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Distinguished Alumnus

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OUR SCHOOL

Severn School is an independent, coeducational, non-profit, college preparatory day school serving a diverse student population in grades six through twelve. Severn's close-knit educational community is led by caring professionals who are responsive to the developmental needs of each student. The entrance and graduation requirements; the curriculum and programs; the selection of faculty and staff; and the financial operations are based upon the School's stated philosophy, mission, and goals. The Severn community of parents, trustees, alumni, and friends of the School supports these purposes.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Severn School believes in educating the whole person in a student-centered school community. Severn holds the dignity, self-worth, and potential of each individual in high regard. In a complex and changing world, Severn values industrious effort and these enduring principles: integrity, self-discipline, courage, responsibility, civility, and compassion. Severn believes that lifelong learning and adherence to these principles are essential to the joy of human existence.

OUR MISSION

Severn challenges its students to pursue personal excellence. In their pursuit, students are expected to develop and demonstrate scholarship, leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship, service to others, and respect for tradition and diversity. By balancing academics, activities, and athletics within its curriculum, Severn helps students learn both inside and outside the classroom.

COVER:

A happy Deborah and Jonathon '07 Blanks following 8th Grade Promotion; Dick Bennett '65; Jessica Adam '04, and our 90th anniversary celebration logo.

Severn Enters Its 90th Year

“SEVERN SCHOOL CONTINUES TO LAUNCH INTO SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND BUILD A BETTER WORLD. SOUNDS MAGICAL TO ME.”

“Do you believe in magic?” was the question that the Anglican Bishop of Algoma started his sermon with at a service I was attending in Ontario, Canada, this summer.

A third of the congregation, which were young people, all nodded their heads (true Harry Potter fans, no doubt). The Bishop followed with the question, “Do you think an island can fly into the sky?” Then he shared that he had seen an island do that very thing when he and his son were on a canoe trip in the upper regions of the Yukon Territory. He described how he and his son, paddling their canoe in icy waters, came around one island and began to pass through a strait. Snow was still evident on a number of the islands. Ahead of them was this island that appeared to be entirely covered with snow. As they approached that island, all of a sudden the island started to rise and went right into the air – a cluster of white just rising into the ozone. It all seemed extremely magical when he and his son later discussed that experience. What had actually happened was that the Bishop and his son had come upon a barren island filled with hundreds and hundreds of snow geese. And, of course, as they approached the island, the geese took flight, providing them with this magical experience.

That story reminded me of a comment from a Severn alumnus who graduated in the early 90's. He had not been back on campus since he graduated. His comment

was, “It is almost magical what is happening to Severn School. I cannot believe how different the campus and programs are.”

Over the past decade, Severn School has been very strategic in its thinking and extremely focused in its purposes. We state the purpose of our goals is to focus our attention and efforts. We understand that the mind will not successfully reach toward achievement until it has clear objectives. The magic begins when you set appropriate, yet ambitious, goals. It is then that the switch is turned on, the current begins to flow, and the power to accomplish becomes reality.

This issue of the *Bridge* highlights at least two representatives from each constituency – students, faculty, parents, trustees, alumni, and the community – that make up the Severn School community. These constituencies have contributed significantly towards Severn's “magical” accomplishments over the past 10 years. Severn and its mission are more fulfilled today because of their collective and substantial efforts. Entering its 90th year, Severn School's viability and purpose have never been stronger.

As we celebrate the 90th anniversary of Severn School, let each of us rededicate

ourselves to ensure that the magic continues.

Severn School may not be able to launch an island into the sky, but Severn School continues to launch into society young people who believe they can contribute, make a difference, and build a better world. Sounds magical to me.

Again, let's all vow to make the magic continue.



BILL CREEDEN, HEADMASTER



HEADMASTER CREEDEN, NICK KIMMEL '03, AND IMMEDIATE PAST BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR, PETER GORDON. NICK IS NOW A PLEBE AT THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY, THE FIFTH GENERATION OF HIS FAMILY TO GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL. NICK'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS THE NAVY COMMANDER AT PEARL HARBOR ON DEC. 7, 1941. MIDSHIPMAN KIMMEL, ALONG WITH LYON ELLIS '03, WAS JUST ONE OF THE 1,236 PLEBES ENTERING THE ACADEMY ON INDUCTION DAY AS THE CLASS OF 2007. CONGRATULATIONS, NICK!

Severn School's 89th Commencement: Class of 2003



Julia Deckman, Evan Crowther-Washburn, Laura Boyd, Zack Goldman, and Schuyler Sutton

Louis Michael Alcamo ✦
 Christian J. Anthony
 Joan Elise Axelbaum ▲◆◆
 Caitlin Ann Barry
 Virginia Ellis Batte ✦
 Samuel Lee Bennett ▲◆◆
 Michael Janney Biles ▲◆
 Brittany Marie Bjornerud ✦
 Anna Sauda Bovill ▲◆◆
 Claire Shea Bowersox ✦
 Laura Elizabeth Boyd ✦
 William Robert Brogan ✦
 Sean Thomas Byrnes
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 Adam Ray Crist
 Evan V. Crowther-Washburn
 William Thomas Deane
 Julia Fae Deckman ▲◆
 Anand Mohan Dhanda
 Mary Elizabeth Dodson ✦
 Kirby Marguerite Douglas
 James Lyon Ellison
 Sean Ruge Engles ✦
 Nina Abba Essandoh
 Trevor Ingraham Fawkes
 Morgan Frederick Fiddler
 Katherine Anne Fields
 Robert Carlisle Giffen IV ✦
 Zachary Brett Goldman
 Danelle Leanne Gorayeb ▲◆◆
 Aaron Charles Heffner ▲◆◆
 Peter Anthony Heinlein ▲◆◆
 Chad William Houser
 Tyler Cooksey Hyland
 Nicholas Taylor Iliff ▲◆
 Amanda Catherine Jones
 Darnell Jones, Jr.
 Laura Lynn Jones ✦
 Joseph Francis Keenan
 Darshan Prabhakar Kharod ✦
 Lindsey Danae Kiddoo ▲◆◆
 Nicholas Bowers Kimmel ✦
 Mark Bohan Koch
 Alexander William Krone
 Nicholas Evans Larkin
 Tyler Sutton Larkin
 Douglas Matthew Lehner

Laura Kathleen Lutkefedder ▲◆◆
 Edward Adams Masek ✦
 Christopher James Mercer ✦
 Benjamin Charles Michelman ✦
 Amy Lauren Modlin
 Maureen Frances Moen ▲◆◆◆
 Peter Weir Montaner ✦
 David Thomas Neighoff
 James Karl Newell ▲◆◆◆
 Robert Jeffrey Norris ✦
 Ryan Dennis O'Mara ✦
 Blaine Shelton Patrick ✦
 Michael Wilson Phipps ✦
 Joshua Samuel Plavner ▲◆◆
 Gregory Charles Poyer ✦
 Robert Myrton Pressly ▲◆
 Brendan Nathaniel Putek
 Jeffrey Christopher Reese ✦
 Daniel Anthony Ricciotti
 Carolyn McLean Robbins ▲◆◆
 Kathryn Elizabeth Robey ▲◆◆
 Lindsay Anne Roth ✦
 Anne O'Connell Salsich
 D'Lina Justine Santa ✦
 Julia Corwin Schechter ▲◆◆
 Patrick J. Schmidlein ▲◆◆◆
 Timothy Edward Shenk ▲◆◆
 Benjamin Patrick Staines
 Andrew James Storey ✦
 Schuyler Dale Sutton
 Brian Michael Tichenor ✦
 Quinton Kirkpatrick Turner
 Monica Veena Vajani ▲◆◆
 Jack Thomas Warpinski ✦
 Enid Margaret Williams ✦
 Ashley Jayne Wilson ✦
 Adam Djamil Zerhouni

- ◆ MARYLAND STATE SCHOLASTIC MERIT AWARD
- ▲ GRADUATING WITH DISTINCTION
- ◆ CUM LAUDE SOCIETY
- * NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
- * VALEDICTORIAN



Nick Larkin and Alex Krone
(graduating 30 years after
dad Billy Krone '73)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD VIRGINIA BATTE

This award is given to that senior who has given freely of his or her time above and beyond the ten hours of community service that Severn requires.

PREFECT AWARD JEFFREY C. REESE

This award was established by the Senior Prefects of 1985-86 and is awarded to the prefect who has shown outstanding enthusiasm, initiative, and commitment.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD LINDSEY KIDD00-TAYLOR

This award is given by the Upper School Head to a senior for his/her personal growth, maturity, dependability, and integrity while a student at Severn School.

JANE SCHWARZ MEMORIAL TWO-DIMENSIONAL ART AWARD SAMUEL L. BENNETT

The award is given in memory of Jane Schwarz who established the Art Department at Severn School. This award goes to that member of the graduating class who shows a combination of these qualities: individual artistic growth, self motivation, and involvement.

THE DANIEL MAURICE ROTHMAN MEMORIAL THREE-DIMENSIONAL ART AWARD ANNA BOVILL

This award was established in 1993 in memory of Daniel M. Rothman '89, whose determination, courage, faith, and strength were an inspiration to all around him. The award goes to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Daniel's spirit and who understands that the creative process is a process of discovery.

THE V AWARD FOR MUSIC LAURA L. JONES SCHUYLER D. SUTTON

Established in 1995 by a Severn family, this award is given to Severn's outstanding music students in honor of former Severn music teacher, Eric Van Dervort.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

JOAN E. AXELBAUM (DRAMA) PATRICK J. SCHMIDLEIN (MUSIC)

Established by the Class of 1983, this award recognizes excellence in the performing arts.

C. MARKLAND KELLY, JR., ATHLETIC SERVICE AWARD MARY E. DODSON DARNELL JONES

This award is in memory of a young man who gave his life to help perpetuate the ideals which have made America great. It is presented to the student who best demonstrates outstanding characteristics in rendering service to his/her school's athletic program. Criteria considered in selecting the honoree include leadership, promotion of athletics within the school, teamwork, sportsmanship, and scholarship.

KIRBY ENGLISH AWARD TIMOTHY E. SHENK

The late Captain Dunne Wilson Kirby, U.S. Navy Medical Corps, in recognition of his son Timothy Stephen Kirby (Severn '58), presented to the School a plaque on which is inscribed each year the name of the member of the senior class who has shown the greatest proficiency in the study of English.

ALBERT K. HAWKINS HISTORY AWARD TIMOTHY E. SHENK

In 1959 the Patrons' Club of Severn School established this award in memory of Albert K. Hawkins, a former headmaster at Severn. This award was established to honor that member of the graduating class who has shown genuine interest and outstanding achievement in history during his/her stay at Severn.

THE BAUER FAMILY TECHNOLOGY AWARD BRIAN M. TICHENOR

This award is presented to recognize excellence, initiative, and enthusiasm in the study and use of technology.



FREDERICK S. HEMRY SPANISH AWARD
PATRICK J. SCHMIDLEIN

This award was created by Mr. Harold Slanker '49 in memory of Frederick S. Henry, a former Spanish teacher at Severn, to recognize each year the student who shows the greatest promise and achievement in the study of Spanish.

RICHARD LYNCH LATIN AWARD
PETER A. HEINLEIN

This award is presented in memory of Richard Lynch, a former teacher of Latin at Severn, to the student who has demonstrated an exceptional knowledge of and appreciation for the Latin language.

JEANNINE MOLLET IWANICKI FRENCH AWARD
LAURA K. LUTKEFEDDER

A plaque, donated in her memory by her family, is inscribed each year with the name of the senior who shows the greatest promise and achievement in the study of French.

MATHEMATICS AWARD
PATRICK J. SCHMIDLEIN

The Class of 1959 presented to the School a plaque on which is inscribed each year the name of the member of the graduating class who has excelled in mathematics.

SANDY HOFFMAN MEMORIAL AWARD
MAUREEN F. MOEN

This award is intended to recognize the student who has achieved honors in science with strong ability and demonstrated interest in the humanities and the arts.



Headmaster Creeden with Mary Anne Davidson '77, commencement speaker, and her parents, Mary & Bruce Davidson

GRADUATION AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
MAUREEN F. MOEN
JAMES K. NEWELL
(CO-VALEDICTORIANS)

Established by the Class of 1924 for that member of the graduating class having the highest general grade point average.

JONAH HALSTED ACTIVITIES AWARD
SAMUEL L. BENNETT
LAURA E. BOYD

This award honors the memory of one of Severn's most highly respected faculty members, Jonah Halsted, who served 43 years from 1928-1972 as a math instructor and coach. The recipient is chosen as one "who has given of his/her time and effort freely and without thought of personal gain" and who has shown outstanding performance in activities other than participation in athletics.

ATHLETIC AWARD
SCHUYLER D. SUTTON
KIP TURNER

The Class of 1923 presented to the School a plaque on which is inscribed each year the name of the student who has contributed the most toward the promotion of athletics during the year. Character, conduct, cooperation, loyalty, and faithfulness as well as athletic ability are taken into consideration.

BENJAMIN LOUCK MEMORIAL AWARD
JULIA C. SCHECHTER

This award was established by the Class of 1980 in memory of Benjamin, the five-year-old son of Richard C. Louck, whose enthusiasm for life was never able to be fulfilled. Dick Louck was a longtime teacher, coach and friend of the class. It is given each year to that senior who has not been significantly recognized but whose inspiration, enthusiasm, involvement, initiative, and spirit have contributed unselfishly to the stature of this class and as a result, has had a positive influence on the School community as a whole. The senior class selects the recipient.

