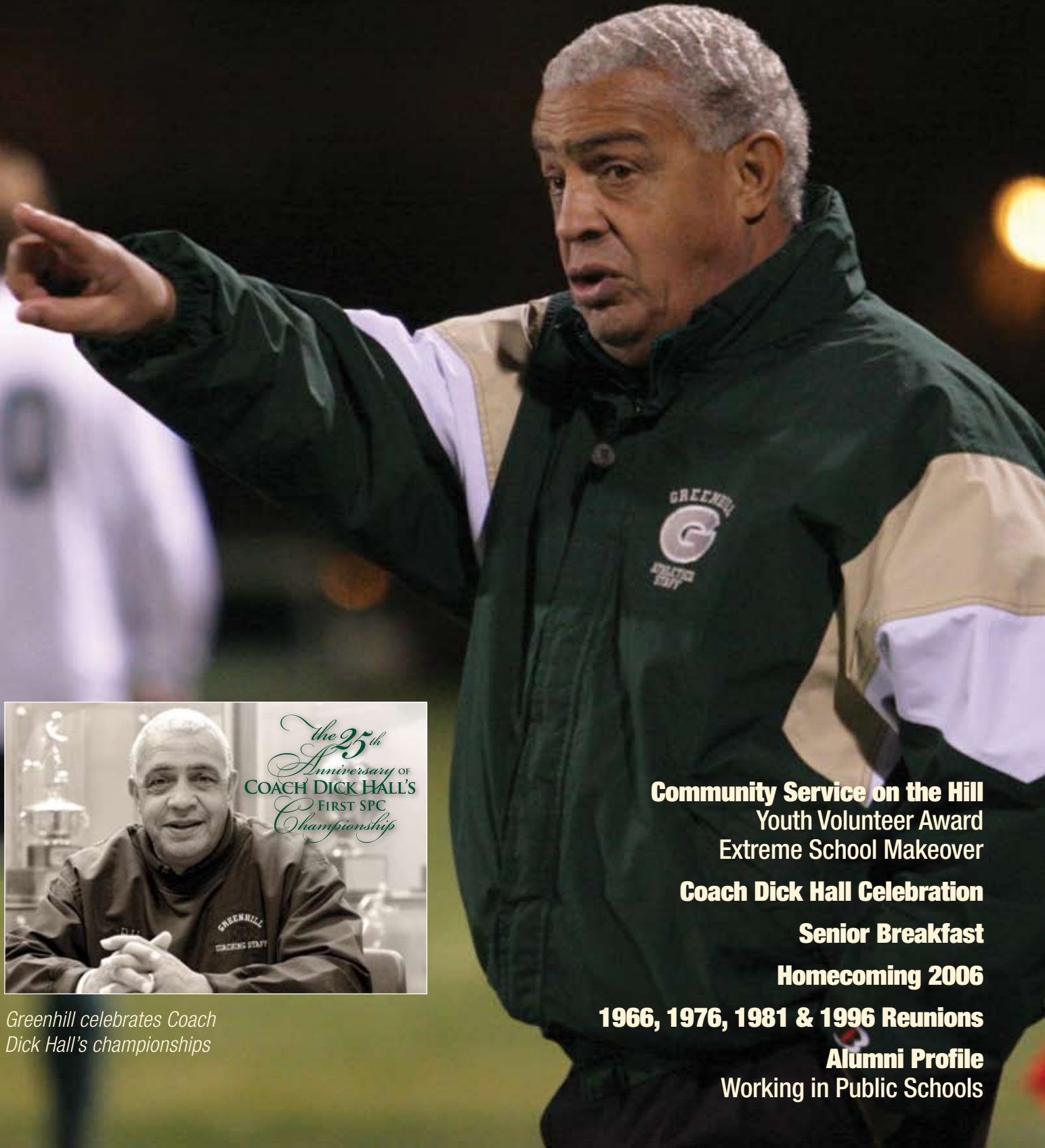


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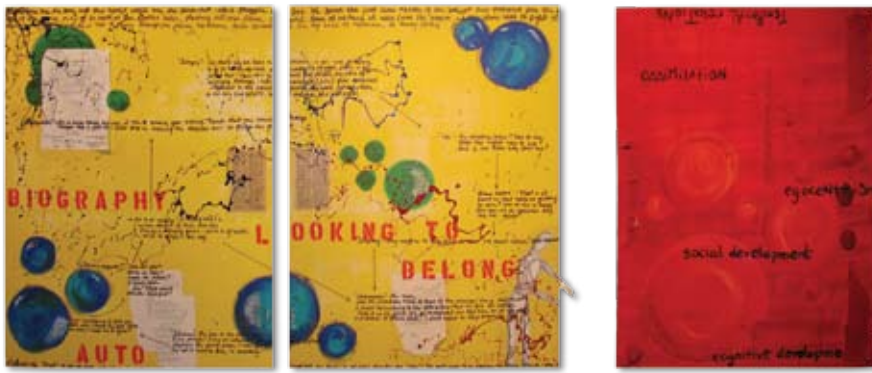
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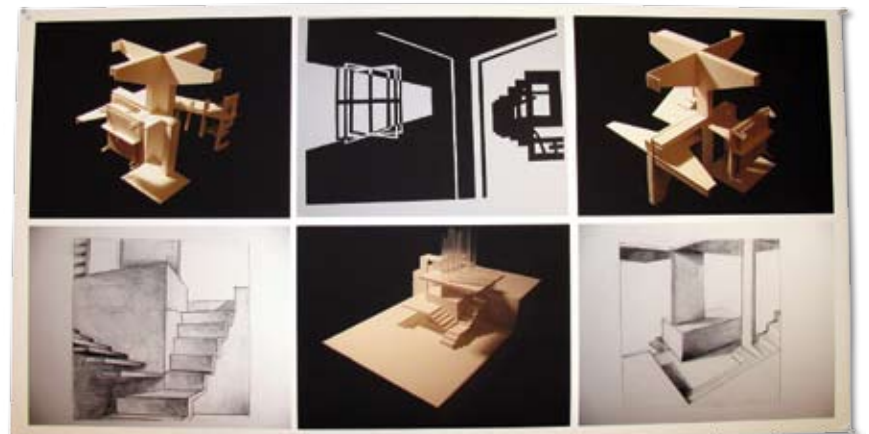
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Scott Griggs

Greetings

Those of us who have spent a number of years in the independent school world understand that “independent” is a term we use loosely. While we do not have ties to public funding or planning sources such as our state and federal government, we still operate within the context of a community. In our case, independence means that it is up to us to chart our course as an educational institution, fill our classrooms, and find ways to fund our programs and build our buildings. It does not mean, however, that we have no contact or no responsibility with the city and state around us.

Greenhill measures its contributions to the community in different ways. While there are many contributions that our school community makes in a variety of areas, we are particularly interested in how we serve others. Explicitly stated in our mission, “Greenhill School is a diverse community of learners that ... encourages service.”

Before school started last August, the administrative team decided on the theme of service for this year. Since then, we have reminded our staff, student, and parent bodies to continually look for opportunities to serve. Everyone has stepped up to the plate.

Led by Sally Rosenberg, our director of service learning and community service, Greenhill Upper School students volunteered more than 17,000 hours of service last year and are on pace to contribute as much this year. That figure represents an average of 41 hours per student. Every other grade from Pre-kindergarten to eighth grade added their projects to the mix as well.

The Volunteer Center of North Texas was so moved by the work of our students that it presented us its first annual youth service award in February. I was honored to be introduced by and presented with the award by former Greenhill parent Phyllis Bernstein. We were in excellent company as Governor Bill and Rita Clements and Texas Instruments were the other honorees of the day.

Parents, faculty and students also made a strong statement about their commitment to serving others on January 27 at DISD's Herbert Marcus Elementary School. Coming off of a successful conclusion to the Great Expectations campaign, co-chairs Marcia Ellis and Diane Buchanan decided giving back would be the ideal way to punctuate the excellence in giving this community showed throughout the campaign.

More than 200 people spent the day painting and refurbishing different areas of the school. Conce Rodriguez-Torres, Herbert Marcus' principal, made sure I knew how important the relationship is to them and how much it meant to have the Greenhill community come out to help them with their school.

We do not give our time and resources to win awards or to be patted on the back. We do it because we want to make our school and city a better place to be. I thank you for the commitments you have made this year and hope that service will continue to characterize Greenhill School.

from the Hill!

Anual Giving is an integral part of Greenhill School. The annual fund plays a critical role in supporting Greenhill's exemplary programs and in reducing our dependence on tuition. As you may know, tuition covers only about 87% of the cost of a Greenhill education. This means that an average amount of \$2,450 of the cost of each student's education each year must be funded through several sources including voluntary contributions from alumni, parents, grandparents, and parents of alumni.

The participation of our alumni, parents, grandparents, and parents of alumni that contribute to the annual fund continues to increase. **Annual Giving contributions go directly into the operating budget. Annual Giving contributions are not used for capital improvements, but supplement tuition, dollar for dollar. Your annual fund gift is 100% tax deductible!**

Your gift is vital; it will help in many ways:

- Faculty salaries and benefits
- Financial aid
- New learning equipment for Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools
- Fine arts funding assistance
- Classroom maintenance
- Athletic equipment
- Professional development of faculty and staff
- Increased security coverage

Greenhill parents Karla Barber and Moyez Thanawalla serve as Annual Giving chairs with Ralph Hamm '90 and Kyle Rovinsky '86 coordinating the alumni drive. Grandparent chairs Eileen and Aaron Kreisler, M.D. and parent of alumni chairs Lu and Charles Smith complete the leadership team that works diligently all year with a number of volunteers to ensure the success of Annual Giving.


Each and every gift, regardless of the amount, is very much appreciated. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience or you can make a gift online at www.greenhill.org. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Questions? Please contact Anne Hudson, Director of Annual Giving, hudsona@greenhill.org or (972) 628-5512.

Annual Giving as of March 26, 2007

Total amount committed: \$1,277,724
Current Parent Overall Participation is 57%

Class	Participation
PK	68%
K	66%
PR	91%
1	69%
2	87%
3	59%
4	73%
5	68%
6	65%
7	62%
8	58%
9	60%
10	59%
11	54%
12	47%

Help your child's grade level win the parents' Annual Giving Participation challenge by making a gift or pledge to the 2006-07 Annual Giving campaign today! The winning class parents will be invited to a fun-filled celebration spring 2007! 

Phil Foote Endowment



Scott Griggs, Bernard Fulton, Phillip Foote

The connections continue—a donation to the Phil Foote Endowment will help continue his legacy. What a great way to remember a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion.

A card will be sent to the honoree and/or family.

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school news

winter & spring news briefs



lower school

Nutcracker

Greenhill celebrated 56 years of the beloved *Nutcracker* performance this year.

The kindergarten students performed for two full houses on December 8.

“The students were absolutely thrilled about the performance,” said Kim Barnes, head of early childhood development. “They work so hard to learn their cues and dances.”

Each of the *Nutcracker* costumes was hand-made and has been passed down through the years.

The dress rehearsal was performed for the older students at Greenhill along with a special group of seniors who starred in the *Nutcracker* 12 years ago.

“It’s nice because our older students can reminisce about their experiences,” said Mrs. Barnes. “We’re happy to celebrate the holiday season with such a magical tradition.”

Third Grade Soup Project

This year, third graders created a nutritious and tasty five-bean soup for needy families. Each and every student created a mason jar full of soup mix and the 80 completed jars were donate to North Dallas Shared Ministries.

The curriculum was centered around the project. Humanities class included



reading assignments from “A Life Like Mine” and in math class, students had to calculate the amount of beans needed to make the soup jars.

Ingredients were gathered during a trip to Sprouts—an organic grocery store. The students were surprised when a Sprouts manager offered to donate all the materials needed for the project.

“This was an excellent opportunity for the students to see that doing good for the community can be contagious,” said Eric Telzrow, third grade fellow. “They have many opportunities to pass on generosity to others through service.”



middle school

Science Olympiad

Greenhill School hosted a Science Olympiad Invitational competition in December 2006. Middle and high school students from four states competed in building competitions and written tests. The all-day competition was organized by Boyd Grayson, Middle School science teacher and Science Olympiad coach.

all school

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On November 21, 2006, Greenhill students played host to more than 600 special guests at the annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day.

At a morning open house, Greenhill grandparent Aaron Kreisler spoke to the crowd about the influence the school has had in the educational development of his children and grandchildren. His daughter, Hilary Stern, is a Greenhill alumnae and has returned to the school to teach third grade. Afterwards, Dr. Kreisler and his wife, Eileen, spent time in the classroom with their grandchildren.

Student hosts and hostesses led guests on a tour of the school to see classrooms and meet faculty. In the Middle School, students played games and read with the visitors. The pre-kindergarten classes had a dance party and showed fall artwork.



The students set off rockets and trebuchets (used in medieval warfare), built roving robots, and raced team-built vehicles in the gymnasium and around campus. A total of 43 teams came from 25 schools to compete.

“This was a great opportunity to see some of the brightest science students in the area compete for an invitation to the state competition,” said Mr. Grayson.

