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*Gisela Cowan-Bondick '88 lives in Sterling, Mass.,  
with her husband, Greg, and their 2-year-old son, Ethan.*

# Return to Me

**By Gisela Cowan-Bondick '88**

When my husband told me he was going to Indiana on business, Knox didn't ring a bell at the time, though it sounded strangely familiar. When he called to tell me where he was, though, it all came flooding back.

He had had dinner in Culver and was driving past The Academies on his way back to the hotel. As he talked about what he could see in the twilight, and I tried to picture it in my mind so that I could tell him what he was looking at, I felt, strangely, a pang of jealousy.

After we hung up, the pang of jealousy transformed itself into a reminiscing session. I soon found myself on the computer, browsing through the alumni e-mail directory and writing a half a dozen messages to people whose names brought a smile to my face. I started searching for my yearbooks and my photo albums. I sat on the floor, looking through my memories, and thinking about the year I spent on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. It didn't take much to realize – I was homesick for Culver.

Over the years, I have realized that there is something about Culver that outsiders don't quite understand. Since I went off to college it's been odd how Culver kept showing up in the strangest places.

While on a trip to Alaska my sophomore year in college, I was on a tiny fishing boat off the coast of Homer. A man sitting next to me pointed at my right hand, and held up his own right hand, showing me his Culver ring. We instantly struck up conversation and talked like we'd known each other for years.

Then there was my first week of law school in Texas when a young man came running up to me, panting and staring at my Culver sweatshirt. He was a third-year student, whose advice and outlines came in very handy throughout my law school years.

Recently, there was a note on my windshield from a woman who had noticed my Culver license plate. She, her brother, and sisters had graduated from Culver. She had written her phone number and said to call if I wanted to.

I think many Culver grads would agree that there's a strange bond that exists among us. Culver leaves its imprint on each one of us. It somehow seeps into our blood and resides there, quietly, constantly, forever, its memory reminding us gently of what it taught us, and what it showed us. We take it with us, in varying degrees, wherever we go. It's hard to explain it to someone who didn't live it.

Now, my 15-year reunion is around the bend and I can't wait to show Culver to my husband and my son. I want to walk the campus again, sit by the lake, walk into Beason, and even eat at the mess hall. I long to hear the bells of the Chapel ring and I'm dying to eat pizza at Papa's. I want to see my old teachers, my classmates, watch the parade, and listen to the band play. I want to walk through the stalls at the riding hall. I want to go to the airport and see the runway where I first took off on my own. I want to walk to the crew shed and remember myself in great shape. These are the things I couldn't take with me, and so I'll visit them.

But the most valuable things Culver gave me, I carry with me always. These are the things that make me who I am: a good mother, a good wife, a good attorney. I am homesick for Culver, but its essence lives within me. I was in such a hurry to leave my senior year – we just couldn't wait to get out of there.

Now, I'm in such a hurry to return.

# ACADEMIES CLASS NEWS

Class news published in this issue was received prior to Jan. 31, 2003.

**39 Edward R. Ardery** is retired in Alexandria, Va., but stays active by biking, golfing, skiing, swimming, and “trying to stay out of trouble.” Ted served in the Armored Division in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and spent his working life in the construction industry. He has five children and five granddaughters.

**41 Arthur F. Hoge Jr.** of Tulsa, Okla., has an interest in art and serves as a

docent at the Philbrook Museum of Art. He also works as a travel agent. Art retired from teaching and medical research in 1984.

**42** The Kalos Kagathos Foundation, founded by **Bruce Hopping** of Laguna Beach, Calif., in 1953 sponsored the 14th annual Southern California High School Water Polo Award Banquet in January. Bruce also reports that a panel of eight exercise physiologists named water polo the best sport overall in terms of the physiological demands placed on the athlete.

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**Murray B. Chidester** and his friend Jane Leech, a World War II Marine Corps veteran, recently returned from a trip to Montreux, Switzerland, and Annecy, France. Murray resides in Hendersonville, N.C.

**Paul H. DeVries** has retired and is living in the Oro Valley near Tucson, Ariz.

**44 Edward S. Kaplan** is building a 50-foot retaining wall for his favorite fourth-grade teacher and learning a lot about earth movement. Ed lives in Gardnerville, Nev., but heads for Arizona and warmer climes in December.

**45 Richard D. Kudner (NB'42)** of Perrysburg, Ohio, is the president of the Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor, which stretches from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Lake Erie.

A CD of symphonic works composed by **Howard L. Richards Jr.** was released in December. Howard resides in Winter Park, Fla.

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This past fall, **John L. Parker** and his wife, Nancy, visited the Maritimes, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and spent a week at an elderhostel enjoying the Acadian culture and cuisine. They also spent a week on Cape Breton Island and a week touring Nova Scotia before returning by ferry to Maine and home in Rochester, N.Y.

**Gerald K. Rabushka** retired to Ajijic, Mexico, in December 2001, but he has a Laredo, Texas, mailing address. Gerry and wife Sherry are 5,000 feet up in the mountains and about 30 miles south of Guadalajara on Lake Chapala.

**50 R. Donald Harvey Jr.** has been retired five years and is living the quiet life in Rome, Ga.

**Charles J. Mrizek Jr.** and his wife, Shirley, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2002 with a five-day family reunion. They are the parents of four sons and 14 grandchildren. Chuck's career was spent in industrial engineering and management for the U.S. Air Force. The Mrizeks live in Sequim, Wash.



## Steinbrenner receives football's 2002 Gold Medal; Culver connection to baseball owners cited by NYT

The highest individual award bestowed by The National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame – the 2002 Gold Medal – was awarded to Culver alumnus George Steinbrenner W'44, '48, principal owner of the New York Yankees. The award was made Dec. 10 at the organization's 45th annual awards dinner in New York City.

Steinbrenner “has been a longtime friend of the National Football Foundation, attending the Annual Awards Dinner for more than 30 years,” according to the 2002 Awards Dinner Journal. He endowed an NFF Scholar-Athlete scholarship in 1997 in the name of Eddie Robinson, the legendary Hall of Fame coach of the Grambling Tigers. And Steinbrenner was elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors in 1998.

Steinbrenner's days as a hurdler and halfback for Culver Military Academy were prominently mentioned in the one-page tribute, as were his jobs as an assistant football coach (linemen) with Northwestern and as an assistant backfield coach at Purdue University.

The article also referenced Steinbrenner's contributions as the chairman of the U.S. Olympic Overview Commission, vice president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and chairman of the U.S. Olympic Foundation.

In New York City and Tampa, where he lives, Steinbrenner has founded Gold Shield Foundations, which provides a college education for children of police officers, housing and transit police, firefighters, and state troopers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

### Nippert to O'Malley to Steinbrenner

Steinbrenner's 30 years as principal owner of the Yankees also was the subject of a Jan. 3, 2003, *New York Times* article by Murray Chass in which the Culver connection to Major League Baseball was featured.

The article reflected on Steinbrenner's first meeting with fellow owners in '73. “I was scared stiff at the first meeting I went to,” Steinbrenner stated in the article. “I look over and see the guy (Chicago Cubs' owner Phil Wrigley) whose gum I had chewed since I was 5 years old. Walter O'Malley said, ‘The way we're talking, Mr. Steinbrenner is going to wonder why he ever got into this sport.’”

“But then O'Malley, the imposing Dodgers' owner, made Steinbrenner feel at home. Pointing to Louis Nippert of the Cincinnati Reds, O'Malley said: ‘You see Mr. Nippert sitting there? He went to Culver. I'm a graduate of Culver.’ (O'Malley and Nippert are both 1922 Culver alumni. O'Malley owned the Dodgers from 1950-98, and Nippert was owner of the Reds from 1966-83.)”

“The bond was instant. His fellow graduates of Culver Military Academy in Indiana would make the new owner welcome,” Chass wrote.

**51 C. Alexander Brassert Jr. (N'49)** and his wife, Hong, whom he met during the war almost 40 years ago, are returning to Vietnam, where Alex will be teaching English during the spring semester for the next three years. In Vietnam, Russian has gone from required to optional, and English or French is now required, Alex says.

**Peter G. Cook** writes that his consulting business in Mesa, Ariz., continues to go well. He has two trips to Paris planned this year, plus a week in Hawaii and a Boston-to-Rotterdam cruise. He and his wife, Susan, winter in Arizona and visit the Oregon coast often.

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**Thomas G. Hermann** of Westlake, Ohio, correctly solved the final puzzle on "Wheel of Fortune" in October, and walked away with \$53,000. He correctly answered "guppies" to the Living Things category. The program was taped in Los Angeles in July, and Hermann had a "Wheel" party at his house the night it aired. A local TV news crew was on hand for the party, and the get-together got top billing on the 11 p.m. news. A retired lawyer, Hermann wrote, "I had always thought that handling a jury trial to a successful verdict was the ultimate in stress and excitement. Wrong. Being a 'Wheel' contestant was."

**55 Lawrence K. Cox II (NB'52)** was installed as president of the Academy of Dentistry International at the organization's annual meeting in New Orleans. Larry and his wife, Joan, live in Adrian, Mich., and are the parents of two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

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**John H. Oehlschlaeger III** is living in Paducah, Ky. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1998 as a colonel in the Medical Services Corps.

**59 Manuel T. Navarro Jr.** of Durango, Colo., writes that he is director for the Duke City Marathon, and a volunteer for the Adaptive Sports Association, which teaches the handicapped to ski. Manuel and his wife, Marge, spent a week sailing the Sea of Cortez with **Tomas Fernandez '59** and his wife on their 44-foot sailboat.

# Man of the Cloth

## Father Arístides Fernández '59

It is 2,000 miles from Miami to the parish of St. Michael Archangel, a collection of small villages in Ecuador amid the foothills of the Andes Mountains. For Father Arístides Fernández '59 they are worlds apart.

But it is Fernández's route to the jungles of Ecuador that is most intriguing. His life's journey took him from his native Cuba to Culver as a third-classman. He graduated and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Fernández then moved to Tampa, Fla., where he worked part time as an engineering technician while attending the University of South Florida. He graduated from USF in 1967 with a degree in civil engineering and embarked on a 31-year career with the State of Florida and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

But it was just five years ago that Fernández's life journey took a dramatic

turn toward the Catholic priesthood.

"One reads conversions of famous people in history, specifically of known saints, and one determines there is no certain pattern as to their conversion or calling. With me it was no different," Fernández explained via e-mail.

He had become closer to the church over the years, but it wasn't until his boss asked what he was going to do when he retired that Fernández heard the response buried within his heart and soul: "I'll be a priest."

"I had never contemplated or considered being a priest," Fernández said. But starting at that moment, and with the help of connections made during a visit to Cuba in 1998 (for the visit of Pope John Paul II), he was eventually accepted for the priesthood in Ecuador's Diocese of Santo Domingo de los Colorados.

Divine intervention also may have played its part: That 1998 trip to Cuba was

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In the fall, the Rev. Arístides Fernández '59 visited Mexico City for the canonization of Juan Diego. While there, he was able to meet with several members of the Classes of 1959 and 1960 living in Mexico City, many of whom he had not seen since walking through The Iron Gate nearly 44 years ago. "It was an indescribable emotional moment for some of us, especially me," Fernández said. Those pictured are, left to right, front row: Alfonso Romandia '60, Justo Fernandez '59, Enrique Pani '60, Fernández '59, Javier Prieto '60, and Bernardo Quintana '59. Back row: Rafael Muñiz '60, Tomas Fernandez '59, Juan Manuel Fernandez '59, and Carlos Beraza '60. *Photo provided.*

**60 William S. Bushnell (NB'57)** is semi-retired and has moved to Elk Lake in Rapid City, Mich. He still sells stainless steel in the Midwest and is enjoying his four grandchildren.