Virginia Batte, Caitlin Barry, and Joanie Axelbaum



PAUL J. KESMODEL SEVERN AWARD
MAUREEN F. MOEN
JAMES K. NEWELL
(CO-VALEDICTORIANS)

This award honors the memory of one of Severn's most beloved figures, Paul Kesmodel. As a teacher, coach, college counselor, headmaster, and father of four Severn alumni, he contributed generously to the School community for 34 years (1936-1970). The award is given to the student for his/her contribution to Severn through participation in, and attitude toward, the School, its people, life, and spirit.

G. PARKER LINDSAY MEMORIAL AWARD
BRIAN M. TICHENOR

In memory of a man who dedicated 30 years to Severn as an instructor, coach, and administrator, this award is given to the student who has followed Mr. Lindsay's selfless commitment on the field and in the classroom.

ELLER CITIZENSHIP AWARD
PETER A. HEINLEIN
JULIA C. SCHECHTER

Admiral and Mrs. Ernest McNeill Eller established two awards in honor of their sons Peter (Severn '54) and John (Severn '58). The awards are given to the members of the senior class who have displayed those qualities of character, loyalty, cooperation, service, and general academic as well as extracurricular achievements that go to make up a well-rounded citizen.

DAWSON LEADERSHIP AWARD
LAURA L. JONES

Established in 1947 by the late D. Clifton Dawson, a man known and respected throughout this entire area for his support of and service to the community, this award is presented to that member of the senior class who has exhibited outstanding school citizenship.

THE ROLLAND M. TEEL AWARD
JOSHUA S. PLAVNER

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Millard '51 established this award in 1998 in recognition, memory, and appreciation for our founder Rolland M. Teel who led the school for 42 years. The award is given to the student for his/her distinct contribution to Severn through participation in, and attitude toward, the school, its people, life, and spirit. Further, this student has demonstrated those values and qualities espoused by Mr. Teel and the mission of Severn, including scholarship, leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship, service to others and respect for tradition and diversity. It is the highest award conferred by Severn School at graduation.

CLASS OF 2003 COLLEGE CHOICES

May you always have fair winds and following seas

- ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
- BOSTON COLLEGE (3)
- BOSTON UNIVERSITY
- BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
- COLGATE UNIVERSITY
- COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
- COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND
- COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
- CORNELL UNIVERSITY
- DENISON UNIVERSITY
- DICKINSON COLLEGE
- DREXEL UNIVERSITY (2)
- EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY
- FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
- FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE
- GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (2)
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
- GUILFORD COLLEGE
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY
- HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
- ITHACA COLLEGE
- JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
- NORWICH UNIVERSITY
- PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY PARK
- PRATT INSTITUTE
- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
- PURDUE UNIVERSITY
- RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE (2)
- ROANOKE COLLEGE (3)
- SKIDMORE COLLEGE
- SPELMAN COLLEGE
- ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND (3)
- SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
- TULANE UNIVERSITY (2)
- UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY (2)
- UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY (2)
- UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (4)
- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
- UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
- UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK (5)
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA - CHAPEL HILL
- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
- UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND (3)
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA
- UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON
- UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
- VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (2)
- VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY (2)
- VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIV. (2)
- WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY (2)
- WASHINGTON COLLEGE (2)
- WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS
- WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
- WIDENER UNIVERSITY (2)

Severn Wins National Title!



Severn's Fed Challenge team: Josh Plavner '03, Danelle Gorayeb '03, Tim Shenk '03, Jim Newell '03, Reenie Moen '03, Anna Bovill '03, Pete Heinlein '03, and coach John Bodley.

Severn School won the Fed Challenge National Finals held at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. on April 28. They were awarded first-place honors having competed against high schools from Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas in a simulated meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee. This is the first time in the competition's eight-year history that a team sponsored by the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond received top honors.

The team was judged by some of the same Federal Reserve Board governors they chose to emulate in their presentation. Team members prepared for this competition for nearly a year and spent their winter vacation and spring break reading economics books and transcripts from Federal Reserve meetings and speeches. Despite the setback of losing a team member who was injured in a car

accident, the team regrouped and won competitions held at five different levels.

Winning team members include Danelle Gorayeb, Peter Heinlein, James Newell, Joshua Plavner, Timothy Shenk. Anna Bovill (alternate) and Maureen Moen (alternate). Severn's faculty advisor, John Bodley, has participated for the past seven years, winning the Baltimore competition four times and the Richmond Fed District finals three times. Now, he adds the title of a national winner to his list of teaching accomplishments. Scholarships, grants and awards totalling \$40,000 will be provided by Citibank to the students, school and teacher.

The Fed Challenge is a high school economics competition sponsored by Federal Reserve Banks across the country.

Severn Wins Golf Championship

Severn School's golf team closed out an unbeaten season to capture the MIAA B Conference title. Congratulations to the team and coach Tom Heslin!



Coach Tom Heslin and co-captains Ned Masek '03 and David Neighoff '03 exhibit the Division II Championship plaque.



The Championship Team. From left: David Neighoff '03, Jim Newell '03, Adam Wiczorek '06, Steve Plantin '05, Mike Heslin '04, Ned Masek '03, and Christian Freymeyer '05.

FACULTY APPRECIATION AWARD WINNER: Phil Lenham

BY JOSH PLAVNER '03

It was an honor and a privilege as president of the Senior Class to present this year's senior faculty appreciation award to Mr. Phil Lenham. The senior class determines the faculty appreciation award, with each senior writing a brief comment about his or her selection. The comments of his students reflect his love of teaching and their love for him.

Students describe this teacher as one who can honestly make people want to learn. Mr. Lenham adds spice and vigor to every class, always trying to make learning a fun experience with his unwavering enthusiasm for teaching his subject matter. Students comment that he creates the perfect balance of fun and learning in his classroom and is a person who is easily approachable, sympathetic, and incredibly understanding of students' needs. Mr. Lenham befriends many of his students, remains down to earth, and as one student describes him, he's a regular guy with a big heart.

As one of his students reflects, upon entering his classroom, it's easy to spot the tall, lanky figure cloaked in a white lab coat with a button that says, "I love goggles!" In welcoming you to his class, Mr. Lenham's large grin is just as accustomed to his face as his small wire-rim glasses. His stick-straight hair is usually tussled from his last class, yet he still manages to keep that same beam on his face even by the end of the day. Once everyone is settled in his class, in his mellow voice he says with some light-hearted sarcasm, "Welcome my friends to another wonderful chemistry class!"

Mr. Lenham has the patience of a saint, slowly gathering the students' attention with his overpowering silence. But in class, it soon becomes apparent that he isn't just there to do a job, but he simply enjoys what he's doing. He will not leave students'

questions unanswered or a student completely lost during discussions. He creates an atmosphere of relaxation and comfort and proves that learning in a low-key atmosphere can be very effective. Mr. Lenham brings with him not only the knowledge of chemistry, but a big grin and a good heart to class every day.

Phil Lenham (second from left) with Eric Witzel (Upper School science teacher), Drew Benfer (Upper School Dean of Students) and Jerry Fish (Director, Buildings & Grounds)



PHIL LENHAM TEACHES UPPER SCHOOL SCIENCE, IS THE FRESHMEN CLASS DEAN, AND THE FACULTY ADVISOR TO THE BERMUDA AQUARIUM PROJECT. HE ALSO COACHES JV BOYS' SOCCER. PHIL EARNED A B.S. IN FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND AN M.S. IN FOREST BIOLOGY FROM VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY. PRIOR TO JOINING SEVERN SCHOOL IN 2000, MR. LENHAM WAS AN ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBER AT ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND A LONG-TIME SUBSTITUTE SCIENCE TEACHER FOR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THROUGH THE GENEROUS DONATION OF STEPHENS MILLARD '51, PHIL WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THE FORESTS OF BOHEMIA EARTHWATCH EXPEDITION LAST SUMMER IN THE JIZERA MOUNTAINS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO STUDY THE INFLUENCE OF ACID PRECIPITATION ON FOREST AND STREAM ECOSYSTEMS. PHIL AND HIS WIFE CHRISTY WELCOMED THEIR FIRST CHILD, SON EOIN, THIS JANUARY.



Josh Plavner '03, (left), President of the Senior Class, presented the Faculty Appreciation Award. He's pictured here with fellow Class of '03 members Aaron Heffner, Julia Schechter, and Monica Vajani.

Severn's Adam Draws High Marks

IN COLLEGE RECRUITING PROCESS, SKILLED SENIOR LACROSSE PLAYER POSSESSES ALL THE RIGHT TOOLS

BY COLIN FITZGIBBONS

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

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The light on Severn senior Jessica Adam's home answering machine was quick to light up on July 1, the first day college coaches were allowed, under NCAA rules, to contact prospective recruits.

Messages began piling in from schools from around the country, but Adam, playing in the under-19 world championships at Towson University, was not there to answer their calls.

That does not mean she wasn't recruited, however.

As one of three high school seniors on the 16-member U.S. team, Adam was squarely in the playful crosshairs of many of her older teammates, all of whom will be shoving off to their respective schools in a matter of weeks.

Subtle hints of a school's values, a friendly sales pitch during lunch or good-natured ribbing of a rival college kicked off the cacophony that will envelope Adam in the coming months, as the often-harrowing recruiting process began.

"The girls are always like, 'Yeah, you know you're going there, or you know you're going here,'" Adam said. "But it's all fun and games."

Said U.S. Coach Wendy Kridel: "The girls tell me they are being good. But I think when they get a chance, they make a little push. But the thing that is happening, the friendships are so strong, when they go on a visit to that school, there is going to be a natural pull, just as if there were a high school teammate on the team."

By virtue of her size, strength, speed and natural ability, Adam likely will be one of the most highly recruited lacrosse players in the nation this fall. At 5 feet 8, Adam has the size college coaches covet. Honed since she was in elementary school, her stick skills are flawless. Her long stride easily eats up ground in the midfield, and her field



sense has drawn raves from all of her coaches. Oh, and she can score as well, tying All-Met **Schuyler Sutton '03** for the team lead in points with 47 goals and 45 assists, while also leading the team in ground balls.

"She has a drive that is difficult to teach; if she needs to learn something, she will go home and do it," Severn Coach **Renie Sotiropoulos** said. "She has all of the uncoachable qualities that any college coach would like to have."

An honor student at Severn, admission should not present a problem, even at Ivy League schools, which last year made up three of the top 10 teams in the country, including two-time NCAA champion Princeton.

"I think all three of these [seniors] that are on [the U.S. under-19] team, they are all good students, and they are pretty much going to have the pick of what they want," Kridel said. "[Adam's] got a great list; we've talked about that, and she is going to have some choices to make."

For most athletes, getting noticed by coaches is the hard part of the recruiting process.

For Adam, the oldest of three sisters, the difficult part will be choosing the right school.

Adam appeared on college coaches' radar screens after performing well in camps and tournaments last summer. Then, after making the under-19 training team of 25 players, Adam cemented her status as one of the top recruits in the country.

"Last summer was probably her breakout summer," Sotiropoulos said. "By the time last fall rolled around, everyone knew who she was."

Starting with the phone calls on July 1, college coaches were on a full-court press to line up their incoming freshman classes for the 2004 season. High school seniors are allowed five official campus visits, and coaches are eager to nail down reservations for those trips as soon as possible. That puts immediate pressure on the recruits to commit earlier in the process.

"It seems like the process is getting pushed forward more and more each year," said Brian Adam, Jess's father, a former tight end at the University of Delaware. "Early decision has played a factor in the whole process. From what we understand, a lot of these decisions need to be made in the fall."

Because this is their first time through this process, the Adams have sought advice from all available sources. Jessica had a meeting with Kridel during the World Championships to discuss the mechanics and rules of the recruiting process, and she has been quick to seek advice from her teammates, most of whom received the amount of attention she is attracting right now.

She will also be able to draw experience from Sutton '03, who was highly recruited last fall and signed with Georgetown.

"I remember her going through the whole thing, July 1, her going on her officials, all of that," Adam said. "Just the way she dealt



By virtue of her size, strength, speed and natural ability, Adam likely will be one of the most highly recruited lacrosse players in the nation this fall.

with the whole thing, I guess how she was honest with coaches.”

Her parents have also talked with fellow moms and dads who have guided a daughter through this process, which oftentimes can be as daunting and harrowing as it is exciting.

“What I’ve gotten from other parents here is just being supportive of your child as they’re dealing with coaches and making probably one of the most important decisions of their life,” Harriet Adam said. “Just to be supportive, to be a good listener and to be helpful in whatever ways you can.”

On the night of July 1, the only thing Adam needed was a permanent marker for autographing the shirts of the young fans who gathered around the players at the end of each game. She decided to focus all of her attention on winning the prestigious tournament and wait to worry about recruiting the following week. The U.S. team finished the tournament 7-0, including a 21-8 victory in the championship game against Australia. It was the second U-19 girls’ lacrosse championship for the United States

“I’m flattered, and it makes me want to try even harder,” Adam said of the attention she has attracted from college recruiters. “I want to enjoy it while it lasts. I’m sure there will be some bumps, but I’m sure it will all work out in the end.”



From left: Michael Hunt, grandson of Fred and Eleanor Hunt, second place winners Emmy Collatz '03 and Claire Bowersox '03, first place winner Mike Alcamo '03, Mrs. Eleanor Hunt, second place winner Danelle Gorayeb '03 and Mr. John Bodley, chair of the history department of Severn's Upper School.

Frederick Drum Hunt, Sr. '30 Historical Research Paper Awards

To preserve his lifelong Severn connection, Fred Hunt’s family established these awards in his honor and memory. Mr. Hunt was a civil war student and a longtime promoter and patron of research by Severn students. As a nine-year old boy, Mr. Hunt was in attendance at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in 1922; he was part of an audience that included Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the president. There are four cash prizes presented to students who as juniors wrote the best papers for United States History class. Also, the name of the first place winner will be engraved on a plaque, which will be displayed at the School.