Greenhill has a MS and US team who are preparing.

Visions of the Future

The Visions of the Future series continued on January 9, 2007. Seventh and eighth graders met with Greenhill alumni working in technology based fields. The mission of the series is for specialists to share innovative trends in the fields of engineering, communications, technology, artificial intelligence, medicine, science, and sociology and to pique the curiosity of the listeners to expand their thinking.

Speakers included: Lisa Buckner '80, a geophysicist with Hess Corporation, an independent oil and gas company; Tina Srivastava '05, a sophomore at MIT in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Gavin Manes '96, a digital forensic expert in Oklahoma and also teaches at the University of Tulsa; Doug Levy '90, founder of imc² an interactive marketing agency; and Russ Pearlman '90, representing his global consulting and technology firm.



Hayley Ablon

The Texas Arts Educators Association displayed a fabric print by fifth grader Haley Ablon in the Youth Art Month Capitol Show in March. Haley's art teacher, Tony Schraufnagel, said the piece was inspired by the oriental rugs manufactured in northwest China. Haley's piece was chosen from over 300 entries.

The exhibit showcased pre-k through 12th grade works of art from across the state of Texas. 43 school districts were represented in the Ground Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol. Haley's entry was the only work accepted from an independent school student. The exhibition was on public display March 2, 2007–March 10, 2007.



Greek Play

The dress code was “togas only” in the Greenhill Middle School as the fifth grade celebrated Greek Day on Friday, January 26.

The day began with the annual Greek Play in the theater. The student produced show featured short monologues from some of the most famous—and infamous Greek gods and goddesses.

“Students were responsible their own costumes and had to learn their monologues for the show,” said Janet Cashen, a fifth-grade teacher.

The Greek Day was planned as a conclusion to the Greek Unit. Students studied the gods and goddesses in literature, the Minoans and Mycenaeans in history class, and even created Greek vessel paintings in art class.

In the “Living Statues” exhibit, scientists, artists, and great philosophers played by student “statues” shared some of their greatest achievements with the crowd.



upper school

Student Achievements

Alvin Jordan

Alvin Jordan '07 has been named Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of North Texas and competed on the state level in Austin on February 25, 2007. He was awarded the Youth of the Year award for Greater Dallas and then won the regional title. Criteria for finalists include academic achievement, community service, leadership and service to the club.

Alvin has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dallas—West Dallas Branch for 12 years.

“Alvin came to the Greenhill School through the Independent School Project where students from the southern sector of Dallas are bused to school from their local Boys & Girls Club,” said Carolyn Jordan, Alvin's mother.

Regional winners compete for the National Youth of the Year Award who is installed by the President of the United States in the Oval Office.

Alvin recently signed with the University of Louisiana at Monroe and will play football there in the fall.

Travis McElroy

Travis McElroy received the Junior Volunteer Award from Operation Kindness. Travis and his mother, Tracey, began volunteering in 2003, helping to clean the kennels and walk dogs. They also help with the Dog Day Afternoon event every year. Two years ago, Travis actually jumped in the lake to save a dog that had fallen in and could not get out. This year, Travis has taken animals to FOX4 almost every Saturday, arriving at the shelter at 7:30 AM to pick up the animals—pretty early for a teenager.

Chase Feiger

Greenhill senior Chase Feiger achieved a perfect 36 on the ACT this fall. He is one of two Texas students to score the highest possible composite score on the October 2006 administration of the test. Chase, who will go to the University of Pennsylvania in the fall, took practice tests and worked with a tutor to prepare for the test.

In addition to his academic courses, Chase is on the crew team and is also performing in the school musical. He said the physical activity prepared him well to take the test. "There is something about vigorous exercise that really clears my thoughts and helps me focus," said Chase. "I'd spend a few hours before each test running or working out—it just works for me."

According to the ACT, only 216 out of 1.2 million students who took the test for the 2006 graduating class achieved the perfect score.



Matt McCrary

Matt McCrary earned a chair in the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All-State Jazz Band this year. His recording was judged against nine other students.

Matt recently played in the TMEA All-State small schools band concert during the clinic/convention in San Antonio on February 17, 2007. The TMEA convention involves 20,000 music students and teachers from across the state.

For his senior Capstone project, Matt is producing a jazz CD. He is composing the score, instruments and will rehearse and produce the recording of the final CD. Band director Brian Donnell is his campus sponsor and Mr. Kris Berg at Collin County Community College is his off-campus sponsor. The final recording of the jazz composition will involve local college and professional players.



The Upper School Brass Ensemble accompanied the Greenhill Singers and the Dance Company in a grand finale event.

Texas Artist Vincent Valdez visits art classes

Vincent Valdez, the San Antonio artist known for his depictions of the boxer as everyman, spent the week of November 27, leading student workshops.

Lesley Rucker, one of Greenhill's 3-D art teachers, worked with the school's cultural arts committee to bring Valdez to campus. "We looked at a number of local artists, but Vincent's boxer in charcoal art got our attention like few others. We were thrilled that he agreed to come and share his experience and knowledge with our students," she said.

Student work from the week is on display in the fine arts building.

Valdez is currently working on a mural for a Ry Cooder project in Los Angeles.

fine arts

Night at NorthPark

NorthPark Center was filled with the sounds of holiday music as Greenhill performed on Saturday, December 9. The Fine Arts department held a showcase of many talents—including the Faculty Chorus.

The third and fourth grade choir kicked off the evening with songs, followed by the Upper School Chamber Orchestra.

Brian Donnell, Greenhill band director, introduced a few ensembles to perform classic holiday favorites. The Faculty Chorus was a big hit with over 20 members of the Greenhill staff performing traditional carols.





Fine Arts Recognized Students

TPSMEA 2006–2007 All-State Choir:

Jillian O'Donnell (12)
 Sam Strauss (12)
 Kitty Stuart (12)
 Josh Goldberg (9)
 Jay Hashop (9)
 Noah Comisar (11)
 Ken Scott (12) – 4th Year of All-State Choir

TPSMEA Region Honor Choir:

Samantha Strauss (12), Kitty Stuart (12)
 Meera Krishna (12), Christine Monnich (9)
 Jillian O'Donnell (12), Laurie Seidel (12)
 Kathryn Vernon (12), Monica DaSilva (12)
 Heather Golgart (10), Ken Scott (12), Josh
 Goldberg (9), Doug Daniels (10), Nate
 Reid-Griggs (10), Patrick Rochelle (10),
 Chase Feiger (12), Noah Comisar (11),
 Taylor Stevenson (11), Brett Bode(10),
 Tony Aguebor (11).

TPSMEA Middle School Honor Choir:

Neal Sharma (7), Barclay Stephens (7),
 Bobby Maryan (8), Andy Austin (8),
 Brett Merriam (8), Nathan Hillis (8),
 Trent Seale (8), Gina Mills (7)

TPSMEA Children's Honor Choir – 6th grade:

Brian Wiora, Hirsh Elhence, Chelsea
 Huss, Emily Levingstone, Morgan Misko &
 Mackenzie Merriam

ATSSB All-State Jazz Band

Matt McCrary (12) – 2nd chair Drummer

ATSSB All-Region Jazz Band

Matt McCrary (12) – Drum Set
 Miriam Kolni (12) – Trombone
 Travis McElroy (11) – Alto Sax

TPSMEA All-State Band

Alan Michnoff (10) – Tenor Sax
 Molly Horn (9) – Trumpet
 Miriam Kolni (12) – Tuba

ATSSB MS All-Region Band

Symphonic Band
 Olivia Nicolais (8) – 10th chair Flute
 Margot Beauchamp (8) – 2nd chair Alto Sax
 Eriq Robinson (8) – 12th chair Trumpet

Concert Band

Nora Weaver (8) – 7th chair Clarinet
 Adam Bates (8) – 1st chair Percussion
 Dutt Pranav (8) – 1st alternate Trombone

ATSSB All-Region Bands:

Symphonic Band

Alan Michnoff (10) – 1st chair Alto Sax
 Miriam Kolni (12) – 6th chair Trumpet

Concert Band

Travis McElroy (11) – 3rd chair Alto Sax
 Bhavesh Pranav (10) – 1st chair Baritone Sax
 Foster Donnell (9) – 6th chair Euphonium
 Paul Armstrong (9) – 6th chair Tuba
 Will Rogers (10) – 3rd chair Snare

TPSMEA All-State Orchestra:

Violin:

Ethan Ungchusri (10) – 22nd chair
 Jonathan Gary (12) – 24th chair
 Paul Song (12) – 26th chair
 Evelyn Pan (9) – 27th chair

Viola:

Samantha Stewart (10) – 2nd chair

Cello:

Charlotte Yi (10) – 1st chair
 Jay Yoon (11) – 2nd chair

Bass:

Liz Vaughan (11) – 5th chair

TPSMEA North Region MS Orchestra:

Violin

Jeffrey Valadez (6) – 6th chair

Viola

Amna Kaiser (6) – 1st chair

TMEA Region 20 Orchestra

Honors Orchestra:

Jonathan Gary (12), First Violin – 16th chair
 Sameer Deshpande (10), Second Violin –
 4th chair
 Ethan Ungchusri (10), Second Violin –
 14th chair
 Charlotte Yi (10), Principal Cello
 Jay Yoon (11), Cello – 2nd chair

Symphonic Orchestra:

Evelyn Pan (9), First Violin – 3rd chair
 Melisa Unsoy (8), First Violin – 12th chair
 Jeremy Chiang (8), Cello – 5th chair
 Chris Chung (9), Cello – 11th chair

Concert Orchestra:

Amna Kaiser (6), Viola – 11th chair

Rock Talk with The Fray

Denver-based band **The Fray** recently stopped by the Greenhill campus during their tour through Texas to speak to middle and upper school students.

Band members spent an hour talking to students about the music business, the online aspect of band promotion, and the fact that their latest single *How to Save a Life* will forever be linked to *Grey's Anatomy*.

The band took photos with students and gave away autographed copies of their newest album.



Texas Visual Arts Association—Photo Exhibit

The Texas Visual Arts Association held the annual High School Art Competition this past weekend. The contest is open to 10–12th graders in the state of Texas and includes all media. Out of over 1,500 submissions, the judges chose only 100 to be exhibited at University of Texas, Dallas' Visual Arts building.

The Greenhill photography program submitted a total of 28 images. The following students who were chosen to represent Greenhill. The exhibit concluded with an awards ceremony on March 11.

Sabrina Merchant – Juror's Award

Featured images by:

Victor Prado (2 works), Deena Adham,
 David Beagles, Miriam Kolni, Jamie Schecter





Community SERVICE

Greenhill School Receives Youth Volunteer Award

The Volunteer Center of North Texas presented its “Hearts of Texas” award for youth service to Greenhill School on February 12 for the contributions its students have made throughout the Dallas area this year.

Greenhill School joined Governor William P. and Rita Crocker Clements and representatives from Texas Instruments (TI) at the awards luncheon. The Clements received the Center’s Lifetime Achievement honor, while TI was recognized for its corporate service.

Scott Griggs, Head of School, accepted the award for Greenhill.

“We are honored the Volunteer Center has decided to recognize our students. Volunteerism is a huge part of who we are at Greenhill. Our young people are committed to helping others wherever they can, whether it is at The Salvation Army, DISD’s Herbert Marcus Elementary, Meals on Wheels, or a variety of other places. They know they can make a difference and find so many ways to do so,” Mr. Griggs said.

The Volunteer Center award comes at a time when Greenhill is emphasizing service as its key theme. At the end of the

2005–2006 school year, Upper School students had given 17,210 service hours, an average of 41 hours per student. More than two-thirds of last year’s graduating class volunteered at least 100 hours in 05–06.

Julie Thomas, the center’s executive director said Greenhill’s students exemplify what giving back to the community is all about.

“Having looked at a number of school programs and youth groups, Greenhill was selected this year from among a number of stellar programs based on the excellence of its service learning program and the fact that many Greenhill alums who have been through the program are now volunteer leaders in the community,” she said.

Greenhill also emphasizes volunteering within the curriculum. Five Upper School classes (marine biology, sociology, Spanish, web design, and women’s history) all have service components. In each case, students work with the related communities in Dallas to tie together volunteer needs with the subjects they are studying. Sally Rosenberg, Greenhill’s Director of Service Learning and Community Service, has found that the program teaches students to see volunteerism as a natural outgrowth of everyday activities.

She believes that the Hearts of Texas Award shows how well the value of service has been integrated into the fabric of Greenhill.

“I am thrilled that Greenhill is being recognized for living daily the words in our mission statement,” encourage service. “Every student and faculty member on our campus, as well as a big handful of staff and administrators, are receiving this award as we all participate yearly in the service program. We don’t all play an instrument or a sport but in “service” we are all on the same team,” she said.

VICE

Greenhill School and Herbert Marcus give “extreme school makeover”

Early Saturday morning, the halls of DISD’s Herbert Marcus Elementary were bustling. For those passing by, activity was hard to see from the outside, but an extreme “school makeover” at this mostly Hispanic North Dallas campus was underway.

