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OPENING SHOT

## Winter Warriors

The Day Student girls battled bravely in the Winter Carnival 2013 Tug of War competition which took place on a frigid night with temperatures in the toe-tingling teens. Mac proved victorious in that contest, but after some heated competition in other favorites like ice dancing, broom ball and Trivia Night, the overall winners were Spurr/Senior House and de Windt dormitories for the girls and boys respectively.



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ON THE COVER:

**WALT HENRION '57** rides shotgun, while **MAC O'DELL '57** drives **C. TWIGGS MYERS HON. '57** to lunch in his honor in Mac's 1957 Ford convertible.

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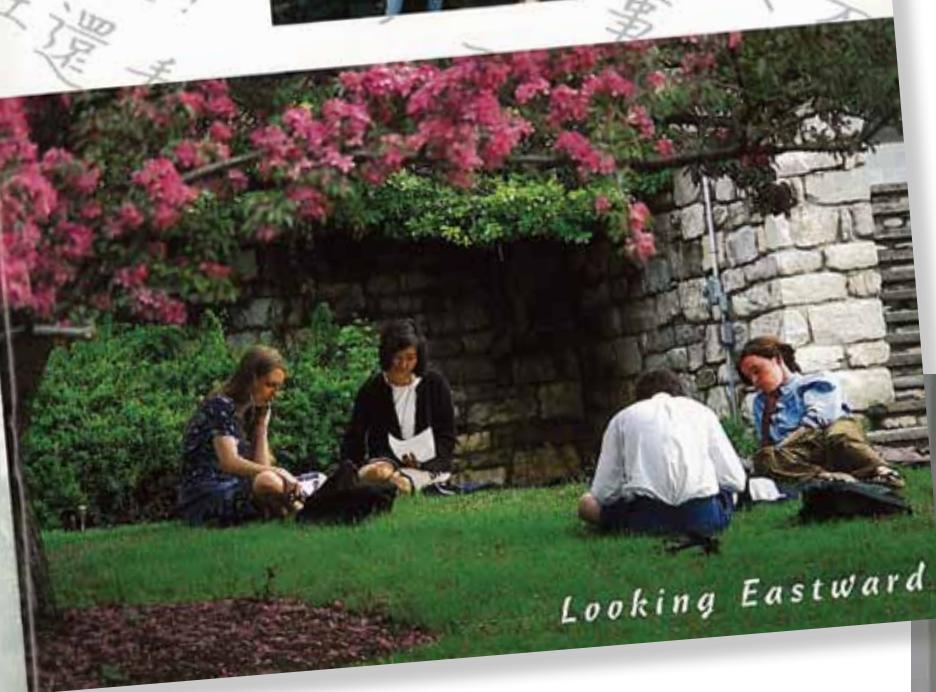
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**LEFT:** Jeremy (far right) with Chinese teacher **Lei Wu** (center) and classmate **SIIRI MORLEY** (left) in a photo from an early 90's Admission catalog promoting Berkshire's Chinese program, one of the few of its kind at the time. **BELow:** Jeremy caught up with current Chinese teacher **Lu Xu** over Advisory Board weekend last spring.



REFLECTION

## One Alum's Return to Berkshire

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Last April, a group of alumni attended a meeting of the Advisory Board on campus. The goal of the weekend was to reconnect with each other, attend classes, meet with students, faculty and administrators and generally soak up a bit of campus life. **JEREMY MILLER '96** shared some of his thoughts in an email to Head of School **Mike Maher**, below.

The people I was fortunate to meet and see again this weekend reminded me that Berkshire people have the school coursing through their blood — always have. It's clear you have made it your mission to be excellent educators, and it really shines. Thank you for taking the time to explain your work in such detail and for having the humbleness of heart to take in the recommendations of an alumni council that doesn't live and breath Berkshire everyday the same way you do. I would like to share some of the impressions I was left with:

1. Berkshire has undergone a great deal of change with the capital investments that have taken place over the last several years. Not only have the athletic facilities been greatly improved, but the renovation of Berkshire Hall, the renovation of Allen Theater, the new dorms, and, of course, the new math and science building all lead to a sense of renewed vigor for the school. The momentum and optimism that these investments have created with students and faculty is obvious. The extent of the improvements and their resulting effects were a real surprise for me, and I suspect they would be equally surprising to the vast majority of alums.

2. Berkshire, at its core, has not changed a bit. Everything I love and remember about the school remains. The bones are intact. The mountain, the look and feel of the campus, the general sense of the

place are the same. I love that.

3. The quality of the experience offered to Berkshire students is probably at its highest level in the history of the school, and it's exciting to hear that the leadership believes that there is so much further to go.

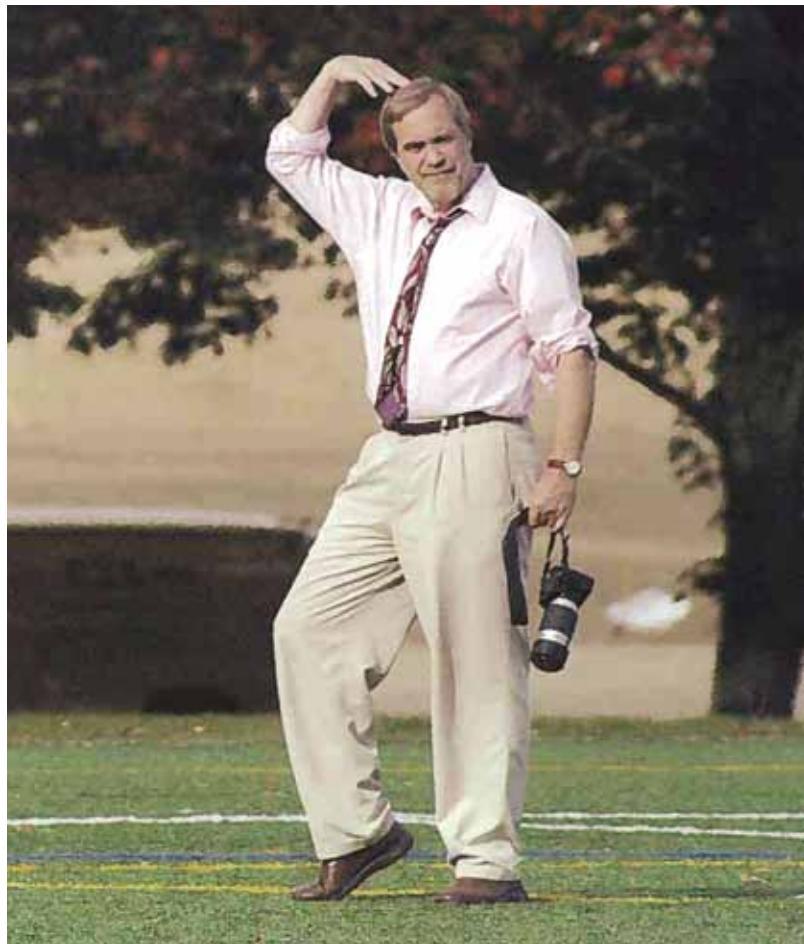
It was a privilege and an honor to be invited back to Berkshire to participate in this event. The school looks fantastic. We all have so much to be proud of. Alums need to tune in to the recent changes and turn up to see them for themselves.

*To echo Jeremy, we hope that as many alums as possible will come back to campus for Reunion 2013, June 7-9. All alumni and their families and former faculty are welcome to stay on campus and enjoy a weekend back at Berkshire. Look for more details on [www.berkshireschool.org](http://www.berkshireschool.org).*

## James Harris: Raconteur, Wordsmith, Reporter of Life\*

By Hilary Russell

\* Title by C. Twiggs Myers



The Class of 2008 selected this photo for their yearbook dedication to James, whom they described as a “constant and supportive presence in our community.” They concluded, “Harris’ will remain in the hearts and minds of his students for generations to come.”

Note the “of life” in the title instead of “on life.” As editor of the *Berkshire Bulletin*, James Harris, of course, has reported *on* events at and around Berkshire School for eighteen years – from the **Dick Unsworth** era up hill and down dale to our lofty present. But James *is* life, too. He has sown seeds of life around our green and gray continent the way Johnny Appleseed planted across the country. Now that he has retired, we’ll have to

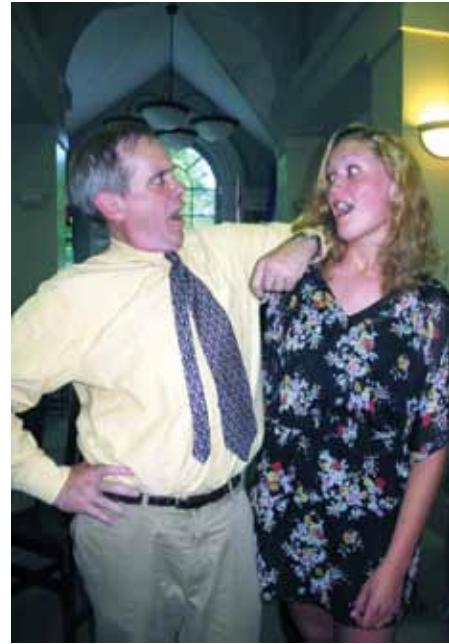
carry on, remembering his stories, his love of words, and his commitment to reporting on events in true, compelling detail. It’s good that so many of his articles are in hard copy so we can go back to them and appreciate that because of James, for the last eighteen years our alumni magazine has looked beyond our little world and its present needs and interests back to our history and out to the larger world that influences Berkshire and that in turn

our alumni influence. Interim Head of School (2003–2004) **HAWLEY ROGERS ’56** describes James’ *Berkshire Bulletin* this way: “James, along with **TWIGGS MYERS HON. ’57**, has been responsible for instilling in the community a sense of respect for Berkshire’s history. The arrival of the *Bulletin* was always an event in our family. The magazine always struck an appropriate balance between current activity and celebration of the past which engaged readers of all eras, all conveyed with James’ trademark wordplay and humor.” And former longtime trustee, associate head of school and treasurer **JIM BALCH ’51** and **Gretchen Balch** add this: “Best alumni magazine in the prep school world and maybe college.”

Asked what *Bulletin* articles stand out in his memory, James recalls the professional boxing story on **ME-LISSA DEL VALLE SALAMONE ’88**, the 9/11 issue about the four Berkshire alumni who died, the **DON GOODRICH ’61** school in Afghanistan, the articles on **LINCOLN KIRSTEIN ’26** and Headmaster Bob Minnerly, and the recent Sydney Greenstreet letters. James also fondly remembers **DEAN CHAMBER-LAIN’S** tribute to classmate **SING-SI SCHWARTZ ’73**. Sometimes James has trouble drawing a line between his articles and the images and events surrounding his research. For instance, the trip to Yonkers to meet and interview boxing champion Melissa Del Valle Salamone; poet **WILLIAM MATTHEWS ’61** leading his former teacher Tom Chaffee to the podium at Berkshire; former New



*Just one of the guys on Prom Night*



*With advisee GEORGIA JOHNSTON '11*

York Yankee and author of *Ball Four*, Jim Bouton, throwing out the first pitch of Berkshire's 2000 season; covering the dedication of the Thoreau House; going with Irene MacDonald to see Berkshire actors **SAM FRANK '02** in Sondheim's *The Assassins* at Yale and **JOE ROLAND '87** co-star in *On the Line* at the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village; meeting and writing about Berkshire's first female students, especially **MARY JANE ANDERSON SHANNON '71**, attending Berkshire's performance of *The Phantom of the Opera* at the 47th Street Theatre in New York City; photographing Twiggs Myers and Seaver Buck's daughter Caroline Cluett singing the Berkshire hymn. **Phil Jarvis**, interim head of school during the 2002-2003 school year, sums up James' passion for finding and telling stories, saying that James is "a journalist at heart, always inquisitive and asking the incisive question in order to tell an alumni, faculty or student story in the most compelling way."

Then there are the events in which James took part well beyond his job

description: Shakespeare performances, *Our Town*, *The Seagull*, talent shows, three Pinnacle-to-Pinnacle hikes, and trips with his journalism class to Searles Castle and the *Rolling Stone* office in New York City. It's no surprise that the class of 2008 dedicated its yearbook to him. James considers this dedication the greatest honor given to him at Berkshire School. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

James arrived at Berkshire in 1994, hired part-time to do public relations and to edit the *Bulletin*, which in those days was published four times a year. The following year, he came on full-time to edit and write articles for the *Bulletin*, to photograph events around campus, and to write brochures, newsletters, press releases and addresses. A former reporter and ad man, James was used to dealing with newspapers, reporters, designers and printing companies. He was not only experienced and talented, but he also loved working with others. **Jane Pi- atelli**, who worked with James in the development office, speaks warmly of him as "kind, witty, thoughtful of others, inclusive, and loyal." She writes,

"James would encourage others to take risks and step outside their comfort zone. And he was always there to cheer others on."

Beyond Berkshire, James' articles have appeared on the op-ed pages of *The New York Times*, the *Detroit Free Press* and *Advertising Age*. While living in New York City, he worked for Earl Shorris, who had a profound influence on James as a reporter and a journalist. The author of a dozen books of social criticism, Shorris founded the Clemente Course in the Humanities, which focuses on disadvantaged youth and won Shorris the National Humanities Medal, presented to him by President Bill Clinton. James refers to Shorris as a "genuine hero." Shorris became a model for James, not only in challenging times as Berkshire's lead person with the press, but in the many good times when James spread around his considerable charm and *joie de vivre* entertaining and delighting us all.

Speaking of James' sincere interest in people, **Myra Riiska**, who worked with James in development

for eleven years, writes, “I used to take walks with James during Wednesday afternoon games so that he could take pictures. There wasn’t one single person, student, coach, faculty, staff, parent, or even those that were visiting from other schools that James didn’t stop and talk to. He has the ability to talk to people as if he has known them for his whole life and once the conversation starts, you can’t help but feel like you are talking to a friend. I think that was one of his greatest skills, the ability to create such comfort while talking to him. Those conversations transformed not only into great stories in his writing but into great relationships.”

As in the days when everyone, including Mr. Buck, taught at least one class, James made time to teach English, and so forged connections with students and faculty, gaining their affection and respect. At first he filled in at third-form English, and then taught sixth-form electives, including *Mysteries*, *Twentieth Century Journalism*, and *Journalism*. As advisor to *The Green and Gray*, he used his journalism course to train students to write honestly and effectively about current issues for a real audience, the extended Berkshire School community. Extremely literate and coming from a journalism background, James was concerned with correctness from the point-of-view of making a piece effective, making it work. Like the good editor that he is, James teamed up with his students as their ally in the work of finding and telling the truth. **LAUREN FLURY ’07** describes the class trips: “He took us to a diner for breakfast and asked us to write a review, he took us to a movie in town (I still remember which one; it was “*Dream Girls*”), he took us to the local radio station, the list goes on. He truly made the effort to get us to engage in what we were doing and enjoy it.” Of his teaching, **TUCKER WALSH ’08**, now a photojournalist,



*With friend and colleague Myra Riiska*

says that James had a lasting impact on him and that his class was Tucker’s “first foray into the world of journalism.” **HELEN GOLDSTEIN ’07** recalls that James “pushed us to reach our true potential when we did not realize it ourselves.”

Apart from his work in the development office and the classroom, James did many other jobs well. Among them, he ran the school’s radio station for twelve years, hosted his own radio show, advised *The Green and Gray*, and produced the popular Prize Night slide show. And most of the time he did all of this with indefatigable joy. Where did he find the energy? James does come from a line of motivating, inspiring people. A fifth-generation San Francisco native, he is the son of prominent advertising executive King Harris and the grandson of Lawrence Harris, whose poem “The Damndest, Finest Ruins” about the Great Earthquake of 1906, inspired the city and earned him the title of Poet Laureate.

James’ wife Shadow, who teaches piano and dance in the style of Isadora Duncan, tells a story that sheds light on James’ irrepressible love of life. They met in college, where more than once she saw a young man striding between buildings singing.

After a while she began calling him the “singing boy.” When the two finally met at The Spot, the local college bar (the legal drinking age was 18), Shadow (her given name is Deborah) said, “Oh, you’re the boy who sings!” James said yes and asked Deborah what she’d like him to sing. Since she’d just seen Richard Burton and Liz Taylor in *The Sandpiper*, she asked for the theme song, “The Shadow of Your Smile,” which James sang for Deborah and all present. The two fell in love, Deborah got her romantic name, the two married, had two great kids, **CHARLES HARRIS ’01** and **ELIZABETH HARRIS ’11**, and James continued to be his bright, joyful, talented self who would one day grace Berkshire’s campus.

We’ll end with these words from **JERRY WEIL ’73**: “...Past and present colleagues, past and present students, families, alumni, even the spirits of the departed greats themselves, will miss James’ splendid self, working Harris magic under the mountain as part journalist, editor, scholar, teacher, cheerleader, advisor, mentor, crisis manager, public relations official, outreach impresario.”

*Hilary Russell taught English at Berkshire from 1968-1972 and again from 1985-2005. He is a poet, naturalist and builder of wooden boats. See page 47 for news on Mr. Russell’s award-winning boat, “Willow Wave.”*



*After 18 years, Mr. Harris was finally set free! He will be missed.*

## REACTION

## Two Years (times nine) before the Masthead

In recalling people profiled and stories covered, a former longtime *Berkshire Bulletin* editor cannot curb his doggerel.

By James Harris

I.

I sing of King Seaver and other blithe spirits,  
Who hovered about and always seemed near us:  
Like Eipper and Beattie and Stevens the Bird,  
Godman and Chaffee, who parsed every word;  
Huge-handed Art Chase of Maple Syrup Corp. fame,  
And Cool Jack the jazzman who coached England's game;  
Ellie Johnston, Heather Jarvis, Alice Ann Chase:  
Wonderful women who gave so much grace.  
Mister McKenna—now was he a Dead Head?  
(I can tell you for sure Irene was a red head.)  
To Glenny and Mem with its wide maple tree,  
To Bourne and to Anne Allen Buck pouring tea.  
To the first Del de Windt and the great generation,  
To immortal Coach D., a b-ball sensation.  
No doubt that the Mountain will always remember  
The alumni it lost that dreadful September.  
The haze of the seventies brought Minnerly down,  
Thanks be he lived to recover renown.  
Speaking of Heads, for a time there was a plethora,  
Coming and going, a true diaspora:  
Dick and the Doc and Phil Jarvis from Wales,  
And Larry, poor Larry, the saddest of tales,  
Then rode Rogers to the rescue—our thanks to you, Hawley—  
Now Mike Maher's up to year nine—stability, by golly!

II.