**61 Stephen A. Arbuckle (W'57)** is president of Maddox and Company, a real estate brokerage firm specializing in industrial, commercial, and investment real estate in South Florida. He and his wife, Catherine, live in Miami and have two grown daughters working in New York.

**B. Steele Magill Jr.** of East Quogue, N.Y., has retired from Marriott Wind Watch after suffering a stroke.

**Merrick S. Rayle** has been named resident partner of the San Francisco office of Lovell Stewart Halebian LLP. Based in New York, the firm handles securities and investment fraud cases, as well as representing clients victimized by price fixing, unfair trade practices, and other anti-competitive conduct.

**62 David R. Dawdy** lives in Lee, Mass., where he cares for his elderly mother. David is working with a local non-profit group to rehab a 1903 theater, and he's writing for a local weekly newspaper.

**64 John J. Culbertson IV's** latest book, "13 Cent Killers: The 5th Marine Snipers in Vietnam," was published

in December by Ballantine Books. A former 5th Marine sniper, John presents the story of the young men who fought with bolt rifles and bounties on their heads during some of the war's most fierce fighting in 1967-68. John lives in Oklahoma City. John donated copies of his book to the Huffington Library and the History Department.

**65 R. Lee Harlan** of Littleton, Colo., has retired and sent himself on a Halloween cruise.

**Michael L. Turnbull** has written a book titled "The Best of Dot Com Humor," published by Xlibris Books, a division of Random House. Mike lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

**Thomas B. Woodward** has retired after 29 years as a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve, but is still practicing law in Tallahassee, Fla.

**67 Cassius L. Winchester II** painted the interior of his 84-year-old Pendleton, Ore., home and put down new carpet last fall. "The old homestead has an antiseptic look now," he wrote.

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**John L. Shoaf** is a lay minister in Attica, Ind., and a substitute teacher and varsity track coach at



the high school. Sons **Andrew W'90** and **Peter '97** are married and living in Indiana. **David '00** is a student at Purdue University. **John II W'99** and daughter Katherine are still at home with John and his wife, Janet.

Lt. Col. **Timothy J. Warrick** of Culver assumed command in November of the 151st Light Anti-Tank battalion, an Army National Guard unit made up of soldiers from South Bend, Elkhart, and Plymouth, Ind. The 151st was converted from an infantry unit to an anti-tank unit and equipped with new Humvees. The advantage of a mounted light anti-tank unit based on Humvees is that the platform can be transported by air wherever it is needed, Warrick said in a *South Bend Tribune* article. Warrick is a 24-year veteran of the Indiana Army National Guard, was the first staff member of the Notre Dame ROTC program, and taught military science at Ball State University. He also served 11 years as director of Woodcraft Camp.

**69 Scott Arquilla** was elected president of the Wood Truss Council of America at the industry's conference in Columbus, Ohio. The WTCA is a national trade organization representing 650 wood-building component manufacturers throughout the U.S. Scott, his father, Robert, and brothers **Keith '75** and **Bruce '78** have operated Best Homes Inc. in Hazel Crest, Ill., since 1957.

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**Lauren Winski Asher** writes that she is beating metastatic breast cancer and is really happy. She is divorced and living in Valparaiso, Ind., where she had been a legal assistant for the past three years. Her daughter, Sarah, is 16.

After spending 20 years working in the television industry in the San Francisco Bay Area, **Rebecca Potter Gerendasy** and her family have moved to the Memphis area (Germantown, Tenn.) to start a new video production business, Potter Productions. Rebecca and her husband, Fred, have two sons.

**74 Lee G. Robinson** of Cincinnati has finished an 18-month project of rebuilding a classic old building in Hyde Park as the new home of Robinson Realtors. Lee has been selected to this year's class, the 26th, of Leadership Cincinnati. Last year, he kayaked the Grand Canyon with a U.S. congressman.

**Timothy C. Swaney (H'71)** of Pittsburgh loves it in the air. He is a pilot



U.S. Air Force Col. Dartanian 'Doc' Warr '76 served as the honor inspector for the Culver Annual Review on March 1. Warr is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with master's degrees in psychology and national security strategy. He has served in the Air Force since 1981. Warr was a member of the Culver Legion Board from 1997-2000 before being named to the Board of Trustees. Photo by Doug Haberland.

# The REAL SURVIVOR '82

Louisa Lynn '82 knows the meaning of survival, but the term takes on new meaning when two lives are depending on yours.

Lynn, who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her 8-year-old twins, Kevin and Kala, has undergone two kidney transplants in her life, one as a child and one as an adult with her twins as onlookers. At the time, Lynn was the first kidney transplant to have given birth to twins.

Born with kidney disease, obstructive uropathy, she was not expected to live past age 9.

"Well, I did, didn't I?" Lynn said via e-mail.

With that kind of strength and fortitude, Lynn held onto life for six years before the death of a 19-year-old Minnesota boy saved her own life. He died in an auto accident on Jan. 11, 1978, when she was 15.

Shortly after her first transplant, Lynn came to The Academies, which, she said, hold a special place in her heart. And while her life at Culver was happy, she continued to have troubled health.

"I rejected that first kidney three times," Lynn said. "The second time, the doctors told me I was going to lose my kidney, and I told them I was not."

And she didn't. Graduating from The Academies, Lynn became a counselor at Culver Summer Camps, and went on to Bard College before transferring to an all-girls Catholic college in Minnesota.

But her kidney function failed again.

"The last defining rejection happened 20 years later. I kept rejecting that kidney for three years." But then the rejection stopped.

The rejection stopped when Kevin and Kala were conceived and continued throughout her pregnancy, but once they were born in 1995, the rejection continued.

Lynn refused dialysis for five years because she knew she would deteriorate quicker.



Louisa Lynn '82 and twins Kala and Kevin.

*Photo provided.*

"I was a single mother of these twins, and I knew I needed to stay healthy and off dialysis," she said.

But her doctor intervened, telling her at one point that if she didn't begin dialysis she would be dead in two weeks. After a month, the process was so difficult on her

that she was preparing herself to die anyway.

"Dialysis was the worst experience I had ever had and having no family support or close friends here in the Bay area, I was all the twins had," Lynn said, but she admitted she had given up and was making plans to die.

However, on Nov. 26, 2001, she got the second and last life-saving call she would have to face. An Oklahoma boy, who died in a car accident, provided Lynn with a perfect match for her second-hand and failing kidney.

"It was such a perfect match that the doctors wondered if I had relatives in Oklahoma," Lynn said.

Since then, she's never been healthier, noting that she now eats right, exercises and has lost weight.

"I never had an interest in eating right or exercising," she said, crediting her new life to the little boy in Oklahoma.

Lynn, who graduated from college with a business administration degree, is starting a new business franchise called Dress for Success in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Not only does she continue to raise her children on her own, she also writes short stories for publication in various media sources. She is involved in raising funds in her community for worthwhile causes, including school safety and special education, while remaining active in politics.

*— Jennifer Ochstein*

Editor's note: Jennifer Ochstein reports on Marshall County government for the *South Bend Tribune*.

for Corp. Jet at the Allegheny County Airport and is still flying helicopters on the weekend.

**Priscilla Dearmin Turner** of Carmel, Ind., has changed investment banking firms and is now a vice president of institutional fixed income sales for City Securities. Her son, **Ben Curtis '01**, is playing junior hockey in Chicago.

**John W. Williams (W'70)** has been appointed the project manager and compliance specialist for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act for the Duke University School of Medicine. John's task is to ensure that the school is prepared

to implement the complex regulations that take effect April 14, 2003. Previously, he was the assistant director to the Duke University Certificate Program in Nonprofit Management. John recently received a patent in the area of computer hardware modifications. He and his wife, Holly, live in Durham, N.C.

**75 Robert E. Ludford III** and wife, Colleen, live in Cary, Ill. Son Nicholas (22) is working with the family business, Chicago Litho Products. Ryan (22) is a college student, and Rob (17) a high school senior.

**76 Mark A. Conway (W'71)**, a partner in Thompson Hine LLP of Dayton, Ohio, has been named a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Fellows are selected on the basis of professional reputation and ability and voted on by the membership at large. Mark's specialty is tax and estate planning needs of U.S. and foreign executives, investors, and business owners.

**77 Andrew W. Fiske** and his wife, Lynn, are living in Vero Beach, Fla., with their children Connie (15) and Drew (8). Andy is owner and president of Tropical Brick Pavers Inc.

## FROM THE LEGION PRESIDENT . . .

### Taking a Look Back- A Presidency in Review



My term as Legion president will end during the May Reunion Weekend, so I would like to take this opportunity to review Legion board efforts on your behalf during the last two years. I accepted this role with the hope of offering aggressive leadership. I hope you agree that the Legion has become an important part of the Culver Experience for alumni and students. If you do not agree, or if you wish to learn more about our strategic plan and initiatives, I encourage you to contact the Alumni Office to express your opinion and learn more about your alumni association.

First, I want to draw your attention to the 2003 ballot for Legion directors including in this issue of the Culver magazine. I am grateful to editor Doug Haberland for allowing the Legion to hold its annual election via this prominent publication. Normally, we print a stand-alone ballot, which is mailed to the membership. This method provides significant cost savings for the Legion and the school. All Academies graduates are Legion members, and I encourage you to fill out and return the ballot, exercising your right to vote.

#### A Single Culver Network

From the start, your Legion board has championed the concept of a Single Culver Network, one that involves all constituents – Academies and Summer Camps alumni, parents, international stakeholders, Culver Club chapters (CCD), faculty, staff, and students. Our Art Institute of Chicago event in January 2002 was the kickoff. Since then, we have attended meetings with the CSSAA and Parents Association Board of Directors, engaged in letter-writing campaigns, met with multiple student groups on campus,

and served as representatives at regional Culver gatherings. The Legion was a significant sponsor of the Summer Schools and Camps Centennial Celebration last July. Kudos are extended to CCI Chairman Greg Farrall '88 and CSSAA President Steve Sturman W'69 for their partnership with this initiative.

#### International Alumni and the Parents Association

When our plan to increase involvement with our largest international constituency (Mexico) last winter was postponed because of the current economic situation at the school, we immediately partnered with the Culver Parents Association to support and market its "Gateway to The Future" auction on April 25. This is the most ambitious undertaking the Parents Association has ever tackled – a \$1 million (minimum) annual fund goal and involvement from a broad cross section of our alumni, current patron, and past-patron constituency. Kudos are extended to Ed Curtis and Nancy Lauridsen, CPA co-chairs, and Jan and Mike Wilcox, creators and chairs of the CPA auction.