Families from Greenhill School and Herbert Marcus gathered to paint and repair the older section of the school. The work day was held to celebrate the successful conclusion of Greenhill’s \$25 million Great Expectations capital campaign.

“This event was more appropriate for us than patting ourselves on the back with a big cocktail party,” said **Diane Buchanan**, co-chair of the Great Expectations campaign. “It was important for the Greenhill community to celebrate in this way, to give something of value to our friends at Herbert Marcus instead of throwing a party.”

The school’s walls received a new coat of paint; bathrooms were refurbished; and students created new banners to decorate

the school. Nearly 300 faculty, parents, and students from both schools were put to work early, scraping off old paint, then priming and painting walls.

Even the nurse’s office got a facelift with some new paint and decorative accents.

“This event was the largest hands-on effort we have ever done with Herbert Marcus,” said **Sally Rosenberg**, Director of Service Learning and Community Service. “We accomplished so much more than we had expected—it’s amazing.”

Herbert Marcus community liaison **Raquel Maceda** has been with the school for eight years and has never seen the school repainted.

“This is a wonderful thing for our students and I can’t wait to see their reactions,” she said. “They will be very surprised.”

Before the second shift arrived, volunteers gathered for a community lunch in the school cafeteria. Greenhill Head of School **Scott Griggs** grilled hotdogs and families brought desserts to share.



“One thing that became evident in the campaign is the generosity of the Greenhill community. It’s no surprise to me that so many people came out to work today. Our families are continually looking for ways to help others. I’m pleased that we have been able to make such a difference on the Herbert Marcus campus,” Mr. Griggs said.

The relationship between Greenhill and Herbert Marcus was initiated by Mrs. Rosenberg more than 13 years ago when she first visited the school.

“I felt like it was the most receptive school, and it was a place that we could have an impact,” she said.

Conce Rodriguez-Torres has served as principal at Herbert Marcus since 1998. In that time he has watched as hundreds of Greenhill students have come to Herbert Marcus to help his students succeed.

“On our end, the relationship is a blessing. I see a great deal of commitment from Greenhill and potential for what we can do together,” Mr. Rodriguez-Torres said.

Greenhill students visit Herbert Marcus regularly to help with tutoring, TAKS preparation, and other service learning projects. A recent school-wide book drive at Greenhill brought in more than 1,000 books for the Herbert Marcus library.

Many students have done individual projects like creating bilingual signage and starting a dance club.

Last year, Greenhill graduated two former Herbert Marcus students for the first time. Herbert Marcus also became a state recognized school of excellence in 2006 based on TAKS scores.



Alumni board hosts Coach Hall celebration

On Friday, January 26, more than 150 former soccer players and alums gathered at Greenhill School's Brinkmann Field to celebrate the 25th anniversary of coach Dick Hall's first Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC) soccer championship.

Since that title in 1982, Coach Hall has led Greenhill to 14 others. Four of those titles have come in the past five years. Coach Hall, a former Dallas Tornado of the now-defunct NASL, has 519 career wins in 36 seasons at Greenhill.

The crowd celebrated his career during halftime of the game versus Cistercian. Former player David Perryman, '83, addressed the crowd during a reception at halftime.

"If you are lucky, you encounter a handful of people in life whose positive influence seeps into your marrow and never leaves you," he said. "Dick Hall is one such person for me."

Perryman played on Hall's first two championship teams and then went on to play varsity soccer at Wesleyan University.

"Perhaps [Hall's] most famous expression, 'You make your own luck,'

resonates with me more strongly today than any of the others," he said.

Earl Dorber, Greenhill's Director of Athletics and Physical Education, said Coach Hall had set a standard for soccer programs in the Dallas area. Many of his players have gone on to play in college and professionally.

"The reputation of class and dignity that goes with this program has a lot to do with Dick," said Dorber. "The night is more of a tribute to the man rather than the championships."

Scott Griggs, Head of School, was on hand at the Greenhill Alumni Board's event to recognize Coach Hall.

"Dick is the classic model of teaching by example. All of his players have learned the values of honor, respect and compassion from his approach to soccer and to life," he said.

Coach Hall was presented with a plaque, an engraved crystal cube, a framed commemorative photo, and memory book with photos and comments from his former players from 1972 to 2006.

The event was planned and hosted by the Greenhill Alumni Board. 

all SPC

Division I Boys Soccer

Billy Chapman #6
Matt McCrary #1
Jeff Tahmadge #14
David Lister #9

Division I Girls Soccer

Ashley Rape #9
Molly Mack #13
Sammy Kurz #10
Monica DaSilva #7
Rachel Liberty #4

Division II Boys Basketball

Willie Woods #33

Division II Boys Basketball

Sarah Brajtbord #31

Swimming:

Grace Kittle –
1st place, 100 Freestyle
2nd place, 100 Breaststroke



Winter SPC Recap 2006-07

The 2006–07 winter athletics season came to an exciting finish with the Southwest Preparatory Conference championships in Houston on Feb. 9–10, 2007. Each of Greenhill's varsity basketball and soccer teams competed for championships in their respective divisions, with the girls' soccer team returning with its second-consecutive conference title.

Guided by head coach Paige Ashley, the team finished the regular season with a perfect 7–0 conference record, scoring 37 goals and giving up only one goal in North Zone action. Entering the SPC championships as the No. 1 seed, the Hornets were tested early in the tournament, going into penalty kicks to defeat St. John's 2–1 in the first round, and edging Hockaday 1–0 in the semi-finals. The Hornets then defeated Kinkaid 4–0 en route to the SPC Division I championship.

The varsity boys' soccer team finished the regular season with a 10–2–3 season record and 5–2–1 in SPC North Zone play, entering the conference Division I tournament bracket as the No. 3 seed. As the defending SPC champions, the Hornets defeated St. John's 2–0 in the first round, but were challenged against a tough Oakridge squad in the semi-finals. The teams finished in a tie at the end of regulation, and were scoreless in both overtimes before Greenhill finally bested the Oakridge following the tenth set of penalty kicks. In the championship game, the

Casady Cyclones scored first on Greenhill, but was unable to hold off the Hornets in the closing minutes of the game as the Hornets sent the game to overtime. The Cyclones scored again first and then shut Greenhill down for the tournament win.

The basketball teams both finished the regular season with three conference wins, entering in Division II of the SPC championships. However, the boys and girls squads both made statements by winning the first two rounds of the tournament, earning spots in the respective Division II championship games. The girls' team defeated Houston Episcopal and St. Andrew's in the first two rounds of the tournament, before falling to St. John's 48–31 in the championship game. The boys' team defeated St. Andrew's in the first round and scored an overtime victory over Fort Worth Country Day School in the semi-finals. The Hornets lost to St. Stephen's in the championship game, 57–48.

The Greenhill swim teams competed in the SPC championships at the University Houston on Feb. 10, 2007. Senior captain Grace Kittle paced the team. She finished the season holding all but one school record. She had all-conference performances with first place in 100m Freestyle and third place in the 100m Breaststroke. The girls' team finished the meet in eighth place as a team, while the boys' team finished tied for seventh place. ©



Dear

Alumni,



It is all about service—it is so much a part of Greenhill that we sometimes take it for granted. The Greenhill mission reads:

“Greenhill School is a diverse community of learners that strives for excellence; values individuality; fosters a passion for learning; promotes the balanced development of mind, body, and character; encourages service; and instills a respect for others.”

We certainly strive to live the mission, but it is so much a part of who we are that we sometimes need to be reminded that we truly walk the walk. During the winter holidays, I helped out at the Salvation Army. I was pleased to see a number of Greenhill students helping with the Angel Tree distribution of gifts. (Yes, I know what some of you are thinking and only one person was fulfilling required community service hours.) Many were there for a third or fourth day and many planned to return the next day. In addition, I ran into a former student who was also volunteering.

Our students and alumni get it. They give back without even thinking about it. As you read through the Class Notes you will see numerous examples of our alumni contributing their time and energy to benefit others. The alumni focus is about alumni in education, primarily public school education.

We have several alumni in the Teach for America program and the New York City Teaching Fellows program. The programs place teachers in poor school districts with limited funds. It is nothing like the experience they had at Greenhill. And their experience is certainly nothing like their collegiate experience at some of the finest universities in the nation.

We have several students who have given two or more years to the Peace Corps. In each case, they live in small undeveloped areas. Again, the conditions are nothing like the environment where they were raised and educated. We also have several alumni in the military. Their daily life is certainly different from their childhood circumstances.

These people do not talk service, they give service. Their careers take them all over the world, into some despicable situations, and rarely do they earn significant remuneration. And yet, they give. They are on longer on the Hill, but they are still living the mission.

If you have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions, give me a call or email me. I would love to speak with you about our alumni association.

Stay in touch with me and each other,



Homecoming 2006

Greenhill Alumni
Homecoming
October 20, 2006



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Class of 1966

Forty Year Reunion
STONELEIGH P—OCTOBER 21, 2006



Class of 1976

Thirty Year Reunion

MAGGIANO'S—OCTOBER 21, 2006



class of 1976—30-year reunion **reunion**



reunion

class of 1981—25 year reunion



Class of 1981

Twenty-five Year Reunion

DOVIE'S RESTAURANT—OCTOBER 21, 2006



Class of
1996
Ten Year Reunion

JARROD BECK'S HOME—SEPTEMBER 30, 2006





reunion

class of 1996—10 year reunion



greenhill alumni boys volleyball



Greenhill
Alumni
Senior Breakfast
October 18, 2006



The Greenhill School Alumni Board

hosted the Class of 2007 for breakfast catered by Matitto's Restaurant owned by Jeff Frankel '80.



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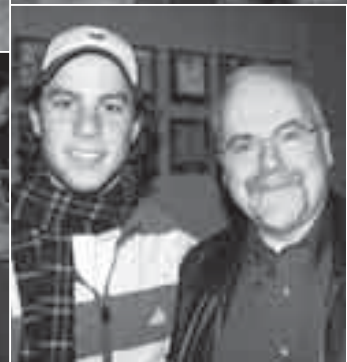




Dick Hall 25th Anniversary Celebration

January 26, 2007

A celebration honoring Dick Hall on the 25th anniversary of his first SPC soccer championship. To date, he has won 15 championships.



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FIRST SPC
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On-the-Road Reunion

Tir Na Nóg, January 27, 2007



Working in the Public Schools

On any given day, these Greenhill alums are tired and overworked. Some are frustrated, a few are angry. It's a good bet that they're all underpaid for their efforts. Some aren't even sure they can afford to stay in their chosen profession. And yet, when they describe their careers, they use words like "fascinating," "inspirational," and "blessed."

These dedicated men and women work in public schools across the United States from Hawaii to New York, from math to music, from first grade to twelfth. They are talented, deeply devoted to their students, and more appreciative than ever of their teachers from the Hill.

Karen Funk Van Zandt '69 knew as a teen that she wanted to work with young people. But it wasn't until her senior year at The University of Texas at Arlington, while doing an internship for her BA in social work, that Karen had her first teaching experience. "That's when I realized it was my destiny," she says. "It was the way I knew I could make a difference in more kids' lives." Now she teaches Industrial Computer Technology (a district-wide requirement for eighth-graders) at Ferguson Junior High School in Arlington. After twenty-nine years in the classroom, she still loves it. "Every day is a new experience," she says, "and I'm constantly learning from my students. Truly caring teachers really do make a difference in children's lives. That's the real reason that I teach. I hope I'm making a difference in my students' lives by showing them that they truly matter."

Daniel Elkin '85 earned his bachelor's degree in English Literature from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. He established a career in advertising, got married, and enjoyed his life. Then his son was born a week before Daniel turned 30, and that everything changed. "Now that I had a son, I wanted to be doing something that would make a difference, something that would make him proud of me. I thought back over my life about all the people who had had an impact on me and I kept coming back to my sophomore English teacher at Greenhill, Mr. Williams. I was one kind of person before his class, and afterwards my entire perspective on life had changed, for the better. That kind of impact was wonderful. So I decided to become a teacher." Today, Daniel teaches English at Bear River High School in Grass Valley, CA. He loves working with his students, but is frustrated by the lack of respect for the

profession and the fact that those outside the education community often dictate what to teach and how to do it.

Julie Hoffman Fishman '87 began her teaching career in a Denver, Colorado, preschool after earning her bachelor's degree in communications and English from the University of Pennsylvania. Although she loved the 4-year-olds, she decided to go to graduate school so she could work with older students to teach critical-thinking skills. After teaching English for several years, Julie now serves as coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at Summit Middle School in Frisco, CO. While she still spends some time working directly with students, her primary responsibility is to work with teachers to ensure the program's implementation in the school. "I have no doubt that I have followed the right profession for me," Julie says. "Education



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offers a dynamic, open-ended path for me to grow both professionally and personally. And life is never, never dull. I'm an optimist and an idealist who honestly believes that one single person truly can have an impact."