Resoundingly celebrate who, toiling here,  
Imparted much wisdom and gave so much cheer.  
There was Aylish the Fox and Hawkins the Hawk,  
The Coach and the Chief—by gad she could talk.  
Dot Curtis, Al Johndrow, Myrt Mazzaferro,  
And Hilary Russell preaching Henry D. Thoreau.  
Think that was a lame rhyme? Then here's one more fetchin':  
Wes Petersen along with Jim Balch and his Gretchen.  
What teenager, pray, thought it not tres sublime  
To learn the French language from Marianne Stein?  
Bayard and Suzanne and Cindy and Burge,  
Ohio's John Toffey, a bright scarlet scourge.  
McCullough's John Adams who rang in our century,  
Coach Cabs and Matt Woodhall and bride Jenny Panchy.  
To Barrington Fulton—a most happy fella,  
To those monks from Tibet and their Allen mandala.  
To the grit and the gumption of B. Kenefick,  
To Grandma and Lynn B. who aided the sick.  
To Bellas and Dixon, late of math-science fame,  
And Ed Hunt's playing, then coaching, the game.  
To Senora Nancy and Jack Stewart's Elly,  
To the living so graciously Jane Piatelli.  
To legend Em Putnam, Jeannette Cooper, too,  
To Buzz Hayes and S. Hertz and Morley called Sue.  
Joe Hornick, Mark Livsey, plus Twiggs and his chickens,  
Art "Rocky" Charles and Doc Proc who taught Dickens.

## III.

But what of the students and all that they did?  
Are we not talking about some special kids?  
We certainly are. Take skier Dave Swanwick,  
And a couple of Kelloggs: Pete and son Ritt.  
Harry Cohen, who now serves the city of Tampa,  
And Nunez, a Diogenes who never held up a lampa.  
As Berkshire board chairmen, three rara avis:  
Carstensen, Hans; Norman, Steve; Anderson, Davis.  
As for girls on the ice, hockey fans all kept tellin' me  
That the best of the bunch was Olympian Bellamy.  
No other class could top Forty-Four C,  
No closer two grads than Shaw-Kimberly.  
Here's to that bubbling trustee Bradley, Mary  
And to all Berkshire's treasures so very literary:  
Matthews and Fergus and Kirstein and Bryan,  
New Yorkers Tad Tomkins and the Lizza that is Ryan.  
To big Melvin Richey, a mammoth young man,  
To Mustafah and Mati from Afganistan.  
Ned Sullivan keeps keeping the Hudson refined,  
Steve Malawista was first to come across Lyme.  
Mary Jane Anderson, first female graduate,  
(Berkshire sans girls? Hard to imagine it.)  
Want more? Stay tuned: I'll give you plenty:  
Like two Spaldings Bill and (add a "u") Rennie.  
That carrot-topped Gutenplan—there ne'er was one loonier—  
Here's to two loyal Lymans, Bullards senior and junior.  
For students Native American, a giant hooray:  
Charwood and Lang, Vleck, Walters and Pourier.  
Dan Goodyear, Don Goodrich, and coach Moe Cassara,  
Lindsey F. Cook, Osman Nurse known as Farah.  
To Sukey Mullany and Tom her old man,  
To Kathy Orlando and Babik, Milan.  
Melissa delValle—what an athlete! Let's extol her!  
And a certain Bruce Benson, now a big man in Boulder.  
Bob Dwyer and Zach Pack and a Goudie who juggled,  
Dean Chamberlain and Sing-Si, among other muggles.  
The Phantom off-Broadway and the soldier in Geier,  
Jess Morris's pipes and the Davis-Wu choirs.  
Jon Strom stood for China, Lee Weil for Nepal,  
While Gulottas were running those glorious Falls.  
A Nobelist named Knowles known as Bill to his chums,  
Dave Carr and Jon Grant who make wine and not rum.  
Two birds named Glenn Partridge and Robin McGraw,  
And Nina Clarke Bradley who on Fox News we saw.  
Can we conclude that it seems quite insane,  
That one class claims Charlie Brown, Jimmy Dean and John Wayne?

## IV.

To all those forgotten, omitted, ignored:  
Please know I'm not spacey or spiteful or bored.  
It's just that remembering all faces of Berkshire  
For one who's retired takes far too much work, sir.  
So blessed be Berkshire, may it always survive,  
And gladden each heart up the maple-lined drive.

## UNDER THE DOME

## The RKMP Turns 20

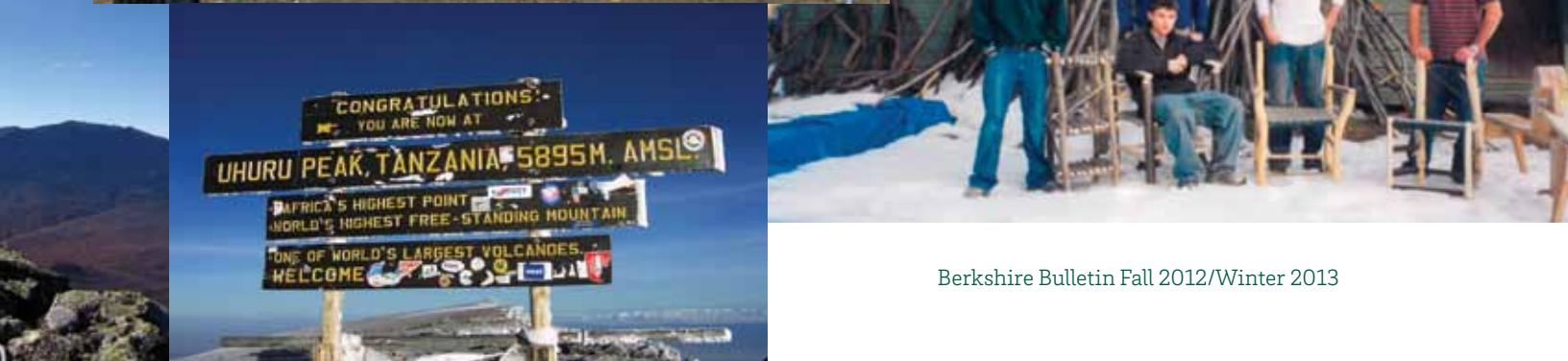
By Mike Dalton, RKMP Director

This spring, Berkshire School will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program, which is commonly referred to as the RKMP. In the spring of 1993, classmates and friends of RITT KELLOGG '85, both here at Berkshire School and at Colorado College, connected and established a program in his honor. Each program seeks to reflect Ritt Kellogg's love of the outdoors. In addition, Berkshire implements a mission statement that "encourages use of our natural resources to promote academic growth, to challenge athletically, to teach leadership, to develop character, and to foster environmental responsibility." This mission attempts to reflect the breadth of possibilities that Ritt himself saw in the outdoor experience.

Through this unique program, Berkshire students and faculty have accomplished many amazing things. Over the years they've stood atop the snowy peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Washington and Mt. Kahtadin, competed in mountain bike races, built canoes and kayaks from scratch and then paddled them on nearby lakes, ponds and rivers, cleared miles and miles of hiking trails on the mountain, learned how to cook meals on campfires and stoves, and become certified in Wilderness First Aid. The list goes on and on, and RKMP alumni certainly have tales to tell, from experiencing frostnip and frostbite to watching bald eagles soar over the Housatonic River. Ritt Kellogg's faculty advisor was **Peter Kinne**, and Kinne recounts how Ritt loved to romp around the woods during his time at Berkshire. It is the hope of the RKMP staff that participants in the program over the past twenty years have come away with a greater appreciation of the natural environment while enjoying the outdoors as much as Ritt did.

While the main focus of the RKMP has been to offer a wide variety of afternoon programs each sports season, the program has also provided classroom teachers with support as they explore ways to bring the mountain into the classroom. The ropes course has been used by countless teams and organizations to work through group problem-solving and teamwork. The RKMP supports the Birdwatching and Fly Fishing clubs as well as wilderness trips led over Pro Vita week, like trail work on the Appalachian Trail and conservation and wildlife management in Montana. In the next twenty years, the RKMP will continue to provide meaningful outdoor experiences for Berkshire students and challenge them to become active stewards for the environment.





## I Say 'Green,' You Say 'Gray'

Two Members of the Class of 2012 Revive a Tradition

For a culminating project in **BEBE CLARK BULLOCK'S** Boarding School Lit class, students were asked to present proposals to a panel of judges for ideas that would enhance student life at Berkshire. Two students, **CHELSEA PRESTON '12** and **RUBY FEE '12**, proposed a revival of the all-school Green & Gray competition. The tradition started with the School's founder, Seaver Buck, over 100 years ago. Back in Mr. Buck's day, before widespread interscholastic games, Berkshire was divided into two teams, Green and Gray. Each boy was assigned to a team which played against the other in all sports and extracurricular activities. Mr. Buck chose two senior captains who led their teams throughout the year. Teams were assigned points for game wins, number of "Wearers of the B" (varsity athletes), academic achievements, and fewest latenesses. The tradition was revived again in the 80s, but only lasted a few years.



The 2012-13 Green (left) and Gray team leaders were announced last spring.

Beginning this fall, all students are assigned a color randomly at the start of the school year (though

family members are always on the same team), and thus begins their forever affiliation with either the Green or the Gray. Competitions can include everything from arm wrestling to academics, points are tallied every quarter, and the winning team's flag flies in Buck Valley. Thanks to the hard work of Chelsea and Ruby, one of Berkshire's earliest traditions lives on.



Rhi Vanderbeek '13 for Team Gray and Hattie Waldron '13 for Team Green square off during the opening Green and Gray events. Gray holds the lead in the yearlong competition as of press time.



Photos by Sam Cabot '13

The cast of *The Importance of Being Earnest* during curtain call

## Hit the Road, *Earnest*

After a very successful run this fall in Allen Theater, Berkshire is taking its production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* on the road. Or in this case, on the Mass Pike, east to Chelmsford, Mass. The cast and crew of *Earnest* will be participating in the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's annual High School Festival, the organization's premier event. The competition has three levels and recognizes student excellence in both acting and technical design.

For the festival, the cast will perform a 40-minute segment of the play with its own set—which they are given only five minutes each for set-up and take-down. Yikes! Director **Jesse Howard** says, “I am very excited to expose the kids to the level of work being done around the state... and it will be interesting to see how this show measures up.”



*Oh Cecily! Hijinks on the set of Earnest*

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**Coming soon!** Berkshire has teamed up with EverTrue to bring our alumni a new mobile networking platform. The Berkshire app can be downloaded onto your Android and Apple iOS devices and provides up-to-date information through LinkedIn and Facebook. Stay tuned this spring for the launch of this exciting new tool!

\* If you do not currently receive email from Berkshire, please send your address to [alumni@berkshireschool.org](mailto:alumni@berkshireschool.org) to hear launch details and receive instructions for downloading the app.

## Siblings and Legacies

This year, a remarkable 61 students are related to a Berkshire grad. How's that for school pride?

*Front row, from left:* James Streett '16 (mother CAROLYN BALCH STREETT '83, grandfather JIM BALCH '51), Dillon Cunningham '15 (father SUTTON CUNNINGHAM '80), Peter Hoover '14 (brother HANK HOOVER '12), T.J. Stewart '16 (father TITUS STEWART '89), Nick Beaver '16 (brother JACKSON BEAVER '12), Carrie Babigian '16 (sister ELISE BABIGIAN '08, brother MAX BABIGIAN '11), Cody Lucey '16 (brother HUNTER LUCEY '12)

*Second row, from left:* Julia Reger '13 (brother MATT REGER '11), Samone Defreese '15 (sister SAMANTHA DEFREESSE '12), Lilly Weil '13 (brother BEN WEIL '06, father JERRY WEIL '73, grandfather LEE WEIL '44C), Charlotte Weil '13 (brother BEN WEIL '06, father JERRY WEIL '73, grandfather LEE WEIL '44C) Eliza Berg '13 (mother MEGAN STECK BERG '87, great-grandfather DEL DEWINDT '39, great-great grandfather DELANO DEWINDT '11), Olivia Mason '13 (brother HANK MASON '10), Hattie Waldron '13 (aunt TRACY DAVLIN '86), Bella Sinsigalli '13 (brother MIKE SINSIGALLI '10), Addie Bullock '14 (mother BEBE CLARK BULLOCK '86), Maddy Maher '13 (brother SAM MAHER '12)

*Third row, from left:* Anna Heissenbuttel '13 (mother LISA WARDELL '79), Juliet Duplessie '16 (uncle JOSEPH HALL '76), Ivey Mueller '16 (mother HILARY MUELLER '93), Karolin Kreke '13 (sister KATARINA KREKE '12), Charlie Kellogg '16 (father KIRK KELLOGG '87, grandfather PETER KELLOGG '61),



Christopher Kreke '15 (sister KATARINA KREKE '12), Allison McErlean '14 (brother TIM MCERLEAN '10), Lucia Perkins '14 (father CHIP PERKINS '73), Hunter Borwick '16 (father JOHN BORWICK '81, mother INGRID VAN ZON BORWICK '83), Serena Menges '14 (mother DEVON SMITH MENGES '90), Allison Toffolon '14 (sister ASHLEY TOFFOLON '11), Sydney Beldock '14 (brother GEORDIE BELDOCK '11, father GREGG BELDOCK '79)

*Back row, from left:* John Grogan '14 (sister JENNY GROGAN '12), Ben Harff '15 (sister KAYLA HARFF '11), Jackson Borwick '13 (father JOHN BORWICK '81, mother INGRID

VAN ZON BORWICK '83), Thomas Benfield '13 (brother TEDDY BENFIELD '11), Charlie Corcoran '14 (brother HENRY CORCORAN '12), Jack Fox '13 (brother CARTER FOX '11), Gray Riatti '14 (father DAVID RIATTI '77), Matty Wieczorek '14 (mother LYNETTE PRESCOTT '81), Sam Perkins '14 (father CHIP PERKINS '73), Sam Merritt '14 (brother ELI MERRITT '12), Peter Giordano '15 (brother ALEX GIORDANO '11), Matt Licata '15 (brother MICHAEL LICATA '12), Henry Manley '15, Mohib Amin '13 (brother MATI AMIN '08)

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Front row, from left: Bryce Laigle '16 (sister CHLOE LAIGLE '12), Corey Wieczorek '16 (mother LYNETTE PRESCOTT '81), Another Kushaina '15 (brother USER KUSHAINA '10), Indie Coard '16 (uncle KEN COARD '85), Eloise Morrow '14 (sister OLIVIA MORROW '12), George Fowlkes '14 (sister LUCY FOWLKES '12), Back row, from left: David Watkins '13 (father JOHN WATKINS '73, brother JOHN WATKINS '06, brother TOM WATKINS '07), Jake McLanahan '16 (mother LARA SCHEFLER MCLANAHAN '86), Henry Manley '15 (father HENRY MANLEY '85), Melody Barros '15 (sister ASHLEY GLENN '09), Brendan Moloy '15 (brother DAN MOLOY '12), Chris Licata '13 (brother MICHAEL LICATA '12)

*Not pictured:* Liza Bernstein '13, (sister EMILY BERNSTEIN '11), Sam Friedman '13 (father LOU FRIEDMAN '80), James Funderburg '14 (father ROB FUNDERBURG '80), Hong Minh Ngo '13 (sister HONG ANH NGO '12), Craig Puffer '14 (brother STEVE PUFFER '11), Jared Shatkin '13 (sister JULIET SHATKIN '12)

# Going Global

The *Bulletin* sat down with Jen Anderson, director of the new Center for Global Initiatives, to talk about the ways in which she and the Center are working to increase student awareness of, and involvement in, global issues.

## **Bulletin:** What is the goal of Berkshire's new Center for Global Initiatives?

JA: The Center for Global Initiatives uses the areas of citizenship, leadership and scholarship to cultivate global citizens, leaders and problem solvers among the student body, while highlighting the importance of social, political and economic justice for all.

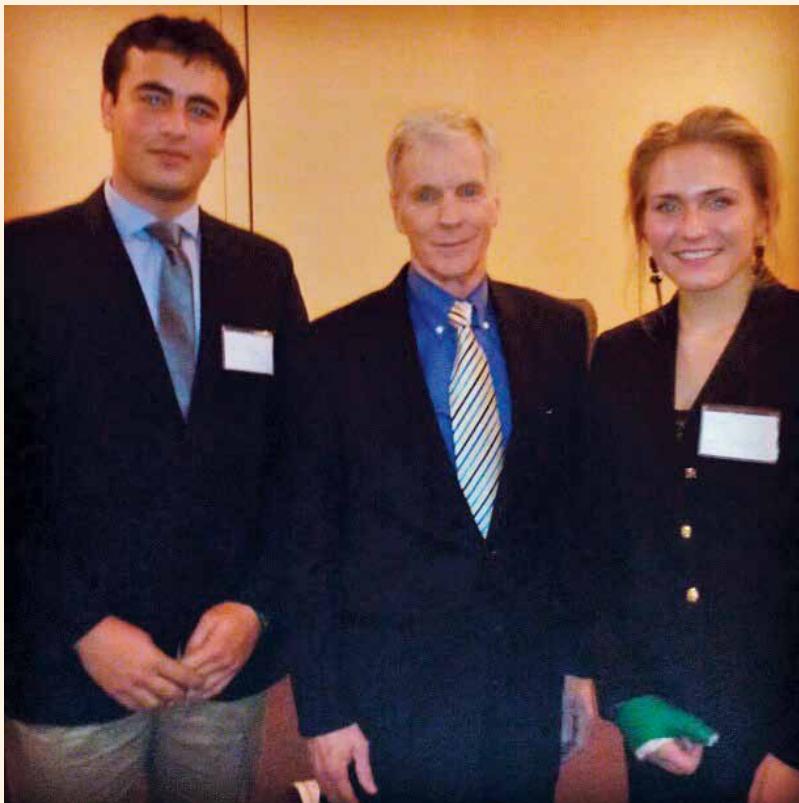
There are several spokes to the Global Initiatives wheel, including travel, international service learning trips and student exchange programs. We are developing global partnerships with schools abroad using video-conferencing, blogging and Skype. We are also exploring using our international population as a resource, global professional development for faculty and developing a Global Speaker series.

## **Bulletin:** How are students getting involved with the program this fall?

JA: Berkshire is now a member of the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts. This organization provides speakers, book promotions, brown-bag lunches and presentations with a global focus. Two seniors, Kira von Steinbergs (Golden Valley, Minn.) and Daud Baz (Springfield, Virginia), attended an event at which former Ambassador Ryan Crocker spoke about the U.S. and the strategic challenges of the Middle East. Ambassador Crocker was Ambassador to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Kuwait and has won several distinguished awards, including the Medal of Freedom.

## **Bulletin:** What do you hope students will take away from their experience with this program?

JA: Teaching students about global issues and the importance of their participation can help them recognize their own interest levels and insights at an early age. Such a perspective adds an ethical depth to an already academically rigorous curriculum and has the power to transform Berkshire students into global citizens."



Daud Baz '13 and Kira von Steinbergs '13 with former Ambassador Ryan Crocker. "Ambassador Crocker gave us an inside view on how complex the problem in the Middle East really is. Experiences like this are invaluable," said Kira after hearing the Ambassador speak through the Center for Global Initiatives.

