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School prepares to welcome Fourteenth Rector

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Fourteenth Rector Kathleen Carroll Giles. PHOTO | Courtesy Middlesex School
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
The Alumni Association Award: Nominate alumni who are having a major impact on the world. Please include the name of the nominee and information about the contributions he or she has made in service to the greater good.
Nominations should be sent by August 31, 2019, to Alisa Barnard ’94, chief engagement officer and executive director of the Alumni Association, at abarnard@sps.edu.

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FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

A process of renewal

Dear Alumni/ae,

There is no better harbinger of spring than revisit days. At independent schools from coast to coast, families are visiting secondary schools, trying them on for size, with a goal of determining the fit. Parents and children are trying to project themselves into the School community and are imagining what it would be like to accept the offer.

For those on the other side of this process, revisit days are exciting. This is because we get invested in those who apply to St. Paul’s. We become acquainted with applicants through essays and interviews, and we collectively hold our breath and hope accepted students will say “yes” to our offer.

At St. Paul’s, we host our newly-accepted-but-not-yet-admitted families over two days, punctuated with a bevy of activities designed to give them a sample of our community. We invite them to Chapel and mini classes, provide Q&A panels, stage a talent show, and invite those considering SPS to ask us anything about the School.

The presence of our accepted students on campus reminds us that we are in a constant state of institutional renewal, that our population changes every year, and that with those changes come new challenges and new responsibilities.

We already have begun planning for the upcoming school year. Our planning for SY 2019-20 began in July of 2018, with the appointment of Kathy Giles as Fourteenth Rector. In our effort to ensure this upcoming transition in leadership is as seamless as possible, Kathy and I maintain a weekly phone call. I created a Google document last fall – a running blog shared with Kathy – to record my observations and suggestions for next year. She has visited campus several times, and has had her hand in several hires and initiatives.

We also have begun to put into place the structures, people, and programs that will shape the years to come. In addition to admitting a new crop of students and hiring new teachers and administrators, we are thinking about changes to the student experience that will sharpen our focus and enhance those experiences. How can we improve upon the student experience? What new courses should we offer? How do we deepen the meaning in those courses? How do we bring more of the world to SPS and take SPS further into the world? How do we improve the communications between the School, its parent population, and its alumni/alumnae?

Our preparations for another academic year are well underway. Kathy’s arrival as the first permanent female Rector at St. Paul’s School ensures that it will be an auspicious year. We have begun to look forward, map our institutional direction, and contemplate a renewed vision.

As St. Paul’s begins the process of renewal, I begin the process of letting go, once again, of St. Paul’s School. I find myself starting to think about next year and what the future holds for me. My return to SPS as Interim Rector was, for me, serendipitous, surprising, and utterly joyful. My departure, therefore, is provoking pangs. I suspect I will miss Millville more as a result of this second set of goodbyes. I find comfort, however, in the knowledge that I leave the School in extraordinarily skilled and knowledgeable hands, that the SPS community is populated by talented and dedicated adults, who are committed to helping our students in their process of becoming adults, informed citizens, empathetic and humble leaders, and good environmental stewards. I will watch the continued evolution of St. Paul’s School from a distance, but it will never be far from my heart.

Sincerely,

Amy C. Richards
Reflecting on Co-education

Summit Brings Female SPS Community Together for Weekend of Conversation

The April 12-13 Summit welcomed 85 women and girls, including 49 alumnae, 20 current SPS students, and 16 current and former female faculty members. Participants represented 30 different forms, between 1972 and 2022. On the docket: The women of St. Paul’s School, then and now. The events of the weekend were captured in real time by graphic facilitator Gretchen MacKinnon of Collective Next.

Jana F. Brown

Nestled in the Chapel of St. Paul, a group of alumnae and current female students and faculty joined together in singing the School Hymn. Their collective voices provided a fitting start to a day devoted to the women and girls of St. Paul’s School.

As they walked between the Old Chapel and The Friedman Community Center for a day of panels and discussions, several women commented that it was the first time they could remember a rendition of “Love Divine” that did not include male voices.

The alumnae returned to St. Paul’s to join with current SPS girls and current and former female faculty in sharing their stories, reflecting on co-education, and envisioning a future for the School in which women feeling as empowered as their male counterparts is the norm. The two-day event for women began on Friday evening, April 12, with a reception and dinner for attending alumnae at Crumpacker Boathouse, where Dr. T.J. Dumansky, humanities faculty member and chaplain, delivered a keynote address on the importance of history and intergenerational storytelling.

Once gathered in Raffini Commons after the April 13 Chapel service, participants launched into a series of panels and discussions, including a conversation between three alumnae mothers and their SPS daughters. Participants included Laurel Abbruzzese ’86 and her daughter, Chloe ’22; Lisa Hughes ’78 and her daughter, Olivia ’19; and Alison Cody ’88 and her daughter, Isabel ’20. Hilary Bedford Parkhurst ’80, herself the mother of three SPS graduates, acted as moderator.

Topics discussed in the mother/daughter panel included an assessment of the SPS experience – past and present, the benefits of single-gender housing for girls, and the pressures on alumnae as they enter the world beyond St. Paul’s.

The morning’s second panel featured a discussion between students and faculty on the lived experience of women at SPS today. Faculty panelists included Alisa Barnard ’94, chief engagement officer and executive director of the Alumni Association, Myra Singletary, associate director for college.
advising, and Laura Hrasky, math teacher and adviser to the Student Council. Student participants were Katharine Henderson ’19, Mary Grace Beastrom ’21, Olivia Carter ’19, and Emily Abbruzzese ’19. Student Council President Estela Lancome Franca ’19 acted as moderator.

Questions posed to the second panel rang with familiarity from the first, including: What is it like to be a girl at St. Paul’s? How has being a woman affected the way you see the world at SPS and elsewhere? The student panelists referred to the “sisterhood” that exists among the female students of St. Paul’s, particularly in the single-gender dormitory environment. They spoke of the fledgling Young Women’s Club as a space for females on campus to come together and of “taking the good with the bad” when it comes to being female at St. Paul’s. The good includes, for those who are members of the girls crew program, a daily e-mail from their male coach that opens: “Dear Strong, Powerful Women.”

“Those little things in our everyday life,” one of the girls said, “make being a woman on campus feel awesome.” On the flip side, the students talked about areas in which there is room for improvement.

“One thing SPS needs to work on,” another girl added, “is understanding that, while we are co-ed, the culture is oriented toward the boys here. It’s not a conscious thing. It’s still a male-oriented campus, and I would love to see that shift more.”

Other topics included the status of healthy relationships on campus, how to embolden young women amid the social pressure of boarding school, and the School’s current policy on sexual intimacy.

“This is an empowering space,” said one of the students on the panel. “Seeing the women here today, having events like this, is helpful. There is a cycle of support. Feminism means equality across genders.”

In the afternoon, Interim Rector Amy Richards introduced a 90-minute “visioning exercise.” Attendees self-selected into small groups around their chosen topics. They were instructed to suggest action steps for the School toward achieving the recommended goals. A designated facilitator then reported each group’s consensus. Discussion topics included role modeling for younger generations; sisterhood; women of color; empowering female students and cultivating female leadership; dismantling the class hierarchy; empowering LGBTQ+ sisters; alumnae networking; and healthy relationships on campus.

In her closing remarks to the women and girls assembled, Richards remarked, “I sense a heightened awareness of the significance of role models in general and the impact role models have upon those whose identities are outside the majority. We at SPS, in envisioning this future, need to step forward and be those mentors and provide that type of support system.”
The work of St. Paul’s School fine arts faculty members is on display at the Crumpacker Gallery this spring. The show, featuring the department’s seven members, opened with a reception on April 5, and will be on display through June 1.

One of the guiding principles of the St. Paul’s School Fine Arts program is to ensure that teachers, just as students, remain involved in the artistic process. All members of the department are practicing artists, who work alongside the students they teach and outside of the classroom – on their own creative endeavors – when their schedules allow.

According to an introductory statement for the show, written by Arts Department Chair and Crumpacker Gallery Director Colin Callahan, “By remaining involved in the creative artistic process, we find that we can learn new and exciting techniques and methods, while also leading our students by example. And, since art is not private, a public exhibit is an essential part of the artistic process. For this reason, we rotate the gallery exhibition schedule and display walls in the fine arts building to include the artwork of students, visiting artists, and our fine arts faculty.”

This current exhibition of faculty art includes work done in glass, ceramics, painting, drawing, video, and photography by fine arts faculty members Colin Callahan, Brian Schroyer, Rebecca Soderberg ‘94, Leigh Kaulbach ’08, Nanda Soderberg, Charlie Lemay, and Gabriel Avis. Along with the artwork, department members assembled text panels of phrases, thoughts, and advice that they, as artists and teachers, consider when working in their own studios or with their students.

“Whether they be deeply philosophical or humorous,” Callahan's introduction continues, "they are all snippets of wisdom, reminding us of some of the key aspects of the artistic process."
Crumpacker Gallery Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition
Embracing the Artistic Process

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School Names CFO/COO

Dr. Brooks Seay brings leadership experience to SPS

Dr. Caroline “Brooks” Seay has joined St. Paul’s School as its new chief operating and financial officer. She replaces Michelle Chicoine, who retired in October 2018 after 17 years of service to the School.

“Our search for a top administrator to oversee the School’s endowment, facilities, and business operations brought many candidates to our door,” says Interim Rector Amy Richards. “In Brooks, we are fortunate to have found such an experienced administrator, one who has been deeply immersed in all of the critical aspects of oversight required for the successful operation of a residential educational environment.”

Most recently, Seay (pronounced “See”) served as senior vice president of finance and operations/CFO and interim president at Young Harris College, a four-year liberal arts school in Northern Georgia. Seay brings more than 30 years of experience to SPS, half of them in schools. She began her career in education in 2003 at Emory University in Atlanta, where she was chief business officer and associate dean for the School of Law.

Seay holds her Ed.D. from the University of Georgia, her M.B.A. from Emory University, and her J.D. from Georgia State University. Prior to her work in education, Seay served as chief operating and financial officer at Ashe & Rafuse, LLP, chief financial officer at Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, and controller for Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP, all in Atlanta. She also is a CPA, a member of the Georgia Bar, and a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers. She lives on the SPS grounds with her partner, Michelle, and their three dogs, all of whom are new to New England winters.

“St. Paul’s is an outstanding academic institution with a global reputation that is both diverse and progressive,” she says. “The School is a thriving, complex, and sophisticated financial institution with an engaged board of trustees, remarkable faculty, and talented senior leadership and staff. It’s great to be part of a community where what we do is centered around the needs of the students.”

Fresh Start for Student Newspaper

The Pelican flies again, provides online presence

Much has changed since The Pelican published its first issue on September 19, 1945. The state of journalism has evolved over the last five years ago, not to mention the last 74.

As students of today aim to put their own mark on the paper’s history, the definition of success remains the same. An editorial from that first issue, at the dawn of World War II, read: “There is only one way in which it [The Pelican] can be a success and form a helpful addition to the School: that is by the wholehearted support of all the students, not only by writing for it, but also by boosting it in any way possible.”

“I was looking through some old photos of SPS and was surprised to see students all reading The Pelican,” says Khu-an-Yu Hall ’21, one of the students bringing The Pelican into a new era with a web and multimedia presence. “It’s hard to replicate that, but one of our goals is to engage the whole community, like the paper once did.”

To do this, says faculty adviser Elizabeth Engelhardt, The Pelican had to begin a new chapter. “We want to think about The Pelican as a local newspaper. I’m hoping to impress on the students the importance of knowing what is going on in your own community.”

Engelhardt also points out that the country views and interacts with news much differently than it did a decade ago, and that The Pelican’s practices as a publication need to change with those trends. To start, the staff will focus on creating its online presence at pelicanonline.sps.edu.

While there is no set date to publish a printed version, Engelhardt and the student writers hope to do so as soon as possible.

Staff writer Isabel Maney ’21 took an interest in journalism after watching the popular HBO series The Newsroom. “We’re working on establishing our presence on campus,” Maney says. “We want to have a student perspective on what is happening at SPS to give students more ownership of their experience here.”

Maney smiles as she conjures up an image of The Pelican as a Sunday brunch paper, read by students in common areas as they relax and talk together while preparing for a new week. The faces will be different, but she hopes it will look a lot like the photos from bygone years.

>Adds reporter Linda Pang ’21, “It’s important for students to express themselves in ways that can be heard by the whole community.”
Rowing Tank Enhances SPS Crew Training

Newly dedicated rowing space a stroke of generosity

In a room that used to house high jump mats and floor hockey equipment now sits one of the most state-of-the-art pieces of athletic technology at St. Paul’s School. Thanks to a team of donors, who gave $600,000, and those with a vision for the future of the SPS rowing program, a crowd of more than 70 crew-loving students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered in the Athletic & Fitness Center for the dedication of the new rowing tank on March 30.

“To have this tank is a significant enhancement to our training – our teams will benefit from this for many years,” said The Reverend Michael Spencer, vice rector for faculty and head girls crew coach. “I am so grateful to those who generously gave to this facility and who have given to us the even greater gift of working with their sons and daughters.”

The new facility also acts as a self-coaching tool of sorts, allowing novice rowers to gain confidence in a controlled environment before heading out to Turkey Pond. That hits especially close to home for the four current crew captains, none of whom had ever taken a single stroke in a crew shell prior to arriving at St. Paul’s.

“This team’s mentality of working from the base of novices is part of what makes the tank so perfect for our program,” said boys crew captain Angus Gruner ’19 at the dedication. “By getting new rowers ready to transition out to the water, our first and second boats are immediately not just pushing themselves, but are pushed by more skilled novice crews.”

The facility is not the first of its kind at SPS, as Big Red rowers trained in a tank located in the basement of the old gymnasium dating back to the 1950s. The Athletic & Fitness Center, which opened in 2004, included a dedicated ergometer room, but Mother Nature still dictated when crew practices would begin on Turkey Pond.

It wasn’t until lead donor Henry Livingston ’63, a Halcyon and patriarch of a family of SPS rowers, proposed the idea in 2017 that the project started to take shape. The belief of Livingston and his wife, Susan, in the benefit of having a rowing tank, and their work to engage the people needed to move the project forward, has resulted in an asset that will serve student rowers for decades.
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The SPS girls hockey team finished at 17-10-1 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NEPSAC tournament as the sixth seed, where they fell to Nobles, 3-2, in overtime. Highlights included winning the Joshua Weeks New Year’s Invitational and finishing second at the Avon Old Farms Christmas Classic. Goalie Andy Beran ’19 (All-New England East) backstopped a formidable SPS defense and led all NEPSAC goaltenders with a .944 save percentage. Beran and Teddy McElaney ’19 were named All-Lakes Region. Eric Simson ’19 (16g, 17a) and Julien Menes ’19 (18g, 7a) led the offense.

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Winter Athletics
Big Red Sports: Winter Winners

Teams win three Lakes Region titles; earn top-10 finishes at U.S. High School Team Squash Championships

SPS TODAY
NORDIC SKIING
The girls Nordic team finished second at the Lakes Region Championships to cap a strong season. Lauren Henderson ’19 (10th) and Annie Lee ’19 (11th) led the charge for the Big Red. The duo earned All-New England honors.

The SPS boys turned in a successful season highlighted by a fourth-place showing at the Lakes Region Championships. Cal Schrupp ’19 successfully defended his league championship and finished his season undefeated. Teammate Finn Sias ’20 earned All-New England recognition as well.

PHOTOS | Karen Bobotas, Brian Geary

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Basketball Milestone
Burrows ’19 Scores 1,000th Point

When the shot went through the hoop, and Adia Burrows ’19 turned around to play defense, there was a moment when she nearly forgot what had just happened. As the buzzer sounded, Burrows’s teammates flooded the court; with three minutes remaining in the first half of the Big Red’s game against visiting Beaver Country Day School, she had just become the second 1,000-point scorer in St. Paul’s School girls basketball history.

“When they buzzed the horn, I cried happy tears. It was emotional because not a lot of people have this opportunity, and I was really proud of myself.”

With the milestone out of the way, Burrows went on to score a season-high 24 points in a 63-58 victory over Beaver on the Big Red’s Senior Night. Burrows is the first girls basketball player to hit the 1,000-point milestone since Stefanie Sparks ’01 earned her 1,000th point as a Fifth Former in February of 2000.

Burrows came to SPS from Wilton, Conn., at 13, and was one of the youngest players on the court in her first season. She never let that stop her, as the challenge of playing against older, better competition is something she has relished since she began playing basketball in North Carolina at the age of five. She led the team with 13.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game in her final season at SPS.

“She has had a standout senior year,” says SPS girls basketball coach Jennifer Fithian. “Her enthusiasm and effort on both ends of the court are contagious.”