8th Grade Promotion



Robert Beck '07 (second from left) is congratulated by brother Sander '08, grandmother Katherine Richey, and mom and dad, Sjoerd and Liz Beck.



Nick Foster '07 and Will Farrell '07 each sport a number of award medallions.



Jonathan Blanks '07 and his mom, Deborah.



Aaron Cirksena '07 was applauded by dad Bill, sister Tammy '00, and brother Will '99.



McLean Robbins '03 celebrates sister Hailey's promotion from 8th grade with parents Sandy & Mary Robbins



Charlie Koch '07 with sister Catherine '00, brother Bo '03, and parents Cyndy and Mark '67.

TARA QUINN '78:

WATERFOWL WOMAN

By Gary Koehler

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If ever there was a marriage made in the marsh, the union of **Tara Quinn** '78 and Sean Fisher may well serve as the ultimate blueprint.

Sean showed up at the church for the nuptials not with wedding license in hand, but with permits necessary in Maryland before legally building a duck blind.

When Tara placed the wedding ring on Sean's finger it was far from common fare. In fact, the ring was a gold duck band, with their wedding date inscribed as a reminder, lest memories grow fuzzy.

"I had the marriage license and the duck blind permits in my truck. I just grabbed the wrong envelope when I went in the church," Sean says while explaining the near faux pas. "She had the ring made for me. That was her idea."

There's more. Much more. Priorities are never in question here.

"People asked why we weren't going to Bermuda or Hawaii for our honeymoon," Tara says. "We went to Chincoteague (a national wildlife refuge), and we looked at ducks. Those who really knew us weren't surprised."

So what was the origin of this romance?

"I was down at Wye Island, decoy hunting, looking for decoys that drifted from other people's rigs," Tara says. "If they didn't have a name on them you recognized, the decoys were yours. Sean saw me, and said, 'There's that girl. Let's see what she's got in her truck.' I had a bunch of cork decoys in the back of my truck. And I had a bunch of federal duck bands hanging from the mirror. I guess that got him interested."

Seven years later, they remain partners – in and out of the marsh.

"It's just something that we both enjoy," Tara says. "Waterfowl hunting is an

important part of our lives. In our house, everything revolves around hunting."

Both are longtime waterfowl hunters. Tara got her start at age eight, thanks to an assist from her older brother, Colin '74.

"We lived on Gibson Island. It was about a thousand acres, and it was great for a child growing up," Tara says. "My brother and I had our own little point blind about 15 feet off the beach that we built together. It was a registered, legitimate blind. We hunted that for years, and we had a couple of other spots on the island we hunted.

"We used to ride to the blind on our bicycles with our decoys on the back. It was like a two-mile ride. We did that for about two years, until we got smart enough to find someone to take us down there the night before and hide the decoys."

When they got older, the Quinns hunted every day before school, until a little matter of being late to the carpool pickup interrupted their schedule. "My mother put an end to that," Tara says, "so we started hunting after school, every day, and Saturdays. We were obsessed with duck hunting."

An independent sort who enjoyed searching for arrowheads and other artifacts, as well as exploring the island and watching wildlife, Tara bought her first boat at the tender age of 12.

"I went up to Sears and bought a johnboat on credit. I paid \$12 a month," she says. "The next year I bought a six-horsepower outboard, so I had my own rig. I wanted to be able to go where I wanted to go."

This was right about the same time Tara put up a shingle and launched her first business. "I started cleaning ducks. I was trying to steal the duck-plucking business from a local club," she says. "Anything to buy shotgun shells. And it was good, because guys would bring their ducks to me and tell me where they killed them. So I always knew where the birds were."



Tara is a Severn graduate from the class of '78. She and her husband, Sean Fisher, reside in Cordova, Maryland.

Tara attended art school, but perhaps it is one of her earliest renderings that remains freshest in mind. Call it the one that got away.

"My brother and I were camoing our clothes in the seventies," Tara says. "We would paint cattail reeds and stuff on our hunting clothes with acrylic paint when we were 13 or 14. I wish I would have had insight then, but I didn't think it (camouflage clothing) would take. Can you believe how many camo patterns are out there now?"

These days, Tara, a former Ducks Unlimited area chairman, works at home, crafting made-to-order decoy bags (Bag Limit), painting, and sometimes carving high-end decoys, sewing camo gun sleeves, and engineering custom duck boat blinds. Marlin, a yellow Lab, is usually at her side.

Tara has also taken time to help introduce two nieces, Teal and Lindsey Quinn, to waterfowl hunting.

"I got them started about three years ago," Tara says. "My brother has taken them, too, and they love it. They are 4.0 students, and they are outdoorsy. They're more comfortable being outside with a pair of boots on rather than inside watching TV."

Just like their favorite aunt.

Treasured Tru

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY to ensure the future well-being of Severn School. The Board exists to perpetuate the educational mission and philosophy of the School. The Board creates a vision for what Severn will be like far into the future – a blueprint of a desired state of where the School should be in five to ten years. Trustees are volunteer members of the community. Composed of a balance between expertise and perspectives, Severn School Trustees care deeply for and are committed to the School. Supporting Severn as leaders, they share the same passion as Severn School faculty and administrators. They are devoted to keeping Severn student-focused and they make time to understand School processes and major issues. Each trustee serves on a number of committees, including the executive committee, buildings and grounds, development, marketing and enrollment, education, long-range planning, finance, personnel, and committee on trustees. Members of the Board of Trustees are recommended by the Committee on Trustees to the full board. Once a trustee is selected, he or she may serve up to three terms of three years each. The Board supports the School and its leadership and seeks to advance both. They do not hear complaints, set curriculum, hire or supervise faculty (other than the Headmaster), determine individual faculty salaries, or in any way intervene in daily operations. The Board evaluates such issues as:

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Charged with creating and reviewing the mission, which should clearly articulate the vital purpose of the School.

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The Board makes all decisions regarding the master plan of the School, such as future buildings and where they should be located.

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The Board establishes broad institutional policies, from which the administration can develop operational policies and procedures.

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MICHAEL DESTEFANO '84

Michael DeStefano is president and the managing member of *Sturbridge Homes*, which builds and develops residential housing with particular concentration in multi-family condominiums. Mr. DeStefano is the immediate past president of the *Home Builders Association of Maryland*, and two-time past president of the *Anne Arundel County Chapter of the Home Builder's Association*. He also serves on the board of directors for the *Maryland State Builders Association* and the *National Association of Home Builders*.

After graduating from Severn in 1984, Mr. DeStefano earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from *Cornell University* ('88), where he was the team captain and an All-American lacrosse player. He was with *Anderson Consulting* before joining *Sturbridge* in 1989.

A life-long resident of Anne Arundel County, Mr. DeStefano has served on numerous county task forces, and coordinates and coaches several age levels for the Green Hornets athletics organization. He and his wife, Molly Driver, live in Millersville, Maryland, with their three children, Jackson (Severn Class of 2009), Kelly (10 years old), and Brian (7).



Jim McIntyre assumed Chairmanship of the Board this June. A trustee since 1996, Jim is co-founder of MIL Corporation, a company providing professional IT, financial management/systems and e-business services. Jim and his wife, Wendy, reside in Annapolis. Their daughter, Kristen '99, recently graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in art history and history.

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STEVEN R. SCHUH '78

Steve Schuh is currently pursuing a master of arts in teaching degree from *Johns Hopkins University* in furtherance of a new career in education. He was previously a managing director in the health-care investment banking groups of *Credit Suisse First Boston*, *Deutsche Bank*, and *Alex Brown & Sons*.

Mr. Schuh earned an MBA in 1987 from *Harvard Business School* where he was president of the Finance Club. He also holds a B.A. in government and economics from *Dartmouth College* (1982) and is a '78 graduate of Severn School. He serves on a number of boards, including the *American Red Cross of Central Maryland*, *Chesapeake Academy*, *Gibson Island Country School*, and the *Schuh Family Foundation*.

Steve and his children, Brittany (13) and George (12), live on Gibson Island.



JOHN SODERLUND

John Soderlund is chairman and chief executive officer of *ATM National, Inc.*, which provides its customers with surcharge-free access to over 23,000 ATMs nationwide. Mr. Soderlund brings to *ATM National* his extensive background and experience in financial services and electronic payments businesses, including strategic consulting and CEO level management responsibilities.

In addition, Mr. Soderlund is one of the founders of *Bay Bridge Decision Technologies* and serves as chairman of its board of directors. Mr. Soderlund has vast experience lending his strategic management consulting to a number of organizations.

Mr. Soderlund received his M.S. in industrial administration (in 1981) from *Carnegie-Mellon's Graduate School of Industrial Administration* and his B.S. in administration and management science, and economics from *Carnegie-Mellon University* (in 1980).

John and his wife, Elaine, live in Severna Park with their two sons, CJ (Severn Class of '09) and 7-year-old Jamie.

Diamonds Are Forever

James Bond fans came out in droves for the fabulous *Diamonds are Forever* auction held April 12. Dancing, dining, and bidding were the order of the evening among all the glitz and glitter. The Admirals Parent's Association outdid themselves yet again, raising funds for the School.

Thank you!



James & Elizabeth Angell League '77 (Olivia '09)



Andrea Cecceralli '98, Warren Price '98, Kelly Eyler Austin '88 (Middle School teacher), and Jane Merrill (Middle School teacher).



Chris Hoehn-Saric (Gabby '06, Chris '06 and Robert '10), Debbie & Trustee Bert Winchester (Claire '02).



Peggy & Fran Keenan (Joe '03, Craig '04 and Jeff '07) manning the tuition raffle ticket sales booth.

Ed '77 & Cindy Hartman (Edward '06 and Christian '09). Cindy also teaches in the Middle School at Severn.



David and Lee Blackwood (Patrick '07 and Lizzy '08). Lee was the auction co-chair.



Jeff '79 & Bethany DeLude (Michael '09). Jeff was in charge of acquisitions for the auction.



Molly and Hayes Merkert (Hayes '04 and John '06). Molly was the auction co-chair along with Lee Blackwood.

We are all Strong, We are all Brave:

An Evening with Professional Athlete and Author Mariah Burton Nelson



DATE: SEPTEMBER 30

TIME: 7 PM - 8:30 PM

**LOCATION: SEVERN SCHOOL
STUDENT CENTER**

Teenage girls can become increasingly confident and competent if they learn how to commit to their own goals, cooperate with “teammates” (male and female), and compete in healthy and productive ways. Join Severn moms and daughters for an engaging and entertaining presentation by Mariah Burton Nelson. Hosted by the Admirals Parent's Association.

This outstanding author and athlete will describe how girls become brave and strong, and how the women who love these girls can help them, coach them, and learn along with them.

A nationally acclaimed expert on women, girls, and sports, Mariah uses stories, facts, audience participation, inspirational video, and lots of humor to teach and delight her audiences. In a society that still gives girls the message that they should be dainty, delicate, decorative, and deferential, Mariah's empowering message will serve as a breath of fresh air – and a gentle wind guiding us all in the right direction.

Mariah will be available after the Q & A to speak individually with students and parents and to sign her latest book, *We Are All Athletes*, and her new video, *Think of Yourself as an Athlete*.

Don't miss this special event! For athletes and nonathletes alike.

A former Stanford and professional basketball player, Mariah Burton Nelson is the author of 5 books, including *The Stronger Women Get*, *The More Men Love Football*, and has written for publications ranging from *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* to *Glamour*, *Redbook*, and *Cosmopolitan*. She has appeared on *Today*, *Good Morning America*, *PrimeTime Live*, *Dateline*, *Nightline*, *Donahue*, *Larry King Live*, *Crossfire*, *ABC World News Tonight*, etc., and has been speaking to high school, college, association, government, and corporate groups since 1987.

In June 2003 she won the Capital Outstanding Speaker award from the National Speakers Association/Washington D.C. Area. For more info, visit her website at www.MariahBurtonNelson.com

Young Alumni Induction

The Class of 2003 celebrated their status as Severn's newest alumni at a festive dinner and ceremony in the Bauer Dining Room. The Alumni Induction Dinner is an annual tradition sponsored by the Severn School Alumni Association.



Annie Salsich '03 (left) and Amy Modlin '03 partake in the symbolic candle-lighting ceremony.



Headmaster Bill Creeden and Molly Moore Green '83 conduct a portion of the observance.



