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GAM: a social meeting of whaleships...with all the sympathies of sailors [and] all the peculiar congenialities arising from a common pursuit.



Welcome! Falmouth Academy has a fresh look that features a clear and safe traffic pattern, plenty of benches, and a wide lawn for our outdoor All-School Meeting and other events. Come by and take a look!

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Ambassadors of service

The last sentences of Falmouth Academy's mission statement read: "We hope that our students will leave Falmouth Academy with a wider perspective on the human condition and prepared to sustain a love of learning. We also hope that they will have the courage to live thoughtful and principled lives."

Most of our alumni are still quite young but I am struck by the thoughtful way they approach their lives and choices. We often note with pride that many of our alumni are teachers. Others

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FA² offers six new courses

Falmouth Academy for Adults (FA²) will offer its fourth roster of courses during the fall semester. Classes will meet weekly, on either Monday or Tuesday, beginning October 13 and ending November 18.

The instructors: Lalise Melillo, Olivann Hobbie, Peter Conzett, Rob Wells, Margaret Tew Ellsworth, Victoria Centurino, and Jacek Zuzanski, are veteran Falmouth Academy teachers whose curiosity and wide-ranging interests enliven their FA courses as well as these special offerings for FA². In addition, we

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Ambassadors of service

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take time before they join another profession to teach in inner cities, in rural areas, or in other countries. Our alumni include Peace Corps veterans and 2008 graduates doing volunteer and community service in South America and New Zealand before going on to college. Many FA alumni volunteer in their local communities, coaching children's teams, serving on town or church boards. And quite a few FA alumni have spent time working for AmeriCorps and for City Year, a volunteer program for young adults ages 17-24 of all backgrounds and ages.

FA alumni helped hurricane victims in New Orleans and tsunami victims in South Asia.

At least one has chosen the U.S. Foreign Service: Micaela Schweitzer-Bluhm '90 is currently the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate in East Jerusalem. Kate Ellsworth Oler '89 joined the U.S. Air Force after law school and is now assistant chief judge of the Air Force JAG, having served in Germany and now in Washington.

At least 12, and maybe more, of our alumni are on active military duty with U.S. forces and the Coast Guard. They include Joe Irwin '02, a Norwich University grad serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan; Jesse Bruhn '03 in the Army serving in Iraq; and Ryan Remillard '00, who is scheduled for his second tour in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps. Nikolai Howe '04, just graduated from VMI and is flying for the U. S. Navy. Chris Foster '93, also in the Navy, was deployed to Iraq this summer.

In college, we have Kristin Jochems '05, a member of the U. S. Air Force ROTC at Wellesley College, and Sam Amazeen '07, a sophomore at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Although I am struck by how many of our relatively small alumni contingent are committed to full-time or part-time public service, I am not surprised. When their families chose Falmouth Academy, they chose a school where their students' voices would be heard, where they would see the value of individual responsibility and the value of community participation and responsibility.

They see their teachers and their peers working in both the school and the larger community. Every year, we have dozens of students who choose to volunteer at the local Mullen-Hall Elementary School, at the JML Care Center for skilled nursing and rehabilitation, at area service centers, for Habitat for Humanity, and our own Gala, the Student



Volunteer guides help new seventh graders establish their accounts on the FA computer network at Orientation.

Council-organized fundraiser which benefits local charities. These are in addition to their own community activities with their families.

As FA students collect signatures of support for this year's Housing Assistance Corporation's Walk for the Homeless, I am once again impressed by our young ambassadors of service.

Our faculty and staff worked carefully when they crafted our mission statement to explain the life-long importance of the work we do here. They are serious about maintaining our FA culture which values learning, community, and responsibility. They are serious about modeling those values in school and in their personal lives. And they are always rewarded to know that our alumni are living out those values.

David C. Faus

FA² offers six new courses

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welcome Svetlana Schuster of Falmouth, who brings her intimate experience with Russian opera to Mrs. Hobbie's seminar. Courses, dates and tuition information.

To register, contact Tucker Clark at 508-457-9696, ext.222.