PHOTOS | Karen Bobotas, Brian Geary

Adia Burrows ’19 (c.) is only the second 1,000-point scorer in SPS girls basketball history.
The Reverend Charles Halsey "Kelly" Clark, a kind and gentle man, a respected leader, Episcopal priest, and theological educator, beloved within the St. Paul's School community and beyond, died in Exeter, N.H., on March 11, 2019. He was 92 years old.

Born on December 2, 1926, in New York City, Kelly was the son of Martha Keck Clark and Alfred Marling Clark. He grew up in Coronado, Calif., attending the Francis Parker School in San Diego and the Thacher School in Ojai.

In 1944, Kelly enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps V12 program at UCLA, later graduating in 1948 from Yale. He earned his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1951 and was ordained priest in the Diocese of New York in December of 1952.

In 1953, Kelly married Priscilla, another native Californian and student at the Yale Divinity School. With Priscilla and her daughter, Pamela, the couple began a wonderful 66-year partnership. From 1953 to 1957, Kelly served as assistant chaplain at Yale, lecturer in Old and New Testaments, and director of Yale's International Student Center. During that time, he received an M.A. in Old Testament studies from Yale in 1956.

For 20 years, from 1957 to 1977, Kelly worked for the Overseas Department of the Episcopal Church, living from 1957 to 1967 in Singapore, where he served as canon at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, as a faculty member of Trinity Theological College, and as Warden of St. Peter's Hall. He spent an additional 10 years as the dean of St. Andrew's Theological Seminary and dean of Trinity College, Quezon City, Philippines, where he co-founded the South East Asia Institute of Music and Liturgy.

Kelly returned to the United States in 1977 to become dean of Berkeley Divinity School and an associate dean of the Yale Divinity School. In 1982, Kelly and Priscilla moved to Concord, N.H., for Kelly to begin his Rectorship at St. Paul's. He would later share that he was drawn to the School both for its mission and for the beautiful fields and ponds that dot the campus.

As the Ninth Rector, Kelly led 10 happy, fulfilling years among the students, faculty, and families of SPS. During his tenure as Rector, Kelly Clark oversaw the building of Ohrstrom Library, renovation and enlargement of Payson, construction of the new astronomy observatories, Warren House, and indoor tennis courts, and an extensive rehabilitation of the School's older buildings – the Schoolhouse, student and faculty houses, and both Chapels among them. He also initiated the establishment of the exchange program with Eton College, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul, and emphasized a focus on student health and wellness. In a biography of her husband, Priscilla Clark called the couple's time at St. Paul's "ten of the happiest and most meaningful years of our lives."


Kelly Clark becomes Ninth Rector of St. Paul's School.

Review of the curriculum. [1983-84]

Construction of new wing on Payson and renewal of Gordon Rink; plans formulated for a renovation of Sheldon Library and refurbishment of the Old Chapel.

Astronomy Center and Enders Resource Center dedicated.

10-year re-accreditation by NEASC. [1986-87]
his tenure, Kelly oversaw a number of renovations of dormitories and classroom spaces, as well as the restoration of key buildings from the early years of the School. The construction and dedication of Ohrstrom Library in 1991 were conducted under his watch. Also of particular note were the 1988 celebrations surrounding the 100th anniversary of the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul. On May 12, 1988, Kelly helped dedicate the “Newest Window” to commemorate the Chapel’s centennial. Kelly and Priscilla personally checked on the window’s progress when they visited German stained-glass artist Hans Gottfried von Stockhausen in the summer of 1987. The window’s theme of education was meant to encourage students “to grow to their highest aspirations, from beginnings however small.”

Kelly also was proud to have initiated a June 1991 conference – “Institute on Values” – which drew headmasters and educators from near and far to St. Paul’s for a series of lectures and discussions about educational values.

Upon his “retirement” from St. Paul’s, Kelly served as interim rector at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, New York City, and then as Vicar of St. John the Evangelist in Dunbarton, N.H. In 2010, Kelly and Priscilla moved to the Riverwoods Retirement Community in Exeter, N.H.

Throughout his life, Kelly received several honorary degrees and served on the boards of schools and organizations, including the Thacher School, the White Mountain School, and the Yale in China Program and as chairman of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. An avid sportsman, Kelly was a champion tennis player all his life and a great horseman, including playing on the Singapore polo team. He remained connected to the St. Paul’s School community, performing too many wedding ceremonies to count, many for alumni from all over the world, who sought him out to preside over their special days.

Kelly was a gentle, kind, and beloved human being, always gracious, a true teacher, an elegant athlete, a devoted priest, and missionary of the Gospel. He had a great sense of humor. He loved his family and friends, dogs, horses, tennis, poetry, music, acting, dancing, and the beach. He loved God and was devoted to following God’s call wherever that led him, faithfully pastoring all the communities under his care.

Kelly is survived by his wife, Priscilla; four children, Martha, Nathaniel, Mary, and Anne; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Pamela.
The death of Ninth Rector Kelly Clark on March 11, 2019, at the age of 92, prompted an outpouring of memories from alumni and friends of the School. Those who knew Kelly recall his gentle nature and his devotion to God and family. In the years since his 1992 retirement from St. Paul’s, he remained connected to the School community, returning for events, such as the 2004 Baccalaureate, where he delivered the address for the graduating Sixth Form, and performing too many wedding ceremonies to count for alumni across the world.

Here we offer a tribute to Kelly, through reflections from four alumni and excerpts from that 1992 Baccalaureate address. Said one alumnus in his tribute to Kelly, “The connection we shared with Reverend Clark – distinctly felt by generations, strengthened with perspective over time, and continuously inspiring to service – also links those who mourn his passing.”

**AROUND THE SEASHELL TABLE**

Annie White ’91

Kelly Clark with Annie White ’91.

**HIS FAITH IN US MADE US BETTER**

Jim Frates ’85

“Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things. The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw...these things do. And the God of Peace shall be with you.”

– Philippians 4: 8-9

I can still hear these words in Kelly’s voice in the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul. In the years since my graduation from St. Paul’s, I have heard them many times, but no one could speak them like Kelly.

Whether you were religious or not, Kelly Clark was a person you had to respect. He was a man who lived his vocation to its fullest, like watching George Tracy teach Shakespeare or Rich Davis coach crew. For all of us in the Form of 1985 Kelly was our Rector. We came to Millville together, and I believe we all remember him and Priscilla with special esteem. His tall figure and broad shoulders created a memorable first impression, but his gentleness quickly came through. The soft hello, the quick and lasting handshake. I think his grace and presence made us all a little intimidated at first, but we came to know a man who wanted to connect, who lingered hand in hand, in the most genuine desire for human connection and warmth.

Trust. Faith. Honesty. Confidence. Fidelity. Clarity of purpose. Unconditional love. These are all qualities adolescents need to see. Kelly, in his work and his marriage, embodied and exemplified them for us. Now, 37 years on from my first fall at St. Paul’s, 22 years married, and the father of two teenagers, I understand Kelly’s appeal to us as students even more; he saw the good in all of us and his faith in us made us better.

Rest In Peace, Charles Halsey Clark. You cared for your flock with all your heart and soul. And the God of peace shall be with you.

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– Aslan, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis

In September 1987, I arrived at St. Paul’s as a Third Former. My parents and I walked the brick path to the Rectory, where new students were to meet The Reverend Kelly Clark.

When my turn came, I was struck by his regality as he shook my hand through our entire exchange. That fall, my friends and I spent Saturday nights at the Rectory around the seashell coffee table, comforted by Mrs. Clark’s lemon poppy seed cake.

The vagaries of adolescence landed me in Reverend Clark’s office during Fourth Form. He counseled me with compassion, wisdom, and hope. Although our deeper relationship initially evolved from a school transgression, it was my most meaningful experience at SPS. My favorite class was his C.S. Lewis course, which I took in Sixth Form with Rosie O’Donnell, Jamie Koven, and Mrs. Clark, too. Around the Rectory fireplace, we drank Earl Grey tea and discussed Mere Christianity and The Screwtape Letters. I listened with a sense of gratitude and redemption.

The Clarks departed from SPS the year after we graduated. Our form was fortunate to come together for reunions at their new home. I had the honor of staying
with them and maintaining our relationship into adulthood. Eventually, Rosie and I visited Kelly and Priscilla at their retirement community in Exeter, N.H. Again, we sat around their seashell table and shared tea. After years of hearing about their daughter, Annie, I had the privilege of meeting her at our 25th reunion in 2016. That was when I saw Kelly for the last time; back in the Rectory, where it all began.

As August Heckscher wrote in *A Brief History of St. Paul's School*, the Rector really was a “beloved pastor, the true shepherd of his flock.” For those of us at St. Paul's during Kelly Clark’s stewardship, we were blessed with his divinity and grace.

**MY LIFELONG PASTOR**

Marcy Chong ’91

*Confirmation*

The easiest place to recall Kelly Clark and hear his warm, steady voice is in the Chapel. My enduring memory of him took place during an ordinary morning talk, when Kelly described experiencing the presence of Jesus Christ, who appeared to him as he sat in his student apartment in New Haven, Conn. He calmly and clearly shared with us the inexplicable fact of being visited by a holy presence, which confirmed his calling to the ministry. Is there another person who could move so easily between worlds as Kelly Clark? Who else could speak in a golden California voice to a chapel full of distracted, skeptical adolescents and share something so personal and remarkable? As an undergrad, I happened to live in that same apartment building for a couple of years, and I wondered whether in another age it would have become a destination for pilgrims and miracle-seekers. When my children have asked me whether I actually believe in God, I tell them that I do believe in Kelly’s account.

*Marriage*

My husband and I procrastinated asking Kelly to officiate our wedding at St. Margaret’s Church in Washington D.C. We weren’t sure how to go about asking him to marry us. At our first pre-Cana meeting with our minister in D.C., she introduced us to a newly ordained minister with a warm smile and a beautifully smooth voice. It turned out, she was none other than Kelly’s daughter, Martha, who resembles both Kelly and Priscilla in uncanny ways. It was not until we were standing in the chapel in front of the altar with Kelly that I understood the rite of marriage. Up until that point, it was all details and decorations. The moment I was wedded to my husband was not the moment of exchanging rings or vows, but when Kelly wrapped his stole around our hands and firmly placed his hands around ours. I can still feel the energy of his hands holding ours together.

**Birth**

Kelly Christened our daughter, Josephine, at his tiny church in Dunbarton, N.H., where the organ was operated by a hand pump. He gave her the gift of a metal fish and a seashell. He shared his favorite hymn, “O for a thousand tongues to sing,” which will always bring him to mind. Afterward, we spent time drinking coffee and eating Priscilla’s poppy seed cake in the parlor. Every time we returned to St. John’s, we found fellowship with alumni and faculty friends who were faithful followers of Kelly.

**Death**

Our last visit with Kelly and Priscilla was too long ago. We shared blueberry pie made from berries we had picked and scones someone else had brought them from Scotland. They were busy with a lively new dog (a golden Lab, of course) and the ups and downs of children and grandchildren. Kelly loaned us a book we never managed to return: *How We Die: Reflections on Life’s Final Chapter*. We left feeling nothing but gratitude for his spirit and his life.

**A CONNECTION DISTINCTLY FELT BY GENERATIONS**

Jay Truesdale ’92


His parents were neighbors of my great-grandparents in Coronado, Calif., he outplayed my grandfather on the tennis court during their school breaks, and he was my grandfather’s college classmate and his fellow Navy officer in the Pacific theater. After the war, they lived on opposite sides of the world,
but when the topic of my schooling arose years later, my grandfather offered unequivocal advice: “You should be at St. Paul’s with Kelly.”

We first met when I arrived at the Rectory as a new Fifth Former. I had not expected the man who stood in front of me; notably tall, gracefully formal, humbly in charge. To his right was Priscilla, who whispered, barely audibly, in his ear, “That’s Chic’s grandson.” This wasn’t the first or last time Priscilla reminded Kelly about the name or background of a student, to whom he would then turn his full attention and proceed with words that conveyed the deepest care and sincerity.

Those brief years at St. Paul’s were golden; at least, that’s what is seared in my memory. We were challenged and supported spiritually and intellectually, with endless opportunities to grow and explore. The Clarks remained at the center of it all: Cricket Holiday, Chapel prayers, thoughtful sermons, poppy seed cake, C.S. Lewis seminars, “Love Divine.” This was so much so that the announcement of Kelly’s retirement jolted our community, which then oriented itself around the future of SPS “after the Clarks.” Our form had the privilege of remaining somewhat aloof to the impending transition, since we were, in Kelly’s words, graduating together.

The Clarks cheerfully referred to the Form of 1992 as their own when, every five years on Anniversary Weekend, we reunited for joyous barn parties at their home on Long Pond Road. Over time, Kelly married many of us, baptized our children, and even presided at our memorial services. Several of us remained in close touch along the way, seeing him and Priscilla on Sundays in Dunbarton for services at St. John the Evangelist, whose antique pump organ once resided in the Old Chapel and lifted Kelly’s baritone voice.

Hearing of Kelly’s death, formmates reached out to describe the impact he had on us:

“He was one of the most wonderful human beings I’ve had the good fortune to know. He will be missed and yet he lives on in the hearts of tens of thousands.”

“While Kelly’s voice has been in my head for 25 years, it is especially loud today”

“A mythic human being, he was…and we were all so blessed to have known him.”

“He was one of the best people I’ve ever known. He had such a saintly presence, and his warmth and kindness were such an inspiration to me.”

The connection we shared with Reverend Clark – distinctly felt by generations, strengthened with perspective over time, and continuously inspiring to service – also links those who mourn his passing. We give thanks for the life and friendship of Kelly, and for the many benefits of our affiliation with St. Paul’s under his holy stewardship. He and Priscilla made all of us a part of their beautiful family. His physical presence is deeply missed, but his legacy will remain with us forever.
Baccalaureate, June 4, 2004

“To you has been given the knowledge of the Secrets of the Kingdom of God”

On the occasion of the graduation of his grandson, Thomas Boothby ’04, Kelly Clark delivered the Baccalaureate address as he did throughout his tenure as Rector. Here, as reported in 2004 by Alumni Horae Editor Jana Brown, Kelly emphasized the potential of the graduates to make a difference, the power of Christian faith, and the important mission and history of St. Paul’s School.

Jana F. Brown

Prior to the commencement of the Form of 2004, The Reverend Charles Halsey Clark, Ninth Rector, addressed the graduates, parents, faculty, and friends at the Baccalaureate service in the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul. The Reverend Clark spoke of the Chapel as a “much-loved place at the heart of St. Paul’s School.”

In his remarks, Mr. Clark spoke directly to the 132 graduating members of the Form of 2004. “You have done well and have every right to be pleased with yourselves,” he said.

Mr. Clark went on to acknowledge the mixed emotions swirling in the minds of the graduates, with charged anticipation for the future mingling with pain and sadness at the thought of leaving Millville behind. Mr. Clark referred in his speech to a memorial bench that rests in the woods surrounding the School. The plaque reads: “He heard the whispered secrets of those woods and waters.”

“I think you have heard them, too,” said Mr. Clark. The Ninth Rector continued by recalling his own high school graduation from California-based Thacher School on June 6, 1944. Sixty years ago, Mr. Clark and his fellow Thacher graduates awoke to then-President Dwight Eisenhower reporting that U.S. troops had landed at Normandy. Three weeks later, he and his classmates each had been inducted into one or another of the U.S. armed forces – Mr. Clark into the U.S. Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps V12 program.

“We arose on the morning of our commencement as schoolboys,” he told the Form of 2004, “we left Thacher later that day as men – or at least that’s how the world took us – and what a dark and dangerous world it was. I wish I could say the world you are entering is a safer and brighter place than it appears. I suggest that you can and must help to change the world. I can’t imagine who is better prepared to make the world better, more just, and a safer place in which to live.”

Mr. Clark built to a conclusion of his remarks by explaining the theme for one of the stained glass windows – The Newest Window – installed on May 12, 1988, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul. Mr. Clark worked diligently with an artist to come up with a design fit to honor the School and its namesake.

“The artist and I spent a number of hours together here in the Chapel of St. Peter and St. Paul and elsewhere on the grounds of the School,” Mr. Clark said. “We both wanted to create something that would portray the genius of a school bearing the name of the great Apostle and teacher, St. Paul, and one that would reveal the true and abiding purpose of its curriculum. So we came to an agreement that the window would contain two appropriate scenes – the conversion of the Apostle, himself, somehow linked with a depiction of the Parable of the Sower with his seeds and soils.”

“To you has been given the knowledge of the Secrets of the Kingdom of God,” Mr. Clark said. “Those are the words that appear in the window above the image of the Sower who went out to sow. And I want you to know that those words are for you, candidates for the diploma of St. Paul’s School.”

Mr. Clark asked the graduates to consider the connection between those words of Jesus and the words Henry Augustus Coit chose as the School’s very first mission statement, “Let us learn those things on earth the knowledge of which continues in heaven.”