## Graduation 2012

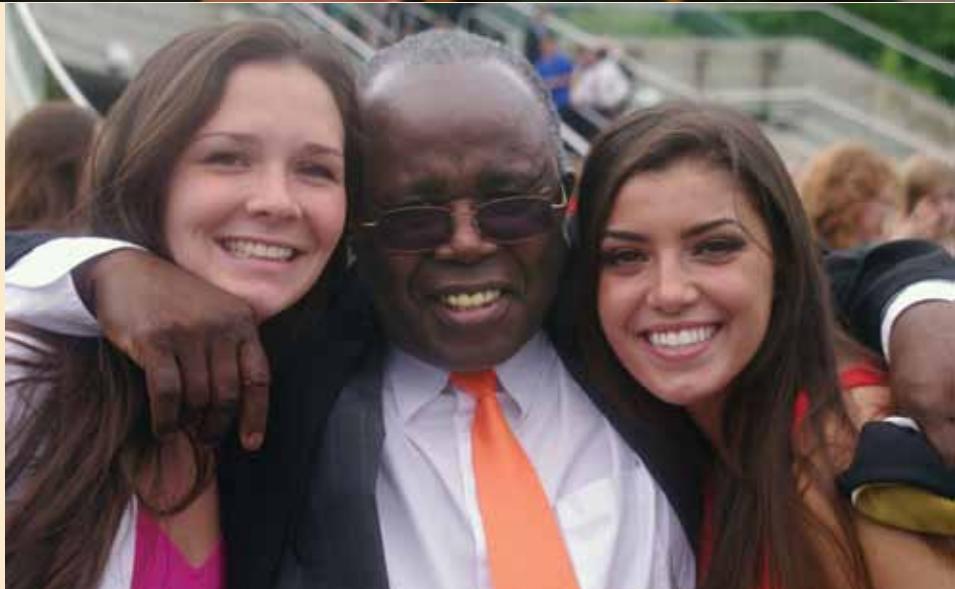
Thanks to some stormy morning weather, Berkshire's 105th Commencement took place in the Jackman L. Stewart Center instead of outside, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 113 members of the graduating class. Berkshire Trustee Allison Wood, parent to **CAROLINE WOOD '12**, delivered the commencement address in which she reminded students that "destiny is choice, not chance," and shared other helpful pieces of advice like, "Call your mother!" **KIENAN BROWNRIGG '12**, winner of the Weil Family Prize for Public Speaking, presented the senior speech.



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### For others, not himself

French teacher **Jean Erick Joassaint** (center), winner of the 2012 Aliis Non Sibi award. Selected by members of the graduating class, the recipient of this award follows the motto "for others, not themselves." It recognizes a member of the faculty who embodies the ideals and spirit of an engaged and treasured member of both the faculty and, equally important, the Berkshire community. Mr. Joassaint is pictured here with **ASHLEY TOFFOLON '11** and **LEXI PALLADINO '11**.





**1.** BRADLEY KEUM '12, ELIAS KRAUSE '12 **2.** All-school president Steven Halperin '13 (center) and co-head prefects Swetha Kodali '13 and Zeiko Lewis '13 lead the commencement march. **3.** Tara, MADISON VESSELS '12 and Mike Vessels **4.** From left: graduation speaker KIENAN BROWNRIGG '12, Charlotte Weil '13, Lilly Weil '13 **5.** Dana Anselmi with RUBY FEE '12 **6.** HENRY CORCORAN '12 with his parents, John and Wanda **7.** SEYOON LEE '12 with his father Choon Lee



*LEFT: Jason Gappa (right) with RYO ATSUMI '10 on the campus of Rikkyo University in Tokyo where Jason's conference was held. RIGHT: At a traditional soba restaurant in the Harajuku section of Tokyo with, from left: BUNSAKU NAGAI '87, YUKIMI OKAMURA KOCHAN '01, and YUNA HAYASHI '01*



## Go East, Young Man A Teacher's Travels in Asia

By Jason Gappa

Last year I was awarded the opportunity to travel to Asia through the Strom Program for Asian Studies. I chose to travel to Japan and Korea over the summer, where I learned a great deal about both Japanese and Korean cultures. This trip was unique because their traditions are not grounded in a Judeo-Christian heritage. I was truly fascinated by the Shinto tradition in Japan and the role that Confucianism plays in everyday Korean life. During my time in Tokyo, I attended the 16th annual Asian Studies Conference Japan, which invites English-speaking academics from all over the globe to present on topics related to Asia. Some of the topics included the post-colonial relationship between Japan and Korea, the development of Buddhism in Japan and the influence of South Korean television on women.

My time in Korea focused on baseball. Seung Kyoo Kang, the father of Berkshire student Kevin Kang '14, is the president of the Korean Baseball Association. I met with Mr. Kang and his Secretary General to discuss how baseball works in Korea. I was also able to visit with the Seoul High School baseball team and attend several high school games to get a sense of the level of amateur baseball in Korea.

I probably would not have had the opportunity to travel to Asia without the Strom program. Now I'm able to use what I learned both on the baseball field and in the classroom when I teach 21st Century Politics. I am truly grateful to the Strom family for supporting life-long learning and blessing me with this memorable experience.

*Jason Gappa teaches history and coaches varsity baseball. He lives with his wife, Sylvia, daughter, Katy and son, John in Birchglade.*

### The Jonathan W. Strom '64 Program for Asian Studies

This memorial fund was established in 1994 by the friends and family of Jonathan W. Strom, a Berkshire alumnus who lived in the Far East and worked as an investment banker. The program is designed to promote a wider understanding of Asian cultures and languages among the Berkshire faculty and, as a result, enhance the understanding of the problems, promises and needs that emerge between American and Asian cultures as they intersect.



*Jason with MARK CHOE '10 at a traditional Korean dinner in downtown Seoul*

## New Faces on the Faculty

Berkshire welcomed seven new faculty members to the roster for the 2012-13 school year.



From left: Jen Anderson, Gwyneth Connell, Tess Hutchinson, Dempsey Quinn, Dave Olson, Heidi Woodworth. Not pictured: Cory Anderson

### Cory Anderson

B.A., James Madison University  
Academic Technology Coordinator,  
Basketball

### Jen Anderson

B.A., James Madison University  
M.Ed., University of Virginia  
Director of Global Initiatives,  
Spanish, Cross Country, Track

### Gwyneth Connell

B.A., Amherst College  
M.A., Columbia University  
Dean of Faculty, History, Volleyball

### Tess Hutchinson

B.A., Bard College at Simon's Rock  
M.S.W., Smith College School for  
Social Work  
Interim Director of Counseling,  
Health & Wellness Program  
Coordinator

### Dave Olson

B.A. & M.Ed., University of  
New Hampshire  
English, SAT Tutorial Program,  
WBSL Radio, Soccer, Squash, Crew

### Dempsey Quinn

B.S., Cornell University  
Kenefick Center for Learning,  
Mathematics, Football, Basketball,  
Baseball

### Heidi Woodworth

B.A., Middlebury College  
History, Admission, Field Hockey,  
Hockey, Lacrosse

## Where in the world is Nina Bjurlin?

On board with Berkshire since 2008, Nina Bjurlin is in her second year as Director of Young Alumni Relations. Nina's job is to connect with as many young alums as possible, wherever possible. We caught her here during a Literary Pub Crawl in New York City, school pennant in hand, with, from left: **MICHAEL FEINSTEIN '03, MELISSA JUBINVILLE '03, and CLARK RANDT '02.**



**Have ideas for a gathering in  
your neck of the woods?**

Email Nina at  
[nbjurlin@berkshireschool.org](mailto:nbjurlin@berkshireschool.org)

## Meet New Trustee Jane Kreke

Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, new member of Berkshire's Board of Trustees Jane Kreke has lived in Germany for the past 20 years. After graduating from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor of Journalism and Public Relations, she moved with her husband, Dr. Henning Kreke, to New York City where she worked as the assistant marketing director for Sfuzzi, Inc. In 1993, the couple settled in Henning's hometown of Hagen, Germany, where they raised their four children: One Berkshire alum, **KATHARINA KREKE '12**, two current students, Karolin '13 and Christopher '15, and their youngest, Katie.

Jane explains how the family discovered Berkshire: "As Katharina and I were interviewing at five boarding schools, the beauty of the Berkshire campus, the strong academic reputation and our interview with **Jean Maher** put Berkshire as the number one school on our list. Although our Katie is only nine, she already considers herself a Berkshire Bear!" She continues, "We had high



*Jane Kreke with, from left: Karolin '13, Christopher '15, Katharina '12 and future Bear Katie in the front row!*

expectations, but I must say that the Berkshire experience for Katharina, Karolin and Christopher has been better than we could have imagined. Our kids have been inspired, encouraged and motivated to be the best that they can be by their teachers, advisors and coaches. And they have made so many new friends from around the world."

Back home in Hagen, Jane has an active role in supporting local schools and hospitals. She served as the spokesperson for the Hagen Breast Cancer Center from 2002-2008. Since 2002, Jane has been a founding member and president of the support group sponsoring hearing-impaired children and adults in Hagen, as well as a founding member and vice president of the Friends' Support

Group for the Protestant Hospital since 2005. Jane and Henning have both served as members of the Board of Trustees for the Cologne Opera since 2004.

Jane is looking forward to her work for the Board as a co-chair, with fellow parent Tracey Gerber, of Berkshire's Parents' Committee. "I am anxious to help build up the Parents' Fund by getting support for Berkshire from both international and domestic parents," she says. "The beauty of Berkshire is so impressive, but it is the people that have made this such an incredible experience for our family."

## Follow us!



**Use social media to get your daily dose of all things Berkshire.**

We have two **Facebook** pages (one for alumni and one for parents, students and friends), two **Twitter** accounts, including a dedicated feed for athletics (@BerkshireBears), a **YouTube** channel, an Alumni Network on **LinkedIn**, and a brand new **Instagram** page filled with campus beauty shots. It's the next best thing to being back under the Mountain.



Coach Moodey, senior captains Noah Sinkoff, Zeiko Lewis and Brandon Allen with **FRED KING '70** (center), captain of the Bears' 1969 championship soccer team coached by the legendary Jack Stewart

## BEARS AT PLAY

### How Sweet It Is

#### Boys Soccer Brings Home the Stewart Cup

The Boys Soccer team defeated Phillips Exeter in the New England Class A Championship game in a dramatic 2-0 victory, the first ever Class A Championship for the Bears. The win earned the team the Stewart Cup, named in honor of legendary Berkshire coach Jack Stewart, and caps an extraordinary 19-0-1 season.

Under the leadership of Stewart, Berkshire's 1969 and 1971 teams also finished unbeaten, and many members of both teams were at the championship game to congratulate the Bears on their special accomplishment. Elly Stewart, wife of Jack, was also on hand to witness the 2012 team bring home the Stewart Cup, a fitting and touching moment of things coming full circle.

In a post-season awards ceremony, Coach **Jon Moodey** recognized the alumni players who helped build the current program, as well as the 1969 and 1971 teams and Jack Stewart, who created Berkshire's tradition of exceptional soccer that is still alive today.

Of the team's remarkable success, Coach Moodey explained: "All season we worked on how to get to an end result that would be memorable, and we boiled it down to its simplest components: Be a team and get better every day. Do not worry about wins and losses. Do not worry about any of that other stuff. Just focus on getting better as a team. That was the idea that allowed us to be successful, and the simplicity of it all was refreshing."

Congratulations to the 2012 NEPSSA Class A Championship Boys Soccer team! Thank you for bringing home the Stewart Cup and for a season we will always remember.

## Go Bears!

2012 was quite a year for athletics under the Mountain. In the 2011-12 school year, 14 of the 17 teams eligible for tournament play progressed to their respective tournaments. These bullish Bears below made it all the way to the top.

### Boys Skiing

Boys Varsity Skiing has had incredible recent success, starting with their win at the Berkshire Ski League GS Team Championships and Slalom Team Championships. They also prevailed at the New England Class B Championship, where the team took first place, and Jackson Borwick '13 won as both the Overall New England Boys Champion and the Boys Slalom Champion. After a two-year undefeated streak, the Boys team will now move into the Class A division.



The Boys Varsity Ski Team—who will compete in Class A after two undefeated seasons—with their NEPSAC trophy

*Photo by Jamie Callery/Hockey Night in Boston*



The NEPSAC Martin/Earl champs celebrate after their overtime victory



*Risley Sports Photography*

Tara Blundell '14, Class B New England Cross Country Champ!

### Girls Cross Country

Tara Blundell '14 came in first place in the NEPSTA Division II Cross Country Championship with a time of 20:42, a course record at Hebron Academy where the race was held. Tara then went on to beat her championship time with a third place finish in the NEPSTA All Star Cross Country meet with a time of 19:52.44.

### Boys Hockey

Boys Hockey defeated St. Sebastian's 4-3 in a dramatic overtime finish to become NEPSAC Martin/Earl tournament champs. Coach **Dan Driscoll** described the road to the tourney win this way: "This team had a great soul. What really set them apart is that so many of these kids were truly invested in Berkshire School and took pride in wearing a Berkshire jersey. They weren't playing for themselves; they were playing for the whole school community. They loved each other, and they loved the school."



The 2012 Girls Lacrosse team holds the program record for most wins in a season with 12, including first-time wins over Hotchkiss and Deerfield.

### Girls Lacrosse

In the last game of the season, the Girls Lacrosse team defeated perennial rival Westminster, in a 14-8 win, clinching the Western New England Class B title for the first time in school history. Earlier, Berkshire defeated a powerhouse Williston squad, who had owned the title for the past six years, handing them their only loss of the season. The Bears set a new school record for most wins in a season with their 12-4 record, including decisive wins over Hotchkiss and Deerfield, both firsts in program history. Two of the three All-Americans named in Western Massachusetts were from Berkshire: Britt Brown '13 who will attend UVA next year and **CASEY LYONS '12**, currently at Ohio State.

### Boys Cross Country

162 wins - 63 losses - 1 tie\*

6 undefeated seasons

35 All-New England male cross country runners

\*in dual meets

Thank you, Mr. Gulotta, for your 34 devoted and passionate years of coaching cross country. Your inspiring words will be remembered by decades of Berkshire graduates.

Look for a special celebration to honor Mr. Gulotta's remarkable career during Alumni Fall Homecoming this October.



**HILARY RAWDING '12** and Brandon Allen '13 with their 2012 New England Championship MVP awards

### Track and Field

At the New England Championships in Class B, held at Governor's Academy, Girls and Boys Track and Field garnered a new meet record and both the male and female MVP honors. Zeiko Lewis '13, Justin Donowa '15, Brandon Allen '13 and **BRANDON RICHARD '12**, competing in the 4x100 relay, came in first in their event and set a New England meet record. Donowa placed first in the long jump, and Allen placed first in the 110m Hurdles, earning both the title of New England Champion in their respective events. **HILARY RAWDING '12** was named the New England Champion in two events after coming in first in both the 800m and 1500m races.



# Dedication of Myers Lobby Marks a Memorable Reunion Weekend 2012

Reunion Weekend 2012 was launched with a school-wide tribute to longtime teacher and coach **TWIGGS MYERS HON. 57.** Representing Twiggs' "classmates," **WALT HENRION '57** set the stage in his dedication remarks: "As we arrived as Second Formers in 1953, Twiggs also arrived, fresh out of Princeton and one year of Harvard Law. Twiggs was 23 and a first-year history teacher, and we were 14 and wet behind the ears. We were frightened about our new academic adventure, and we were equally frightened of Twiggs."

The class didn't stay frightened for long. After four formative years with Mr. Myers, the Class of 1957 invited him to be an honorary member during their 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion. For their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the Class raised an additional \$191,728 (*as of Dec. '12*) for the Class of 1957 Faculty Fund Endowment in Twiggs' honor.

Alumni and friends from across the decades returned to Sheffield for this wonderful Berkshire event. It was a fitting tribute to a beloved Berkshire fixture.

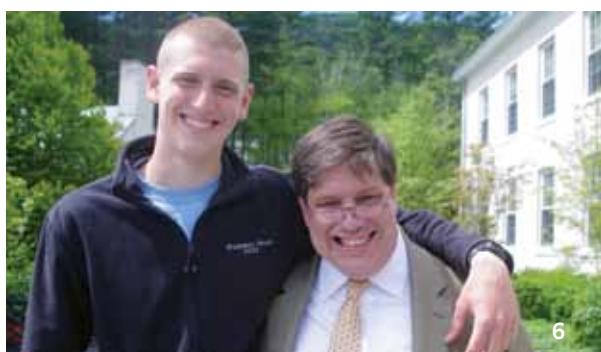
*Twiggs was chauffeured by Head of School **Mike Maher** in a 1970 Mercedes 280 SL, through a gauntlet of cheering students, faculty and alumni stretching through Buck Valley to the steps of Berkshire Hall.*

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## "Mr. Myers, you've seen it all...

... Fifty-nine years here and still standing tall." So went the new version of *Mr. Sandman* sung at a luncheon honoring Twiggs after the dedication ceremony. Students serenaded our resident archivist with the familiar tune set to new lyrics penned by **James Harris**. Several toasts and warm remarks from alumni and friends left not a dry eye in the house.



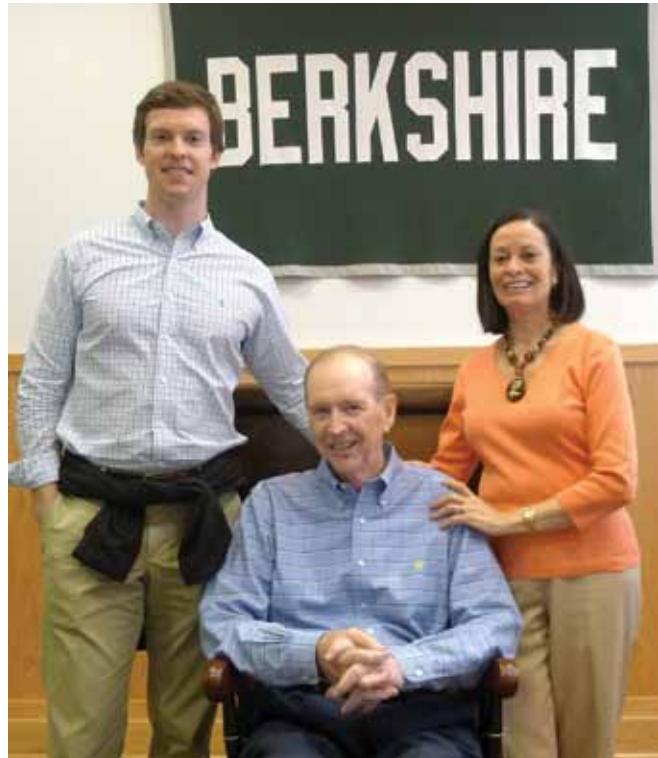
**1** LIONEL SHAW '85 and TWIGGS stand before the plaque in the Myers Lobby. **2** TONY SETTEL '79, August Settel and TWIGGS **3**, FRANK MONAHAN '57, TWIGGS, WALT HENRION '57 **4**, TWIGGS with the "Twiglettes" who serenaded him during lunch. From left: CAROLINE CAREY '12, JULIET SHATKIN '12, Liz Butler '13, ABI HERNANDEZ '12, Katie Moffett '13 **5**, JIM BALCH '51, LARA SCHEFLER MCCLANAHAN '86, Gretchen Balch **6**, RKMP "Mountain Boss" Lars Robinson '13 with his uncle and former associate director of admission and English teacher MacGregor Robinson

## Luke Haran Named Distinguished Alumnus of 2012

During Reunion Weekend, LUKE HARAN '61 was named the winner of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor the school confers upon its graduates. Luke, the sixth member of the Class of 1961 to win the award, was cited for his long service to the school as a trustee, class agent, capital campaign committee member, Advisory Board member, and reunion committee chair. He was also an active participant in the establishment of the Class of 1961 John F. Godman Fund and the Class of 1961 Edward H. Hunt Scholarship Fund. Last year, along with his family and friends, Luke established the Luke J. and Lynda M. Haran Scholarship for financial aid for students who demonstrate qualities of good citizenship while at Berkshire.