- **The Worlds of Shakespeare's *Henry V* with Lalise Melillo**

Mondays 5:00-6:30 p.m. Tuition \$245

We will explore the historical background of the play, looking at the ways in which Shakespeare both uses and "bends" his source material and examine the context in which the play was written and performed using the Laurence Olivier and Kenneth Branagh films of *Henry V*. Finally, we will address the purpose and tone of the play and our responses to Shakespeare's central character as they reflect our own "worlds."

- **Issues of the Cold War with Peter Conzett and Rob Wells**

Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Tuition \$245

The Cold War spanned a period of about 40 years of the 20th century. We will explore the roots and selected issues of the Cold War, discussing specific "flash points" such as the Berlin Crisis and pivotal clashes such as the Vietnam War, as well as the missile/space race and American foreign and military policy.

- **Exploring Creative Abilities with Dramatic Exercises with Jacek Zuzanski**

Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tuition \$245

This course is designed not only for those who are interested in developing their knowledge and experience in the art of acting, but also as an opportunity to launch a journey into self discovery. We will study elements of training for actors, principles of expression, and ways to develop expression of body and voice. Working individually, with partners, and in a team, we will learn how actors cultivate awareness, sensitivity and imagination.

- **Scientific Revolutions with Victoria Centurino**

Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Tuition \$245

This course will explore several of the major revolutions in science beginning with the 16th century Copernican revolution. We will consider the state of science at the time of the paradigm shift, the theory itself, and what resulted from the new thinking as well as the people whose ideas caused these upheavals. Suggested background reading is Thomas S. Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*.

- **Three Great Russian Operas: Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmila*; Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Czar's Bride*; and Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades* with Olivann Hobbie and Svetlana Schuster**

Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Tuition \$245

As we explore three of the era's greatest operas (unfamiliar to most Westerners), we will discuss the historical and literary background of 19th century Russian opera, which was closely related to literature. The libretti for *Ruslan and Ludmila* and *The Queen of Spades* were drawn from works by Pushkin. Tchaikovsky conveys through his magnificent music the powerful emotional conflicts that lay at the heart of all of Alexander Pushkin's works.

- **Beginning & Intermediate Ceramics for Adults with Margaret Tew Ellsworth**

Note days and dates: Mondays & Thursdays, plus one day TBA for glazing

October 20 – November 13 5 – 7 p.m. Tuition & materials \$270

You will learn the basics of working on the wheel or, if the wheel is not your cup of tea, working by hand using the extruder or slab roller.

*Dr. Kellndorfer is
newest FA trustee*

Susan G. Morse, chair of the Falmouth Academy Board of Trustees, announced that Josef M. Kellndorfer, an associate scientist at The Woods Hole Research Center, has been named to the board of trustees

Dr. Kellndorfer, whose research focuses on the monitoring and assessment of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, has lived in Falmouth since 2005.

Dr. Kellndorfer uses remote radar sensors and other remote observation technology to map such things as the vegetative land cover on



Dr. Josef M. Kellndorfer

the earth's surface. One project tracks deforestation for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), one mechanism of the global effort to track greenhouse gas reductions. The radar sensors can penetrate cloud cover and function day and night, an advantage over optical sensors.

Another project will generate the first high-resolution above-ground biomass and carbon dataset of the United States based on the integration of space shuttle radar and satellite imagery.

Dr. Kellndorfer's wife, Emily, is an attorney with Hilton & Bishop in Falmouth. They enjoy time aboard their 28-foot Cape Dory which Dr. Kellndorfer sailed from Toledo, Ohio through the Great Lakes, Erie Canal, Hudson River, and Long Island Sound to Buzzards Bay when they moved to Falmouth. Dr. Kellndorfer also enjoys playing and listening to music; hiking with their two black labs, and fishing, "which I got hooked on since moving here!" he said. He has been a volunteer judge for Falmouth Academy's annual science fair.



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*Save the Date: April 25, 2009
The Making Waves Auction is back!*



Eager 2007 auction buyers flocked to the silent auction tables, where they closely monitored the status of their bids.

In 2007 we rocked the rafters of the gym with the largest and most exciting FA fundraising event to date: The Making Waves Auction, which raised \$96,000 for FA's Annual Fund. Well, the auction is back, with dinner, dancing and plenty of great live and silent auction items to be won.