Kim Loehr Soto '89 graduated from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, with a bachelor's degree in science with a biology emphasis. Even though she is now a third-generation teacher, she didn't really consider the profession until after college. She had always assumed she would pursue business. "In retrospect, I can see that the values of education were a stronger undercurrent in my upbringing and I just couldn't resist the temptation." After having taught in the Richardson ISD for several years, Kim is now a fourth-grade bilingual teacher, teaching all fourth-grade subjects at Tibbals Elementary School in Wylie, Texas. "Teaching is an art and a science," Kim says. "We have more students with more challenges than ever before, and our job as teachers is to assure that they are all successful. Classrooms are so diverse, and meeting the needs of all students is so complex. But I've learned that I love teaching and I love learning how to be a better teacher. We want all of our students to graduate, of course. But more than that, I want all of my students to become life-long learners and contributing citizens of their communities."

Eli Cantu, Jr. '90 earned his bachelor's degree in literary studies from the University of Texas at Dallas, but wasn't sure exactly what to do after college. Then he took some advice from Joe Gonzales, former Greenhill teacher and administrator, and a man Eli describes as his mentor. "I knew I really enjoyed working with people. And it was Joe who pointed me to the teaching profession." Today, he is a reading teacher and coach at L.V. Stockard Middle School in Dallas. (His brother **Alvaro Cantu '99** is also a public school teacher, teaching English at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas along with **Keith Black '90**.)

His sister **Elisa Cantu-Garcia '94** is also a teacher, working at a private school in Dallas.) "Teaching takes time and teaching takes patience," Eli says. "All my teachers at Greenhill were the best. The one thing that really stands out is how they all really

cared about me. They took the time to get to know each student and they developed a real sense of family. Now I try to do the same with my students."

Ela Unverdi '93 decided to dedicate herself to teaching the day she saw two young men sentenced in court for aggravated assault and robbery. Ela was a paralegal at the time, but she knew these two young men personally. They had been students in one of Austin's roughest high schools, where Ela had done her student teaching. The school experience had been so difficult, that Ela did not go into public-school teaching when she graduated. Seeing her students in that court room changed her direction. "Watching these young men and their families grieving was a wake-up call to me. I was ready to teach again, and law was moved to the back burner." Today, Ela is an ESL teacher at Sun Valley Middle School in Los Angeles, California. About one-third of her students have learning disabilities or are struggling with illiteracy, which they often mask with behavior problems. "It's my job to rehabilitate them as learners, to convince them that they are capable, and

Austin College in Sherman, Texas, he coached club volleyball in Addison with Keith Nannie, for whom he had played at Greenhill. Then as a college junior, he moved to California to attend the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he earned his bachelor's degree in modern literature and his master's degree in education. Today, Jonah teaches English at Santa Clara High School in Santa Clara, California, and is also the head men's volleyball coach at UC Santa Cruz. "Teaching is significantly harder than I ever thought it would be. That's for sure. We do a lot of important things in the English classroom. We learn how to write, how to form an argument. And those are all good skills. But our kids deserve a lot more of our time than we are giving them. I wish I could have one class period each day to just be with the kids, to help them learn the life skills they're really going to need."

Marissa Lifshen '96 became interested in the college admissions process when she was a freshman at Brown University volunteering as a campus tour guide. Throughout her college years, she worked closely with the Brown admissions office,

“It’s been a transforming experience to invest yourself in someone else’s success.”
—Jonah Carson '96, Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, CA.

that learning is worth their time. Although these students are behind their English-only peers right now, studies show that once re-designated to regular English classes, they will most likely out-perform their peers," she says. "I take comfort in that fact and use it to calm my mind while correcting papers."

Jonah Carson '96 was involved in teaching younger children even while student himself. He taught swim lessons, and then he coached swimming. By the time he was in Upper School, he knew he wanted to coach and teach. While attending

interviewing high-school seniors and coordinating events for new students. After earning her BA in psychology and Judaic studies, she earned her EdM in counseling psychology from Teachers College at Columbia University, specializing in school counseling. "What attracted me to college counseling in particular was the opportunity to support adolescents and their families through a stressful and overwhelming, yet exciting, time in their lives by becoming an encouraging, trusted resource," she says. After working in several private institutions, Marissa now serves as



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director of college counseling at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in New York, an academically rigorous, college-preparatory public school. “I see higher education as the key to decreasing the historical gap between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have nots.’ Working in an urban public school has made me even more committed to increasing opportunities for those who face personal or societal barriers to success.

For **Marissa Harford ’97**, teaching fit all the criteria she had established for a career. “I knew that I loved literature, wanted to work with people, and wanted to do something socially responsible to have a positive impact on the world,” she says. A college summer spent teaching at an academic enrichment program for disadvantaged students clinched the deal for her. Today, she teaches English at MS/HS 141, Riverdale-Kingsbridge Academy in the Bronx, New York. It’s a challenging environment, but one she loves. “With a classroom of 34 students—some of whom are ESL, some special education, some gifted, some middle-of-the-road—how do you design lessons that are engaging, challenging, suited to all those levels, meet city and state standards, prepare students for standardized tests, and match your own ideas and priorities about the subject matter? It’s the toughest puzzle I’ve ever had to solve,” she says. “I’ve learned that I had never really been angry until I saw how the educational system had neglected and abused my students by the emphasis on standardized testing and the misconceptions that most of the country seems to have about education. But I’ve also learned how much I love teenagers. Their energy, their silliness, their keen ability to see through nonsense, and their willingness to question authority. They are an inspiration.”

Megham Freytag ’00 attributes her

decision to become a teacher directly to the quality of her own teachers at Greenhill and to mission trips she took as a teenager, trips that encouraged her to serve the underprivileged. “At Greenhill, I had encountered several dynamic teachers who sparked my intellectual fires, from Lower School through Upper School. I wanted to provide those kinds of stimulating and expanding experiences to children without the resources I had grown up with,” she says. While working toward her BA in psychology and MA in teaching, both from The University of Chicago, Megham worked as a tutor in the public schools. Now she teaches fourth-grade math, reading, writing, science, social studies, and art at John Fiske Elementary School in Chicago. In addition, she provides workshops to help teachers implement the “Everyday Mathematics” curriculum. She also participates in The Algebra Initiative, a program to train and credential elementary-school teachers to teach algebra to qualified eighth-graders who might then be able to take AP Calculus in high school. In the future, Megham plans to focus on teaching math, and possibly move into administration. “When you think of teaching, you often think of the purity of the endeavor: sharing the light of intellectual stimulation and interest with children at the peak of their curiosity. But in my school, in the community I work with, it’s also about teaching respectful, productive interaction, organization, responsibility, and empathy. As a teacher, I am a mother, counselor, mentor, coach, and nurse—whatever any particular child needs at the moment.”

Max Brodsky ’01 had two quite diverse teaching experiences while earning his BA in Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. He taught Hebrew at a local synagogue and hip-hop dance at a

Keith Black ’90. English teacher. Woodrow Wilson High School. Dallas, TX.

Max Brodsky ’01. Fourth-grade ESL teacher. Clemente Martinez Elementary School. Houston, TX.

Jonah Carson ’96. English teacher. Santa Clara High School. Santa Cruz, CA.

Alvaro Cantu ’99. English teacher. Woodrow Wilson High School. Dallas, TX.

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Daniel Elkin ’85. English teacher. Bear River High School. Grass Valley, CA.

Julie Hoffman Fishman ’87. Coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Summit Middle School. Frisco, CO.

Josh Freeman ’01. English, music, and PE teacher. Pa’auilo Elementary & Intermediate School. Pa’auilo, HI.

Megham Freytag ’00. Fourth-grade teacher. John Fiske Elementary School. Chicago, IL.

Dorian Geisler ’02. 10th grade English & chess teacher. Millennium Art Academy. Bronx, NY.

Marissa Harford ’97. English teacher. MS/HS 141, Riverdale-Kingsbridge Academy. Bronx, NY.

Lucas Koehler ’01. Middle school math. I.S. 162, District 7, NYC Public Schools (Bronx)

Marissa Lifshen ’96. Director of College Counseling. Eleanor Roosevelt High School. New York, NY.

Tracy Rakusin ’01. Special education and reading teacher. Linder Elementary School. Austin, TX.

Kim Loehr Soto ’89. Fourth-grade bilingual teacher. Tibbals Elementary School. Wylie, TX.

Tori Truscheit ’01. Sixth-grade literacy and social studies teacher. M.S. 324, Region 10. NYC Public Schools (Manhattan)

Ela Unverdi ’93. ESL teacher, Sun Valley Middle School. Los Angeles, CA.

Karen Funk Van Zandt ’69. Computer teacher. Ferguson Junior High School. Arlington, TX.

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local public middle school. He describes them as the most rewarding experiences he had during college. As he neared graduation, Max decided to apply for Teach for America. “I had been thinking about what people do to serve their country, the incredible fortune I’d enjoyed, and what a horrible soldier I’d make,” he says. “So many other young Americans are serving their country right now, deferring their dreams. It’s a very powerful thing to do. I thought I could serve my country best as a teacher.” Today, Max is a fourth-grade ESL teacher at Clemente Martinez Elementary School in Houston, Texas. He teaches five

subjects simultaneously to both his English- and Spanish-speakers while managing a classroom of twenty-one children. But his biggest job, he says, is motivating his students and helping them learn that they can succeed. For direction and inspiration, he turns to his fellow teachers. “I have seen such incredible teachers at my school. They serve the least advantaged, the least privileged. I am in awe of the quality of what they do.” Teach for America is a two-year commitment. Max hasn’t decided exactly what career path he will take at that point. But he does know that teaching, in some form, will always be a part of his life.

While many Hornets trace their teaching career back to teachers who influenced them on The Hill, for **Josh Freeman ’01** it’s a little more specific than that. His career path began on International Day in the last semester of his senior year when Josh met Mari Bay Hammer, a Norwegian exchange student. Josh spoke a few words of Swedish, and so in Spanish class they cobbled together a conversation

in Swedish and Norwegian, aggravating the teacher in the process. What they began that day in the Upper School has continued through the past six years and led them to both their upcoming wedding and Josh’s teaching career. After meeting Mari, Josh did his freshman year at the University of Montana in Missoula, as he had planned. The following year, he transferred to The Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim and began tutoring a few American students in Norwegian, relishing that teaching experience. During his senior year, he began teaching American language and culture to middle schoolers. After graduating, Josh and Mari decided to live in the United States for a while and enrolled in the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the school that best met both of their program needs. Today, they live in Hilo, and Josh teaches English, music, and PE to middle-schoolers at nearby Pa’auilo Elementary & Intermediate School. “Since I began teaching, I’ve learned that I’m not

Greenhill community donates library of books to Houston fourth-graders



When Max Brodsky ’01 began teaching fourth-grade at Clemente Martinez Elementary School in Houston as part of Teach for America, he was frustrated that his classroom had only a few books. He sent an email to his mother to see if she had any fourth-grade books at home she could spare, or knew anyone who did. Max’s mother forwarded the email to some of her Greenhill friends, and they forwarded it on to other members of the Greenhill community. As of today, Max’s fourth-graders have received almost 2,000 books from the Greenhill community, and the books keep rolling in. “I have received so much from my education at Greenhill. And now, this library—such a tangible expression of the way Greenhill families support each other, and the importance education plays in their lives,” Max says. “My teachers and my classmates and the families of Greenhill students whom I’ve never met have all been incredibly generous. I am so moved and grateful for all they have done for me and for my students. I’m just sorry that I cannot thank them individually.”

as tough as I thought I was,” Josh says. “I thought that being tough meant that you didn’t cry or scream when you broke your finger in sports. But now I know that true toughness is exhibited by teachers—the way they dedicate their lives to their students, keep their emotions from affecting their performance, maintain a high level of energy and awareness, and never mentally leave the classroom. That is what being tough is really all about.”

Tracy Rakusin '01 found her desire to teach during her senior year at Greenhill. That’s when she taught at The Shelton School as part of her senior project, and connected with the students immediately. She went on to earn her degree in special education from The University of Texas at Austin. Today, Tracy teaches at Linder Elementary School in Austin, balancing the roles of special education teacher for kindergarten, first, and second grades,

“I strive to be as good an advisor as Dr. Currier, to be engaged like Mr. Kasten, to be as calm and collected as Mr. Crotty, to have the passion of Mr. Degener, and to be as dedicated as all of the teachers I had at Greenhill from preschool through my senior year.”

—Josh Freeman '01, Pa’auilo Elementary & Intermediate School, Pa’auilo, HI.



and reading specialist for first and second grades. With the highest mobility rate in the Austin ISD, it’s a challenging environment. “Many of our students have unstable living conditions and only sporadic attendance. And our parent support is very weak,” she says. “Nevertheless, I’ve learned that being a teacher means being a part of a greater community. Administrators, teachers, students, and parents must all depend on one another to reach common and individual goals.” Tracy plans to continue in special education, working with various populations of students with special needs, in addition to academically focused teaching. ©



The Kim Williams Fund was established last year in memory of Kim Williams, salutatorian of the Class of 1992 and member of the Forever Club. She passed away February 7, 2006, at her parents’ home in Dallas. Kim graduated from Dartmouth College in 1996 and received a full academic scholarship to Washington University’s School of Medicine in St. Louis.