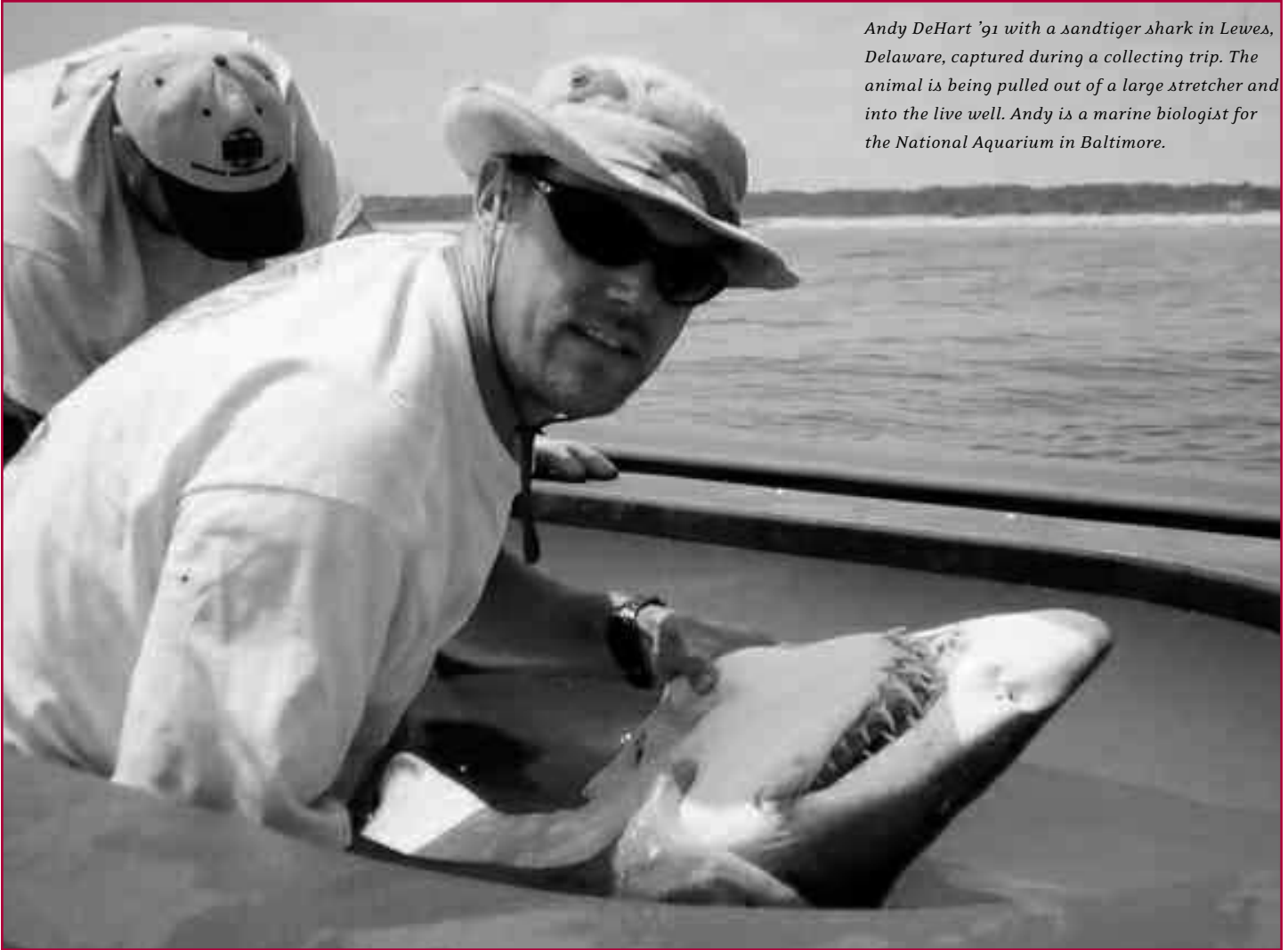
Denise Tray Rossion '78, Director of Alumni Relations, along with Adam Williams, Jr. '92, Vice President of the Severn Alumni Association.



Candle-lighting for the Larkin twins, Chad Houser, and Mike Phipps.

SHARKS:

Facts and Fish Tales



Andy DeHart '91 with a sandtiger shark in Lewes, Delaware, captured during a collecting trip. The animal is being pulled out of a large stretcher and into the live well. Andy is a marine biologist for the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

For many swimmers, the word shark is synonymous with fear.

So it's no wonder the National Aquarium in Baltimore has opened an exhibit to counteract some of the misconceptions about sharks.

National Aquarium shark biologist Andy DeHart '91 says tall tales of man-eating sharks usually aren't anchored by hard facts. He cleared up some common misconceptions on the CBS Early Show this April, when he gently transported a female white spotted bamboo shark from the lobby reef tank at the National Aquarium

in Baltimore for a live interview with co-host Julie Chen. There are many myths about sharks, such as they have a population that is unchecked and out of control. Andy discussed the following MYTHS about sharks:

❖ ALL SHARKS ARE THE SAME

There actually is no typical shark. The nearly 400 species of sharks vary widely in habitat, size, features, diet and lifestyle. Sharks range from about six inches long, such as the cigar shark species, up to about 45-foot long like the whale shark. More than 50 percent of sharks are three-foot

long or less; more than 80 percent are under five feet. And they range from shallow to deep water and from the Arctic to the Tropics.

❖ THERE ARE TOO MANY SHARKS IN THE SEA

The truth is that many shark populations are decreasing, says DeHart. The chief reasons for this are bycatch (when fishermen toss away unwanted fish in their nets as garbage), overfishing and "finning," where sharks are killed for shark fin soup. Also, sharks mature late in life and produce very few young, in contrast with bony fish that

generally lay large numbers of eggs. If people don't protect sharks, the ecological balance of the oceans will be severely threatened, explains DeHart.

☛ SHARKS ARE INDISCRIMINATE EATING MACHINES

While sharks are primarily meat eaters, different species consume different kinds of food. Teeth often give clues to what sharks eat. Sharks with serrated edges on their teeth rip their prey, while sharks with pavement-like teeth eat mollusks and crustaceans. Some sharks are "generalists" and eat whatever is at hand, but many species are rather selective. The basking shark and the whale shark, for instance, feed on plankton. Sharks eat much less than many people believe; many may go for days or even weeks between feedings.

☛ SHARKS WILL ALWAYS ATTACK YOU

The chances of being attacked by a shark are unlikely. For perspective, people are 250 times more likely to be killed by lightning than by a shark. As people increasingly invade sharks' habitats, however, shark incidents also will increase.

☛ SHARKS ARE NOT ENDANGERED BY MEN

Sharks and their relatives, skates and rays, are extremely vulnerable to overexploitation by man, habitat destruction and pollution. DeHart says the animals deserve respect and need protection. He explains people can help by avoiding polluting ocean waters; refusing to buy shark fin soup and shark cartilage supplements; making wise seafood choices; writing to their legislators for more shark protection laws; and learning the facts about sharks instead of perpetuating the myths.

☛ **DEHART SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING TO AVOID A SHARK ATTACK:** Avoid swimming at dawn or dusk when visibility is decreased. Avoid areas where waves are breaking, as turbulent water makes it difficult for sharks to see and determine whether you are prey. Do not wear jewelry in the water. Sharks are attracted to shiny fishes, and jewelry may resemble their scales. Do not swim near schools of small fish, which are favorite foods of some sharks.

DeHart says people can take action to protect sharks and their relatives, skates and rays. Here are some tips to help maintain the shark population:

☛ **KNOW YOUR SEAFOOD DINING:** When dining on seafood, make the best choices possible to avoid eating fish that are on threatened or endangered species lists. If you can discern where and how the fish were caught, that will aid your choice.

Fish caught by longlines or trawls have bycatch, which consists of fish that are tossed out as garbage. As an example, for every 10 pounds of shrimp caught, about four pounds of bycatch are wasted.

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Some choices, says DeHart, are farm-raised catfish and many Pacific species such as sole, flounder, and halibut. Locally, Maryland rockfish (properly called striped bass) are a good option because of Maryland's management program for these fish. You have the right to ask restaurant staff and fish wholesalers where and how fish were caught.

☛ **AVOID SHARK MEDICINE:** Don't purchase products that use shark cartilage. Some medical and diet products contain shark cartilage. DeHart says there is no proof that shark cartilage has any effect on cancer.

☛ **DON'T BUY SHARK SOUVENIRS:** Avoid buying shark products for use as souvenirs.

☛ **AVOID SHARK FOOD:** Avoid buying or eating shark fin soup at home or abroad. Sharks are killed in a cruel manner solely for a select part of their fins from which the soup is made.

☛ **BE AWARE OF SHARK LAWS:** DeHart says to let government officials know about your interest in legislation that protects

sharks and their relatives. Letters, email and phone calls are all easy methods to make your preferences known to those who enact laws.

☛ **CHOOSE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU:** If you are concerned about the welfare of sharks, DeHart suggests voting for people with a demonstrated interest in the environment.

☛ **EDUCATE YOURSELF:** DeHart also says to continue learning about aquatic life and ocean health. Web sites, such as the National Aquarium in Baltimore and Ichthyology at the Florida Museum of Natural History, are good resources for more information about sharks.

☛ **SUPPORT AQUARIUMS:** Some aquariums provide research to learn the behavior of sharks and help them survive. Some also participate in shark tagging programs. DeHart says the more knowledge about sharks collected, the better.

"I knew from very early on what I wanted to do," recalled Andy. "My dad was a Navy hardhat diver and later a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) employee who taught me to snorkel at age 4." Later, as a rising Severn School junior, then science teacher Marjorie Pearsall encouraged young Andy to join a summer program at the National Aquarium in Baltimore where she herself was (and still is!) a volunteer. Andy was hooked. "In the years following [that first summer experience] I worked as a volunteer aquarist, an intern, and a husbandry aide at the National Aquarium in Baltimore."

Following graduation from Severn in 1991 (where one of his nicknames was "Shark-Man"), Andy went on to Eckerd College in Florida, but left after his junior year to accept an opportunity he couldn't turn down: helping to open the new 1.7 million gallon aquarium facility at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska. He completed his degree taking night classes at the University of Nebraska before heading home to the National Aquarium in '98, where he's now the animal care center manager in charge of the off-site care facilities and collecting programs.

GIVING THANKS



Upper School Academic Building after dark. Photo courtesy of Jeff Katz, CenterSpan Productions



Checking out the pendulum

TOM WORTHINGTON, CHAIR OF SEVERN'S ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, GAVE THE KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC BUILDING DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND FESTIVITIES. THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY NEARLY 100 TRUSTEES, PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MR. WORTHINGTON'S MOVING REMARKS:

Well, you know you're getting up there in age when you're invited to be the senior faculty member to speak at the inauguration of a splendid new building like this one. It's one of those honors, like getting an invitation to join AARP, that makes one stop and test one's joints...and ponder the past a little bit. And as I stand here in front of this spectacular edifice, with its state-of-the-art computer labs, wide hallways, high ceilings and million dollar view of the river, I can't help thinking back to an earlier Severn campus, a campus I heard about long before I ever saw it. It was a place described to me by my father [**Thomas C. Worthington**], who graduated from Severn back in '48, nearly thirty years before I came here to teach English and 53 years before my daughter **Laura** graduated with the class of 2001.

The Severn I heard about back when I was a boy was a place that at least partially consisted of buildings with faintly unpromising names like "A" Shack and "B" Shack. And as their names suggested, these were not luxurious teaching facilities. My father's recollections of these buildings did not focus on their sumptuousness but instead on the rigorous study sessions that were held there, the demerits that were occasionally meted out and the lessons that were learned. World War II had ended only three years earlier, and this Naval Academy prep school still reflected the austerity of the times. These shacks were remembered with the pride with which, let's say, one might recall a barracks at boot camp, as the setting for the type of rigorous testing that leads to personal growth and personal excellence. But there was one structure on campus that I always heard spoken of in reverential tones, as the aesthetic as well as academic heart of the school, and that was Teel Hall.

Teel Hall was the picturesque, ivy-covered building with a distinctive gambrel roof that, even before my father's day, had come to embody Severn School in the minds of many people. I heard lots of stories about things that happened in and around Teel Hall, about friends such as **Steve Millard '51**, **Harry Ewald '48**, **Robert (Chile) Wade**, **Hank Larom**, and even about

guitar playing on campus with then underclassman, now celebrated actor, **Robert Duvall '49**.

But one thing from these stories that really stood out for me was my father's opinion of the man who had given his name to the building, Mr. Teel himself. **Roland Teel** was, in his words, a wise gentleman. And that was that. He had nothing but good things to say about his keen intelligence and his talent for mixing firm discipline with deep compassion and a genuine love for "his boys." It was my father's story about a fishing adventure with Mr. Teel that Steve Millard recounted during his eulogy at Mr. Teel's funeral service. And so I suppose it is perfectly understandable that I grew up thinking of Severn as a special place and of Teel Hall as the very epicenter of that remarkable community.

So when I finished graduate school back in '77 and was lucky enough to land an interview at Severn, I was excited about getting the chance to have a close-up look at the place I had heard so much about. And it is true that from the distance of Holly Avenue, Teel Hall looked like the epitome of the ivy-covered school house. Up close, however, I could see that time was taking its toll.

The hallways and classrooms were badly



Tom Worthington



Trustees Patty McManus, new Board Chair Jim McIntyre, Debbie Chartier, Chris McCleary, and immediate past chairman Peter Gordon



Sackett family members

worn. Floors sagged ominously, paint peeled and, over everything, there hung an atmosphere of faintly shabby gentility. Even the ivy had become a problem, eating away at the very walls that it festooned so beautifully. But why worry about such things when the place was nearly bursting with character – and charm?

The students were a lively bunch, seemingly indifferent to the aging facilities; and the teachers, like veterans **Bob Gray**, **Carole Coss**, **Don Wood**, **Julian Domenech** and **Woody Johnston**, as well as relative newcomers like **John Bodley**, **Claudia McLaughlin** and **Fred Hewitt**, were far too focused on the excitement of teaching to worry about the niceties of their surroundings. I, too, got caught up in the magic of the place. When I was offered a position, I took it and began my teaching career under the headmastership of **Jim Donnelly** in one of the converted dorm rooms in the building we now call the Teel Academic Center.

It didn't take long for me to become familiar with our aging yet distinctive buildings, like the old Dining Hall, Memorial Gym and Woods Hall, all places I associated with Severn's past and teaching legends such as **Paul Kesmodel**, **G. Parker Lindsay** and **Jonah Halstead**, who, together, gave a total of 107 years to our school. Still, it became

increasingly apparent to me, and just about everybody else, that Severn needed to modernize to remain competitive, and it was eventually decided to build an annex on the back of the dorm building to house the library, art studios and science classrooms.