Watch these pages and the FA Web site for details soon, or contact auction co-chairs Carla Hutker or Maribeth Wadman for more information. Ω



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Anonymous gifts honor Coffin family

Recently, an anonymous friend made a gift to Falmouth Academy of \$25,000 in memory of former FA trustee John Coffin and his son Stephen, who died earlier this year. Steve lived in Maine where he was particularly admired for his expertise and artistry in repairing and restoring wooden boats, but his love of boats and the sea started in Quissett. This is where he spent childhood summers and where for the rest of his life he maintained close friendships. We have always known and admired the Coffin family.

Steve's late father, John, was a thoughtful, hard-working Falmouth Academy trustee who helped guide and oversee the building of our campus and grounds. John understood quality and paid close attention to detail and to the school's best interests. He was a willing worker, a trusted advisor, and a friend who even rode shotgun when Richard Spertuto snowplowed our driveway.

Last year, an anonymous friend made another gift of \$25,000 to Falmouth Academy in memory of John, who had passed away just eight months before his son, Steve. We regret the loss of two kind men and are honored to have Falmouth Academy linked with the names of John and Stephen Coffin.

(Falmouth Academy is unusual among schools in having many friends with no direct connection — friends who are neither parents nor alumni — but who generously support our work because they recognize the value of the school in the community and the values of strong communities.)

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FA Community Series announced

Falmouth Academy is committed to serving the Falmouth community as a cultural resource, and one of the ways in which we fulfill that commitment is through the **Falmouth Academy Community Series (FACS)**, a yearly speakers' series that features experts who lecture on topics of global interest.

This series introduces the community to provocative and entertaining ideas in a forum that allows interaction; every speaker opens the floor to audience questions, and our audiences are often standing-room only. All lectures are free and open to the public.

November 19, 2008, 7 p.m.

Ambassador Richard Morningstar

The former U.S. ambassador to the European Union, Richard Morningstar, will speak about the future of U.S.-Europe relations.
*January 6, 2009,
7 p.m.*

**Boat builder
Taylor Allen**

The head of Rockport (Maine) Marine, one

of the country's leading wooden boat builders, Taylor Allen will discuss his many projects, including building a replica of *Godspeed*, the 74-foot replica of one of the three vessels that carried English settlers to Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

March 3, 2009, 7 p.m.

Baritone John Murelle

Noted baritone John Murelle and pianist Art McManus present "Cuban Passions," an evening of vintage Cuban music by composer Ernesto Lecuona.

For more information about the Falmouth Academy Community Series, please contact Director of Development Jayne Iafrate at 508-457-9696, x. 240.

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Dr. Clinton Bailey spoke about the influence of Bedouin culture on the politics of the Middle East at the FACS celebration of Falmouth Academy's thirtieth anniversary in 2007.

Falmouth Academy Reunion

Grandparents* Day

Friday, October 10
beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Join your grandchild for All-School Meeting, attend a few classes, and enjoy lunch together. Campus tours will be available, too.

RSVP to Barbara Campbell at
508-457-9696, x. 227.

**Special Friends
are welcome, too!*

Mainsail '09 presents the first DANCE of the 2008-09 year!

*** note change of date! ***

Friday, October 24

7:30-10:30 p.m. \$5.00

All students are welcome!

FA PARENTS ASSOCIATION
invites parents to attend

GRADE-LEVEL POTLUCK SUPPERS

- Junior class: Sunday, Oct. 5
5:00 p.m.
- Senior class: Sunday, Oct. 19
5:00 p.m.

An informal gathering for parents to get to know each other.

Room 106-107.

