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School names Kathleen Carroll Giles as Fourteenth Rector; Amy C. Richards to serve as Interim Rector for 2018-19 school year

Rector, Interim Rector Named

On July 30, Board President Archibald Cox, Jr.’58 announced the appointment of Kathleen Carroll Giles as the Fourteenth Rector of St. Paul’s School.

Since January, the Search Committee has worked hard to identify the best possible candidate to lead the School at this important time and, in Giles, St. Paul’s has selected a woman of impeccable credentials who will lead and inspire the School in the next chapter of its history.

The announcement came one week after Cox shared the July 23 news that the Board of Trustees has chosen Amy C. Richards to serve as Interim Rector for the 2018-19 academic year. In appointing Richards to the post, the board recognized her distinct skill set and outstanding leadership qualities.

Giles, who has served as head of Middlesex School since 2003, is passionate about boarding school life. She was previously a longtime faculty member at Groton School, serving in a range of administrative and educational roles, including dean of academic affairs, college adviser, English teacher, coach, and dorm parent. She holds her M.Ed., J.D., and undergraduate degrees from Harvard.

Throughout her administrative career, Giles has taught English, and her connection to the classroom has informed her student-centered leadership. During her tenure, Giles has overseen the launch of new curricular initiatives and shepherded the building of a new center for the visual arts and a renovated theater complex. Middlesex also has completed a successful capital campaign under her leadership. Giles is, above all, a thoughtful educator and a student of schools, noting that academic institutions should “stretch and learn and grow, just as we ask of our students when they come to us.”

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Kathleen Carroll Giles
Fourteenth Rector

Active in a number of professional associations and organizations, Giles brings a welcome combination of experience and perspective to St. Paul’s that will be of great benefit to us all.

“Our schools,” she said, “create extraordinary opportunities for young people to grow up surrounded by people who are talented, courageous, from different backgrounds and different parts of the country and the world, and there has never been a better time to grow up learning to respect, value, and, indeed, learn from people with different perspectives and stories. The healthy-culture work we are doing throughout our society is long overdue; it is both difficult and critically important work to do well. I look forward to being part of the ongoing effort to create and sustain a safe, stimulating environment in which superb teaching, learning, and growing thrive at St. Paul’s.”

Giles will join the SPS community in July 2019 with her husband, Ralph, a career teacher and administrator, who most recently served as head of the Mathematics Department at the Fenn School. They have three grown children, Kaitlyn, Daniel, and Eileen. Giles is also devoted to her dogs, who will join her for early morning walks through Millville. A lifelong athlete and an avid sports fan, Giles played basketball and ice hockey at Harvard and has coached girls ice hockey, basketball, field hockey, and crew. Her other interests and hobbies include music, theater, gardening, and reading, with a particular interest in child and adolescent development, organizational psychology, curriculum and learning styles, poetry, and fiction.
“It is the unanimous view of the board that Kathy is exactly the leader St. Paul’s needs at this moment in our history,” Cox wrote in a letter to the School community. “She has the skills and experience to continue developing our educational model, with a focus on building an inclusive, strong living and learning community for everyone.”

Cox noted that Giles has a solid foundation on which to build and will work closely with Interim Rector Amy Richards to ensure that work continues through this transition year.

Richards, who was most recently head of the Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough, Calif., an independent school for children in grades six through 12, assumes the interim role, following the June 30, 2018, retirement of Thirteenth Rector Michael G. Hirschfeld ’85. Her term begins on August 1, 2018, and runs through June 30, 2019, when Giles will take over in her permanent role.

“I look forward to returning to an area of the country I know well and to serving a school community that I love and respect in this capacity,” said Richards, who previously served on the SPS faculty from 1984 to 1994. “Although this is a temporary assignment, I recognize this is an important time for St. Paul’s School and will work to provide steady and transparent leadership for the school year. My priority will be on ensuring that our current students receive the best possible education while continuing the excellent progress the School has made in strengthening its residential life and academic curricula in recent years.”

Richards’s qualifications include a distinguished career outside the region and deep roots in both New Hampshire and St. Paul’s School. She attended Concord High School and earned both her undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of New Hampshire in science and in mathematics for teachers, respectively.

She rejoins the School community following 14 years as head of the Crystal Springs Uplands School. Her multi-faceted career in education includes administrative responsibilities as dean of students at Riverdale Country School in Riverdale, N.Y., and as head of the upper school at The Spence School in New York, N.Y. Richards is a current member of the Headmasters Association and is a former member of the board at the Ronald C. Wornick Jewish Day School and the Sea Crest School. She also served on the editorial board of Independent School magazine.

At St. Paul’s, Richards was a member of the mathematics faculty for a decade (1984-94). She also served for a year (1994) as director of the School’s Advanced Studies Program, the five-and-a-half-week summer educational intensive for promising public and parochial New Hampshire high school students.

“We are delighted that Amy will serve in this important role, helping us to steward St. Paul’s through this transition while continuing to move the School forward,” said Cox, the board president. “Her leadership and knowledge of the School will ensure that she hits the ground running as we begin the new academic year.”

In the coming months, there will be opportunities to welcome both Giles and Richards to the School.

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Amy C. Richards
Interim Rector
2018-19 school year brings 10 new faculty members

Millville Welcomes New Faculty

St. Paul’s School will welcome several new community members for the 2018-19 academic year.

Joining the faculty in the fall are Libby Barlow (director of institutional research); Myra Singletary (associate director of college advising); Katherine Hambleton and Xin Chan in biology; humanities teachers Alexis Waller (Spring Term sabbatical replacement), and Harrison Soebroto; Virginia Invernizzi (Spanish); Leigh Kaulbach ’08 (fine arts); and Kate Lydon (director of dance and the St. Paul’s School Ballet Company).

The School also announced a number of faculty changes and appointments. Current humanities faculty members Matt Soule ’77 and Jill Blackmer will move from full-time to associate humanities faculty, while Penn Boarding School Teaching Residency graduate Thomas Gregston will become associate dean of students.

Three faculty members assume new responsibilities as department heads, following the completion of five-year terms held by Maj. Kevin Brooks (humanities), Davies Cabot (science), and Laura Hrasky (mathematics).

Parker Chase will serve as interim Mathematics Department head. Since arriving at SPS in 1996, he has taught all levels of math. Parker returns to the department after five years working with students and parents in college advising.

Biology teacher Julie Cepiel will add Science Department head to her list of duties. As a member of the science faculty, she has served on several committees that have helped shape academic experiences for students. A Penner Fellow during the 2016-17 academic year, Julie conducted research on developing grit and growth mindsets among students.

Melissa Poole adds responsibilities as head of the Humanities Department, while continuing her role as academic technologist. She brings experience from across the educational spectrum, having served as a college counselor, academic dean, dean of students, humanities teacher, and a director of 21st century learning at previous schools.

The School will welcome five new teaching fellows through the Penn Boarding School Teaching Residency program. They include Lauren Foster (mathematics); Josue “Efrain” Pontaza (French); Ashira Anderson (chemistry); Gabe Avis (fine arts); and Drew Davis (humanities). They will join second-year fellows Pankti Dalal (mathematics); James Washington (humanities); and James Whalen (languages) in working with students and faculty.

Science teacher Davies Cabot will spend the 2018-19 academic year on sabbatical, while mathematics teacher Laura Hrasky (fall) and humanities teachers Relinde de Greef (spring) and Toby Brewster (spring) will take one-term sabbaticals. Longtime humanities teacher Candy Dale has retired.

RETIREE

CANDICE DALE

An invaluable member of the SPS faculty since 1991, Candy announced her retirement at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. In her initial years at the School, she was a member of the English Department. As a teacher, Candy was able to combine her love of literature with her knowledge of history and international cultures as she worked with colleagues to develop the SPS humanities curriculum in the mid-1990s. Candy became director of residential life in 1999, before serving as academic dean for a year. From 2001 to 2011, she served as dean of faculty, before returning full-time to the classroom. As dean of faculty, Candy helped implement a clear faculty evaluation process. She also enhanced the School’s boundary training for faculty. Among her other roles at the School, Candy also has been an adviser to The Pelican, head of house, and club tennis coach. Known for her kindness and caring demeanor, Candy led many St. Paul’s students in community outreach efforts on behalf of New American Africans, a group that assists refugees living in New Hampshire integrate into their new communities and meet their basic family needs. In 2015, Candy was the recipient of the Form of 1973 Mentor Fellowship, using the funds to travel to Israel. She plans to live in the Tahoe area of Northern California, near family, and hopes to spend her time engaging in volunteer work in schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations.

MEET THE NEW FACULTY

LIBBY BARLOW, PH.D.
Director of Institutional Research

Libby joins the School as director of institutional research. She holds a doctorate in education and has served as the assistant vice president for institutional research and assessment at Syracuse University. Prior to taking on that role, Libby worked as an associate dean and faculty member in religious studies at Northfield Mount Hermon School.

XIN YI CHAN
Biology

Xin Yi earned a B.S. in molecular genetics and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Rochester. Prior to arriving in Millville, Xin Yi worked as a research fellow at Johns Hopkins University, where she studied vascular engineering and adult pancreatic stem cells.
KA TE LY DON  
Director of Dance

Kate joins the School as the new director of dance and also will direct the St. Paul's School Ballet Company. In her previous post, she served as the artistic director of American Ballet Theatre's Studio Company, where she trained a select group of dancers from around the world.

KATHERINE HAMBLETON  
Biology

Katherine joins the Science Department as a biology teacher. Her previous experience includes teaching science at the Hyde School in Bath, Maine, where she also coached varsity lacrosse and served as a head of house. She holds a B.S. in biopsychology from Tufts University.

MYRA SINGELTARY  
College Advising

Myra joins the college advising team as an associate director. She brings experience in multicultural recruitment to the role. Myra arrives at St. Paul's from her previous role in building inclusive community at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa., where she served as director of multicultural admissions.

HARRISON SOEBROTO  
Humanities

Harrison makes his way to St. Paul's School from Northfield Mount Hermon, where he taught humanities and served as a crew coach. A graduate of Columbia University, he also holds an M.Ed. in human development and psychology from Harvard University School of Education. Harrison joins the School's humanities faculty, and will assume coaching duties with both the cross country and rowing programs.

ALEXIS WALLER  
Humanities [Spring Term]

Alexis will serve as a Spring Term sabbatical replacement in humanities. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Harvard Divinity School, with a focus on social justice, equity, and inclusion.

New trustee named Steinert ’78 Joins Board of Trustees

The St. Paul’s School Board of Trustees welcomed Timothy A. “Tim” Steinert ’78 on July 1, 2018. Steinert graduated with a B.A. in history from Yale in 1983 and received a J.D. from Columbia in 1989. Since 2007, he has served as general counsel and secretary for the Chinese Internet company Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.

Before joining Alibaba, Steinert was a partner from 1999 to 2007 at the law firm of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Hong Kong, where he focused on cross-border mergers and acquisitions and IPOs. Steinert began his career in corporate law as an associate at Coudert Brothers in Beijing, followed by a similar five-year position in Davis Polk’s New York and Hong Kong offices.

Steinert serves on the Columbia University Global Leadership Council and the Listed Company Advisory Board of the New York Stock Exchange. He was a form agent from 2001 to 2016 and joined the SPS Asia Council in 2016. He lives in Hong Kong with his wife, Lixia Zhang, and their two teenage children.

“In the year of my 40th anniversary,” says Steinert, “I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to step up my commitment to serving SPS.”
Members of the Form of 2018 earned athletic championships, challenged perceptions with bold theatrical performances, and took action on gun violence and renewable energy debates in the Concord community.

As both Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85 and Sixth Form President Daniel Reuben, who graduated cum laude, noted in their June 3 Graduation remarks, the form members’ achievements are not what defines them.

Hirschfeld spoke of the graduates’ lesson that the strength of any community requires faith, trust, mutual respect, and love. He told the Form of 2018 he believes they are prepared to share that lesson with the world.

“It is good and appropriate to reflect on these things on this day, but if we dwelt too long on your achievements, we would be missing the point – really missing the point,” said Hirschfeld. “Achievement and learning often aren’t related, particularly when it comes to the most important kind of learning.”

Reuben credited the School Prayer and its calls to be “unselfish in friendship,” “thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves,” and “eager to bear the burdens of others” as the compass that has set him and his formmates on the path to fulfilling their promise.

“As a school, the guidelines we use to shape our ideal community are simple and straight to the point; be kind and live honorably,” said Reuben, adding that he and his fellow graduates have chosen to dig deeper for meaning. “What does it mean to be kind? To be honorable? Are they connected? We could go on, but the good news is, to answer these questions, we don’t have to go far. It’s always been right there in our Chapel Services and Prayers book.”

The form’s legacy, added Reuben, before accepting the President’s Medal from Hirschfeld, will forever be connected to the word emphasized to them when they joined the School community – compassion.

“Compassion, the quality our form has been striving for since day one,” said Reuben, “not only represents the third step of kindness, but perfectly depicts who this group has turned out to be.”

Prior to the awarding of diplomas, the School handed out several prizes and scholarships. Summa cum laude graduate Scott Amiran Taber was awarded the Knox Cup “to the student of the graduating form who has attained the greatest distinction in scholarship during his or her years at St. Paul’s School.” Amara Ogukwe received the Schlager Prize for Valor. Olivia Hale (cum laude) was the recipient of the Reverend Dr. Everett P. Smith Prize for contributing “conspicuously to the morale and well-being of the School, its students, or the community.” The Benjamin Rush Toland Medal for “intellectual achievement, athletic ability, and a gallant spirit” went to magna cum laude graduate Benjamin Spiro. Ruby Cheetham (magna cum laude) was awarded the Rector’s Medal in special recognition for her service to the School, while summa cum laude graduate Madeline Buffett received the School Medal for “excellence in the performance of School duties.”

This fall, the 139 members of the Form of 2018 will matriculate at 73 different colleges and universities around the world – more than any form in recent memory.
Dynamic Friedman Community Center is the new campus hub
Dedicated to Community

The School celebrated the success of the Friedman Community Center during Anniversary Weekend, with a dedication ceremony to honor the project’s donors. Board President Archibald Cox, Jr. ’58 and Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85 gathered alongside many others, including current and former trustees, to honor the 29 leadership donors who made the revitalized facility a reality.

Hirschfeld thanked lead donors Elise and Tully Friedman, parents of two members of the Form of 2017, telling those gathered that the Community Center would not have been possible without their generosity. He expressed thankfulness that generations of SPS community members will gather in the refurbished space because of them.

“Our vision for this space was really quite simple, that it might be a place where community is built and strengthened,” said Hirschfeld. “The Friedman Community Center has far exceeded the School’s expectations. It has become a hub, if not the hub, on the grounds. It is a meeting space, a hangout space, a dining space, a place to study, and a place to hold community forums and School visitors.”

Since the doors to the Friedman Community Center opened in 2017, students, faculty, and staff have spent countless hours taking advantage of the thoughtfully designed space. Following more than 60,000 work hours, the building transformed from its home to the School’s Fine Arts Program and exhibition gallery to a dynamic two-level space that bridges social and academic functions.

In addition to the Ronald J. Clark Terrace, the Friedman Community Center includes the Kwok Café, Raffini Commons, Won Family Lounge, Baxter Dean of Students Office, the Tao Family Project room, and the Robert G. Holt, Jr. ’85 Radio Station, home to the student-operated WSPS 90.5 FM.

“We talk a lot about community at SPS, and it is one of the things I love most about the School,” said incoming Student Council President Estela Lacombe Francia ’19. “The Friedman Center is the physical representation of all we talk about. It allows us to maintain and improve the community we all adore.”

Tsylae Ogbem ’19 shared a story about working out a calculus problem with a friend on one of the whiteboards in the Center’s project rooms. He said the ability to work together in a dedicated gathering space has added a “whole new dimension to our learning here.”

“It’s not just the quality of the teachers and the quality of the education,” added Elise Friedman, “it’s the real caring the teachers feel for the students and the sense of community that is really unique to this particular place. We are very happy to make that more possible.”

A cake commemorating the old Hargate building was served in the Kwok Café following the dedication of the Friedman Community Center.
Annual Anniversary Weekend Alumni Games

Record Turnout, Great Fun, Friendly Competition

On artificial turf, on tennis courts, on the baseball diamond, and on the wooded trails around the School, SPS graduates gathered on June 2 to participate in the annual Alumni Games.

**Fun Run**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Ladd Conner ’73, George Estes ’73, Electra McDowell Lang ’78, Tom Luz ’78, David Myers ’78, John Tweedy ’78, David Berry ’80, Lou Adreani ’82, Matthew Baird ’83, Tod Brainard ’83, Sallie Bryan ’83, Ingrid Crawford Hunt ’83, Michael Stubbs ’83, Lisa Cluett Thors ’83, Nicole Nash ’93, Ben Saunders ’93, Margaret Warden ’93, Ben Wilcox ’93, Fred Winthrop ’93, Peter Gambr ’08, Esteban Torres-Urso ’08, Samuel Walsh ’08, Grant Wilson ’08, Campbell Berry ’18, James Pirozzolo ’18, and Alex Taylor ’21.

**Baseball**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Mike McCormack ’93, Andrew Otolka ’93, Bill Pietragallo ’93, Eddie Bluemel ’98, Patrick Fox ’98, Sam Tuttle ’03, Mike Daly ’08, Andrew Peabody ’08, Akaash Agarwal ’13, Chapin Bassi ’17, Tristan Lee ’17, and Greg Zaffino ’13.

**Tennis**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Pete Bostwick ’53, Jonathan Old ’78, Emily Rhinelander ’83, Brennan Starkey ’83, Justin Rhoades ’93, Will Ahmed ’08, Annabel Tory ’08, Jamie Wilson ’08, and Grant Wilson ’08.

**Lacrosse**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Meg Ford ’03, Cynthia Day ’85, Charlotte Ward ’13, Julia Reiley ’13, Finley Frechette ’17, Tyra Clemmenson ’10, Michaela O’Connor ’13, Lisa Hughes ’78, Lisa Kent Nitz ’78, Emily Bresnahan ’13, Hannah Hirschfeld ’14, Ashley Crutchfield ’08, and coach Heather Crutchfield.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Mark Walsh ’73, Jonathan Sweet ’78, Adam Young ’81, Rufus Clark ’82, Matt Hayes ’98, Conner McGee ’98, Iffer Beisswenger ’08, Samuel Courcelles ’10, Tucker Albright ’13, Connor Crutchfield ’13, Brett Clark ’14, Ben Boston ’16, Jack Fitzgibbons ’17, Colby Gates ’17, and Fisher Gates ’17.
Memories are made – and revisited – on Turkey Pond each year during Anniversary Weekend. On June 2, generations of St. Paul’s School students, graduates, and their families descended on the docks for the annual Boat Races.