In 1984, this shot in the arm was just what the school needed. More remained to be done, however. As time passed, I still heard the occasional student or parent say that it was a pity that Severn's facilities weren't commensurate with the quality of the overall instruction. And that is one of the reasons why, when **Bill Creeden** became Headmaster and presented his bold plan for Severn's renaissance, I inwardly rejoiced, while remaining a little skeptical about his chances for achieving everything he and the Board had in mind. Imagine my surprise and delight, then, when our new Student Center opened in '98, and Severn students finally had access to a real stage and brand new art studios, as well as music rooms, a modern cafeteria and a lecture hall.

Today I stand in front of yet another building. To say that it has exceeded all my expectations to see this amazing structure rise up here on the lovely Sackett property would be an understatement. Am I going to try to describe this building to you? No. I may be a teacher of the English language,

but I know that a picture is worth a thousand words, and your tour of the building will be worth a million. What I would like to leave you with is a symbol and my thanks. The symbol that I would like to present for your consideration is the pendulum in the foyer. As Science Department Chair **Joel Madden** has explained to me, the swinging pendulum stays fixed in space, while the Severn compass beneath it rotates, thereby demonstrating the earth's spin. Sounds good to me. But I would also like to think of this steady pendulum as the inspiration of Mr. Teel and the other outstanding teachers and administrators who have blessed Severn with its proud tradition of academic excellence. The earth keeps turning, and the times keep changing, but my hope for this new building is that it will house the kind of creativity, passion, kindness, insightfulness and vigor that have been the hallmark of a Severn education.

And now my thanks. On behalf of the students who will benefit so greatly from this outstanding facility and those teachers who will use this new resource to pioneer the horizons of thought for a new century, I thank Bill Creeden, the Board of Trustees and all those who have donated time and money so generously to this cause.

TOM WORTHINGTON
UPPER SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR

History & Legends

OF THE SACKETT HOUSE

BY MIKE SACKETT
MAY 4, 2003



The bronze plaque commemorating the rich legacy and history of the site where the Upper School Academic Building now stands and the honorable relationship Severn School has valued for generations with the Sackett family.

The Sackett house, site of Severn's Upper School Academic Building, was bought by my grandparents, Gus and Mary Sackett in 1926 and renovated by Gus. Born in 1861, Gus was more than qualified for the renovation, having been a master millwright who designed and built water-driven flour mills in the late nineteenth century. In the 1880's, Gus built many of the windmills that pumped water to the locomotive tenders on the newly-built Canadian Pacific Railroad. Gus wintered in the Canadian Rockies that year, living in lean-tos hewn from logs. The single door opened inward so the men wouldn't be buried during the heavy snowfalls. This was true wilderness! My father, Walt Sackett, Sr. and his brother Joe told me that Gus and his men sometimes heard the clawing of grizzly bears outside their lean-to, attracted by the smell of the cook fire.

Mary McAlister Sackett's parents immigrated to America as children during the Irish potato famine of the late 1840's. Born in 1868, Mary became a 13-year-old homemaker to her father and caregiver to her younger siblings after the death of her mother. Mary worked many jobs, including domestic servant, to pay for her college education. She became a music teacher and was the first college graduate in the Sackett family.

My parents, Walt, Sr. and Mary Barriger lived in the Water Street house after their marriage in 1930 (the year the planet Pluto was discovered). They retired there after raising six children: Mary Jo, Kathleen, Patricia, Walt, Jr., Paul, and me. As a boy I built a tree house in one of the trees still standing by the front entrance of the Academic Building. I spent many nights there, staring up at the stars. My brother Paul and I also built a bicycle-powered raft in the garage next to those trees. I dubbed the unwieldy craft, "The Hoky-Pok," and we launched it on the Severn River.

THE LEGEND OF THE ALLIGATOR

When I was 9, I bought a mail-order alligator and kept it in the laundry sink until it got big enough to scare my mother. I knew

then that little Godzilla's days were numbered. I released that little 'gator into the marsh on the hill in front of what is now the Academic Building and it immediately attacked a tadpole. Students beware! If that little 'gator survived the past 46 years, it must be as big as an allosaurus. That marsh should be known to all as 'Gator Swamp'.

THE MONKEY MAUSOLEUM

I guess I didn't learn my lesson with the alligator because a couple of years later I bought a mail order squirrel monkey I named Fred. That monkey was a Barbie doll-sized fly catcher who loved nothing better than to snatch flying insects out of the air with his bare hands. Poor Fred died after snatching a yellow jacket on the circle in front of the Sackett house. Since Fred was buried in the spring of 1964 under the Academic Building's pendulum, the building should heretofore be known to students as "The Monkey Mausoleum." Walt Sackett Sr. died in 1986 and Mary joined him in 1996. In 1998 sale of the Sackett house property to Severn School was approved by my sister, Mary Jo Beck, executor of the family estate.

2003 Distinguished Alumnus

Dick Bennett's characteristic dimpled smile was shining brightly Alumni Weekend as he was awarded the coveted Rolland M. Teel Distinguished Alumni Award. Created in 1985 by the Severn School Alumni Association to distinguish those Severn graduates who make significant and meaningful contributions to society, Dick joins the 23 other individuals so recognized. Jointly sponsored by the Board of Trustees and the Severn School Alumni Association, this is the highest honor the School can bestow. It recognizes those alumni who have demonstrated outstanding service to humanity, service to community, professional achievement, and/or service to Severn School.

Richard D. Bennett '65 took the oath of office on May 1 of this year as U.S. District judge for the District of Maryland, becoming one of ten federal judges in the state of Maryland with lifetime tenure. His appointment by President Bush to this post comes after a long and distinguished law and political career in his native Maryland.

The Honorable Dick Bennett was the senior litigation principal and partner at *Miles & Stockbridge PC*, one of Maryland's oldest and largest law firms. He served as U.S. attorney for Maryland during the administration of the first President Bush and was an assistant U.S. attorney for Maryland during the Ford and Carter administrations. A political activist, Dick was the Republican nominee for the Attorney



Headmaster Bill Creeden, Dick Bennett, and Alumni Association President Chris Taylor '71

General of Maryland in 1994 and the Republican nominee for Lt. Governor in 1998.

Dick frequently volunteers serving meals to the homeless at *Our Daily Bread* in Baltimore, and also is a newly elected board member of *Kennedy Kreiger Institute*. Following 20 years service, the Honorable Dick Bennett retired as a Major from the U.S. Army Retired Reserve.

A 1965 graduate of Severn, Dick completed his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and received his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. At Severn he was a member of the 1965 All-State lacrosse championship team and co-captain of the football team. He also graduated from Severn in the top of his high school class.

This year he finished his tenure on Severn's Board of Trustees where he was a tireless and dedicated advocate of the School during a period of unprecedented growth. While Severn has had alumni in many high ranking military posts, the Honorable Dick Bennett's federal judgeship appointment represents the highest civilian appointment achieved by a Severn alumnus to date.



Dick Bennett '65 with wife Jane (right), mother Mary Lou and daughter, Ridgely.

Rolland M. Teel Distinguished Alumni

1985	RADM Herbert E. Schonland '20 RADM Bruce McCandless '28
1986	Roger Ahlbrandt '30 LtGen Henry W. Buse Jr. '30
1987	Charles R. Zimmerman '25 Paul Hobbs Massey '67
1988	John Drew Betz '37
1989	LCDR Lance E. Massey '26 RADM Richard R. Pratt '32
1990	Thomas J. Peters '60
1991	Stephens F. Millard '51
1992	Bruce S. Old '30
1994	CDR Robert B. Pirie Jr. '50
1995	ADM James R. Hogg '52
1996	CDR Edwin Malloy Jr. '36
1997	CAPT Slade D. Cutter '31 William H. G. FitzGerald '27
1998	John K. Hopkins '63
1999	Frederick D. Hunt '32
2000	Charles F. Lynch '44
2001	Lt. Gen. W. H. Sterling Wright '26 Alester G. Furman III '35
2002	Nicholas Goldsborough '52
2003	Richard D. Bennett '65



Dick Bennett '65 along with fellow Distinguished Alumni Steve Millard '51 and Robin Pirie '50.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

With this year's three new inductees, Severn's Athletic Hall of Fame grows to 87 members. Established in 1981 by the Severn School Athletic Association, the Hall of Fame recognizes those individuals who have contributed to athletic excellence as a player, coach, or athletic director while at Severn School. At least 10 years must pass between a player's last participation and his or her induction.

Please join all of us at Severn School in congratulating the newest members of the Athletic Hall of Fame:

ROBERT J. KESMODEL '62 • LESLIE BUONO WHITMAN '81 • JAMES C. BEARDMORE '82



Robert Kesmodel '62, Leslie Buono Whitman '81, Jimmy Beardmore '82, with Alumni Association President Chris Taylor '71, Headmaster Bill Creeden, and David Wright '69, who gave a retrospective on the Hall of Fame at the induction ceremony.

Former Athletic Director Fred Hewitt and Ann Hewitt, Kim Buono Chapin '82 and Severn Athletic Director Tank Duckett were all on hand to congratulate the new inductees.



Hall of Fame Charter Member Buddy Beardmore '58, Steve Beardmore '83, Phyllis Beardmore (Middle School teacher), and Jimmy Beardmore '82

Severn School Athletic Hall of Fame

1981 CHARTER MEMBERS

Milton R. Roberts '37
Clayton "Buddy" Beardmore '58
Capt. Robert H. Woods
Paul J. Kesmodel
G. Parker Lindsay

1982

Richard R. Pratt '32
William J. Hoover

1983

Vernon R. Selby '22
Charles R. Zimmerman '25
Everett W. Smith '33
Jiles E. Freeman Jr. '43
Charles "Chooch" Turner '68

1984

Edmund Turner '26
Gordon Chung-Hoon '30
John M. Brenner '36
John H. Giddings '50
H. Craig Hubbard '63

1985

Slade D. Cutter '31
Lee M. Curry '57
C. Alan Pastrana '64

1986

John F. Pendergast '37
Lawrence McCormick '40
Edmund L. Turner '50
David B. Pickall '68
Richard E. Webster

1987

John "Jack" Jones '49
Bruce C. Burns '61
Charles P. Goodell '65
Peter H. Eldredge '68
Anne "Sandy" Barbour '77

1988

John C. Hampson '30
Stephen H. Swift '37
George H. Turner '68
G. Parker Lindsay Jr. '73

1989

Ericsson Reed '31
L. Warren Klauer '38
Harold T. Smith '68

1990

Charles J. Schwartzberg '56
Stephen L. Clagett '65
David E. Cloud '68

1991

H. Timothy Albrecht Jr. '53
Michael A. Clark '65
Harry W. Hurst III '69
David L. Wright '69
Sheila J. Keifer

1992

Blair "Buzz" Hall '47
Richard D. Bennett '65
Thomas H. Vitzhum '82
Amy A. Zimmerman '82

1994

Ned Strange '70
Wendy Jones '83
Julian Domenech Sr.

1995

Wilson H. Phipps '74
Alix Dickey Benjamin '79
James Doyle

1996

Stephen C. Rexford '62
C. Douglas Carter '65
Ann E. Wallace '76

1997

Amy Santin Lathrop '87
Peter L. Dewald
Lynald E. Silsbee

1998

Elizabeth Waters Phipps '75
Howard C. Petty '82
Amy J. Hewitt '87
Kathryn O'Connor Guest '88
Andrew H. Burns '88
Fred L. Hewitt III

1999

Ralph M. MacMurray III '58
Brian D. Holman '79
Catherine M. Herrick '86
John R. Quinn '87

2000

John L. Mehlig '33
Joseph D. Stewart '60
Matthew Strohm Evans '60
Leroy M. Sparks '71
Abigail F. Janssens '81

2001

J. Randolph Coupland III '37
William W. Hargrave, Jr. '50
Megan Mylander Hanson '80
Willie H. Mitchell '82

2002

Donald L. Nichols '52
Stacey Hendricks Manis '81
Ryan K. Wade '90
Suzanne Weinberg Isidor '91

2003

Robert J. Kesmodel '62
Leslie Buono Whitman '81
James C. Beardmore '82

Breakfast With Bill

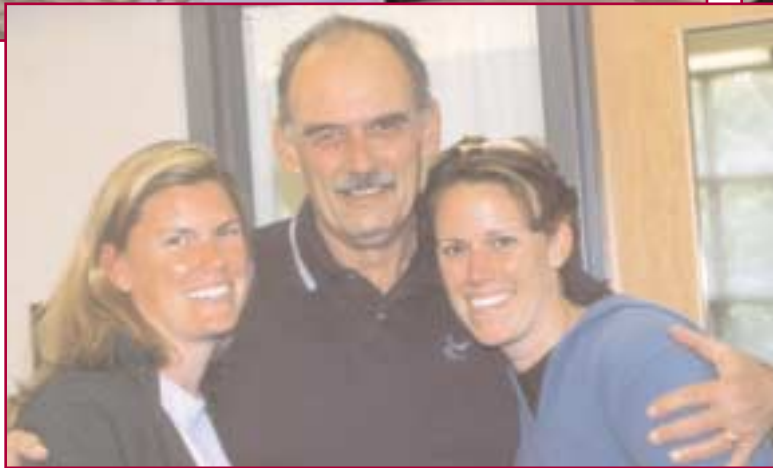


Headmaster Creeden shares plans for Severn School.



Alumni Association President Chris Taylor '71 discusses the purpose of and plans for the Association.

Bill Franey with daughters Sarah '92 and Emily '94 at Breakfast With Bill. Bill's wife, Kay, is the Life Skills teacher for the Upper School.