Call Barbara Campbell with any questions at 508-457-9696, x.227.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>*In the FA Gallery: Bas Relief sculptures: portraits of Americans from the 1860's, by the class of 2012. <i>Through October.</i></p>			
5	6	7	8:05 a.m.—departs for Monadnock *4:00 p.m.—GJV vs. Hyde. *4:00 p.m.—Hyde. *6:00 p.m.—Trustees m
*5:00 p.m.—11th grade Parent Potluck Dinner. (See note.)	*4:00 p.m.—GV vs. Rocky Hill (h). *4:00 p.m.—BV vs. Cape Cod Acad. (h).	*College Admission work day for seniors. *3:30 p.m.—BMS @ Westport. *7:00 p.m.—Don Dunbar on "College Admissions." (See note.)	*3:00 p.m.—St. Andrew *3:30 p.m.—Cape Cod
12	13	14	*7:15 a.m.—teachers m *8:00-11:00 PSATs for juniors. *4:00 p.m.—Rocky Hill *4:00 p.m.—Lincoln.
	*Columbus Day holiday -- no classes, offices closed. *9:00-3:00—Tech. work day for <i>The Ash Girl</i> .	*3:30 p.m.—BMS & GMS @ Mashpee. *4:00 p.m.—BV @ Rocky Hill.	
19	20	21	*8:00 a.m.—p.m.—Water Project, gra *8:00-9:00 a.m.—Coffee with Headmaster 12th grade (See note.) *4:00 p.m.—Cambr.-W *4:00 p.m.—GJV vs. PC
*5:00 p.m.—12th grade Parent Potluck Dinner. (See note.)	*4:00 p.m.—GV vs. Cambr. School of Weston (h).	*8:00-9:00 a.m.—Coffee with the Headmaster: 7th-9th grade parents. (See note.) *8:00 a.m.—Noon—Re-take date for yearbook portraits. *3:30 p.m.—BMS vs. Westport (h).	
26	27	28	*3:30—GV vs. Ports. Abbe *5:00 p.m.—Dev. Comr
	*4:00 p.m.—BV @ Williams.	*Reg. deadline for 12/6 SATs. *2:30 p.m.—Auditions for middle school play (gr. 7-9). *German exchange departs from FA.	



A warm welcome to Cape Cod to our friends, old and new, from Hölderlin Gymnasium in Heidelberg, as we celebrate 20 years of friendship between our schools.

Operator Calendar: 10/08

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8th grade Mt. GV & de (h). BV @ Board of Meeting.	2 *4:15 p.m. - GMS & BMS vs. St. Francis Xavier (h).	3 *4:15 p.m. - GV & GJV @ Wheeler.	4 *SAT (I and II) *3:00 p.m. - BV @ St. Thomas More.
8 BV vs. 's (h). BJV @ Acad.	9 Yom Kippur *10:15 a.m. - Grandparents Day (See note.) *German exchange arrives at FA.	10	11
15 7th grade Meeting. p.m. - sophs. & BJV vs. (h). GV @	16 *3:30 p.m. - GJV @ Cape Cod Acad. *4:00 p.m. - BV @ Prov. Cty. Day.	17 *Progress Report writing day - no classes, offices open. *9:00-3:00 - Tech. work day for <i>The Ash Girl</i> .	18 *1:00 p.m. - BV & GV @ St. Andrew's.
22 2:30 rshed ide 7. a.m. - the r: 10th-parents. BV vs. est. (h). GV & CD (h).	23 *3:30 - BMS & GMS @ Nauset.	24 *Progress Reports dist. at Break. *[NEW date!] 7:30-10:30 p.m. - Dance sponsored by <i>Mainsail '09</i> . (See note.)	25 *9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Tech. reh. for <i>The Ash Girl</i> . *10:00 a.m. - GV & GJV @ PCD. *10:00 a.m. - BV @ Paris. Abbey. *2:00-4:00 p.m. - Fall Open House & Quest (with open rehearsals.) See note.)
29 & GJV vs. ay (h). Trustees n. mtg.	30 *3:30 p.m. - GMS & BMS vs. Chatham (h). *7:00-8:00 p.m. - 8th grade parent-student Book Club.	31 *3:30 p.m. - GV vs. CCA (h).	

DONALD DUNBAR SPEAKS ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

*I want every FA parent
to attend this program!*

-Julia C. Taylor,
FA College Counselor

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 p.m.

See page 9 for more information.

Fall Open House & Quest

Join FA student guides on a
TOUR OF DISCOVERY
as you meet faculty and
explore the buildings & campus.
Bring your questions and
find the FA answers!

Saturday, October 25
2:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information, call
Mr. Earley at
508-457-9696, x. 224.