#### Bringing Value to the Students

Our Fireside Chat program with the senior class, which was initiated by Dick Foster '61 during his Legion presidency, has been fine-tuned such that our graduates are focusing on use and support of the Culver Network. Our CEO Leadership Series has brought three outstanding and diverse voices to the students as they address "leadership in adverse environments." Col. Doc Warr '76 will be our fourth speaker in the series when he addresses the students on April 30. Guest alumni instructors have enhanced classroom discussions in coordination with faculty members. Our Ethical Decision Making

Seminar just celebrated its 10th anniversary in March with an updated curriculum and a partnership with Culver's Center for Leadership department. The Legion board has provided the leadership for the Beason Challenge, whereby both the Class of 2002 and 2003 have achieved 100 percent participation in the Annual Fund before they graduate. This is a threefold accomplishment – educating future alumni about the importance of supporting Culver, establishing a habit of giving among young alumni, and demonstrating to the alumni body at large that the current students believe their Culver Experience is valuable enough to perpetuate. The Legion board has been the principal sponsor of the first two Celebration of Women Conventions and has been a major sponsor of the Global Studies Institute, one of the most exciting academic initiatives in recent history at the school.

The "3" and "8" classes are set to have an outstanding Alumni Reunion May 16-18. A highlight of the weekend will be the re-creation of the Iron Gate Ceremony on Friday, May 16, for the Class of 1953 and all the Old Guard classes. The Legion's Reunion Weekend Mini-Woodcraft Camp initiative for children ages 8-12 is in its fifth year. Call Marc Read in the Summer Camp office at (574) 842-8360 or check the website for more information.

Since 2000, legacy enrollment at Culver has increased from 10.5 percent to 16 percent of the student body. This is an important measure of how our graduates feel about Culver today.

Your representatives (the Legion Board of Directors) deserve many accolades for their dedication and loyal service. It is my impression that the level of involvement among alumni "across the board" has risen and is likely to increase under the capable leadership of your new president, Phil Harrison '61. Phil has a proven track record of service as a Legion director and a class agent.

Paul J. Much '68  
Chicago

**Stephen R. Grande** had a great trip to Florida, where he visited with several alumni and ran a 10-kilometer race at Epcot Center. He continues his "endless restoration" of an 1836 farmhouse in Franklin, Wis.

**79 Frank C. Sullivan (W'74)** of Cleveland is the president and CEO

of RPM Inc., founded by his grandfather in 1947. The firm has grown from a \$3 million private company to the \$2 billion global leader in high-performance coatings, sealant, and construction chemicals. When he's not working, Frank enjoys spending time with his wife, Barbara, and their four sons, plus a little golf, hunting, and fishing.

**80 Kimberly Hebbeler Harvey (SS'78)** is co-owner and general manager of 16 Oak Hill Mansion, Northern Beach, and Steckley's Catering in Carmel, Ind. She and husband Tom, who produces Duke Ellington Symphony Pops concerts throughout the U.S., live in Indianapolis.

**Fernando Tovar** is the director of the family-owned EDIFICA, C.A., one of Venezuela's largest construction companies. He and his wife, Marianna, live in Caracas with their two boys, Ignacio (12) and Federico (8). Fernando flies his Cessna 206 every weekend.

Army Lt. Col. **Shawn P. Walsh (W'76)** took command in July of the 240th Quartermaster Battalion at Fort Lee, Va. Shawn said at the time the battalion was "ready to fight, support, and win our nation's wars." He has served in various capacities, including executive officer for Support Company South and the Multination Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt. Shawn and his wife, Allison, have one son and they live in Petersburg, Va.

**81 Sava A. Vojcanin** and Valerie Rupich were married Oct. 12, 2002, in Chicago. **Chris '80** and **Susan Hamilton '84** served as witnesses, and brothers **Steven '84** and **Marko '87** were groomsmen. The newlyweds are living in Lake Bluff, Ill., and Sava is a partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Clausen Miller, P.C.

**82** Lt. Cmdr. **Karl A. Hilberg (W'78)** assumed command of the *U.S.S. Defender*, a small minesweeper, in October 2001 and was deployed to the eastern U.S. from April-August of last year. Karl earned his master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in March 2001. He and his wife, Julie, live in Portland, Texas.

**Christopher R. Kline** was elected to the Culver (Ind.) School Board's at-large seat in November, winning a three-way race. Chris had more than twice as many votes as his nearest competitor. He is a project manager and policy analyst with Tecumseh Professional Associates. Chris spent eight years working for former U.S. Sen. John Glenn of Ohio before moving back to Culver in 1998. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two boys and two girls.

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**Louisa B. Elder (W'78, SS'81)** of Chicago is in her fifth year as the director of the Illinois NAFTA Center. She is an advocate for federal assistance for the small to mid-size manufacturing sector, traveling frequently for work and personal pleasure.

**Patti R. Hart** is co-chairing the Iroquois Steeplechase in Nashville, a fund-raiser for the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. In June she begins a two-year stint as president of



# Going Global

## E. Smith Yewell '84

A complaint from a German friend has evolved into a vibrant business for E. Smith Yewell '84.

It was a complaint that sparked the idea for Welocalize.com in 1996. Now, after years of growth and adjusting to meet the changing economy, Welocalize employs more than 150 people at three sites worldwide.

While he was stationed in Germany with the Army, Yewell's friend pointed out that most software programs were sold only in English. "Americans think everyone speaks English," Yewell said from his Frederick, Md. headquarters.

But while his friend spoke English, he preferred German. That sparked Yewell's imagination and Welocalize was born. His company offers translation and consulting and testing services to some of the biggest hitters in international business. Computer Associates, Cisco Systems, Verisign, Xerox, Blackboard, Inc., and others have used Welocalize to help prepare their products for a global marketplace.

And, while other businesses are laying off staff and cutting services to stay afloat in these uncertain economic times, Welocalize.com made a conscious decision to go the opposite route. Yewell said he sensed that his business had to expand in order to survive. That led Welocalize into consulting and product testing. It also meant dropping the dot-com from the name.

With an infusion of venture capital from LLR Partners in Philadelphia in 2000, Welocalize has grown to offices in Frederick, Portland, Ore., and Saarbrücken, Germany. The company also contracts with in-country translators and others to assist in the process.

"We find it better to use in-country translators, someone who lives and works in Germany, rather than ex-patriots living here because their language skills can get a little rusty," Yewell said. And operating a company that covers 32 languages and touches every continent is especially demanding on the company's executives.

Yewell, who averages one week each month on the road, had just returned from a

week-long trip to Germany, while his human resources manager was getting back from a six-country search for computer engineers with multilingual skills. "It's difficult enough to find engineers, let alone someone who is multilingual," Yewell said.

The rewards, though, have been staggering. Last year, Welocalize experienced a 62 percent increase in revenue generated and more than 100 percent in earnings over last



E. Smith Yewell '84. Photo provided.

year. The first quarter of 2003 was shaping up as the best yet, he added.

"In a downward economy, that's a significant achievement," Yewell said.

Significant enough that Deloitte and Touche, a national accounting firm, rated Welocalize as fourth in the top 50 fastest growing firms in Maryland. Welocalize also ranked 112th in the top 500 in the U.S. and Canada combined.

Yewell said much of his success is rooted in Culver. His brother, John, is a 1987 graduate and a key executive in Welocalize. The venture capital infusion two years ago has Culver ties, he explained, and the "lessons you pick up on leadership really do ring true for someone like me who is heading a company."

— Jan Garrison



Virginia 'Ginny' Bess Munroe '86 visits with a couple of girls following her luncheon address March 1 at the second annual Celebration of Women Convention. To her right is her sister, Julie Bess '83. Munroe spoke on 'Playing Within.' Following her remarks, the girls attended workshops on topics and issue of interest to women hosted by alumnae, faculty, and staff. *Photo by Doug Haberland.*

the Junior League. She lives in Nashville with her son, Battle (8).

**Joseph C. Jefferis** and his wife, Christine, live in Dayton, Ohio, with their three children: Adam (5), Nicholas (3), and Allison (18 months).

On Nov. 10, 2002, Cassidy Elizabeth joined the family of Lisa and **John F. Kirk** in San Diego. John said her three brothers – Justin, Wesley, and Zachary – are still trying to figure out how the newcomer got her own room.

**Sheila Guschwan McMahon** was recalled by the Navy for a year in February 2002 and was stationed in Washington, D.C. Sheila and her husband, Michael, were married on July 27, 2001, and live in Cambridge, Mass.

**Nicholas Orlov** and his wife, Sarah, are parents of a daughter, MacKenzie, born Oct. 1, 2002. The family lives in Wayland, Mass.

**Kathleen Kaska Perez** gave birth to a son, Rene, on Sept. 10, 2001. Kathleen works part time at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. She and husband James live in Lake Ann, Mich.

**Joseph P. Pohrer** and his wife, Dorinda, have a new addition to their Chicago family. A daughter, Alexandria, was born to the couple on March 26, 2002. Their son, Hunter, is 3.

**84 Timothy Pohl** married Hillary Drewes on Oct. 19, 2002. The couple reside in Dayton, Ohio. Tim is an account manager with Lexis Nexis.

**Raul P. Scheller** is the general manager at Sud-Chemie Performance Packaging, an \$800 million German firm. Raul is responsible for the Americas. He, his wife, Elena, and their children, Karina (4) and Sebastian (2), have moved to Albuquerque, N.M.

**85 Eugene Imm** of Bangkok, Thailand, has been working for the Ajinomoto Corporation of Japan since February 2002. He is the marketing director for the ASEAN region.

**86 Edward P. Kress** eloped with Emma Morris to Gibraltar and they were married Oct. 24, 2002. Following the wedding, they met friends in Sevilla for a week of celebration and they spent the next three weeks touring Spain. They're living in Berkeley, Calif., where Ed works for Sprint's research lab.

**87 Nancy W. Barnes (SS'84)** is living in Santa Barbara, Calif. She has finished the rewrite of her book, "Arm Candy" and is prepping for a public reading of her screenplay, "The Next Big Thing," a romantic comedy set in the world of plus-size modeling.

**Jeffrey F. Berndt** and his wife, Tonia, are parents. Maximus was born Dec. 14, 2002, and all is well in Sarasota, Fla.

**Dr. Rachel C. Bernstein (W'83, SS'86)** has joined the staff of the OB/GYN Department at Colorado Mountain Medical in Vail, Colo.

**Paul S. Henkel** and his wife, Gabrielle, live in Louisville, Ky., where Paul is a proposal analyst for Humana.

Since mid-January, Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Marc A. Hone (N'85)** has been in Bahrain, attached to headquarters of the United Kingdom's Maritime Component Commander. The HQ staff provides command to all UK naval forces in the theater and supports the U.S. 5th Fleet commander for coalition operations.

**Sheryl Seckel Hunter** and her husband, Gabe, welcomed their firstborn,

Logan, on Dec. 27, 2002. The Hunters live in Tampa, Fla.

**Maria Tettenborn Leeman** (See Academies Class News, '90.)

**Steven D. Logan (N'85)** is still with J.P. Morgan, but he and his wife, Merry, and their 2-year-old twin boys have moved from Manhattan to Denver.

**Edward L. Nowlin** was honored in May 2002 as the Graduate Student of the Year at Clarion University's 29th Annual Minority Student Recognition Dinner. Nowlin is studying business administration. He and his wife, Kristin, reside in Clarion, Pa.

**Arnoldo Porras** and Teresa Aguilar were married Nov. 30, 2002, in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and are living in Miami.

**Nancy Akin Shellhorse** has been with the law firm of Clark, Thomas and Winters, P.C., in Austin, Texas, for about two years after six years with the Texas Attorney General's office. She practices health care law, primarily representing health care facilities. She and her husband, David, live in Austin, with their 8-year-old twins, Paige and Clark.