ALUMNI LAX

Denise Tray Rossen '78 and Steve Reford '62



Heather Sange Mahland '84



Women's Lacrosse Team



Men's Lacrosse Team



Class of 1962-63



Steve Powell '83, former headmaster Jim Donnelly, Mark Carroll '83, Chip Daiger '83



Graham Underhill '53 proudly models his Alumni Game tee from 1964!



Boonies Mary Salisch, Molly Moore Green '83, Denise Tray Rossion '78, Kristyn Kuhn, Jody Old.



Class of 1963



10th Reunion



The McDowell family. That's Brandon '97 and Skylar '98 on the left and Shannon '68 on the right.



Reunioners

Alumni



The Jay Family: Chris '84 (center) with wife Stephanie and their children, mom and dad Scott '62 and Donna, and Kirk '87.



Molly Driver and husband Mike DeStefano '84, and Christina and G.P. Lindsay '73.



Class of '83 20th Reunion



30th Reunion



Class of 1968



George Boaz '47, Casey Hernandez '47, and Buzz Hall '47



Randy Heller '78, Denise Tray Rosson '78, and Tim Flagherty '78



Tina and Sam Bradshaw '86 and children.

Weekend 2003

Alumni Receptions

Friends mixed and mingled Friday evening of Alumni Weekend at the inaugural Toast to Teel reception, enjoying lite fare and the dazzling Starry, Starry Night student art show. Alums topped off the evening with a sure to be Broadway-bound musical review performed by Severn students.



50th Reunion celebrants



Eleanor & Frank Rogers '53



Harley Lake '47, Casey Hernandez '47, George Boaz '47, Steve Millard '51, and John Fry '44



STARS—Barbara Cromwell and Betsy & Ed Bannat. Betsy is a former trustee.

'More experienced' alums (those who graduated from Severn in 1963 or earlier) gathered Sunday morning for the Kesmodel-Lindsay Alumni Brunch.



Deborah and Jim Keller '58



Nick Codd '69 never disappoints with his stunning floral arrangements and gorgeous party appointments - thanks, Nick!



Toni Fry (John '44) & Debbie Keller (Jim '58).



John Fisher '53, Graham Underhill, Raphael Rangel '53



Susanne Frank (Nic '53), Sandy and Graham Underhill '53, and Norma and Ed Hasselmann '53.



Carol Ann Jones and Jack '49

Class of '83 reunion revelers!



20th

Class of '73 celebrates their 30th Reunion.



30th

SEVERN SCHOOL

Class Notes

IT IS WITH SORROW WE NOTE THE PASSING OF THESE SEVERN FRIENDS.

John J. Albright Jr. '42, June 19, 2002.

Catharine D. Albright, March 23, 2003. Wife of John Albright '42.

George W. Mayo Jr. '42, June 20, 2003.

Kenneth T. Wade, June 21, 2003. Father of Zach '92 and Ryan '90.

Col Ted Deyo, former business manager

Joel Lloyd Wallenstrom, May 10, 2003. Father of Joel '87 and Jon '85.

RADM Lawrence Heyworth, Jr., May 4, 2003. Grandfather of Lawrie Heyworth '02. Former commandant of midshipmen at USNA and briefly interim superintendent. One of the few naval officers to wear both the aviator's Wings of Gold and submariner's Gold Dolphins. Was also an astronaut candidate in a process that ultimately selected two of his fellow test pilots, Alan Shepard and Walter Schirra, as members of the original 7 Mercury astronauts.

1931

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From **Page Knight** of Kinsale, Virginia: "If it had not been for Mr. Teel's Severn I would never have made it to the USNA and a fulfilling career. Thanks. I now have a grandson at the USNA, Class of 2006." Thanks, Page!

1942

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With regret we report the passing of **John Albright** and **George Mayo**. John died June 19, 2002, in Bern, NC. His wife, Catharine, passed on in March of this year. George Mayo passed away June of this year in Concord, Massachusetts. Following his graduation from Severn and the Naval Academy George was commissioned as an officer and served during World War II after which he extended his service as a submariner. George served for ten years as a Special Agent for the FBI before returning to New England where he then took employment at MIT leading the development of the inertial guidance system for the Apollo Moon program in collaboration with NASA. Following this, Mr. Mayo was appointed program director for several U.S. defense programs at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, Massachusetts. George is survived by his three daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 36 years, Patricia Mayo, who died in 1981, and by his brother, **Gordon** '48.

1944

60TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004

SEND NOTES TO: **Bill "Bad Boy" Emery**
14 Baylor Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA
17837-9203 willtaem@ptd.net

The Severn picnic was great fun as usual. I wish that we could have rounded-up more of the usual suspects. Our old stand-by, **Jack Lynch**, was recovering from a recent visit to the hospital and not able to join in the festivities this year (hope this finds you well, Jack). And "Fracture" signed up, but didn't show. We missed you and hope to learn why at a later date... Phin, hope nothing serious has befallen your clan. **Buzz Hall's** '47 group was well represented and, as always, extended the welcome mat to a stray from '44. Betty and I were the guests of Maggie and **Shannon** '68 **McDowell** for the weekend. We were able to join Shannon's 35th Class Reunion group for an unforgettable occasion, thanks to Severn School and the hospitality of our gracious hosts. Already looking forward to next year. ♦ **Dick Sheppe** enjoyed lunch with **Ed Page** in Naples, Florida, in April. Ed is recovering gradually from trauma when his boat blew up!

1946

SEND NOTES TO: **Hugh "Dick" McLean**
Note new address: P.O. Box 1735,
Borrego Springs, CA 92004
hjmclean@msn.com

Congratulations to Joanne and **Hugh McLean** who recently broke ground at our site to install a manufactured home in beautiful Borrego Springs, California! ♦ **Harry Ewald** retired from Virginia

Military Institute. He and Audrey have lived in Christiansburg, VA, while Harry worked at VMI and have now moved to a new home. ♦ While touring the U.S. in our (Hugh & Joanne's) 35-foot motor home we visited Betty and **Herm Spanagel**. They have lived in Satellite Beach, Florida, 32 years since retiring.

1947

SEND NOTES TO: **Blair "Buzz" Hall**
666 Maid Marian Hill
Sherwood Forest, MD 21405
410-849-2134
blairhall@aol.com

1948

SEND NOTES TO: **Bill Fisher**
821 East Timber Branch Parkway,
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-684-7490
barafish@aol.com

In an effort to bring each of us up to date on what has transpired in our individual lives since we graduated from Severn in 1948 it would be interesting if each of us would submit a 180-200 word summary of what has gone on in our lives to date for inclusion in our Class Notes. I will start it off and hope others will follow:

I have been fortunate in the fifty-five years since graduation. After graduation from the USNA in 1952, I served as a Surface Warfare Officer until retirement in September 1981. I enjoyed three commands; Ruff (MSC(O)), Semmes (DDG 18), and the Recruit Training Command, Orlando. Other significant tours included the commissioning Operations Officer/Navigator of Dewey (DLG 14), Office of the Secretary of



Chris Taylor '71 with former Upper School Head Julian Domenech who visited campus this spring.

Defense, Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen and schools including Naval Postgraduate School, Command and Staff Course, Newport, RI and the National War College. What made this all very special was my marriage to Lucille in May 1953 and our two boys, Jim and John. Lucille was the perfect wife for all occasions. In retirement I have been with several different organizations, the high points being two girls schools, St. Agnes School and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. Regretfully, Lucille was diagnosed with cancer soon after we retired and passed away in August 1985. She did not get to enjoy most of our retired years and only was alive for our first two grandchildren. We now have six and one great-grandson. I fully retired in 1999 and spend my time traveling to visit family and friends, new places, doing volunteer work and keeping in touch with all. As I said, I have been fortunate. I also encourage each of you to consider an annual donation to Severn School to help in the continuing education of today's students, contemporaries of our grandchildren. Look forward to hearing from you. Thanks. – **Bill (Skinhead) Fisher**

1949

55TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004

SEND NOTES TO: Theodore Bonvit
1105 South Schumaker Drive, Apt. 8,
Salisbury, MD 21804

1951

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Tom Strange reports that he's stopped working as a volunteer corrections chaplain with the Alaska Department of Corrections in April as "the stress level is getting to be more than this 72-year-old body is willing to take." Tom had a minor stroke August '02 and has fortunately recovered very well. "I've been through the cardiac rehabilitation program at Providence Hospital and am more like a young kid these days." Tom hopes to attend Severn's 90th graduation in the spring as he journeys to Evansville, Ohio, and then on to spend time with brother **Bob** '47 and wife in Weems, Virginia. "I'll be back in Evansville to graduate from college for the 8th time," Tom informs us. "This

will be my second doctorate. I must figure out what I want to do when I grow up so I can quit going to school!" It's a lifelong journey, Tom, keep going strong!

1952

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Alex Morris and wife Carol now live in Sarasota, Florida. Alex was pleased to learn that one lacrosse player who started out in the Vienna Virginia Youth Lacrosse Program, which Alex started in 1982, is now an assistant LAX coach and ensign at Navy.

1953

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Ken Meneke owns his own company, Polaris Business Products, Inc. in Conroe, Texas. With 3 employees, they sell and distribute forms, printing, and promotional products (shirts, caps, coolies, calendars, pens, etc.)

1954

50TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004

SEND NOTES TO: John M. Jack Kelly
69 Westview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062-5123
(781) 762-6954
jmkelly@norwoodlight.com

A standing ovation and Admiral's salute to **Jack Kelly** for volunteering to be the Class of '54's secretary! He wrote, "I noticed that we are looking for a class secretary for our 50th reunion next year. I hereby volunteer for that assignment for the 50th (and the 100th, also!)." Please send him some news!

REMEMBER WHEN... when gasoline was 29 cents a gallon? when postage stamps cost 3 cents? when the minimum wage was 75 cents per hour and the average annual salary was \$4,700? Remember McCarthyism? The Supreme Court decision prohibiting racial segregation in U.S. public schools? and the Severn School Class of 1954 was preparing for graduation? Plan now to attend your 50th this Spring.

1955

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James '3-D' Ramsey and wife Mary Lee



moved to their retirement home in a 55+ community in New Albany, Ohio, this May. "We'll probably be unpacked by 2004 (maybe)," 3-D says. "I had arthroscopic surgery on my right knee (torn cartilage) recently and am looking forward to returning to golf."

1958

SEND NOTES TO: John Eller

2 Kent Road,
Annapolis, MD 21401
johnceller@aol.com

News about classmates from the time of the 45th reunion: **Dale Carrison** is coaching school lacrosse in Las Vegas. He also keeps busy as Las Vegas University Medical Center's emergency room director, a position which allows him to voice his concerns over rate increases for medical malpractice insurance. ♦ **Wells Jackson** is reportedly living on his coffee plantation in Panama. ♦ **Jim Keller** is retired and will be moving this summer from Alexandria, VA, to a new home being built in Savannah, Georgia, where the weather is more conducive to his golf game. ♦ **Bat LaPlante**, who lives in Alexandria, has retired again and is considering moving to Annapolis. ♦ **Phil Link** got rid of those glasses he wore at Severn and is enjoying the good life just down the road from the campus in Arnold. ♦ **Pete Moon** is on the staff at VCU in Richmond, VA. He is currently working on a project that's hard to describe in 20 words or less but has something to do with bone tissue engineering. That's the Severn education for you! ♦ **Jim Steigler** is still working for Northrup Grumman near BWI airport. He's one of the smart electrical engineers there. ♦ **Tom Roberts** has moved from Vienna, VA, to the beautiful country in Oregon. He's also having a new house built there where he's going to enjoy the outdoor opportunities during the summers and winters. Somebody has to stay back in VA and **Phil Torrey** is doing just that and living in Fairfax Station.



Dale Carrison '58 Los Vegas University Medical Center's emergency room director, explains to a patient the procedure for resetting his dislocated ankle.



1959

45TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004
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1960

SEND NOTES TO: Neil Perron
 1253 Dogwood Road,
 Arnold, MD 21012

1961

SEND NOTES TO: Sidney Formanek
 P.O. Box 106,
 Abingdon, MD 21009-0106

Fred Weiss sent in this update: "Retired in '93 so I could ski all winter! Still living in Ocean Pines, Maryland, with wife, Alta (married 40 years!). Spend a large part of the ski season in Colorado and enjoy our boat and the beach in the summer."

1962

SEND NOTES TO: Robert Kesmodel
 170 Ocean Lane Drive #410
 Key Biscayne, FL 33149
 305-361-3005
 rkesmodel@kwsol.com

1963

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 This in from **Paul Warren**: "I've recently been elected to a 2-year term as Commissioner in the Town of Redington Beach, FL (my hometown for the past 3 years.) In this new position, I am functioning as "Commissioner for Public Safety," providing liaison with our local sheriff (for law enforcement), county emergency management staff and local fire & rescue services. Professionally, I am still providing PR & marketing consulting services to local and national clients, while also continuing my 40-year career in the marine industry (I got my US Coast Guard 100-Ton Master's License last year.)" Way to go, Paul!

1964

40TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004
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1965

SEND NOTES TO: Bill Gideon
 16 Hummingbird Court
 Baltimore, MD 21227

1966

SEND NOTES TO: Richard Templeton
 108 Annapolis Street
 Annapolis, MD 21401
 kron2000@aol.com
 or call Mike Myers at 410.647.7905

Charlie Stevens was promoted to the executive corporate management team of Goldman Promotions – the 27th largest promotional products company out of 15,000 in the USA. He also won the 2002 Leadership Award!