In March of 1957, William E. Mulliken, headmaster of Friends Academy in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, wrote the following to John Godman: "Have heard just this morning of your acceptance of Luke Haran. I can practically guarantee you that Berkshire will not regret its decision. With your training, Luke should go on and acquit himself nobly as an alumnus of whom you can be quite proud."

How very correct Mr. Mulliken was.



The 2012 Distinguished Alumnus with his wife, Lynda and son, Devin



Members of the Class of '61 turned out in big numbers to celebrate classmate Luke Haran. Front row, from left: ED HUNT, DAVID HAIDAK, LUKE HARAN, TIM WARRENER Back row, from left: GEORGE BEEBE, DON GOODRICH, BILL DUSCHATKO, TOM HANSON, ED HERRINGTON, PETER KELLOGG, MIKE WALKER, TONY NULAND, FRANK WADELTON, STEVE ZUCKERMAN

## Robin McGraw Earns Volunteer of the Year Award



Kellogg Volunteer of the Year ROBIN MCGRAW '70 (center) with first-ever recipient PETER KELLOGG '61 and Mike Maher

**ROBIN MCGRAW '70** was everywhere as a four-year student at Berkshire: Press Club, Allen House Remodeling Committee, Dramatics Club, Spirit Committee, Art Club, varsity soccer, varsity hockey and varsity lacrosse.

Luckily for Berkshire, he decided to come back. Two decades ago Robin was assistant to head of school **Tom Lord**, director of alumni affairs, and boys' varsity soccer coach. Now, living right up the road, Robin still finds plenty of time to volunteer for his alma mater. Spring finds him around the Chase Sugar House, splitting wood, hanging buckets, gathering sap and running the evaporator. And, lest we forget, for the past 23 years Robin has organized the alumni hockey game every winter. For his tireless dedication and his unending love for Berkshire, Robin McGraw was awarded the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award.



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## Gimme Shelter

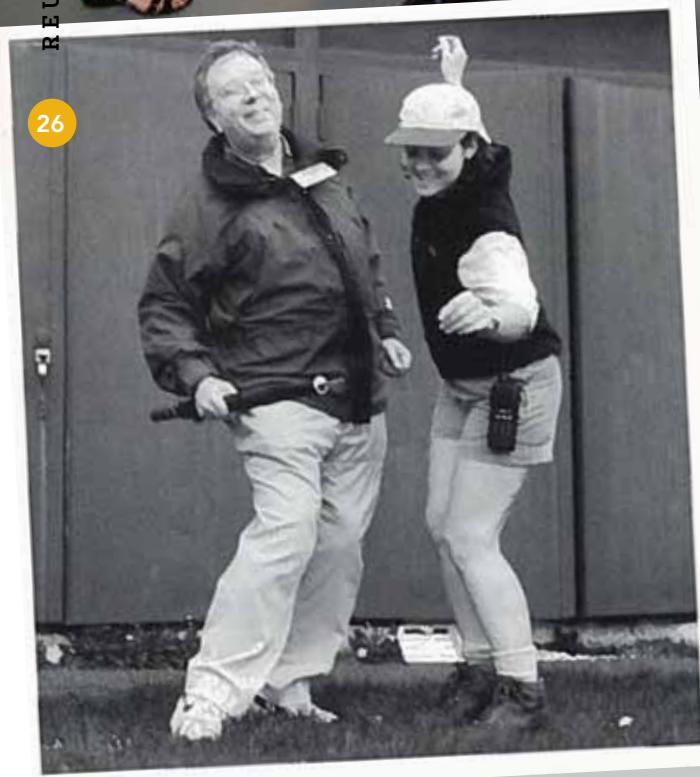
The tributes continued on Friday afternoon when the new student-built Adirondack lean-to beneath Black Rock was dedicated to longtime English teacher and woodsman **Hilary Russell**. Presiding over the event, which attracted over 60 alumni, students and friends, was **Mike Dalton**, director of the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program, assisted as always by **ROBIN MCGRAW '70** and RKMP member **HUNTER LUCEY '12**. The lean-to is now known as the Russell Shelter.



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**1.** Dancing Deans Redux: former Associate Dean of Students **Jennifer Gaenzle Smith** and former Dean of Students **Tom Dixon** revive an old dance craze: "the Dean," which they founded during Spring Carnival in 1997. See original below. **2.** From left (and with thanks to **FRANK KIRSCHNER '75** for the ID assist over Facebook!): The Class of '77 hits the mountain: **ED SAMSON**, **DAVE WEST**, **MARK LUSSIER**, **DAVE RIATTI**, **STU BROWN** and **MIKE OVERTON**. **3.** **STU MARSH** and **DAVE HEMELRIGHT** usher the Class of 1962 into the Gala Dinner Saturday night. **4.** As the alumnus from the oldest class, **GEORGE CHURCH '48**, along with his wife, Jayne, led the parade into dinner, followed by the special guests, the members of the Class of 1962 celebrating their 50th Reunion. **5.** **DAVIS ANDERSON '68** with his late brother Jimmy's roommate at Yale, **ANDY BERKMAN '62**



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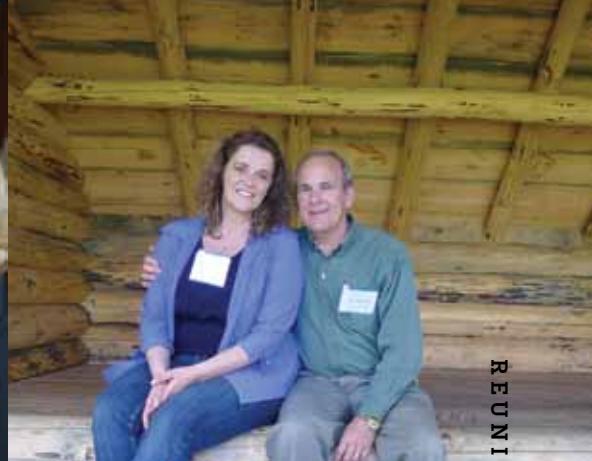
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**6. Penny Hudnut** with Trustee Emeritus **Mary Bradley** **7. Elizabeth "Buzie" Hayes McGraw**, with Andie McGraw and **MADDIE MCGRAW '07**, before the Girls Varsity Hockey locker room dedicated in her honor **8. NIKKI BOUTEILLER '07** and **RYAN SALTZMAN '07** **9. CHARLIE FATUM '57** with his wife Gina at the Class of '57 dinner, graciously hosted by former Berkshire staff member (and honorary '57'er!) **Penny Hudnut** **10. STEVE BOYD '62** and his wife Patti Jo enjoying the Russell Shelter **11. Berkshire English teacher and coordinator of the Center for Writing and Critical Thinking STUART MILLER '97** and **AL POPKESS '62**, both Skaneateles, New York natives **12. Members of the Armed Forces from the Class of 2007: TRAVIS VAYDA** and **HOLDEN NEFF** **13. HELEN GOLDSTEIN '07** discovered some of her artwork in the Kenefick Center. **14. Mike Maher** and **TWIGGS MYERS** enjoying Greensleeves' rendition of the old Berkshire Wild Cats fight song, sung at the Myers Lobby dedication



### Old Guard

*From left: BRAD TRIPP '52, BOB DOYLE '49,  
GEORGE CHURCH '48*

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### 1957

*Front row, from left: BILL KIRTZ, MAC ODELL, SPIKE BILLINGS, SKIP WOOD, TWIGGS MYERS, TOM ANDERSON,  
BOB MILLHAM, PAUL TOMPKINS Back row, from left: BRUCE SHIELDS, CHARLIE FATUM, RICK SCHROEDER,  
DICK CASE, FRANK MONAHAN, JIM COHEN, JOHN DELAMATER, WALT HENRION*



## 1962

*Front row, from left:* JEFF DENKER, STU MARSH, DAVE HEMELRIGHT, JOE UPTON,  
*STEVE BOYD* *Back row, from left:* BUCK SHERMAN, AL POPKESS, BOB LEUTHY



## 1972

*Front row, from left:* GLENN PARTRIDGE, JAN D'ANGELO, CHARLES LOVEJOY, PHIL CAREY, CLARK BROWN *Second row, from left:*  
 PETER NEUBERG, JERRY WEIL '73, PAULA PEVZNER '73, CAROLE MAGHERY KING, JOHN SHERMAN, DUKE BLACKBURN,  
 FREDERICK WALSH, JEFFREY MILLER *Back row, from left:* JOHN WALKER, MELINDA BROOKS BELTER, ROBERT WAGNER, SPENCER WILLETS, GEORGE JAMISON, JAMES BALL, CLIFTON CROSBY, JAMES REINER, JEFFREY TAUSSIG

**1967/1977:** The Class of 1977 gathered on Friday evening but missed their group photo on Saturday night. And there was only one dutiful member of the Class of 1967 in attendance. Ironically, it was the rebelliously named **JAMES DEAN**.

**1982**

*Front row, from left:* BUDDY ONTRA '81, BRUCE HULL '81, ANTHONY ADDISON *Back row, from left:* GEORGE RIOSECO, JAY OVERBYE, GAYLE SAKS, BRENDA COLE, FRANK MANN '80, Peter Kinne, BRIAN FAHY, BART BARTHOLEMEW, JOHN KUHN, ALLISON HERRINGTON NEUMANN, JENNIFER GARDNER

**1987**

*Front row, from left:* JEFFREY ANDERSON, COLIN SMITH *Back row, from left:* JEN NICHOLS REED, JOHN MARSHALL, JANNA KLYVER CORD, MEGAN STECK BERG, SUSANNAH HALL APPLETON, BLAIR GAWTHROP MILLER, SUZANNAH ZEIF VAN SCHAICK, PIETER VAN SCHAICK, ANNALISA HINCKLEY SAVIN, JULIET SPROUL CULLEN

**1992**

*Front row, from left:* BURR DURYEE, MADEA ANSARI MYERS, JOE DOLDO *Back row, from left:* JOSH TRAEGER, ADAM JONES, CLARK REED, BRAD BLAICHER, ETHAN GEE, CHRIS LACAVA, GEREMY KAWALLER, RUDI EHRLICH

**1997**

*From left:* JULIE RUBENSTEIN BRONDER, STUART MILLER, KRISTINA THAUT MILLER, BOBBY GOING, MEGAN JARVIS, MELISSA VENEGAS BUETTNER, ARSENI TOMKEVICH, GORDAN KELLAM, SAM HINDELS



**2002**

*Front row, from left:* JULIA HANSEN, JACLYN BRANDER, MELISSA JUBINVILLE '03, ANDREA CAICEDO, SCOTT DAVIDSON, ALEX WATTS, LILLIAN BECKER, VICKIE CHIANG, OTTO NEUMUTH, BRYAN MORNAGHI  
*Back row, from left:* JEFFREY PIETRASIAK, PHILIPPE BASQUE, TONY LEBER, CHRISTOPHER SCHULZ, SAM FRANK, DEVON O'ROURKE, LIBBY MURFEY, MATTHEW SPOSITO, SPENCER MOORE



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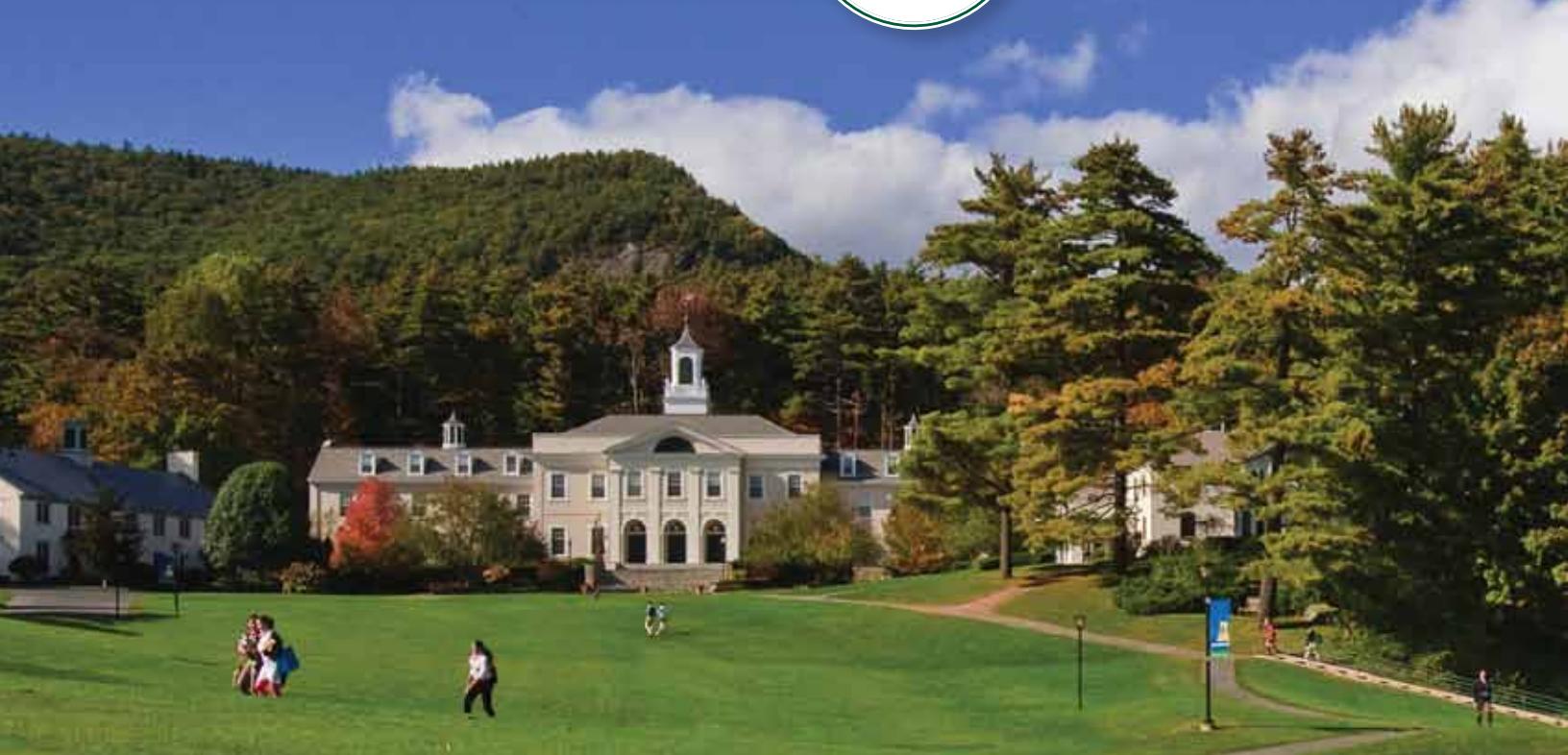
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BERKSHIRE SCHOOL

# Reunion Weekend

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Berkshire is pleased to invite you to Reunion Weekend 2013 in June. We have a full slate of offerings for the weekend, including a special "Taste of the Berkshires" dinner on Friday night where you'll get to sample local foods prepared by area chefs.

The weekend will also include:

- Tours of the new Fine Arts Center (located in the vacated Science Wing of Berkshire Hall)
- Golf and tennis tournaments
- A reception with former faculty
- Classes hosted by current faculty
- Plenty of time to hike, bike or relax
- Luxury dorm room accommodations, just as you remember

Online registration will be available soon. Mark your calendar today, and come back to campus to reconnect with old friends.

Questions? Contact Kristina Thaute Miller '97 at 413-229-1223 or [kmiller@berkshireschool.org](mailto:kmiller@berkshireschool.org)

## BERKSHIRE TRAILS

## Alumni Fall Homecoming

Berkshire welcomed alumni back to campus over a beautiful fall weekend in the Berkshires that coincided with the tail end of Fall Parents' Weekend. Alums returned for soccer, field hockey and a cross country run and stayed for a full slate of home athletic contests. Look for this festive fall event to be held again next October!