**88 15th Reunion,  
May 16-18, 2003**



**Ashley Williams Ellis** and her husband, Charles, welcomed Ian Thomas into their Columbus, Ohio, home on Oct. 27, 2002. Ashley has been working the last three years as the Ohio lieutenant governor's speechwriter and press secretary.

**Chris N. Gravenites** and wife Hilary are parents of Nicholas James, born Oct. 8, 2002. They reside in Chicago.

Denise and **T. Shaddock Heath** of San Antonio, Texas, are parents of their second daughter, Naomi. Daughter Kayleigh is 2.

Charles and **Sarah Sargent Hetzel (SS'86)** announce the birth of Cecily Diana on Aug. 10, 2002. She joins brother William at home in Libertyville, Ill.

**David D. Ledbetter (N'85)** and Lauren Guthrie were wed on June 1, 2002. The wedding party included **Bill Hunt '88** and **Richard Lea '88**. The newlyweds are happily settled in Cartersville, Ga.

**Sanders W. Marvin** and his wife, Tasha, have been married since 2001 and are living in Minneapolis. Sanders works in the family business and is building a lake house on Madeline Island in Lake Superior, Wis.

**Christopher J. Roos** and wife Rebecca are parents of their second child, Maggie, who was born March 6, 2002. Son Leo is 4, and all are living in Metairie, La.

**Tawnee Shallenberger** is enjoying her new home in Bloomington, Ind. She was called to active duty in February 2002 to work security at NSWC Crane. Fortunately,



since she was mobilized close to home, she still sees family and friends.

**90 Ryan K. Leeman (W'85) and Maria Tettenborn Leeman '87** announce the arrival of Koby on Nov. 21, 2002. The family lives in Yakima, Wash.

**Christina P. Leich Parise** and her husband, Gerald, are living in Evansville, Ind. Christina is a public safety officer at the Eastland Mall.

**Kimberley B. Roark (W'85)** became the bride of Gary Trumble on Sept. 28, 2002. Kim is working on her doctoral degree in math at the University of Kentucky, and she is the director of conferences and training for the College of Social Work. The newlyweds are living in Lexington, Ky.

**91 Caroline (Kuck) Smith** and Danny Smith of Pomfret, Conn., are parents of their second daughter, Margaret "Maggie," born March 31, 2002. Daughter Emma is 3. Danny and Carrie are former Culver faculty members, and they work at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.

**James R. Spencer** and wife Carrie announce the birth of daughter Amelia on Nov. 13, 2002. The Spencers live in Roseville, Minn.

A daughter, Elizabeth, was born June 17, 2002, to Heather and **Bryan J. Van Vuren**. Bryan is an aircraft mechanic at Midcoast Aviation in Cahokia, Ill.

**92 Kristen J. Dodge** and R. Todd Dauphinais were wed Jan. 18, 2003, in Dallas. The newlyweds are living in Irving, Texas.

**Matthew H. Eldred** of Rocky River, Ohio, retired in January after six seasons in professional hockey with The Toledo Storm and began a career as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Janssen Pharmaceutica, a division of Johnson & Johnson. Matt had played for Kalamazoo (Mich.) in the International Hockey League and Milwaukee of the IHL and American Hockey League before signing with the East Coast Hockey League's Storm. Matt had been on the disabled list since Nov. 29 after breaking a bone in his left hand and agonized over the decision to hang up his skates, according to *The Toledo Blade*.

**93 10th Reunion,  
May 16-18, 2003**

**Jeremy Church** married Rebecca Olson Sept. 14, 2002, in Westerville, Ohio. They honeymooned in California before returning to Culver. Jeremy, who majored in journalism



at Ohio University, joined the Culver staff in July as the public relations manager, and Rebecca works in the Development Office.

**John Conlon '93** and **Matt Eldred '92** served as groomsmen, and **Greg Hemsoth '93** also attended.

**Douglas M. Cowan** and his bride, Jamie, are living in San Antonio, where Doug is attending the St. Mary's University School of Law. The couple were married Oct. 18, 2002.

**Julian B. Ellison (A'91)** is on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps security forces company. He will be returning to Brigham Young University in the fall after four years of active duty.

**Nicholas J. Lamia Jr.** has moved to Haymarket, Edinburgh, Scotland, where he is running a new investment office for Edward Jones.

Having finished working on the Texas gubernatorial race in November, **Rachel A. Redington** has moved back to Washington, D.C. She now works for Rep. Jim Turner from Texas's Second District.

**Marshall L. Stocker** has been designated as a chartered financial analyst by the Association for Investment Management & Research. He is now a principal with the firm of Sanderson & Stocker, Inc., which specializes in institutional asset management. Also, the Cayuga Heights (N.Y.) Volunteer Fire Department named Marshall its Rookie Emergency Technician of the Year. In his spare time, he's studying for a degree in fire protection.

**94 1st Lt. Peter N. Bikos Jr.** is out of the Army and has recovered from shrapnel wounds received overseas, according to his father Peter Bikos '56. His new address is Trinity, Fla.

Navy Lt. **Nathaniel H. Brown** is the navigator for the *U.S.S. Gettysburg*, a guided missile cruiser.

**Alexa N. Gruen** bought a house in Satellite Beach, Fla., and is working as a GIS/remote sensing analyst. She has traveled to South America several times for business and pleasure. Alexa also enjoys surfing and horseback riding, and completed a marathon in February 2002.

**Scott F. Johnson (W'89)** lives in Greenwood, Ind., with his wife, Holly. Scott is a manufacturing supervisor at Allison Transmission Division of General Motors and pursuing an MBA at Butler University. He's also restoring his 1966 Chevrolet Impala.

**Elizabeth E. Morgan** and Jon Lamoreux were married Nov. 16, 2002, in Memorial Chapel. Liz is the counselor of Court dorm at Culver, and Jon is a science instructor. Alumnae participating in the wedding were

**Rebecca Sturn '94, Heather Wilson '94, Virginia Hiler '94, and Melissa Roth '95.**

**Eric T. Roush** and **Kelly McCormick** were married last fall in Memorial Chapel. The newlyweds are living in Bloomington, Ind.

**95 Kenneth L. Ritterbusch** reports that his Navy squadron was deployed in December to the Persian Gulf. He had been flying P-3C Orions out of NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. Ken bought a house in Oak Harbor, Wash., and loves living in the Northwest.

**96 Nia C. Bikos** has graduated from Florida State University and is teaching fourth grade in Clearwater, Fla.

**Spencer O. Miller** is in his third year of medical school at the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Andrea, became parents for the first time Sept. 20, 2002, with the birth of Bentley.

**Mary K. Putsey** married James Vaca on Sept. 7, 2002, and they are living in West Lafayette, Ind. Bridesmaids were **Michelle Putsey '93** and **Jessica Bletzinger '96**. Guests included fellow 1996 alumni **Anthony Hadaway, Jim Nyznyk, Rich Teising, Nathan Tutt, Peter Uher, Jeff Woods, Aimee** and **Justin Zimmerman**, along with Culver instructor Dan Cowell.

**Sarah J. Wyne** has finished her tour aboard the *C.G.C. Venturous* and has bought a house in Miami. She has a new job with the Coast Guard working in the District Command Center as a search and rescue controller, helping organize rescues for all of Florida and the Caribbean.

**97 Elizabeth H. Bridgman** interned for the Colorado Democratic Party from January to June 2001, enjoying a lot of camping and skiing along the way. She graduated in June 2001 from Ohio University.

**Allison L. Aley (SS'95)** and Charles Hodgson were married Sept. 20, 2002, and are living in Herndon, Va., following a honeymoon in Thailand. Allison is working on her secondary teaching certification, and graduated from the University of Maryland with a double major in English and English education.

**Adam D. Homan** of Indianapolis graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in February 2002 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

**Carrie L. Smith** is attending Indiana University Medical School in Bloomington, Ind.

## 98 5th Reunion, May 16-18, 2003



**Scott C. Brown** is working for Bank One in Chicago. He graduated in May 2002 from Colgate University and spent the summer on Martha's Vineyard.

**Jessica L. Castronovo** worked as a nanny for a year before enrolling at DePaul University in Chicago to pursue her master's and doctorate degrees in psychology.

**Robert B. Covino** graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in business. He's living in downtown Chicago with Charlotte Hamar.

**Colin A. Duggan** graduated Cum Laude from St. Louis University and is attending graduate school at Argosy University in Washington, D.C., for his doctorate of psychology degree.

**Angela M. Fulton** received her bachelor's degree from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind., and is now a graduate assistant in student affairs while working on her master's degree in student affairs administration.

**Jeffrey M. Greco** has graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy as an ensign. Jeff is now in Pensacola, Fla., for flight training.

**Heather M. Honzik** received the Outstanding Youth Development Counselor from the United Way this past summer for her work with low-income children in Lafayette, Ind. Heather graduated from Purdue University in May 2002 with degrees in psychology and pre-law and started her master's studies in international development in August.

**Christie D. King (SS'96)** student taught in Ireland in May and graduated in December 2002 from Indiana University with a degree in elementary education.

**Dawn M. Minas** is in her fifth year at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind., finishing degrees in psychology and business administration. She also assists with the ISU women's softball team.

**Dennis M. Reed II** is working at Morgan Stanley in Cleveland. He completed his undergraduate degree and collegiate hockey career at Ohio University in spring 2002. Dennis is now coaching Pee Wee A's for the Shaker Skating Club.

**Krista A. Teibel** graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2002 from American University in Washington, D.C., with a degree in international studies.

**Brandon J. Kucharski** is serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan.

**J. Weston Polsley** is an aviation management major at Ohio State University in

Columbus, Ohio. He completed his flight training last March in Atlanta and received his commercial license and certified flight instructor ratings for single and multi-engine aircraft. He is historian for the OSU chapter of Alpha Eta Rho, an international aviation fraternity, and also on the flight team. And, he's still part owner of Neon Lighting.

As philanthropy chair of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, **Rachel C. Teetor** raised \$1,500 for the National Kidney Foundation. Rachel is a political science major at Florida Atlantic University and lives in Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Meredith L. Callinan** has received the Manhattanville College Presidential Scholarship. She is a member of the Purchase, N.Y., school's NCAA Division 3 women's hockey team runners-up and the starting lacrosse goalie.

**Diana M. Clark (W'95)** is a journalism major at Indiana University. She participated in an I.U. program in London last summer and spent the fall semester studying in the Dominican Republic.

**Morgan M. Rich** spent the winter holidays visiting her mother in Hawaii. Morgan is a junior at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind., majoring in music education. She is in her third year as an airman third class with the National Guard Band based in Peoria, Ill.

**Daniel W. Sweet (NB'97)** made the Dean's List at Wabash College with a 3.67 grade-point average as a sophomore. He was all-conference cross country, is a member of the Wabash Glee Club, hosts his own campus radio show, and tutors fraternity brothers at Phi Gamma Delta in writing. Last summer, Dan was an assistant Culver Naval School counselor.

**Lauren S. Corcia (SS'99)** has been accepted into the School of Business at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

**Molly M. Engstrom** is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin. She plays defense for the women's hockey team, and recently played in the USA Hockey Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y. As a freshman, Engstrom saw regular ice time for the Badgers and was named WCHA Rookie of the Week for her play against Ohio State in February 2002.

**Meredith I. Freedman** is a member of the Brandeis University fencing team. She was the University Athletic Association Rookie of the Year and took first place in women's saber as a freshman. Meredith also placed third in Division III women's saber at the Summer National Tournament in Greenville, S.C.