“Take with you the secrets on which the School was founded to secure for you,” he urged the Sixth Form of 2004. “Faith, hope, love, love divine (all loves excelling) – these are the seeds of the anticipated harvest sown in this place, where your hearts as well as your brains have gone to school.”
A CONVERSATION WITH

Kathy Giles

School prepares to welcome Fourteenth Rector

ELIZA GRISWOLD ’91 AND ANNE FULENWIDER ’90

On July 1, 2019, Kathleen Carroll “Kathy” Giles will become the Fourteenth Rector of St. Paul’s School. The SPS Board of Trustees unanimously approved her appointment last summer. Kathy brings in-depth experience and appreciation for the merits of boarding school life to her role as Rector. Since 2003, she has served as head of school at the Middlesex School in Concord, Mass. Prior to that, from 1990 to 2003, she worked at the Groton School in a variety of roles, including dean of academic affairs, college adviser, English teacher, and coach.

Kathy holds her M.Ed. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and her A.B. in English and American literature and languages from Harvard. She played hockey for the Crimson and, as a senior, broke Harvard’s single-season scoring record at the time with 50 points on 23 goals and 27 assists. Kathy has been married to her husband, Ralph Giles, since 1985. They have three grown children, Kaitlyn, Daniel, and Eileen, and three dogs, Breezy, Tucker, and Lucy.
Kathy Giles sat down with Alumni Horae Advisory Board members Eliza Griswold ’91 and Anne Fulenwider ’90 for a conversation about her life in education, her leadership style, and her hopes for St. Paul’s School in the future. Additional thoughts incorporated into this conversation were shared by Kathy in her February Chapel talk to SPS students.

Alumni Horae: Tell us a bit about yourself and your arrival here as Fourteenth Rector.

KATHY GILES: [My parents] moved us when we were small to Portland, Maine, and we grew up there and loved it. I graduated from Portland High School, went to Harvard, and did the student-athlete thing there as a hockey player. I loved music but really loved athletics, too. After I graduated from college, I had an acceptance to law school but knew I wanted a year off. While I was at Harvard playing on the women’s ice hockey team, periodically we would play the prep school teams. During my senior year, we scrimmaged the Groton girls varsity. My coach, John Dooley, introduced me to Groton’s coaches and later encouraged me to think about applying for a job at Groton. I ended up at Groton on a one-year internship in the English Department and coaching field hockey, ice hockey, and crew. I met this awesome young math teacher, Ralph, and we ended up getting married during the fall of my first year in law school. We lived at Groton with 12 senior boys and 39 ninth grade boys while I was in law school. I continued coaching ice hockey and, after that, I clerked for the [Honorable Vincent McKusick of the Supreme Judicial Court for the State of Maine]. By this time, we had two small children, and I couldn’t figure out how to be the kind of parent I wanted to be and a lawyer in Boston.

We went back to Groton School, and Ralph became the athletic director, and I jumped into the college office. We had really wonderful opportunities under Bill Polk, who’s just a legend in the school world.

We had a third child, and our eldest decided that, instead of going to Groton, she wanted to go to Middlesex. So she went, we sent the tuition check, and about a week later the Search Committee called [about the head of school job]. We had already done the due diligence on the school, and we followed her to Middlesex – it’s been 16 terrific years there.

We have three children. Our eldest, who got married a couple of years ago, is with Excel Academy in Boston. Our son is a playwright in Brooklyn, and he has an awesome boyfriend, who is a journalist. Our youngest works for National Cathedral School. She’s getting married three days before we move in June.

I made my first trip to St. Paul’s as the JV girls ice hockey coach for Groton School in the winter of 1985. Perhaps a more memorable visit, three years later, was when my then-six-month-old daughter and I stayed over in Scudder, while my good friend and assistant coach stayed with our varsity girls hockey team in the old wrestling room while we played in the December hockey tournament. My husband, Ralph, will never forget his first visit to St. Paul’s in the fall of 1971 when, as a freshman playing for the Groton boys JV soccer team, he suffered what he to this day remembers as his worst athletic defeat ever – high school and college, playing and coaching – a 6-0 loss on that soccer field near the visitors’ parking lot.

AH: What is it about this School that draws you here?

KG: I believe that all organizations benefit from new energy and new vision and that the timing is right for Middlesex to benefit from a change. Ralph and I are thrilled to be coming to St. Paul’s, as we have long admired the people that make this school so great – because the heart and soul of any school, no matter how beautiful the grounds or the buildings, are its people. We’re very straightforward. I actually really love school and work a lot. Ralph and I are career school people, and we love kids, and we’ve spent our entire professional lives in these boarding schools, and we believe in them. So, we’re excited to come. Ralph will retire. He’s been the head of the Math Department at the Fenn School for the past 14 years.

AH: What is your aspiration for St. Paul’s? What do you envision for the future?

KG: I’ve been asked a lot already about what my vision is for St. Paul’s, and while I hate to disappoint people, there’s no mystery – it’s the same as everyone’s here. We want this school to be the best St. Paul’s School that it can be, the best that we can make it. The best days of this great school are out in front of it.”
**AH:** St. Paul's is 100 percent residential. How do you see the role of the residential community now?

**KG:** There was an article in the *Times* [recently]. I think it was called “Bad News, the Helicopter Parents are Winning.” And the gist of this article is that parents who don’t let their kids hang out on screens the whole time, who trot them around to lessons and games and practices, see more successful kids. That’s the boarding school recipe, right?

A lot of schools like to talk about their whole-child approach. But the residential school is a uniquely whole-child approach place – school values don’t really mean anything until the kids start reflecting them in their decisions and in the ways they treat others. The fully residential piece is intriguing to us because both of our schools have had day students, so we are eager to see how the fully residential community manages its intensity.

And for those schools, that’s great. It’s a little fresh air coming in, but it also is a potential opt-out. And this community doesn’t suffer from that. These kids are going to have a set of interpersonal skills and decision-making skills that will set them apart. Boarding schools have always accelerated able kids’ personal growth. But I think that, going forward, kids at our schools are going to have the enormous advantage of knowing how to work with people, how to communicate with people, how to build relationships that work for them at critical times.

Also, all the data that’s coming out about kids and screens, it’s just not good news for interpersonal skills, leadership, ethical growth, and development. In a boarding school environment, they have to put down their screens. We’re going to try to make real life more compelling than screen life. I think that’s our job.

**AH:** We’re in a radical new society, where there’s a demand from young people for all forms of equality. How do you see the role of educators in creating this new society?

**KG:** That’s how we want to live. Schools are microcosms. Schools are where kids learn to set their frames of reference. Families are big places for that as well, and ideally, schools and families work together that way. My experience is that families self-select on that process. They’ll look for a school where the values align, and the practices align. Our job as educators is to help kids calibrate their frames of reference and their standards.

**AH:** What kind of standards?

**KG:** For example, when I hire people, I hire expertise where we need it, and we don’t always need Ph.D.s. Sometimes we need emotional geniuses, right? Secondly, we hire people who want to work with 13-to-19-year-olds, because not everybody likes teenagers. We need that to survive in a boarding school. Third, we hire people who have the right frame of reference and the right standards. They’re people who want to solve problems.

You know, there’s a little bit of hurting at first? When you’re 14, and you have Saturday classes, and chemistry is at 8:30 a.m., our job is to flip that around to say, “Don’t you feel smart? Don’t you feel mighty?” And there’s a confidence piece for youngsters that comes out of that. And I think that’s how you help kids stretch what they think is possible in their lives.
AH: What was your biggest challenge at Middlesex and what is something you're most proud of from your time there?

KG: Middlesex suffered a little bit from feeling as if it wasn't as strong as some of the schools around it. My job was helping to develop a sense of institutional identity. The shorthand version of the school's mission is to find the promise. I think it's been energizing the community around how we do that.

We've done a lot of work with the endowment and with admissions. We've raised the profile of the school, and we also have built a community life and human development program. We've adopted the positive youth development work from the Stanford Center on Adolescence. It's a really simple equation of high-energy, talented kids in an environment rich in invitations, with great adult coaching.

AH: St. Paul's is quite rooted in the Episcopal church. How do you see the church, or spirituality, as part of the curriculum?

KG: That's an interesting question because right now there is a conversation on campus about what is the School's Episcopal identity. One of the very good questions [Interim Rector] Amy Richards is asking is: Which comes first, the identity and the affiliation or the mission? The School in 2020 has to be careful that everybody not only feels invited in but feels equally valued by the School and belonging. So I think the Episcopal identity has to be about the values of the School and not as much the forms of practice. The question we have is how do you bring the best of that into a context in which you have a truly inclusive and equitable community? I think there's a desire to renew the understanding of the values and acknowledge that they've always been the School's values. So a shift to the right in terms of dogma is not the right thing from my perspective right now, but kind of a recommitment to the good values is just right.

AH: What attracts you about the job and coming to the School and what are your priorities when you get there?

KG: The interesting thing about this is that I actually told a lot of people multiple times that I really wasn't the right person for this job. Archie Cox just is a hard man to say no to. At Middlesex, we've just finished a $239 million campaign, and we have made substantial progress toward the next campaign. We've just opened up a visual arts center, a performing arts center, a music center. We've got these curricular initiatives. Admissions is great and the endowment is at an all-time high. Everything is good. For me it's year 16, and I'm 56 years old, and I don't really want to get to 20 years at age 60. I think 20 years is a long time for an organization to have a leader these days. So, I've been thinking about this for a while, and there are only a couple of schools that would interest me. With this one, I think I bring some building skills that can be helpful to the School. It has remarkable resources. And yet it's right up against all the challenges boarding schools are up against. It's a rural place. It's a wonderful place with a terrific history, with a set of interesting challenges right now. I actually feel like I've got a skill set that's been getting ready for this, so now maybe I can make a good contribution at a time when I think the School can use it.

AH: What do you see as the biggest challenges facing St. Paul's now? And what are your thoughts on addressing them?

KG: When I talked to the faculty [recently], I said, 'I don't want to disappoint anybody, but when people ask me what my vision is, it's not very surprising, and it's what everybody shares.' [Again,] we have to believe that the School's best days are out in front of it. It's not going to be the version it was 10 years ago or 30 years ago or 50 years ago. It's in a different world, and it's in a different place. But it has everything it needs to do that. My job is going to be to remind everybody of what the strengths are and galvanize good energy around that. That's something I hope the entire constituency can get excited about.

AH: What do you see as the School's distinctive strengths?

KG: [St. Paul's] needs to continue to produce leaders because that's what society needs, from all of our schools. Because kids come to us, they accelerate their growth. They not only have outstanding intellectual opportunities but they are supposed to grow in terms of their ethical, spiritual, moral fiber so that when they leave us they're ahead and they can go out and they can be the leaders in their college communities and their larger communities.

I think the School has a leg up on that because that's always been part of its calling. I think the fully residential community is a strength. And I think the stellar academic piece and this unparalleled ability to go out and get great kids are strengths.

AH: We've been hearing and listening to a lot of issues around race at St. Paul's. Have you done any thinking about that?

KG: Yes. We're all working with it. In independent schools, we're all conscious of race in new ways, and that consciousness is important and good for all of us. Race and its role in identity formation are very powerful factors in young people's lives and in school communities. And in developing kids' frames of reference, we talk a lot about empathy. For each and all of us, understanding race as a factor in one's relationships with others requires
empathy. You have to choose to want to understand the experience of someone else, particularly if it is not your own. When we do leadership work with kids, the definition of leadership that we use is more akin to ethical citizenship. You learn to see yourself in the context of other people, you learn to empathize with and value their experience, you learn to see their needs, and you learn to choose to act to meet those needs. You choose to do the good for the community. I think one of the big issues in helping each other understand the ways race shapes and affects our lives is that we have to help kids want to see and understand the experiences of other people, particularly people from backgrounds and belief systems that are different from their own. That work is hard because it can become very emotional when guilt or anger or a range of other reactions attach to that understanding. So it’s ongoing work in a number of important ways, as we see in the ongoing conversations about race throughout our society.

With kids, that work around awareness of the experience and needs of others needs to be constant, and it starts with the premise that our school aspires to be an equitable, inclusive community and refuses to fail in this goal. The hardest thing about being a student at St. Paul’s should be getting in, right? After you get in, you’re in – and you belong. The School may challenge you in a number of ways – chemistry might be hard, performing might be hard, athletic training might be hard – but feeling as if one is not just invited in but welcome should not be hard. There is no question that everyone belongs to the community on equal footing, with both equal opportunity and equal responsibility. And I think it’s our job to foster and encourage and insist on that dynamic.

**THE BASICS: YOUR FAVORITE . . .**

**FOOD** Pizza

**TEAM** Boston Bruins

**PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM** Tottenham (my husband is Burnley)

**COMPOSER** Beethoven (but really Chopin)

**MOUNTAINS OR OCEAN** Ocean (I grew up in Maine)

**SUMMER THING** Growing way too many tomatoes, all different kinds of tomatoes, because they are amazing

**WINTER THING** Snow on white pines (and, yes, hockey)

**AH:** Given your legal background, do you see yourself as in a good position to work with the New Hampshire Attorney General?

**KG:** There's a piece of my training that helps me not be conflict-averse. And I think a lot of people go to schools because they’re conflict-averse. I don’t love conflict at all, but I am not conflict-averse. The laws around the care and protection of children are super-important – and they’re not a matter of opinion. I think with the AG, there has been a complicated conversation going on for years now. Archie Cox, to his enormous credit, has spent the better part of the last 18 months trying to straighten this out. So, one of my priorities is making sure that we have a very good relationship with the compliance overseer, who is, I think, a terrific add.

One of the tricks here is going to be to rebuild that trust because the AG, the police, they just want to do their jobs. And it’s easier coming in as somebody who is new to these issues.

**AH:** What question haven't we asked you that you’d like the chance to answer?

**KG:** The interesting thing is that Amy and I are the first people to come into the Rector’s position with head-of-school experience [since Tenth Rector David Hicks]. She brought that up the other day, and that’s going to be a different feel for the School. As I said to Archie Cox, I don’t belong to any club. I’m a public school kid from Maine. Yes, I have three Harvard degrees, but that’s been about my professional and personal training. It hasn’t been about cashing in on anything. So I feel like I’m a professional coming in to do work that I really love to do in a place that’s been a little insular.

There are just ways you help kids be good. They need to have fun, but it needs to be fair, healthy fun. They do not need to have too much pressure on them but they need to work hard. That’s why you come, right? You come to learn and grow. So I think there will be a sense of cultural shift. I think there might even be a sense of loss. I think the School has felt some of that in the past couple of years. Just having a female Rector is a significant cultural shift that has already been felt under Amy’s excellent leadership. The current School – current faculty, staff, students, trustees, parents – have been dealing with the effects of a venerable, human institution beginning to address its shortcomings and mistakes, even though the current School community personally had no part in them. There have been sudden transitions in leadership as well as changes in the faculty and staff. Schools are like families or churches – change usually involves a sense of loss, and whether it is a change in the way the organization sees itself or an actual change involving people, people who are beloved, there is a sense of loss. That’s inevitable, but the organization is full of good people doing great work, ready to continue that work and move forward.
AK: Just one question for fun. What's something that everyone is going to be surprised to hear about you? Something not in your bio?

KG: We do dogs at my house. We have three – a spaniel, Breezy. She's well-known to all of the kids because she's the star of the show. And then we have a dumpster dog from North Carolina, a German Shepherd, Tucker. And then our huge, 11-year-old, OCD, bossy, black Lab, who can't get her toes wet. And then we have two grand-bulldogs. One's an English bulldog, and one's a Frenchie. We do open houses, and the kids will come over, and the dogs will come out, down on the floor with a lot of puppy love. So we'll do some of that.

AH: What would you want today's students to know?

KG: As I said to them in February when I was introduced in Chapel, [the students] came to St. Paul's to become educated in that classical sense of that verb ‘educate,’ drawing forward what is best. Every day they work at growing up well and learning the skills, content, values, and habits to build the lives they want to lead. Their job, now, might be to get their essay or lab report or problem set done for tomorrow (hopefully not for later today!), but while they're doing that, they're also figuring out how to do something new and hard, well. That's really what we do – we learn to do hard things well, whether it's physics or racing or dancing or being a trustworthy person of high integrity. If they learn to do hard things well now, they change what they think might be possible as they take on the next hard thing or the next big challenge or the next problem that no one seems to think can ever be resolved. One of the most exciting parts of this work, for me, is knowing that, even as students stretch and grow now, they will leave here ready to make the world better. It needs to be better; it needs them. The work we do here can indeed change the world for the better, and that's all of our jobs. It's pretty big fun, actually, in that school-person kind of way. I'm in this business because I love the life, I love the work, and I believe in both.
We’re Not Always Just One or the Other

MICHAEL MATROS
The new all-gender house will reflect “the breadth and complexity of the human experience”
This fall, a new student house will open at St. Paul’s School in one of the white clapboard buildings on Jerome Ridge, former home to deans and teaching fellows. By then, it will have a more formal name, but now everyone just calls it by its purpose; the all-gender house.