### Alumni Soccer Game

*From left to right: SAM HOOPER '12, ROBIN MCGRAW '70, KRAIG STRONG '04, MICHAEL HARRISON '04, CHRIS BUONOMO '08, SPENCER NOYES '06, JACK NICK '08, MINUK CHOI '08, JULES CLARK '08, TOM SMYTHE '08, BEN ARIKIAN '07, AKASH BHARWANI '12, MIKE HARRIGAN '12, SASA ZELENOVIC '08, KEVIN BRUEMMER '71, TOM HARRIGAN '12, CHRIS REICHART '98, TAE HO KIM '08, CHRISTOPHER LEE '94*

### Alumni Field Hockey Game

*Front row, from left: Buzzie McGraw, Kelley Bogardus, Heidi Woodworth Back row, from left: SHANNON NELSON '10, KELLY BRENnan '09, Jackie O'Rourke, ABBIE BULLARD '03, JULIA PALMATEER '03, BEBE CLARK BULLOCK '86, Renee Dreher '15*



## New York City Holiday Party



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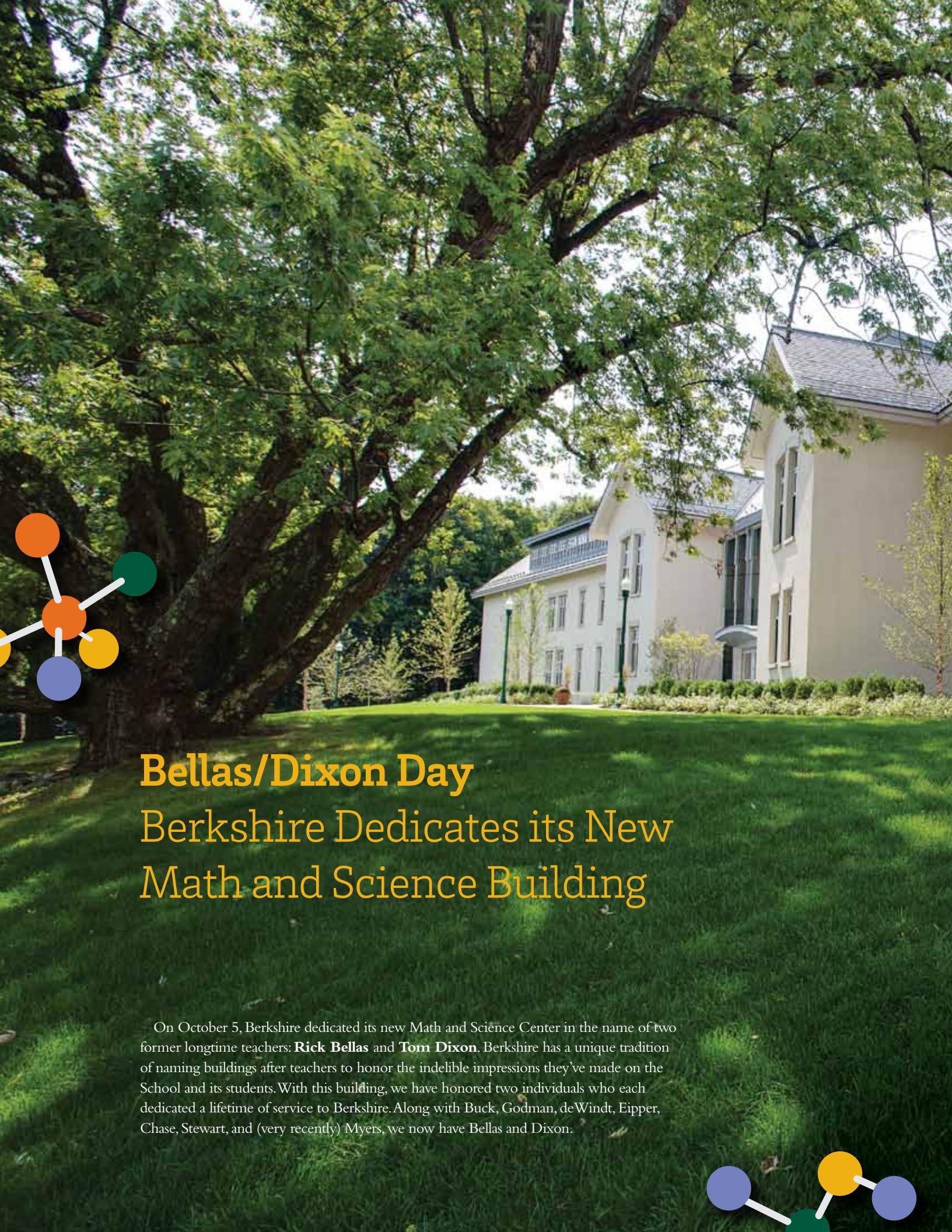


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**1.** ELLIE RINES '05, ALEXANDRA LESSER '05, LAUREN DEEB '03, ALI EDELL '06, EMMA SPIELMAN '05 **2.** JAMINE HILL '93, DEA ANSARI MYERS '92, Development Officer SUSIE NORRIS '79 **3.** Associate Head of School Bill Clough, JARRETT MATHIS '04, ROBERT JACOBS '04 **4.** NINA BRADLEY CLARKE '90, KIRK KELLOGG '87, ADAM CAREY '90, Alice Hagge **5.** GEORGE RIOSECO '82, ANTHONY ADDISON '82 **6.** The Class of '73 preps for their Reunion this spring! From left: CHIP PERKINS, JERRY WEIL, LOUISE BROOKS '72, JOHN WATKINS, REX MORGAN, ALEC WYETH, PAULA PEVZNER, TOM MULLANY, CHRIS GROVES, BILL DRAKE



# Bellas/Dixon Day

## Berkshire Dedicates its New Math and Science Building

On October 5, Berkshire dedicated its new Math and Science Center in the name of two former longtime teachers: **Rick Bellas** and **Tom Dixon**. Berkshire has a unique tradition of naming buildings after teachers to honor the indelible impressions they've made on the School and its students. With this building, we have honored two individuals who each dedicated a lifetime of service to Berkshire. Along with Buck, Godman, deWindt, Eipper, Chase, Stewart, and (very recently) Myers, we now have Bellas and Dixon.



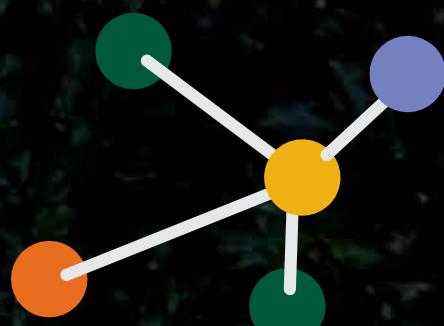


During opening remarks in the dedication ceremony, Head of School **Mike Maher** said, “In order to prepare students to be innovative thinkers and problem solvers ready for an intellectual landscape we can’t even begin to predict, a solid foundation in math and science is essential.” He added that the new building would support students in all levels and grades with “lab facilities that rival any other school in the nation” and “seamless access to the mountain behind us that’s always been a hallmark of relevant learning in our science classrooms.”

The building, designed by Centerbook Architects, is on track to receive LEED Gold certification for its many environmentally sustainable features. It underscores Berkshire’s commitment to sustainability written into our

mission and features state-of-the-art academic technologies, which will support our math and science students across all levels and grades.

**STEVE NORMAN ’60**, chairman of Berkshire’s Board of Trustees, closed the ceremony with words of gratitude. He said, “On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the generations of students whose lives you both positively impacted, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to this school.”





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**Rick Bellas** came to Berkshire in 1974 and taught all levels of math and economics until his retirement in 2005. He was awarded the first-ever Myers Master award for teaching excellence in 1995. In 2005, the senior class bestowed upon Rick another great honor: the yearbook dedication. In the words of the Class of 2005: "Mr. Bellas guided and inspired students in and outside the classroom. He demonstrates a genuine interest in his students and is truly proud of their successes. We, the senior class, appreciate Mr. Bellas for his passion, energy and enthusiasm. His efforts as a teacher, coach and dorm parent have been exceptional and for that we are very grateful."



**Tom Dixon** served in many roles at Berkshire after arriving in 1961: teacher of math and science, science department chair, dean of students, founder of the School's radio station, WBSL 91.7 FM, senior master and the School's first technology director. In 2000, he and his wife, Cynthia White Dixon, gave the wonderful gift of the Dixon Observatory to the School as part of the Berkshire 2000 Campaign. Mr. Dixon was also a member of the Board of Trustees from 1977-1980 and 2001-2007, after having retired from teaching. As a member of the Board, he set the course for Berkshire's investment in technology and pioneered the School's research into the use of anti-virus software, firewalls and other cyber-security initiatives. Mr. Dixon was named the Kellogg Volunteer of the Year in 2008 for his dedication and loyalty to Berkshire.

*Representations of **Rick Bellas** and **Tom Dixon**, above, are reproductions of oil paintings done by **Linda D'Arco**, studio and digital art teacher at Berkshire.*

## Bellas/Dixon In Action

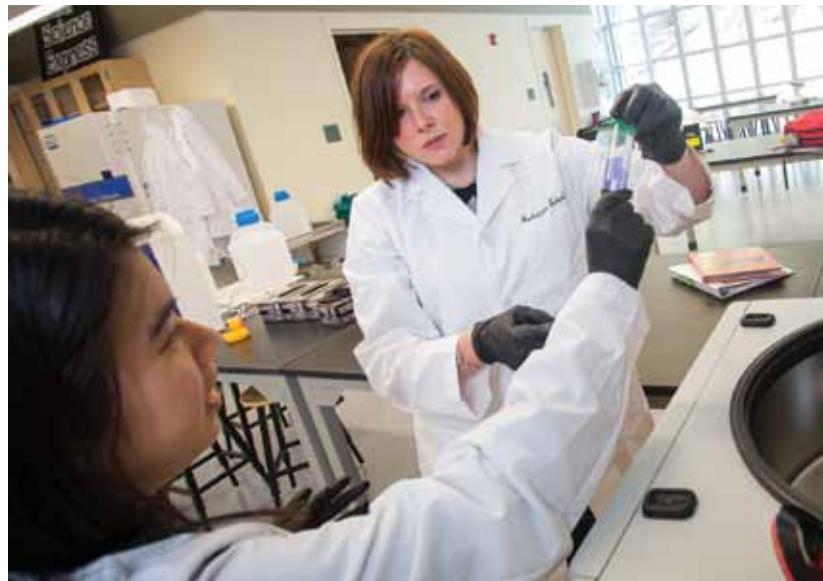
By Clay Splawn, Dean of Academic Affairs



The newly dedicated Bellas/Dixon Math and Science Center stands as a symbol of Berkshire's continuing commitment to providing its students with a math and science education to prepare them for life in the 21st century. It has already made a deep impact on the academic lives of students. Perhaps none have benefited so dramatically as the students who work in the Advanced Math/Science Research program (AMSR). **Dr. April Burch**, a professional research scientist and the director of AMSR, believes that "the new space has provided a state-of-the-art environment to conduct a wide range of graduate-level research studies proposed by the students in AMSR."

**Dr. April Burch**, a professional research scientist and the director of AMSR, believes that "the new space has provided a state-of-the-art environment to conduct a wide range of graduate-level research studies proposed by the students in AMSR." The facilities now available to Berkshire students include everything that you would expect to find at top-tier colleges and medical schools: equipment needed for microbial cultivation, DNA and protein analysis, and many types of *in silico* studies.

Of course, Bellas/Dixon has provided new opportunities for more than just the students involved in AMSR. Mathematics Department Chair **Kurt Schleunes** pointed out that the increased classroom sizes and state-of-the-art teaching tools add to the experience for all students. The same could be said



**Dr. April Burch**, director of the Advanced Math/Science Research program, at work with a student this fall

for the new classroom-labs. These "labs" allow teachers to move back and forth from a more traditional classroom setting to the lab quickly and seamlessly. "The project exploration room and the MathLab allow us to make use of a variety of hands-on learning experiences that we could not do before," Schleunes said. "The new space will provide the Math Department with opportunities for courses that combine engineering and 3-D-design."

More than the equipment and features, however, Bellas/Dixon has palpably heightened the academic culture at the School. Were you to visit the building in the evening, for example, you would find it buzzing with academic activity;

the new 100+-seat lecture hall is a destination for a number of speakers and seminars, and seniors are using the study spaces in the evening in what has become a college-like study environment. Liza Bernstein '13 nicely summed up its impact: "The new building has allowed me to expand my interest in science and math. I am able to participate in more complex and informative labs, which has really helped facilitate my understanding in classes like AP Physics and Multivariable Calculus." Liza's word choice in describing how the new building *facilitates* her understanding captures the double meaning that this new facility brings to Berkshire.



## A Happy Coincidence: Mr. Zimmer's Deep Roots

Before the dedication ceremony, Carl Zimmer, a Yale University lecturer and author of 12 books on topics ranging from the history of neuroscience to evolution, kicked off the events with remarks titled "Exploring Your Inner Jungle."

Mr. Zimmer spoke on how our human bodies actually co-exist with, and depend on, common bacteria that provide digestive enzymes and vitamins, akin to a microbial organ that weighs 3-4 pounds. **Dr. April Burch**, director of the AMSR program explained, "As only an incredible storyteller could, Mr. Zimmer described how the future of medicine will change as we embrace and understand this new microbial organ."

When we invited Mr. Zimmer to Berkshire, we had no idea how special

it would be—only after he accepted the invitation did we discover the family connection.

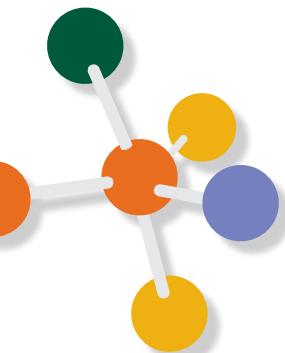
In a letter dated June 18, 1935, Seaver Buck, Berkshire School's founder, wrote to a **MR. HARRISON GOODSPEED '14**. "Dear Goodie," he said, "I don't know whether you are aware of the fact that the Class of 1914 is, all things considered, our banner class. I think we have never had such a group of capable, all-round loyal men. Nothing would please me more than to have your young man among our enrolled."

HARRISON GOODSPEED, JR. did, in fact, enroll at Berkshire and graduated in the Class of 1942. Perhaps it would have also pleased Mr. Buck to know that Goodie's great grandson addressed the community 77 years

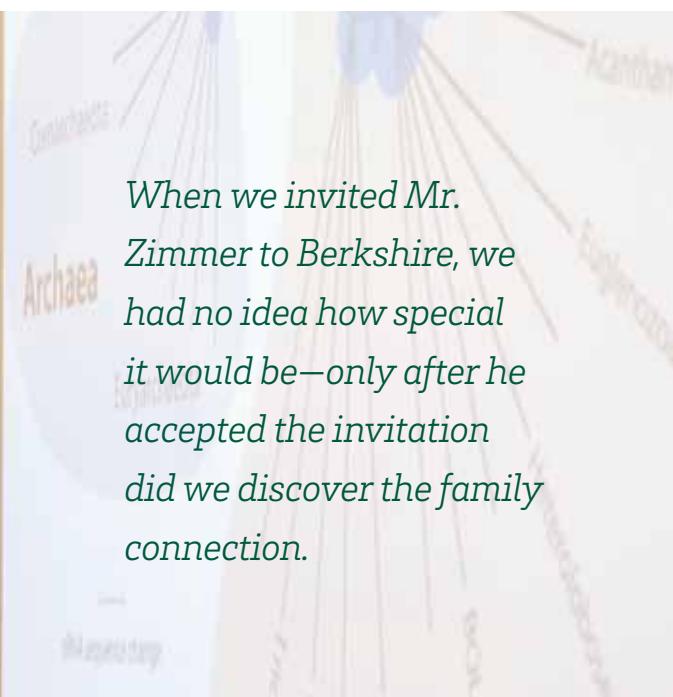
later as a distinguished guest speaker at a momentous Berkshire occasion: Carl Zimmer's grandfather was Mr. Harrison Goodspeed, Jr., son of "Goodie," a member of Mr. Buck's "banner class."



**ROBIN MCGRAW '70** (left) chats with Mr. Zimmer at the book signing reception.



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1. Tom Dixon, TWIGGS MYERS, Rick Bellas post-ribbon cutting 2. Math Department Chair Kurt Schleunes, Budd Leeds, Rick Bellas  
3. The Zimmer family 4. Board members Anne Sutherland Fuchs and LARA SCHEFLER MCLANAHAN '86

# One Man's Impact

## Using Business to Solve Social Problems

By Virginia Watkins



To hear him tell it, some of the most important events in the life of **ALVARO RODRIGUEZ '85** have happened ‘by coincidence’: his decision to stay at boarding school, joining Berkshire’s crew team, his immersion in the world of micro-finance and his founding of the venture capital fund, IGNIA. It’s only after hearing his stories that it becomes clear that his coincidences are actually choices, the sum of which has shaped quite a life. It is one that he shares with his adored wife Marcella and twin ten-year-old boys, Lucas and Matteo, who he describes as “awesome – good kids with great hearts and always good spirits.”

Alvaro is currently the co-founder and managing partner of IGNIA, an entity based in Monterrey, Mexico, described as “an impact investing venture capital fund for Latin America focused on commercial enterprises that serve the base of the pyramid.” For this newest venture and for other efforts, he has received numerous prizes and awards. Recently, he was selected for *Forbes Magazine*’s Impact 30 List – a list of the world’s top 30 social entrepreneurs, a term that *Forbes* defines as “a person who uses business to solve social issues.” And this summer, the Social Enterprise Network awarded Alvaro a Sustainability Award for Economic Justice. Alvaro is described as “stand[ing] light years ahead of his

The Rodriguez family, from left, Alvaro, Mateo, Marcella and Lucas in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, in April 2012

peers. By all accounts, there could have been no other rational decision. Fantastic, and well deserved, [he is] a guiding example for the rest of us.”

Alvaro’s response to this award, after expressing gratitude, was to say, “We haven’t done anything yet; we have yet much to demonstrate and accomplish.” When asked to elaborate, he becomes very serious. “We need to demonstrate that you can do good and do well,” he says. “We need to demonstrate that you can actually have good financial performance by investing in very poor areas and at the same time have a very positive impact on those communities.” As an example, he cites a project that IGNIA is currently pursuing, in which they have developed Mexico’s largest independent branchless banking system.

In one of the poorest municipalities in Mexico City, IGNIA identified an untenable situation: 1.2 million people living in an area with only two bank branches and no ATMs. Their concept was to bring banking to the people by placing branches where they could conduct banking transactions and pay bills in the “mom-and-pop” stores that sit on nearly every corner. IGNIA says the customers are happy because they no longer have to commute to the bank and wait in long lines. Similarly, the “mom-and-pop” stores are enjoying a 30% increase in income thanks to the new traffic.

However, despite Alvaro’s optimism about the project and pleasure in the good it’s accomplished so far, he can’t help hoping for more. Alvaro thinks the new bank branches will



Boston, Massachusetts

# HEAD-OF-THE-CHARLES® 1992

*Alvaro, a former Olympic rower, wears his Berkshire jersey in his last race as an elite rower at the Head of the Charles in 1992.*

also benefit large banks that choose to be part of the system. He wants to create industries capable of handling the volume of business that one company simply cannot.

"The challenges we are trying to tackle are so humongous that we are never going to be able to solve them with single firms," he reveals. "We create these industries, and then many players are needed in order to tackle the challenges that we face." He acknowledges the risks of confronting those hurdles and says that, "Probably the reason people find what we're doing interesting is that we're not waiting for the demonstration. We're going in and actually creating the demonstration. Now,

hopefully, we are successful."

In no way is Alvaro sitting back and leaving that possibility to coincidence. In fact, he has left little to chance since arriving on Berkshire's campus in the fall of 1982. When fifteen-year-old Alvaro arrived in Sheffield, Massachusetts, from Mexico, he was one of fewer than ten international students. As he recalls, "In the early 80s, there wasn't a lot of awareness of other countries." Because he came with specific goals in mind – working on his English and spending some time away from home while gaining insight into the U.S. experience – Alvaro will admit now that he didn't make a huge impact during his first year. He recalls,

**2005** The World Economic Forum names Alvaro a Young Global Leader

**2011** The American Business Council, ABC and Revista Poder give him the PODER-ABC Business Award

*Forbes* magazine names him one of the 30 Top Social Entrepreneurs of the World

**2012** Social Enterprise Network awards him the Sustainability Award for Economic Justice



Rowing stroke for Berkshire circa 1985

*"We need to demonstrate that you can do good and do well."*

shook his head and explained that this had been a one-year experience, and that he was heading back to Mexico. But Mike, surprised that there was even any question, said he should stay.

In the first of Alvaro's purported coincidences, he decided that it might actually be a good idea. "That was the first time that it dawned on me that, why would I leave, if I was having such a good time? I decided to stay, and it was definitely the right decision."

He returned in the fall for his fifth-form year determined to do something worthwhile. He was acutely aware of having not left much of a mark the previous year and wanted to change that. He says now that when a student is different from the norm, he or she has "three options: 1. isolation 2. complete transformation in order to fit in or 3. integration, while maintaining your own identity within a community, while letting them see who you really are. I like to think that I made that third choice." He started his integration by joining the crew team.

"I started rowing by coincidence," he laughs now. "I asked **CHARLES FLETCHER '85** what I should do for a fall sport. He said, 'You should row; you should do crew.' I had no idea what he was talking about. I said, 'What the hell is that?'"