**Eugene G. Milner** and his dad won the father-son title at the Kankakee Country Club in June 2002. In September, Eugene placed second in the Kankakee County Amateur Championship Flight golf tournament.

**Brett R. Scheffers** was in the musical "Pirates of Penzance" and took third place in the Canson International Art Contest for his oil painting. He's working on his senior thesis at the University of the South. The topic is saving the great deciduous and old growth forests on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. Brett had several art shows last year, including one in Peoria, Ill., in mid-December.

**Brad J. Kogut** is a sports management major at Bowling Green State University. He is the recipient of the President Leadership Academy Scholarship, a freshman adviser, and interviewed for the university ambassador position. Brad also holds a seat on the BGSU Board of Trustees.



## To our International Alumni and Friends

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# CAMPS CLASS NEWS

Class news published in this issue was received prior to Jan. 31, 2003.

**42 Richard D. Kudner (NB).**  
(See Academies Class News, '45.)

**49 C. Alexander Brassert Jr. (N).**  
(See Academies Class News, '51.)

**52 Lawrence K. Cox II (NB).**  
(See Academies Class News, '55.)

**57 Stephen A. Arbuckle (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '61.)  
**William S. Bushnell (NB).**  
(See Academies Class News, '60.)

**70 John W. Williams (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '74.)

**71 Mark A. Conway (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '76.)  
**Timothy C. Swaney (H).**  
(See Academies Class News, '74.)

**74 Frank C. Sullivan (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '79.)

**75** In December, **Lester J. Powlen III (N)** was awarded a master's degree in forensic psychology/forensic psychophysiology from Argosy University in Washington, D.C. He returned earlier in the month from a one-year deployment with the Department of Defense Investigation Task Force, serving throughout South and Southwest Asia, the Arabic Gulf States, and Cuba. Les has resumed his duties as a polygraph examiner for the 10th Military Police Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C.

**76 Shawn P. Walsh (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '80.)

**78 25th Reunion,**  
**July 18-20, 2003**

**Kimberly Hebbeler Harvey (SS).** (See Academies Class News, '80.)

**Karl A. Hilberg (W).** (See Academies Class News, '82.)



## FROM THE CSSAA PRESIDENT . . .

### This is the summer to be involved with Culver Summer Camps



The Summer Centennial Celebration continues to provide tremendous energy on all fronts - with the summer alumni body, the CEF trustees, the summer faculty and staff, and the campers. Here is an overview of exciting news and initiatives germane to summer alumni.

#### Homecoming - July 18-20, 2003

All alumni are welcome to attend. Focus of the 2003 Homecoming Weekend will be on the 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> reunion classes, as well as longtime family legacies who have attended Culver Summer Camps. Visit [www.culver.org](http://www.culver.org) for Homecoming information, which is updated frequently.

#### CSSAA Board

Our increased responsibility with the summer camps has necessitated a third meeting in our annual cycle. At our newly-established April meeting, we discussed new initiatives - including girls more proactively in Cavalry and Horsemanship School programming, studying an "E"-style competition for the girls, adding a shell crew elective for summer campers, and innovative thinking on Naval Band enrollment (an issue that has been difficult to solve for many years). Woodcraft Camp won't be neglected in our deliberations. Most of our current thinking in that area is focused on facility upgrades, renovation, and enhanced programs.

#### Giving

With three months to go in the annual giving drive, we have 100 more summer donors than we did all of last year. Dollars contributed also will shatter all previous figures. This is an incredible statement of loyalty and faith in Culver by

those donors, particularly in a stagnant economy. If you have not made a gift in the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and you are so inclined, I encourage your participation.

The CSSAA board has begun initial work on a waterfront endowment. Emphasis at this time is on reviewing waterfront needs for both Woodcraft and Upper Camps. This would include a new Woodcraft feature (the Blob, for example) and added Interlake, Sunfish, and Laser sailboats. The current student to sailboat ratio is too high. This limits sailing and instruction time. The sailing fleet additions are a must for camper satisfaction.

#### Partnerships

The CSSAA board and summer alumni are active partners with the Culver Parents Association as they surpass a \$1 million annual giving drive via the April 25<sup>th</sup> Gateway to the Future auction.

Encourage family members and friends to explore a summer at Culver, if they have not done so already. Alumni legacies comprise more than 27 percent of the summer camps population.

Renew your relationship with Culver by encouraging a family member or friend to join the summer staff. Learn more about the myriad opportunities by contacting Summer Camp personnel via the website or call 1-800-5CULVER.

Provide the alumni office your e-mail address. If you have an e-mail address on record at Culver, you will receive the *e-Cannon*, a monthly electronic "blast" that provides breaking news on campus, as well as website links to interesting people and activities at Culver.

*Stephen W. Sturman*

Stephen W. Sturman W'69  
Plymouth, Indiana

# David Newill

W'64, '68

## ROCKETMAN

Growing up in the shadows of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, in the days of the first U.S. manned space flights, it is little wonder David B. Newill W'64, '68 developed an affinity for rockets and flying that would launch a career.

"I thought I was going to be an airline pilot. That was the game plan," the Air Force Academy graduate said recently from his Indianapolis office.

But by the time he fulfilled his military requirement in 1978 ("I was a Cold Warrior.") the game plan had changed. Braniff International went under, flooding the industry with unemployed pilots. His career plans grounded, Newill, with a degree in civil/mechanical engineering, landed a job in Louisiana as field representative for construction of a General Motors truck plant. That put him on a management track in the auto industry and manufacturing throughout the 1980s before landing at the Allison Engine Company in Indianapolis in '93.

Today that plant is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rolls-Royce, and Newill is the head of marketing for military engines. He quickly points out that "Rolls-Royce doesn't make anything today that has to do with automobiles." Rolls builds commercial and military jet engines, engines for nuclear subs in Great Britain and for industrial power plants. Newill also is the historian for the Rolls Royce Heritage Trust.

His interest in rocketry and flying began in his pre-Woodcraft days with a book about amateur rocketry that explained how to mix fuel and launch rockets. "My parents

realized the seriousness of my interest when they found me looking for caramel in the kitchen to melt and mix with fertilizer to make rocket fuel," Newill said.

The project moved out of the kitchen and, using manufacturer Estes Model Rockets as his guide, Newill began making and selling rocket kits to his neighborhood friends – helping to pay for his own hobby. There was no model rocket program when Newill attended Woodcraft, though he recalls building rockets as a craft activity. Three years later at Culver, the interest was still there, but Newill was "too darn busy doing other things."



David Newill in the cockpit of the corporate plant, a Spitfire. *Photo provided.*

But his interest propelled him in other areas.

"I'm not sure my grades showed it, but my interest in geometry and trigonometry was heightened by my interest in rockets," Newill said. The practical applications of math formulas fascinated him, and the chemistry of fuel mixtures took on new meaning. "I had a reason for using that

stuff. I wanted an answer," he said.

"I still enjoy the science and math of it," Newill said, though today he's "more of a mentor than a launcher."

Newill is a member of the National Rocketry Association and the Tripoli Rocketry Association. The NRA sponsors contests and instructs about the hobby. The TRA involves launching rockets capable of reaching 10,000 feet or more and that require a Federal Aviation Administration permit. Today, his involvement is limited to helping students at Indianapolis Park Tudor, where son Matthew is a sophomore, with a competition rocketry project.

But Newill still loves to fly. He's been part owner of several planes, but these days his interest is on sailplanes. His appetite was whetted at the Air Force Academy "where everyone has to do gliders first to learn the basics of flight."

Newill is the state governor for the Soaring Society of Indiana and the operations manager for the 125-member Central Indiana Soaring Society. As such, "I get to talk to a lot of people who fly gliders in Indiana."

His job with Rolls involves traveling to air shows and other events, but most of his personal flying "is from the back seat of a sailplane with a teen-ager up front getting their first real airplane flight," Newill said.

Newill and his wife, Sharon, live in Zionsville, Ind., and have three children, all of whom attended Specialty Camps. Oldest son Mark

is a Purdue graduate, and daughter Elizabeth attends Purdue. Newill's brother, Ed, is a 1971 graduate, and his sister and brother-in-law joined The Academies staff this past fall. Barbara Klatt '73 is an assistant to the academic dean and also works in horsemanship. And her husband, Emil '73, is the Protestant chaplain.

– DKH

**79 Ross W. MacLennan (H)** married Kelly Kepchar on Aug. 24, 2002, and they are living in Valparaiso, Ind. Ross is a graduate of Indiana University and a partner in MacLennan & Bain Insurance.

**81 Carol L. Beauchamp-de la Torre (SS)** and her husband, Jorge, announce the birth of their son, Jorge Augustin, on March 25, 2002. Little Jorge has two sisters at home in Birmingham, Ala. – Mary Margaret (3) and Anna Cristina (2).  
**Louisa B. Elder (W'78, SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '83.)

**83 20th Reunion,  
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A daughter, Bridget, was born to Brian and **Cynthia A. Goeke Sweeney (SS)** on July 2, 2002. Big brother Miles is 3 and sister Maley is 2, and the Sweeneys live in Indianapolis.

**84 Nancy W. Barnes (SS).**  
(See Academies Class News '87.)

**Grant C. Pollock (A)** and his wife live in Cincinnati, where Grant works for International Paper Co. He received a degree in aircraft maintenance from Cincinnati State and studied business at Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach, Fla.

**J. Bradford Pollock (A)** lives in Chicago and is working at the Northwestern University Hospital. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in jazz guitar, and earned a medical degree from U.C.

**85 Marc A. Hone (N).**  
(See Academies Class News, '87.)

**David D. Ledbetter (N).**  
(See Academies Class News, '88.)

**Ryan K. Leeman (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '90.)

**Steven D. Logan (N).**  
(See Academies Class News, '87.)

**Kimberley B. Roark (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '90.)

**86 Rachel C. Bernstein (W'83, SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '87.)

**Sarah Sargent Hetzel (SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '88.)

**89 Scott F. Johnson (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '94.)

**91 Julian B. Ellison (A).**  
(See Academies Class News, '93.)

**Joseph N. Hosteny (A)** of Pittsburgh has obtained a multi-engine instrument rating and has more than 500 flight hours, 300 of them in a 1959 BE-95 Beech Travelair. Joe makes his living as a software engineer.

**95 Diana M. Clark (W).**  
(See Academies Class News, '00.)  
**Allison L. Hodgson (SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '97.)

**96 Christie D. King (SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '98.)  
**William J. Parish (N)** graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 2002 and was commissioned. Will is now in Pensacola, Fla., training to be a naval aviator.

**97 Daniel W. Sweet (NB).**  
(See Academies Class News, '00.)

**99 Lauren S. Corcia (SS).**  
(See Academies Class News, '01.)

**02 Justin-Siena High School junior running back John T. Brumley (W'99, N)** of Napa, Calif., was the Marin County Athletic League rushing champion with 1,230 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns. He broke the single-game rushing record with 268 yards on 25 carries and was voted most outstanding offensive player by his teammates. John also was named first-team all-league and to the all-Napa County team.

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Fernández's first since 1960, and the papal Mass was celebrated in his hometown of Havana on his birthday (Jan. 25).

Fernández obtained the equivalent of a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador in Quito and was ordained Dec. 17, 2001.