Parents! Please join David Faus at
Autumn Coffee Hour with the Headmaster

Grades 7-9: October 21, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Grades 10-12: October 22, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
in the Tower Room

FA teachers attend summer school

While sun and fun certainly are on the summer agenda for Falmouth Academy's faculty, often summer school, in the form of conferences and seminars, also has a prominent place. As space allows, the GAM will take a look at these faculty adventures as they influence what happens in the FA classroom.

Mrs. Victoria Centurino, our technology guru, was both student and presenter at a Simon Fraser University conference on "imaginative education." Mrs. Centurino offered a session on concept mapping, a technique that can be used in all disciplines. It requires students to arrange information on paper or computer in ways that show hierarchy and connections among ideas. What may start as a clean, orderly list of ideas soon becomes a web of lines and arrows connecting ideas and influences, allowing students to present complex concepts and links between them.

Mrs. Centurino found the interaction with other teachers very rewarding, especially ideas presented in the keynote addresses. "I am energized by this conference," she said, "and eager to bring these ideas to my classrooms."

Dr. Alison Ament, FA's biology teacher, spent ten days at Amherst College in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Teachers' Workshop practicing lab techniques



Dr. Ament and her lab partner prepare for a spin purification in her summer DNA workshop.

for working with DNA. "Now I have actually made copies of genes using the 'polymerase chain reaction,' a technique used to handle crime scene evidence," Dr. Ament reported.

She also prepared a "micro-array," a diagnostic medicine as well as remaining a key process in

What college admissions officers really look for

When Julia C. Taylor became Falmouth Academy's college counselor several years ago, she called on an old friend for advice. Donald Dunbar had worked as college counselor at Phillips Academy in Andover, arguably one of the most competitive boarding schools around, and then established his own consulting firm to continue advising college applicants. "He offered me a lot of good advice when I needed it," Mrs. Taylor said, "and now offers FA parents that same wisdom."

Mr. Dunbar will be speaking at FA on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. and, says Mrs. Taylor, "I want every FA parent to attend, especially those with high school-age children."

Why? According to Mr. Dunbar, the traditional perception of college admissions requirements is not entirely accurate. Of course strong grades, good test scores, and plenty of extracurricular participation are important, but when college admissions committees are comparing nearly identical application files, what is it that makes the difference in their decision? It's what Dunbar calls "character," which he defines as the potential contribution a student will make to the college—both good and bad.

Mr. Dunbar will explain that as he unravels the mystery of college admissions for FA parents and students. Please join Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dunbar at 7:00 p.m. on October 7 for this very important discussion. Ω

research. "One places microdrops of DNA representing multiple genes on a glass slide in an organized pattern, then washes the contents of a cell over the array," Dr. Ament explained. "If a gene is active in the cell, specific cell components will stick to it. It is a way to detect, for example, cells that might be moving toward a cancerous state."

Dr. Ament found the workshop challenging, very professional, and thoroughly enjoyable. Ω

FA launches new Web site

In September Falmouth Academy launched its new Web site, which highlights current news and events and a greater wealth of information for students, parents and alumni.

The site is located at the same address—www.falmouthacademy.org—but features a contemporary new design and much more news and information about the school. Among the highlights are:

- News and calendar events on the home page and in an archive, so visitors can check the home page for the latest info and still view past news and events on the site.
- Alumni and parents sections that showcase coming events, profiles of alumni, a “Parents’ Guide to FA,” and volunteer opportunities.
- An admissions site that allows prospective students to submit an online form for more information about applying to FA.
- Secure online giving for donations by credit card and information about the many other ways to give to FA.
- Updated athletics schedules and scores.

The site was designed by The Blue Ocean of Fairhaven, Mass., in collaboration with Headmaster David Faus, Admissions Director Michael Earley, Development Director Jayne Iafrate and Technology Director Victoria Centurino.

“The redesign is a direct result of feedback from parents and alumni, who desire up-to-the-minute information about school news and events,” Mr. Faus explained. “Our team spoke with many people who are close to FA, and we incorporated their suggestions into a truly welcoming and user-friendly site.”

In the future, FA plans to include links to slideshows, surveys, archival materials and much more. Please visit and let us know what you think!