Administrators emphasize that St. Paul’s is not on the path to establishing the kind of co-ed dorm now taken for granted on most college campuses. But, they say, just as at sister schools – Andover, Exeter, and others – the SPS community has come to realize that gender lies on a spectrum much like other facets of human existence, a spectrum that includes gradations between traditional female and male identities. The creation of the all-gender house recognizes this understanding.

“I personally believe that the notion of gender and gender identity does not lie on a binary scale, that it is exclusively one or the other,” says Interim Rector Amy Richards. “So, if you believe that, and you look out across the landscape of human experience, you recognize that so many structures that are human-built are designed around a binary blueprint and therefore don’t fully embrace the diversity that is humankind.

“I think there is a fundamental benefit in the School’s embracing more of the middle of this gender spectrum.”

In its pilot year, the new house will welcome up to nine students. Some may identify as transgender or gender-nonconforming. Others will be “allies,” or advocates of those students. A few others, says Vice Rector for School Life Dr. Theresa Ferns ’84, simply may not feel comfortable in spaces that are exclusively male or female, with a perceived level in those environments of hyper-masculinity or -femininity.

Establishing the new house, Dr. Ferns says, “underscores the Episcopal value of ‘radical welcome’ – to be open to everyone, to create the most welcoming environment no matter how students identify.”

The effort, says Dean of Admission Scott Bohan ’94, “reflects the value of St. Paul’s School as being an inclusive community, something we talk about all the time. We’ve got nice kids, they’re good to each other, we’ve got spaces and opportunities for kids to be kind, and when families come and visit the School, having one more example of how inclusive and welcoming we are is another thing that will help us in Admission tell the St. Paul’s School story.”

“Some parents who’ve visited other schools with all-gender housing have asked about this,” Bohan adds, “and they’re excited to hear we’re going down this road.”

This initiative may seem part of a brave new world, but, as Richards says, “Part of what I have observed is a certain matter-of-factness to this.”

“Among the student population, for example,” Richards explains, “there’s a little bit of shoulder-shrugging. In other words, it does not seem particularly monumental or notable, and I think part of it is, for this generation of young people and for the young people who will follow them to St. Paul’s, the notion that gender is something other than binary seems very matter of fact.”

When the School formed the Gender Equity Task Force in 2017, one of its charges was to consider the possibility of creating an all-gender house. Along with consulting with peer schools about their experiences in establishing all-gender dormitories on their campuses, the group’s members spent time discussing whether current student housing policies reflected the School’s most basic premise and promise – that of kindness.

Dr. Ferns presented the recommendations of the task force to SPS trustees at the board’s January 2019 meeting, with the conclusion that “our current binary residential system does not meet the School’s commitment to inclusivity and ‘radical welcome,’ in which every community member is supported and valued for their authentic selves.”

At the board meeting, Dr. Ferns described the process that led the task force members toward their recommendation, which included a visit to Phillips Exeter, where they spoke with students living in the Academy’s two all-gender houses, the first of which opened in 2017. A transgender faculty member from Exeter then came to St. Paul’s for a presentation to the faculty.

Also persuasive was a video produced by Exeter students to describe all-gender living at the school, “The Academy,” says Exeter Director of Student Activities Joanne Limbo in the video, “wants people to bring their whole selves here and not leave someone behind, not have to hide anything….A safe space is critical for a student to thrive where they’re in school.”

In addition to consultation with sister schools, additional research and education for the SPS Gender Equity Task Force included house meetings, student focus groups, and entries in the LINC (Living in Community) curriculum, the School’s residential-learning program.

And, in December 2018, the task force circulated a survey to all students to assess support for an all-gender house and to ask about their interest in living in such a house. With 90 percent of students participating, 62
percent indicated support for the house, with 11 percent opposed. Some 65 students reported interest in living in an all-gender dorm.

"I think we're trying to make a statement as a school," a student in one of the focus groups observed, "and, if we're trying to push for inclusivity, we can't continue to have dorms that do not include people."

"Go for it over the summer," another student wrote. "Just do it -- rip off the Band-Aid. I know you want to build a strong base [of support], but the more you wait, the more kids get hurt because they don't have that safe space on campus."

With the trustees, Interim Rector Richards says, "the discussion was thoughtful and responsive and pointed the School in the very obvious direction of taking the next step. There wasn't anyone in the room who said maybe we need to tap the brakes on this a little bit and get more information."

Recognizing nonbinary identity as more than a theoretical civil rights issue became immediate just days before Graduation 2017. At that time, a gender nonconforming Sixth Former considered the boy-girl procession that opens the ceremony and asked, "Where do I belong?" Conversations ensued among Vice Rector Ferns, then-Rector Michael Hirschfeld '85, and other adults, but mostly among students, about whether it was time to change a longstanding tradition.

"The kids who felt strongly that we shouldn't change it," recalls Dr. Ferns, "finally said, 'wait, if everyone doesn't have a place to be I think we need to change it.' It was a good example of student engagement, of their participation in civil discourse, and an ability to come to a conclusion, a consensus about what was right."
Since that June day, Sixth Formers now walk in the procession side-by-side, according to the alphabet and not their gender identity. Yes, still in dresses and jackets, but this year with the same red carnation pinned on – no longer the distinction of boys’ white boutonnière or girls’ red corsage with baby’s breath.

According to its name and charter, the Gender Equity Task Force addresses issues other than fair housing, but it has directed a primary focus on the need to recognize the range of student gender identities. Dean of Students Aaron Marsh ’97 is working with the group “to look at everything from language in the handbook to certain practices, traditions, the dress code – certain elements of which have changed this year.”

“We had a dress code for boys and a dress code for girls,” Bohan adds. “Now we have a dress code for students. It allows for students of various identities or various socioeconomic backgrounds to feel comfortable, whether in class or at the more formal events, such as Seated Meal or Evensong.”

“What’s good in all these decisions,” Bohan continues, “has been that the ‘how’ and the ‘what’ has continued to be evaluated, but the ‘why’ has stayed pretty consistent. We want to be more inclusive; we want to be the kind of community where everyone can be comfortable. It’s a guiding principle for our decision-making.”

The graduation procession decision, says Marsh, “is a great example of how a traditional practice could marginalize a great student. There are lots of things we’ve done for a long time that have been embedded but are not inclusive. These changes are really important in a place where every kid should feel valued, accepted – that this is their home and their school.”

“Some alumni from the past didn’t understand how these practices may have affected their peers,” continues Marsh, who attended the School in the mid-nineties. “I’m sure there were peers of mine who were made to feel not welcome in this community. Parts of this place made me feel not welcome.”

“We’re not just changing things to change things,” insists Bohan, “not just reacting to student concerns. We listen and engage in appropriate dialogue and conversations, reflection, and then we land in the same place but with a better understanding of why we’re there, or we [may] land in a different place and we feel good about that.”

Fairness, says Bohan, is the key to decision-making. And it helps, he points out, that alumni such as himself are involved in the process.

When some alumni have called about changes in Seated Meal traditions, he asks them, “Do you remember the couches and who was allowed to sit on them? Do you remember the blue rug that only certain kids could stand on and look at the girls parading by? Yeah? Well, none of that’s good.”

“What’s telling for me,” says Dr. Ferns, “is that the students have raised their voices, and I think they’re feeling heard. So we continually have students bring forward their lived experience here at the School and ask us to continue to look at things. It doesn’t mean we immediately change things. We have a process.”

The process for instituting the new space has been, and continues to be, in discussion. How to name the house may or may not be one of the easier decisions, but other issues are more immediate – what rules, intervisitation and others, will be the most fair and effective? Should the new house affiliate itself with a larger house for events such as the Fiske Cup and hosting Rectory open houses? And, at the top of the list, how should the first year’s residents be chosen from what is likely to be a fairly significant number of applicants.

“We’ll make decisions based on the pool of students who are applying,” Dr. Ferns says.

In a February letter to SPS parents, Interim Rector Richards explained that “priority will be given to those for whom this option will be most beneficial. Parent permission to live in the house will be required as a final step in the application process.”

“Surprisingly,” Richards says, “I haven’t heard from that many parents beyond a few basic questions, asking about the timeline, asking if we had already identified what building was to be converted, and a few clarifying questions. At least one parent indicated their child was interested in applying for housing in the all-gender dorm.”

Richards explains that the initiative addresses what is partly a civil rights issue but is primarily educational. “Students having contact with the breadth and complexity of the human experience,” she says, “results in better prepared, more knowledgeable, more empathetic servant leaders that we aspire to graduate out into the world.”
CAPTIVE: A MOTHER’S CRUSADE TO SAVE HER DAUGHTER FROM A TERRIFYING CULT
Catherine Oxenberg ’79 and Natasha Stoyoff
Gallery Books, 384 pages, $15

Reviewed by Hannah MacBride

This true story takes us into every mother’s nightmare. In 2011, Catherine Oxenberg’s 19-year-old daughter, India, began a seven-year journey into the inner-most depths of the Nxivm cult.

In her honest and intimate style, Oxenberg recounts how she, like many parents of young adults, hoped to give India her privacy and space to grow as a young woman. She warns her daughter that there is something off about the new group India is involved with, but tries not to be too overbearing. However, when she receives a distraught message from a former cult member – “You have to save India!” – Oxenberg jumps into high gear.

Oxenberg learns that her daughter has joined a secret slave-master group of women who survive on starvation diets after giving up their worldly assets, including any future children. India has been branded with the initials of the cult leaders, and has given them collateral – potentially life-ruining information about herself that might keep her from growing into the woman she wants to be.

The phone message launches Oxenberg’s crusade to bring her daughter home and take down the cult, including its leader, a charismatic misogynist who claims to enlighten members through pseudoscience. Oxenberg’s living room becomes, as she puts it, a war room. She gathers a group of ex-cult members and reporters to collect information about Nxivm, its practices, and its leaders. She presses law enforcement to investigate, then engages the press to generate public outrage.

Even to Oxenberg, who maintains her candid style throughout the book, the nightmare reads like a fictionalized thriller. How could this be happening to her daughter in real life? She has to keep reminding herself of her role as India’s mother – to love, protect, and fight for her at all costs.

“This is how I am showing you that I love you,” she tells a headstrong India, “by fighting for you.” And this is really what Captive is about – a mother’s love for her daughter and the lengths to which she must go to protect her.

LADYSITTING: MY YEAR WITH NANA AT THE END OF HER CENTURY
Lorene Cary ’74
W. W. Norton & Company, 256 pages, $25.95

Reviewed by Hannah MacBride

In her first memoir since 1992’s acclaimed Black Ice, Lorene Cary ’74 invites us to share in the touching, exhausting, and incredibly personal undertaking of caring for her centenarian grandmother.

Cary’s Nana stayed in her own house as long as she was physically able, but although she finally moved in with Cary and her family, she still wouldn’t sell her home, write a will, or discuss her approaching death. Her stubbornness was part of who she always had been. When her first husband told her women couldn’t drive, Nana went out to get her license in secret and pulled it out – like the wads of cash she kept tucked in her drawer – when the moment was right. The same pride she took in her license and in her cash kept her going in old age – she enjoyed cheating death.

In ladysitting, Cary opens her home to her Nana in part because her Nana’s home was always a childhood refuge for her – a place where she spent “sage-green weekends that smelled of yew bushes and rotisserie chicken, Downy, and sunshine.” Setting Nana up in Cary’s own home, wrapped in her daughters’ “mommy blanket,” and feeding her the lumberjack breakfasts she craved is a way of repaying Nana for that childhood sanctuary.

But Cary is not always a saint, and her grandmother is not always a lady. They quarrel often, and Cary is not shy to point out the frustrating aspects of eldercare. We are reminded that death, especially the death of a close family member in your own home, is not necessarily easy, sweet, or tidy. Cary wrangles with insurance and government agencies, bedpans and oxygen tubes, and extended family dramas. She spends weeks on the couch in Nana’s room, where she holds vigil over the dying woman, accompanied by the family dog.

Ultimately, Nana dies, and Cary lives on to write the story of her grandmother’s 101st and final year. ladysitting is about death, but more so about life. Cary’s writing is poignant, evocative, and funny. She weaves into her narrative issues of race and gender, religion, music, and history. She sheds light on a family drama that is often overlooked and underappreciated – and she does so with grace, strength, and wit.
A Trip to Asia

International Community Welcomes SPS Visitors

It was a busy journey abroad in early March for members of the School’s leadership team, as they ventured to Asia for a series of alumni, parent, and friend receptions.

Interim Rector Amy Richards, Board of Trustees President Archibald Cox, Jr. ’58, and Chief Advancement Officer William L. Kissick, Jr. P’12 represented SPS at five events over a seven-day stretch, beginning with one in Hong Kong, hosted by Trustee Noelle Kwok ’98.

Many thanks to those who hosted or attended these events, and for always making members of the SPS community feel welcome.

Janie Hou ’82, P’18 hosted an event in Taipei City, Taiwan, the following evening, and Former Trustee Hyun-Joon Cho ’87 welcomed the SPS contingent to Seoul a night later. Yong “Wilbur” Zou P’21 and Ying “Elaine” Wang P’21 hosted the first of two receptions in China on March 8 in Beijing. The final stop for the SPS group came in Shanghai on March 11, with an event hosted by Jie “Victor” Hu P’22, Xufa Liao P’22, and Xiaobin “Ben” Xu P’22. Many thanks to those who hosted or attended these events, and for always making members of the SPS community feel welcome.

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Alumni of Color Connect

Bowling Night Brings New York City Paulies Together

With the School on Spring Vacation, more than 20 students and alumni gathered on March 14 at Frames in New York City for the Young Alumni, Students, and Parents of Color Bowling Night. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, friendly competition, and the company of fellow Paulies in a venue that brought parents, students, and alumni together. “It was a great way to meet alumni and learn about their experiences at SPS,” said Brianna Edgar ’20. “It was also a great way to meet current students’ parents.”

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. The momentum from the March gathering will help shape future SPS Alumni of Color programming.

Paulies hit the bowling lanes at Frames Bowling Lounge.

Attendees enjoyed billiards, bowling, food, and more in New York City.

Keith Dean ’19, Alejandro Toledo-Navarro ’19, Mia Toledo-Navarro ’20, and Brianna Edgar ’20.

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FOR THE LOVE OF SPS: Mason Wells ’24

Much of the joy of giving is in seeing its impact – seeing generosity transformed into facilities and opportunities and memories. Decades ago, Mason B. Wells ’24 made his gift knowing that he would not witness the outcome, but his family believes that’s the way he would have wanted it.

“The recognition wasn’t important to him,” says his grandnephew, Mason B. Wells II ’80. “He just loved St. Paul’s School so much.”

The elder Wells set up a charitable remainder trust, naming St. Paul’s School as a 50-percent beneficiary. Over time, that trust turned into a $2 million gift that took his family by surprise.

“We had heard for years that Uncle Mason had made a large gift to SPS, but we never knew the extent of it,” says Wells ’80. “When the gift was realized, we were blown away. But we also thought, ‘This all makes sense.’ He wanted to do something that was going to affect generations to come.”

A renowned artist who lived and worked in San Francisco, Mason B. Wells ’24 chose to make an unrestricted gift to the School’s endowment, rather than donate solely to the arts. He took care of that passion, with the remaining half of his charitable trust going to his favorite arts organizations in the San Francisco area.

“He was always talking about the School and how much he loved it,” says his grandnephew. “When I chose to come to SPS, he was so happy. I received letters from him frequently.” Though Wells ’24 wouldn’t live to see it, the enrollment of his great-great-niece, Elizabeth Wells ’17, marked the family’s fifth generation to attend St. Paul’s.

“There’s something about the School,” says Wells ’80. “It has always been part of the fabric of our family for over 125 years.”
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1939/80th
Willard Hunnewell writes: “I am in pretty good shape, but somewhat stiff and lame and fairly deaf. I hope to live to 105 or 110. My sister died a few years ago at the age of more than 102 and I think I am stronger than she was. My principal interest is in the trees and shrubs on my own property, as well as those within the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.”

1940
Talbot Adamson  
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Talbot Adamson sends: “I went to the hospital in December with atrial fibrillation and they found that I have prostate cancer. At 97, I have no interest in chemotherapy, so I am at home, under hospice care and the tender ministrations of my beloved wife, Maisie, surrounded by my pictures of St. Paul’s and happy memories.”

1942
George Grove  
802-429-2101

Dave Ogden shares this news: “Still doddering along at 94. Play nine holes of golf and lots of bridge when not at book clubs. I think a lot about education now that we have five great-grands and another soon. We need more teaching on how to cooperate, the downside of tribal mentality, and the universe being part of us. Myths are fine for storytelling, but believe only what is proven. There is little difference in the sexuality of men and women, and nature and animals are but a gene away from humans. You only get one chance at life, so enjoy.”

1943
Norm Walker  
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Bob Pennoyer writes: “I still treasure the memories of those years at SPS, from 1939 to 1942, tearing up when I hear the hymns my class sang in Chapel: “Oh God Our Help in Ages Past,” “Fight the Good Fight,” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” We sang those songs before we went off to war, where five classmates died in France in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. At 94, I am fully active, working to elect Democrats at every level of government. My beautiful wife of 65 years died a few years ago, leaving me with a devoted family of children and grandchildren, every one of them a star.