To continue Kim’s legacy, the Class of 1992 raised \$25,000 to establish the fund. Because volunteerism was so important to Kim, revenue from the fund supports community service projects for Greenhill students. Additional contributions have increased the endowment to just over \$50,000. This fund is a fitting tribute to her all-too-brief life and inspires other children to continue Kim’s vision.

If you would like to contribute to this endowment, please send Elaine Velvin a check made out to Greenhill School and put in the memo line “In memory of Kim Williams.” We thank you in advance for contributing. ©



1965

Susan Bevan Durr is a year off chemo now and doing well. Susan and Robert have shown Arabian horses for 47 years and recently won another award. They live in Bellevue, Washington.

Kris Spaller Shaw wrote: “After my husband Jim passed away in April 2004, I have moved to Franklin Tennessee to be close to my oldest son Matt and his family. I very much enjoy being on the e-mail list for the “girls of the 60s luncheons”. My thanks go to **Judy Burch Gass** for keeping me updated.”

1966

Paul Osborne and his wife Michelle, after 27 years of marriage and over 30 years in business, continue to be show and magic consultants. The consult for theme parks (Six Flags, Disney, Universal), Broadway (*Peter Pan*, *Mary Poppins*, *Beauty and the Beast*, etc.), concerts (David Bowie, Gloria Estephan, Michael Jackson, etc) as well as Las Vegas performers including David Copperfield, Lance Burton, and Siegfried and Roy. The Osbornes publishing company, www.osborneillusionsystems.com, sell Paul's books and building plans for magicians. The Osbornes live in Dallas.

1967

R.E. Barnes is nearing completion of the condo development that he is developing in Nassau. You can check it out at www.evesnassau.com.

Mike Gibbs wrote: “I sold part of my business and am starting an exciting new venture—Scientia Schools, a scalable, replicable, private high school (Look for the Greenhill influence), but with some big differences. Scientia will limit enrollment to no more than 250 students, employ experienced business experts as instructors, and use a case method, skills oriented, entrepreneurial approach to learning. All students will be assigned to “cohort” project teams. We will recruit parents who value high level job skills, and are looking for an affordable private school; and students who want an interesting, relevant and engaging school experience. We aim to produce ‘Versatile Students, Ready to Compete Globally.’ Peggy is the VP of business development for Benetech, a Silicon Valley High Tech Social Enterprise. We have two children, Matt, 26, a broadcast engineer for Comcast in Los Angeles, and Marin 30, Head of U.S. Production for Antenna Audio, a division of the Discovery Channel.” The Gibbs live in Los Gatos, California.

1970

Jeff Gifford wrote: “Our family business, The Gifford Group, associated with Keller Williams Realty, is thriving. I am the lead agent. Quinn, our 26-year-old daughter, is the office manager and also a licensed Realtor. Sally provides full time support and landscape service for our clients. Our team is ranked by the Austin Business Journal as Top Producers. We’re one of the top 100 agents out of over 8,000 in Austin. Our 15-year-old son Sam is a sophomore attending The Khabele School, a very small private school reminiscent of Greenhill in its early stages. Unlike Greenhill's rural (at the time) location, Khabele is located in two old Victorian homes in downtown Austin. We are still very close friends with many '70



Greenhillians including Alden and **Barbara Emmert-Schiller**, Lisa and **Dennis Gross**, **Judge Sharon Keller** and **Dr. Clark Race** who installed my artificial hip in 2004 and rebuilt my right shoulder three months ago ... darn good surgeon! But fishing, hiking, drinking with Clark, Dennis, Alden & **Richard Saunders** (down from NYC) in Colorado last October was a lot more fun than being operated on. We also see **Gail Roudhouse '73** and **Curtis Calder '72**, **Kevin Madison '72**, the **Genaro Family '72**.”

1972

Sheryl Fields Bogen and **Jerry Szor's** Dallas Furniture Bank continues to grow. They take in new and gently used furniture and then work with other social service agencies to help families transitioning out of homelessness. The furniture bank was established in 2003 and now works with 58 local agencies.

Deborah and **Mark Race** live in Tyler, Texas, where he is a physician. Mark practices in Tyler and in another nearby community, but his passion has become medical mission work. He went to Pakistan after the earthquake and has been to South and Central America several times. He also works at two clinics in Tyler and Mineola set up to treat folks who, for whatever reason, cannot currently afford medical care. He loves the work and the opportunity to help people who need medical care.

1974

Janet Pollman Kafka was recently elected Dean of the Consular Corps of Dallas-Ft.Worth, a position she will hold for a two-year term. She continues to serve as Honorary Consul of Spain in North Texas, and will complete her 10th year in that capacity this year. Janet Kafka and Associates continue to promote Spain and luxury goods from Spain. Terry and Janet live in Dallas.

Lydia Clements Tucker volunteers in public schools. She won the “Texas PTA 2003 Youth Protection Award” at the junior



high school level where her son was in eighth grade.

1976

After taking advantage of a break between jobs to complete a ten day trek including crossing a 16,000 foot pass in Bhutan, **Dan Butler** is back to the “real” world and working as an account manager for PNM Resources currently based in Fort Worth. He is slated to move to the mid cities later this year.



1977

1978

Mark and Denise Silver Schnitzer '80 are owners of Global Wellness Group. Mark wrote: “We’ve expanded our company into five states (including Texas, haven’t you heard me on the radio?) and have made inroads into Ecuador, Panama, Italy, Greece, Spain, Israel, and Holland. What started out as a part-time diversion has turned into a part-time, career-changing business. I work as a doctor only one day per week now. Denise, the girls, and I spend much more time together now and travel more. We’re going to The Netherlands in March and to the Mediterranean in the summer. Check out www.gwgusa.com.”

1980

Suzanne Plueckhahn Bergmann is working on her real estate license. She is currently working part time in a real estate office. She and Arthur live in Georgetown, Texas with their 6-year-old son Andrew.

Lisa Buckner completed the Walt Disney World Marathon on January 7, 2007. She has completed six half-marathons. Lisa is a geophysicist with Hess Corporation, an independent oil and gas company. She and her husband TJ live in Houston, Texas. Lisa came to Greenhill in January to address the middle school students as a part of the Visions of the Future program.

Denise Silver Schnitzer writes that she and **Mark '78** are continuing their expansion of Global Wellness Group. You can hear Mark on many local radio stations. They are busy with 12-year-old Emily and 11-year-old Tara. The Schnitzers live in La Habra Heights, California.

Roberta Hastings Smith and Paul Smith were married last summer. They moved from San Diego to Austin, Texas.

Taylor Winston wrote: “I am the supervisor of the sexual assault unit at the District Attorney’s Office in Anchorage. I recently added a couple of murder cases to my caseload. Other than the addition of those murder cases all is pretty much the same. Our daughter Chase is now 2 ½ years old and a joy to be with. And my husband Jeff continues to work at the Federal Aviation Administration as a program manager of navigation aides.”



1981

Erin Moran was in Dallas from Boulder, Colorado in early December to attend the Board meeting of Public Radio Capital (www.pbcabp.org), a not-for-profit for which she is the CFO. She had a nice time catching up with **Chell Newberry**, **Susan Bauman** and **Tom Perryman**. In addition, Irwin and Irma Grossman, parents of **Doug Grossman**, were at the dinner Erin attended, which was hosted by KERA board representatives. Also in attendance at the dinner were the aunt and uncle of **Mary Rogers Rhoades**, which prompted Mary and Erin to exchange news.



1982

Jennifer Frankfurt Greenblum wrote: “Our oldest, Aly, will be a freshman at Vanderbilt in the fall. We are so excited about this! 15-year-old Coco and 12-year-old Gavin are students at St. Stephen’s Episcopal School.” Brad and Jennifer and their children live in Austin, Texas.



Liliane and **Rod Lehman** welcomed a son, Kyle, on May 13, 2006. The Lehmans live in Redwood City, California.

Mimi Vitetta and Daryl Henline welcomed Anthony Robert on October 9, 2006. They live in Oakland, California, where she is with Peach Pit Press.

1983

Bruce and **Crystal Rothrock Cox** are about to celebrate 20 years of marriage. Their children are 11-year-old Connor, 10-year-old Cort, and 8-year-old Kaki. They have lived in Atlanta for 18 years. Bruce is a stock broker with Bear Stearns and Crystal has been working off and on as an interior designer the last eight years.

David and **Julie Grossman Kronick** are the proud parents of a second daughter, Anna Kaye, born on September 3, 2006. Her big sister, Isabelle, is three years old. Julie is corporate art curator for Neiman Marcus.

Cindy Frankel Hirsch wrote: "Ladd joined the Dallas office of Diamond McCarthy LLP to further develop their commercial litigation practice. No longer practicing law with Ladd at their own firm, Cindy is now a full-time Greenhill soccer

mom of 9-year-old **Lane '16**, 8-year-old **Mia '17**, and 5-year-old **Noah '19**. I really enjoyed filling in as a kindergarten teacher on the Hill for a few weeks earlier this school year."

1984

Susan Silberberg left her position at Open Realty Advisors and has accepted a new position at Trammell Crow. She is working on the FedexKinkos account, and her territory is in the West. She will be based in Dallas, but will travel a fair amount of the time.

1985

Chris '82 and **Karen Finkelman Churchill** welcomed a daughter, Miranda Brynn, on June 4, 2006. Miranda has two older brothers, 10-year-old Julian and 8-year-old Lucas. The Churchills live in Sacramento, California.

1986

Greg and **Lisa Fechtel Brown** are enjoying working on their new house. Lisa is the chair of the 2007 Auction for the Montessori school the boys attend. Cameron is a first grader, and Zach is in Children's House in the 3-year-old group. The Browns live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Katy Cassidy ran her fourth marathon and attained a personal best of 4:16:06. She and her husband, Mark Hewitt, met her family in Hawaii for the Honolulu marathon. An injury during a recent marathon has altered her future marathons. Katie is sporting several screws in her hip. Seems she ran on a broken hip for nine days. Hopefully, it will heal properly and she can avoid hip replacement.

Clarissa Siebert Connell wrote: "I was recently in Los Angeles for a business convention. My husband Scott flew over half way through the week and brought cold weather with him—we froze in L.A! **Becky Birdsong**, who lives there, and I went out a few times, including the restaurant Asia De Cuba." Clarissa and Scott live in Toronto, Ontario.

Bert Davenport married Emilie DeAngelis in Chicago, Illinois, on September 24, 2006. They spent their honeymoon in Athens and the Greek Isles.

Susan and **Rob Rothrock** live in Dallas with their two children, 5-year-old Alyssa and 18-month-old Robbie IV.

Kyle Rovinsky continues his active participation in the Greenhill community as co-chairman of the Alumni Annual Giving campaign. He also volunteers as emcee for Greenhill's Career Day. Professionally, Kyle sets the pace as one of the top producing realtors in the North Texas area. He is among the top 5% of realtors at Virginia Cook, Realtors. He has also been named by "D" Magazine as one of the top area realtors in 2006. Kyle and his wife, **Karen Massman Rovinsky '92**, live in Dallas.



Kim and **John Warren** welcomed Catherine Ellen on October 11, 2006. The Warrens live in Dallas, where John is an attorney with The Warren Law Firm, PLLC.

Waverly Ware Wilson wrote: “We got together with **Gina Prigoff** and her husband Paul and son Gavin over the holidays. Gina is expecting in June. We had a wonderful ’86 impromptu reunion after the Holiday Reception. **Jen Lowery Andress**, **Lael Iozzo Brodsky**, **Nellie** and **Marc Buffin**, **Karen** and **Clay Deniger**, **Kyle** and **Karen Massman Rovinsky ’92**, **Richard Winfield**, **John Perryman**, **John Warren** and I met up at the reception and most of the group then went to dinner at The Firehouse a delicious restaurant owned by Jen’s father. We took over the restaurant and had a ball reminiscing and catching up. **Karen Deniger**, **Clay’s** wife, and I have formed a business, Perfect Placement, to help guide families through the independent school admission process. Waverly is a former Director of

Admission and Financial Aid at Greenhill and Karen has been a teacher and tutor for over ten years.”



1987

Kathryn Hamm and **Amy Walter** are the proud parents of **Caleb Charles Walter Hamm** born November 15, 2007. They live in Arlington, Virginia.

Jason and **Jennifer Lipsy Karpeles** welcomed their fourth child and first daughter, **Isabelle Ann**, on February 15, 2007. Isabelle’s brothers are 5-year-old **Ethan**, 4-year-old **Alex**, and 18-month-old **Henry**. They live in Dallas where Jennifer owns Jennifer Lipsy Photography.

Joe and **Amy Kreisler Harberg**, along with her sister and brother-in-law, **Josh** and **Hilary Kreisler Stern ’95**, have opened **Current Energy** on Knox Street in Dallas. It is the world’s first energy efficiency store. All products in the store are energy efficient. **Amy** and **Joe** have three children; **Max ’16**, **Samantha ’18**, and **Jeffrey ’21**. **Hilary**



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teaches third grade at Greenhill.

Nancy Lane and Ron Volk were married November 4, 2006, in Dallas.