Last year, when Halcyon upset Shattuck, the perennial favorite in the 147-year-old contest, the club’s victory was bittersweet. They won the majority of races that afternoon and hoisted the Lester C. Dole Cup at the Flagpole Ceremony, but a victory for the first boys boat eluded them. In 2018, the boys in crimson (5:26.7) pulled ahead of their blue-clad Shattuck competitors (5:27.9) in the mile sprint by 1.2 seconds. Shattuck’s lone victory in the Halcyon-dominated event came in the girls first boat race, where the eight gained open water on Halcyon (6:12.7) to finish the course in 5:56.9. The second girls Halcyons (6:42.9) edged Shattuck (6:43.7) in the closest race of the day, while the second boys Halcyon (5:55.5) beat Shattuck (6:11.1) by open water.

After the first boys returned their racing shell (“Richard F. Davis”) to the boathouse, the crew rallied around Halcyon co-captain Justin Li ’18 for his ceremonial dunk into Turkey Pond as coxswain of the victorious boat. “It’s fun when you get thrown,” said a drenched Li. “It’s a compliment.”

Claiming the Dole Cup for the majority of boys and girls races won is a point of pride for the clubs, but to many participants the event means more than collecting a trophy. “It’s great to showcase our hard work for the alumni,” said Li, who coxed the boys varsity first eight during the regular season. “And, as Sixth Formers, we get to finish our career with a really enjoyable race.”

For the alumni who return to Turkey Pond on Anniversary Weekend, that feeling stands the test of time. Members of the Form of 1958, including SPS Board President Archibald Cox, Jr. ’58, launched from the docks in honor of their 60th reunion. Orsi Gorgenyi ’93 made the journey across the Atlantic Ocean from her native Hungary to join formmate Page Sargisson ’93 for the opportunity to glide along Turkey Pond once more. Sargisson’s sons (ages 8 and 10), cheered them on with enthusiasm.

“The whole experience with St. Paul’s was extraordinary, but the rowing, these ponds – this environment is amazing,” said Gorgenyi, who studied at SPS as an ASSIST scholar. “It was probably the best experience of my life.”

Memories returned for Ryland Howard ’63 as he and Barton Baldwin ’63 stood beneath the shade of a giant pine tree near the shore. Howard rowed for four years at the School but remembers getting off to a rocky start as the crew rowed long distances on Saturdays, much to his surprise.

“Nobody said we were doing that,” recalled Howard, “so, at one point, one of the biggest, broadest shouldered guys in the form ahead of me turned around and said, ‘Are you ok?’” By Sixth Form year, Howard was more than accustomed to the rigorous training, having earned a place in the Shattuck first boat that in 1963 received the Scudder Memorial Trophy for the First Boys Crew Race at Anniversary. He went on to row with the lightweight crew at Harvard.


Recent graduate Emiliana Geronimo ’17, who now rows at the University of Virginia, spoke of the bonds formed while guiding the boat in unison along Turkey Pond and the awe at returning and being part of generations of former SPS rowers.

“This event is just so special,” she said. “Everyone comes back.”
The past, present, and future of St. Paul’s School were at the center of a Community Conversation, hosted Saturday of Anniversary Weekend by Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85 and Board President Archibald Cox, Jr. ’58.

In an hour of question-and-answer format, alumni asked about how the School is managing the lawsuits it faces from graduates alleging past abuses. One alumnus asked Hirschfeld and Cox to talk about how St. Paul’s addresses the accused, former masters who gave their lives to the School, but also crossed the line in their relationships with some of the students in their charge. He suggested the community also “pray for the sinners.” Congratulations were offered for the therapeutic steps the administration has taken to prevent future abuses.

How, alumni asked, does St. Paul’s ensure a kinder, healthier community today and into the future? Hirschfeld spoke extensively on the training of students and faculty that aims to recognize and address red flags – and prevent them – by instilling in the student body through the Living in Community (LINC) program a habit of standing up for the values of the School. SPS, Hirschfeld said, is embracing inclusivity as a School value, including issues of socioeconomic difference, race, and identity so that the classroom experience of all students more closely mirrors the reality of the world in which they live.

Other topics discussed included how St. Paul’s approaches issues of addiction, the current structure of the disciplinary system (zero tolerance for cruelty and unkindness), including consequences and forgiveness in discipline, the estimated financial impact of the pending lawsuits, and the challenges of attracting and retaining a talented and diverse faculty. The zero-tolerance policy for unkindness and boundary crossing extends beyond students to faculty. Hirschfeld stated clearly that “there is no place for adults to use students to fulfill their needs in any way.”

Hirschfeld spoke of the hope that his successor might create a fresh mission statement for St. Paul’s, one that clearly outlines what distinguishes the School from its peers. The outgoing Rector, who will have left his post by the time of publication, received a standing ovation for the leadership and resilience he has shown in his tenure.
A Place of Reference

Dear Alumni/ae,

In *The Light in the Heart*, Roy T. Bennett wrote, “The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence.”

Each of us has memories of the School that are frozen in time, shaped by each of our experiences, and tempered by our lives since Graduation. For some, today’s St. Paul’s is assimilated in small, often second-hand, fragments. For others, volunteering and attendance at alumni events affords a closer look. Anniversary Weekend is a special gathering of alumni from both ends of this spectrum, when we gather for several days of both ceremony and substance, nostalgia and immediacy. We celebrate traditions, enduring friendships, and a common bond that seems to transcend the ordinary.

It is this common bond that I believe can and will be renewed and strengthened by adversity. St. Paul’s is at an inflection point, a long overdue uncovering of sexual abuse and profound breaches of trust. Our entire community is now confronting them. The stories, legal actions, and media coverage have been painful. But none of it need be divisive. In this, we have a clear choice – engagement, productive dialogue, and reconciliation.

These revelations bear witness to the transparency that was a hallmark of Mike Hirschfeld’s leadership. That leadership embodied the School’s core values, and I am confident that his legacy will manifest in a stronger, more trusting community. Much work has already begun – the Building Healthy Relationships and Alumni Doorways Committees, to name two – and there is much more to come.

To quote an alumnus who served St. Paul’s in many capacities for two decades, “SPS is a student of itself.” This has never been more true than today.

We saw a glimmer of the future on June 3, when the 139 members of the Form of 2018 graduated under brilliant blue skies. These extraordinarily diverse, aware, and accomplished young people are taking the passions, intellectual curiosity, activism, and friendships they cultivated at St. Paul’s to 73 colleges and universities around the globe. As the newest members of an Alumni Association nearly 9,000 strong, they are not only the face of the School’s future, but our bridge to it. I see that future as the School Prayer in action in the world.

Throughout Anniversary Weekend, which included members of the Forms of 1943 through 2017, I had the pleasure of meeting many alumni and their families for the first time, while also renewing old acquaintances. Some events, including Chapel services, wreath laying, the Parade, and the Boat Races, remain fond and cherished traditions. Others, such as gatherings of the Gay/Straight Alliance and students and alumni of color, reflect the School’s evolution toward a more diverse and inclusive community.

The Service of Remembrance on June 2 included the traditional rendition of “O Pray for the Peace,” but also a prayer “For Repentance,” written by the Reverends Alice Courtright, Valerie Minton Webster ’76, and Richard W. Belshaw ’75 to honor victims of abuse (see p. 36).

The Baccalaureate Service before Graduation featured Annie Lederer Duke ’83, daughter of Richard Lederer, a much beloved English teacher during my time at the School. Annie spoke about dealing with uncertainty and engaging life with an open mind. She reminded me of something else Roy T. Bennett said: “Be brave to stand for what you believe in even if you stand alone.” As members of the St. Paul’s School community, none of us need stand alone.

Looking ahead, please join us at the School this fall for “SPS in ACTION,” on Friday and Saturday, September 28-29, 2018. I look forward to hearing from all of you as we go forward together.

Liz Robbins ’79
President of the Alumni Association
FEATURE

The Infamous Letter

The following is not intended as a definitive analysis - such a matter is not and cannot be presented objectively. We are not asking anyone to agree with every detail or every aspect of wording - this is not any sort of pursuit. It is a statement of belief, and we present it because we feel that it is basically true and worthy of consideration. We hope that it will be taken as it is.

A terrible thing is about to happen to our sixth form - it is about to become a body of alumni. Paul's is about to become us a word magic memory of Halcyon days and good friends: a source of pride; and a repository for vague feelings of disattachment and even hatred can easily be dispelled by the thought "there's just a few more weeks to go." I would like to assert even more, "it's too late to say anything anyway." But I would like to assert that it is too late to say anything. It is too late to change the situation, the school, the world. It is too late to change the school, the world.

One of the worst problems is that of controlling the subjugation of the school. We are all afraid of the school, we are all afraid to question it. We are all afraid of the school, we are all afraid of the school. We are all afraid of the school, we are all afraid of the school.

One of the primary factors in our isolation is the fear of being separated from Concord and from other schools. In short, problems go on. The only time one reaches the outside world is when one reaches the outside world.

You cannot make children learn by converting them into will-less adult status quo - a good thing for a society that has lost its connection with the world. The problem is that of controlling the school, we are all afraid of the school, we are all afraid of the school, we are all afraid of the school.
After 50 years, the architects and supporters of the Sixth Form Letter of 1968 reflect on its impact – then and now

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In the spring of 1968, America was deeply entrenched in the Vietnam War. Civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., had been assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. Unrest and the seeds of change saturated America.

Though students at the time lived in the so-called St. Paul’s School bubble, they were not immune from the turmoil that had engulfed the rest of the country. A feeling of isolation permeated the student body. That feeling is what prompted two then anonymous members of the Form of 1968 (now known to be Sixth Form President Rick King and Lloyd Fonvielle) to pen the now infamous Sixth Form Letter.

The three-page, single-spaced harangue, signed by 82 of the 98 members of the soon-to-be graduates, outlined the students’ grievances, including too many restrictions, the formality of the teachers and the rules, the expectation that each boy adhere to the status quo, the lack of co-education, the eight Chapel services per week, and an overly traditional curriculum. The authors accused the School of resting on its laurels, of living in isolation, and demanded to be included in the process of change. St Paul’s, the letter asserted, “cannot attract an intelligent and varied student body and at the same time expect them to accept everything that goes on here.”

Though the Sixth Form Letter, in its blunt and scolding tone (which King today calls “naïve”), was not well received by all – particularly the longer tenured faculty, who felt it as a personal attack, to his credit, Rector Matthew Warren listened. That summer, King, Fonvielle, and others remained at the School to discuss the institution’s future.

August Heckscher wrote about the turbulent era in his 1996 book A Brief History of St. Paul’s School: “When the ferment subsided, St. Paul’s was a changed place. A single-sex school had become coeducational, and minorities made up a sizable portion of the student body. A church- oriented school had to a large extent become secularized. A relatively narrow course of study had been expanded to offer almost a hundred courses, while the students’ field of personal choice had been enlarged in every sphere.”

Over Anniversary Weekend 2018, five members of the Form of 1968, including Sixth Form Letter co-author Rick King, sat down with Alumni Horae editor Jana Brown to reflect on the era, their words, and the difference the letter has made in the School’s history.
Tell me about the genesis of what provoked discussions about writing a letter for your form.

RICK KING  I wrote it with Lloyd Fonvielle. It was coming to the end of the year, and we had this vague sense of discontent and a feeling that we were leaving the School and there were certain unresolved problems that we felt were there and were not being addressed. Lloyd and I, inspired by Martin Luther, we just sat down and wrote the letter. We were dissatisfied in an adolescent way. Lloyd wrote the first half; the more angry and incoherent part was the second half, which was written by me. Then various people just immediately went out, dorm to dorm, put the letter on people's desks and said, 'Sign it.' So, overnight, we basically got it signed.

JIM ROBINSON  We were talking to a classmate last night who didn't sign it and he said he was afraid if he signed it he wouldn't graduate. He said, 'I literally was afraid my mother would kill me, so I didn't sign it.'

WILL WHETZEL  Were we just this amazingly smart, perceptive group of individuals? No, or a little bit, but I think we were feeling this and I bet classes ahead of us were feeling this, but the outside world was compressing on us. It was sort of like there's no more time. We can't just pretend that this is okay, we've got to say something.

RICK KING  Lloyd had gone as a fellow to Columbia and his trip was canceled because the students had taken over the college. We thought about taking over the Upper like in the film by Lindsay Anderson, where the kids take over the school. I had a visceral, very strong reaction, sort of like, yeah, that's the thing to do. I think our naïveté on a certain level shines through in the letter. We were very isolated, came from very privileged backgrounds, but I think there was a sense that there were things wrong that were just not being addressed. Really the letter is, when you really get down to it: Can't we all get along? It's pretty innocuous on a certain level.

BOONE PORTER  I felt we were totally missing out on the whole social revolution that was taking place in the country and here we were, isolated. There were no cell phones, I think there were two pay phones, one down by the business office and one in the Upper. The only time I ever remember using those was when there was a little pink slip on that corkboard that said, 'Call home ASAP,' which meant you were in trouble. When you'd go home for vacation and hook up with friends who were not at boarding school, it was like they had a totally different life experience and it seemed to me like all the things we were learning here were just irrelevant to what was going on in the world and that we were sort of being cut out of it.

Matt Warren always had this sermon he gave about characteristics of a St. Paul's boy, which is sort of an idealized person. I thought, 'That's not me; that's never gonna be me.' Instead of saying, 'Ok, here's who you are, here's the skills you have, we'll try to nurture those and you can be the person you're going to be,' it's like there's one mold and by golly we're going to pound you through that whether you like it or not. I didn't like it.

RICK KING  The context in '68 was student rebellion all around the country and they were still making sure we got to Chapel on time, whether that was important or not, but to us that seemed sort of irrelevant and the School was missing the point.
Why do you think the School was so behind the times?

**JIM ROBINSON** My daughter, who ended up going to boarding school, was talking with a teacher. He said that boarding school divides you into three different time blocks; academic, activity, and social. He said the boarding school’s job is to make sure you’re busy so you don’t get in trouble. I think the School’s view was, if we do this we are acting in loco parentis; if we don’t let them off campus they can’t get in trouble in Concord or whatever and I really think that’s what it was. It was their way of protecting us. I’m sure that was the theory; this has worked for 100 years, we get the kids into the right college, we keep them out of trouble.

**RICK KING** I don’t think the School was behind the times. I think the School was trying to be as progressive and forward-looking as it could be, but we just thought the School was missing the point. It was our plea to say, ‘There are problems. Let’s address them.’

**WILL WHETZEL** One of the common messages that comes out strongly from the letter is this master-student relationship, starting with us calling them masters. The people who could have been the replacement parents, who could have embraced us and challenged us, and created relationships with us saying don’t get close to me and do what I tell you to do and don’t bring your problems to me – I think that might have been one thing that’s key to this whole environment. If you’re going to take on the role of a parent, some part of that relationship has to be parental. And it wasn’t there.

**JIM ROBINSON** It was a very interesting time to be in a situation like we were in because we ultimately became a voice. We wanted to have a say in what was going on in the country. One of the problems with St. Paul’s was we were in a bit of a cocoon – partly because the School wanted it that way and it had been that way forever for safety and partly because the rules were set up where we didn’t have a lot of contact with the outside world. And that was by design, I think.

**BOONE PORTER** What did the School teach us? It said think critically, if something bothers you act responsibly, there’s certain things you can do to affect change, you need to have a solution. So here you had some people trying to implement what they were taught to do, be a leader, be responsible, say what you mean, mean what you say. And instead of saying, ‘Yeah, that’s what we taught you to do, good job. We may disagree with you, but you’re doing the right things.’ Instead it was just this outpouring of anger.
The Reverend Dr. Matthew Warren and his wife, Rebecca.
Tell me about the initial reaction, first from peers and then from others once it got out there?

WILL WHETZEL I think part of the intent was to hit some nerves. I recently uncovered in one of my files the letter Matt Warren sent out in reaction to the letter. I found it to be an incredibly sober, balanced, thoughtful response. I would think that for whatever we thought of Matt as this white-haired, conservative, proper Rector, that somewhere in there he realized what was going on, and just about everything we wanted to change changed.

RICK KING It all happened extremely fast. We wrote the letter, someone retyped it in a clean copy and then we posted it where everybody went to breakfast and all hell broke loose.

When you say all hell broke loose, what happened?

RICK KING There was a lot of division. A lot of the younger faculty were, I think, in favor of what the letter said and a lot of the more established older faculty were not so enthusiastic. So, there was that division. Then there was a division between students and the faculty who were sympathetic and the ones who took it personally.

BOONE PORTER They took it personally, like in their minds they were doing the things that were good for us, to help us the best they could. And we were being ungrateful.

RICK KING You have to look at the context. At that point, we had a society that was just splitting, and we didn’t trust anyone over 30. We had, as a society, been betrayed by the forces of the establishment, which had led us into something that was wrong. That was something that reflected back into the campus and into our feelings. The letter is provocative, but we wanted to be provocative. But as I learn more about how [Matt Warren] was a leader in integrating the School under tremendous pressure, as time passes my respect for him grows. Matt got it in a big way. He said, ‘Rick, I want you to pick two people from your form and people from the form after you and we’re going to sit down and have meetings.’ We sat down, we had meetings [that summer] and we talked about what to do, how the School could be restructured. It was admirable on the part of Matt Warren that he did that.

Tell me about what changes you saw in the years immediately following the letter and how it made you feel to have been part of this transition.

WILL WHETZEL My younger brother went through six years later and the first word that comes to mind is jealousy. Pretty much everything in that letter had been implemented by those six years. He had no dress code, less Chapel, coeducation, he’d sign out at the end of the night, go to the library, go to his girlfriend’s room, and he turned out fine. It all happened pretty fast.

Do you feel there’s a connection from the changes that were made in your era to what’s happening at the School today?

JIM COLBY My daughter [Kaitlin ’11] came here and she had a really good four years. I talked to her about my experiences and the letter and the changes that had occurred. So, we were exchanging views some 30 years later and it was hard to make the direct connection between what had happened.

How did it change how you saw the School, seeing it through your daughter’s eyes as a parent?

JIM COLBY I felt jealous. I felt the jealousy of not having had that kind of experience. Bill Matthews ’61 and Marcia were running the School with a totally different attitude. They were extremely welcoming to me as well as my daughter, so I felt here is that parental relationship that we weren’t getting, but it was clearly present when she was here.