Almost three decades later, it seems that Alvaro figured it out. This decision proved to be life changing, as he went on to row for the Mexican Olympic team. He is a Pan-American rowing medalist (1991) and was eighth in the World University Games (1989). At Berkshire, however, he only knew that he loved the sport and was developing strong ties to his Berkshire friends and faculty. He's still competing today – in the American Nationals this summer and the Head of the Charles last October. When he retired from elite rowing after the Olympics in 1992, he made a special tribute. "I wanted to retire at the Head of the

Charles because it was where I began my competitive rowing," he says. "So, when I retired in 1992, I wore my Berkshire racing shirt."

By the time he graduated in the spring of 1985, Alvaro was able to write a piece in *The Green and Gray* about his time at Berkshire. He was honest and straightforward about the challenges that he'd faced early on, but recognized already that the experience had enabled him to grow up in a way that would not have been possible otherwise. He was immersed in crew, had served as the first international prefect, and had developed enduring relationships with both students and faculty. In particular, he credits **David Madio** with being a crucial influence as his crew coach and dorm head when he was prefect. They kept in touch for years. **Mrs. Duryee** and Mr. Moore, both of whom taught Spanish, were also touchstones.

However, it was **Rick Bellas** who Alvaro credits with cultivating his foundational interest in business: "I took economics from him, and because I liked it so much, I went on to study economics," he says. "He was a great person, and I came to love economics because of his class."

That love continued through Alvaro's undergraduate years at the Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico, from which he graduated in 1990 with a degree in Economics, and again at Harvard Business School, where he graduated in 1995 with an MBA. When he graduated, he says, "I was an arrogant and obnoxious MBA from Harvard Business School, and I had no cell in my body with a social conscience or anything." However, the juxtaposition of his wife's continued Architecture studies, also at Harvard, and a dismal employment situation, presented him with a unique situation. He accepted a job at Accion International, a pioneer in microfi-

"The fall was okay because it was all new and fun, but, the winter was quite rough."

That spring, when the sun came out again, Alvaro remembers leaving deWindt dormitory, coming out of hibernation, and making friends in Stanley. "I had the best time of my life!" he says. He bonded with students and teachers alike, yet he still believed that this would be a one-year experience, something he could tell his friends and family about when he returned home.

Toward the end of the year near room draw, Alvaro had a pivotal conversation after dinner in Memorial with **MIKE GIBBONS '85**. They were standing on the stairs where everyone tended to congregate when Mike asked him where he was going to live the following year. Alvaro used his thumb to indicate that he'd be out of there, and Mike misunderstood. "You're living in Memorial?" Alvaro

nance, and that changed everything. “That experience changed my life, my understanding of why we’re here, and our responsibilities, and I had the opportunity to work with very poor people firsthand,” he says. It is this experience, one more that he laughingly refers to as a coincidence, which gave him a profound understanding of what he wanted to do with his life.

“I learned the power of business to solve social problems, and I made a commitment that it would be the thing that I would devote myself to,” he says. “I also learned that the social sector needed business skills, and I was not going to learn those skills in the social sector. So, I went on to a career in business and got a chance to do some very interesting things. In 2007, I was in a career transition, and when I was in the corporate world, people would always ask why I dedicated so much time to microfinance. I would say that when I retired I would dedicate my time entirely to social impact. So, in 2007, I decided, why wait? This is what I’m passionate about, this is what I really believe in, and so I started to put IGNIA together with my partner, Michael Chu.”

After speaking with Alvaro, it becomes clear that, just as he believes in the power of coincidence, just as he understands that doing good can also result in doing well, he believes that IGNIA and its partners – current and future – will figure it out. He believes the company will choose number three on his list of options. From this perspective, it’s undoubtedly no coincidence.



Mr. Rodriguez (center) with students after his lecture, flanked by **R.G. Meade** and **Anna Romano**, the two people who greeted him upon his arrival at Berkshire in 1982

## It's Not About the Money

By Brittany Brown '13  
Editor-in-Chief of *The Green and Gray*

On Thursday, October 18, Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez spoke to Berkshire’s Advanced Economics class and held a lecture for all students that night. Before Mr. Rodriguez even talked about his market-changing company, IGNIA, he spoke of “the very special place” Berkshire holds in his heart. He connected with students by saying that Berkshire “is where I grew up.” He told the crowd, “I always tell people that rowing was my school, all my professional values [were] learned through crew, and I will be eternally grateful to Berkshire because crew continues to be my passion.”

He continued to talk about another one of his passions: business solutions to social problems. A lot of students in high school imagine a corporate life goes hand-in-hand with a corporate plane, a huge house and tons of money to go around. Mr. Rodriguez had that and more at the age of twenty-nine as the youngest CFO of a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange. However, he told students, “You acquire those things for power, prestige and money...but at the end of the day I wasn’t passionate about that.” Mr. Rodriguez showed students that through passion there is always success. So whether it is crew or helping people in underdeveloped areas around the world, Mr. Rodriguez demonstrated that following your passion will lead to great success.



**SIIRI MORLEY** in Haiti, with local women training in candle-making. Siiri is helping them build a business that can work with international customers like Yankee Candle, Whole Foods Market, and Macy's. You can keep up with Siiri and Prosperity Candle's progress through their website [www.prosperitycandle.com](http://www.prosperitycandle.com).

## Lighting the Way

Another Berkshire alum who is garnering awards for her work in social entrepreneurship is **SIIRI MORLEY '96**. She has been named to Fast Company's "League of Extraordinary Women" for her work with Prosperity Candle, a startup focused on empowering women entrepreneurs in regions impacted by political conflict and natural disaster. She has also been named executive director of its sister nonprofit organization, Prosperity Catalyst. Candles emerged as the natural product for this operation because, as Morley says, "There is

something about lighting a candle that makes someone feel hopeful, connected and part of something bigger than themselves."

Prosperity's business model cites a very real connection between businesses run by women and regional prosperity. "The World Bank calls investing in women 'smart economics' because research shows economic growth for women has an important multiplier effect. Women reinvest—they spend more earned income on food, healthcare, home improvement and schooling for themselves and their children

than their male counterparts," Siiri explains. "Further, projections show that reducing the financial barriers to entry for female labor force participation could drastically increase national productivity in developed countries."

Morley's great interest lies in the work she's doing and the women she's working with. "We began our work in Baghdad in partnership with Women for Women International. We also now work with Burmese refugee candle-makers in Easthampton, Massachusetts – close to my roots at Berkshire!"

## Former Faculty and Staff News and Notes



Russell (center) with a Willow Wave canoe (not to be confused with the prize-winner) built by one of his Yestermorrow classes

### Blue Ribbon Boat

#### Hilary Russell's Willow Wave Wins 1st Prize

Longtime English teacher **Hilary Russell** garnered accolades over the summer for his expertise as a boat builder. His latest creation, a butter yellow, willow-ribbed hybrid canoe, won a first place ribbon at Mystic Seaport's 23rd Annual Wooden Boat Show. The judges noted that they especially liked the "fine fit and finish" and the "wave" of the willow fore and aft, which both strengthens the boat's frame and is eye-catching. In an interview published in the *Berkshire Record*, Russell cited North American Indian, Inuit and Celtic influences in his design. "The through-mortised, coupled willow ribs are in the Irish style. The lashing is Inuit, and the shape is Athabascan (American Indian)."

When he retired from Berkshire in 2005, Russell founded the Berkshire Boat Building School, which he runs out of the barn behind his house, though he also travels to other venues, including the Yestermorrow Design/Build School in Warren, Vermont. Russell is able to guide students of all ages through the process of building their own boat in the course of an intensive week. Russell continues to share his love of literature, too. He is teaching a poetry writing class at Berkshire Community College and advises the literary magazine. This fall, he taught a class about Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bard College at Simon's Rock.



Russell's prize-winner features criss-crossed willow rods that provide strength, widen the boat and attract the eye.

At the Eastern Alpine Officials meeting at Killington, the committee honored **Bob Brigham** with the 2012 Burckett-Dodge Award for his contribution to alpine officiating. This is a national award and was given at the National Ski Congress Awards dinner in Park City, UT in May. This award has been given since 1973.

**Ronn Cabaniol**, who taught English at Berkshire from 1987 to 2005, has created a blog for his first novel *Journey from Blue* and would like to invite former students to follow along reading it if they're interested. It can be found at [journeyfromblue.blogspot.com](http://journeyfromblue.blogspot.com).



This little bundle is Hope Susan Frederick, born on September 12, 2012 to former math teacher **Brian Frederick** and his wife Tracy.

**Evan Glasson's** first book, a long poem titled *Vital Pursuits*, was published by H-NGM-N Books. It is available in print and as an eBook. Both formats can be found at Amazon or through the publisher.

**Don Morley** and his son, **ALEX MORLEY '01**, spent two weeks in June cycling from Madrid, Spain on an old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela.



**Susan Young** writes, "At the Awards Celebration for this year's seniors at Monument Mountain Regional High School (MMRHS), Tom was surprised to learn that a scholarship had been established in his name by the parents of his baseball players at MMRHS. It will be given annually to a college bound baseball player. I know his field at Berkshire is tops on his list because it was done by his former Berkshire ball players as well as his Babe Ruth and American Legion teams plus their parents and many of his former students and advisees. This scholarship surprised him and quietly delighted him, too. Good for him!"

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**BOB KIEVE** writes: "The local San Francisco public television station has created a short feature about me. It has already been broadcast, but can be accessed at almost any time. Go to YouTube and put in my name."

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**TONY AUSTIN** is still an active commercial fisherman off the coast of NC. His oldest daughter is 47 and a full professor of music at UNC Pembroke. His second daughter is 46 and teaches special education in West Virginia. His youngest daughter just turned 19 and is a freshman at UNC Chapel Hill.

**CHARLIE BERRY** writes: "This past July at the invitation of my daughter, I climbed Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with her and her 3 sons. This was my fourth of the "7 Summits" and the last. I have neither the budget nor the interest in doing Everest or Vinson. Plus, at 77, my body is starting to slow down. I am, however, continuing to run and am finding myself at the top of my age group in races. Attrition is helping my position." Charlie just had a book, *A Climber's Memoir*, published on January 16, 2013. Amazon describes it as follows: "A Climber's Memoir is a true story. It is a journal written by a middle aged man chronicling his day to day adventures while climbing a 22,000 foot peak in Nepal. The reader not only shares in his Himalayan journey but also learns what high altitude mountaineering entails. It is a first class tale complete with the unexpected." Congratulations, Charlie!

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**WALTER HENRION** writes: Your class agent has not forgotten you, but you have forgotten your class agent. We will try to do better in the fall for the next issue of the Bulletin, i.e., emails a month in advance seeking tidbits of news. We will be awarding our annual faculty award in the spring and you will receive information on the recipient from Berkshire. I would love to see any and all of you if you are in the Dallas area. Until next time, good luck and good health.

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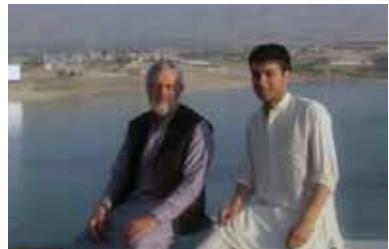
**JOHN S. TROTH, JR.**'s book *The Solution Game* was published in August 2012 and can be purchased at either Amazon.com or at the book's website www.thesolutiongame.com. It can be purchased either in digital form or in paperback throughout much of the world. It is a must read if you want to know where we are headed and what must be done if we are to survive.

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Helen Horton, cousin of the late STEPHEN HORTON COLLINS '60, recently donated to the School a wool Berkshire banner of his from the late 1950's. The banner will proudly be displayed in the School's archives.



**Don Goodrich** with **MATI** (top) and **MUSTAFA** (bottom) in their native Afghanistan

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This spring **DON GOODRICH** attended the graduations of both **MATI AMIN '08** and **MUSTAFA BASIJ-RASIKH '08** from Williams and Bates respectively. (See Class of 2008 for more info.)

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**TRISTAM JOHNSON** is involved with community development in Latin America through economic development and local governance. He is also the co-owner of Beyond Chacay, which includes *Enauen-*

*tros*, a five-week summer program in Ecuador and the Galapagos for high school students. The program features home stay, community service and language training and runs for five weeks. He reports, "Our two kids were powerfully impacted by their four years in Honduras and a year and a half in Colombia, so much so that they both are headed towards careers that focus on improving the lives of others. Berkshire students are truly a special breed, which I am reminded of every time I meet with my classmates. My hope is that a few Berkshire students will decide to commit to this trip, then take their experiences back to campus, sharing with others a new sensitivity and a more profound understanding of other cultures." You can email him at [tristamb@sover.net](mailto:tristamb@sover.net) for more information.

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**JOHN THOMPSON** has the two sequels to *Armageddon Conspiracy* out as

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From left: **Bob Brigham**, Dexter Paine (Chairman of the Board of Directors of USSA), the other honoree, Jill Firstbrook, of Mount Sunapee in New Hampshire

**JEFF BYRNE** is Senior Vice President, Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, NY. He was at the 2012 USSA Congress Awards Banquet in Park City, UT, where former faculty **Bob Brigham** was given the Burkett-Dodge Award, presented annually by the Eastern Alpine Officials Committee of the United States Ski Association for outstanding contribution to alpine race officiating.



**JOHN HERMANS '69** sent in the above photo of himself (center) with classmates **JOHN WAYNE** (left) and **JIM SHELDON-DEAN** (right) on the occasion of a CD release party for Abby's Agenda (Jim Sheldon-Dean and his wife Abby's musical trio) at the Sheldon-Dean's home in Charlotte, Vermont.



Berkshire alumni and parents gathered this fall at the 11th Annual Friends of Corbin Shoot at the Hudson Farm in Andover, NJ. The two-day fundraiser is held in honor of the artist Peter Corbin, and the funds raised are donated to support the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT and Fort Ticonderoga in Ticonderoga, NY. Pictured here are guests of Peter Kellogg who included, from left: **WALLY LONG '88, GREGG BELDOCK '79 P'11,'14, Dicky Riegel P'15, KIP ALLARDT '76, ROBIN MCGRAW '70 and PETER KELLOGG '61.**

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**CHARLES MURDOCK** writes: "Hammer Design is a 14 year old design/build company that provides architectural and construction services to the residential market. 85% of our work responds to a property owner's interest in upgrading/improving existing single family homes and usually includes adding new square footage. Although we are not by definition historic preservationists, we have remodeled/rebuilt/resurrected a great number of early 1900's structures.

The remaining 15% of our work is new out of the ground with a significant number of those projects being detached auxiliary use structures designed to increase residential density on existing lots with homes or provide the artist owner(s) with on-site studio spaces. While we are not webmasters, I invite you to visit our not very well maintained website: hammer-d.com to get a view of a small number of our completed projects."

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*Witnesses to history: 1973 classmates **BILL DRAKE, ALEC WYETH, JERRY WEIL, CHRIS GROVES and CHRIS WHITE** at the Boys Soccer New England Championship game this fall. Also there to see the Bears clinch the title were **JOE SCANDORE '72** and former faculty member **Hilary Russell**. All seven had cheered on their school during the legendary championship game vs. Suffield in 1969, remembered by many as the most celebrated soccer game in School history. The tradition continues!*

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**BETH CARLISLE '75** writes: "[Husband] **ALEX CARLISLE** has been ap-

pointed to the position of supervising conservator at Historic New England in Haverhill, MA."

Former faculty member **Susan Young** writes that **ALEXANDRA HOLTON** ran for mayor of her town of Jefferson, TX four years ago. She was the first woman ever to run for any political office. She lost, but broke the fences a bit.



*John Aurbakken '74*

**JOHN AURBAKKEN** writes that after almost 14 years of living overseas with his wife Andrea Ballard- who worked as a health care provider to Peace Corps' volunteers in Bulgaria, Mali, Rwanda, and Morocco- he has returned to the U.S., and he and Andrea now reside in Arlington, Virginia. Although his wife continues to work for Peace Corps in Washington, D.C., John is currently trying to decide what he'd like to do now that he's grown up. John's e-mail address is jalfab20@gmail.com , and he would enjoy catching up with his old friends, "especially those who shared his interests in theater, birds of prey hovering over Black Rock, and Doctor Dentons."

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**PAUL-DAVID "SELDI" SELDIS** writes: "I am living in Tucson, Arizona where I am the goalkeeper director for the Tucson Soccer Academy, a Nike elite club, an assistant coach at Pima Community College and for FC Tucson, a team in the national Premier Development League. All of which has been partly

inspired by Berkshire School and Jack Stewart. Please pass my best thoughts and regards to all, in soccer and beyond."

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**JOHN SHELLEY** writes: "In a surprising twist of events, this summer I wrote a children's book! My plan at the beginning of the summer was to hire a writer and an illustrator to write a book about Snitch the Fracoon - the "mascot" for my card game, Bag-O-Loot. Snitch shows up at parades, schools, or stores, and the kids love him. The intern who was doing the writing ended up leaving halfway through the project. The artist had already drawn about ten pages, so I decided to write a new story using the artwork he had created. I immediately started writing the book in rhyme.

I buckled down for three months, and on November 1st, a beautiful, hard cover book went on sale in bookstores and our website! It was never a goal in my life, but now that it is done, I can't wait to start writing the next edition. Mr. Chaffee would be proud! (And probably amazed since I think I slept through many of his classes.) Visit our web site, [www.bag-o-loot.com](http://www.bag-o-loot.com) for more."

**ANDREW BASEMAN** continues to be busy working as a set decorator for film and TV, with his current job, 666 Park Avenue, on ABC-TV. Last season Andrew worked on the NBC series *Smash* and had an article, with many photos of his sets, in the *LA Times*. Andrew's interior design website is [www.andrewbaseman.com](http://www.andrewbaseman.com) and his antiques blog is [www.andrewbaseman.com/blog](http://www.andrewbaseman.com/blog).



This photo of the Drake Lobby, a set built on a stage in Brooklyn, was recently featured in an article in the NY Times.



August Settel, son of Tony Settel '79

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**TONY SETTEL** shares a photo of his recently turned one-year old son, August. He was born to Tony and his wife, Erica Gibson, on October 10, 2011. Congratulations!

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**ALLEN MAXWELL** writes: "It's been a busy year. Only skied about 25 days last year but that was after a full knee replacement which I got a week or two after our reunion. Shooting for about 60 days this year. Still volunteering up at Snowbird, so if any Berkshire alums are in the area look me up. I'm in the book."

The family is healthy but feeling deprived, as I've been head down on a project for the past 7 months. We've been building a web portal for an offshoot of Rutgers University to help municipalities streamline their operations. It's been a lot of work and a great learning experience. Looks like we'll be leveraging it for a bunch of new projects, too, so there'll be no rest for the weary. My son is graduating from high school this year and looking forward to a solid lax season. His team won the state championship and is

definitely favored to take it again. My daughter continues to work hard and will be a senior next year. The wife is as lovely as ever. Hope all are well."

**LINDSEY FIELDER COOK** writes: "I write from Bonn, Germany, where I work on peace, climate change and sustainable development issues. My husband, Robin, helps to run a Fair-trade company, rather like 10,000 Villages in the States, if you are familiar with the Mennonites' work. We have two children, Gabriel (12) and Anna-Rebecca (10), an aging dog, two long surviving rabbits and numerous bicycles to keep us fit and out of cars. My German is getting better but the children run races around me in their bilingualism. Still, it is far better than my AP French, despite having **Madame Biber**, one of Berkshire's finest."