Joey Lane '85, **Marnie Lane Mast '89** and **Barbie Lane '93** were in the wedding party. Guests included **Judy Sayah Sage**, **Katherine Grossman**, **Amy Kreisler Harberg**, **Jennifer Lipshy Karpeles** and **Marc Lipshy '85**. The Volks live in New York City where Nancy is with Delta Air Lines.

Elizabeth Dunsker and **Jeff Leiman** welcomed Sadie Mo on November 2, 2007. Sadie's older brother, Zachary, is nearly 2 years old. They live in Suffern, New York, where Jeff has recently joined MJM Creative to head the New York office of their interactive division and Elizabeth is a rabbi.

Lee Lyon and David McGuire were married in The Four Seasons in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 27, 2006. A Dallas reception was held November 11 at Carla and Bucky Lyon's home. They honeymooned in Mexico. Lee and David live in Dallas.

Elise Alhadef Morgan has been staying busy as a freelance television anchor/reporter. She spent most of 2006 at CBS 11 in Dallas/Fort Worth. She also spent a few months at the CBS affiliate in Huntsville, Alabama as their primary

anchor at 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 P.M. And some breaking news in Elise's life ... she got engaged! She and Michael French are planning a 2007 wedding.

Brandon and **Lela Rose Jones** welcomed Rosie Potter on November 20, 2007. Her older brother Grey is five years old. The family lives in New York, where Lela is a fashion designer and owner of Lela Rose. Lela is known for creating \$2,100 plus dresses for in-store boutiques at Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman, and Stanley Korshak. She sells in over 60 specialty stores nationwide. Her collection can also be found in Nordstrom's and Bloomingdale's as well as internationally in Canada, Taiwan and Japan. In addition, Lela Rose has a large celebrity following. Come next fall, though, Lela will be playing to an entirely different audience with \$20 shoes sold at Payless ShoeSource. The partnership is part of a broader effort by Payless to inject some style into its otherwise budget-minded footwear.

Jeff and **Helene Lerman Schussler** welcomed Sarah Nicole on December 21, 2006. Sarah has two big brothers; 4-year-old Paul and 2-year-old Benjamin. Sarah

was delivered by **Amy Sigman**, as were Paul and Benjamin. The Schusslers live in Dallas where Jeff is a physician.

Monica Stewart and **Rob Starnes** welcomed Jackson Robert Stewart-Starnes on February 2, 2007. They live in Los Angeles, California, where Rob is an editor with NBC.

Larry Warshaw wrote: "Hands down, the very best thing going on is our son Bennett who is now 20 months old and my favorite guy to hang with in the world. Paige and I just finished building a house in a sleepy little town on the Sea of Cortez called La Ventana—about two hours north of Cabo San Lucas. La Ventana Bay is a renowned destination for all manner of wind-related sports. The architect for the house was my old pal from Saint Mark's, Robbie Dickson. Armed with blackberry

Below: Andrew, Will, and Sarah Velvin – Trey and Dee Dunk Velvin '83, Katie and Thomas Velvin – Helen and Chris Velvin '87



and laptop, we head down there about once a month to keep our priorities straight. After three years actively and persistently pursuing the adrenaline-filled sport of kite surfing, I can confidently report that I still suck at it, but I love it anyway. My business, Constructive Ventures, continues to ride Austin's great economic wave."

1988

Ellen Newfeld Bowman recently started a new job with the Department of Family and Protective Services to be the child care licensing specialist for Plano. Ellen and her daughter, KayLee, live in Frisco. Ellen is engaged to Mark White.

Dylan and **Karen Levy Keon** and their daughters, Julia and Anna were in town for the winter holidays. They got to visit with cousins Jordan and Taylor, daughters of Alyce Glazer and **Doug Levy '90**, and Eva and Jude, children of **Philippa Strelitz** and Brian Block. The Keons are now all in school in Corvallis, Oregon. Karen serves on the board of trustees at their Montessori school and is working on a master's degree in public health at Oregon State University. Dylan is working full time at Oregon State University while working towards his PhD in geographic information systems (GIS).

Derek and **Angela Morrow Holden** recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. They live in Sugar Land, Texas with their two daughters, 5-year-old Zoe and 3-year-old Penelope Mae.

Roy Kim is a bond trader for JP Morgan in New York City. Roy and Michelle have two daughters, 3-year-old Olivia and 2-year-old Emily. They are expecting their third daughter in April.

Jen Lee was featured in an article in *The New York Times* in December. Jen, a director of sales for the Developers Group, bought a condo in Williamsburg in New York City. The article focused on the growth of women buying homes in the area. Many are recommending the area to friends. It is a good investment and owners can get a lot more space than in Manhattan.

Dixie Chicks, **Martie Erwin McGuire** and **Emily Erwin Robison '91**, completed an international tour in December with the final concert in Dallas. They won five Grammys, including album, song, and record of the year, for their most recent album, *Taking the Long Way*. They performed at the 49th Grammy Awards in February.

Shawna and **Bobby Murphy** live in Austin with their three children 12-year-old Nesta, 10-year-old Noah, and 8-year-old Quinn. Bobby is running the Lonestar Soccer Academy at St. Stephen's, one of only four residential soccer Academies in the country. He wrote: "It beats having a real job and allows me to be on the field with kids every day. We are preparing to take a group of boys to the Bahamas in early February to play the Bahamian U17 National team and then a week later to take the girls to San Francisco del Rincon, Mexico for games against the Mexican U20 National team. In addition to working with the players here, I am a staff coach for US Soccer, teaching coaching courses and helping with a youth national team."





David Natinsky wrote: “On November 11, 2006, Lynsey McGlothlin and I were married in Sonoma, California. We spent our honeymoon in the French Polonaise Islands of Tahiti, Bora Bora, and Moorea. After two weeks of paradise, we had to come back to reality in Dallas.” David is with Sage Quick Technologies, Inc. in Dallas.

Charles and **Kelle Wood Rich** are expecting their first child, a little boy, in late June. They live in Austin where Kelle is with the Central Texas Autism Foundation.

Carolyn Siegal and Alik Farber are the proud parents of a daughter, Elina Hope Farber, born December 15, 2006. They recently moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where Alik accepted a position. He is co-director of endovascular surgery, co-director of vascular laboratory at Boston Medical Center, and assistant professor of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine. Carolyn is a podiatrist and founder and owner of Dr. Carolyn’s Collection including Dr. Carolyn’s Savvy Nail Kit. Check out www.Dr.CarolynCollection.com.

1989

Christell and **Michael Baum ’89** welcomed a son, Brendan Gabriel, on November 8, 2006. Brendan’s big brother, Addison Cisnero, is 5 years old. The Baums live in Dallas where he is an attorney with Gibson, McClure, Wallace & Daniels, L.L.P.

Lara Bierner wrote: “I am still living in Dallas where I just bought my first home in the Oak Lawn area, and I have found a second home at Home Depot. I work as a photographer on my own as well as with the studio Scott Hagar Photography. I shoot portraits, events, and of course weddings.”

Renée Bufkin wrote: “I am starting my own business as a mobile veterinarian in Reno, Nevada. Things are going well so far, and I am getting as much business as I can handle right now. We are expecting our fourth child in March.”

Andy and **Kellilyn Alkek Dropkin** live in Dallas with their two sons, 6-year-old Mason and 3-year-old Dylan. Andy is a financial investor with Waldman Brothers, and Kellilyn has been working part-time in pharmaceutical sales.

Evan Fitzmaurice has co-produced a film over the course of the last year will premiere at the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference and Festival in Austin, Texas on March 13 and 15, 2007 at the Paramount Theater. **Brandon Camp** was one of the executive producers.

Marc Marrocco has joined The Weitzman Group in Dallas as a commercial real estate broker.

Annie and **Matt Moniot** welcomed their first child, George Alfred Wayte Moniot, on December 30, 2006. The Moniots live in New York City where Matt is with Lehman Brothers and Annie is a chef and owns two restaurants, 202, in New York City and in London. 202, in the Chelsea Market, was named Best Brunch by NY Magazine this past year. She plans to open another restaurant in the summer.

Doug Silver wrote and co-directed his first commercial spot, the Doritos “Crash the Superbowl” Contest. The spot can be viewed at youtube.com, search “The Doritos Kid,” and click on the spot. It is posted by jayala, his editor, and it says something about “High Noon Doritos style.” He wrote: “We’re ecstatic with how the commercial turned out.”

Marco and **Sue Hong-Rodzynek** are the proud parents of a daughter, Sophia Nabi, born September 30, 2006. They live in London where Sue is with Citigroup Global Markets Limited.

Ikoyi Winn wrote: “I signed on with a talent agency, The Clutts Agency. I’m a part of their acting, modeling, and broadcast department. I just finished doing my first major print ad for Metro PCS. I’m very excited about it! I’m still doing my music, and I’m in the process of starting some voice-over work, hopefully for animation.”



1990

Abigail Bentsch and **Nicholas Boetticher** were married October 14, 2006 at Becker Vineyards in Stonewall, Texas. **Claire Boetticher '97**, former student Taylor Boetticher, and **Keith Black '90** were in the wedding party. Abigail is from Fredericksburg, Texas and graduated from Tufts University and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She is a fellow in pediatric neurology at the Mayo Clinic. Nick graduated from Vassar College and earned a medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He is a fellow in gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic. The Boettichers live in Rochester, Minnesota.

Veronika and **Chris Guilds** have moved back to Prague where he has taken a job as the portfolio director for a leading European real estate investment fund. They are enjoying traveling throughout Europe and hope to visit Asia in the near future.

Meggan, River and **Ralph Hamm** moved to Spokane, Washington, in February, 2007. Ralph has accepted a new role at Wells Fargo. On February 5, he took over management responsibility for the Bank's commercial banking operation in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho or as they call it up there—the Inland Northwest. Ralph is a member of the Alumni Board and will be sorely missed.

Kelsey Zelazny Horne wrote: "Shawn and I were excited to celebrate Kitchen 1924's first-year anniversary in January. It is always a nice surprise when I am walking through the dining room and I see an old familiar face from my Greenhill days." Kitchen 1924 is a restaurant opportunity

for everyone to come together and share a meal, maybe a conversation about a certain wine, or just a chance to meet your neighbors.

Kristina and **Marc Jensen** welcomed Sadie Marie Jensen on September 21, 2006. The Jensens live in Los Angeles, California.

Joe and **Sara Kahn Johnson** welcomed a daughter, Avery Hannah, on November 30, 2006. Avery's big brother, Quinn, will be two years old in June. The Johnsons live in Tucson, Arizona.

Jason Kirkpatrick wrote: "I am still living down in Houston. My wife Elena and I are making the plunge into entrepreneurship. We just started a new company called Crown and Pavilion. We are a jewelry club that specializes in top of the line designer jewelry. It is a membership based club that allows women to wear a very large variety of high-end designer jewelry without having to purchase every piece. You can visit our website at www.crownandpavilion.com."

John and **Bonnie Timmins Martin** welcomed their second child, Alexandra McKenna. She was born January 2, 2007. Her brother, 3-year-old Jack is very proud of his new sister. The Martins live in Austin, Texas.

Jeffrey Skibell and Ashley Bendorf are engaged. They are planning an August 25, 2007 wedding in Oklahoma City. Ashley graduated from Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City and the University of Arizona. She now owns The Design Girls which makes hospitality bags for weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc. Jeff graduated from the University of Miami and is with Prudential Properties.

1991

Boughty Canton wrote: "My wife Wendy and I still live in Sydney, Australia, and we love it. Summer is just getting rolling down here and we are enjoying it, though I confess my surfing is still not up to snuff. I continue to work for NewLease the South East Asian distributor of the Microsoft SPLA program (I won't go too far beyond that or you might fall asleep). Wendy and I spent the holidays in Thailand and Cambodia, which was a treat. The temples at Angkor (most known for one of the temples being used in Laura Croft Tomb Raider) in Cambodia were amazing, and Thailand was a hoot. We even took a couple of cooking classes. Unfortunately I missed Erik Odum who was here in Australia over the holidays visiting his sister. As you may know he is a naval aviator (much better at volleyball than Tom Cruise), and has been recently stationed in Japan, so I do hope to see him down here again. **Jeremy Dobbie** came through Australia in 2006 which was a real treat; he had been in New Zealand doing a study abroad program through his MBA. He came over for a visit thereafter."

Barbi Kreisler Cohen is now a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP.) Scott and Barbi are the parents of three daughters, **Kacey '20**, Ella, and Olivia. They live in Dallas where Scott is with Waldman Bros. Insurance.

Jeremy Dobbie wrote: "I will be getting married this August in Topeka, Kansas to Dr. Julie Etzel. We live in Chicago with our dog Rose. Things are going well here in Chicago. I'm learning what work-life is like now that I am not a teacher. It is interesting. Teachers work harder than most other professions, especially because teaching requires so much emotional energy. On the flip side, the business



world has many more boss-employee relationships, so I am still adjusting to answering to so many other people on a project by project basis.”

Jason and **Tate Hackney-Hutton** and their 3-year-old daughter Bryn have just moved into a new house in Dallas. Tate works for GE Money as a manager in new product development, and Jason works for a hedge fund. They moved back to Southlake and more recently the Dallas area after a 7-year stint on the East Coast, working in both New York and Connecticut.