The parish of St. Michael Archangel consists of seven rural villages. Four have churches. Mass in the others is celebrated in a school, in a barn, and an assembly hall. The largest village, Libertad del Toachi, has a population 800. The others have from 50 to 150 residents. Fernández described the average parishioner as humble, from poor to extremely poor, and undereducated. Eighty percent of the land is owned by people living in large cities who pay local residents to farm the land and/or raise cattle.

Health conditions are substandard. The water is not potable. Running water is found in 40 percent of the homes. Most have outhouses instead of bathrooms.

"Corruption in government as well as all aspects of business is par for the course. People from this province of Ecuador are well know for having

the greatness percentage of liars of all regions in the country," Fernández said.

He is the only priest in the parish, and it operates mostly on his retirement funds. His role as priest is not limited to the spiritual needs of individuals but also includes administering to their educational, nutritional, and medical needs. "However, I am still not trusted," Fernández said. "Some feel that I must have some personal interest in defrauding them and stealing from the parish and taking it home to the U.S.

"Although I could afford some of the luxuries of the First World, such as a washer and dryer and air conditioning, I cannot do it because I would be a prime target for thieves," he said.

In addition to his faith, Fernández draws daily from his Culver background. "No single aspect of my formal education has given me the wisdom, integrity, and courage to face the hard-knocks of real life, as did my years at Culver. I can honestly say that short of my priestly ordination, I can find no honor greater than to be a Culver man," he said.

– Doug Haberland

# DEATHS

The Office of Alumni Relations has been notified of the deaths of the following alumni through Jan. 31, 2003, but sufficient information was not available for a complete obituary in this issue.

**Luis A. Villa-Real '32 (Co. D)** on March 27, 2001, in Manila, Philippines.

**Walter Rogers Louis W'29** on May 1, 2002, in Omaha, Neb.

**Howell H. Campbell Jr. '32 (Co. D)** died Oct. 20, 1995, in Davidson, Tenn.

**Joseph Hammerslough N'37** of Springfield, Ill., on Nov. 2, 2001.

**John R. Halligan '45 (Troop)** died June 11, 2001, in Honolulu.

**William H. Whitmore III N'49** died in 1995.

**John B. Mooney '50 (Artillery)** on Jan. 1, 1999, in Oyster Bay, Nassau, N.Y.

**Richard P. Tauber '50 (Co. A)** of Los Angeles on June 22, 1996.

**Robert H. Wright W'41, N'48, '50 (Co. C)** on Oct. 23, 2001, in Tarpon Springs, Pinellas, Fla.

**Walter C. Ashcraft N'54** died Nov. 11, 1994.

**Gilbert D. Lehmann Jr. N'66, '67 (Co. E)** died Oct. 9, 2002, in Glendale, Ariz.

**John Joseph Sheehan W'75** of Oak Lawn, Ill., died April 19, 2000.

**Brian Philip Sheehan W'77** died March 16, 2002, in Oak Lawn, Ill.

**Charles Kyung Kim H'99** died Nov. 30, 2002, in Evanston, Ill.

**Frederick A. Hansen W'21, 24 (Co. A)** died Aug. 31, 2002, in Rock Island, Ill. Mr. Hansen was a civil engineer at the Rock Island District, Corps of Engineers, from 1933 until his retirement in 1973 as chief of the construction branch. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a former member of the Army and Navy reserves. Survivors include his wife, Rachel.

**Volney Richmond Jr. '26(Co. D)** of Seattle died on Aug. 10, 2002. A businessman, philanthropist, and skier, according to his *Seattle Times* obituary, Mr. Richmond succeeded his father as president of the Northern Commercial Co., a purveyor of retail supplies to rural Alaska, his native state. The firm made huge profits selling heavy equipment and parts during construction of the Alaska pipeline in the 1970s. Mr. Richmond also gave of his time and resources to many local and national organizations. His community interests included Virginia Mason Hospital, where an auditorium was named in his honor, and the United Way. He served on the boards of the Seafirst Bank and the Safeco Insurance Co. His passions included skiing, boating, and golf. He began skiing on Mount Rainier in the 1920s before there were chairlifts. Mr. Richmond spent his summers boating the San Juan Islands and Canadian waters. In his later years, he enjoyed golf in California during the winter. Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; a son, Volney III '49, and a daughter, Phyllis Yaw, both of Colorado; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The regimental commander and recipient of the YMCA Cup, **Newland D. Knight W'21, '27 (Troop)** died Aug. 3, 2002, in Mobile, Ala. Mr. Knight also was president of the Cadet Club and the recipient of the Kellum Medal. He was retired from the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. after serving as plant engineer, administrative vice president, secretary, and director. He was a former member and director of the Mobile Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Mobile Opera Guild, the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and the Port Development Committee of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Knight also was an officer in the Army Reserves. Surviving are his wife, Virginia; a son, Sidney, a daughter, Linda Worley; a sister, Mrs. Emmett Frazer; five grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, **Vernon '30** and **Stillman '32**.

**Walton Wetten '29 (Troop)** died Oct. 14, 1998, in Tucson, Ariz. A longtime rancher, Mr. Wetten served 10 years as planning and zoning director of Santa Cruz County and the city of Nogales, Ariz. He also was a longtime member of the Patagonia (Ariz.) High School governing

board and the Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association. He graduated from Harvard University and received a law degree from Northwestern University. Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two sons, Mark and Bruce; and two daughters, Louise Hudson and Sarah Doyle.

**George L. Everbach W'30** died Nov. 15, 2001, in Louisville, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Janet; a son, Thomas; a daughter, Wendy Rotanz; a grandson, and two granddaughters.

**John N. Seaman '31 (Troop)**, an attorney and Lansing, Mich., community leader, died Sept. 9, 2002. Mr. Seaman specialized in estate and tax law, and helped establish Lansing's legal aid office. He graduated with honors from Michigan State College in 1935 and did a year of post-graduate work at Princeton University in the School of Public and International Affairs. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1939. Mr. Seaman joined the Army as a second lieutenant and spent time as a cryptanalyst deciphering code during World War II. He spoke French and Spanish, read German, Italian, and Greek, and translated Swedish, Portuguese, Dutch, Finnish, Turkish, and Danish. Mr. Seaman worked with code breakers in Washington, D.C., and with the British code breakers stationed at Bletchley Park. He served as president of the Lansing Fine Arts Council and as former director and board member of Camp Highfields, which served troubled youths. He also served on the Michigan Civil Service Commission from 1957-66. Mr. Seaman is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons, Jack of Traverse City, Mich., and **William '59** of San Francisco; two daughters, Elizabeth Tenney of Charlottesville, N.C., and Martha McKee of East Lansing; a brother, **Robert '39** of Okemos, Mich.; and four grandchildren, including **Elizabeth Ann Tenney SS'80** of Los Angeles.

**Ithamar D. Weed W'27, NB'32, '32 (Co. B)** died Oct. 6, 2002, in Cincinnati. He received a law degree from Ohio University and was employed as the general counsel for Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. in Cincinnati. Mr. Weed served as an Army major in World War II. Surviving are two sons, Charles of Logan, Ohio, and Donald of Zurich, Switzerland; a daughter, Judy Lindner; five grandchildren,

# Trustee emeritus Britton Gordon '29

CEF trustee emeritus **Britton L. Gordon '29 (Co. H)** died Aug. 28, 2002, at his home in Harbor Springs, Mich. Mr. Gordon was 92.

Mr. Gordon served as a trustee of The Culver Educational Foundation from 1971-88, including 1980-88 as vice president. He served as Culver Legion president from 1967-68. In 1966, Mr. Gordon was made an honorary member of Culver's Cum Laude Society chapter.

Upon the news of his death, Superintendent Emeritus John Mars wrote that Mr. Gordon "never failed to take time from his many commitments to assist Culver with his support, wise counsel, and resources."

Mr. Gordon was a long-time pilot and instrumental in the relocation and expansion of the Kent County International Airport in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was described in a 1999 newspaper article as a man of vision who knew the future was tied to aviation.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1933 with a degree in engineering, and attended Cornell Law School for one year. Commissioned as an Army second lieutenant, Ordnance Corps, he served during World War II at the Chicago Ordnance District Office and the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Industrial Division, in Washington, D.C. Discharged as a lieutenant colonel, Mr. Gordon served in the Army Reserves from 1945-69, and was promoted to full colonel in 1949.

and three great-grandchildren. A nephew, **Charles Weed '63** also survives, and a brother, **John '34**, preceded him in death.

**Joseph W. Lincoln '33 (Troop)** died Sept. 14, 2002, at the Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa. A B-17 bomber pilot with the Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Lincoln was shot down over Germany in April 1944 and crash-landed near the Belgium-French border. He and his surviving crew avoided capture and fought with the French resistance for four months. He was liberated in September 1944 and returned to the U.S., serving at the Pentagon until late 1946. Mr. Lincoln served with the U.S. Air Force Reserve until retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1975. He received his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Stanford University and a master's of business administration in 1940. He

He began his career as a development engineer with Linde Air Products Division of Union Carbide and later the Bakelite Corp. in New York. He returned to Michigan as an employee and part owner of the Blackmer Pump Company. Mr. Gordon served as president of the firm from 1965-71, retiring from Dover Corp., the parent company, as a vice president in 1974.

He was a member of a number of professional societies and associations. In addition to Culver, his board memberships included Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Interlochen Arts Academy, Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, and the Petoskey (Mich.) Regional Chamber of Commerce Air Service Task Force.

Mr. Gordon had been affiliated with the Kent County Aeronautics Board and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, as well as the Panama Canal Company, Emmet County Regional Airport committee, the Little Traverse Township board.

His hobbies included sailing, skiing, and flying. He was a private pilot, both single and multi-engine, with more than 2,400 flight hours.

Surviving Mr. Gordon are his wife, Mary; three sons, Britton Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., **Tracy '63** of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and **Scott '67** of Harbor Springs; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

returned to Stanford in 1965-66 for a master's in education in mathematics. Following the war he worked in the family oil business in Bradford, Pa., and was employed by Dresser Industries in its jet engine division. And he taught high school mathematics from 1962-83. Mr. Lincoln is survived by two daughters, Stephanie Bjorn of Palo Alto, Calif., and Pamela Senfield of Olean, N.Y.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Sam. S. Fawley N'37** died March 30, 2002, in Glenview, Ill. After three years in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II and two years with U.S. Gypsum, Mr. Fawley began a 36-year career with Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, becoming a vice president. He also taught banking classes for several years to graduate students at the University of Wisconsin-

Madison. At 65, he was named senior vice president and lending officer of the LaSalle Bank in Northbrook and retired five years later. He also managed farms in downstate Illinois. Mr. Fawley was a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, but never practiced law. Surviving are his wife, Susan; four sons, William, John, James, and David; a daughter, Margaret Fawley; a brother, **Fred William W'48, N'52** of Houston; a sister, Mary Jo Brodd; and four grandchildren.

**Frank E. Gernon Jr. '39 (Co. D)** died July 27, 2002, in Vero Beach, Fla., following a prolonged illness. A former member of the Culver Legion Board of Directors, Mr. Gernon attended Brown University and was retired from PIE Inc. Surviving are his wife, Frances; two daughters, Helen Gernon of Eugene, Ore., and **Kimberly Dorval '79** of Goffstown, N.H.; a son, **Timothy '79** of Jupiter, Fla.; two stepsons, Bernard Muth Jr. of Bel Air, Md., and **Michael Muth '75** of Austin, Texas; a stepdaughter, Donna Muth of Vero Beach; and five grandchildren.