**CHARLES GRANT** has been named Executive Director of Henricus Historical Park after a nationwide search. Grant has served as acting Executive Director since July 2010 and throughout the site's 400th commemoration. Henricus Historical Park is located on 32 acres along the scenic and historic James River and is surrounded by the 810-acre Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Only 20 minutes from Richmond, the park is located in Chester, Virginia.

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**ERIC MELLINGER** writes: "I believe it was nearly three years ago that the *Berkshire Bulletin* featured a cover photo and story of alumnus, **DEAN CHAMBERLAIN '73**, and his amazing light painting photography. After reading that article, I thought that light painting looked really cool! Two months later, after thinking about it almost every day,



**ERIC MELLINGER** in front of an Orthodox cathedral in Moscow in one of his own light paintings. He makes sure to add, "Because everyone asks, these photos are straight from the camera... there is no Photoshopping in light painting."

I went and bought a "real" camera and began an obsessive compulsive exploration into light painting. Without the *Berkshire Bulletin*, what I have to report could never have happened.

At the end of September I was honored by having two of my light painting photographs displayed in Moscow's enormous Central House of Artists at the first ever Light Painting World Exhibition. The exhibition of 100 light painting photographs featured amazing works from 58 artists from fifteen countries from 1976-present. Works were selected based on their beauty and because of excellence in light painting style and technique. To have my work included among so many of the top legends in this art form was an emotional high for me, and naturally I had to go to Moscow to experience the event myself. It is a reminder that Berkshire's motto "Learning-not just for school but for life" applies even when you are middle-aged and work in IT!"

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**RICHARD SPALDING** writes: "I'm living out in the Boston area, and have been



Richard Spalding with son, Jack, and wife, Trish

for the last 23 years – save for a few years in graduate school up at Cornell. My wife Trish, son Jack (10) and I live with our two retrievers Tucker and Winnie in Newburyport, just North of Boston. I am the Director of Marketing at High Liner Foods, the largest seafood processor in North America. We're based out of Lunenburg Nova Scotia, but I work out of our US office just North of Boston. All is well in the world of marketing cold dead fish, although it's a highly volatile and fragmented industry which poses constant challenges." I caught up with **BEBE CLARK BULLOCK '86** at the recent prep school hockey championship. It was great to talk to her and learn about all the amazing changes at the School. It's been a long time since I've been back, so hopefully I can make the trek west next fall. Berkshire also won the championship which was fun to witness."

**STEVE KACZMAREK** enjoyed the last year off and spent the summer on his bus driving the kids to every state North, South and West of Colorado. He is now teaching Entrepreneurial Studies at Colorado College. In his spare time, he built an addition on his house and is now ready to relax and get ready for ski season. Truly enjoying life!



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## LARA SCHEFLER MCLANAHAN

writes: "My son, Jake, just started as a freshman this year at Berkshire, I was '86. Odd coincidences: he is classmates with Charlie Kellogg who is **KIRK KELLOGG'S** son and Kirk was '87. Also, he is classmates with James Streett, who is **Gretchen** and **Jim Balch's** grandson (son of **CAROLYN STREETT '83**)....Gretchen was my advisor when I was at Berkshire and the Dean of Students when both Kirk and I were there."



**KIPP STEINMAN '88** with his family after receiving the Medal of Honor from Pittsfield, Mass. Chief of Police Michael Wynn at a ceremony held at the Berkshire Museum. Photo courtesy The Berkshire Eagle



Kristen Gray with husband, Michael, and daughter, Sky

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**KRISTEN GRAY:** “Recently my husband Michael Raye, our 6 year old daughter, Sky, and I moved to Playa del Carmen Mexico from Carlsbad, CA to record 2 new CDs on our independent label SoulRaye Records with our two bands “SoulRaye” and “Manic Dawn.” Starting in NYC, we drove 7,000 miles in total! We made several stops across the USA before entering Mexico via the city of Nogales and, after visiting family in Puerto Vallarta, we drove all the way across Mexico until we arrived in the state of Quintana Roo and the city of Playa del Carmen, which is about 40 minutes south of Cancun. We have been writing and recording new music in our studio, learning Spanish and performing at the Paradisus and Sandos resorts along the Mexican Yucatan. It has been an exciting adventure, living and learning about a new culture and we are enjoying it very much! Our daughter Sky is enrolled at a bi-lingual international school and is really soaking up Spanish! We plan to move back to NYC in the spring after having been out west for 10 years. We are looking forward to living on the east coast again and reconnecting with family, friends, and former classmates. If you are visiting Mexico please email me at: soulraye@yahoo.com.”

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**BETSEY MORAN BELL** is now the Executive Assistant to the President of the House of Deputies for the Episcopal Church. Congratulations, Betsey!

**KIPP STEINMAN** made the front page of the *Berkshire Eagle* this August when

he was awarded the Medal of Honor from the Pittsfield Police Department, the highest honor it bestows. Officer Steinman risked his own life to rescue an unconscious woman from a two-car collision amidst pooling gasoline.

**MARLO DOHERTY ZARKA** spent this past year working towards completing her post-graduate Professional Coaching Certification and just launched her new professional coaching firm: Designed Alliance. Marlo’s company is aimed at harnessing solutions focused on achievement of personal goals and/or professional growth. For more information please go to [www.designedalliance.com](http://www.designedalliance.com). Congratulations, Marlo!

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**JIM MASTRIANNI** created the Lake George Boater’s Directory App 1.0, a boater-friendly app for iPhones, iPods, and iPads. “The app is priced considerably lower than any paper map or book available for the lake, offers GPS and other functionality that paper cannot, easily fits in your pocket, and is with you whenever you have your phone, which is pretty much always. Now, instead of relying on the back of your hand, you can rely on the Lake George Boaters Directory in the palm of your hand.”

**MAGGIE MEINERS** writes: “I had a great time at the Chicago reception in October with fellow Berkshire alums, **ERETT VAN NICE ‘88, HILARY DATTEL ROSENBERG ‘90, CHRIS KLINGENSTEIN ‘94, WALLY LONG ‘88, ROB KREBS ‘89, and BEBE CLARK BULLOCK ‘86**, among others. There are such amazing things going on on campus, I encourage all fellow 90’s to check out the website for frequent updates, and more importantly, go back to campus soon!”

**BRIAN LUTS** is now partner at the Luts and Greenleigh Group of Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network in MD. As reported by Reuters, Oct 2: “After 15 years in the brokerage industry and two company mergers later, Maryland-based advisers Brian Luts and David Greenleigh

decided it was time to take their book of business independent. The two advisers, who started at the same Prudential Securities office in Washington, D.C. in 1997, moved to Wells Fargo & Co’s independent broker-dealer on Tuesday. They were most recently advisers with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, where they managed \$250 million in client assets and generated \$1.5 million in annual revenue last year.”



**JOSH ISENBERG ‘91** and wife Stacey welcomed a son, Caleb Aaron, in December 2011. He joined sister Abigail, age 7. Everyone is healthy and happy and living in Ardsley, NY. Congratulations, Isenberg family!

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**JESSI TROTTA MCQUILKIN** has written a book, *Clayton in the Moonlight*. “It is the story of Clayton, a young cow who wants to swim, something the other cows find a bit odd, to say the least. While it would be considered a children’s book, it has universal messages: people (or in this case, cows) coming together as a community to help

Nine Berkshire grads attended the wedding of **ZACH HABERMAN '96** and Whitney Odell in June. From left: **SETH SANDERS '96**, **CLINTON EVANS '96**, **PATRICK FISHER '96**, **DYLAN MATTES '96**, **JEREMY MILLER '96**, **ZACH HABERMAN**, **LIZ MATTES '99**, **JASON MARION '96**, **IAN MORRIS '96**



**KATHERINE STRINGHAM** and David Mihalick are the proud parents of a baby boy, Zachary Robert Mihalick, born November 23, 2012 at 11:36 pm, weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz, and 20.5 in long. Congratulations!



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**JEREMY MILLER** writes: **JASON MARION** and **LIZ MATTES '99** are engaged. Best wishes Jason and Liz!

## KRISTEN HOFFMAN PELLINEN

writes: "I live in Voluntown, CT (Rhode Island border) with my husband and 18 month old daughter. I work as a Speech/Language Pathologist at Groton Public Schools (elementary and middle); this is my 9th year in the field."

**AARON FISHER** recently completed his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Penn State University and is currently working as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford University, in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Aaron is currently conducting a study on psychotherapy for Generalized Anxiety Disorder and teaching graduate statistics. He lives just down the road from Stanford with his wife, Lindsey, and their three boys, Wyatt, Duncan, and Milo.



**NAKIA HOWELL** and **TITUS STEWART, JR. '89** welcomed a son, Louis Tyrese Stewart, on March 31, 2012 at 7:49 pm. Congratulations, Nakia and Titus!

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**JULIE RUBINSTEIN BRONDER**

writes: "No major news from me in Chicago, but I had a great time at our 15 year reunion this past May. Sad that it was a small group who was able to make it, but I think it's safe to say we had a lot of fun. Hopefully, it'll be easier in five years for more people to make it for our 20th! If anyone ever finds themselves in Chicago or passing through, please drop me a note and perhaps we can catch up."

**ALEXA SAXTON THOMAS** had an art exhibit in November of her Recent Work, Vernissage, at Bizational's in Great Barrington, MA. You can view her amazing work at [www.alexsaxton.com](http://www.alexsaxton.com)



**SAM HERON '98**, left, with Barry McCoy. Stationed in Iraq from 2003 to 2004, the photo was taken outside of Mosul in early 2004. Sam is currently back in college working on a master's in psychology.

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**DAN GULOTTA** and his wife, Camille, welcomed a baby boy, Eric Daniel Gultotta, on June 15, 2012. Here he is, only one hour old!



Isla Anne Allardyce

in Sheffield, MA. We live right down the road from Berkshire on Trout Pond."

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**BROOKE BEEBE** moved back from Vail, CO to work at Fay School in Southborough, MA. She is teaching Kindergarten and coaching JV Field Hockey.

**KIMBERLY DAVIDSON YOUNG** writes: "This is big brother Andrew with Julia Susan Young. She was born February 9, 2012."



Big brother Andrew with Julia Susan Young



Callie Rae Brodeur

**SARAH CUSHWA DIVINE** writes: "I'm in my eighth year teaching kindergarten in New Milford, CT. This year my son Nathaniel started kindergarten



John Lawton Taber

**JESSE TABER** and his wife, Megan, are still living in Tallahassee, FL where he works as a software engineer. They welcomed their first baby, John Lawton Taber, on July 9, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is doing great. Congratulations!

**JEFFREY DODSON** just launched a new show reel with his company in March. Check it out: <http://vimeo.com/rainfall/showreel2012>.

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**CAITRIN ROESLER** married her best friend, Michael Prendergast, in New Haven, Vermont at Tourterelle Restaurant on June 23, 2012. It was a great party with a wedding to kick it off! Since the wedding, Michael and Caitrin have moved south to Knoxville, TN, temporarily, for a break from harsh New England winters.



Penelope Jo Sandick

**PHIL SANDICK** and his wife Colleen had a baby girl this summer: Penelope Jo Sandick. Phil is back at school at

Northwestern Law and Colleen is back at work as a social worker at Northwestern Memorial. Luckily for both of them, Pe-nelope is an extremely happy baby--who is now fascinated by her hands.

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**ELIZABETH SCOVILLE** writes: "After six years of sailing all over the world on cruise ships, traveling to 6 different continents and countless countries, I have officially "dropped anchor" in Nashville, Tennessee. I recently started working at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in development working with Patients, Families and Community Engagement. It's great to be back on dry land. I'm excited to be back in the United States so that I can finally attend my reunions!"

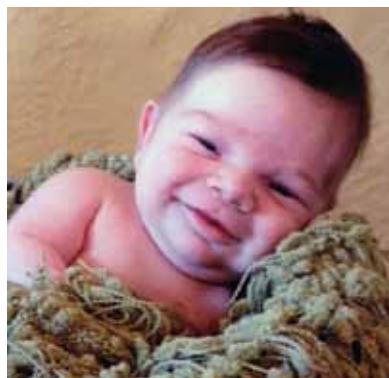


Hudson Reisinger Berry

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John Douglas Philippou

**COURTNEY PIERCE PHILIPPOU** and her husband, Pete, welcomed to the world John Douglas Philippou on August 17, 2012 at 5:24 pm. He was 8lbs., 14oz., and 21in. Congratulations, Courtney and Pete!

**LIBBY MURFEY** writes that classmate **ANDREA CAICEDO** was married in March. Best wishes, Andrea!

Congratulations, **KATHERINE DAIGH**, on the birth of Hudson Reisinger Berry, born April 22, 2012!

**03**

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**GWEN MILLER** writes: "I graduated from UVM in 2008, from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, and then served as an Americorps VISTA in Syracuse, NY. While I'd long recognized my interest in ecology, landscape and environmental issues (thanks partly to my excellent experience in **Mr. Kinne's** AP Environmental Science class), my time in Burlington, VT and Syracuse, NY got me thinking about the built environment--so I applied for graduate programs in city and regional planning. I've finished up the planning program at UMass-Amherst, and am now the newest Planner at the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in Pittsfield, MA, working on a variety of land use and sustainability projects. I feel so lucky to have found a position in my chosen profession, and to be back in such a beautiful area close to my family. I still keep in touch with **CHARLOTTE DELEO** and obviously **LUCAS MILLER '07**. We're hoping that our younger brother ends up at Berkshire as well!"

**RYAN KELLEY** writes: "I am still happily living and working in the Czech Republic (two years strong!). In No-



**KATIE DALTON ROSE '02** and Rob Rose were married this summer in Arlington, Vermont. Rob is a graduate of Belmont Hill and Dartmouth College, and Katie graduated from Colorado College. They met while teaching at Avon Old Farms School and now teach at Stratton Mountain School in Vermont. From left: Jenny Russell, **Hilary Russell**, Eliza Farley '13, Art Charles, Sandy Charles, Cindy Ayres, the groom Rob, Burge Ayres, the bride Katie, **ROBIN McGRAW '70**, proud parents Lori and Mike Dalton, **JEREMY LACASSE '90**, Diana Fulford Lacasse, and Buzzie McGraw

vember I started a new job working as an editor at the Prague branch of IDC, a company specializing in global market research and analysis."

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**JAMES RUSSELL**, here pictured reading the Hippocratic Oath during his White Coat Ceremony, is finishing up his first year at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies.

Although he says the weather is nice, he does miss the Berkshire fall foliage.

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**TIM COLEMAN** works for Amateur Hockey Report where he writes scouting reports about players across North America which coaches of all levels—Prep, Junior, NCAA, Major Junior, and Pro read. You can read more at amateurhockeyreport.com

**GEORGE BEEBE** writes: "Though I never did much hiking at Berkshire (regrettably) during Mountain Day or was in the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program, I have since done some climbing abroad. Recently, I travelled to Nepal (and India) to do something that I have wanted



**GEORGE BEEBE '06** at Mt. Everest Base Camp in Nepal



**ISOBEL FLAKE '06** holding a 6+ foot lemon shark in tonic mobility after collecting various size measurements, a DNA sample, and inserting two tags. The shark was captured just outside of a creek system on a stationary hook design known as a drum-line. Based on location and parameters of the shark captured, the goal of the data is to help assess overall habitat quality.

to do since the 4th grade, when I did a book report on the first successful summit of Mt. Everest in 1953. Though I did not summit the world's tallest mountain standing at 29,028ft, I did make it to Base Camp, which stands at 17,600ft. It was quite the arduous journey, but worth it ten times over, and I am so glad that I did it!"



*Left to right: DAN BARRY '06, ALLISON LETOURNEAU '07, and ANSLEY FLANAGAN '09 at the Division I and Division II New England Track and Field Championships at MIT.*

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**OSCAR LEON** writes: "After graduating from the University of Virginia as a mechanical engineer I thought what's next? After a couple of months of applying, I finally landed a job in a shipyard in Newport News, Virginia. Now I'm currently employed as a nuclear test engineer working on the newest and most advanced class of aircraft carriers in the world. My department and I are in charge

of testing all nuclear and propulsion systems to ensure proper operation of the carrier for the brave men and women of the US Navy. I take great pride and honor in my job since I see it as serving my country by building the great ships that protect our amazing country."

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**MATI AMIN** graduated with a degree in economics from Williams College. He has a job as Senior Intrapreneur for the Integration Team at Ashoka in Washington, D.C., using his language skills (Urdu, Dari, Pashto, Hindi and English), education and experience to develop micro-finance projects in south Asia, including Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**KAYLA ARSENIE** graduated last January from both Cornell and The Culinary Institute of America. After graduation, she followed her heart and made the move out to Denver, CO where she enjoys spontaneous ski days and works as a Restaurant Manager.

**MUSTAFA BASIJ-RASIKH** graduated from Bates College and is now working for IBM in Afghanistan as a consultant helping find Afghan companies IBM can partner with while he pursues his interests in social entrepreneurship and works to strengthen the indigenous Afghan economy.



*At the Bates College graduation of MUSTAFA BASIJ-RASIKH are, from left: Andrew Bogardus, Pieter Mulder, Mustafa, DON GOODRICH '61, Bill Bullock and MATI AMIN '08*



**TUCKER WALSH** launched a film, *Weaving a New Beginning*, which he produced for his senior thesis project. His film was on display this past spring at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Tucker!

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**PAUL PIATELLI '09**, here with mom Kathy and dad Paul, was named a Liberty League all-star (second team). Piatelli led the league overall in doubles with 20 and hit .386 for the St. Lawrence Saints. He scored 24 runs and drove in 38 and had a .636 slugging percentage. He also had two triples and three homers. With Piatelli's help, St. Lawrence won the regular season league title for the first time.



Birthday girls! From left: **LEXIE ALTMAN '08**, **ELISE CASEY '08**, **MOLLY RYAN '09**, and **SARAH KINNE '08** celebrated Sarah and Elise's June birthdays in New York last summer. Molly reports that while the '08'ers all live in Manhattan, she is finishing up her senior year at the University of Tampa. Last summer she worked as an intern for Home Shopping Network.

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**NATALIA ANDERSON** began her first 6-month full-time Co-op at the Bank of New York Mellon in downtown Boston after many interviews and job applications!



From being named diving captain over the summer to sweeping the diving events in the season's first meet, **JACK LEE** is having a great season at the University of Michigan. After that first meet, he was also named the Big Ten Diver of the Week. According to the U. Michigan athletics website, "He is the first U-M diver to win a Big Ten Diver of the Week honor since 2007."

His goals for this season are to finish top three at Big Tens and score points at the NCAA championships to help bring home the title. "There's nothing like winning a Big Ten championship meet as a team and holding the trophy up in the pool."

Go Blue! And go Jack! We're rooting for you from western Massachusetts!