1967

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Warren Tewes DDS was the recipient of the 2003 University System of Maryland Board of Regents' Award of Excellence in Public Service. He was also selected into the Vidocq Society (vidocq.org), a multidisciplinary, forensic, cold-case murder investigators' organization limited to 82 members (17 states and 11 countries).

1968

SEND NOTES TO: Shannon McDowell
 34 Shadow Point Court
 Edgewater, MD 21037
 smcdowel@nadn.navy.mil

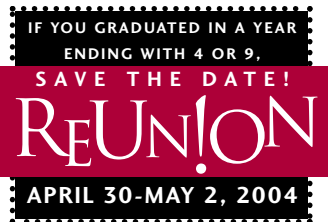
Robert Zordich, president of Duir Synergies, Inc., a business consulting group, is an avid motocyclist and still a part-time musician. He lives in St. Paul, MN.

1969

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SEND NOTES TO: Nick Codd
 P.O. Box 627
 Severna Park, MD 21146

1970

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Glenn Frame is market development manager for Tescro Technologies in Hunt Valley, MD. He and his wife of 30 years, Melanie, live in Stewartstown, PA. Their oldest son, Eli, graduates this year from the University of Virginia and he plans to go to law school. Younger son, Joel, graduates from high school this year and will be starting in the fall at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. Joel plans to go into full time missions work."



1971

SEND NOTES TO: Doug Hughes
 404 Hillsmere Drive
 Annapolis, MD 21403
 doug.hughes@mcicworldcom.net

1972

SEND NOTES TO: John Norton
 13 Botany Court
 Emerald Hills, CA 94062
 650-361-8062
 john@declarity.com

1973

SEND NOTES TO: Bona Hurst-Ellis
 410-987-3949
 rellis@msn.com

It was a great showing for the 30th reunion! Attending: **Cookie Anderson, Scott Burns, John Cahill, Elisha Dunker, Jack Flanagan, George Graefe, Griff Hall, Kent Holtgrewe, Doug Howard, Bona Hurst-Ellis, Tom Kiefer, John Kipp, GP Lindsay, Leslie Passano, Tom Reicheldefler, Geoff Riefe, Ron Showacre, Chris Waltjen, Woody Woodell, and Claudia Clanton Woods.**

1974

30TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004
SEND NOTES TO: Peter Tsou
 410-757-2722
 tsoupeter@hotmail.com

Cheryl Ritchie caught up with **Joan McDaniel** in Ft. Lauderdale while taking a class in February. "We had dinner on the oceanfront," reported Cheryl. "She is active in the DAR and in her Alumni Delta Gamma Sorority."

Peter Tsou and **Cheryl Ritchie** have stepped up and will be chairing your 30th class reunion! They will need lots of help though. You can reach Cheryl at goldengirl@goldenresults.com 301-855-5215. Peter's contact information is tsoupeter@hotmail.com 410-757-2722.



Elizabeth Clare, daughter of John and Lisa Richardson McIntyre '87



Ricky Schwartzberg '87 (above) and Chris Bullen (brother of Craig '88 and Charles '90) coached Severn's Middle School lacrosse this spring, ending the season with a 6-1 record!





Jenny Alphin (Severn math teacher), Valerie Stewart D'Ambrogi '79, Dee Clark (former coach), Abigail Janssen '81, Stacey Hendricks Manis '81, and Karen Quarles (former coach). Karen Quarles was in town from California and some of her friends and former players got together with her for lunch in Severna Park.

1975

SEND NOTES TO: Craig Lindsay
109 Round Bay Road
Severna Park, MD 21146
craig.lindsay@verizon.net

1976

SEND NOTES TO: Catherine Clark
6719 Newstead Lane
Baltimore, MD 21209
410-823-7777

Stephen Schwarz sent in this update: "I quit working in May of 2002 in order to return to college and get my bachelor's degree (about time, don't you think?) from University of Maryland University College." He graduated this May with a degree in communications and is hoping to get a job in public relations/affairs.

1977

SEND NOTES TO: Susan Lee Kreiger
218 Camp Pelletien Road
Swansboro, NC 28584
918-393-2960

1978

SEND NOTES TO Denise Tray Rosson
Severn School
The Boone House
116 Maple Avenue
Severna Park, MD 21146
drosson@severnschool.com



Willie, son of Tom and Caroline Morton Burson '87



Roman Ferrar '87 and his wife Kimberly

There was a good group at Tom and Lynne Foard's house for our 25th reunion party "**Penny**" **Wetherhold Audain, Amy Siererr Blume, Tim Cloud, Molly Rullman Dice, Tim Flaherty, Linda Keiser Graefe, Kim Bassford Halsey, Jeff Helferstay, Randy Heller, Nancy Harrison O'Connell, Joe Schaller, Kim Harquail Todd, Erin Mulloy Stringfellow, Donn Whitworth Usewick, and Patty Weaver Hairston** were some of the '78ers that attended

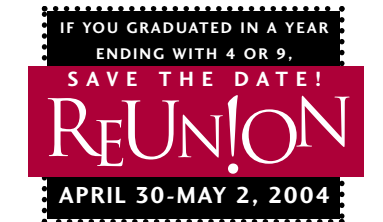
1979

25TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004
SEND NOTES TO: Kim Corbin Aviles
443 Marlyborn Road
Severna Park, MD 21146
aviles@toad.net

1980

SEND NOTES TO: Andy Long
7034 Irongate
Dallas, TX 75214
214-821-4526
along@bigplanet.com

Lorraine Johnson recently spent 10 days in Austria. "It's the most beautiful place that I have ever seen! Hearing a Mozart chamber music ensemble in the fortress at Salzburg; listening to a waterfall from my balcony in Bad Gastein where the melted snow bisects the town; driving along the Grossglockner Alpenstrasse (the highest alpine highway in Austria) where marmots and ibex are everywhere; and touring the Salzkammergut (lake country east of Salzburg) were definitely highlights. To top it all off, the cathedrals in Munich (yes, I know, that's Germany) were incredible – I had a chance to tour three of them and participate in a service before flying out of Munich to come back to Raleigh. If you haven't been to that part of the world, you have to go!"
♦ **Topper Wilson** and family recently moved to Pueblo, Colorado. "Two cats, two dogs, two kids, one wife, moved with me to the desert plains of Colorado. This is a lateral transfer for me (i.e. general manager Montana operations to g.m. Colorado operations), though Colorado is a bigger operation. The company I work for contracts with lotteries to install and operate computer systems (Oh, if they would only build computers with the same reliability as cars!). No, I can't tell you what the win-



ning numbers will be, only what they were." Topper's new address is 944 Calle De Caballos, Pueblo West, CO. 81007.

1981

SEND NOTES TO: Stacey Hendericks Manis
211 Mount Oak Place
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-349-8822
maniss@comcast.net

1982

SEND NOTES TO: Tracy Tischer
504 Riverview Ct
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-224-8440
tish@edmail.com

Eric and **Marilyn Hyatt Berkowitz** welcomed their second child, Joshua, in May. He joins big sister Danielle (3). The family lives in North Potomac, MD.

1983

SEND NOTES TO: Molly Moore Green
123 Hatton Drive
Severna Park, MD 21146
mgreen@severnschool.com

Craig Decker sent this: "We had our third daughter, Claudia, back in February. She has a sister Madison (5) and Victoria (3). Cristina and I continue to live in Chartwell. My company was just bought by the *Royal Bank of Canada* and I have been very active in sailboat racing. So between mergers, boats and babies, we have been quite busy." ♦
From **Shelby Goodall-Purdy**: "I wanted to drop a quick line to my Severn friends and let them know that I got remarried six months ago to a wonderful man named Jeff Purdy. I am now a stepmother to two wonderful children, Emily (6) and Max (8). Unfortunately, we are apart most of the time because I live in Columbus and he's in Phoenix. I am currently looking to move out there and am trying my best to find the right job. Saw **Judy Labashosky** recently in Pennsylvania. Had a great time catching up on the past 13 years! She looks fabulous and seems quite happy."

1984

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SEND NOTES TO: **Andy Davidson**

14258 92nd Avenue N.E.
Bothell, WA 98011
425-820-8519
adavidson@fcg.com

1985

SEND NOTES TO: **Julie Katcef Maeristz**

1048 Stonecreek Road
Annapolis, MD 21403
410.269.6011
jkm012@aol.com

1986

SEND NOTES TO: **Sara Tabasi Toomey**

208 North Glen
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-263-0238
saratoomey@bartoncotton.com

Way big congrats to Charley and **Sara Tabasi Toomey** who welcomed their newest angel, Lyla Cooper Toomey, on April 18. Lyla joins sisters Emma and Sophie.

1987

SEND NOTES TO: **Kathy Bass Clevenger**

235 Ebb Point Lane
Annapolis, MD 21401
abckbc@comcast.net

A special welcome to Elizabeth Clare McIntyre, daughter of **Lisa Richardson McIntyre** and her husband John. Clare was born on April 7 and weighed in at 8 pounds 2 ounces. Congratulations Lisa and John! ♦ Welcome, too, to William Thomas Burson, son of Tom and **Caroline Morton Burson**. Willie was born six weeks early on September 3, 2002, and is a complete angel! ♦ Congratulations, too, to **Roman David Ferrer** and Kimberly Ottey, who were married on August 3, last year at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Washington DC. Roman graduated from the University of Maryland in 1992. Kimberly is a graduate of Villanova University, class of 1994. Roman is a channel manager at Cisco Systems in Reston, Virginia. Kimberly is employed at the CoStar Group in Bethesda. They reside in Rockville and are expecting their first baby in late September! ♦ **Ricky Schwartzberg's** been around the Severn campus a lot lately. He coached Middle School lacrosse this spring with Chris Bullen (brother of **Craig '88** and **Charles '90**), ending the season with a 6-1 record.

They'll move up to compete with the MIAA-A Conference teams next year at the Middle School level. Ricky and Chris teamed up again this summer to coach a Hero's Lax team made up of all Severn players. Off the field, Ricky is a partner with a marketing and communications firm, working specifically with special projects dealing with proprietary design and development of software solutions for businesses, families and schools. ♦ Our deepest sympathy to **Joel Wallenstrom** on the loss of his father who died of a sudden heart attack on May 10. Joel and Susannah, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

1988

SEND NOTES TO: **Doug May**

1270 Masters Drive
Arnold, MD 21012
410-626-8040

1989

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SEND NOTES TO: **Holly Hodson**

668 North Coast Highway #408
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
949-494-8247
hhodson@mindspring.com

Ryan Rose Roth writes: "I got an email out of the blue recently from **Phil Quinton '88**. Turns out he works for **Paul Caswell '88** at Paul's Sarasota, FL-based technology company: Alpha Omega Communications. Phil recently had to travel from Sarasota to Miami for work, so I drove down and met him for dinner to say hello and catch up. Phil had just come back from his 15-year reunion, so he downloaded me on everyone's happenings! Also, **Bill Houston**, former middle school teacher and girls' basketball assistant coach (and boys' lax assistant coach?), recently visited Rich and me in South Florida. We had a great time during his visit, enjoying some local seafood and having a blast out on the town. He is currently on assignment in Central Florida (he is a business consultant), so we hope to see him more often while he's at least in our state!" ♦ **Matt Stader's** father sent in this update: "Matt is on duty in Iraq as a captain in the field artillery with the 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army in support of Eduring Freedom. He recently completed consecutive command tours of duty as commander of a firing battery and headquarters support battery. On com-



pletion of these tours Matthew was awarded the Bronze Star for combat action, and the Meritorious Service Medal. Matthew graduated from West Point in '94. He married the former Tresa Grimes and they reside in Clarksville, TN. Matt is being assigned to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA, as an instructor/observer and will report to that post in 9/03."

1990

SEND NOTES TO: **Blairlee Hawes**

156 Ridgeway Circle
Arnold, MD 21012
blairleehawes@comcast.net

Congratulations to **Holly Eyler Yeatman** who graduated from The George Washington University School of Medicine on May 18, 2003. She will do her residency at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Internal Medicine. ♦ **Graham Shafer** sent this update: "We moved again. My wife Gigi and I are now living in Falmouth, ME. I have taken a job as regional political director of the New England States for the Republican National Committee." ♦ Deepest sympathy to **Ryan Wade** on the loss of his father, Ken, in June.

1991

SEND NOTES TO: **Heather Clark**

Piskorowski
41 First Street #1C
Hoboken, NJ 07030
201-222-7603

Matt Sarro

2808 Penny Pond Lane
Annapolis, MD 21401
757-437-5000 (work)
757-496-2946 (home)
mattsarro@yahoo.com

Carrie MacVean Grimes is still living in San Francisco with her husband Mark. ♦ **Nikki Huberfeld** is engaged to David Treacy, and they are planning to get married in St. Lucia in June 2004. Nikki and Dave live in their first home in Cranford, NJ. ♦ **Melissa White Morsberger** and her husband Steve welcomed their second daughter, Katherine Ann, on April 9. Katherine's big sister,



*Ryan Rose Roth '89
and Phil Quinton '88*



*Captain Matt
Stader '89 (left)
passes the change
of command
guidon to his relief
in Iraq.*



*Severn's Academic
Dean Highley
Thompson '88 with
son Garner.*

Abigail Christine, just turned 2 and the whole family is living in Catonsville, MD. ♦ **Melissa Allen** is engaged to Michael (Mick) Silver, an economics professor in Cardiff, Wales. Melissa said that they're having the ceremony and dinner in Annapolis at the Paca House and Gardens and then dancing and cake at St. John's Great Hall. Several Severnites will be there, **Cheryl Helman** (maid of honor), **Melissa Morsberger** and **Nikki Huberfield**. After the wedding, Melissa and Mick will be moving to London where he will be teaching. Their plan is for Mick to become a tenured professor then consider a move back to the States. ♦ **Cheryl Helman** reports that she is still happily living in Center City, Philadelphia and working at *The Green Tree School*, an approved private school for emotionally disturbed children. She is the associate director of the outpatient clinic at *Green Tree*, as well as the school psychologist. ♦ **Dexter Walker** is still living in Georgetown with his wife and their two children. Their son Mead is 2½ and daughter Lucy just turned 1. Dexter works at *Morgan Stanley*. ♦ **Hank Scudder** is living in Philadelphia with his wife Stacey; Hank is currently taking classes to become a high school teacher. Once he has completed his classes he and his wife are considering a move back to the Annapolis area where Hank hopes to teach. Hank recently turned 30 and celebrated with a surprise birthday party at *Rams Head Tavern* – **Spike**, **Kristin Gillis Long**, and I (**Matt Sarro**) attended. ♦ I recently bumped into **Andrew Scott** and he is still loving life as a professional sailor. Andrew lives in Annapolis but spends most of his time on the road sailing professionally; this summer Andrew will be bouncing around from coast to coast as well as making a few trips to Europe for races. ♦ **Will Boye** got married to Kristen Sullivan on May 3rd in beautiful



Allison Prouty '95 with Eve Ensler, creator of The Vagina Monologues.