WILL WHETZEL They’ve got a new head of the board doing what probably is moving an ocean liner in the right direction, but it’s all slow and steady.

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– Rick King
With all of this said, what draws you back to the School?

**WILL WHETZEL** When I do come I find immense joy in hugging people and drawing on the memories of 50 years ago. I think that’s what brings a lot of us back.

**BOONE PORTER** The overall feeling you have of your experience as a student here is that we had a group of extraordinary individuals, just a wide variety of personal talents and interests, and I find that group of people fascinating.

**JIM ROBINSON** I have a lot of great college friends and they’re dear friends, but nothing like St. Paul’s.

**RICK KING** I also think St. Paul’s, for the people who sent their kids here, is a tremendous opportunity. But what we were saying then and what I would personally say now is it’s a tremendous opportunity with a lot of resources, but it could be better.

**JIM ROBINSON** And they should continue to work to make it better.

Do you feel like the climate in the world right now is paralleling what it was like in the ‘60s? Do you think it’s time for a new Sixth Form Letter?

**JIM ROBINSON** There was a focus on something that people in our generation did not believe in. I think what’s going on now is this divisiveness, Trump sort of throwing away all the rules of good governance and truth. But that’s not a war. You’re not going be marched off and killed for something you don’t believe in.

**RICK KING** And there’s no draft card to burn.

**JIM ROBINSON** I think it’s a different problem. The country today, I think, is in a bad way. So, the problems are different, but we don’t have that one overriding thing.

**BOONE PORTER** It’s hard to speak for the students today. I have no idea what the students here think. A year ago, I was invited by the School to spend the day here and I did get to meet the newly elected student leaders. And they seemed like a very bright and thoughtful group of people. I hope for them to go on to do great things.

If you were going to write a letter to the School today what would you tell administrators?

**RICK KING** I would say this school presents an enormous opportunity and it’s understandable that people want their children to go here, but these resources can be better allocated. I think what has happened is St. Paul’s does not have a sense of mission. When I look at the alumni, I’m always impressed by how many students are involved in social justice or in dealing with environmental problems. So, the board should follow the examples of the graduates.

**RICK KING** And there’s no draft card to burn.

**JIM ROBINSON** At our 20th or our 25th, I was walking and some kid sees I have my ’68 shirt on and says, ‘Excuse me, sir, can I ask you a question?’ He said, ‘Do you know Rick King?’ I said, ‘I am Rick King.’ He said, ‘I’m writing my Independent Study Project on you.’ He asked to interview me and I told him I was not actually Rick King. Here’s this kid 20, 25 years later, who thinks enough of what [Rick] did, or what we did but through [Rick]. It made me feel like this really meant something.

**BOONE PORTER** It would be good to have [student leaders serve as] exit interview critics. This is what we like, this is what we didn’t like – every year from the Sixth Form.

**JIM ROBINSON** Yeah. Here’s what you’re doing great and here’s what we think you could do better. That’s actually a great idea.
Members of 15 SPS forms returned for Anniversary Weekend to celebrate five-year anniversaries. Here they share their stories of reflection and reconnection.
Three returning members of the form of 1943 led the Alumni Parade, including Norm and Marie-Eve Walker, Kit Kittredge, and Win Shiras (with wife ConnieLou). The form’s 75th anniversary was enhanced by the joyful presence of Kit’s daughters, Kit ’74 and Marny ’76, along with their spouses, Sid and Sam.

Win and ConnieLou Shiras traveled from Palm Springs, Calif., having recently returned from a European vacation.

At dinner at the Rectory on Saturday night, those in attendance raised a glass to our friend Hugh MacRae, who had to cancel due to health reasons. Also discussed at dinner was former U.S. ambassador to the U.K. John Gilbert Winant (Form of 1909), who was a history teacher when the fathers of Win and Norm were students at SPS. A park adjacent to SPS on Fisk Road serves as a memorial to him, and we hope the principles he stood for will endure.

Sadly, the Alumni Service of Remembrance in the Chapel on Saturday morning mentioned four of our form who recently died. We spoke of old friends who have gone long before their time. Several members of our form died in the Battle of the Bulge, bravely serving our country.

The Second Lesson at the service was from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, urging them to “live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty . . . do not claim to be wiser than you are.” If St. Paul were alive today, he would be sending this to Washington, D.C.

Norm recalled skating on the pond and remembering good times with friends at St. Paul’s. “At my age,” he said, “you begin to really think very hard about the experiences you had in your youth. I come back here every five years to see old friends.”
Leading the Alumni Parade through School grounds on June 2 were the Forms of 1948 and 1943 and their significant others, walking and limping their way to the Matthews Hockey Rink. At the front of the Parade was Burt Closson and his delightful daughter, Lucie ’75, who stole all our hearts, Hezy Sprague and his partner, Diane, along with Patti and Porter Hopkins, Herb Barry, Sandy and Clacky King, Daren and John Stinson, the Wolcotts – Ollie and Linda, and Dick and Lou Sawyer. Bringing up the rear were Pete and Panda Coley, who got stuck (with no advance warning) in the middle of yet another parade in Concord, the LGBT Gay Pride March. Our plate was as full as it gets that day.

Among those intending to come were Harry and Genie Havemeyer (attending their granddaughter’s graduation in California), and Diana and George Hambleton (his son was quite ill in California). Sorely missed also were Molly and Pete Gurney. Pete’s death in 2017 ended an unprecedented annual output of first-rate plays that are still being produced worldwide. Some of us were fortunate enough to attend his tribute in 2017, surrounded by theatrical royalty that filled a Broadway theater.

Another literary classmate, Mike Arlen, declined to attend, but wrote his reasons in what one would call deathless prose. “I shan’t be attending our 200th Reunion this June, although I’m guessing that the British Square of Infantry (as I see the Form of 1948) must now be sadly depleted by fusillading from many quarters, and not a little cannonading besides, but the truth is that my own health is not so bad, all things considered, matters work best when I stick closer to base and don’t travel. In many respects, older age seems no different than any other ages we have passed through, sometimes dancing, sometimes trudging . . .” – Mike Arlen

Herb Barry described his return to St. Paul’s in simpler terms, “Well, I feel nostalgic, I guess.”
The Form of 1953’s 65th reunion photograph illustrates about as well as a picture can the good fellowship between all 15 returning members and their wives.

Attendees included Dee and Nelson Aldrich, Pete Bostwick, Read Charlton, Tim Clark, Didette Van Slyck and Jim Hammond, Mitzi and Norman Marsh, Grayson Murphy, Harriet Ballard and Derick Nicholas, Alicia and Wright Olney, Patty and Peter Paine, Paul Phillips, Bruce Righter, Brenda and Peter Swords, Bonnie and Jim Van Alen, and Ben Williams.

There was a relaxed, friendly, and reflective mood with all who returned. Several of the form members participated in a discussion of the substance and subsequent consequences of the sexual abuse lawsuits, as presented and discussed by Board President Archie Cox, Jr. ’58 and Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85. At the dinner held in Sheldon, the Form of ’53 had the pleasure of hearing from the Rector, plus talks with good Q & A from Vice Rector for School Life Theresa Ferns ’84 and Director of Athletics Dick Muther.

Ben Williams spoke of the fond memories returning to the grounds evokes. Ben recalled fondly the kindness of the Rector’s wife, Helen Kittredge, who often shared morning tea with him as he suffered from homesickness as a First Former. “If it hadn’t been for her,” Ben said, “I don’t think I would have made it. I return because I’m grateful for what the School did for me. And it’s an opportunity, because none of us are young anymore and I’m not going to see a lot of these guys, so as long as I have the opportunity to get back I’m going to do it – and clearly it happens to be the best form in the history of the School.”
A pre-reunion, in Norwich, Vt., at form headquarters (the charming Norwich Inn) kicked off the 60th reunion festivities. Twenty-five members of the form, plus 12 wives and partners gathered on Wednesday evening, May 30, for a reception at the inn. Some had a moment of difficulty recognizing those who hadn’t appeared at a recent reunion; Ed Thorne had not been back since the 20th, and Zandy Clark was back for the first time ever.

Pre-reunion attendees included Frederick Appell and Nancy Gardner, Jay and Marolyn Hatch, Pony Auerbach, Tom Lloyd, Allan and Joanne Ayers, Bob and Betsy Lukens, Sam Bailey, Reuben Rich, Rob and Jana Bowler, Dave Ross, Jon Butler, Guy Rutherford, Phil Bradley and Jan Frankman, pony Auerbach, Sam Bailey, Jay Hatch, Phil Bradley, Tom Lloyd, Andy Hall, Bart Wilcox, and Zandy Clark.

After breakfast, Thursday began with a meeting for alumni, where we had a chance to speak about what was important in our lives; wives and partners had a separate meeting, where research on longevity informed participants’ narratives.

Friday included a tour of the Augustus Saint-Gaudens historic site in Cornish, N.H., where some of the sculptor’s most famous work was on view. Lunch followed at Simon Pearce in Quechee Falls, Vt., where form members toured the glass-blowing workshop, then headed to Concord. There the group expanded to include Harry and Liz Armistead, Tony and Olivia Nicholas, Dave and Jane Barry, Stew and Carolyn Richmond, Henry Chalfant, Patrick Rulon-Miller and daughter Sarah Dennis ’92, Jim Corbett, Bunny and Lane Terry, Chris and Bunny Clark, Bart and Cathou Wilcox, Tom and Becky Jay, and Fred and Susie Winthrop.

On Friday afternoon everyone was glad to see the arrival of retiring form agent Patrick Rulon-Miller, with his daughter, Sarah ’92. The Form then attended a special 1958 memorial service at the Old Chapel, where the names of the form’s deceased members were read and the School Prayer was recited. It was a solemn but affirming time. The School hosted a dinner for 1958 and all the other reunion forms from the 55th (1963) all the way back to 1943. Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85 and our own Archie Cox welcomed everyone.

The Saturday meeting in Memorial Hall was replaced by a memorial service in the Chapel, where the choir (buttressed by alumni) sang “O, Pray for the Peace.” The Alumni Parade followed, where form members waved red pennants declaring “The Greatest Class – 1958.” The message brought smiles and shouts from spectators lining Rectory Road. A high point of the day was the “stressless paddle” (not a race) on Turkey Pond, led by Guy Rutherford, with seven other stalwart oarsmen.

The Common Man Restaurant was the site for a gala occasion, highlighted by the form’s usual auction, where dauntless auctioneer Em Sanders once again raised money for the Form of 1958 Scholarship Fund. Tony Nicholas recited an ode he wrote for the occasion and form director Phil Bradley presented a church offering plate, suitably engraved, to Patrick Rulon-Miller, marking his 30 years of service as form agent. The “greatest class” applauded heartily! All were reluctant to leave this final event, and many affirmed the hope of regrouping in 2023.
A picturesque New Hampshire weekend greeted the 16 returning members of the Form of 1963 at Anniversary. Attendees found a vibrant campus and a welcoming student body, some in the throes of SATs and others on the brink of Graduation. Friday night included a dinner in the Upper, where Board President Archie Cox, Jr. ’58 and Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85 welcomed the various forms in attendance. Conversations ran from 1957 First Form Lower School stories to the present. Henry and Susan Livingston with their daughter, Julia ’20, caught us up on SPS in 2018. John and Pat Gaines trumped all the proud grandparenting stories, revealing that they have six great-grandchildren. Present jobs, recent retirements, travel plans, and golf handicaps filled the evening’s conversations, which continued into the wee hours at the Holiday Inn. Some remarkable distances were logged to attend; David and Kaki Allan from California, Ryland Howard from Texas, and Jim Taylor from Montana.

Saturday morning found many at the Alumni Chapel Service, where Cassius Webb delivered an eloquent homily, extolling the sense of community that SPS has successfully nurtured through the years. He went on to praise the wisdom, wit, and whimsy of St. Paul. Emotions ran deep with “O, Pray for the Peace” and the Last Night Hymn which was followed by the reading of alumni lost during the past year. This included Stan Hatch, Shelley Schoellkopf, and John Ahlgren’s brother, Steve ’68.

Later at Turkey Pond, Bart Baldwin, Dave Evans, Ryland Howard, David Gordon, and Henry Livingston cheered on the Halcyon and Shattuck crews. Evans and Gordon reminisced about their Halcyon barge slamming into the bridge at the 1960 Anniversary races. Gordon played Isthmian baseball the next spring. In 2018, as the crews dismounted from their horse-drawn wagons, the Halcyon pennant and oar ascended the flagpole.

At dinner that evening, John Groman and Henry Livingston led a spirited discussion about SPS 1957-1963 as well as SPS in 2018. John Ahlgren challenged the School to be more relevant in current global issues. There was also a “Where’s Renny?” moment; no one has seen him since 1962. Groman and Ahlgren proudly regaled with stories of their many demerits, detailing the masterful brinksmanship it took not to get tossed out by Rector Warren. Board President Cox stopped by to update everyone on the progress of the new Rector search. He was most optimistic about the caliber of the applicants. As dinner wound down, Jerry Nelson summed it up, “I’m amazed how well we all seemed to get back into the flow as if it were 55 years ago.”

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– Jerry Nelson

For the third consecutive Anniversary, the Form of 1968 gathered at the Inn at Mill Falls in Meredith, N.H., for four days of togetherness.

Early arrivals played a round of golf on Thursday, May 31, at Bald Peak Colony Club in Melvin Village, N.H. An afternoon gathering at The Docks was followed by dinner at Church Landing at Mill Falls. Friday included various activities, from enjoying the water at Lake Winnipesaukee to hiking to golfing to exploring the mountaintop estate at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough.

The form enjoyed a Friday night dinner at SPS with Rector Mike Hirschfeld ’85. Saturday was full of the traditional Anniversary activities, including a memorial service in the Old Chapel, which many of 1968 considered a highlight of the weekend for the opportunity to honor friends no longer here.

“"The highlight of our 50th reunion was the Saturday afternoon memorial service for our classmates,” said Bill Pappas. “The deep affection we shared was palpable as heartfelt, elegant, and humor-lightened tributes were offered for the likes of Morgan, Roberts, Stewart, Fonvielle, Tait, and Gray.”

Boone and Maggie Porter welcomed formmates to their home in Center Sandwich, N.H. for Saturday evening cocktails and dinner – another highlight of a wonderful weekend together. The dinner was a sumptuous catered affair with perfect weather.

“We had a terrific time during this 50th reunion,” said Tom Shortall, “and wished only that everyone had participated. I can't imagine that any part of the entire weekend could have been improved upon unless we had an extra day.”

(L. to r.), row 1: Randy Johnson, Jim Woodward, Chip Waters, Bill Benson, Rick King, David Tandy, Dean Auslander, Dave Humphreys, Don Fear, Mark Andrews; row 2: Mary Armstrong Morgan, Steve Bandeian, Bill Pappas, Haven Holsapple, Will Whetzel, Eric Pope, Bill Barker, Cam Kerry, George Marvin, Ben Maguire; row 3: Jonathan McCall, Barclay McFadden, Frank Rue, Rolly Redmond, Boone Porter, Craig McNamara ’69, Ron Russell, Doug Hodson, Chuck Eaton, Bruce McMillan, Alex Deland, Deane Evans, Nick Sullivan; row 4: Tim Belton, Bill Hoehn, Tucker Hood, Walter Brown, Tim Megear, Will Rogers, Tom Shortall, Andy Young, Dave Sayward, Walker Wainwright, Shel Sheldon, Jim Colby, Dick Furlaud, and Jim Robinson.

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Forty members of the form attended overall and proudly set a record for the amount the class raised for the Annual Fund.

Q Belk traveled all the way from New Zealand and rallied Clive Altshuler, Mike Prentice, Bob Stuart, Rich Jenkins, Alden Stevens, and Mark Walsh to spend two nights at the Mount Washington Hotel just before the reunion for some hiking in the Presidential Range. Scott Taylor and Linda Fairchild came from the West Coast.

Rick Kidder admitted to some butterflies at seeing old friends and formmates. “I’d had so many life changes that I was actually nervous about coming back,” he said. “That melted away immediately, and I felt so welcomed.”

Joel Backon created a wonderful slide show of pictures from 1973, which brought back many fond memories for all. The form laid a memorial rock, created by Dave Coggeshall, for Steve Perkins at the site of one of his favorite spots at the bridge at the head of the Lower School Pond. Seven of the 20 girls in the form came back and rekindled old friendships forged by their special bond. They included Katherine McMillan, Sarah Cecil, Linda Fairchild (Holt), Sil Read, Molly Wheelwright, Lili Andrews, and Heidi Horner.

Roberta Tenney and her husband, Rod, were the form’s guests at the Saturday night dinner, where four form members gave five-minute talks about what they’ve been up to since graduating. Heidi Horner talked about her career in pharma, which culminated in her being the lead scientist on the leading drug used to treat MS. She introduced Rob Tenney, who was such an important mentor to many of the girls. Ladd Connell talked about his overseas postings while serving in the State Department. Sil Read read from her book, Mothering and Daughtering, and talked about the seminars she conducts with her daughter on this topic. Scott Taylor told everyone about the thrills and perils of being a screenwriter in Hollywood.

“The thing I love about SPS reunions,” said Al “Griff” Griffin, “is the reconfirmation that the people I went to school with were good people.”
Twenty members of the form, along with a few spouses, two children, and retired faculty member George Carlisle, met on Friday, June 1, at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston for lunch and a spectacular interactive tour of the museum led by Quinny Zimmerman, the museum’s director of visitor learning.

“I enjoyed the room with Isabella Stewart Gardner’s portrait,” Sara Weil wrote after the weekend, “where we each picked a prompt out of a cigar box, searched for an object that embodied the prompt in the room, then explained our choice. It offered the opportunity for everyone to hear each other’s matured voices speaking their personal points of view and something about their life experiences.” That night, Earle and Rhonda Simpson and their two children hosted nearly the full contingent for a scrumptious dinner under a tent in the beautiful back yard of their home in Bedford, N.H.

A total of 63 form members, spouses, and children celebrated the bond of 40 years at Concord Country Club on Saturday night, where there was dinner and dancing to the music of the incredible band assembled by bass player Paul Eddy and singer Katie Thayer McCammond, featuring not only their stellar musical talents but the comeback of dormant-too-long singer Leslie Groves, whose rendition of “Killing Me Softly” did just about that to all who heard her beautiful voice for the first time since 1978.