In May 2018, I gave a talk before 300 people when I received an award at the Common Cause gala in New York that included these lines: ‘I am glad to accept the award, yet for me the greater privilege is to be here with you because just by being here, you confirm that you have joined the resistance. Because of you and millions like you marching in towns and cities throughout America, I am confident we can change history and restore faith in our future. Tonight we are at the dawn of a new era that fills me with hope, knowing that long after I am gone, you and millions like you, imbued with the spirit of liberty, will strive to save our democracy as you ‘trample out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.’”

1944/75th
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1945
Tony O’Connor  
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I have been re-reading Lynne Olson’s Citizens of London (2011), particularly the section covering the huge contribution of U.S. polo player Tommy Hitchcock (Form of 1917) to the introduction of the fighter aircraft known as the Mustang P51 to the air war over Europe. Olson’s book should be read by every SPS graduate because of the key role SPS alumni played in the Battle of Britain and subsequently in WWII, particularly Ambassador to the Court of St. James, John G. Winant (Form of 1908).

From Douglas Coleman: “Sandy and I have now been residents of Arizona for three years, spending about eight months a year here in Scottsdale. Otherwise, we are in mid-coast Maine on Vinalhaven Island, and make stops along the way to see our friends in Minnesota, where we lived for 48 years. We see Cynnie and Dick Henriques and Tom Armstrong in Maine and Catee and Lev Hubbard in Scottsdale. Both Sandy and I have been very fortunate with our health, and I’m still on the tennis court 2-3 times per week and enjoy biking and sailing, mostly in Penobsct Bay. Looking forward to our 70th.”

Dudley Rochester and his wife, Lois, are beginning their 16th year of residence at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville, Va., and are approaching their 91st birthdays. Dudley writes: “We’re still both involved with residents committees, and I have given two talks recently, one on religion and science, and the other on healthcare in the United States. Handouts available on request. I also lead the WCBR Vespers Service from time to time. I guess my two years at SPS still have an impact on my life.”

Lev Hubbard reports that he and Catee are still enjoying living a lifestyle of ideal weather in the two distinct climates of New Hampshire and Arizona. However, he has slowed down a bit by cancelling his season subscription to San Francisco Giants spring training games after more than 26 years of faithful attendance.
Jim Kinnear writes: “Children, grandchildren, and now three great-grandchildren provide joy to my life. I still serve the Church, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Naval Academy in some fashion. SPS is also a big part of my life and I look forward to our 75th.”

Michael Coe shares: “While I’ve had to cut down on my exotic fly-fishing adventures in exotic places (such as Mongolia and the Amazon), I still get to Chatham on Cape Cod to catch large striped bass and false albacre (‘albies’). The real fun is to have two of my six grandkids with me. More professionally, I’m still involved with the archaeological past in Mexico, Guatemala, and Cambodia. My book, Mexico: From the Olmecs to the Aztecs, is all set to go to press. This will be the eighth edition, this time with two co-authors. It’s aimed at the college market and is pretty up to date, and with color throughout. And my book, ‘albies’. The real fun is to have two of my six grandkids with me. More professionally, I’m still involved with the archaeological past in Mexico, Guatemala, and Cambodia. My book, Mexico: From the Olmecs to the Aztecs, is all set to go to press. This will be the eighth edition, this time with two co-authors. It’s aimed at the college market and is pretty up to date, and with color throughout. And

Barbara and Felix Kloman shares that he, Frank Trane, and Peter Hopkinson had a mini-reunion in California.

Sam Cooley
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I spoke with Frank Trane and Quartie Clothier, who both plan to attend the 70th next year. Hoping to have a great group for our reunion.

A brief update from Dean Howells: “My only news is I had spinal surgery last November and strongly suggest you avoid it – still trying to get back on my feet. Luckily, I’m totally retired.”

Ben Makihara writes: “After 63 years of service, I shall be retiring from Mitsubishi Corporation as of the end of March this year. I will, however, continue as Chairman of the Board of Toyo Bunko, the Oriental Library, where we have held farewell parties for students from Seikei going to SPS. I do hope you will come and visit.”

William Faurot shares that he, Frank Trane, and Peter Hopkinson had a mini-reunion in California.

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Harry Havemeyer writes: “I am very pleased to know that St. Paul’s has a woman as Interim Rector this year and will have one next year as Rector.”

An update from Alfred Malabre: “Spending most of the year in Charleston, S.C., and still managing to swing the clubs, while Susan gardens at our Yeamans Hall home on Goose Creek. Miss greatly our late neighbors here, Archie and Wayne Douglas. Still write very occasional golf columns for the Wall Street Journal, about as far removed from economics as one can get.”

From Ted Coolidge: “I find myself in a retirement home named Covenant Village, located at 52 Missionary Road in Cromwell, Conn. I am by myself now that my wife, Joy, has recently died. It’s a good place to be, and I can stay in touch with my four children and their families, who live mostly nearby. There’s time now for reading, writing, visiting, and, as now, being more in touch.”

Sandy McLanahan writes: “Barbara and I were unable to attend the March lunch in Palm Beach, Fla., with Pamela and Warwick Neville, Panda and Pete Coley, and Susan and Burt Closson. Last year, we celebrated an SPS luncheon, which included our late beloved classmate, Bill Timpson”

1946

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Jim Hammond ’53 (l.) and Peter Swords ’53.

1949/70th

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1954/65th

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You know there are signs of spring in the air when we start planning for Anniversary Weekend. We already have several early commitments, so it cannot help but be a
jolly time. I don’t know if it helps the cause, but consider that when we graduated, the fellows celebrating their 65th were Form of 1889. Or that when this year’s graduating form celebrates its 65th, it will be 2084. So, we are pretty well positioned in the middle. All of which has nothing to do with anything, except to say I hope you will be seen both at the School, starting May 31, and at our summer place in York Harbor, Maine, for a lobster lunch on Sunday, June 2.

Bill McKim shares: “I continue as organist and choir director for two Brattleboro churches, play some, but fewer piano performances. Climbed five hefty Northern New England mountains. Traveled to Puerto Rico, all of the British Isles, and Croatia, all with my noble and brilliant Cheryl. I’ll boast about my fabulous grandchildren when asked. Looking forward to seeing all of you in May.”

A note from Joel Reynolds: “I am enthusiastically anticipating our upcoming reunion, not least to ascertain the methods of survival, and how to continue, or possibly enhance them. Not to focus on our (numerous) doctors, medications, and procedures, but instead to celebrate the gift of sucking air one day at a time. I have spent considerable time over the past several years examining defense mechanisms, of which we all have several, including one prominent one. Mine is sarcasm, which was not so hurtful when played with other knowing players, but I am convinced that advanced sarcasm practitioners are honed in the eastern, probably northeastern part of the country. Much more wisdom available on the scene in May.”

1955

Nick Craw checks in: “Celebrating my final year of full-time employment in motorsports and got to visit with President Clinton during the trophy presentation for the Formula 1 event in Texas.”

A note from Charles Glenn: “I retired last year after 25 years as a professor, following 20 as a state government official, but am still active in educational equity and religious freedom debates in D.C. and Europe. My latest book is based on a study of citizenship development in seven Islamic high schools across the U.S. Welcomed my 10th grandchild recently, all of them living nearby, which is a great blessing. I’m active in an Anglican parish in Boston.”

Gunnar Baldwin shares: “Heather and I took a trip in our camper van last fall and stopped to visit Charlie Hatfield and his wonderful wife for coffee in their beautiful home in East Blue Hill, Maine. I think he has chosen a great place to retire. We have been getting some publicity about the slide for tubing I make every year in our backyard in Thornton Gore in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. NPR did a short piece, which was broadcast in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New Jersey. It will also be featured on WMUR’s NH Chronicle. There is also a four-minute video on YouTube named ‘The Thornton Gore Luge, a story about sliding by Gunnar ‘Pop’ Baldwin.’ I am semi-retired but consult for the Japanese company TOTO, that I have worked for over the past 30 years. They have become a leader in the high-tech, water-efficient plumbing fixture industry and, as a result, I was inducted into the National Kitchen and Bath Association’s Hall of Fame in 2016.”

From Fred Lovejoy: “Life is happily very busy. Jill and I now have six grandchildren, all boys, all six years of age and under. We still live in Concord, Mass., and summer in Anni-
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squam, Mass. I am gratefully continuing to work full-time as associate physician-in-chief and deputy chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital and the Berenberg Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. I still love it. I recently completed a book on our residency, The Transformation of Pediatrics, available through Amazon. Jill and I see Lida and Frank Lloyd regularly, and I miss daily my oldest friend, Aldy Edwards. Best to all."

Lincoln Hammond writes: “The appeal for news reaches me in Toulouse, where my wife and I are meeting a son and family for a cruise on the canal du midi. Fifty years ago, that same wife and I conceived our first son in this same city while I was director of a Dartmouth study abroad program. Nearly 20 years before that, I came here as a young Paulie under the auspices of André Jacq and John Archer (beloved French teachers). The memory of formmates Charlie Glenn and Ross Todd mingles in my recollection of those two summers in the Langue D’oc. I do hope that the Interim Rector did learn to skate, as skating on the black ice of the Lower School Pond is an experience to be treasured in memory for a lifetime.”

From Dyer Wadsworth: “A seasoned hunter and I went game-bird shooting this month for my first time ever, and I got a quail on my first shot. Bev said I could cook them and eat them myself, so I got out The Joy of Cooking and they were highly satisfactory (no doubt largely because of my own role).”

Bob Webber writes: “This season will be my third racing an Autodynamics Formula V (for Volkswagen) in Vintage Sports Car Club of America. This is an open-wheel, mid-mounted Beetle engine, single-seat racecar, and it’s great fun. I added an Autodynamics road car to my barn in October. Called Hustler, it may be the prototype for a run of forty-three, built in 1967-68 after four years of development. Power comes from a 1959 Porsche Super engine.”

Michael Harter shares: “Our son, Peter Harter, and his wife, Shelby Perkins, live on their vineyard in Salem, Ore.”

1956

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Harald Paumgarten reports: “The Form of 1956 held an informal, away from school, two-day interim gathering, for which 14 members showed, at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, Mass., last October. It was a very nice, laid back, convivial moment with some museum visits and casual merriment.”

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1958

Jay Hatch writes: “The year started fast with a long-postponed three-week trip to Egypt in February. Saw the usual ancient Egypt stops, plus a few things we added. A visit to battlefields at the end of the Civil War, day trip to Gettysburg for that field and museum, the Glimmerglass Festival, plus a few programmed interactions/assistances to local at-risk high schools, graduate school reunion, and family gatherings are planned to be completed before September. Planning a vegetable garden’s production around that – so much for feet up in ‘retirement’ but happy to be able to do it all.”

A note from Tom Lloyd: “Just back from a tour of five countries in Southeast Asia, including Vietnam. I visited the notorious ‘Hanoi Hilton,’ crawled through a short segment of tunnels in a Viet Cong stronghold, and visited the war museum in Hanoi. A very emotional experience. Most of our group had seen Ken Burns’ war documentary; we went away feeling what a tragic waste of life it was for both sides, because as it turns out, the Vietnamese are a friendly, hardworking people, doing quite well, and more interested in the future than the past.”

Archie Cox shares: “Judy and I relocated from Aspen to Pine Plains, N.Y., over the course of the last six to nine months and are finally pretty well settled in our new home. It has the advantage of being closer to SPS and much of my work. In early March, I accompanied Amy Richards and Bill Kissick on the School’s annual trip to Asia for a series of dinners and meetings. We have wonderful SPS communities in Hong Kong, Seoul, and Taipei with growing ones in Beijing and Shanghai. We’ll spend the summer in Maine, as usual.”

1959/60th

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1960

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Harry Howell checks in: “In July 2017, while attending my brother’s 70th birthday in Southern France, I mentioned that it would be fun to climb Kilimanjaro. Little did I know that my two brothers, two daughters, three nieces, and a nephew would sign on to join me. I have never been a particularly avid climber or even hiker. This all changed as the nine of us started our training in the spring of 2018. Nothing was coordinated as we live in multiple places. I usually did a loop around Central Park (six miles) or climbed the stairs in my building (50 flights). My two brothers and I climbed Mount Quandary (14,250 feet) in Breckenridge, Colo., in September, which made me realize that more work was needed. My wife, Barbara, and I spent a few days after Christmas in London with our older daughter and family, and on January 3, met most of the rest of the family in Amsterdam. We landed in Tanzania on the fourth and began our climb on the sixth. It took six days up and two days down. If anyone is interested, I will tell you that youth is extremely helpful in getting to the summit. We all made it, although I must say I was dragging at the end. I also was down 30 pounds from when I started training. It is one of those things which is nice to have done. My mountain climbing days are over.”

Gunnar “Pop” Baldwin ’55 leading the way down his Thornton Gore Luge track in New Hampshire.
Seymour Preston writes: "A year ago, Suzanne and I bought a bungalow smack dab in the middle of the village of Rhinebeck, N.Y., (where we can walk to many restaurants and shops), so we go south here from the Adirondacks for the winter. We both had surgery and are on a recovery path to be ready for the golf season. We hired a friend to hang our substantial (about 100 pieces) art collection in the Adirondacks while we are away. I have eased myself into retirement over several years from business consulting work as a litigation expert involving business solvency and related legal/business issues. In addition to golf with Suzanne, I have extensive gardens to tend, expand, and enjoy and am taking a woodworking class to resume that hobby. I also have taken up Mahjong and am the only male in a two- or three-table weekly group of ladies. Our daughter, Eliot (Elly), is assistant manager at The Century Club, an eating club in Syracuse, and lives with her dog and two cats in Skaneateles on a beautiful Finger Lake. Hoping to see many formmates at our 60th."

Ryland Howard shares: "David Evans and I visited The Alamo, donning our 55th reunion caps. David was traveling across the Southwest and we had a great visit in my hometown of San Antonio, seeing the Spanish Missions and the site of the Battle of the Alamo."

A report from Rick Sperry: "The SPS Form of 1964 and spouses gathered last October for a week in Sicily, near Catania and Mt. Etna, renting a former convent on a 400-acre vineyard with gardens, olive groves, and orchards. This was all in preparation for our upcoming reunion. We enjoyed great Italian cuisine. Cooking classes, a more strenuous hike up Etna for those so inclined, and plenty of ancient Greek and Roman monuments to capture everyone's imagination and interest in the classics."

David Irons reports that he expects to return to Bali in both May and October for his next book, *Keris in Bali Today*. Co-written with five Balinese and another American, the book examines the modern, living, religious, and secular cultural traditions surrounding the keris, the mysterious, enigmatic, and still ubiquitous ritual daggers surrounding the keris, the mysterious, enigmatic, and still ubiquitous ritual daggers of Bali. David's chapters will focus on the adventure of acquiring 127 ancient (mostly rusty) blades over 10 months in Bali in 1973 and his discoveries in repatriating and restoring them to active use and spiritual protection in Balinese households over the past five years.

A note from Ray Payson: "I had a left hip replacement late last October and am now several months on my feet and doing well. Great surgeon and both pain and cane are history. Looking forward to spring and our 55th reunion."

From John Rice: "I organized a luncheon for the forms of the sixties at the Black Cow in Newburyport, Mass., in February. Peter Twining helped me coordinate the venue and Laurie Brengle provided moral support. Dave Eklund and Bob Hall were also on..."
hand, along with several other folks, including Bobby Clark ’61, who was my Dorm II Sup back in 1960. Melissa Walters was there to provide liaison with the School. Despite an impending snowstorm, it was a delightful, fun, low-key luncheon with no other purpose other than camaraderie. Watch for a summer event and see you next year.

Roy Farwell writes: “We have sold the Idaho house, although we get to stay there through this August. Primary residence is back in St. Louis due to the emergence of grandchildren there. We are working with my son to buy a condo at Lake Tahoe, where we will hopefully spend our summers starting next year. We find ourselves increasingly sensitive to the hot, humid summer weather in St. Louis. Our western experience has enabled us to become quite good tour guides for Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. We visited Zion Canyon in January, and are hoping to see many of the other western parks during the next few years. In October, we will tour Scotland and Ireland to track down some of my wife’s roots. In the meantime, I still play guitar and banjo and sing a bit at various venues in the Midwest.”

Bucky Putnam reports: “Our son, Nat, was married on September 8, 2018, in Aspen, Colo., under clear blue skies to Maria Jose Cardenas. After graduating from Drew University in Madison, N.J., Nat enrolled at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N.Y., where Maria was pursuing her degree as well. After graduation, both moved to Aspen, where they live and work. If you are in the Aspen area, feel free to stop by the Aspen Public House, where Nat is executive chef, or The Monarch, where Maria is the manager/sommelier.”