St. Simons Island, Georgia. The couple had great weather for the big event. Will is writing and editing for *Institutional Shareholder Services* (ISS) in Rockville publishing a weekly newsletter covering corporate governance news and a monthly newsletter on securities class-action litigation. Will and his wife live in Bethesda.

1992

SEND NOTES TO: Jennifer Molesevich
9216 Chanutte Drive
Bethesda, MD 20814
Jennifer.Molesevich@Reuters.com

1993

SEND NOTES TO: Dave Sobel
3171 Colchester Brook Lane
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-280-2628
dave@evolvetech.com



Raphael Sassi's '95 artwork is part of the *Roots of Drawing/Figurative Drawings by Emerging Artists* exhibition that opened in NYC mid-July. "This exhibition demonstrates the determination of a group of young artists working together at the New York Academy of Art to assert the primacy of drawing and the primacy of the human figure," said reviewer John Jacobsmeier. The show is at the Medialia Rack & Hamper Gallery at 335 West 38th Street.

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1994

10TH REUNION! APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004

SEND NOTES TO: Emily Franey
284 3rd Avenue, Apt#2
New York, NY 10010
efraney@aol.com

Ran into **Becky Paul** and **Dabney Boye** over Memorial Day weekend. They are still living in Annapolis and doing well.

♦ **Colin McCarthy** and **Dolph Habeck** are both living in NYC. I ran into Colin on the street and he gave me the update on the Severn grads in NYC. **Sarah Long** is graduated from law school and will be working in Washington, D.C.

1995

SEND NOTES TO: Darcy Watt
3125 Patrick Henry Drive #221
Falls Church, VA 22044
(703) 237-8281
drwatt21@hotmail.com

I heard from **Allison Prouty** and this is what she has been up to: "After a directing residency at *Hartford Stage Company* in CT last year where I worked as the assistant director on several productions, including the world premiere production of Eve Ensler's *Necessary Targets* and subsequently the Off-Broadway production, I have made the move to New York City. I am now working with Eve Ensler (the creator of *The Vagina Monologues* and the Founder/Artistic Director of *V-DAY: A Global Movement to End Violence Against Women & Girls*). I love my job! Also, this summer I directed a production with *Icarus Theater Ensemble* in Ithaca, NY. I can be reached at allison@vday.org."

1996

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Brian Poile lives in Salt Lake City working for the top minor league hockey club of the Dallas Stars.



Lauren Poile '97, Tim Fegan '96, and Brian Poile '96 in Vegas.

1997

SEND NOTES TO: **Gussie Habeck**
habecke@georgetown.edu

Heard from **Adam Gottlieb**: "I am getting married March 20, 2004 to Laura Roberts. We met as classmates and co-workers at Roanoke College. I am currently working for the United States Senate." Any tales to tell, Adam? Plenty! "Everyone seems to love stories about their elected government officials," he responded. He's met Bono and Elton John and gets to witness Senators picking on each other! ♦ **Andrew Barden** and his wife of a year recently bought a house in Sykesville, MD. Congratulations!

1998

SEND NOTES TO: **Dan Ericson**
510 21st Street NW #205
Washington, DC 20006
ericson@gwu.edu

Christina Parker just finished her second semester of a graduate program in audiology at the University of Maryland. She'll graduate in 2006 with an AuD, or in 2007 with a clinical PhD-says

she's still deciding which path to take. "I love the program, and am delighted with my career path. I would love to hear from anyone, email me at terp_parker@hotmail.com" ♦ **Christopher Gerns** writes, "Well hell, thought I'd see how you guys were doing. I'm in the Air Force working Intelligence OPS for the F-117 Stealth Fighter. Right now I'm at Holloman AFB in NM. The war was pretty crazy. But I'm damn glad that none of my buddies got shot down. If you got the time, drop me a line. Peace time is a bit boring so I have some down time. Unless that little Kim Chong-IL in North Korea decides to up the ante, I'm not going anywhere in the near future." Chris' email: Christopher.Gerns@holloman.af.mil ♦ **Catherine Cadwalader Brown** wrote to share the good news that in April she married her college sweetheart. Catherine and Chris now live up near Bel Air where she works for a mortgage broker. Congrats! ♦ Meanwhile, our buddy **Dan Ericson** split time this summer before his second year of law school between the Department of Justice, Criminal Division, doing money laundering/asset forfeiture work, and the *Department of Veterans Affairs*, doing appellate litigation.

1999

SEND NOTES TO: **Jennifer Scott**
205 14th Street NW #7
Charlottesville, VA 22903
jls3tz@virginia.edu

Danielle Alarcon and **Kristen McIntyre** each graduated from Vanderbilt this spring: Danielle with a

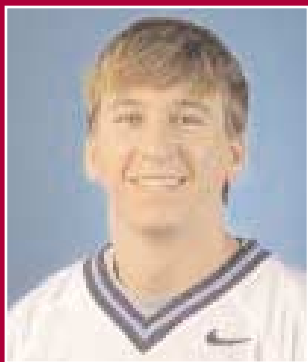
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Jubilant Salisbury Sea Gulls celebrate their Division III men's lacrosse championship. Check out Paul Ford '00, defensive midgie, on the left!



Congrats to Lindsey Biles (Princeton '05) who made the US Women's Developmental Lacrosse Team as the youngest member! Developmental team head coach Sue Murphy, head coach at Richmond, headed up a selection committee that named the 24-member team from a pool of applicants that competed in recent tryouts. The team will play exhibition scrimmages against college teams and serve as clinicians for the US Lacrosse Women's Division National Clinic Month activities scheduled for February 2004. US Lacrosse conducts clinics for youth players at locations throughout the country to help aid in the growth of the sport. While at Severn, Lindsey was named three-time All-County, Washington Post and Baltimore Sun first-team all-metro selection, three-time IAAM and AIS A Division All-Star, three-time Severn Lacrosse Ted White Award winner (MVP) and best offensive player award winner, and two-time honorable mention All-American.



Congrats to Ron Staines '99! He was named honorable mention All-Americans NCAA Division I chosen by the United States Intercollegiate

Lacrosse Association. This University of North Carolina junior continues to progress as one of the top defensemen in the nation. Ronnie started each of Carolina's 38 games over the past three years and always draws the top attackman on the opposing team. Next season the Tarheel's will sport the Staines Brothers 3: Ron, Billy '02 (also a defender), and Ben '03 (middie).

BA in French, and Kristen with a BA in art history and history. Kristen was also named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. ♦ **Eric Crabtree** graduated from Colby College in Maine (Mr. Connolly's so proud!) with a degree in international studies and a minor in environment policy. Rumor has it he's been interviewing with *Corporate Express* in Boulder, CO and another with *Ernst & Young* in Dallas. ♦ **Alec Templeton** graduated UPenn and plans to attend Harvard in the Fall to study architecture.

2000

SEND NOTES TO: Jane Friend
jfriend@umich.edu

Meg Myers was recently inducted into Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international premedical honorary society at Denison University where she's a bio major. A Provost Award recipient, Meg played on the field hockey and lacrosse teams and is also a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. ♦ **Liam O'Meara** spent a semester abroad @ Deusto University in San Sebastian, Spain, volunteering with the oil spill cleanup in Galicia. Liam was also one of 2 honorable mentions in the Richmond Quest, an essay contest to choose a question the University of Richmond will study for the next 2 years. A junior economics and international studies major, Liam submitted the question, "Why be rational?" and was awarded \$3,500.

2001

SEND NOTES TO: Helen Birney
helen.w.birney.1@ohio.edu

Sincere condolences to **Lawrie Heyworth** and family on the recent loss of his grandfather, RADM Lawrence Heyworth, Jr. Following services, Lawrie took off on an Aircraft Carrier in the Middle East for his summer series.



Ian Tartasky '02 and Mr. Joel Madden. Ian stopped by for the Young Alumni Induction ceremony in June.



Co-valedictorian Reenie Moen '03 is congratulated by Chris Avery '02 in his U.S. Air Force Academy uniform.



Claudia McLaughlin, chair Upper School Foreign Language Department, with Carlos Diaz, former Spanish instructor.



Kip Turner '03 and Schuyler Sutton '03 were among the athletes honored at the 16th annual All Metro luncheon hosted by The Washington Post in June. Cal Ripken was the keynote speaker.

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Sara Dunaway interned at internationally known *Herrmann Design* on West Street this summer. She's a design major at U. of Alabama. Sara was chosen as one of two interns from the cast of thousands that apply! Kudos continue for Sara as she was recently inducted into Lambda Sigma National Honor Society at 'bama. She's a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and is majoring in advertising with a double major in Italian and graphic design.

Upcoming Events

SEPT 4	7:15 PM	Var Boys Soccer Old Mill Tourney
SEPT 5	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Catholic HS
	5:15 PM	Var Field Hockey @ Severna Park
SEPT 6	1:00 PM	Var Football @ McDonogh
SEPT 8	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ St. Mary's
SEPT 10	4:00 PM	Var Field Hockey @ Garrison Forest
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. AACs at home
SEPT 12	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer @ Friends
	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. Friends
SEPT 12-13		Var Girls Soccer @ McDonogh Tourney
SEPT 13	12:00 PM	Var Football @ Loyola HS
SEPT 15	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer vs Institute of Notre Dame (IND)
SEPT 17	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. Maryvale
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Mt. Carmel
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. Boys' Latin at home
SEPT 19	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. John Carroll
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer vs. Pallotti at home
	7:00 PM	Var Football @ South Hagerstown
SEPT 22	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Archbishop Spalding
SEPT 24	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. Notre Dame Prep (NDP)
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Roland park
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. St. Mary's at home
SEPT 25	7:00 PM	Upper School Back-to-School Night
SEPT 26	3:30 PM	Var Boys Soccer @ Pallotti
	4:00 PM	Var Field Hockey @ McDonogh
	4:00 PM	Var Football @ Great Mills
	5:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ John Carroll
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ AACs
SEPT 30	7:00 PM	We Are All Strong, We Are All Brave: An Evening with Professional Athlete and Author Mariah Burton Nelson
OCT 1	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. Roland Park
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Bryn Mawr
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer @ Park School
OCT 3	3:45 PM	Var Football @ St. Paul's
	4:00 PM	Var Field Hockey @ Park School
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. Key at home
OCT 6	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer vs. Towson Catholic at home
OCT 8	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey @ Archbishop Spalding
	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer vs St. Paul's
	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer @ Boys' Latin
	7:30 PM	9th grade College Information Night
OCT 10	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Friends
OCT 11	3:00 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. Episcopal HS
OCT 14-17		Spirit Week!
OCT 14	7:30 PM	Admissions Open House for Middle School

OCT 15	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey @ St. Paul's
OCT 15	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer @ St. Mary's
OCT 15	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Key
OCT 16	7:30 PM	Admissions Open House for Upper School
OCT 17	3:45 PM	Var Field Hockey vs. St. Mary's
OCT 17	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer vs. Maryvale at home
OCT 17		Powder Puff Game
OCT 18		Homecoming!
	11:00 AM	Var Boys Soccer vs. Pallotti
	2:30 PM	Var Football vs Cardinal Gibbons
<p>HEY ALUMNI! PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING HOMECOMING/FAMILY DAY AT SEVERN ON OCTOBER 18. WE WILL BE TAKING OUR ANNUAL LEGACY PHOTOGRAPH OF CURRENT SEVERN STUDENTS WITH THEIR ALUMNI PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS AND YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE GREAT ALUMNI CHILI COOK-OFF OR VAR FOOTBALL TEAM'S MATCH AGAINST CARDINAL GIBBONS AT 2:30 P.M. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!</p>		
OCT 20	4:00 PM	Var Girls Soccer @ Mt. DeSales
OCT 22	4:00 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. Park at home
OCT 22	5:15 PM	Var Field Hockey @ Bryn Mawr
OCT 22	7:30 PM	APA General Meeting
OCT 25	1:00 PM	Var Football vs Beall H.S.
OCT 29	3:30 PM	Var Boys Soccer vs. Friends at home
OCT 31	3:30 PM	Var Football vs Boys' Latin
NOV 7		90th Anniversary/Veterans' Day celebration
	7:00 PM	Severn River Classic! Var Football vs St. Mary's at Anne Arundel Community College
NOV 12		Barnes & Noble Night – Annapolis Harborplace
NOV 20		Upper School Fall Production
NOV 26		Grandfriends' Day

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