and Mike & Donna operate the family businesses including Palmer Paving and other ventures with their sister Janet. Today, five members of the extended Callahan family are enrolled at the Academy: clockwise from lower left in the photo above, Ariel Landers '09, Gillian Callahan '12, Patrick Callahan '08, Bridget Callahan '09, and Mike Callahan '14.



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IAN CARLIN '08 RECEIVES BOYDEN AWARD



Bicentennial Scholar Ian Carlin has been named the first WMA recipient of the Frank L. Boyden Award since Ben Poppel '97. The honor is given each year to the top scholar athlete from all the western Massachusetts prep school football teams. Ian played offensive tackle and noseguard for the Titans. The award was presented at a banquet held on April 8 at the University of Massachusetts Campus Center. Head Coach Jeff Vartabedian said, "I thought last year of nominating Ian for this award. He fits the description perfectly."

Ian is a seven-year senior at the Academy who has excelled academically since the sixth grade, when he earned the Eveline Barber Prize for Mathematics & Science. Since then, he has earned five more Barber Prizes, a junior book award, the George H. Hefflon Award for excellence in

junior English, the Rensselaer Mathematics & Science Award, and he has been on the Highest Honors list every trimester. Ian was a junior marshal at the 2007 Commencement ceremonies and was inducted into Cum Laude as a junior. In his senior year, he took on the added responsibility of being a prefect in Rich Hall.

Ian plans to take his academic and athletic prowess to Princeton University next year.



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