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**KIT LANDRY '10** with his former advisor, **STUART MILLER '97**, after Kit delivered remarks to the Class of 2012 at their Senior Dinner

## In Memoriam

The Berkshire School community extends its heartfelt condolences to these families. To send obituaries or remembrances of classmates, please email [bulletin@berkshireschool.org](mailto:bulletin@berkshireschool.org).

### MR. JOHN B. LESHER '40

October 3, 2012

John Lesher served his country in World War II in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. He worked as a logger with Weyerhaeuser Company.

### MR. PETER E. HELLER '42

June 11, 2012

Peter Heller, a former member of Berkshire's Board, earned the Headmaster's Prize at graduation, one of the highest honors Berkshire bestows upon a member of the graduating class. Peter went on to the Fifth and Second Marine Division in the Pacific and served until 1945.

### MR. JOHN A. RUSLING III '42

December 7, 2012

John Rusling remembered Berkshire fondly. Said a close friend, "He always smiled when he spoke of Berkshire and his time at the school."

### MR. RUSSELL A. ALGER '44C

December 25, 2012

Russell Alger attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and worked in the lumber industry. He was a great husband and father and his favorite hobby was sailing.

### MR. DONALD G. DONSBOUGH '47

April 20, 2012

Donald "Beau" Donsbough was the special deputy sheriff for the State of Connecticut, Middlesex County. He coached for the Ahearn-Whelan Baseball League and the Portland Youth Football League.

### MR. ROBERT J. BETTS '49

July 19, 2012

Robert Betts served in the Air Force in the Korean War. After a successful career in sales of financial printing in New York City and Chicago, Robert and his wife Sandra retired to Boise, Idaho where they enjoyed their family.

### MR. RICHARD L. BOURBEAU '50

July 26, 2012

A first lieutenant in the Marine Corps stationed at Atsugi Air Base in Japan, Richard Bourbeau worked for over 30 years for the Eastman Kodak Company. Skier, horseback rider, and lover of travel, his favorite pastime was cheering on his grandsons at their sporting events.

### MR. PAUL C. DOWNING III '52

April 11, 2012

A New York State bank examiner for many years, Paul Downing enjoyed his summers in New England spent vacationing with his wife Martha in Southern Berkshire County.

### MR. RALEIGH E. CLARK '54

June 16, 2012

Raleigh Clark taught all levels of middle school math as well as piano, guitar, trumpet, clarinet, flute, trombone, and saxophone. Extremely passionate about shooting, in 1974, he opened a sporting goods and gun store.

### MR. BRADFORD C. STEWART '58

April 26, 2012

Brad Stewart helped to put together a number of training programs for military aircraft and service systems. He enjoyed aviation, sailing and traveling in the RV across the United States.

### DR. ALEXANDER I. WELLEK '61

March 20, 2012

Alex Wellek was an American History professor at Quinnipiac University for over 37 years and retired with Professor Emeritus status in 2005. He served on the Board of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen in New Haven, Conn.

### MR. JOHN P. COX '64

September 12, 2012

Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, John Cox was a Lieutenant J.G. in the United States Navy, an experience which greatly added to his knowledge of all things

nautical that had been developed over his childhood years in the waters of the St. Lawrence River.

### MR. THOMAS H. BANGERT '67

June 8, 2012

Tom Bangert was a resident of Charlotte, North Carolina for 30 years. He loved his family, his city, music, sports, and travel.

### MR. DAVID M. LECKIE '68

June 23, 2012

David Leckie spent his career in the automotive industry, working for Detroit Diesel and Leckie & Associates, founded by his father. He was the town liaison to both the Franklin-Bingham, Michigan Police and Fire Departments, a supporter of the Neighborhood Mobile Watch, and an avid golfer.

### MR. WILLIAM J. MARSHALL III '74

December 27, 2012

Jeff Marshall worked with high-growth technology companies for over 35 years. He loved shooting, riding, sailing, skiing, fishing, windsurfing and most of all flying airplanes. His fondest memory was taking his young daughter Wally hopping across the U.S. in a small yellow piper cub flying low and teaching her to read maps and the land.

### MS. JENNIFER S. DINABURG '98

April 26, 2012

A doctoral student at the U. of Colorado at Boulder, Jenn Dinaburg was passionate about the environment and about China. After studying Chinese language and literature in college, she traveled and worked extensively on the Tibetan Plateau. Cancer did not stop her from continuing her work on her Ph.D., an exploration of the commercialization of Tibetan medicinal plants in northwest China.

### MR. PATRICK B. JOYCE '01

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### Mr. Donald J. Brunel, Jr.

October 7, 2012

A lifelong student himself, Don Brunel taught Latin for many years at Stratford Academy in Macon, Georgia. After his teaching career, he became a local business owner, operating The Cellar Pub and Restaurant in Macon. He was an avid outdoorsman, teaching his family the same skills and love of the outdoors that he learned from his father.

### Mr. Steven Lloyd

August 11, 2012

Upon graduation from Trinity College, Steven Lloyd began his teaching career at Berkshire, where he taught English and started the crew program. He went on to teach and coach crew at other independent schools and served international students in the University of Pennsylvania's English Language Program.

### Ms. Marcia Friedman

July 30, 2012

Marcia Feldman's great passion was music. She was an usher at Tanglewood for almost 20 years and was extremely involved in establishing scholarship funds to support young musicians. In the 1970's and 1980's, she assisted Ed and Myra Feldman in the concerts of piano and chamber music that they produced at Berkshire.

## Remembering the Ambassador

Friends and family of Ambassador LEE WEIL '44C gathered in Washington, D.C. for a special ceremony honoring his nearly two decades of service on the Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. IFES gathered to pay tribute to Ambassador Weil for his "compassion and commitment to guaranteeing a citizen's right to vote and promoting democratic values around the world."



*From left: TOM WOLF '44C, Marianne Stein Hubert, CARY WEIL BARNETT '76 and JERRY WEIL '73*



## DR. WILLIAM S. KNOWLES '34

After graduating from Berkshire a year early, William "Bill" Knowles attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. for a year and then enrolled at Harvard. He completed his doctorate at Columbia in 1942 and started his career at the Monsanto Company where he worked until retiring in 1986. He had been retired for 15 years when he was woken up in the middle of the night by a phone call from Sweden in 2001, telling him that he had won the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

With two colleagues from Monsanto, Dr. Knowles developed a process called asymmetric hydrogenation, a way to split up certain molecules. Thanks to this process, Monsanto developed a drug which is still a mainstay in treating Parkinson's, especially in the disease's early stages.

A dedicated conservationist, Bill and his wife, Nancy, donated their farm overlooking the Missouri River to the St. Charles County Parks Department to become a nature park after their deaths.

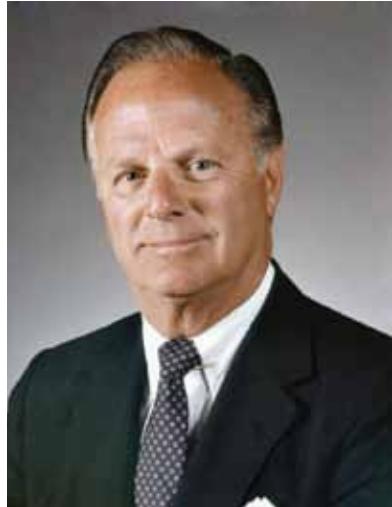
## MR. EDWARD MANDELL DE WINDT '39

Edward Mandell "Del" de Windt was part of the de Windt family whose Berkshire roots are deep and long. Del's father was Delano de Windt, Berkshire Class of 1911, who went on to become the School's third headmaster in 1943. Del was also a Berkshire parent, grandparent and trustee. While at Berkshire, he was president of the student council, class president his last three years, and captain of the football and hockey teams. After a long list of leadership positions at Berkshire, his yearbook caption concludes, "His record speaks for itself." Indeed it does. And there is more to be said of life after Berkshire.

Edward Mandell de Windt, known to his family and friends as Del, was born March 31, 1921 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts and died April 4, 2012 in Stuart, Florida. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 46 years Betsy in 1987. He is survived by his second wife and great companion Mary, his five children Pamela Burke (Daniel), Delano de Windt II (Adriane), Dana de Windt (Kathy), Elizabeth Kelly (Martin) and E. M. de Windt, Jr. (Susan), thirteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Mr. de Windt graduated from Berkshire School in 1939 and attended Williams College. An exceptional athlete, Mr. de Windt excelled in football, hockey and baseball while at Berkshire and Williams.

Mr. de Windt was Eaton Corporation's chairman of the board and chief executive officer from 1969 to 1986. He was elected Eaton's sixth chairman and CEO in 1969. His retirement in April 1986 culminated a 45-year association with the company.

"We have lost a great friend and an exceptional leader," said Alexander M. Cutler, Eaton chairman and chief executive officer. "Under Del's direction, Eaton became a highly diversified global company with annual sales that grew to more than \$3 billion. His legacy extends to his many contributions to the Cleveland area through an unwavering commitment to the community and civic causes."



Through strategic acquisitions, Mr. de Windt was able to grow and diversify Eaton into what has become a \$16 billion global power management company. Key acquisitions during his tenure included: Char-Lynn Company in 1970, which produced hydraulic motors for agricultural and industrial equipment and the Cutler-Hammer electrical business in 1978 as well as a 1983 joint venture with Sumitomo Heavy Industries in Japan. The electrical and hydraulics businesses continue to be major growth vehicles of Eaton today.

Mr. de Windt began his career with Eaton in 1941 as a production clerk at the Battle Creek, Michigan engine valve plant. He was transferred to the company's Cleveland headquarters in 1944 and wrote the company's first personnel manual. He also developed a proposal for the orderly rehiring of servicemen at the end of World War II. Eaton continues to be recognized today as a veteran-friendly company.

After serving in key assignments in human resources and operations, Mr. de Windt was elected vice president of sales in 1959 and became group vice president of the company and president of Eaton International in 1961. He was elected a director of the company

in 1964, executive vice president of operations in 1967, and president of the company later that year. In 1969 at the age of 48, Mr. de Windt was elected chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

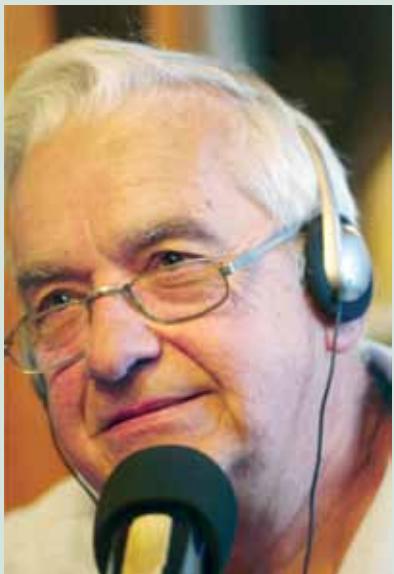
In addition to his numerous business accomplishments, Mr. de Windt was an outstanding civic leader in the Greater Cleveland Community. Over the course of his career, Mr. de Windt was a director of 15 major corporations and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He was active in a number of industry bodies, such as the Business Council and the Business Roundtable. Mr. de Windt was frequently recognized by his peers for his professional achievements and received numerous awards. These included *Industry Week* magazine selecting him for its Excellence in Management award. In addition, The Wall Street Journal-Gallup poll of chief executives across the country named him one of the nation's most respected leaders.

Mr. de Windt received numerous local, state, national and international awards as a result of both his professional and community leadership. In 1972 he was conferred the title of Commendatore of the Italian Republic by the President of Italy, and in 1982 was appointed Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth. In 1986 United Way of America presented him with their highest honor, the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award. He received eight honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the United States. Mr. de Windt was an avid and excellent golfer and served as Chairman of the Tour Policy Board, the governing body of The PGA Tour, for 12 years.

Throughout his business and civic careers, he lived by only one motto: "Behold the turtle--he makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."

## Hail to the Chief

By Clarence Fanto



The Berkshire Eagle archive photo

*Tom Jaworski, chief engineer for Berkshire's radio station, WBSL, passed away on December 12, 2012. Known to listeners and to Berkshire as Tom Jay, he had been with WBSL almost since its inception in 1972. In a 2010 interview with The Green and Gray, he told a student reporter, "I cannot tell you how enjoyable it is for me to work with kids. They know I'm listening." On behalf of our student deejays, we hope you still are, Mr. Jay. The below excerpt was reprinted with permission from The Berkshire Eagle.*

Thomas P. Jaworski, who as Tom Jay served as the electronic town crier for South Berkshire during his 43 years as newsman at WSBS Radio, died on Wednesday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after suffering a major heart attack last Thursday. He was 70. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y. — “Polish-born, pure bred,” he liked to say, Jaworski lived and worked in Great Barrington for most of his adult life.

Jaworski retired from WSBS in May 2008 after serving as morning newscaster, talk-show host and intrepid field reporter who covered many of the area’s major stories since the mid-1960s, notably the tornado that swept through Great Barrington and vicinity on May 29, 1995, killing three people. As a lifeline to the

community that was cut off from telephone communications, he broadcast live for many hours during the aftermath. During 43 winters, Jaworski relayed word to anxious schoolchildren and their parents about school closings and delayed openings. He devised an elaborate code system for school administrators to use when calling in, so as to block any potential hoaxers seeking to call off classes.

Jaworski, who had also served as chief engineer at WSBS and spent much of his off time on his elaborate ham-radio installation at home nearby, was continuously employed at the Great Barrington AM station, owned for 38 years by the late Donald Thurston and his family, except for a brief stint working for the State Department as a communications specialist overseas during the Vietnam War era.

From 1966 to 2004, Jaworski was partnered with Nick Diller, the WSBS dawn patrol host. “I’m shocked and saddened,” Diller said on Wednesday. “It really hit me. We were like an old married couple. We had our great times and our ugly times. Tom was tough, he could be jovial but once in a while he would go off the deep end, like we all do. But he was good to work with.”

Over the years, there were occasional disruptions of the morning routine at the WSBS studios on Route 7 — such as the day a skunk found its way into the air conditioning unit, with predictable results. “Boy, we had fun with that!” Jaworski recalled during a pre-retirement conversation.

He remembered chasing after U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy in a canoe during Kennedy’s visit to Benedict Pond at Beartown State Forest in Lee, during a campaign swing.

On one occasion, Jaworski covered the opening of a new business selling deep-sea equipment by reporting from a pool in full scuba-diving attire.

Some of the major stories that lingered in his memory, apart from the 1995 tornado, included the January 2000 drowning of Great Barrington kindergartner Shirley Palmer in the icy Housatonic River and a freak May snowstorm that knocked out power for five days in 1977.

Having been bitten by the radio bug as a youngster, Jaworski received his first amateur radio operator’s license when he was 15 and, as he told *The Eagle* in a 2007 profile, “I have been a continuously licensed ham ever since.”

He began as a high-speed teletype operator for Bank of America International on Wall Street after graduating from high school, served in the Navy from 1961–66 in the Great Lakes; Winter Harbor, Maine; Pensacola, Fla.; and in Adak, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands, where he went on the air for Armed Forces Radio under the name “Tom Ski” and also flew on Navy missions as a radio operator. After visiting his family’s second home in Ancram, N.Y., a Columbia County village not far from the Berkshires, Jaworski landed his first commercial radio job at WSBS in 1966, when it was owned by J. Leo Dowd, two years before the small station at 860 AM was purchased by the Thurston family of North Adams, which also owned two signals in that city.

Jaworski always cultivated a down-home, neighbor-next-door on-air persona, and insisted on never leading off a newscast with a fatal accident so as to avoid appearing as a “morning ghoul,” he recalled.

Reminiscing about his many years in the thick of checking on police calls and fires, helping locate missing children and pets, broadcasting local obituaries and covering town meetings, politics and a wide array of community events, Jaworski said that Great Barrington had undergone major changes — “from the nice, small New England town where everybody knew everyone else, to now when you walk down Main Street and see a lot of unfamiliar faces. But progress has to be made, and all of Berkshire County has changed.”

In retirement, having served as a Great Barrington Scoutmaster for 30 years, Jaworski continued to volunteer as chief engineer for the Berkshire School’s radio station, WBSL, in Sheffield.

Fond of telling anecdotes, and occasionally the spinner of tall tales, Jaworski insisted this one was authentic: “Some gentlemen out there in the dairy industry have told me their cows will not milk until they hear us on the air in the morning. Am I going to doubt a dairy farmer?”

Survivors include his wife of nearly 25 years, the former Marilyn Crosier, two stepchildren, Jodie McClay and her partner Dorothy DuPont of Pittsfield, and Douglas McClay and his wife Cherie of Pittsfield, three grandchildren, Laura, Howie and Emily, and his twin brothers Simon of Center Port, N.Y., and Peter of Ancram, N.Y.



## Taking the Long Way Home

### A Letter from the Director of Planned Giving

During my first winter at Berkshire, I remember it being cold and the heat in my room being noisy. I recall classes being a challenge and hockey being even harder. What I remember most of all was the sense of being at the threshold of a new journey and being given the chance to make something of myself. Most likely, that is a memory I created myself, considering the 30 years between that winter and today. But what I do know is that my experiences at Berkshire provided me with a love of learning and the confidence to tackle any challenge. These lessons were a gift.

I have searched for ways to share this gift, first, as an educator, then as a fundraiser and consultant for schools, conservation organizations and other nonprofit organizations. And while I had been able to share my passion for learning, conservation, and the great outdoors, I wanted to give back to the places that had truly impacted my life.

In the spring of 2002, as Valerie and I awaited the arrival of our first child, we realized we needed to look to the future. In planning our will, we saw an opportunity to create a small legacy within the nonprofits that had had an impact on our lives. I had always been a supporter of the Annual Fund at Berkshire, and I had always wished that I could give more. Now I had the chance to create a gift for future generations of Berkshire students. This was a gift that anyone could make. It was painless, and flexible, should my family or financial situation ever change.

There are always a great many unknowns when we face the future, but the strength of a Berkshire education remains a constant force for the students living and learning under the Mountain. I urge you to consider the ways that you can help Berkshire while also planning for your future. Please feel free to contact me at (413) 229-1224 or [wlong@berkshireschool.org](mailto:wlong@berkshireschool.org) to discuss them.

Yours for Berkshire,

Walter D. Long, Jr. '88  
Senior Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

*LEFT: Wally Long on his graduation day in 1988 with his father Walt, mother Cathy and brother **CHRIS LONG '92**, nearly 25 years before returning to Berkshire as Senior Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving*

*RIGHT: Wally with his wife Valerie, Berkshire's Director of Events, and their children Katherine (10), Charlotte (8) and Gigi (4)*

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### The Right to Bare Arms

Who are these two combatants (bonus points for naming the gentleman offering over-the-shoulder advice), and what could be their dispute? Let Twiggs know, and win a prize from the Berkshire Bookstore.

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## GET IN THE Game

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The school with the highest Annual Fund participation percentage from the Classes of 2000-2012 in February wins. At the end of the month, donors from the Berkshire young alumni class with the most givers will be entered to win the **Grand Prize**: luxury suite tickets to a New Jersey Devils game in April! See [berkshireschool.org/februaryfaceoff](http://berkshireschool.org/februaryfaceoff) for details.



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