**Louis L. Farr III '40 (Artillery)** died Aug. 18, 2002, in Austin, Texas. Mr. Farr was the last of three generations to manage the family's Bar S Ranch operations in Texas and New Mexico. At Culver, he captained the 1939-40 polo team and graduated with a reserve commission as a second lieutenant. He served with the Army in the European Theater, receiving a Bronze Star. He was a past chairman of the Miss Wool of America Pageant, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and a member of the Anxiety 4th Hereford Association. Mr. Farr is survived by his wife, Lou; three sons, Dr. Louis IV, William, and Phil; a sister, Jane McDonald; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. His father, Louis, and an uncle, James, were Culver graduates, and he was predeceased by a brother, **Jim '41**.

**Richard W. Middleton '41 (Troop)** died Oct. 23, 2002, in Seattle. Mr. Middleton was an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 66th Infantry Division (the Black Panthers). He was a survivor of the sinking of the troop ship Leopoldville in December 1944 and later served as an intelligence officer and forward observer for artillery. He received the Purple Heart. After the war, he was stationed in Austria, where he learned to ski, an activity he would enjoy for the rest of his life. He graduated from Stanford University and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School. Mr. Middleton returned to Aberdeen, Wash., and went to



work for the Anderson & Middleton Stud Mill. He worked various jobs in the sawmill and stud mill until becoming president upon the death of his uncle. During his tenure, the firm was upgraded and recognized as one of the most modern sawmills in the industry. The company acquired other mills and timberlands and, in 1990, entered the table grape business, owning several vineyards and supplying foreign and domestic grocery chains. Mr. Middleton also was active in forest product organizations, serving as past president of the Timber Operator's Council and as a longtime board member and past president of the Western Forest Industry Association. His wife, Edith, survives, along with two daughters, Jennifer Middleton and Kristin Middleton; a son, Richard Jr.; and a brother, Edward.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. **William R. Elmer N°42** died Nov. 22, 2000, in Smyrna, Tenn. Mr. Elmer served 26 years with the Air Force. He was a command pilot, having flown more than six different aircraft a total of more than 10,000 hours. Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, a son, **William '73**; a daughter, Kathy Elmer-Ganus; a sister, Katherine Hollifield, and a granddaughter.

**Howel Harrison Hopson III '42 (Artillery)** of Gainesville, Fla., died June 26, 2002. Mr. Hopson's family owned the Hopson Planting Co., which was the first cotton plantation to use International Harvester's cotton-picking machines, one of which is in the Smithsonian. He was a graduate of Harvard University and did graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was the founder and retired chairman of Phoenix Advanced Technology. Mr. Hopson was a World War II veteran of

the Army Air Corps, serving as an aerial gunner and bombardier. After the war, he served in the Air Force Intelligence Reserve for 17 years, retiring as a major. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Catherine Thorley of Murphy, N.C., and three grandchildren.

**Lawrence P. Richards '42 (Troop)** died June 7, 2002, in Ann Arbor, Mich. A native of Hawaii, Mr. Richards, Ph.D., was an emeritus professor of biology at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He was a graduate of Cornell University, earning his master's degree from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate from the University of California. He taught at Idaho State and the University of Arizona, and spent a year in New Guinea and another in Kenya doing field research. Mr. Richards was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a sharpshooter and arriving on the front lines at Alsace-Lorraine in 1944. Surviving are his wife, Christina; a son, Andrew of Ann Arbor; a daughter, Chistina Foxcroft of Boise, Idaho; and a granddaughter. A brother, **Russell '39**, preceded him in death.

**Harold F. Craver '43 (Band)** died Aug. 8, 1999, in Winston-Salem, N.C., in a two-vehicle crash. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and played clarinet and saxophone with a number of bands and orchestras over the years. Mr. Craver is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Belinda Timberlake, and a son, David, both of Winston-Salem; a brother, **Curtis '37** of Raleigh, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Former Legion board member **Phillip A. Thomas (Co. C)** died Aug. 11, 2002, at his home in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Mr. Thomas

spent 47 years in Miami, where he owned an industrial real estate brokerage firm and was past president of the Miami Board of Realtors. He also was founder and past president of the Industrial Association of Dade County (Fla.). Mr. Thomas graduated from Georgia Tech University with a degree in industrial management and engineering. He served two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and 34 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, retiring a captain. Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; a son, **Phillip Jr. '72** of Marietta, Ga.; four daughters, Sallie Ridgway, **Amanda Thomas SS'78**, and **Stevie Peters '80**, all of Santa Barbara, Calif., and **Jamie Dilweg SS'83** of Durham, N.C.; and 10 grandchildren.

A former member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, **Richard W. Fincher '45 (Troop)** died Aug. 10, 2002, in Miami. While in the Senate, Mr. Fincher served as chairman of the Judiciary Commission, vice chairman of the Ways and Means Commission, and vice chairman of the Banking Commission. He sat as president or vice president of many corporations and organizations. He also was the president and founder of Boulevard National Bank, served on the Orange Bowl Committee, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, and was the 2002 Peace and Unity Award recipient for assisting the political process in the black community during the 1960s. He was a veteran of the Army field artillery. Surviving are two sons, Harry and Lang of Miami; a daughter, Faith Finklestein; and two grandchildren.

**Paul L. Morrison Jr. N°42, '45 (Co. A)** of Lake Forest, Ill., died Sept. 21, 2002. Mr. Morrison earned his bachelor's and graduate degrees from Northwestern University. He worked for IBM from 1956 until retiring in 1982, and was an assistant professor at Mercy College in New York from 1983-86. He was a cadet midshipman in the Merchant Marines in 1945-46 and a captain in the Army Reserve from 1949-60. Mr. Morrison is survived by his wife, Nancy; three daughters, Carolyn Ratajack, Elizabeth Macdonald; and Ellen Wolfe; a brother, **James '51** of Little Silver, N.J.; and four grandchildren. Also surviving are a niece **Katherine Knoerzer '78** and a nephew, **Benjamin Ferris '79**.

**Alan J. Blotcky N°46** died Jan. 1, 1997, in Omaha, Neb. He was the retired director of the Medical Research Nuclear Reactor Facility at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Omaha, a position he held for 35 years. Mr. Blotcky had a long association with the American Nuclear Society and was a member and participant in the



Isotopes and Radiation Division. He organized a technical group that became the Biology and Medicine Division, holding every elected office with the division. Survivors include a son, **Steven N'71** of Nashua, N.H., and a daughter, **Beth Blotcky SS'71**.

**Allan R. Smith N'49** of Findlay, Ohio, died March 20, 2002, in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Mr. Smith retired in 1995 as corporate engineer with Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. He was a Navy veteran. Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline; a daughter, Lisa Snauffer of Tipp City, Ohio; a son, Douglas of Findlay; his mother, Gertrude Smith of Casper, Wyo.; a brother, **Donald N'46** of Findlay; two sisters, Susan Rate of Casper and Jill Fern of Blacksburg, Va.; and three grandchildren.

**Edward A. Buohl W'47, '51 (Troop)** died June 25, 2002, in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. Mr. Buohl was a tax manager and consultant, preparing a full range of tax returns and representing clients before the IRS, state, and New York City tax authorities. He is the co-author of "Encyclopedia of Stock Market Techniques" and has been a certified financial planner, securities broker, and investment adviser. Mr. Buohl graduated from Columbia University, received his MBA from the Pace University Graduate School of Business, and a law degree from Quinnipiac University. A sister, Audrey Curran of San Jose, Calif., survives.

**Roderick Rhea '51 (Troop)** died Aug. 25, 2002, in Bloomington, Ind. He was retired from the ERIC program at Indiana University, where he had received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics. His varied business career included years as a collection manager for Hertz Rent-A-Car, an assistant manager of a Bloomington pharmacy, and business manager for the I.U. Printing Services and the I.U. School of Education. Surviving are his wife, Arlene; a son, **Cristopher A'79** of Rochester, Minn., and a sister, Rita O'Shaughnessey of Bloomington.

Business and civic leader **Robert O. Laverty N'54** of Frankfort, Ind., died May 14, 2001. Mr. Laverty was president of the Friends of Frankfort Library Board, a coordinator of the Youth for Understanding exchange program, and a past board member of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce. He owned and operated Laverty's on the Alley, a men's and boy's clothing store, until 1973. He retired from medical sales and worked part time at the PGA Store at the Indianapolis International Airport. A graduate of Duke University, he also was a semi-professional pianist. He is

survived by his wife, Gloria, and a sister, Jane Henry of Florida.

**Peter T. Paulison W'51, '56 (Artillery)** died Oct. 30, 2002, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He retired in March 2002 after 42 years as a commercial glass contractor. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Caroline Paulison-Andrew of Skokie, Ill., a son, Jonathon of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

**Richard L. Rawson W'62, N'65** of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Sept. 30, 2002. Mr. Rawson was a lawyer and the captain of a commercial fishing boat. He was a graduate of Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh Law School. Surviving are his mother, Mimi Rawson of Atlantic Beach, Fla., and two sisters, **Nancy Rawson SS'69** of St. Augustine, Fla., and Julie Schmidt of Orange Park, Fla.

**James A. Michner W'58, '64 (Artillery)** of Jackson, Mich., died March 24, 2002. Mr. Michner was vice president of Michner Plating Company and the president of Salco Engineering. He was a graduate of Michigan State University

and a Vietnam veteran, serving as a helicopter pilot with the rank of captain. He is survived by his wife, Heidi; three sons, **James II W'80, Jason W'80**, and B. Gregory Hutto; his father, Walter Michner; a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Suzy Hamilton and Camille Cavanaugh; and a granddaughter. A brother, **Walter N'58**, predeceased him.

**William A. Siebenthaler Jr. '65 (Artillery)** of Waynesville, Ohio, died July 30, 2002. Mr. Siebenthaler was a third generation executive of a southwest Ohio newspaper publishing company and the former manager of the *Franklin Chronicle*. He was a member of the Spring Valley Chamber of Commerce, Spring Valley ACTS Inc., officer of the Spring Valley Fire and Police departments. Mr. Siebenthaler attended the University of Cincinnati, was a self-employed contractor, and an avid outdoorsman. Survivors include his wife, Denise; two sons, Alan of Carmel, Ind., and Anthony Guffy of Xenia, Ohio; two daughters, Jessica Thompson of Kewadin, Mich., and Tara Guffy of Spring Valley, Ohio; his parents, William and Elizabeth Siebenthaler of Kewadin; and six grandchildren.

## Former Legion President James V. Shircliff '57

**James V. Shircliff W'50, '57 (Co. D)**, the president of the Culver Legion from 1991-1993 and a former CEF trustee, died July 17, 2002, in a Lynchburg, Va., hospital.

He also was a trustee at the Virginia Episcopal School and served on the President's Council at Randolph-Macon Women's College. Since 1988, he had served on the board of the Central Virginia Community College Foundation. Mr. Shircliff graduated from Brown University and received his MBA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia. He was a Navy veteran, serving as a lieutenant aboard the *U.S.S. Coral Sea*.

In 1964, he joined the family-owned Pepsi-Cola bottling business, becoming the general manager of the beverage division of General Cinema Corporation. Mr. Shircliff was president of the Virginia Soft Drink Association and president of the Virginia Pepsi-Cola Bottlers Association.

In 1975, he spent a year in Washington, D.C., as the executive director of the National Industrial Energy Council chaired by the secretary of commerce.

He entered the broadcast business in 1977 as president of The Jamarbo Corporation, which owned two Lynchburg radio stations.