Several members of the form traveled long distances to be there, including Nancy Bigelow (Fairbanks, Alaska) and Tim Steinert (Hong Kong), plus others from Washington, Utah, California, Texas, and Florida. Members of the form who returned to SPS after many, many years away included Nancy Bigelow, Cynthia Crosby, Andy Goodspeed, Mitch Kelly, Lisa Kent Nitze, Standish O’Grady, Isabel Nieves Salaman, Chris Schiavone, Andrew Shaw, and Sara Weil.

Many attended the moving Saturday morning Service of Remembrance at the Chapel, featuring the Prayer for Repentance, led by the Reverend Richard W. Belshaw ’75 and composed by him, along with the Reverends Valerie Minton Webster ’76 and Alice Courtright. Alumni should read the text of that powerful prayer (p. 36) as evidence that the School is owning up to the troubles in its past that have been lately revealed.

Forty years down the road, former varsity first boat stroke Kevin Foley proved he still has what it takes, by breaking his (wooden) oar in two during the first stroke of a racing start in the ’78 alumni boat. Several members of the form, not rowing or otherwise engaged in organized sports activities, spent Saturday afternoon swimming in Lower School Pond. “The sun shone beautifully and the quiet pond view was as natural and stunning as we remembered it,” wrote Nora Tracy Phillips. “We got to feel like when we were students; not like aging alumni being shown the place on tour.”

Many attendees had either never been to a reunion or had not come for many years. What seemed evident was that the primary benefit of age, in the form’s collective case, is that it has dissolved boundaries that adolescence wrapped around groups. The Form of 1978 has become a more cohesive, more socially accepting, and appreciative unit in 2018 than probably ever before.

“To most of us,” said Nora, “coming back to St. Paul’s School now feels like coming home, in the best of all ways.”
Form of 1983 | 35th Reunion

Michael Stubbs flew in from Florence the night before and hit the ground running early Friday morning. He collated “Together” T-shirts for distribution, inspired by Rodney Bolden and designed by Sara Dennis; delivered 1,000 teal silicone bracelets printed with the first line of the School Prayer (in solidarity with victims of sexual violence); and coordinated arrivals for the caterer and band. Michael said it was wonderful to see Kate Hanley Durand, Jeff Mallas, and Doug Masterson as they checked in to their hotel, fresh off the links, West Coast style.

Before racing headlong into a weekend of festivities, form members gathered at the Tracy Theater on Friday evening for a somber moment of reflection to remember friends lost and to honor those who have suffered sexual violence. Thanks went to Matthew Baird for imagining this tranquil space so many years ago. “It was wonderful to share the genuine bonds of deep affection shared over so many years,” Michael said. Ingrid Hunt and Dave Victor both returned to campus for the first time since Graduation. Chatting together over dinner at the Athletic and Fitness Center, the reunion ranks swelled with new arrivals: Hanako Yamaguchi (with husband Thanos and daughter Kaia), Romey Pittman (with daughter Bizzy), and Fiona Sanders (with son Blake). Lisa Thors Cluett and Tod Brainard rallied several formmates to rise early on Saturday morning for the Fun Run through the woods. Nursing a sports injury, Cluett nevertheless finished at the head of the pack, wearing her Third Form club athletic shorts.

Later, at the Parade, Rodney Bolden, Icy Frantz, and Bill Bennington joined the group. At lunch in the hockey rink, all cheered for Charlotte Bennington ’18, daughter of Bill Bennington, Katherine Emery ’18, daughter of Susan and Dana Emery, and Reece Jacobsen ’18, son of Eric Jacobsen. Carol Moheban also arrived during the lunch, fresh off her on-call rotation at Lahey.

By the time attendees trekked up to Turkey Pond for the Saturday-evening lobster bake and dance, the group was 52 strong, including ’83 alumni, their respective spouses, children, and in-laws, plus special guest George Carlisle. Charlie McKee flew in from Puerto Rico for the festivities.

In speaking with many of the formmates, Michael Stubbs said he gained an awareness about St. Paul’s that he’s been developing on and off over the years. “We belong to a community steeped in a long tradition of common decency – of doing what is right, what is kind…” –Michael Stubbs
Sarah Jones heard nothing but rave reviews of the form’s 30th reunion. Attendees brought enthusiasm and excitement for getting together.

“Our group wasn’t large,” said Sarah, “but we were tight.”

Returning form members enjoyed catching up Friday night at Cheng Yang Li in Bow, N.H. Among the Saturday highlights was the form’s presence at the Boat Races. Zander Packard organized a Form of 1988 boat, filled out with a few random young rowers when he couldn’t muster a full eight. Scott Davidson proved that coxing, like riding a bike, is one of those things you never forget.

“We got ourselves into the Schley (still seaworthy after all this time) and were off,” reported Sarah. “We beat our nonexistent opponents by open water and finished off by throwing our cox into Turkey Pond.”

Several members of the form are parents to current students, including Alison Cody, mother of Isabel ’20.

“It’s a really wonderful, nurturing place,” said Alison of SPS today, “and I think it’s become even more that way than when we were here. Actually, this weekend it’s nice to be here because every time I come to visit here it’s her school, but this weekend it’s actually my school again, so it’s a special thing.”

It was a treat to have some first-time reunion attendees in attendance, including Sarah Kim and Tim Kelly. Huge thanks go to Caroline Gilman LaVoie for the time she spent to ensure a fantastic reunion.
Form of 1993 | 25th Reunion

It was wonderful for the Form of 1993 to be back together after 25 years. So many traveled from near and far to reunite.

Orsi Gorgenyi came from Budapest after not having been back to the School since her Fifth Form exchange year. Amanda Li Hope came from London. Kendall Cook Sekula unfortunately missed her flight, so we didn't get all the Londoners. Chris DeCenzo brought his son, Corsa, since he will be entering the School as a Third Former in the fall – the first of hopefully many offspring from the form to attend SPS.

Josh Crosby and Fred Winthrop were housed in Josh's camper van on campus for the weekend. Supposedly their wives were set to come, but then came back from their shared book club in Manchester and each said they thought their husbands would “have more fun without spouses.”

There was a huge 25th reunion showing at the boat docks. Maury Lineberger Finger, Orsi, Weezie Smith Goff, Rosy Keyser, Isabel Roberts Corbin, Sara Orban Salati, Ian Simmons, Austin DePree, Ted Shergalis, Charlotte Pharr Vishnyakov, Jim Hathaway, and more were all out there swimming together and showing the little ones where the “Jesus rock” was. The form filled two boats with rowers, though one boat seemed to be full of first-timers, while the other had Josh Crosby, founder of Indo-Row, as stroke.

Saturday's dinner at the Audubon Center on Silk Farm Road was a blast, according to Page Sargisson, with children running around everywhere playing tag.

At reunion, but not pictured: Pete Walmsley and Margaret Smith Warden.

It was wonderful for the Form of 1993 to be back together after 25 years.
It was a treat to be back together, and returning form members could not seem to squeeze in enough time for reminiscing. For two nights in a row, 20th reunion revelers closed down The Draft in Downtown Concord.

Highlights of the Form of 1998’s return to Concord to celebrate two decades as alumni included the glorious row on Turkey Pond for Ed Ferman, Ben Flynn, Jimmy Crumpacker, Charles Smith, and Nathaniel Clapp. Connor McGee delivered a huge check (sorry!) to a younger opponent in the men’s lacrosse alumni game. Those with children were so engrossed in reconnecting with old friends that a group of rogue five-year-olds fed flowers from the fresh flowerbeds at the Colby Hill Inn in Henniker, N.H., to the goats while their parents were distracted.

The form looked like a cohesive unit as returning alumni rocked the Chris Eastland-designed Form of 1998 T-Shirts. The shirts, offered in red, black, white, and gray, featured a large 1998 over a large 2018, with the School shield in the middle.

Pharon Thomas Dinstein, who attended with her husband and daughter, spoke for the entire form when she said, “It’s like we never left; we started where we left off.”
The Form of 2003’s fifteenth reunion attendees included Ben DeLoache, Irene Ma Kim, Andrew Kim, Michelle Dodge, Margaret Wyman Robidoux, Devina Luhur Willard, Audra McFarland, Simon Parsons, Meg Ford, and Laura Keeler.

A fantastic reunion kicked off with the Alumni Parade, where the kids (eight of them) had fun holding the ’03 banner as they walked with their parents down Rectory Road.

Some of the attendees toured the new buildings on campus, while others went down to Turkey Pond for the Boat Races, where Halcyon was victorious. They then cooled off in the afternoon with a swim in Turkey Pond and an impromptu trip to Beech Hill Farm for homemade ice cream. Saturday night featured a dinner at Concord’s Red Blazer. It was the perfect spot for reminiscing and reconnecting.

Ben DeLoache traveled from San Francisco, where he works as a programmer for Google. He spoke of the nostalgia he felt as he walked around School grounds.

“As I walk around the campus,” he said, noting that there are not so many Paulies out on the West Coast, “I think of all the memories I have in that particular place, and the people who were here at that time. It’s a great way to reconnect with the past.”
It was a happy group who returned to SPS to celebrate a decade as alumni of the School. Attendees from far away included Terrence Ma and Chris Tai from Hong Kong and Kai Neo all the way from Singapore. The form originally planned to do karaoke at Beijing & Tokyo in Downtown Concord after dinner, but eventually ended up next door at The Draft on Main Street, before placing a late-night Checkmate Pizza order back to the Comfort Inn.

Saturday afternoon found a strong showing of formmates at the Alumni Games and Boat Races, while others went looking for old forts in the woods. Some took a dip in Turkey Pond after the races. There was an intense game of Ultimate Frisbee during the Flagpole Ceremony, which saw the Form of ’08 thoroughly dominate a group of current students by a score of something like 10-2.

Cecily Sackey, Heather McCarrick, and Whitney McAniff reminisced about being back at SPS. Cecily described the feeling of her return as “surreal.” She remembered fondly her life in the dorms, getting ready for Seated Meal, participating in Fiske Cup, swimming in the pond. “It’s weird being back,” she said, “seeing what’s changed and what hasn’t changed. Also, seeing students doing things you used to do.”

The Saturday-night dinner at the Red Blazer in Concord was so enjoyable and everyone was so engrossed in catching up with formmates that the restaurant had to pry the 2008 contingent out at the end of the night. A group of more hardy revelers led the charge to Penuche’s in Downtown’s Eagle Square afterwards.

Heather and Whitney said being back on School grounds felt like being home again. “I return,” said Heather, “because this was my home for four years and you always go back home.”
More than 50 percent of the Form of 2013 traveled to Millville from near and far to attend the five-year anniversary.

After the Friday dinner in the Athletic and Fitness Center, attendees met up at Beijing & Tokyo in Downtown Concord for drinks and karaoke. The rousing rendition of “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” by Kobby Adu-Diawuo and Connor Drinon was definitely a contender for highlight of the evening.

On Saturday after the Parade, form members spent the day swimming in Lower School Pond, attending the Boat Races, participating in Alumni Games, investigating the Friedman Community Center (in the old Hargate) and simultaneously reminiscing over the legendary Tuck Shop. Akaash Agarwal reflected on the opportunity to reconnect with the School and the alumni community.

“It’s amazing to be back and reconnecting with classmates, and also getting to meet people from other forms, and different alumni from different places,” he said. “Being here, I have so many small memories that definitely have influenced and shaped my life thus far.”

The form wrapped up the weekend at Tandy’s in Downtown Concord, dancing the night away before being treated to a pizza feast provided by the one and only Checkmate.

Throughout the weekend, everyone was in awe at the beauty of the campus. As the weekend wrapped up, plans were already being formulated for meet-ups in New York and elsewhere.
Prayer for Repentance

(Composed by the Reverends Alice Courtright, Valerie Minton Webster ’76, and Richard W. Belshaw ’75)

All-knowing, all-loving God, who is just and good, we know that no amount of prayer can alter the past and the evil that has been done against the innocent and vulnerable who have been abused. We come before you today in grief for the violence that has occurred in this School. We lament the life-lasting wounds that were inflicted upon our young people in years past. Help us to condemn the abuses of power that took place by adults and older students and to stand together united against sexual harassment, abuse, and assault then, now, and in the future.

We thank you for the courage of the survivors who speak up and continue to come forward. We honor their witness. We pray for the continued healing of all; assist us to restore and repair what was stolen and broken. In what is shattered, give us strength to help pick up the pieces and collaborate in making the parts whole.

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it:” keep this wonderful image alive in our hearts, our souls, our bodies, our minds...keep the divine lantern lit. The light enables us to live in courage and hope: to hear, to soothe, to be present for survivors, to encourage and never blame them, to identify the spark of light within each of them. Help us to embody as a community this integrity, this presence, this purpose in all that we do.

We pray for this school. We pray that when individuals selfishly harm those in their charge, the School will always pursue justice for, and vindication with, the survivor who is our sister, our brother. Help our passion for this place transform our shame and disgust and empower the cultivation of a culture of honesty, transparency, and trust. Give us strength today and in the days to come to make these values clearly understood and vigorously defended in practice. Remind us that we cannot ever claim victory, that our work is forever on-going, our continued vigilance essential, our community health dependent on our care for those we teach, mentor, and inspire.

We ask that our grieving be blessed, for within our sorrows emerge our deepest yearnings for transformation. May your guidance in truth and light always accompany us. May we always be perceptive to the needs of those who suffer, to hold those who are wounded with compassion. Teach and inspire us to serve as a model and advocate for justice and goodness to other schools, communities, and our country. Help us with all the saints and survivors to shine light for others to the glory of your name. Amen.

The School recently announced a new set of initiatives to support survivors of sexual abuse in the community. More information can be found at: www.sps.edu/survivorsupport.
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For reunion information go to www.sps.edu/(your form year).

1939/80th
Charlie Hickox reports that he is staying in shape and still appreciating the good things in life.

1940
Talbot Adamson writes: “Sad to report we lost Clarence Michalis on March 30 (see obituary, p. 54), only a few days after we had a talk on the phone. The New York Times had a very fine, comprehensive obituary on April 5. Clarence led a very full life, including being mayor of the village of Lattingtown, N.Y., for 48 years. With all that he did, he managed to take a little time off to cruise with Cora and his children aboard his beautiful sloop. I had the pleasure of working with Clarence on SPS matters (form agent, correspondence, reunions, etc.) for over 30 years after my late brother, Bill, and I served as form agents for 35 (alternating) years following World War II. Maisie and I will miss having dinner together with Clarence and Cora every fifth reunion.

Time marches on and we are now down to 10 survivors. I am now wheelchair-bound and had to miss our last reunion.”

1944/75th
Herb Barry writes: “I retired from teaching at the University of Pittsburgh 17 years ago, but I continue publishing letters in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and other specialty journals.”

The entire form would like to extend sympathy to Byam Stevens on the death of his wife, Priscilla.

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1950

1953
Stu Patterson checks in with this news: “Ellie and I are continuing to travel. Two months this year in Australia and New Zealand. Next year, with luck, back to the Arctic – Northern Canada and Greenland.”

1954/65th
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1955
Oggie White, Ted Hamm, and Steve McPherson stopped to catch up outside Christ Memorial Chapel in Jupiter Island, Fla. Ted serves as the Crucifer at the church, Oggie is a past member of the Vestry, and Steve is a current Vestry member.

1956
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Brent Scudder writes: “I just published South of the Southern Cross, describing my adventures in Antarctica during the turbulent sixties.”

1957
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I joined Sandy Holloway, David Hunt, and Jim Darby ’54 at the 31st Annual Duck Dinner at Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley, Pa. The group “harvested” ducks and Canada geese on the eastern shore of Maryland in January.

On May 4, 2018, the Form of 1957 held its annual Philadelphia dinner at the venerable Philadelphia Club. Nine members celebrated the evening. Long-distance awards go to Rob van Roijen from Florida and Sandy Holloway from Maine.
1958

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**Frederick Appell** and **Perry Fitzhugh ’57** celebrated 74 years of friendship by spending some quality time together in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

From **Allan Ayers**: “What a fabulous reunion – Joanne and I had a really good time – but **Phil Bradley** finally caught up with me and convinced me I should be one of the co-directors for the form for the next five years – so look out! The best part – after 62 years since I first tried to row a shell, and discovered that it was way too much like work, I was back in the Shattuck (I know it was Shattuck) shell for a short burst. That was fun, but I very quickly remembered why I chose to beat guys over the head with a lacrosse stick for Fifth and Sixth Form. Looking forward to having more interaction with everyone over the next five years.”

1959/60th

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Members of the Form of 1958 returned to Turkey Pond.

1960

**Joe Mechem** joined approximately 40 members of the Form of 1960 and their guests, assembled in Manhattan on May 10, 2018. The highlight of the evening was a talk by **Peter F. Wright, M.D.**, who spoke about his distinguished teaching, research, and medical career in pediatrics and infectious diseases. **Win Rutherfurd**, accompanied by **Bill Foulke**, sang after his supper and **Andy Baxter** brought the form up to date on school matters. The group will gather again for its 60th in the spring of 2020.

1962

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It’s been a year since our 55th and, connecting with classmates, I learned **Chad Floyd** had a longstanding architectural project in Charlotte, so we met for dinner on one of his visits, which was great fun. Winkie and **Peter Whitman** stopped for two days in Charlotte for some catching up as well as an opportunity for our wives to get to know each other. Unseasonably cool and sleety weather prevented our golf excursion, but we had a good visit.

1964/55th

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A note from **Richard Ranck**: “I continue to carve at life and wood, and paint primitive. Thanks to Bill Abbé and my daughter’s art, I was able to find and keep my whimsy. If near Philly, where the Eagles fly, come see Brooke and me at my studio. Saw **Mike Howard** recently, who continues merrily along.”

1965

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**Bob Lievens** checks in with a quick update: “New e-mail address for me: blievens19@gmail.com. The old one will work until the fall.”

1966

**Martin Oppenheimer** reports that he, with his wife, **Annilee, John Taft ’68**, and “other Paulies,” attended Richard Lederer’s 80th birthday party at the home of his son, **Howard ’82**, in Las Vegas, where he met all of Mr. Lederer’s children. The party, he notes, “was a
great tribute to a kind and brilliant teacher” who was among many nonconformists who found refuge at St. Paul’s.

From Rick Carrick: “At the age of 70, it is good to know that the time I have spent goofing off is really just practice for the fourth quarter of life. I am still working, but a bit less. More importantly, I find it easier to fire the clients that are better served by more sycophantic brokers.”