1966

Curtis “Randy” Carleton reports: “I retired from FEMA after 36 years of disaster work—lots of bureaucratic and political nonsense, but overall a good, rewarding career. Nancy and I have been in Kiawah, S.C., since late 2012. Beautiful island, great for golf, and a true magnet for our three kids and six grandchildren. We have been fortunate in all regards.”

Gordon Grand sends this news: “Cec and I have spent most of last year living in Anguilla and rebuilding our house after Hurricane Irma. We are done, and the island is back and thriving. We are doing a lot of scuba diving, missing John Higgins and his bride, who were so great down here a couple of years ago. Had so much fun playing golf in North Salem, N.Y., New Canaan, Conn., and Bedford, N.Y., with Bill Jackson and Jim Phillips this past summer. Jackson is sneaky good and Rebound (a.k.a Jim Phillips), excise my French, but we both suck. Our son, Jake, godson of Copey Coppedge, produced the Nike campaign featuring Colin Kaepernick and did an ad for the Oscars with Serena Williams as the commentator, which won all sorts of awards. Jake was also captain of the St. George’s lax team that beat SPS three times 15 years ago. I stood next to ‘The Rock’ and he was not pleased.”

Win Brown writes: “Martin Oppenheimer, John Brown, and I gather regularly over Sunday brunch and discuss the issues of the day, including those involving St. Paul’s. Unfortunately, there is not much to report. We are all reasonably healthy and active. Martin is still working full-time at Morgan Stanley and has a grandson. John is no longer teaching but does lecture and produces a blog on public diplomacy. I have retired from the practice of law, am an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and spend time with my numerous grandchildren.”

1967

A message from David Rea: “In December, Marilynn and I and our two sons headed out of New England for a Christmas in Wales. We toured the Welsh countryside, visited every castle we possibly could, and ended up at Tintern Abbey where, like Wordsworth, ‘I saw a crowd,/A host of golden daffodils.’ We also had a great time meeting up with our recently discovered Welsh cousins, who live just outside Cardiff. Our elder son has just received his master’s in pure mathematics from Northeastern and will now pursue a Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina. Our younger son continues working at MIT as an assistant director of financial aid. Life in retirement is good, with lots of time for golf and reading.”

Jim Seward writes: “It’s been a great year for wanderlust—lots of travels. I had an exciting biking trip in Switzerland, then some stunningly scenic hiking in New Zealand, a trip to Hanoi (moped madness), and the backwaters...”
of Northern Vietnam. Capped it off with some snorkeling with the dolphins in Hawaii. There is another bike trip to Sicily coming up. I’m still doing a lot of teaching – environmental medicine at UC Berkeley and global health at UCSF – and consulting for California Occupational Safety and Health Admin. Chris Pleatsikas and I hang out a lot. He works just down the street from my house in Oakland. Open invitation to any classmates passing through the Bay Area. See you at the 55th.”

Stuart Scadron-Wattles is retired from his work in the theatre and, subsequently, in fundraising for international development and the arts. He is enjoying his marriage of 48 years to Linda, also retired. They live and cruise full-time on their sailboat in the Pacific Northwest, wintering in Eagle Harbor, on Bainbridge Island, in order to be close to their two married daughters and five grandchildren.

1969/50th

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1971

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Well, two weeks ago Gregg (Stone) and I, as well as Rich Kennelly ’83 and Ed Ives ’79, competed at the Heineken Regatta in Amsterdam. The first international master’s regatta of the year, it is a fun event with unpredictable weather that didn’t disappoint, with cold rain and heavy winds, making for survival rowing at times.

1972

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Mark Wainwright reports that he has become a fractional owner of a light sport airplane with three guys from Russia, Uzbekistan, and Egypt. Apparently, he plans to fly it to visit me (Charlie Bronson) in San Rafael.

Dave Holt shares: “Enjoying spending time with grandson Oscar King, age 20 months. Goes full blast between naps. Not much of a talker or an artist, but loves mechanical things – anything with wheels, including the vacuum cleaner. When people laugh at his stunts, he responds with a fake laugh. As a founder of Digital Cinema Labs, I am working on a large-format docudrama about Alexander Graham Bell of Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Has a time-traveler theme. We visit our director, Doug Trumbull, who is hidden in the woods of Western Massachusetts. Watching home movies with Doug is a trip. His first project was 2001: A Space Odyssey. He has invented a new generation of immersive filmmaking technology. Oh yeah, I went to the film festival in Toronto because I accidentally ran into Laura Dern in the street. When her premiere was over, we had a good chat. I told her about the Bell project. Then I met the former Czech model whose husband was a co-founder of the festival. Planning will take you only so far.”

News from Eric Carlson: “Peggy and I are gradually moving into retirement. I now work part-time and Peggy will start the same in May. We kicked off our journey with three weeks in Hawaii. If you’re living there, I am truly sorry we didn’t connect. We spent time on Maui, Hawaii, and Oahu, where my son and his wife live in the town of Kailua. He’s based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, as an Infantry Officer and his wife is a Navy Surface Warfare Officer aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Hopper in Pearl Harbor. For now, we still live in Asheville, N.C., where my daughter and her husband also reside and work as attorneys. We plan to downsize in the near future, but have yet to decide where our next home will be. Finally, I had a great dinner with (Michael) Sweeney and (Bob) Shepley last September at a nice Italian restaurant in the North End of Boston.

Julia Alexander writes: “This winter, I had the good fortune of connecting with two former classmates. That’s a seasonal record for me. First, Charlie Bronson, whose tribal call de-lights and encourages us, stopped over on a surprise – but always-welcome visit – as he traveled the trail from Miami to Tampa. The weather was gray but still warranted a quick coastal beach walk. Though many of the birds had still not returned, the beach itself continues its slow recovery from last summer’s red tide assault. One of the many pleasantries of Charlie’s visit was putting me back
in touch with Jeffrey Keith. I am glad that happened too, because on a recent Denver visit with my eldest son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey graciously treated me to a tour of both the Clyfford Still Museum and his industrial studio space. Both very fun and colorful experiences. It was especially interesting for me to see and learn about the evolution of Jeffrey’s creative process, his painting and portrait work. Some changes are evident in self-portraits completed in 1972 and now. Both winter formmate sightings were meaningful for me for our shared history.

Chip Haggerty writes: “Kurt Vonnegut ate Kleenex when he wrote, his daughter told me, tooling around on a golf cart this morning in heavenly Boca Grande, Fla. It is where Wyoming foothills meet the sun sinking somewhere, all glowing extra artistic somehow thanks to Joan, thanks to Jeffrey Keith. I’m comfortable, I tried to assure myself, beholding her work, not knowing what a tapir is exactly. Just as I sit here now, full of self-assurance, hailing you, my beloved brethren, in this not intimidating bulletin that keeps turning up.”

Doug Chan spoke at the annual national forum convened and sponsored by the Asian & Pacific Island Americans in Historic Preservation. Doug’s presentation focused on the challenges and opportunities posed by the unique architectural heritage of San Francisco’s Chinatown, land ownership by family and district associations and tongs, the use of historic preservation easements, and public-private partnerships for preserving the remains of the pioneer Chinese settlements from the Gold Rush era. He recently completed several terms as a vice president of the Chinese Historical Society of America, and he will continue to serve as general counsel. Doug would be pleased to assist visiting classmates in navigating SF Chinatown's streets, alleyways, and landmarks – ideally before sitting down for dim sum.

A note from Pres Stone: “Been busy. First grandchild came in January. Second daughter is engaged and will be married in September. We have been to Cuba in February and the St. Johns River of Florida in March.”

Lin Giralt has been very quiet in the consulting trenches, but very active on the teaching front. He is preparing a series of mixed online and in-person courses covering topics in business, management, and consulting for the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies at Rice University. The idea is to schedule these courses so they can be useful both to U.S. audiences (early morning) as well as China (night) and India (noon), an experiment in three-dimensional time zone mapping. On other fronts, Lin has also been active as a budding (or presumptuous) digital artist, never meaning to ever be mentioned in the same sentence, paragraph, or book as Jeffrey Keith.

1974/45th

Lorene Cary writes: “On May 7, Norton Books will publish Ladysitting: My Year with Nana at the End of Her Century, the first memoir I’ve dared since Black Ice. This one is also trying to understand a time that rocked my world: the two-year mash-up of love and fear when our grandmother came to live with us before her death.”

News from Martina Miller: “I missed our 40th because my youngest brother got married that weekend. After 25 five years at CIGNA, my job was outsourced to India almost 15 years ago. I returned to school to get certified to teach math and get my M.Ed. I taught high school math for several years and a variety of subjects in Catholic school as well as numerous long-term substitute positions. I found out, unfortunately, that my master’s degree placed me out of the market because they had to pay me more than a teacher without that degree. Unfortunately, public education has started to be a business instead of an institution concerned with providing what is best for the students. Besides the long-term sub jobs, I have taught GED classes, tutored secondary and college students, conducted after-school and summer programs for inner-city students, and facilitated credit recovery programs for students in danger of not completing graduation requirements. Due to budget restrictions, my after-school and summer programs were eliminated. I currently substitute at the school where I completed my student teaching and have learned that I can live on a lot less. I have been in Hartford for more than 40 years, even though I will always call D.C. home and all my family continue to reside in the area. If anyone is in the Hartford area, please feel free to contact me.”
Jeff Cooley '75, with wife Betsy, holding his grand-daughter, Claire (daughter of Ben Cooley '03), in front of the resting place of Jeff’s father, Paul Cooley (Form of 1926).

**Tom Wiggin** writes: “My wife, Jenn, and I moved to Charleston, S.C., recently and have been hanging out with **Burnie Maybank** and **Suzanne Williamson Pollack**, eating lots of oysters and ribs at Burnie’s country getaway on Edisto Island. Professionally, I created an interview show called *Crossovers* for the brand new STAGE Network (watchstage.com). Its first seven-episode season dropped, featuring Broadway and TV/Film stars such as Bily Magnussen (*Game Night*), Leslie Uggams (*Deadpool*) and Gaten Matarazzo (*Stranger Things*). Lot of work but rewarding.”

From **Ken Williams**: “Greetings to all from the First State of Delaware. It’s difficult to believe that 45 years have passed since the Form of ’74 departed Millville to shake up the world, but here we are. While I always look forward to returning to campus to converse with the adults we’ve all become, it doesn’t take long before we start to sound like a group of Third Formers hanging out in the quad. And isn’t that a refreshing thought? Sadly, I won’t make the reunion this year, but for a very exciting reason. My daughter, Brianna, will be receiving her B.S. in psychology from the University of Delaware on June 1. I trust our form will continue the tradition of having the most spectacular reunions on the planet. Also, kudos to **Vic Young** on the Alumni Association Award that he received in April.”

**Rick Gomes** reports: “I was hiding in Vero Beach post-holidays, where I met up with classmate **Donn Taylor**. The attached picture provides evidence as to why 60-year-olds should not take selfies. Last July, my wife Lucy and I, devout Yankee fans, were forced to invade Red Sox Nation territory for the wedding of our son, Christopher, to Caitlin Glasgow of Norwich, Vt. Planning to see everyone in 2020!”

**Whit Ford** shares the following updates: “I liquidated our (very) small company after 26 years. I guess that means I’m ‘retired’ now. My sons are in their junior and senior years of college, and I’m excited at the thought of only one more year of tuition bills. I substitute taught Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 at our local high school from late September though January and found 96 students in five classes to be a lot of work. I continue to volunteer for Yarmouth Cares About Neighbors, White Mountain School, Breakwater School, Yarmouth High School, SPS Building Healthy Relationships Committee, and SCORE. If you are not aware of SCORE, check it out – it is a great free resource for new and growing businesses, and chapters need more volunteers with relevant experience. I’m playing flute every week in an Irish session I organize (look for Byrnes’ Whimsy on Facebook), and also as part of an English country dancing band (our tag line is “greatest hits of the 1600s and 1700s”). Music became my favorite social activity during my fifties, so dust off those neglected interests. Looking forward to upcoming travel to Chicago (35th graduate school reunion), and Ireland (traditional musical tour of County Clare).”

**Archie Douglas** writes: “Currently serving as director of college counseling at Bentley School in Lafayette, Calif., over the hills, east of Berkeley. In recent years, my parents have died, and my sons have graduated from college and are on the West Coast. When not at work, I am comfortably settled into a neo-classical row house in Santa Cruz. Overall, it has been a magical experience. I have no complaints.”

A message from **Margaret Conklin**: “I have been thinking a bit more about our time at SPS with all of the (not-so-positive) news that has been emerging about the School over the past few years. I am truly disappointed that it took SPS 17 years to acknowledge the ‘brave class of 1975’ for coming forward in 2000 to talk about some of the terrible things that were happening during our time there. Mostly, I still can’t believe that there were only 14 girls in our Third Form class when we showed up in the fall of 1971 – and I can name almost all of them.

After graduating from Wellesley, I went to France for a while and then attended Harvard Law School. I joined the corporate practice of an international law firm in N.Y.C. – Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton – with the idea of transferring to their Paris office. I got married instead and moved to Brussels with my husband, who was partner at the firm. Both of our children were born in Belgium, and I joined Morgan Guaranty Trust Company (as it used to be known) there. I stayed with the bank for 22 years, with stints in the New York and London offices and retired a couple of years ago. I am now working at the Legal Aid Society as an immigration lawyer and serve on several boards and live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Both of our children attended Saint Paul’s School, (in London, not Concord), and Columbia College. Alexander is working for a tech company in Soho and Claire is pursuing a Ph.D. in history of science at Penn. We see **Alice Conklin** regularly, who is a very successful French historian at Ohio State University, specializing in issues of race, ethnology, and empire. She has two boys around the same age as our children (surprise, surprise), but I will let her provide her own news. Perhaps we will make the pilgrimage back to Concord one of these days.”
1978

Jon Sweet is thrilled that his second son, Owen ’23, was admitted to SPS – to play hockey and to study very hard – and will be joining his older brother, Harrison ’20, who is there already, doing the same.

Lita Remsen spent a weekend outside Boston for a movement training class late in March. Nora Tracy Phillips drove the 45 minutes from her home to Lita’s hotel off the interstate to meet her for dinner and a visit.

Mitchell Kelly writes: “In early February, my wife, Lael Forbes, and I had a lovely dinner in New York with Grace Kaynor, widow of Sandy Kaynor ’77. Neither their amazing son Granville nor his sister – my goddaughter, Phoebe – was able to join us, Granville being at the hotel, but down with the flu, and Phoebe having remained in New Orleans, burdened by school and such. Granville was gearing up for another outstanding season leading Trinity College’s tennis team to more titles, about which Sandy would be so proud. Grace and their kids send all their love to the SPS family, particularly to the Forms of 1977 and 1978.”

In November, Lisa Kent Nitze, Electra McDowell Lang, and Lisa Henriques Hughes came together with five other intrepid female friends to undertake what ended up being a “transcendent” 12-day trek in Nepal. They did the Annapurna Circuit, which included Annapurna Base Camp (13,500 ft.) and Poon Hill (10,532 ft.) at sunrise. Said Lisa Hughes, “It was an intimate and moving way to experience a country and, needless to say, kicked us into shape.”

1979/40th

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1981

Peter Paine spent a day in Philadelphia in January with Marian and Arthur Imperatore, Michelle and Tom Dewey, Sloan and Elliott (Sparkman) Walker, and Karl Kusserow. “We had a nice brunch and then visited the Museum of the American Revolution,” notes Peter. “The museum was made all the more enjoyable by Karl’s deep expertise in American art. In a less erudite vein, Arthur has opened a new gym in Northern New Jersey called Iron Culture, dedicated to hardcore weight training.”

Peter also alerted me to an opinion piece in The New York Times regarding Blueprint, a new book by Nicholas Christakis, husband of Erika Christakis, following their well-publicized confrontation by Yale students who objected to Erika’s response to the university’s guidelines for Halloween costumes. The author of the article wrote, “I asked [Nicholas] if its dedication (“The world is better the closer you are to Erika”) was especially important to him given what had happened at Yale. His eyes filled with tears. He said he was telling the world: ‘You guys have no idea who she is. You have no idea what an extraordinary person she is – just astonishing, full of grace and goodness.’” We know, Nick. We’ve always known.

1982

Ed Marchese shares this update: “Currently still doing the art dealer/real estate thing in N.Y.C., but as I fell in love with Charleston, S.C., a few years back, I try to get down there as often as I can. Check it out if you can; beautiful and great food. Eat at Husk, if you go. The world’s best cornbread. Also writing on wine for a wine webzine, Grape Collective. I got to spend this past holiday season/New Year with my cousin, Pr. Marie of Romania, in Transylvania, at her eldest sister’s estate, Savarsin Castle. It is a beautiful country. I spent time with Kate Deane this past spring in Rochester, N.Y., and she is as awesome as ever. While many may dislike it, I am having fun keeping up with SPS friends on
Facebook. Still hear frequently from Rhonda Roberts and Marnix Koumans as well. Heading to the Turquoise Coast this July, and staying at Oludeniz. If there are any Paulies in the area, let’s catch up.”