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Hölderlin Gymnasium & FA celebrate 20-year exchange

In 1987, Dr. Volker Storch and his wife Dr. Renata Storch of Heidelberg, Germany, contacted FA’s headmaster Bruce Buxton to inquire about the possibility of their son Sönke attending Falmouth Academy for a brief stint while they were visiting-scientists in Woods Hole. Mr. Buxton, always happy to enlarge the FA students’ world, said yes, and Sönke joined the seniors as a member of the class of ‘88.

Sönke’s stay at Falmouth Academy extended for four weeks, but the echoes of his time as an exchange student at FA continue today. Sönke’s school in Heidelberg was the Hölderlin Gymnasium and upon the family’s return to Germany, the Drs. Storch and Sönke encouraged his school to set up a more formal, group exchange between our schools. The next fall, Sönke brought 11 friends and teachers to Cape Cod in the first leg of the Hölderlin-FA connection.



From the archives: The first HG/FA group exchange. [l. to r.] Scott Brown '89, Philip Morrison '93, Ian Meli '89, Nicki Blanchard '90, Anette Sarkowski (HG), Megan Schwarzman '90, Eva Neumann (HG), Ira Carmel '89, Isabel Roth (HG), Mary Carmel '92, Heather Post '90, Thomas Rinnberg (HG), Carsten Wenzel (HG), Constanze Bergk (HG), Heather Mastro-matteo '90, Ben Gregg '90, Patrick Hering (HG), Timm Hauser (HG), Sönke Storch (HG and FA '88).

Our twenty-year history includes three exchange visits between the HG and FA chamber orchestras in addition to the German language exchanges. We are grateful to the vision of Mr. Buxton and Frau Gisela Most, head of HG, and to the enthusiasm of the entire Storch family for planting the seeds of this international friendship.

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Alumni News

will start in Italy and work my way north up to Germany visiting friends along the way and ending up in Bremen where I spent my junior year abroad.”

Rob Cooper '91 is working for an office design/furniture company based in the Design Center

in Boston. We are the largest dealer in the world of Herman Miller, which is a leader in high-end furniture. Aside from work, I try to visit the Cape as much as possible.”

Regina Antolick '08 got a jump on her undergrad studies by starting a couple of months early with some mini-courses this summer at High Point University in North Carolina, where she will study pre-veterinary medicine. “I took a religion class which touched upon a lot of information Mrs. Hobbie taught us this past year. Needless to say, I did well and was able to help some of my other classmates, too! I also took a PE class much like Mrs. Achenbach’s in 7th and 8th grade. I do miss the north a bit, but I’m enjoying North Carolina very much. Please say hello to everyone at FA for me and I will definitely be back for the traditional *12 Days of Christmas*.”

Mica Schweitzer-Bluhm '90 and her husband Todd Bluhm are proud to announce the birth of their son, Theodore on June 20. Theo joins their daughter, Jane who is now two-and-a-half. Both



Mica and Todd work for the U. S. State Department. Mica is currently

If you are away at college, please remember to request an absentee ballot for the coming elections. Go to www.sec.state.ma.us/ELE/eleifv/howabs.htm to apply for a Massachusetts absentee ballot and then, PLEASE VOTE!

Affairs in East Jerusalem. Todd is on assignment in Afghanistan for the coming year. **Krista Pidgeon '05** finished her undergrad studies at BU this summer (speeding up the process by a year). She is living in Boston and

looking for a job in an academic setting, noting that she would love to work in an administrative position in a college or private school.

Renisha Silva '93 is living in Boston and working as a police officer there. She says hello to her classmates and teachers here.

Life is great in Hong Kong, says **Carol Hong '99**, who now teaches 32 dance classes a week! “It’s been an amazing learning experience to live abroad on my own.... invaluable! I highly recommend it! I teach at five different venues, and have classes for students aged 18 months to 18 years. I love both teaching and performing - they have different thrills and assets. Teaching is hard, hard work, but it’s so fulfilling. Performing is a thrill like no other and I hope after I get comfortable with my new routine, I can perform in shows and also play the piano and sing.”

Andy Kingman '00 is in his first year at Suffolk University Law School. He said, “It is quite a change from both undergraduate studies and the real world. Classes are larger, professors and students are more intense, but it is genuinely exciting to be part of a group where almost all the members want to excel. There is no time or room for wasted movement, and there is always one more case to brief, one more concept to try to grasp. Classes are generally Socratic, but I enjoy the intellectual give-and-take that results from strong

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preparation. All the critical reading and outlining skills that I learned at FA are continuing to serve me well.”