George “Ged” Sinkinson writes: “I got involved in genealogy as a means of avoiding my wife’s ‘Honey Do’ list on the side of the fridge. Discovered some scary things, like I might be related to some of my classmates. In addition, it turns out my ‘old boy,’ Willie Taft ’62 (William Howard Taft IV), was a relative. Also discovered a second cousin four times removed – Thomas Gibson Nickerson. I learned the following: ‘Thomas and Rebecca (Gibson) Nickerson’s youngest child, Thomas Gibson Nickerson, was born in 1805 and was orphaned at a young age. He is well-known as being the cabin boy on the whaling ship Essex when it was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale in the South Pacific in 1821 and was one of the few survivors. The story inspired Herman Melville to write Moby Dick. The tale of the Essex was recently told in Nathaniel Philbrick’s book In the Heart of the Sea (2000).’

Thomas, Jr. died on February 7, 1883, in Nantucket but I did not see a memorial for him on FindAGrave.com.”

1969/50th

Robin Lloyd completed his second novel, Harbor of Spies, which was released in April.

Tom Iglehart writes: “The best way to imagine your 50th reunion? Have a 49th. So we did! Fourteen formmates, and wives, who made us 25, all were cradled in the good graces of Charleston, S.C., unveiled to us by local hosts John Hagerty and his wife, Susan Simons. They came from all points of the compass, some flying across the country, others via 12-hour road trips. Greeted from the start by chauffeured transport to our April 27 dinner, and coddled like diplomats thereafter, every step was cooked up and coordinated with casual brilliancy by Susan and John. Nametags, or no nametags? This was debated. It turns out they helped all believe their eyes: ‘It’s really you?’ In no time, the decades surrendered to ‘Did I ever tell you about...?’ as if we had all simply missed a Seated Meal together. Special proof came through the presence of our two first-timers, Chris Ross and Mike Livanos. I instantly forgot I hadn’t seen either of them for almost 49 years, as we relived things we all knew, and they relived things I never knew, whole chapters of the great unwritten book of our collective lives. And it continued throughout; during cafeteria breakfasts at the hotel (originally built as a massive armory in 1829), strolls around the surrounding historic district, spontaneous lunches grabbed here and there with iced tea and shrimp and grits (spectacular). Then a Saturday excursion for all to the fully restored Middleton Place plantation, refreshments on the fringe of Marion Square, and the most grand reception of all: Saturday night dinner at John and Susan’s waterside home among the trees of nearby Mount Pleasant. Our reunion leaders took care of everything, and us, so well that we remembered the meaning of a forgotten custom – true hospitality.

That night, Dave LeBreton officially volunteered as form agent for SPS ’69 (his second such service), quickly followed by more of John and Susan’s generosity – linking arms with Dave to join him as co-form agents. The lives of future students will be changed by what they achieve through your own generosity as we head toward a certain mountaintop, our 50th. Stay in touch. Plans are afoot. In the meantime, your Charleston photos await at the SPS ’69 Facebook page (no Facebook account required: facebook.com/sps1969).
FORMNOTES

1970

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Fritz Newman checks in: “In June, Zonnie and Lex Breckinridge celebrated in Madrid their recent completion of the Camino Portugués with a very Galician ‘mariscada y queimada.’ I joined the couple while I was enjoying a few days’ rest halfway through my own Camino Francés. Ultreia et susiea 1970!”

Members of the Form of 1970 gathered at The Yale Camp at Great Mountain Forest in the Litchfield Hills of Northwest Connecticut for a 48th reunion as part of their energetic lead-up to the 50th. They were joined by longtime friend of the form Bob Rettew ’69.

Between birding and hiking, discussions revolved around the hopes for engaging the entire form in a great shared experience in 2020, the recent successes of the Sparks initiatives, the current state of the School, and the future involvement of the form.

1972

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J.T. Howell writes: “I still live in Bucks County, Pa. I see patients one day a week and spend the rest of my time programming the electronic medical record (Epic) to meet providers’ needs at University of Pennsylvania, where I am one among several ACMIOs (that’s associate chief medical information officer – surely everyone needs this acronym in their vocab). My bailiwick is ambulatory. When I fly through Chicago to Wisconsin several times a year for conferences at Epic, I spend the weekend with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter (another on the way). Not long ago, on a chilly spring walk along Lake Michigan, my daughter, granddaughter and I found the footbridge memorial to our classmate, Harry Chandler. As you might recall, he dedicated a large portion of his adulthood to the issue of accessibility in the Chicago area. After I saw the footbridge memorial, I looked Harry up on the Internet and found an excellent obituary from the Crossroads Fund and found it to be worth a share (https://crossroadsfund.org/news/chicago-saddened-loss-henry-t-chandler-jr).”

From Henry Laughlin: “Linda and I visited with Lisa and Mark Wheeler ’71 in France in April and had a lovely time. We spent two nights with them at Rochefort-En-Terre, a very old French village in Brittany, which was very charming. Their house is over 300 years old. Had a great time catching up. This weekend I am going to a wedding for Oliver Wolcott’s daughter, Cornelia.”

Frazer Pennebaker writes: “I still live in the heart of Manhattan with my gorgeous, generous, gifted partner, Pam, and we thrive on the city life, where we’ve spent a gazillion years, knowing that we can get out to the coast any or every weekend. The business of film distribution and filmmaking continues to percolate. “The Team” recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first (and best) music movie of all time: Monterey Pop. It was a blast to travel back to the late sixties, in different venues all over the country, honoring the times and the work of my pop. At this point in time, I am working hard on researching what rosés should we stock in the summer fridge. Stay tuned!”

Fritz Newman ’70 (l.), Lex Breckinridge ’70 (c.), and Lex’s wife, Zonnie, met for dinner in Spain.

Dierk Groeneman ’72 and family at his son’s graduation.

Kasper Hart Zellers (11 months), the youngest of three grandsons of Jeffrey Zellers ’72.

Jonathan Whitney ’72 finishing his 17th marathon in New Orleans.

J.T. Howell ’72 with his daughter, Lizzy, and granddaughter, Loria, standing by a memorial for formmate Harry Chandler in Highwood, Ill.
A note from John Tait: “I recently had the pleasure of a surprise visit from Charlie Bronson. He was in Seattle doing some world-class dog sitting and was able to spare a few minutes to sit with us humans as well. We had a nice dinner at our house, Pacific Northwest salmon a la Katherine, of course. Charlie and I also had lunch at the UW Medical Center, where I work. After lunch, we strolled along Seattle’s Montlake Cut, which connects Lake Washington to Puget Sound, to the old University of Washington boathouse. It was there that English boat builder George Pocock revolutionized the construction of racing shells in the 1920s by using wood from the western red cedar. His boats set the standard for racing shells all the way up to the fiberglass era, and you can see Pocock shells in the SPS boathouse. As you will recall, in the Lower School, we all participated in crew, one of the best benefits of having been a six-year man. (I thought these details might be of interest to SPS crew aficionados.

There is much more in the inspiring book, *The Boys in the Boat*, about the crew from the University of Washington that won the gold medal against long odds in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. These boys were not introduced to crew at boarding schools.

Jonathan Whitney checks in with this news: “Having discovered running and marathons at 50, I completed my 17th marathon in New Orleans this spring. You can see from the surprised-but-hopeful look on my face, with the finish line in sight, that it has become second nature – not.”

From Dierk Groeneman: “I awoke from a decades-long dream of professional coding to find a society that has gone badly astray. So, I’m now active in different ways to remedy the situation or reconcile myself to it: rabblerousing on Facebook and Twitter, joining the ACLU (card-carrying member finally!), and volunteer canvassing on the weekend for a progressive candidate for Colorado governor. Meanwhile our younger son has reached the milestone of earning a bachelor’s degree. Today, he started his first full-time job. Fingers crossed. Good health gives rise to ambitious plans. I may yet realize the dream I first formed at SPS; living for an extended time in a foreign country (Japan) and learning a language by immersion. I’m also rediscovering the value of reading and learning. Unsure yet how to give more structure to these activities but going back to school in some form is not out of the question. All praise once again to those formative SPS years.”

And a message from Jeffrey Zellers: “It is hard for me to maintain sanity in the world we live in today. It takes me back to our days at SPS, the political upheaval, issues of racial inequality and bigotry. Two things are helping me to cope this time around; family and the outdoors. I tappedit both recently when I traveled to Seattle to see my youngest son, his wife, and the youngest of three grandsons, Kasper Hart Zellers. We traveled north and east about four hours into the Northern Cascades and spent a long weekend in the Methow Valley. Kasper entertained and reminded us to be present in the moment. After all, what can be better than eating dinner naked and rubbing food on your stomach, in your hair, on your feet . . . The valley and the saw-toothed mountains brought us awe and humility. Stay calm. Be well. Don’t give up the fight for justice and equality.”

Ben Dewey submitted this note ahead of Anniversary Weekend 2018: “Many thanks to Katherine McMillan for your dedication to the remembrance process. I can forever recall the shy and superb grace of Lee Bouton, the sprawling and exuberant urban patois of Mike Porter, the grounded, insightful, sweet, and endlessly humane brilliance of Steve Perkins, to name but a few. I’m sorry that I won’t be able to join you this weekend, but work and other obligations keep me away.

Mindful as I am of diminishing attention spans, endless links of “must reads,” and an array of political sensibilities, I felt pressed to cite Jeff Flake’s recent speech at Harvard Law School—see link here: time.com/5289380/jeff-flake-harvard-commencement-address-president-trump. The speech is a model of balancing strong sentiment with restraint, solid history with personal accents – in short, a compelling, humble, and forthright description of our current malaise. Yes, we may have hit the bottom, the very bottom, but it could all easily sink further. I’m hardly a Republican, neither a neo-liberal, often succumb to invective, but remain deeply impressed by those that can muster an energetic civility. I would be remiss if I did not cite the efforts of our classmate, Sheldon Whitehouse, for the impressive work he has accomplished and bedrock commitment to climate change awareness. Sheldon, I think of you often and tip my hat. If you have the time, you might visit the Chapel where, I believe, you may find a statue dedicated to Col. A. Peter Dewey ’35. First publicly identified by Stanley Karnow in his 1983 book, *Vietnam: A History* (but featured more prominently in Ken Burns’s recent *Vietnam series*, episode No. 3). Col. Dewey was the first known American casualty in Vietnam (not listed however on the wall), killed at a roadblock by the Viet Minh south of Saigon in perhaps a case of mistaken identity in September of 1945 as he was planning to leave the country. He was part of an OSS team that had befriended the nationalists in the Viet Minh, much to the consternation of the Brits and French. His last message to his superiors, and I paraphrase, were “The French are done, the Brits are done. Get out of Indochina.” Would it be that we could have all lived that.

I close with a tidbit from our collective SPS history. John Kerry ’62 and Robert Mueller ’62 were on the same hockey line together at St. Paul’s, Robert as right wing and John as center. Senator/Secretary Kerry was something of a puck hog (“Give the puck to me! I’ll score!”). Well, let’s all now collectively will the puck to Robert and ensure that he is able to score.”

Scott Taylor submitted these highlights from Anniversary Weekend: “After not having picked up a stick since our 25th reunion, at which Mark Walsh, Terry Wardrop, and I were the three oldest alumni to play, I decided, being of somewhat sound body (but certainly questionable mind) to give the alumni lacrosse game one last try. My comeback got off to an inauspicious start as the airport TSA confiscated the stick I had borrowed from a neighbor’s son. Luckily, my friend Jon Sweet ’78 (who met at an SPS function in L.A.) came to my rescue as he brought an extra
stick. No one who had seen me on the fields at SPS or U.C. Berkeley (where I was the two-year team captain, he said immodestly), I trust, would have mistaken that guy for the clumsy old dude doddering around during the game. I came away humbled, but, thankfully, uninjured. Mark Walsh (who continues to play on the senior lax circuit), on the other hand, looked sharp and spry among the young'uns. At the end of the game, I couldn't help but to send thoughts of love and thanks to Cliff Gillespie, whose coaching and mentoring taught everyone who played for him a Pacific Northwest unplanned adventure. "I visited my daughter, Emily, in Flagstaff, Ariz., for Memorial Day 2018. Son Sam is still in Moab, Utah, building sustainable, affordable houses out of whole earth materials through the weekend with me and Woody, catching up and cycling in our beautiful area." 

Kevin McCaffrey and Gregg Townsend submit these notes.

A quick note from Walter Manny: “I have moved with my wife, Amy, to Tacoma, Wash., where I hope to close out my teaching career at Charles Wright Academy. Our three daughters have settled in Montana and Wyoming, our son is in Japan, and so here comes a Pacific Northwest unplanned adventure.”

Nicholas Chapuis submits this news: “After a tour of two and a half years as French Ambassador to Canada (2015-17), I came back to Paris and took an interim position of officer in charge of EU-China relations and international digital strategy at the Planning and Policy Department of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I have now been recruited by the European Union External Action Service (the diplomatic service of the EU created in 2010) to be the EU Ambassador to China for the next four years, starting September 2018. Meanwhile, I have been busy working on an ambitious personal project – the full annotated translation in French of the great Chinese Tang Dynasty poet, Du Fu. Two out of 10 planned volumes have been published since 2015. For those who cannot read classical Chinese, but recall their French language courses at SPS, do not miss it (https://ww.sbelleslettres.com/contributeur/du-fu)!"

1976

Despite Halcyon success, this year appeared to be a perfect Anniversary Weekend. I missed the Parade, but hear that Severo Nieves attended with his sister, Isabel ’78, who was celebrating her 40th reunion, as well as Alison Zetterquist and Marny Kitttridge, who attended with her sister, Nancy Stockdale ’74, and their father, Kit Kitttridge ’43, who was celebrating his 75th reunion. Toni King Calahan was also there with her brother, K.C. King ’74, and their father, Clacky King ’48, who was celebrating his 70th Anniversary. I am sorry I missed seeing all of you. For those who are interested, the Memorial Hall talk was Q&A and provided little new information about the legal and publicity challenges the School is currently facing. Despite having to account for those past failures, the School is thriving and many adjustments have been made to address aspects of the culture that led to those failures. For those who have not been back in a while, there is much more there than friends and funds. The spiritual guidance that builds and motivates future generations of leaders continues in the School’s traditions.

Alexis Johnson checks in with this news: “I visited my daughter, Emily, in Flagstaff, Ariz., for Memorial Day 2018. Son Sam is still in Moab, Utah, building sustainable, affordable houses out of whole earth materials with the mayor of Moab. SPS reunion ought to be a time of many questions.”

Lee Walker Hughes writes from Bethel, Maine: "Daphne Firth ’75 is back in the U.S. after spending the last 2 1/2 years in Brazil. Boy did I miss her. Friends from our formative teen years at SPS are irreplaceable. She spent the weekend with me and Woody, catching up and cycling in our beautiful area."

In May, Alison Hustig Zetterquist and Epilepsy Foundation New England gratefully hosted a mighty SPS Sparks contingent to register walkers and serve lunch at the Boston Walk for Epilepsy.

Rich Ryerson, Jr. will be inducted into the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame in October. Rich played under Bill Matthews ’61 and he was a co-captain during his senior year, along with Matt Soule ’77. After his stellar hockey career at SPS, where he scored 38 points as a junior, Rich went on to have an equally stellar career at Dartmouth. I can claim to have played on the “The Lower School All Stars” team with Rich, and I remember he could score on a slap shot from center ice.”

1977

Talie Ward Harris writes: "We are enjoying our first grandbaby, Walter Ward McGee Harris, born February 23. His parents work at Choate, where Walt has quickly become a fixture at seated meals and sporting events. Highly recommend this stage of life."

A message from Kim Henning: "We celebrated my daughter’s graduation from Santa Fe Prep this spring. She was surrounded by my SPS sisterhood of Shelley Robinson, Betsy Armstrong, and Cynthia (Marshall) Shore, along with Cynthia’s daughter and my sister.
What a milestone to see one’s child graduate from high school. We shared a lovely evening in our garden with dear friends and family.

Formmates Christopher Willis and Peter Santry squared off in the finals of two doubles squash tournaments this past winter. Chris and his partner, Yvan Badan from Switzerland, prevailed in the North American Open Pro Am played in Greenwich, Conn., over Pete and his partner, Zac Alexander of Australia. In the Country Club of New Canaan Member Guest A Draw, Pete and his partner, Jim Parsons, edged Chris and his partner, Jon Old ’78, in a nail-biter. Both matches went the full distance, with the winner posting a score of 15-14 in the fifth game.

Dick Soule sends this note: “Hey, my fellow youthful classmates (mind over matter). I have recently moved across the pond from Brooklyn to London. I am the Chief Revenue Officer for Culture Trip, a cool, millennial-focused travel/lifestyle site. Check it out. It’s been great hanging with Dr. Hiram Samel – an esteemed professor at Oxford (plus Brigid and his kids). Sadly, Big H is moving back to the U.S. And seeing Bets McLearn Richards is so great. Billy Schlosser visited London recently from Nashville. And Art Zeckendorf visited a couple of weeks ago with his daughter, Jenny ’07. We took a chilly plunge in the men’s pond at Hampstead Heath. We skipped the nude sunbathing section. I live in Primrose Hill and have plenty of room for visitors and plenty of cool pubs a stone’s throw away. Kim should join me in the fall, so an empty house for a bit. Come visit.”

1978

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Katie Thayer McCammond writes: “My son, John Eliot, graduated from St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy. He’s going to Augsburg University and will play football.”

Amy Nobu and Curtis Starr were sorry to have missed the 40th reunion, but they had a good excuse. It was the only time they could gather all their family – from Tokyo, New York City, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina – to join them for a family trip to Europe.

Els Collins wants members of the form to know that she was “so sad to have missed the 40th due to the more complicated bits of life intervening, but is so grateful for all of the bits and pieces of the magical weekend she was able to see through the pictures and messages shared in its aftermath.”

Bryan Bell sent his regrets for not having been able to join those at the reunion in June. The date coincided with the graduations of both his eighth grade daughter, Sky, and his fifth grade son, Cole.

A message from D.J. Mitchell: “It’s been a long time since you heard from me, so here’s a quick update on my unconventional life. You may have heard that I ‘cleaned up my act’ in 1985. I worked in Sri Lanka with Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya full-time from 1993 to 1995, completed my B.A. in theological studies and peace studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in 1999, and worked as a strategist and field researcher in Sarvodaya’s Peace Initiative from 1999 to 2001, supporting grassroots work that helped make possible the Cease-Fire Agreement of 2002. I spent the next decade or so doing tax accounting and research and raising goats and making artisan cheese in Southern Utah. I never was one to do things according to a normal schedule, and in 2014 my wife, Carrie, and I had my first son, Samuel Robert Mitchell. I also have a 13-year-old stepson, Walter Ward McGee Harris, grandson of Talie Ward Harris ’77.
Ethan. In 2016, we all moved to Harrisonburg, Va., where I am now two-thirds of the way through the master’s in divinity program at Eastern Mennonite University. I interned at my home church, Immanuel Mennonite, which is the originator of the colorful, trilingual neighbor signs you may have seen popping up all over the country. (“No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.”) In my studies, I’m choosing my electives to focus on helping those who struggle as I did. So far, I have no idea where we’ll be after I graduate.