1983

Charles Jakosa shares: “I left my Syria-focused position in Turkey last winter, and I am now leading a USAID Access to Justice project in Bangladesh. All is good as this is a beyond-interesting place, and I feel like I am living in a Graham Greene novel as I commute to work in a rickshaw. If anyone makes a committed position in Turkey last winter, and I

Eva Jenisch ’83 (l.) with Beth Nolan ’84 in Basel, Switzerland.

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Most recently, we celebrated the XIX Society Seated Meal together.”

A note from Jack Corsello: "Recently met up with classmates Keith Pattison, Niki von der Schulenburg ’84, and Morris Barrett in Park City, Utah. Wonderful to catch up with these gents for a few days on the slopes."

Cam Sanders writes: “Last year was a rough year, slogging it out with chemo and surgery to treat aggressive bladder cancer, but I had the extraordinary good fortune to enjoy the company of super-supporters dear Julie Won and Sandy Hurlimann Herz. They tag-teamed my post-surgery weeks with visits from afar to help out and bring good cheer, plus lots of support from many other extra-special SPS friends and family. It was a beautiful reminder of how valuable those SPS bonds are, from what seems like so long ago. All is well now for the time being, and I am recovering nicely eight months later. I’m back at work as an L.A. school-photographer-around-town, while still finding much joy in longtime church choir music-making, tap-dance class jumping-around, and even doing some theater stuff again. Good times.”

1984/35th

In March, Emily Hartshorne’s husband, Dobbs, played all six of J.S. Bach’s cello suites (on the double bass, no less) at Town Hall, and Richard Barth, Garry Channing, DavidStubbs, Don Sung, Amanda Washburn, Rob Garrett, Holly Schade ’87, and I were there to see it. Afterwards: Irish bar, pints, adult language.

1985

Sarah Cornell shares this news: “Our five-year-old, Eli, just got into kindergarten so
we’re happy to have him at the same school at his older brother. Have seen several alumni recently which is always fun. I attended a political fundraiser for Paul Cusack in N.Y.C., organized by a mutual friend, which was inspiring, saw Sally Horchow ’88 at the play “Gloria,” which she co-produced, and went to a XIX Society dinner hosted by the youngest sister of Pete Stovell ’89, Mimi Stovell McAndrew ’01, with several fascinating alumnae. I also bumped into Andy Light ’91 in Aspen in February, and see Benito Moyer ’92 and Katie Stitch ’01 on a regular basis as our kids go to the same school.

Katy Lederer writes: “I am still in Park Slope, where I roam my natural range of about a half-mile-square in every season. My twins, who just turned six, are in kindergarten and loving it. I am a rotational columnist for a satirical work advice column in The New York Times Sunday Business section called “Work Friend.” Write me! My tenure there lasts until the end of May.”

A note from Jeff Townsend: “In late 2018, we published a new method that enables the calculation of how the spread of cancerous cells depends on each mutation that leads to cancer. The research I’ve been doing to quantify the importance of these cancer-causing mutations was featured in an article in Quanta magazine entitled, ‘Theorists Debate How ‘Neutral’ Evolution Really Is.’ I guess I’m a theorist. Just this spring, I was elected to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. Lastly, I’m hosting a podcast in which I interview scientists who (like me) are part of a collaborative effort to re-engineer the cell’s ribosome to create new, template-driven polymers and materials that may be essential to tomorrow’s hottest technologies. Please subscribe.

Mary Tyler Johnson in Telluride with our oldest daughter (12) and got to see Stratton Lloyd and his family, who were out too and visiting Chris Chaffin and his gang. Great to hang out with everyone and see all the kids together!”

Bodhi Gray Harley was born to Nehal and Gray Harley on March 17, 2019, in New York City. Gray writes “we are happy and healthy and loving the new addition to the family.”

1994/25th
Chris Gates
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1995
Morgan Stewart
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I got to have an all-too-quick visit with Lisa and Graham Day and Christina and Jamie Funk ’97, and their families, in Palm Springs in February. Wish we all lived closer, but grateful for even the little hang time we had.

1996
Ben Loehnen
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Max Lamont reports that he, Lloyd Walmsley, and Alex Leigh met up in New Orleans.
for a Mardi Gras reunion. Keith Porteous ’95 was also spotted. The group had a blast showing the parade routes to the kids and ate at all of Lloyd’s favorite restaurants.

1998

Jeff Grappone and Amy Graham were married on June 16, 2018, at Christ Church Georgetown in Washington, D.C. Cybil Gregory Roehrenbeck ’99 delivered a reading at the ceremony. SPS alumni in attendance were Angus Burgin, Hud Morgan, Ethan Leidinger, David Foxley ’02, Olivia Millard Davis ’99, Meghan Sullivan Belica, Alex Butler, and Luke Morgan ’01.

1999/20th

Ben Bleiman
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Elizabeth Leeds
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2000

From Lauren Hobbs: “Nick, big sister Eleanor (3), and I welcomed Warren Miller Hobbs to the family with love on November 15, 2018. We’re living in N.Y.C., and looking forward to baptizing Warren in Mass. this summer with Johnny and Tina Helzer as two of his godparents.”

Kathryn Duryea writes: "Hello from San Francisco with happy news to share. In May 2018, Matt Wyndowe and I were married in Big Sur, Calif. In late 2017, I launched a new home brand, Year & Day, selling tableware direct-to-consumer. Grateful to have many Paulies as customers. Check it out at yearandday.com or on Instagram @yearandday.”

2004/15th

Mae Karwowski
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2005

Matt Danzig
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Timothy Liddell graduated with honors from a two-year Italian-language master's program in product design at the Politecnico di Milano in Milan, Italy.

2007

News from Catherine Parkhurst Gardiner: “I recently matched to Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for my internal medicine residency. My husband, Brian, and I are looking forward to moving back up to Boston, where we met in 2012. I’m looking forward to reconnecting with many Paulies this summer.”

Elizabeth Bates shares this happy news: “John Coit ’06 and I got married on September 2, 2018, at my family’s home in Tenants Harbor, Maine. We had a wonderful day and loved celebrating with family and friends. Many SPS alumni and family joined in the merriment.”

2009/10th

Victoria Hetz
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2010

Tom Johnson
tjohnson@m3cp.com

On February 9, 2019, Jacci Cousins (now Plaisir) and Paul Plaisir ’11 were married in

Laura Sinnott, Albert Pope ’05, and Mileva Rose Pope-Sinnott, born on March 7, 2019.

The sons of Max Lamont ’96 and daughter of Lloyd Walmsley ’96: (l. to r.) Will Lamont, Harrison Lamont, Annie Walmsley, John Lamont.

Warren Miller Hobbs, son of Nick and Lauren Hobbs ’00.

Katie Sears Edwards ’95 with Larry Edwards, Nat (4), and Sam (1).

Jeff Grappone ’98 with his wife, Amy Graham.

Kathryn Duryea ’00 with her husband, Matt Wyndowe.
Culver, Ind., in a small ceremony attended by their parents, friends, and members of the hockey team that Paul coached.

2013
Beth Anne George
Elisabeth.george@brown.edu

Ryan MacDonald writes: “I work for Keller Augusta, a boutique search firm specializing in the commercial real estate industry. Keller Augusta works on a national basis, placing professionals across all sectors of commercial real estate. Feel free to reach out to me (ryan@kelleraugusta.com). I also enjoy spending time with Connor Crutchfield, Caroline Griffiths, Ellie Kennedy ’12, and especially Sarah Garvin, who I currently live with.”

2014/5th
Tekla Monson
teklamonson@me.com

2018
Haley Fuller
hefuller@me.com

William Yee shares this news: “I recently received the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship and will be studying Mandarin in Changchun, China, this summer. I will be taking classes at Northeast Normal University.”
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FORMER RETECTOR
The Reverend Charles Halsey
“Kelly” Clark
March 11, 2019

1940
Henry “Harry” Norris Platt, Jr.
who was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his service in World War II, died on February 6, 2019. He was 96.

Just before he died, Mr. Platt asked that the “Last Night Hymn” be sung at his service. “He was humming it,” said his daughter, Martha Platt. “He was very proud of his time at St. Paul’s – even at the end of his life.”

Mr. Platt was born in Chestnut Hill, Pa., on March 23, 1922, to Henry Norris Platt and Page Randolph Platt. He entered St. Paul's as a Third Former in 1936. He competed with Halcyon and was a member of the Library Association. He graduated from Harvard in 1944 and was soon drafted into the 1258th Combat Engineer Battalion, where he rose to the rank of Captain. Mr. Platt’s unit was responsible for clearing their path of obstacles.

“For a couple of months, [our battalion] was the only thing along the Moselle River and the Saar River,” Mr. Platt told the William-John Herald in Tennessee in 2014. “It was just us chickens.”

In the fall of 1945, Mr. Platt’s unit was sent to Nuremberg to ready the Palace of Justice for the war crimes trials. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service for his work as a recon sergeant.

After returning home in 1946, Mr. Platt earned his J.D. in 1949 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and remained with the Army for nearly 15 years, much of it with the Judge Advocates General Corp.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Platt worked as a corporate lawyer and senior partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Ballard Spahr. He retired in 1986.

Mr. Platt is survived by his wife of 40 years, Adelaide Hartung; six children, Henry N. Platt III, Nell Riviere Platt, Martha Platt, Caroline Platt, Stephanie Lapointe, and Christopher Platt; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1942
Henry Gildersleeve Jarvis, Jr.
a man remembered for his kindness, caring nature, and generosity, died on December 23, 2018, at his home in North Sandwich, N.H., after a period of failing health. He was 95 years old.

Mr. Jarvis was born on November 26, 1923, in West Hartford, Conn., to Dr. Henry G. Jarvis, Sr. and Dorothy Jarvis. Prior to enrolling at St. Paul’s School in 1939, he attended Kingswood Oxford School in his hometown. While at SPS, Mr. Jarvis competed with Isthmian and Halcyon.

Mr. Jarvis first enrolled at Nichols Junior College, where he received an associate’s degree in 1950. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1953 with a degree in economics.

After college, Mr. Jarvis moved back to Hartford, where he spent his career working in the insurance industry. He earned an executive position for Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company in Hartford, which he held for many years.

Throughout his life, Mr. Jarvis spent summers in the New Hampshire Lakes Region, living in North Sandwich for more than 30 years. He was an avid golfer, a hobby he kept until the age of 89, and a member of the White Mountain Country Club in Ashland. He also kept active at the Winnipesaukee Wellness Center in Moultonborough, where he exercised several days a week.

Those who knew him best remember Mr. Jarvis as a kind soul, always willing to help others, from educational expenses to buying a home to getting a new car.

Though Mr. Jarvis was the last surviving member of his immediate family, he found close, supportive friends in Tina Pike and her entire family, Dolores Humiston, and Cindy Plummer. The group assisted him at his home and helped him get out in the local community.
Mr. Jarvis was predeceased in 1982 by his wife, Elizabeth Z. Jarvis, and in 2006 by his companion of 23 years, Eleanor F. Peterson. He is survived by his cousin, Marshall Jarvis, and his wife, Joan.

1942
Alexander “Perry” Morgan, Jr.

a successful architect, known for his integrity and warm sense of humor, died at his Princeton, N.J., home on January 4, 2019. He was 94.

Mr. Morgan was born in Paris on May 8, 1924, to Janet C. Morgan and Alexander P. Morgan, Sr. of the Form of 1918. While growing up abroad, he recalled seeing Charles Lindbergh parade through the streets of Paris after successfully completing his first transatlantic solo flight. In 1927, the Morgan family moved to New York City, where Mr. Morgan attended The Buckley School before enrolling at SPS a decade later.

At SPS, Mr. Morgan sang in the Choir. He was a member of the Library Association, the Phi Beta Kappa society, the Acolyte’s Guild, the Cadmean/Concordian Literary Society, and the Scientific Association. He competed for Old Hundred in squash and hockey and rowed with Shattuck. It was at St. Paul’s that he discovered interests in both chemistry and rowing, which continued at Princeton. Mr. Morgan’s college education was interrupted by World War II. He served three years in the U.S. Army, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant for the 283rd Engineering Combat Battalion. He was primarily stationed in Europe.

After returning from the war, Mr. Morgan returned to Princeton, where he graduated as valedictorian and earned a degree in architecture in 1949. He continued his studies at Princeton and earned a master’s in architecture in 1952. He was honored with a Fulbright Scholarship, through which he continued to study architecture in Italy.

Mr. Morgan returned to the U.S. a few years later, living in his family’s longtime home, Constitution Hill, in Princeton, N.J., and working as an architect in New York City. In 1965, he and a former classmate, Phil Holt, formed the nationally recognized architecture firm Holt Morgan Russell. Mr. Morgan worked there until he retired in 1999.

Mr. Morgan is remembered as a loving father and devoted husband, who always sought to help others. He loved reading to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and enjoyed sailing, tennis, golf, painting, and listening to classical music. Mr. Morgan also had a great love and appreciation for the outdoors. He spent many summers with his family in North Haven, Maine.

Throughout his life, Mr. Morgan volunteered for various boards and organizations in the Princeton community and beyond, including the Princeton Zoning Board, the architect’s advisory board for the design of the North Haven Public School, and the North Haven Golf Club’s board of directors. He also worked with Dorothea’s house, a local Italian-American organization.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elisabeth; his sister, Margaret; his son, James, and his wife Beth; his daughter, Lisa Priestley, and her husband, John; his son, Peter, and his wife, Susanne; his son, Matthew, and his wife, Kate; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Caroline Morgan.

1948
Ledlie I. Laughlin, Jr.

an Episcopal priest, who put social justice into action during critical periods in the nation’s history, died on January 21, 2019, at his home in Cornwall, Conn. He was 88.

Born on May 18, 1930, Mr. Laughlin grew up in Princeton, N.J., before coming to St. Paul’s School in 1944. At SPS, he was a member of the Debate Team and the Missionary Society and wrote for Horae Scholasticae. Mr. Laughlin played football, hockey, and tennis and served as a coxswain in the crew program. According to his School files, he was known to be “an intelligent, high-minded boy.”

In correspondence with St. Paul’s after his retirement, Mr. Laughlin indicated that he’d received “a fine education,” made good friends, and that his time at SPS had instilled in him the sense of service to God and country that led him into the priesthood. Many of Mr. Laughlin’s family members also attended SPS, including his father, uncle, two cousins, a son, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Laughlin earned his bachelor’s degree from Princeton in 1952 and his M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary in 1955. His first ministry came as a member of a mission team at Grace Church in Jersey City, N.J., where he served a low-income, racially diverse community.

In 1958, Mr. Laughlin married Roxana Foote Dodd. Five years later, in 1963, he was called to be the dean of Trinity Cathedral in Newark, N.J. His appointment coincided with a period of racial unrest in cities across the United States. At the Cathedral, he merged a small white congregation with a large black congregation, whose church building had burned down. In July 1967, Trinity Cathedral hosted the first national Black Power Conference.

Mr. Laughlin spent 20 years, first as Vicar, then as Rector, of St. Luke-in-the-Fields in New York’s Greenwich Village. Under his leadership, the church became known for its hospitality to the gay community and its ministry to people suffering from AIDS. Fifty years of parish ministry culminated at St. James Church in Florence, Italy, before the Laughlins retired to South Woodstock, Vt., and then to Cornwall, Conn. Along with his commitment to justice and inclusiveness, Mr. Laughlin was known in his wide circle of friends for his sense of humor and his ability to connect with and uplift people.

He is survived by his wife, Roxanna; three children, Ledger Laughlin ‘77, Rebecca Hurlburt, and Joshua Laughlin; and seven grandchildren, India Laughlin ‘07, Nicholas Laughlin ‘09, Sam, Jacob, Roxy, Ledlie, and Leighton.
Maine. Mr. Timpson was active in community affairs as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for more than 30 years, as a trustee of St. Timothy's School in Maryland (1973-76), and of Northwell Glen Cove Hospital, near his home in Locust Valley, N.Y. He served on the SPS Parents Committee from 1976 to 1978 and chaired the 1978 capital campaign for Millbrook School in New York.

In addition to spending time with family and friends, Mr. Timpson enjoyed skiing, golf, sailing, and tennis. He was a member of the Piping Rock Club, The Brook, Racquet & Tennis Club, The Links, the National Golf Links, Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, Gulfstream Golf Club, The Little Club, Prouts Neck Country Club, Prouts Neck Yacht Club, Cypress Point Club, and The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. He also was a member of the International Skiing History Association, the Father and Son Golf Association, and the U.S. Seniors Golf Association.

Bill Timpson is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patsy; four children, Nina Hilbert, Carl W. "Billy" Timpson III, Alexander "Alec" Timpson '79, and Ogden W. Timpson; and 11 grandchildren. Several relatives also attended SPS, including Mr. Timpson's brothers-in-law, Ogden White '55 and Robert Strawbridge '58.