Sam and **Ashley Spencer Leake** live in Dallas where she is enjoying being a mom and raising their boys, William who is four and a half years old and Charlie who is three years old. She has returned to teaching two days a week at Westminster Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten where their children also attend. Ashley wrote: “Our family loves to get away to Whitefish, Montana, whenever we have the chance where my parents have a home. We all enjoy skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. This Christmas, William and Charlie became great little skiers!”

Rachel Davidoff Ladin wrote: “Brent is in preschool at Lamplighter and Alexandra is already one. Brian and I just celebrated our 10 year anniversary. I recently qualified for the Boston marathon and have begun training again.”

Karen Schwartz continues to work at Mullen Advertising in Boston, Massachusetts, as a VP associate creative

director. She is currently working on Panera Bread and Massachusetts tourism. Karen's website selling children's furniture, www.SchwartziesDesigns.com, is keeping her busy. Karen wrote: “I'm going on my sixth year of serving as a volunteer leader for an organization called Boston Cares. I teach an arts and crafts class to underprivileged children in Dorchester, MA. It couldn't be more rewarding.”

Jalyn and **Chris Wells** welcomed a daughter, Avery Margaret, on January 21, 2007. Avery's proud big brother, Jackson, is four years old. The Wells live in Dallas where Chris is with The Oaks Bank and Trust Company.

Uri and **Tamira Sperling Herzog** live in Teaneck, New Jersey. Tamira wrote: “I'm in the pre-startup phase of my own business. I just registered two companies in New Jersey and am in the process of completing my business plan so that I can obtain major funding. I'll be designing, producing and selling products and services that simplify people's lives and give them peace of mind. I am still holding down my career at Ogilvy & Mather. Taavi turned three on New Year's Eve, so we had a real celebration. Natan's about to start kindergarten and I find myself wishing we

lived in Dallas so he could go to Greenhill. Uri's kosher Chinese food business is thriving. They started franchising a year ago, and are interested in expanding to other parts of the country, Dallas being high on the list. I am also in pre-startup for a scrapbook- and greeting-card-oriented business that specializes in creating tasteful merchandise for the general population.”

1992

Brian Cleveland wrote: “Our film *Fingerprints* won Best Feature at the New York City Horror Film Festival which was very exciting for us. The screening was sold out and several Greenhill alumni attended including **Dimitri Darras**.” Brian worked with brother, **Jason '97**, on the film.

Dusty and **Cindy Rockwell Davis** are preparing for the birth of their first child, a boy, due in May 2007. They live in Plano, Texas, where Cindy is in Enterprise Segment Marketing with AT&T.

D'Ann and **Adam Dunn** have settled in Chantilly, Virginia, near Washington, DC. Cameron has resumed first grade after the move. Tucker is now one and a half years old. D'Ann is busy getting the house situated, and Adam started his new job with the Department of Defense as a civilian.

Rohit Kumar is engaged to be married to Hilary Chapman. They are getting



married April 28, 2007 in Belize. It will be a small-family oriented event. With the retirement of Senator Bill Frist, Rohit has taken a position as domestic policy director for Senator Mitch McConnell from Kentucky who is the new Republican Leader. So he will stay on Capitol Hill and continue to work for the U.S Senate.

Mia Scheufele Schreiner wrote: "My sister and I both got married this past summer. Tina's wedding was in Dallas on August 5, 2006, and mine was in Roseburg, Oregon, on August 26, 2006, where I now live. I married Carl Schreiner, who is an otolaryngologist (ENT) in the same multi-specialty group in which I practice neurology. We both enjoy bicycling, skiing, hiking, and many other outdoor sports. **Tina (Scheufele)** and her husband James Cleary met in Boston, where James is completing his oncology fellowship at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Tina is a retinal surgeon in a multi-subspecialty ophthalmology practice. We all try to get together on vacations, and recently met up in Maui, where we had a great time snorkeling, cycling, swimming, and hiking."

Karen Massman Rovinsky graduated from the nursing program at Collin County Community College Phi Theta Kappa. She started her nursing career at Dallas' Scottish Rite Hospital in June of 2006. Karen works with children ages three months to 18 years. After gaining over one year of practical experience, Karen plans to earn a masters degree in pediatric nursing. Karen and her husband, **Kyle Rovinsky '86**, live in Dallas.

Heather Lake Seiden and her friend, Amy Keller, have started a new company. Heather wrote: "Bites of Bliss™ was founded last fall and we had a busy holiday season creating our business plan and marketing materials and attending food fairs. We told a few friends and family and received several orders through them and through word of mouth. Now that it is 2007, we are ready to share our treats with everyone, and wanted you all to be the first to know we are here and ready to sweeten the world one truffle at a time! Our website has just gone live, and you can find us at www.bitesofbliss.com." Heather and Josh live in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, with their two daughters, 4-year-old Samantha and 1-year-old Sophie.

What fun to see **Tasha Taylor** on *Ugly Betty* and *House*. She is currently on the Road with The Blues Brothers. Recently in St Bart's St. Thomas, and St. John's, she is currently touring in the United States with the group Taj Mahal.

1993 – Rhonda Tankerson

Wendi Geffen and her husband Scott Duby live on the north shore of Chicago. She is a rabbi at North Shore Congregation Israel.

Martin and **Heather Byers Hilton** welcomed another baby into family. William James Hilton was born October 3, 2006. William's big sister Abby is 2 years old. They are still in Galveston, however they will move to Longview, Texas, where Martin will join The Diagnostic Clinic of Longview as an orthopaedic surgeon.

Corey and **Talya Cohen Holzer** welcomed a daughter, Jordy Gabrielle, on December 27, 2006. Jordy's brother, Jaron, is 3 years old. The Holzers live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jennifer Mankins married Niklas Arnegren on the lawn of Laguna Gloria overlooking Lake Austin in Austin, Texas on December 31, 2005. **Stephanie Hudson**





Mankins '91 officiated. Jennifer and Nilkas live in New York City where he is officer for academic affairs at the Consulate General of Sweden. Jennifer owns two fashion boutiques, bird and babybird. You can check them out at www.shopbird.com.

Granville and **Page Coerver McAnear** welcomed their second daughter, Elise Remanjon, on December 28, 2006. Elise's big sister, Amelia, is two years old. The McAnears live in Dallas.

Melanie and **Louis Okon** welcomed a second daughter, Toni Simone, on October 10, 2006. Toni's big sister, Hannah is 18 months old. The Okons live in Dallas where Louis is with Okon Metals.



1994 – Robert Agnich, Stephen Ballas, Esther Hong

Robert Agnich was featured in a Chinese newspaper when he gave a speech about the business of hedge funds to a group of high school seniors as a part of the Asian American Citizen's Council (AACC) Youth Symposium. He is a member of the current class of Leadership Dallas. Robert lives in Dallas where he is with Agnich Ventures.

Leslie Boxer and **Stephen Ballas** were married September 3, 2006 in New York City. Greenhill guests included **Melissa Cohen Hein, Mandy Skibell, Doug Moore, Erica Bloom, and Reid Skibell '93**.

Stephen wrote: "Melissa signed my Ketubah, the Jewish wedding contract, as I did hers at her wedding, and Reid was one of my groomsmen." Leslie and Stephen honeymooned in Paris, France and Lake Como, Italy. Leslie is from Milwaukee and is currently a resident at Columbia University Medical Center.

Stephanie Cohen wrote: "Things are good in Los Angeles. I recently got a talent agent and am planning on doing some work, in addition to my entertainment law career, as a legal correspondent/host for various areas in television. I have also been working on an event called The Ski Tour—check it out: www.theskitour.com. ABC is doing the broadcast so be on the lookout for it in your local listing!"

Amy Davidson just bought her first apartment in New York. She is in her sixth year as a talent agent for commercials and voiceovers. Amy is with Ingber & Associates Talent Agency. She had three clients in Superbowl spots this year. Her photography has taken off unexpectedly, and she had her first show in January. Things are really



good. She wrote: “**John Hashop** and I are very close friends and I send him out on auditions.”

After seven years with Fidelity, **Esther Hong** as joined Citigroup/Smith Barney as vice president, project analyst within the Private Client Group. She lives in New York City.

Alana Israelson is the owner of Merge, a trendy denim boutique in The Shops at Legacy in Plano. She graduated from New York University, then trained and learned the fashion industry in New York before she returned home to open her first shop.

Eric Johnson and **Nakita Garraway '02** have announced their engagement. They met at Grill on the Hill '05. They are planning a September 2007 wedding. Nakita graduated from Syracuse University and is assistant buyer with Neiman Marcus in the home decor division. Eric graduated from Harvard University and earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an MPA from Princeton. He is an attorney with Haynes and Boone, LLP.

David Kim lives in St. Louis where he is a cellist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Eddie Lee became engaged on January 5, 2007, to Paulette J. Kim from Hicksville, New York, in Long Island. Eddie has moved from New York City to Greenwich, Connecticut, where he is a vice president of Angler Capital Partners, a hedge fund based in Greenwich.

Geoff Schmalz wrote: “I lived in Minnesota from 1999 until early 2006. Since late January, 2006, I have been living in Austin, Texas, only 15 minutes from my sister, Kristi and her husband Dilum Ranatunga and, of course, Navam! I was here to see Navam right after he was born. I was accepted to the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin, and I started the program in late August, 2006. I just started the second semester of the program in which I will receive a master's of science in information studies. I would like to be an archivist when I graduate in spring 2008.

Mandy Skibell wrote: “I was in Dallas recently for Jill Goldman's wedding. **Macey Small Davis**, **Elle Warren**, and **Erica Bloom** were also there ... it was a lot of fun and kind of like a mini Greenhill reunion

for us. I am still living in New York, and I'm working in sales in the fashion industry for a sportswear line called Jonden.”

1995

Shanti Majefski wrote: “I am working as a supervisor/clinical social worker for an agency that serves families who have children with developmental delays and disabilities. I supervise a multidisciplinary team of about 20 people which consists of social workers, speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, and early intervention specialists. In addition to supervising, I provide individual and family counseling to address various issues. I also work part-time for a private practice providing counseling to children, adolescents and families. As far as family goes, I am pregnant! The baby is due in June. Thomas and I are very excited.” Thomas and Shanti live in Allen, Texas.

Omar Mallick wrote: “I graduated from the Wharton School of Business MBA program in May, 2006. I spent the summer traveling in Asia and Africa, where I did some community service in South Africa and safari in Botswana. I then moved back to New York in August when I started working for GoldenTree Asset Management, a hedge fund in midtown. I am enjoying

being back in New York, and it's great to be near my sister **Sabrina Mallick '00**, who is also in New York.”

Leah Nosnik completed her MBA at New York University. She is now a vice president with PHD, a media agency, where she is the associate director of marketing overseeing new business and marketing.

Christina and **Drew Peveto** welcomed a son, Chrisman Jackson, on April 14, 2006. Chrisman's big sister, Macy, is 4 years old. Drew graduated from SMU Law School in May, took the bar in July, and started working in August at Harrison & Hull LLP in McKinney, Texas. Harrison & Hull specializes in civil defense litigation. Drew writes: “It is a boutique firm (about six lawyers), so I actually get to argue at the hearings, take depositions, write the motions, etc.”

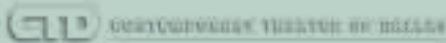
Christopher Whaley wrote: “I am a systems integration consultant for Amdocs Consulting Division of Amdocs Inc. in Richardson, Texas. I actually did play minor league football last year for a team sponsored by the Cowboys as a middle linebacker and defensive end. Due to travel and career commitments, I could not play this year.”

1996

Katie Guilliams Bandy has joined the law firm of Lynn Tillotson & Pinker. She began in February. Matt and Katie live in Dallas with 3-year-old Alex and 1-year-old Lauren.

Aisha Wyke Calhoun wrote: “I have been happily married for nearly four years to a wonderful man, Jon-Michael, who serves our country as a United States Air Force pilot. We have lived in Charleston, South Carolina, and now in Tacoma, Washington. We have an eight month old daughter, Jada Serene; who has enlightened me to what life is really about. I am a stay-at-home mom and loving every moment of it.”





Ginger Goldman '96, Randy Pearlman '79 and Cindee Mayfield, wife of Greenhill teacher, Rodney Dobbs, all had leading roles in *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* at the Contemporary Theatre of Dallas. Rodney designed the set. The play ran December 1–31, 2006.

Ginger Goldman won the Leon Rabin award for best supporting actress in a play for *Wonder of the World!* The Leon Rabin Awards are named on behalf of the late arts patron who devoted his business and private life to the development of both art and artists in Dallas. Nominations are made by two five-member committees (one for plays and one for musicals, each with two alternate members). The committees are made up of local playwrights, actors, directors, designers, and dramaturges. The Rabin awards are like the Tony awards for the Dallas Metroplex! Other Greenhill nominees included **Randy Pearlman '79**, supporting actor in a play for “Art”, and **David Natinsky '88**, lighting for a musical for *The Winter Wonderettes*. She will next be seen in Theatre Three’s *The Odd Couple* playing one of the kooky Pigeon sisters.