1979/40th
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Sarah Bankson Newton and her husband, Jeff, hosted more than a dozen Paulies, including a large contingent from the Form of 1979, at their house on May 20 to welcome Jessica ’81 and Sandy Douglas to the Boston area.

1980
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From Mason Wells: “Our son, George, just graduated from Middlebury College magna cum laude as an economics/Spanish double major. He starts his full-time job in early July at Barclays in New York City on the credit markets desk. His Spanish will be tested in the Latin American markets.”

1981
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In this installment of “News After the Pews” (aka alumni notes), we hear from Jeff Leonard, who is living in the U.K. and owns a Xerox concessionaire. Jeff has two kids in university and one in junior high. Jeff had lunch with Jamie Purviance during his recent travels in London and invites others to call when they are in the U.K.

Carl Weatherley-White says hello from New York City, where he is working with a solar development company, which he reports is a dynamic industry.

Alan Murchie sent a great picture of a mini-reunion in Stonington, Conn., with Alec McCabe, Polly Boswell and Noel Danforth. Alan just started as rector of Trinity Church in Nichols, Conn., and continues as a lecturer in music history at Fairfield University, which is just a few miles away.

John Bankson reports: “With both kids out of school (Madeline, Vassar College 2018 and Walker, Bard College 2021), my wife, Mary Beth, and I pulled up stakes and moved to Durham, N.C., home of Philip Azar. Have seen Philip several times in the few months we’ve been here, and it’s been nice to catch up. I’m still on the road for big chunks of time as a property master on shows, currently Raising Dion for Netflix. Spent a year bringing the next installment of Godzilla to life (Spring 2019) and am finding location work much easier with the youngsters on their own adventures.”

Erika Zuckerman Christakis sends this update: “With our three children launched into adulthood, life seemed a little dull, so my husband, Nicholas, and I became licensed foster parents a year ago. My adopted state of Vermont has been hit hard by the opiate crisis and there are many needy children. It’s been a transformative experience in all the best ways, but not without pain. When not wrangling kids and badly behaved dogs, I do a little coaching with early childhood teachers and I write about young children and families when I can. I would love to see more of my St. Paul’s friends.”
GENERATIONAL CONNECTION

SUSAN ’83 and DANA EMERY ’83 see the School with fresh eyes through their daughter, KATHERINE ’18

JANA F. BROWN

It was on Leap Day in 1992, when Susan Barto ’83 and Dana Emery ’83 reconnected at a party in New York’s West Village. Four years later, in 1996, they were married in the Chapel at St. Paul’s School. The SPS alumni had known of one another during their mutual years at St. Paul’s, but only from a distance.

“During our four years here together,” says Dana, “I don’t think Susan and I ever exchanged a single word.”

On Anniversary Weekend 2018, the Emerys were back on School grounds, this time to celebrate their 35th reunion and the graduation of their daughter, Katherine ’18. It was one of those full-circle experiences for this St. Paul’s family, as Susan and Dana witnessed the conclusion of their daughter’s own SPS experience and theirs as parents of a current student.

Though both of her parents had gone away to school and Dana’s father, Ethan Emery ’55, and stepfather, Edward Tuck ’45, were graduates of St. Paul’s, boarding school was not necessarily on the radar for Katherine, but she had fallen in love with the beauty of New Hampshire on summer trips and Christmas holidays to visit her grandparents from her home in Larchmont, N.Y. When the time came to consider her educational options, Katherine decided on only two: Remain at her public high school in New York or, if accepted, attend St. Paul’s.

“We did not put too much pressure on her decision,” says Susan. “We presented it as an option.”

One year later, in the fall of 2014, Susan and Dana found themselves back in the familiar surroundings of St. Paul’s School, this time to drop their daughter off to start her Third Form year. They were both pleased and surprised that Katherine did not experience homesickness, while she soon discovered that her parents’ caveat about the rigorous academics at the School was warranted. As parents, the Emerys noticed some differences in their own experiences versus those of their daughter.

“In 30-plus years, times have changed,” says Dana. “I remember calling my parents collect once a week and hoping they would not be home to answer. With cell phones, e-mail, and texting, there is now constant communication, so we know what’s going on all the time. That makes a huge difference in the experience.”

Both Dana and Susan noticed a boost in their daughter’s independence, self-confidence, and curiosity as she settled into life at boarding school. Susan, who grew up in New Hampshire, admits she was shy during her SPS years, a trait she attributes to why she never spoke to Dana, even though she admired him from afar. Dana had spent much of his youth in England and spoke with an English accent for the first year of his SPS tenure.

Both parents see an enormous difference in the way girls are integrated into School life today. When the Emerys arrived in the fall of 1979, co-education was still a relatively novel idea at St. Paul’s. “In retrospect,” says Susan, “they didn’t have it figured out yet. Girls were not fully a part of the community the way they are now. It is a much warmer place today.”

While Dana recalls glory on the soccer field and late nights with The Pelican team and Susan the camaraderie of her interscholastic crew and good times in the dorm, both Emery parents left St. Paul’s with lifelong friendships. Nothing has changed there; Katherine leaves the School with similar bonds, crediting the all-boarding model of SPS with facilitating close kinship. Katherine has maintained a connection to her family while she’s been away, too, rubbing the names of her parents and her grandfather on the carved panels of graduates in the Upper.

“No one could have told me how close you become with the people you live with,” says Katherine, who is headed to Bucknell in the fall. “The friendships formed here are strong. I have gained much more world perspective because I have friends from all over, from different cultures or religions. The sense of community at St. Paul’s is something that can’t be replicated.”

Relationships with faculty members, too, is something Katherine Emery shares with her parents. Both she and her mom are particularly fond of longtime teacher Jennifer Horner, who served as Katherine’s adviser for four years. Horner, Katherine says, “feels like family.”

The recent negative spotlight shined on the School has not impacted their daughter’s SPS experience, note Susan and Dana. They point to the extraordinary community, the excellence of academics, the caring teachers, and the vast resources that help students thrive.

“If we didn’t have Katherine here,” says Susan, “there is no way we would feel as connected to the School or be as knowledgeable about what it’s like today. We would be reliant on media and probably would be feeling much more concerned.”

Adds Dana, “Having a daughter at St. Paul’s has enabled us to revisit how amazingly lucky both Susan and I were to have had this experience as students.”
I was happy to get this note from Jutta von Falkenhausen, my newbie Fifth Form year. She remembers her one year at St. Paul’s fondly and will be taking her children to see the campus this summer. She also writes, “I still live in Berlin – an exciting place, come visit! Practicing law as a sole practitioner focusing on corporate advice to non-profits and art law. On the side, I am active in a number of non-profit capacities, mostly dealing with the empowerment of women, foreign policy and education and I feel very privileged to be able to spend my time on things I care about. And, of course, enjoying family life with Ellen (14) and Otto (12).”

Here is the response of Biddle Duke to my eleventh-hour plea for news and some soul-searching: “It’s seems trivial at this challenging time at SPS to whip off a note about this or that going on in my life, or about seeing old SPS friends, of which I seem to have so many good ones. Conversation at every get-together inevitably comes around to the troubling news that continues to emanate from the School. But that connection, and those friendships and powerful memories remain.

A month ago I snuck in with a friend to surf at Little Dume in Malibu. It’s a huge private community with some of the best breaks in the Los Angeles area. You need a key to the gates that access the beaches and a friend of mine who works at Pepperdine was able to obtain one for the day. At the end of a great day of surf, as I was locking the gate behind me to leave, a very handsome man said “hold up.” He was headed down to the beach to have a surf. We looked at each other and there was that flash of recognition. It was John Samuels ‘78, aka the actor and producer John Stockwell. It had been 40 years but we recognized one another. We caught up for a few minutes. I gushed a bit about one of his movies, Blue Crush, particularly its soundtrack. He gushed about my senator, Bernie. Now, best of all, I have someone else I can tap for a key to the breaks at Little Dume.

The other night I had dinner with Nancy Weltchek ‘78 and Richard Schloss ‘78. They’ve remained very close all these years. Our little gathering was a few days after their 40th reunion at the School, and we compared each of our class’s impacts on the world; in arts, politics, journalism, and business. This is a uniquely St. Paul’s thing, the form scorecard – if you don’t have a few noted politicians, a John Kerry ‘62 or Robert Mueller ‘62, or successful writers, or mega-gazillionaires, somehow your class is unexceptional. So, I began to go down the list in my memory of the many people in their class who I admired for this or that reason: Todd Purdum, Judd Nelson, Beth Alexander, Marc Robert, John Samuels, and I named a few; like Rick +++++Moody ‘79, whom I mistakenly placed in the class of 1978. The list went on a little longer until I said “and, by the way, your class pulled off the miracles of miracles – the Cars played twice your senior year!” Which reminds me: Congratulations to the always exceptional Lee Cummings Rhodes for her amazing entrepreneurial adventure and much deserved Alumni Association Award (awarded this spring).”

Katie Atchley reports that she is happy and well, living on top of a mountain in beautiful Santa Barbara, Calif.

As for me, I spent my 55th birthday with Helen Strate Kiely and Nia Chiodo Eis- man in New York City. We went to the Whitney. Yep, just that – some wicked good art. Nothing else happened!

And finally, Andrew Zelermyer has given me permission to report that his son, Isaac, is volunteering at my workplace, Boston Medical Center, in the Grow Clinic for Children as his Bar Mitzvah social justice project. He also reminded me that I owe him lunch.

1982

An update from Ben Scully: “On April 16 (same day as the soggy Boston Marathon), I completed the North Pole Marathon in 7 hours and 25 minutes. The air temperature was -33 Celsius, or -27 Fahrenheit. It was a beautiful clear day. We started the race at 11 p.m., as already it was 24 hours of sunlight. It was a very tough course as the underfoot terrain was a constant mixture of uneven snow and ice. I was part of a team of 12 sponsored by a HK life insurer called FWD, and raised over $10,000 for a charity called Humanity and Inclusion, thanks in large part to many generous donations from Paulies too numerous to name. It was an amazing event, and with certainty, I can say the North Pole was the coolest place I have ever been. The race is held every year. I’m now thinking about the Antarctica marathon…”
A typical work week for Sally Horchow ’88 can be unpredictable. The Yale graduate may find herself stuck in the ho-hum traffic of Los Angeles one day, only to end up in the bustling caverns of a New York City subway the next. “It may be crazy for most people,” Horchow says of her bicoastal status, “but it makes me happy because there’s never a dull moment.”

Such is the life of a Broadway producer, a vocation that demands more than its share of cross-country travel, and one at which Horchow has excelled since founding her eponymous production company, Sally Horchow International Productions (SHIP), six years ago. Before that, Horchow spent time as a lifestyle expert and journalist, and cut some of her earlier professional chops in L.A. as an executive assistant to director Steven Spielberg.

Now, she’s involved with several major projects with the potential for blockbuster success. They include a revival of the Tony Award-winning musical Crazy for You, first produced by Horchow’s father, Roger, in 1992; the premiere of Tootsie, a new comedy musical based on the hit 1982 film starring Dustin Hoffman (premiering this fall in Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre and opening on Broadway in April); and a collaboration with SPS schoolmate Paul Spadone ’89, who conceptualized an “immersive theater experience” inspired by and featuring the music of the B-52’s.

Musical theater has been a part of Horchow’s life since the very beginning, but as one might assume, some of her roots can be traced back to the SPS Theatre Department. She points to a particularly eyebrow-raising production of A Chorus Line in which she starred as Val, a character with an infamously suggestive solo number.

“It was very controversial,” Horchow recalls with a laugh. “The Rector [at the time] and the Board of Trustees were trying to censor my song, because they thought it was inappropriate for teen audiences.”

A negotiation ensued, with the performers arguing that the song deserved inclusion – if nothing else than for artistic integrity. In the end, the conflicting factions compromised. The number would go on as planned, with Horchow’s character singing the song – with the finale cut off by another character. Chalk that up as a victory for an eventual dealmaker, who knew when and how to flex some of her proverbial muscle.

“I loved musical theater and Broadway, and with the experience I got at St. Paul’s and at Yale, I knew I liked working in that industry,” says Horchow. “I also knew that I wasn’t good enough to be a professional [performer], but I thought I might be a good producer.”

For more on Sally Horchow, visit www.sallyhorchow.com
Forbes Black writes: “I just finished up my first year working as an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). It is an amazing place.”

1984/35th

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1985

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Nick Spooner has successfully found the portal to the Land of the Lost. He will continue to hate Trump from that location.

Ashley Knickrehm writes: “After eight years of loving labor, I’ve finished my first novel. Dream of Istanbul follows a couple of American empty nesters on an impassioned journey through Turkey. It’s a psychodrama that offers readers an obsessive and morally ambiguous female protagonist named Kira Vallis, a brooding and charismatic tour guide named Münir Çelik, a generous portion of wacky comic relief and, ultimately, a question to wrestle with: What do we hold sacred in this life? And if anyone has any agent or publishing connections where I could submit the manuscript, please let me know. Thank you!”

Minot Maser and John Lehrman ’89 finally caught up after 30 years this March at Vahalla Lodge in British Columbia. Although they’d heard rumors of one another in Montana’s backcountry ski scene, they hadn’t managed to cross paths. John runs Downey Mountain Lodge, a backcountry ski center in the Bitterroot Mountains south of Missoula, while Minot practices criminal defense in Missoula and additionally reps for Backcountry Access, an avalanche safety products company. Minot was amazed, given how fast John skis, he wasn’t on the SPS alpine team. John was glad he hadn’t encountered Minot (yet) in the context of his normal line of work.

1989/30th

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I am pleased to report that Gray Hummel Harley and Nehal Mohan Beltangady were married on May 19 at Pawleys Island, S.C., and reside in New York City. My wife, Jen, and I had the chance to be down there to celebrate with Gray and Nehal, as did Alex Tiger and his wife, Chelsea, and Gray’s cousin, Alexander Saint-Amand ’92, and his wife, Sarah. A beautiful spot and a great party. I also had the recent pleasure of having lunch up in the Hudson Valley in Hyde Park, N.Y., on a Saturday in early June with Nelly Calder and her daughter, Rita. Nelly lives in New Paltz, N.Y., with her family and is doing great.

Jeff Townsend has had an eventful year. On September 4, he won the USA Track and Field 20K Masters Division National Championship in New Haven, Conn. Then on September 20, the Yale School of Public Health celebrated a new endowed chair, the Elihu Endowed Professorship in Biostatistics, which was conferred on Jeff. His research on how cancer evolves from normal tissue into
tumors was also profiled in *Yale Scientific*, with the title "Replaying the Tape of Cancer Development."

### 1991

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**John Jordan** submitted this message: “Very happy being a FOX News contributor and being CEO of my winery and software company. Coming up on 18 years in the Navy Reserve with retirement on the horizon. All are welcome to visit me in Healdsburg, Calif. Jordanwinery.com.”

**Jonathan Meeks** reports: “Having great fun in the San Francisco Bay Area and hope to see more Paulies in the area soon. Have had great recent visits from Chris Heinz, Adam Herrmann, and Alex Eberts. I am very excited to have Jonathan, Jr. enter SPS class of 2022 alongside Blair (Linen) Demers ’92’s number two. How much we all wish we could do it all over again. Had a chance to see my old head of house and adviser Colin Callahan and Heather Crutchfield, respectively, still campus legends – can you believe it has been 27 years since we all set foot there? Please give to the Alumni Fund; the School is doing amazing things and really needs our support.”

### 1992

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With heavy hearts, we want to inform you that our dear formmate, Jason P. Andris, died suddenly on May 30. A gathering at St. Paul’s to honor and remember his life will be held later this fall. We will endeavor to update friends and formmates with details for that visit and hope to present a gift or memorial at that time. Jason loved St. Paul’s. His St. Paul’s friendships were valued and lasting. For the past 30 years, Jason dedicated much of his time and energy to this wonderful place. We know that his friends and the entire St. Paul’s community will join us in remembering him with love.

### 1993

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KT Taylor and James Ahn ’95 bumped into each other in San Sebastian, Spain. KT was working on her pelican installation (to be installed at SPS in the Fall of 2018), and James was there “to eat the wayyyy yummy food.” The two celebrated the 25-year anniversary of their study abroad in Segovia, Spain, with Sr. Mendez-Penate. KT and James send their thanks to SPS for “showing us what is best in life.”

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Kimiye Corwin Liebman writes: “My husband, Jesse Liebman, and I welcomed our daughter, Maxine Rose Liebman, on May 12, 2017. Our first daughter, Ruby, is now three years old. We are still living in Brooklyn and loving it.”

**Anne Stires** was recently a guest on the public radio program “Maine Calling.” She was talking about connecting children with nature as part of the work she does at the school she founded seven years ago. Here is a link to the audio: http://mainepublic.org/post/connecting-children-and-nature-what-benefits-do-kids-get-great-outdoors. Anne is
also offering a teacher training workshop at Juniper Hill School for educators interested in learning more about teaching forest kindergarten. Here is a link to more info on the workshop: www.juniperhillschool.org/workshopregistration.

1995

Morgan Stewart
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A note from Amy (Hanley) Rothermel: “I was all set to come to our big reunion a couple years ago, but my gallbladder had other plans. After college, I ended up working in addiction treatment, a real fun cocktail party conversation starter, and moved north again to Pennsylvania. Picked up a husband and a couple of kids (now 19 and 13) and then had Ascher (4). I’d say I’m getting this birth announcement in just under the wire. No registry but cash gifts always welcome. Currently in North Carolina/Florida and trying desperately to lose the Florida part but my boat-loving Yankee husband is fighting me on that. Perhaps I will have an update in another 20 years. Door is always open if anyone dips under the Mason-Dixon Line.”

Nick Fung ’95 married Dr. Loraine Chow on May 2, 2018, in Lake Garda, Italy. Isabel Smith Margulies ’94, Ned Rauch ’94, Tim Wallack ’94, Isabella, Rafael, Nelly Calder ’90, Grace Evans ’95, and KT Taylor ’93 were on hand to celebrate. (Not pictured: Williams Swift Martin IV ’79)

Whitaker Kelly ’94 and I compete all summer for the biggest Nutty Buddy/Choco Taco tab. With five kids, she usually wins, but we are right there.