1953

Michael Gay Hooker

a man who will be remembered for living life to the fullest, died, along with his beloved wife, Constance L. Hooker, following a Christmas Eve fire at their Presidio Heights, Calif., home. He was 83.

Mr. Hooker was born in San Francisco on September 17, 1935, to Rodman L. Hooker and Nancy Borland. He spent many happy summers on the Monterey Peninsula with his family, including brother Rod. Mr. Hooker came to St. Paul’s in 1947 as a First Former from Newark Academy in New Jersey. While at St. Paul’s, Mr. Hooker played football and hockey. He was a member of the Yearbook Committee and the Missionary Society and served on the boards of The Pelican and Horae Scholasticae.

His daughter, Katherine “Shrevie” Shepherd, described Mr. Hooker as a lifelong joker and said his self-reflection in his SPS file summed him up perfectly. When asked if he’d won any awards while at St. Paul’s, Mr. Hooker wrote, “The Dingleberry Prize for Excellence in Goofing Off.”

“He’d love to have that in [Alumni Horae],” his daughter said.

Mr. Hooker studied accounting for one year at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, before leaving to join the U.S. Marines as a pilot. He especially enjoyed flying jets off carriers across the Pacific. Friend Sam Wolcott ’53 said Mr. Hooker once flew a jet under the Golden Gate bridge (his military superiors, according to Mr. Wolcott, were not pleased).

Mr. Hooker spent his career working as an institutional stockbroker, forging countless connections with those he encountered through his work. In addition to flying, his passions included fly-fishing and playing golf. Mr. Hooker’s grandfather, Samuel F. Morse, created the Pebble Beach golf resort in California. Mr. Hooker was proud to have made four holes-in-one in his lifetime, including one on the 15th hole at Cypress Point. He was a member of the Burlingame Country Club and Pacific Union Club.

After being introduced by mutual friends and immediately hitting it off, Mr. Hooker and Constance Lee Colladay were married on September 30, 1995. Their 22-year marriage was full of mutual respect, travel, parties, and laughs. Together, they lived life to the fullest, enjoyed connecting with friends and family, and traveled to many parts of the world, including frequent trips with close friends to Europe, Sun Valley, and New York.

Mr. Hooker is survived by his children, Anne Austen Hooker, Samuel Talcott Hooker, and Katherine “Shrevie” Shepherd; his son-in-law, Dr. James Shepherd; and his grandsons, James Shepherd ’15, George Shepherd, and Charles Shepherd.
IN MEMORIAM

1954
Mr. William F. “Ford” Moreland
a beloved husband and father, died on April 10, 2018. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Moreland was born on November 26, 1935, to Mary L. Johnson and Raymond F. Moreland. Prior to enrolling in St. Paul’s School in 1949, he attended Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa. While at SPS, Mr. Moreland was a member of the Missionary Society and served as a Prefect. He competed with Isthmian and Halcyon. He attended Yale, graduating in 1958 with a B.A. in American studies.

Mr. Moreland went on to work as a stockbroker until his retirement in 2000. At one point, he started his own firm, the Moreland Company. He was a generous supporter of Beginning with Books, a program in Pittsburgh that promotes literacy in early childhood.

Mr. Moreland is survived by his wife, Ellen Zook Moreland; his son, Raymond Moreland II, and his wife, Suzanne; his son, Ted Moreland, and his wife, Lisa; five grandchildren; his brother, Rob Johnson; and his sister, Jeannie Thompson. He was predeceased by his daughter Elaine Moreland, his brother, Terrell Griggs, and his sister, Judy Johnson.

1958
Harold Elstner Talbott III
a follower of Tibetan Buddhism, who valued greatly the spiritual dimension of human existence and was known for his humor, intelligence, generosity, and friendship, died peacefully from complications of Parkinson’s disease at his home in Marion, Mass., on February 7, 2019. He was just shy of his 80th birthday.

Mr. Talbott and his twin brother, John, were born in New York City on February 21, 1939, to Harold E. Talbott, Jr. and Margaret “Peggy” Thayer. Their parents lived at the apex of high society in New York, and briefly in Washington, D.C., during the mid-1950s, when the elder Mr. Talbott served as secretary of the Air Force under the Eisenhower administration. Harold Talbott III attended The Buckley School in New York City, before enrolling at St. Paul’s as a Second Former in the fall of 1953. He left the School for the 1956-57 academic year, during which time his father died suddenly, but returned as a Sixth Former.

At SPS, Mr. Talbott was a member of the Student Council, the Dramatic Club, Le Cercle Français, the Library Association, and the Cum Laude Society. He served as president of the Propylean and Concordian Literary Societies, on the boards of The Pelican and Horae Scholasticae, and sang in the Choir. It was at St. Paul’s that he developed a passion for French literature. An exceptional scholar, Mr. Talbott was awarded Dickey Prizes in French and English, the Williamson Medal, the Malbone French Prize, the French Consulate Prize, the Margaret Wood Schlich Prize, and the 1887 Fifth Form Speaking Prize. He graduated magna cum laude. Mr. Talbott was described in his college recommendation as “intellectually curious – almost insatiably, combining great tenacity of purpose with considerable penetration and with a certain integrity.” The letter also said Mr. Talbott was fascinated by “the arts and religions of India,” offering a glimpse into his future.

At a time when homosexuality was not easily tolerated, Mr. Talbott readily shared in high school that he was gay. He was accepted by his peers for his intelligence, humor, and charm. Mr. Talbott had a similar experience at Harvard, where he made many friends and graduated with the Class of 1962. After his mother committed suicide that same year, Mr. Talbott lived a recluse life in New York, rarely socializing until 1964, when he befriended the famous piano duo Bobby Fizdale and Arthur Gold. Soon his circle of friends included George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins, among others.

A budding interest in Buddhism led to Mr. Talbott’s friend, Alan Watts, introducing him to Benedictine monk Dom Aelred Graham, an authority on Thomist philosophy and Zen Buddhism, who became his close friend and mentor. During this time, Mr. Talbott twice traveled to the Abbey of Gesthemene in Kentucky to meet Thomas Merton, through whose writings he “fell in love with the monastic life.” Another significant turning point came when Graham invited Mr. Talbott to be his assistant on a yearlong trip to Asia to meet leading figures of the world’s non-Christian religions. Mr. Talbott spent the winter of 1968 at Dharamsala as a private student of the Dalai Lama, who told Harold he would become his “monk in America,” though he eventually became a follower of the old school tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, to which he committed himself for the rest of his life. Later that year, Mr. Talbott served as Merton’s guide to Tibetan lamas in India’s Himalayan region.

After Merton’s death, Mr. Talbott met Tibetan yogi Lama Gyurdala. When Lama Gyurda died in early 1975, Mr. Talbott’s close friend, Michael Baldwin ’58, persuaded him to return to America and settle in Marion, Mass. Soon after, Mr. Talbott co-founded the Bhuddhayana Foundation with Mr. Baldwin to publish important works about Tibetan Buddhism.

Mr. Talbott eventually worked with Tulku Thondup as editor of many books, introducing Tibetan Buddhism to scores of Americans in the process. Shortly before his death, Mr. Talbott published a memoir, Tendrel, which refers to the connections that marked and shaped his life as a private monk in a secular age.

Harold Talbott is survived by his twin brother, John T. Talbott; two sisters, Peggy and Polly; 11 nieces and nephews; and an army of cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Pauline Tolland.

1965
Robert Morris Silliman
a land preservation advocate known for his quick wit and kind spirit, died peacefully, of cancer, on February 4, 2019. He was 71 years old and a resident of Kennett Square, Pa.
Mr. Silliman was born in Wilmington, Del., on March 21, 1947, the son of Mariana du Pont Silliman and Henry Harper Silliman of the Form of 1925. He attended Tower Hill School in Wilmington before enrolling at St. Paul's School as a Third Former in the fall of 1961. Mr. Silliman followed his brother, Henry Harper Silliman, Jr. '52, to the School. At SPS, he captained the baseball and basketball teams and played football with Isthmian. Mr. Silliman was a member of Le Cercle Français, the Athletic Association, and Maroon Key.

Mr. Silliman earned his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1969, an M.A. in history from Carnegie-Mellon in 1971, and his M.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974. Between 1971 and 1974, he taught history and coached basketball at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va. After earning his M.Ed., Mr. Silliman worked in administration at Wilmington College. He switched careers in his thirties and became a stockbroker with Dean Witter Reynolds, continuing with Morgan Stanley as vice president of investments in Wilmington.


Mr. Silliman’s love and knowledge of early American History was exemplified by his impressionable collection of rare books on the subject and resulted in their decision to restore his wife’s family home in the Charles-Historic District. The project resulted in their decision to buy the house and change his impressive collection of rare books on early American History was exemplified by his work with the band, as he began a successful career as a stockbroker.

Bob Silliman is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann; their three children, Caroline Legaré, Robert Morris, Jr., and Joshua Elliott; their spouses; two grandchildren; his brothers, Henry Harper Silliman, Jr. ’52 and John Emory Silliman ’71; and three sisters, Doris S. Stockly, Eleanor S. Maroney, and Mariana S. Richards.

1969

Stephen Lievens

whose life’s work was running his family’s apple orchard, but whose life’s passion was performing with his band, died in Londonderry, N.H., on December 20, 2018, of complications from emphysema. He was 68.

Mr. Lievens was born to William E. and Catherine M. Lievens in East Derry, N.H., on June 10, 1950. He grew up in Londonderry on Woodmont Orchards, a commercial apple business his father bought in 1938. He entered St. Paul’s as a Second Former in 1964.

On his application for admission, Mr. Lievens said one of his life’s most informative experiences was being elected president of his seventh grade class. “I found how hard it is to please everyone,” he wrote. At SPS, Mr. Lievens played football, soccer, and basketball for Isthmian and co-captained the Shattuck crew as a Sixth Former. He was a member of the Missionary Society, the Athletic Association, La Junta, and the SPS Band.

Mr. Lievens attended Berkeley College, but left after a year and returned to Woodmont Orchards. After the death of their father in 1999, Mr. Lievens and his brother, Robert, operated the business until they sold it in 2010. When he wasn’t working, Mr. Lievens was playing bass and singing with his band, Jack. Tom Iglehart ’69 moved to the farm in 1973 to manage the band, which played boogie and blues in Boston clubs. In 1973, the band toured Massachusetts and New Hampshire with Muddy Waters and Bo Diddley.

“He only cared about playing,” Mr. Iglehart said. “He didn’t care about recording or getting a big record hit. Touring around in a blue school bus they had on the apple orchard—that’s exactly what he wanted to do.”

Bill Lane ’69 credits Mr. Lievens with one of his life’s most important experiences—going to Woodstock. Mr. Lane had just taken a job at a Coca Cola plant and knew that making the trip shortly after starting would cost him his job. He wasn’t sure he wanted to spend $25 for a standby ticket either. “[Lievens’s] response was, ‘Peanuts.’” Mr. Lane came to New Hampshire the next day, and he and Mr. Lievens made the trip to Woodstock on Mr. Lievens’s motorcycle.

Bob Rettew ’69 and Mr. Lievens roomed together in their final year at St. Paul’s. He said Mr. Lievens was gifted academically as well as musically and earned high marks without studying. A few years after graduating, Mr. Lievens invited Mr. Rettew to the orchard to pick apples to help pay for his rent in Cambridge, Mass., where he was writing poetry and fiction. Mr. Rettew stayed for a few years.

“The happiest he ever was,” Mr. Rettew said, “was when he was playing music.”

Near the end of his life, Mr. Lievens continued singing with the band, even though his emphysema made it difficult. Mr. Lievens could sing just one song before resting his voice, while the rest of the band took turns at the microphone.

Mr. Lievens was predeceased by his parents, William E. Lievens and Catherine M. Lievens, and his brother, William Lievens ’62. He is survived by his longtime partner, Bonnie Hunter; his children, Edward and Chelsea; his brother, Robert Lievens ’65, and his wife, Deborah; two sisters, Susan Lievens and Catherine Lievens Gallagher ’77; and several nieces and nephews.
SPOTLIGHT

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Service

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The Executive Committee established the Alumni Association Award in 1997 to recognize and honor those members of the association who have been a credit to the School and its teachings. The Alumni Association Award is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on an alumna or alumnus by the association. Its recipients are those living alumni/ae who, through outstanding service, have improved the quality of life in a community on a local, national, or global level. The recipients are selected by the Presidents Council, which comprises the president and past presidents of the Alumni Association, as well as the executive director and past executive directors. The 2019 awards were presented at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting in New York in April.
A Chance to Develop Their Full Potential

ETIENNE POIROT ’79 has devoted his life to improving children’s healthcare

Recipients of the St. Paul’s School Alumni Association Award are those who “have improved the quality of life in a community on a local, national, or global level.” Since he began his career in medicine, 2019 recipient Etienne Poirot ’79 has not only improved the quality of life in a community, he has worked to save lives in developing countries around the globe.

“It is a great honor,” says Poirot of the Alumni Association Award, “yet, the achievements made are the result of teamwork. Consequently, this is to be considered a shared award with colleagues, family, and friends.”

A Weicker Scholar who came to St. Paul’s School from France, Poirot went on to earn his degree in medicine from Université d’Amiens. In 1995, joined a group of fellow French doctors in Cambodia, signing on with Doctors Without Borders and working in Kompong Thom, one of the poorest provinces in the country. During his time with the organization, Poirot worked to extend healthcare support to more remote areas of the region, establishing health centers and district hospitals to help battle the Dengue (Haemorrhagic Fever) epidemic. Emergency and pediatric facilities were a particular area of focus, as “many patients were children who would come to the hospital as a last resort, when traditional medicine had failed.”

Following his mission in Kompong Thom, Poirot accepted a position as provincial health advisor with UNICEF in the province of Battambang. He was able to improve coordination efforts between the nearly 20 health service providers in the area and led efforts to expand equipment provisions and training options. A fast-spreading HIV/AIDS epidemic brought Poirot to the capital of Phnom Penh, where he worked with national counterparts in several foreign ministries to combat the disease.

His various roles and initiatives in Cambodia, Madagascar, and China have helped Poirot give context to his work, operating on both sides of the rural/urban and grassroots/national policy divides.

“I am honored with the professional career I have been able to follow,” he says. “It has been challenging at times, but always rewarding.”

Poirot currently serves as the chief of health and nutrition for UNICEF and remains grateful for his opportunities.

“I am lucky to have been able to combine this career with an adventurous family,” he says. “Several interventions that I have had the honor to be involved in have shown a significant impact on child health and to contributing to the realization of an environment in which children can develop to their full potential.”
“Hold fast to that which is good”

Inspired by his time at St. Paul’s School, VICTOR YOUNG ’74 has dedicated his life to education

As an educator and philanthropist who has spent his career creating educational opportunities for children of all backgrounds, Victor Young ’74 is quick to note that St. Paul’s School helped shape the foundation from which he still operates.

When asked what it means to receive the School’s Alumni Association Award, Young says, “Everything. So much of my life’s work has been shaped by experiences at SPS that to now be recognized by this community for my small contributions to a greater good is beyond awesome.”

Young attended the University of Pennsylvania following his four years at SPS, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics. While working for Westinghouse Electric Company in Philadelphia, Young noticed an absence of fellow people of color in his field. And, in his words, it “bugged the heck out of” him. His next course of action would change his entire career trajectory.

“I called [Eighth Rector] Bill Oates at St. Paul’s, and I said, ‘This is driving me crazy,’” Young recalls. “And he said, ‘Do something about it.’ He challenged me to become an educator, and I did. Then he hired me, with the understanding that I wanted to figure out how to make the system work for all kids. That instance was my driver, and it still is.”

Young’s career in education and social justice took him to Phillips Academy Andover as a physics teacher, the Cleveland Foundation as a senior program officer, and the Education Enhancement Partnership in Canton, Ohio, where he was the founding executive director. Young spent a year as the senior education consultant at the Rockefeller Center in New York, before returning to Cleveland as president of the Learning Communities Network, Inc., and managing director of the Busara Group LLC.

In 2009, Young returned to New York and founded Cornerstone Literacy Inc., a teacher professional development organization, created to support measurable improvement in the literacy skills of elementary school children from high-poverty communities. Young oversaw a successful merger in 2015, during which Cornerstone became part of the Center for the Collaborative Classroom, a national nonprofit professional learning and curriculum development organization based in California.

Young currently serves as a trustee and chair of the Finance and Investments Committee of the Knowledge-Works Foundation. He is a past chair of the Center of the Future of Teaching and Learning at WestEd, vice chair of the Institute for Research and Reform in Education, and a founding director of Grantmakers for Education. Young also was the principal planner and a founder of the highly acclaimed St. Philips Academy in Newark, N.J., which has sent many inner-city youths to top boarding schools.

“Hold fast to that which is good’ are words that have been with me from my mornings in Chapel until this day,” says Young, “as I work to do just that in the face of never-ending challenges as a servant to underserved children and families.”
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