2008 Class Agent and new college freshman **Karissa Soby** checked in to say, “I’m at Saint Anselm’s and I lovvvvvvvvvve it!!!”

Tedd Black ’92 and his wife Kristen were married in May 2007 and along with her daughter Kennedy, 8, they have a baby daughter, McKenna, born in February. Tedd works in the Security Force at Pilgrim Nuclear power plant. They live in East Falmouth.

Justin Campbell ’07 [below] pitched versus Portland, OR in the Senior Babe Ruth World Series as a member of the



Massachusetts State and New England regional championship winning Team Cape Cod. The squad came in 6th out of a field of ten teams from across the country as well as Team Canada, whom they beat. The World Series, held in Newark, OH in August, was eventually won by Portland. Justin is attending Rhode Island College this fall and will pitch for the RIC Anchormen.

From the *etcetera* department: *Time Magazine* included the Sol LeWitt installation and exhibit at Mass MOCA as one of forty things to watch, read, visit, or download in its “Arts Fall Preview” article, in the 9/8/08 issue. As a senior at Mt. Holyoke College, **Julia Wagner ’04** interned with this project to create 100 wall drawings based on instructions left by the artist. The exhibit will stay on view for 25 years. (Way to go, Julia!)

Ashbel White Joyal ’99 announced, “On August 21st, my fiancée, Sue, and I

were married! We had a private ceremony on the Knob and then honeymooned for a week in Oregon. Up next, Sue will be continuing her studies toward her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of New England, and I will be continuing my curriculum toward a master’s in civil engineering—structural with Norwich University. We are currently living in Portland, Maine. Please pass along my best to all of the faculty and staff and wish everyone good luck with the new school year!”

Graham Marsh ’01 is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Rochester in Biomedical Engineering. He has become the school’s expert with the atomic force microscope, which he began using for his Master’s in NanoOptics.

2008 Classmates Max Mann and Victoria Stearns [below] ran the Fal-



mouth Road Race this summer. Victoria came in just under an hour and Max finished soon afterward. They’re both off and running now for their freshman year at college: Max is at MIT, and Victoria is at Denison.

Michael O’Regan ’00 is running the Barack Obama field campaign for SEIU (Service Employees International Union) in Colorado. “We’re in a very close race here so I’m mostly working around the clock in Denver.” He was present at the Democratic National Conference as well, and said it was interesting and fun. Ω

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Alumni News

Zach Rothstein-Dowden '08

deferred his freshman year at Brown University to be the first male to attend the previously all-girls Emanuela Setti Carraro dalla Chiesa school in Italy. Zach said it was founded by Napoleon in 1803 when he confiscated the building from the duke who had been living there. "I will be taking Latin, Ancient Greek, French, German, Art History, and Italian (literature). The school and apartment are both in the historic center of Milan, right near La Scala opera house. I will attend at least two great concerts a week and spend a lot of my time focusing on my cello and piano playing, as well as composition."

Jerry Humphrey '79 is the National Director of Marketing for radio network Westwood One. He has two children, Sean, a sophomore at UMASS Amherst, and Rebecca, a high school junior.

Linnea (Olson) Johnson '81 received her master's in procurement and acquisitions from Webster University in St. Louis. She also received a certificate in government contracting and is now looking to switch occupations from government accountant to govern-

ment contract specialist, with the goal of getting her own warrant to become a contracting officer eventually. She and her daughters are living in Maine.

Matthew Pickart '08 will travel and volunteer in New Zealand and Australia this year. "I'll spend seven months in New Zealand, where I will work for room and board at an outdoor education center, do conservation volunteering, work on organic farms as part of Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms, and hike between farmstays. I will then travel to Tasmania for two months to do more conservation volunteering and organic farm work."

Anna Leschen-Lindell '08 will also spend her year travelling and volunteering. "I leave for Safe Passage in Guatemala at the end of September and will be volunteering there until Christmas. [Safe Passage provides services for children living in the Guatemala City dump. Anna and four other FA students volunteered there in March 2006. – ed.] For most of January, I will be in Brazil and after that it's off to Europe where I

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