March 10, 2018, in Florence, Italy.

1996

Ben Loehnen
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Caitlin Riley checks in: “I have been taking a much-needed break from the rat race for the past year or so, learning Spanish in Cusco, Peru, venturing to the Andes and the Amazon to explore psychedelic healing plants, working on a permaculture farm in Chile, and now foolishly walking 1600km of the renowned pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago. I started in Le Puy, France, and hope to get to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, still standing. Although I begrudgingly attended Ms. Windsor’s French classes at SPS, I have an immense amount of gratitude for her and the class now, putting the language to daily use while walking the ‘chemin’ in the South of France. Like most things, you don’t notice or appreciate the benefits until years later.”

1998

William Dick
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Kate Esselen and Andrew Kurd ’97 welcomed a new baby, Henry, to their family on April 18, 2018.

1999/20th

Ben Bleiman
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Virginia Russell
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A message from Drew Collins: “My Ph.D. dissertation was accepted by the University...”
Mike Shreve ’02 and Miller Resor ’02 joined formmates Will Dunn, Willie Evarts, Garrett Drinon, Matt McLane, and Alex Hearne at their regular dinner in New York City.

Eleanor (Bowen) Hamilton ’04 married James Hamilton on February 27, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Mark Stevens ’05 and Lacee Steenbergen were married on April 26 in Charleston, S.C. Paulies in attendance were (l. to r.) Trent Blossom ’06, Emerson Tuttle ’05, Andrew Stevens ’08 (best man), the bride and groom, Kevin Kaiser ’06, Ryan Blossom ’05, and Evan Seely ’06, who officiated the wedding.


Helena Lappin Rose, the fourth child (and first girl) of Clare (Sully) Rose ’02 and her husband, John.

Isabelle Pace Doherty, daughter of Amy Wilkinson Doherty ’04 and husband David, was born on May 4, 2018.

Lauren McKenna Surzyn ’03, her husband, Tim, and son, Christopher, welcomed William Robert Surzyn on May 16, 2018.

Eleanor (Bowen) Hamilton ’04 married James Hamilton on February 27, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Mike Shreve ’02 and Miller Resor ’02 joined formmates Will Dunn, Willie Evarts, Garrett Drinon, Matt McLane, and Alex Hearne at their regular dinner in New York City.
of Cambridge this spring and I’ll be receiving a Ph.D. in Christian theology this summer. I’ve just finished my second year as a research scholar at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, teaching undergraduates and divinity students, writing. And getting ready with Mary for twins, who will be joining our daughter Agatha (3) sometime in July 2018.”

Clare (Sully) Rose writes: “In April, my husband, John, and I welcomed our fourth child, and first girl, Helena Lappin Rose. Also, as of last July, we’re very happy to be North Carolina residents. After seven years in Princeton, we moved to Durham for John to take a job at Duke. What a great state.”

From Will Dunn: “A group of us meet regularly in New York for dinner – Willie Evarts, Garrett Drinon, Matt McLane, and Alex Hearne – but a recent outing featured a visiting Mike Shreve and a surprise appearance from Miller Resor, who just happened to be passing the restaurant. There are a few more babies among us, but little else has changed.”

Amy Wilkinson Doherty writes: “We welcomed a baby girl, Isabelle Pace Doherty, on May 4, 2018. Our third!”


Eleanor (Bowen) Hamilton writes with this happy news: “I married James Hamilton in Austin, Texas, on February 27, 2018.”

A message from Sarah Wu: “My husband, Tim, and I will be moving to the Boston area at the end of June. Though sad to say goodbye to Seattle after four great years (and Seattle Paulies Elizabeth Fison ’03, Lucas Swart, and Chris Allen), we’re excited about our move and looking forward to reconnecting with people in Boston!”

2005 Matthew Danzig matthew.danzig@gmail.com

Liz Van de Graaf Janofsky sends in this news: “My husband, Eric, and I welcomed our daughter, Edie, on February 10. Edith Sophie Janofsky is the newest member of the family of Liz Van de Graaf Janofsky ’05. She is named after her great-grandmother. Ev- ery day with her is a new adventure.”

Mark Stevens and Lacey Steenbergen were married on April 26 in Charleston, S.C. Paulies in attendance were Trent Blossom ’06, Emerson Tuttle, Andrew Stevens ’08, Kevin Kaiser ’06, Ryan Blossom, and Evan Seely ’06, who officiated the wedding.

2006 Evan Seeley Evan.seely@gmail.com

I enjoyed getting back to SPS over Anniversary Weekend and catching up with all the ’08s who were on campus for their 10-year.

2007 Pete Harrison peter.harrison.g@gmail.com

After wrapping up my first year of teaching third grade here in New York City, I’ll be staying around for the summer, continuing my grad school. Holler if you’re ever in the city.

Sarah Clark-Hamel reports she will be starting business school at the University of Chicago later this fall. Joining her at Booth are Paulies Gwen Schoch ’10, Ben Ruffel ’09, and Anthony Lopez. Sarah is excited to be making the move to Chicago after five amazing years in New York City.

Will Stowe, now based in Denver, was recently featured in the Washington Post for his Appalachian Trail (AT) hike in 2015. Will and his partner, Elise, completed the entire AT in 146 days. He’s our form’s expert on major back-packing trips now, so reach out to Will to get some inspiration or advice on your next trip.
2008
Dorothy MacAusland
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Esteban Torres writes with this update: “It was wonderful to be back on campus for the 10-year reunion, to see and reconnect with many of you. With endless gratitude for the School I love so much, I’m happy to share my first novel with fellow Paulies. Please e-mail me (estebantorres89@gmail.com) and I will find a way to get you a copy of The Folly of Faraway Things.”

2009/10th
Victoria Hetz
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2011

Thomas Whipple writes: “I stopped by Hood River, Ore., to see Brendan Brown on my biannual migration south from ski to forestry work. The wind sport of choice wasn’t keeping him tied down that particular day, so I kidnapped him to kayak the Metolius River in central Oregon. We ran all 28 miles of it, from source, a spring bubbling directly out of the ground, to the reservoir. We found moderate but high-quality whitewater, lots of osprey and hawks, and deliciously cold, clear water that had been stored underground for more than 70 years. We caught up on the flat-water sections, sharing family and work updates, as well as marveling at what different lifestyles and communities we are in now than during our time at SPS. How funny the way that the distance of time changes our understanding of the place.”

2013
Beth Anne George
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2014/5th
Tekla Monson
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2016
Paola Tabet
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Elizabeth Rizzoni, William Brockett, Brigham Snow, Juliana Neves, Mandi Paine, Guy Rice, Marcus Jones

2017
Doug Robbins
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Owen Ward, a sophomore on the Wesleyan men’s lacrosse team, helped his team win the NCAA Division III National Championship. Katherine Ko became the youngest person in China to run the six major world marathons. Ko runs for “Get Kids Going,” a national charity that provides sports grants and wheelchairs to disabled young athletes, allowing them to pursue their dreams of playing sports.

NEW YORK CITY: Tekla Monson, Will Loomis, Tamio Guild, Emilia Welch, Oliver Gray, Joyce Wang, Lily Bogle, Colby Schofield, Thomasina Deering, Alana Canty-Samuels, Kris Eiamsakulrat, Josie Washburn, Giles Bischoff, Alex Tabet, Grey Sylvester, Jessie Dalman, Helen Wilkey, Joe Fennessey, Luke Norena, Aiden Rodd, Clarence Mokaya, Isabel Bingham, George Cooley, Nicholas Grooms, James Bianco

BOSTON: Katherine Spivey, Andrew Thomson, Winslow Laverack, Lucy Bostwick

WEBER STATE: Webster Thompson ’16 (l.), Jack Smith ’16 (c.), and Gus Hirschfeld ’17 (r.) at the IRA National Championships in Princeton, N.J.

BAY AREA: Eleanor Reich, Isabella Turchetta, Mun Yong Jang, Amanda Price, Jeffrey Bai, Jayant Raman

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Kate Biddle, Christian Nelms, Valerie Rivest

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL: Gus Walsh, Stefan Page

LOS ANGELES: Emma Helms, Dita Cole

SEATTLE, WASH: Halishia Chugani, SJ Kim

DENVER, COLO.: Grace Murray

PRINCETON, N.J.: Ali Rusher

Gus Hirschfeld ’17 competed at the IRA National Championships for Brown this spring.

Jack Smith ’16 rowed in the University of California’s varsity four and Gus Hirschfeld was in Brown’s second varsity eight at the IRA National Championships this spring. Jack’s final was canceled due to weather, and Gus’s boat came in seventh (Brown came in sixth overall).
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March 18, 2018

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January 4, 2018

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May 3, 2018

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June 22, 2018

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May 23, 2018

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April 19, 2018

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May 30, 2018

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FORMER FACULTY
Harry Morgan Ayres Hart
June 14, 2018

FORMER STAFF
Betty L. (Rote) Strine
April 29, 2018

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1940
Clarence Fahnstock Michalis

A World War II veteran, who later served as the mayor of the Village of Lattingtown, N.Y., for more than 48 years, died on March 30, 2018. He was 96 and a longtime resident of Locust Valley, N.Y.

Mr. Michalis was born in New York City on January 17, 1922, the son of Clarence and Helen (Campbell) Michalis. His mother died when Clarence was 11, and his father assumed most of the duties of raising the couple’s four children. Mr. Michalis attended The Buckley School, before entering St. Paul’s School as a Third Former in the fall of 1936. He was a stellar athlete, competing in football and hockey for Old Hundred, served as a member of the Student Council, and was a member of the Scientific Association, the Library Association, and the Dramatic Club. He rowed with Shattuck and served as chairman of the Yearbook Committee.

He went on to Harvard, earning a B.S. in economics and history. Mr. Michalis spent three years, from 1943 to 1946, in the U.S. Navy Reserves as navigator on the U.S.S. Hall in the Pacific. He was discharged as a Lieutenant. He worked at First National City Bank, was CFO of Bristol-Myers Co., and former chairman of St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital.

Mr. Michalis served as chairman of the Josiah H. Macy, Jr. Foundation for 36 years and as chairman of Cooper Union from 1971 to 1986. He was mayor of the Village of Lattingtown from 1968 to 2017 (until the age of 95), making him New York State’s longest-serving mayor. Peter Quick, mayor of the Village of Mill Neck, N.Y., so respected Mr. Michalis that he once said, “If he were running against me, I’d vote for him.” Mr. Michalis also was past president of the Nassau County Museum of Art, former president of Piping Rock Club, commodore of Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, and a member of the Union Club, New York Yacht Club, and Holland Lodge. He served terms on the boards of trustees at Foxcroft School and Green Vale School.

On September 11, 1953, Mr. Michalis married Cora D. Bush and the couple enjoyed 64 years of marriage until his death. Together they raised four children: Cynthia, Mary, Cora, and Helen ’79. He enjoyed sailing, skiing, and tennis. Mr. Michalis was an active and generous alumnus of St. Paul’s. He served three terms as a form agent (1940-43, 1987-90, 1999-01) and was a gregarious presence at his form’s five-year anniversaries.

In April of 2012, Newsday, a local Long Island newspaper, got in touch with Mr. Michalis about his 40-plus years as Lattingtown Village mayor, which also made him one of the longest-serving public servants in the country. It was ultimately a tenure that lasted seven presidential administrations, from Nixon to Trump. At the time, he told Alumni Horae, “Well that’s still not news, it just happens to be a statistical anomaly. But I don’t make news. The only thing I’m interested in is doing a job.”

Clarence Michalis leaves his wife, Cora; his children, Cynthia B. Michalis, Mary C. Michalis, Cora C. Thomas, and Helen M. Bonebrake ’79; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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1940
Frederic Lincoln Rockefeller

A World War II fighter pilot, accomplished businessman, and father of eight, died, surrounded by family, at home in Bay Pond, N.Y., on June 7, 2018, just five days after the death of his beloved wife, June. He was 96.

Mr. Rockefeller was born in New York City on July 12, 1921, to Florence Lincoln and William A. Rockefeller. He entered St. Paul’s as a Second Former in the fall of 1935 and was active in a number of campus organizations, serving as a student councilor and dorm proctor, playing football and hockey, and rowing for Shattuck. He was also a member of the Library Association.
Mr. Rockefeller attended Yale and took private flying lessons to gain the skills necessary to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps as a fighter pilot during the early years of World War II. He flew F4U Corsairs in the Pacific Theater and, when the war ended, returned to Yale to graduate in 1947.

That same year, he married Janet “June” Buffinton, the woman with whom he would raise eight children and share seven decades of marriage. The couple lived in Iowa, then moved back to New England, first to Auburndale and Westfield, Mass., and later to Barrington and Warren, R.I. They spent their final 10 years together in Bay Pond.

He worked for the International Harvester Company from 1947 until 1965, when Mr. Rockefeller joined the Cranston Print Works Company, where he remained until 2000, serving in a number of roles, including vice president, president, and chairman of the board. His legacy at the company is one of warmth and concern for people, something he demonstrated in 1987 when he oversaw the acquisition of 97 percent of the company’s stock into an employee stock ownership plan.

Outside of work, Mr. Rockefeller served as form agent and mentor for St. Paul’s and spent as much time as he could outdoors in the Adirondacks. An avid outdoorsman and amateur naturalist, he delighted in trail clearing, fly-fishing, bird watching, canoe paddling, ridge running, and bog trotting.

Mr. Rockefeller was predeceased by his wife, June, his siblings, William Rockefeller ’36, Elsie Rockefeller McMillin, Florence Sloan DeVecchi, and Anne Sloan Morrison, and his beloved stepfather, George Sloan. Survivors include his children and their spouses, June and Bernard Maugery; Cynthia and Jeff Thompson; Elsie and John Wright; Nancy and Frederic L. Rockefeller, Jr. ’73; Elizabeth Rockefeller; Deborah and Martin Roddy; Shirley and Andrew Salach; and Lien Tieu and Ted Fleming; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1942

Robert Lawrence Means

a man who was always happy to see his friends and family and had a rare ability to make others feel special, died at Brooksby Village in Peabody, Mass., on January 20, 2018. He was 94.

Bob Means was born on January 29, 1923, to Alice Hubbard Means and Robert Whitman Means. He grew up in Brookline and Boxford, Mass. with three sisters, Susan, Alice, and Anne. A younger brother, David, died at the age of three.

Mr. Means came to St. Paul’s School as a Second Former in the fall of 1937 from The Park School in Brookline. He quickly distinguished himself as an “engaged” and “honorable” community member with a “real talent for acting.”

He sang in the Choir, was active in dramatics, and served as a member of the Rifle Club, the Cadmean Literary Society, and the Missionary Society. He rowed with Halcyon and played football, hockey, and squash for Old Hundred.

Mr. Means proudly served in the Pacific during WWII as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. His battalion was preparing to invade Japan when the invasion was called off suddenly; the first atomic bomb had been detonated.

After the war, he returned to earn a B.A. from Harvard in 1949. He married Lucy Anne Jackson in Philadelphia and they had four children: Robert, Jonathan, Martita, and Lucinda. The couple later divorced. Mr. Means was a loving father, who supported his children in every endeavor.

Mr. Means went on to an accomplished career in capital campaigns for national and regional nonprofit organizations. He was, among other positions, director of public relations for the Institute of Logopedics, assistant to the dean for development at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and national fundraising director for the United Negro College Fund.

On November 7, 1964, Mr. Means married Joan Braddon. They shared a love of dogs, gardening, and traveling, especially in Italy. The couple loved to ski, taking frequent trips to Stowe, Vt., and venturing to the Rockies, to Mount Tremblant in Canada, and to Switzerland.

Mr. Means retired in 2004 from the Walker School in Massachusetts to focus on his other interests. He was past senior vice commander and a member of the VFW Post 7608 board of directors in Georgetown, Mass. He was also an award-winning rock gardener and longstanding member (and former president) of the New England Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. Mr. Means believed in civic duty and was always looking for ways to improve the lives of those around him.

He is survived by loving wife, Joan Braddon Means; his children, Robert, Jonathan, and Martita, and their spouses; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his youngest daughter, Lucinda.

1942

Gordon Buchanan Leib

a World War II veteran, talented athlete, and devoted husband, died in New York on April 23, 2018. He was 94.

Mr. Leib was born in Burlingame, Calif., on November 27, 1923, to George and Isabelle Leib. He attended The Buckley School in New York City, before entering St. Paul’s in the fall of 1936. He sang in the Choir, played hockey, football, baseball, and squash for Old Hundred, and rowed with Shattuck. He was awarded the Gordon Medal as the School’s best athlete as a Sixth Former.

At Princeton, Mr. Leib studied history and played varsity hockey, but soon left to serve in the U.S. Army as a Corporal in the 22nd Artillery Corps during World War II. While in a foxhole somewhere in Europe, he was awarded membership in Princeton’s Ivy Club.

Mr. Leib spent the majority of his career as a partner at Benton, Corcoran, Leib & Co. on the New York Stock Exchange. Outside of work, he maintained a robust and eclectic mix of hobbies. He was a whiz at games, especially bridge, gin rummy, and backgammon, and, in the early 1970s, won the European Backgammon Championships in Biarritz, France. He was a longtime member of Long Island’s Piping Rock Club and the Regency Whist Club and Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City. He enjoyed sports betting with his friends.

A National Treasure, a play Mr. Hartshorne wrote with Charles Leeder, was produced at the Mill Hill Playhouse in Trenton in 1988. He also produced Keeping in Touch, a collection of personal letters to his friends and family. Mr. Hartshorne also was a stage actor, performing in countless summer stock and regional productions.

Mr. Hartshorne is survived by his wife of 65 years, Valerie; his daughters, Anne Allen, Jennifer Hartshorne, and Caroline Hartshorne; his son, Max Hartshorne; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1949 John Scott “Scotty” Cramer

a banker and devoted servant to civic causes of North Carolina, died on January 1, 2018, in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was 88.

Mr. Cramer was born in Charlotte, N.C., on December 10, 1930, to Stuart Warren Cramer, Jr. and Julia Scott Cramer.

He entered St. Paul’s as a First Former in 1943, having prepared at Charlotte Country Day School. After four years, during which time he served as Halcyon captain for the Lower School and two terms as dormitory monitor, Mr. Cramer transferred to Culver Military Academy in Indiana, from which he graduated in 1949. He went on to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1953. He remained invested in the success of St. Paul’s and, for many years, interviewed candidates from the School who were in competition for the Morehead Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill.