From 1983-88, he was the president of Swensen's of Virginia Inc., which owned restaurant and ice cream parlors. Most recently, he was president of Sign Waves Inc., and managing partner of The Shircliff Partnership Ltd.

Equally active in civic affairs, he was the president and campaign chairman of the United Way of Central Virginia, president of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, vice president of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, among other involvements.

Surviving are his wife, Sally; a son, Thomas of Charlotte, N.C.; four daughters, Susan Hemmes of Hobe Sound, Fla., Anne Shircliff of Charlotte, Catherine Shircliff of Atlanta; and Caroline Shircliff of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Bastin of Cadiz, Ky.; a brother, **Robert '46** of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five grandchildren. Also surviving are two nephews, **Gregory Glover W'70** and **Thomas Glover W'70**.

# CULVER CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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## Capital City names officers, launches year with post-holiday party

The **Capital City Culver Club** reports the completion of its leadership roster for this year headed by President Susan Lach '86 and Vice President Lyn Cabigas '81. Other office holders and areas of responsibility include Treasurer Caitlyn Antrim '67, Don Porter '86, secretary/technical support; Katie Ilg '95, events; Hilary Goehausen '98, community service; Brooke Mayfield '97, student relations; and Molly Allen '96, admissions.

The year began with the annual "post-holiday" party in January with more than 40 attendees and delicious food. The event was held at Mackey's Irish Pub in downtown D.C. Although not a pre-planned activity, club members were able to cheer on Bud Adams '40 and his Tennessee Titans football team.

Future events include a Baltimore Orioles' baseball outing and a summer picnic. If you would like to be on the club's e-mail list for more frequent updates of meetings and events, please contact Susan Lach at [susielach@hotmail.com](mailto:susielach@hotmail.com) or (202) 625-2624.

On Saturday, June 21, the **Chicago Culver Club** will again host an afternoon with Culver alumni, family, and friends at Arlington Race Track. Invitations will be sent out this spring, and the event includes reserved tables and a buffet lunch. In addition, a portion of this year's ticket sales will benefit the Chicago Culver Club's outreach activities.

On Dec. 14, club members took part in their fourth annual holiday service project. Culver alumni, family, and friends spent the day at a shelter on the north side of Chicago. The club had a great turnout, which included current Academies' students helping out with the preparation of meals and spending time with children who reside at the shelter. The club's new community service leaders Katie Hutchinson '94 and Melissa Roth '95 made the event a success. In October and November, members assisted with several admissions events held in

the Chicago area. The mission of the alumni is to provide continued support for The Academies and all incoming students and to answer any questions for prospective families. Kristin Coulas '01 is the club's new student relations chair. Throughout the school year, she contacts current Culver students from the Chicagoland area and updates them and their families on club events.

The club welcomes new volunteers and for more information on this or any other Chicago area events, please contact co-presidents Irma M. Hammer '88 at (312) 642-1386 or [ihammer@lordbissell.com](mailto:ihammer@lordbissell.com) or Katherine Ross '87 at (773) 404-7344 or [shoesfan@msn.com](mailto:shoesfan@msn.com).

The **Cincinnati Culver Club** enjoyed a holiday party hosted by Rose and Bill Slemmons '56. The club is making plans for its annual dinner in the spring. For further information regarding the club, please contact club president Jim Grimm at (513) 887-9650 or [jcgrimm@aol.com](mailto:jcgrimm@aol.com).

Mark your calendar for the Midwest Scholastic Crew Championship at Stony Creek Metro Park on May 10-11. Join the **Detroit Culver Club** and cheer on Culver's crew team! For further information contact President Betsy Linsenmeyer '92 at [betsyl@provide.net](mailto:betsyl@provide.net) or (734) 242-0225.

Come out and cheer on Culver's crew team at the Head of the Eagle Regatta at Eagle Creek Park on Sunday, May 4. Contact **Indianapolis Culver Club** President Trish Slemmons '94 at [trishslemmons@aol.com](mailto:trishslemmons@aol.com) or (317) 579-1910 for further information.

On Saturday May 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the **New York City Culver Club** will take part in the annual New York Cares – Spring Clean-Up Day, which will provide service to the community on a citywide and highly visible scale. The event mobilizes thousands of volunteers to spend a Saturday revitalizing parks and community gardens throughout the five boroughs of New York



Capital City Culver Club leaders at their holiday party include (left to right) Katie Ilg '95, Lyn Cabigas '81, Susie Lach '86, Don Porter '86, Catie Antrim '67, and Brooke Mayfield '97. *Photo provided.*

City. This annual day of service helps bring new life to public spaces, preparing them for the busy summer season. Club members plan to enjoy a great day of planting, raking, clearing debris, and painting to bring out the best in our city.

For more information, please contact club president David Willkie '88 at (212) 865-5519 or [dwillkie@nyc.rr.com](mailto:dwillkie@nyc.rr.com).

The **Phoenix Culver Club** is planning a wine tasting "seven-course" dinner at L'Amore Ristorante on March 30. If you have not received an invitation and are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Nancy McKay '73 at (602) 955-2046 or [lady Nancy@queenfortheday.com](mailto:lady Nancy@queenfortheday.com).

Twenty-six alumni and guests enjoyed a holiday trip planned by McKay on the Verde Canyon Railroad in December. Everyone had a wonderful time and the weather was great, which allowed for the use of both an open-air train and the private train with living room seating. Along the way, members viewed the beautiful scenery, bald eagles, and other wildlife. It was a great time of catching up with old Culver friends and making new ones.

For further information regarding the Phoenix Culver Club, please contact club president Guthrie Packard '64 at (480) 998-3001 or [wgp Packard@aol.com](mailto:wgp Packard@aol.com).

The **South Florida Culver Club** has a new president, Charles "CJ" Polka SS'87, and he is planning a spring baseball outing for the club to see the Florida Marlins at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. Contact CJ if you are interested in being a member of the club's steering committee, if you would like more information about the club, or would like to help plan and organize future events in South Florida. You may reach CJ at [cjpolka@hotmail.com](mailto:cjpolka@hotmail.com).

Twenty-two members of the **Southwest Florida Culver Club** welcomed special guests Larry Bess, associate director of Admissions, and Tony Mayfield '65, director of Culver Summer Camps, to their holiday luncheon on Dec. 5 at the Collier Athletic Club in Naples, Fla. Following a brief business meeting chaired by Bill Frasher '43, Bess and Mayfield made a presentation about the many initiatives on campus today. The alumni were very impressed by their remarks and enjoyed reminiscing about their own time at Culver.

For further information regarding the Southwest Florida club, contact Bill Frasher at [bfrasher431637@comcast.com](mailto:bfrasher431637@comcast.com) or Bud Hornbeck W'71 at [budh@lslinsurance.net](mailto:budh@lslinsurance.net).



Cincinnati Culver Club President Jim Grimm (left) enjoys a family gathering at the club's holiday party with sons Carl '00, Russell '02, and Dennis '06. Photo provided.

The **Tucson Culver Club** is looking forward to a potluck picnic at Rosemary Gordon's '74 place in Oro Valley on Saturday, June 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. Please call Rosemary at (520) 797-6921 to make your reservation.

As always, many members of the Tucson club enjoy getting together the second Tuesday of each month (September through May) at the back of the courtyard in the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway. Members gather at noon to enjoy an excellent buffet, and reservations are not necessary.

On Feb. 9, the club hosted lunch and a movie at the Arizona Inn. After a superb lunch, the 1932 movie "Tom Brown of

Culver" was shown to the members. The movie brought back vivid memories, which were shared with everyone after the film. In particular, no one could remember having hair cuts that looked as good as those on the cadets in the movie. And, the movie showed the stage in the large gymnasium under which one unnamed Tucson Culver Club member put several alarm clocks to tell a long-winded preacher when his time was up. The event was a delightful afternoon of Culver camaraderie!

For further information regarding the Tucson Culver Club, please contact one of the club's co-leaders: Bob Henderson '38 at (520) 825-2180 or [bmonb@msn.com](mailto:bmonb@msn.com) or Dan Vance '62 at [dan@silveradousa.com](mailto:dan@silveradousa.com).



BRRR! The few, the frigid, and the fearless members of the Culver Club of Indianapolis rowing team are thinking spring as they show off their new oars. Pictured left to right are Gail Glaze (Culver spouse), Bob Evans '55, Bob Glaze '60, Rollic Cole (friend of Culver), Dave Emhardt '48, Don Nixon '60, and Roger Plummer (friend of Culver).

*Photo courtesy of Bob Evans.*



## THE CULVER ACADEMIES • CULVER SUMMER CAMPS

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Dear Culver alumni:

The summer camps staff is pleased to include the Culver Summer Camps Information Booklet in this issue of the Alumni magazine. This booklet describes our programs – both the six-week camps and the Specialty Camps – and lists classes and activities as well as fees. With more than 500 campers last year from alumni families, I hope you will consider this opportunity for your child, grandchild, or a family friend, and share this booklet so that they might enjoy and be challenged by the Culver experience.

Just one year ago we celebrated the great personalities and the past 100 years with our Summer Centennial Celebration. This year we are even more excited about the future as we take the Culver mission of developing the whole individual – mind, body, and spirit – into the next century. There is nothing quite like a Culver summer – either in Woodcraft or the Upper Camps – as 1,350 campers from around the world (42 states and 30 countries last year) come together to take part in leadership, learning, and fun. With more than 60 elective activities – from aviation, sailing, and horsemanship to Indian lore, ice hockey, fine arts, crafts, fencing, rocketry, non-credit academics, all kinds of athletics, and a ropes/challenge course – there is, literally, something for everyone.

As youth grow up in today's world they face tremendous challenges on many fronts. The lessons and lifelong friendships that can be gained from a Culver Summer Camps experience are perhaps more important than ever before. Fun with a purpose continues to be our goal as campers learn and experience that they belong to something bigger than themselves, and that they truly have the most fun as they achieve and find purpose and success at many different levels during their summers at Culver. They learn through an active "hands on" leadership program beginning at age 9, that being a leader means first understanding how to be a follower and that taking care of others is what real leadership is all about. Campers also experience the challenge of taking on new risks in a safe and controlled environment that encourages risk taking. For some this may be no more than going away to Culver for six weeks, under the guidance of a dedicated and caring staff, or learning how to swim. For others, this may mean taking on a demanding leadership role with their peers or learning how to win with grace and accept defeat with dignity. Whatever the case, boys and girls learn about ethical behavior, self-reliance, honor, courtesy, neatness and promptness as they live in their units throughout the summer. Sharing space with kids from around the world, having fun on "The Blob" or water skiing, and participating on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee can be the kind of positive experience that will change a young person's life forever.

Decks, wings, companies, troop, naval, squadron, divisions, military and athletic banners, parades, retreats, C-pins, and Tuxis medals are but some of the items campers learn about while attending Culver Summer Camps. The program, developed over the past 100 years, recognizes and rewards the achievements of campers both individually and collectively as Woodcrafters and Upper Campers work hard, play hard, and demonstrate the Spirit of Culver.

We hope you will find this booklet interesting and informative and, after you've spent time with it, we ask that you pass it along to a friend or relative. If you would like to consider enrollment for this summer or would like further information, I encourage you to call our office at (800) 221-2020, e-mail us at [summer@culver.org](mailto:summer@culver.org), or check our website at [www.culver.org](http://www.culver.org).

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Mayfield '65  
Director, Culver Summer Camps