Mr. Cramer served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Morocco from 1953 to 1955. Following his military service, he joined Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in Winston-Salem. In 1957, he and his family moved to Charlotte, where in 1964 he became senior vice president at Wachovia. In 1970, the family returned to Winston-Salem, where Mr. Cramer served the bank in various capacities until his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Cramer was married to Nancy Arnott from Sydney, Australia, from 1952 until her death in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Selma Cater Scott; two daughters, Julia Cramer Smith and Alice Cramer Tolson, and their spouses; four grandchildren; and a brother, Stuart W. Cramer III ’47.

1950 George Walcott

who spent his career in medicine, serving his patients and educating others, died on March 24, 2018, in Mequon, Wis. He was 85.

Dr. Walcott was born in New York on July 15, 1932, to Roger C. and Maude L. Walcott. The family moved to Washington, D.C., during his childhood. There, he was choirboy at St. Alban’s School before enrolling at St. Paul’s as a Third Former in the fall of 1946. At SPS, Mr. Walcott was a member of the Library Association and sang in the Glee Club.

He attended Harvard, Boston University School of Medicine, and the University of Minnesota on his way to becoming a doctor. He also served in the U.S. Air Force on an
the fall of 1948. While at SPS, he developed a
tonality for community service as a member of
the Missionary Society. He also was a member
the Scientific Association and the Cadmean
Propylene Literary Societies. He served
as a Chapel warden and dorm proctor, rowed
Halcyon, and played football and hockey
for Ithmian.

After graduating from Yale in 1956, Mr.
Cooley was commissioned as an officer in
the U.S. Navy and served as a Bombardier
Navigator aboard Douglas A-3 Skywarrior
aircraft based in Jacksonville, Fla. He went
on to attend the Wharton School of Business
at the University of Pennsylvania and worked
for many years as a financial consultant for
Williams Inference Service.

Mr. Cooley’s love of service continued
throughout his life. He served as president
of the Windsor Recovery Club, volunteered at
the School for Young Children at St. Joseph
University, and was a board member of the Alcohol
and Drug Recovery Center, a Hartford-based
organization now known as Intercommunity,
Inc. He was also a member of the Asylum Hill
Congregational Church in Hartford and St.
Alban’s Episcopal Church in Simsbury and
enjoyed spending time with his friends from
the East Haddam Fishing and Game Club.

In addition to his beloved wife, Kathryn
Cooley, Mr. Cooley’s survivors include his children, Edmond Cooley, Richard Cooley,
Timothy C. Cooley ’83, and Elizabeth
Rademacher, and their spouses; three grand-
children; and three brothers, Samuel P.
Cooley ’49, David Cooley, and Robert Cooley.

1952
Timothy Cooley
a Navy veteran, devoted husband, and enthu-
siastic volunteer for a variety of community
organizations, died on March 18, 2018, in
Bloomfield, Conn. He was 83.

Mr. Cooley was born in Hartford, Conn.,
on Oct. 7, 1934, to Adelaide Eberts and
Charles Parsons Cooley, Jr. and attended the
Kingswood School in West Hartford before
entering St. Paul’s School as a Third Former in
the fall of 1948. While at SPS, he developed a
passion for community service as a member of
SPS as a Third Former, he attended Episcopal
Academy in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

At SPS, Mr. Van Dusen was the head ac-
ooly, a member of the French Club and the
Missionary Society, served on the board of The
Pelican, and was an officer in the Dramatics
Club. He graduated cum laude.

Mr. Van Dusen earned an A.B. from Princet-
on in 1958, graduating cum laude. His senior
thesis was published as two lengthy articles
in the Historical Magazine of the Protestant
Episcopal Church. He received his M.P.H. in
healthcare administration in 1961 from Col-
umbia University. Mr. Van Dusen completed
R.O.T.C. training at Princeton. From 1962
to 1966, he served in the U.S. Army. He was
the recipient of the Army Commendation
Medal and Department of Army Certificate
of Achievement.

On July 15, 1967, Mr. Van Dusen married
Elizabeth Elliotte Rhea. Together the couple
raised three children.

He served as an assistant administrator at
the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia from
1968 to 1969. From 1972 to 1977, Mr. Van Du-
sen was the assistant dean for the University
of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the
coordinator of UPenn Services at Philadelphia
General Hospital. Overall, Mr. Van Dusen
spent nearly 40 years at the University of
Pennsylvania, until his 2009 retirement. Since
1989, he had held the position of associate
secretary of the University.

He acted as director, recording secretary
and president of the Bryn Mawr Civic As-
sociation and was active in numerous other
community organizations. He also was heavily
involved in church activities. Mr. Van Dusen
was a member of the American College of
Hospital Administrators, the American Col-
lege of Nursing Home Administrators, the
American Hospital Association, and Hospital
Association of Pennsylvania, among other
professional societies. He was the secretary for
the Class of 1958 at Princeton, also serving as
class historian.

Mr. Van Dusen was known for being “the
first to offer kindness” and as “a mentor and
a valued source of information.” Above all, he
was a beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of
Edwin, Duncan ’88, and Nicholas ’90, and
grandfather of six. He is also survived by
his brother, Michael Van Dusen ’61, and his
cousins, Frank Van Dusen, Jr. ’67 and Clinton
Van Dusen ’72. He was predeceased in 1993
by his brother, Lewis Van Dusen III ’58.
1956
Robert Carter “Robin” Nicholas III
a career civil servant, who served in the highest levels of federal government, died peacefully at home in Washington, D.C., on March 17, 2018. He was 80.

Born in Providence, R.I., on August 23, 1937, Mr. Nicholas was the son of Jane Chace Nicholas and R. Carter Nicholas (Form of 1926). Mr. Nicholas followed his father and several uncles and cousins to St. Paul’s, entering as a Second Former in 1951. He was a member of the Concordian Literary Society, Le Cercle Français, the Missionary Society, and the Ski Club and served as chairman of the Green Room Committee, which oversaw the room where classical records were stored and played. He rowed for Halcyon and competed in soccer for Isthmian. Early on, Mr. Nicholas told faculty at St. Paul’s that he hoped for a career in government.

After graduating high school, Mr. Nicholas served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and graduated from Yale in 1962. In a long career in Washington, he worked at the Department of Defense, on the House Appropriations Committee staff, and NATO in Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. Nicholas was predeceased by his eldest son, William, an aircraft flight instructor, who died in an airplane crash in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Holman Nicholas; his sons, R. Carter Nicholas IV and Philip H. Nicholas; his sisters, Clover and Jenifer; and six grandchildren.

1957
William Throckmorton Warren
a lover of history and gardening, died peacefully on August 11, 2017. He was 79.

Mr. Warren was born in Macon, Ga., on March 11, 1938, to Rebecca Warren and Matthew M. Warren. Mr. Warren’s father served as Rector of St. Paul’s School from 1954 to 1970. Mr. Warren attended Woodberry Forest School, before entering SPS as a Second Former in the fall of 1952. He missed his life, friends, and extended family in Georgia. In correspondence to a School administrator in 2016, he stated that as a student he wanted to go back to his home state “and go to a slower-paced high school.” Still, he thrived at the School and wrote recently that he enjoyed reading about what was happening at SPS in the present day.

In his early twenties, Mr. Warren served in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982 with a B.A. in urban studies.

Mr. Warren was married to Constance “Connie” Sweetser in 1985. The two lived in Portsmouth, N.H., for more than 30 years. Mr. Warren had an affinity for collecting old postcards. Together with his wife, he created a book to highlight his collection, Portsmouth Then & Now. He also was a freelance writer in comparative urban studies, New Hampshire and Maine Seacoast history, and arboriculture. Additionally, Mr. Warren volunteered at the Portsmouth Urban Forest Center.

Mr. Warren is survived by his wife of 32 years, Connie; his daughter, Anne Powell; a grandson; two stepdaughters; his brother, Alexander, and his wife, Sarah; and his niece and nephew.

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David Tristram Dodge
a wise, adoring, and incredibly creative father and husband, died from complications of Alzheimer’s on January 4, 2018, in Providence, R.I., at the age of 78.

Mr. Dodge was born in Hanover, N.H., on July 29, 1940, to John E. Dodge ’34 and Carlota S. Dodge. Prior to entering SPS as a First Former in 1952, Mr. Dodge attended Pine Point School in Stonington, Conn., where he grew up.

At SPS, Mr. Dodge was a member of the Scientific Association and the Rifle Club. He played Isthmian football and hockey and rowed for Shattuck. He had a reputation for being accomplished in mathematics and the sciences, taking both Advanced Placement Calculus and Chemistry simultaneously. Mr. Dodge also was known for being “extremely pleasant and cooperative in the house.” He graduated cum laude from SPS.

Mr. Dodge ultimately earned his undergraduate degree from Columbia University, receiving a B.S. in engineering after briefly attending the University of Chicago. He and his wife, Ellen, were married in June of 1968, and together they moved to North Stonington, Conn., in 1969. Their beloved home, located in the corner of a 10-acre field at the end of a half-mile dirt road, was a hub for their community of friends, children, and dogs.

Mr. Dodge referred fondly to the home as “Dogfight.” Throughout the 1970s, Mr. Dodge worked at the Mystic Seaport and in the 1980s for the Connecticut Commission on the Arts.

Mr. Dodge was a man of many talents; photographer, steamboat engineer, motorcycle wrangler, and both a model airplane builder and flyer. He will be remembered as “sweet, funny, a collector of all things funky, and a true-blue husband.”

David Dodge is survived by his wife, Ellen; his brother, Nathaniel Dodge ’60; his sisters, Elisabeth (Poo) White and Annie White, and their families; and his daughter-in-law, Molly Gray. He was predeceased by his son, Matthew Dodge.
1959
James Hamilton McMillan
“Jimmy” Gibson

a man of many interests, who loved cars, boats, photography, and his family and was known as a captivating storyteller, died on May 3, 2018, after a battle with Alzheimer’s disease. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Gibson, called Jimmy by all who knew him, was born on March 20, 1940, the son of James and Patience (Agnew) Gibson. He grew up in Washington, D.C., where he was educated at St. Albans School, and graduated Fay School in Southborough, Mass., before entering SPS as a Second Former in the fall of 1954. He was a member of the Art Association and the Pelican Board, sang in the Glee Club, was an acolyte, competed in soccer, hockey, and lacrosse for Old Hundred, and was a member of the sailing team.

From SPS, Mr. Gibson continued his studies at Parsons School of Design, graduating in 1962. He got his master’s at Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1962 to 1968.

Early on, Mr. Gibson developed passions for cars and photography. As a teenager, he realized he could merge the two. On Labor Day Weekend 1958, Mr. Gibson met Formula 1 driver Lucky Casner at Connecticut’s Thompson Raceway. The meeting was one of fortune for Mr. Gibson. Earlier in the year, he had created the SPS Auto Racing Team, consisting of two drivers (himself and Peter de Bretteville ’59), a chief mechanic (Ted Johnson ’59), and a manager (Alston Boyd ’59). The boys sent a letter, adorned with an oval logo of a Ferrari grille overlaid with crossed hockey sticks (in homage to the black ice of Millville), out to Formula 1 teams, hoping to crack the pit crew lineup at a race the following season.

As SPS spring break dawned in March 1959, Mr. Gibson, along with Johnson and Marty McClintock ’59, negotiated the loan of a Ford station wagon from Johnson’s mother. The boys drove 1,400 miles to Sebring, Fla., for the eighth annual Sebring 12 Hour Race. They arrived to discover that Casner had left credentials for unlimited access to the track and the drivers. They soon were crossing paths with auto racing pioneers, including Dan Gurney, Stirling Moss, and Phil Hill.

Mr. Gibson was so close to the action that he soon was able to identify each car’s distinctive exhaust tone with his eyes closed. “You can’t get much closer to racing,” he told Alumni Horae in 2012. “Sometimes I was close to the cars brushing my pant leg.” At some point in his Sixth Form year, Mr. Gibson acquired a record album containing the “sounds of Sebring.” Sitting in his room in the Upper, he would listen to the machines race by, recalling that most of his friends failed to understand his obsession with race cars, though beloved former faculty member Bishop John Walker indulged Mr. Gibson’s interest.

The pull of the racetrack was strong for Mr. Gibson, who spent the next decade laboring in the pits when time permitted, and documenting in Kodachrome the color, speed, and progress of Formula 1. Most of his photographs were stowed away in a box until 2007, when Mr. Gibson and his wife organized the Vanderbilt Concours d’Elegance, an auto show at the Mansions of Newport, R.I., that included the presentation of the inaugural William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. Awards for Lifetime Achievement to racing legends Gurney and Moss.

After graduating from Parsons, Mr. Gibson worked in marketing for Raymond Loewy in New York City. He was later a stockbroker for Smith Barney-American Express in Portland, Maine, vice president of sales and marketing for Bruno Stillman Boats in Portsmouth, N.H., and was involved in raising capital for startups. In more recent years, Mr. Gibson served as vice chairman of the board of World Energy Solutions. In addition, he held a leadership position at Security Traders Association.

On September 5, 1982, Mr. Gibson married Cynthia Clement-Mates. The couple enjoyed more than 35 happy years of marriage, until his death.

Jimmy Gibson loved a good brandy, traveling extensively with his wife, and telling a good story. He maintained many lifelong friendships, including ones with friends from St. Paul’s. Mr. Gibson served SPS as a form director from 1999 to 2004 and as a form agent from 2004 to 2006. He was an eloquent, elegant man and a loving husband.

At heart, Mr. Gibson was a sailor. He loved sailing his 18-foot Hobie Cat and endeavored to make it a Nationals champion. He owned scalloping boats and was for many years a correspondent for National Fisherman, writing about commercial fishing. He was deeply interested in the economics and politics of the industry. He also was the former director of the National Federation of Commercial Fishermen. In 1976, he co-authored Tell it Good-Bye, Kiddo, a book about the decline of the New England offshore fishing industry.

He and Cynthia lived alternately in New York City and York Harbor, Maine, where Mr. Gibson was a member of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen’s Association, of which he served as foreman for 14 years. He was a member of the York Harbor Reading Room, the York Golf Club, Spouting Rock Beach Association, and the New York Yacht Club.

In 2002, the Gibsons moved to Newport, R.I., where Jimmy served on the board of the Seamen’s Church Institute for 10 years.

Mr. Gibson leaves his wife, Cynthia; his sister, Virinda (Gibson) Walsh; his brother, Randall Gibson; his stepbrother, Michael Price; his aunt, Anstiss Smithers; his nephew, Nathaniel Walsh; and his nieces, Henrietta (Walsh) Luneau and Natasha (Gibson) Livits.
Nicholas “Nick” W. Deans

1976

a decorated U.S. Army veteran, died unexpectedly on March 16, 2018, in Fuji, Japan. He was 60.

Mr. Deans was born on Oct. 9, 1957, in New York, N.Y., to Robert B. Deans, Jr. ’43 and Elizabeth Prickett. He attended East Woods School in Oyster Bay, N.Y., before arriving at St. Paul’s School as a Third Former in the fall of 1972. He competed with Delphian and Halcyon.

Mr. Deans attended the University of Vermont, where he earned his B.A. in history in 1980. He enlisted in the Army in 1981, serving 23 years in military intelligence. During that time, he was stationed in Germany for 14 years, North Carolina for five years, and Alaska for four years. He served in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm operations and attended the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, Calif., and learned to speak Polish and Russian. Mr. Deans earned many awards for his service to his country, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the NATO Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Valorous Shield/Desert Storm operations and attended the King School. Mr. Deans’ family tree includes some of the earliest European settlers of what is now the United States, including Elihu Yale, Thomas Hooker, the founder of Hartford, Conn., and soldiers who fought at the Battle of Brandywine in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Plattsburgh in the War of 1812.

Music and sports were important to Mr. Kaynor throughout his life, and that was apparent during his time at St. Paul’s (1974-77). He played guitar in several student bands, gave a recital in the Chapel, and sang in the Choir. He won a starting position on the varsity football team, served as co-captain of the tennis team, and made significant contributions to the wrestling team’s success. He also was a member of the Missionary Society and the Spirit Committee. As a Fourth Former, he won the Frazier Prize which honors excellence in academics and athletics.

Mr. Kaynor accelerated his studies to graduate with the Form of 1977, although he was equally close with members of the Form of 1978. He went on to earn a B.A. in economics and political science at Yale, where he received the Rushmore Prize for high distinction in scholarship and athletics. In addition to rowing with the lightweight crew, he sang with the Alley Cats and the Whiffenpoofs and was a member of Scroll and Key. He later earned a J.D. from the Pritzker School of Law at Northwestern University and an M.B.A. from the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane.

In 1993, Mr. Kaynor married Grace Williams, a former attorney and interior designer with family roots in New Orleans. The couple raised two children, James Granville Kaynor and Phoebe Anne Cox Kaynor.

His law career was long and prestigious and Mr. Kaynor specialized in private equity and mergers and acquisitions as a partner at two international firms: Jones Day and Ropes & Gray. After Hurricane Katrina decimated much of the Gulf Coast in 2005, Mr. Kaynor and his family moved to New Orleans to help the city recover. He took a job with a local law firm, and Mrs. Kaynor opened an ecofriendly home goods store on the city’s famous Magazine Street.

Mr. Kaynor maintained a number of social commitments throughout his life, including memberships in the Pickwick Club, the New Orleans Country Club, the Union Club of New York, the Blue Hill Troupe of New York City, and Wee Burn Country Club of Darien, Conn. In honor of his father-in-law, James Thomas Williams, Mr. Kaynor also was named a member of the Order of Saint Lazarus.

In October 2012, Mr. Kaynor was gravely injured when he was shot outside his New Orleans home by several gang members who robbed his house and stole one of the family’s cars. According to media reports from the time, Mr. Kaynor’s spine was severed by bullets, and he suffered a brain hemorrhage during emergency surgery. He survived but was unable to speak or walk for the rest of his life.

His injuries ended his law career and prevented him from participating in the activities he loved. His many friends, including some from St. Paul’s, rallied to support him, creating a Facebook group to stay in touch about his condition, his family’s financial needs, and the criminal proceedings against his attackers – all of whom are now serving lengthy prison sentences.

In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Kaynor’s survivors include his sister, Laura (Kaynor) Powers; his brother, Frederick Kaynor; and several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express sincere thanks to the doctors and caregivers who aided Mr. Kaynor during the last years of his life.
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