Laurie Hunt and Greg Krauss are the proud parents of Jaeger Matthew Krauss born January 19, 2007. Laurie and Greg live in Dallas.

David and **Courtney Bock Kern** welcomed a son, Jackson Benjamin, on October 7, 2006. The Kerns live in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

1997

Casey and **Jennifer Cohen Becker** are expecting their first child in August 2007. The Beckers live in Dallas.

Aimee Boone moved to Austin, Texas, where she has taken a position as the finance director for the Texas Democratic Party. She is enjoying be back in Austin and living just two doors down from her sister, **Katherine Boone '00**.

Alina Lewis and **Jordan Carlos** are planning an August 11, 2007, wedding in Brooklyn New York. Jordan is co-hosting a new show called MeTV on Nickelodeon. He will conduct celebrity interviews and entertain a studio audience live from his Times Square studio. The show started in February. Jordan Carlos is a favorite fixture of the New York alt comedy scene, performing at The Upright Citizens Brigade Theater, The People’s Improv Theater, PSNBC, and CBS/NYC, where he recently brought his improv/stand up or “stimpov” show, *Flying Blind* to a sold out crowd. TV appearances include a recurring role on *The Colbert Report* where he appears as “Alan,” Spike TV, VH-1, FOX, and numerous national commercials for Pepsi, AOL, Microsoft, and Disney. Jordan was nominated “Best Male Comic” by the Emerging Comics of New York Awards and was a finalist in NBC’s “Stand Up for Diversity” showcase. He’s been a contributing writer for both Bar Mitzvah



Disco (Crown) and “Esquire” Magazine. He also maintains a popular blog—“The Comedy Cubby: Nice & Preppy” (jordancarlos.blogspot.com). A graduate of Brown University, Jordan wrote for the campus humor magazine, The Brown Jug and is a proud alumni of the popular campus improv troupe “Improvvidence.”

Allison Grossman got engaged on December 28 to Matt Baldassano. She is a third year law student at Texas Tech University School of Law,

John Lande has been with Tolleson Wealth Management in Dallas for five years. He was recently in New York for some meetings and stayed through the weekend to spend time with his brother **Ken '99** and his wife, Brooke. They are both well and are still enjoying life in the city.

Brook Osterland wrote: “I received my Master of Public Administration from American University in May 2006. After five years in the DC area, I moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in late 2006 and recently started a job as the programs and advocacy coordinator with the Utah chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. I love the job and the area.”

Meredith Small has returned to Dallas after graduating from The New School of Design in New York City. She graduated from Princeton University in 2001. Meredith is an interior designer at Emily Summers Design.

David Whitelaw is in the third and final year of a joint MBA/MA program with the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He graduated from Princeton University in 2001. David worked with a financial group in Hong Kong before attending graduate school.

Sam Woodfin wrote: “I am living in downtown Dallas and working at a restaurant called Amuse. I am deejaying as well at various clubs around town. I am in a hip-hop group called The Triggermen (www.ampmsound.com) and play all around the state. I also work as a freelance audio engineer for video games, music and commercials.”

1998 – Brooke Oberwetter

Katie and **Tony Albanese** welcomed Gaetano Albanese on November 21, 2006. They live in Dallas. Tony was recently named to the *Dallas Business Journal's* "Top 40 Under 40," which is presented to the most influential business people in Dallas under the age of 40. He was the youngest recipient, which was pretty cool. Tony is with The Weitzman Group, where he is vice president and in charge of leasing for Cencor Realty Services, our asset management company. **Chris Clark '89** is with Cencor. Tony's portfolio consists of about 65 retail properties in DFW and he supervises a leasing team of seven agents.

Shawn and **Kelly Hodgson Beaman** are the proud parents of Michael Louis born November 20, 2006. Kelly wrote: "He was 10 lbs. 8.3 oz.—A WHOPPER! Now, he's 16 lbs. 10 oz. and he's only 11 weeks old. Everyone thinks he looks about 6 months old. **Katie McCann** and **Valerie Bennett Gillespie** have come to see the "little" man. I have stopped working as a first grade teacher in Frisco ISD to be home with my son. Shawn is working on his MBA while working at Vought Aircraft Industries as a tool design engineer. This is his last year in school. We plan to move from Plano into a home this summer near Grand Prairie where Shawn works."

Natalie Frank wrote from New York City: "I am still working away, getting ready for a show in the fall at Mitchell-Innes and Nash and following that in Berlin. I am also going back to Yale to give a Master's Tea on my work which should be fun!"

Ashley Harris is engaged to Coyt Johnston. They are planning an August 11, 2007, wedding in Dallas. They met while both were students at SMU Law School. They will live in Dallas where Ashley will practice with Looper, Read, & McGraw P.C.

Michael McDermott has moved to Austin, Texas. He is an attorney with Dechert LD. He graduated from Wake Forest University and the University of Texas School of Law.

Irwin Sentilles and **Becky Hornbach '97** are engaged. Becky has completed her commitment to the Peace Corps in South America and returned to the United States. Irwin will graduate from Harvard

Graduate School of Design with a degree in architecture in June 2007.

Kathryn Tobolowsky and Shannon Fagan announced their engagement in February 2007. They became engaged in Toronto, Canada. Kathryn teaches third grade at Greenhill School.

Wes Smith spoke to Corbin Doyle's upper school advanced video production class about the very interesting work that he is doing. Wes brought several examples of the videos he is making while getting his PhD at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

1999 – Jeff Guyer, Braden Howell

Ashley Babendure and Stephen Hedemann are planning a June 23, 2007, wedding. They will marry in Austin, Texas at Vintage Villas.

David Gail and Sara Frankfurt are engaged. David graduated from Princeton University. He taught in England for a year. Sarah graduated from The Hockaday School and The University of Texas. Sarah and David are second year law students at SMU.

Jeff Guyer wrote: "I have recently left my position as a product design engineer at Point Innovation (a local design and development consultancy down the road from the Hill) to pursue a career designing medical devices in San Diego. At Point Innovation I worked for many clients including John Calce and his brother Paul designing products in a variety of industries: aerospace, consumer electronics, fans and lighting, sporting goods, recreation, etc. Moving to San Diego has been a real positive change: I live on the beach, take a train (The Coaster) to work and bought a skateboard. Needless-to-say, times are slightly different than in my prior life living in Addison Circle. The culture of the city and my company, Alphatec Spine, is extremely laid back, and I'm learning a ton about the medical industry and related manufacturing processes and regulations. In San Diego I hang out with Greenhill emeritus Derek Rosenzweig (attended GH circa '87-'89) will be soon seeing lots of alumni as I was more recently invited to be in Brad Meyer's '98 wedding party."

Braden Howell and Rebecca Morina are engaged. They are planning a March 3, 2007 wedding. Rebecca is from Pearland, Texas. Braden graduated from Texas Christian University and is with New York Life Insurance Company.



Joe McAtee is in the United States Army. He will go to San Antonio for training and will leave in April for Iraq. Joe wrote: "I'm working for V Corps HQ in Heidelberg, Germany, and I've been pretty swamped since December. The Corps was the command corps for Operation Iraqi Freedom for '06, and they returned throughout December to get everyone home before Christmas. I didn't have to deploy with the Corps as I arrived in September. So since then, I've been busy working to augment the Corps' public affairs efforts which have been extremely time-consuming, dealing with both internal & external media relations. My workload is about to change because I've been tapped to go to Iraq in April. I'm assigned to a base in Balad (the nicest base, arguably, in Iraq) for only a six-month tour, so I'm pretty lucky. I'm looking forward to leaving (and coming back with all my organs still functioning) to do my part. As I understand, I'll be running the public affairs unit, but I'm not sure what the scope of our operation will be and what size task force we're covering, media-wise."

Israel Nosnik wrote: "I will be graduating from Duke Med in May and come July, I will be starting my residency in urology at Albert Einstein-Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan which is a 5-year program. It should be an amazing opportunity. My brother, **Steven Nosnik '02**,

and sister, **Leah Nosnik '95**, live nearby so it will be nice to have all of us within a few blocks of each other.

In the summer of 2005, **Karen Piotrowski** worked as an associate in Dallas at Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP and Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP. At the end of the summer, she spent two weeks in Eastern Europe with a friend from college. They traveled from Krakow, through Slovakia, to Budapest. Karen wrote: "It was an absolutely fantastic trip. Between that and graduating, I served as an executive articles editor on *Washington University Law Review* (formerly *Law Quarterly*), drafted an appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals for a prisoner in Minnesota as part of Wash U's Appellate Clinic, and had an article published in *Law Quarterly*. On the fun side, I made it down to Florida for a week of much-needed spring break, and a couple of friends and I went to Jazz Fest in New Orleans, where we saw Etta James, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews, and a ton of other bands. I graduated from law school in May, and I spent the rest of the summer studying for the Missouri bar. After the exam, I went to Ireland for two weeks to recuperate. I spent one week in and around Dublin with a friend from law school before my boyfriend flew in and the two of us headed north. He and I covered most of the northern half of the island, including County Donegal (completely rugged and stunningly beautiful), the Slieve League (the highest sea cliffs in Europe), Derry, the Giant's Causeway, and Belfast. It was simply amazing. Now I'm living downtown in Dallas and working as an associate in Gardere's Bankruptcy and Business Reorganization practice group. I passed the Missouri bar and was sworn in last week in Jefferson City. I was sworn into federal court here in Texas and I will take the Texas bar in February. I still can't quite believe that I am officially a lawyer."



2000 – Amy Jain, Nora Edwards Renthall

Monica Moffitt wrote: "I've been promoted at CA, Inc in Plano, and am working in a different functional role. I also started my MBA with a concentration in international management and organizational behavior at UT Dallas this spring."

Nick Schanbaum graduated in December from the University of Texas Law School and took the bar exam in February 2007. Nick and Ian Spechler were published in *The Review of Litigation* Nick in Volume 1 and Ian in Volume 2.

David Sparks wrote: "I'm currently living in Alexandria, Virginia, working as a mechanical engineer for SAIC. I'm contracting with Defense Threat Reduction Agency working in WMD counter-proliferation. I received my BS in mechanical engineering in 2004 from Johns Hopkins, and am currently working part time on my masters of engineering in mechanical engineering, which I will complete in May 2007. I'm also going to be getting married in May to the delightful Jill Denning from Amarillo, Texas, I'd also like to mention that for a month at Hopkins I sported a six inch black and blue mohawk."

Nilay Vora is a student at Harvard Law School, Class of 2009, JD. After several years in California, he is adjusting to the many changes.

2001 – Jonathan Kopf

John Evans wrote: "I'm in Ecuador. Why Ecuador of all places? I'm here for a year as a volunteer teaching English through a program called WorldTeach. I arrived in September, but it feels like five months. So much has happened. I almost crashed through the windshield of a bus, I got really sick and didn't eat for two days, but luckily I've met a lot of great people. I started classes this last week and much to my surprise, my favorite class to teach is level 1." John graduated from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Kelley Hampton wrote: "I started law school at Georgetown University, which has been challenging (lots of time in the

library), but extremely interesting. This semester I am taking a public interest law class which is the area of law that I would like to pursue once I graduate. I see **Charles Smith '02** all of the time. I love having another Greenhill face around! I start the public policy classes (for the masters) next year at the main campus.”

Lauren Hradecky works for the JCC Association Research Center and lives in New York City. She is engaged to Mark Blitzer. They met at Haverford College. Mark has been working for the UN since he graduated in 2003. Their wedding will take place in Dallas this summer.

Justin Kosoris wrote from Senegal: “This is just to say that I am alive and well. I was on vacation to beautiful Portugal and Morocco. It was amazing to get out of Senegal for a while; it’s funny how I am doing a mini readjustment upon my return here. It’s like I am seeing a lot of things for the first time, perhaps because being here for so long caused me to gloss over or forget what things are like elsewhere in the world. I am on the homestretch now, which means that in ten months I will be kissing the blessed tarmac of JFK.”

Laura Ley wrote: “**Blake Staub** and I are trucking through our second year of medical school at UT-Southwestern, getting ready to take Step 1 of the National Board Exams this coming June. We’ll get a week of vacation and then we begin our clinical clerkships the first of July. I’m one of nine medical students who have set up a student-run free medical clinic. Our clinic is at North Dallas Shared Ministries, and opened its doors in October. We are an acute-care, free clinic for the indigent North Dallas population and are overseen by volunteer physicians. If you know of any docs who are looking for a wonderful volunteer opportunity (as well as a teaching opportunity), let me know! I’m in charge of physician recruitment.”

Michelle Meyerhoff wrote: “I am currently in my last semester at Rollins, Crummer Graduate School of Business. In February, I am traveling to work on a project to which I was accepted in Nottingham, England. I will be there until mid-March when I will return to Central Florida to finish my MBA. I have completed

my internship at the Orlando Science Center. I continue to work at the Humane Society/ASPCA of Central Florida. I have begun concentrating on rehabilitating and behavior training foster cats to be adopted thru local organizations, such as PetSmart, that support the Humane Society. Although I do not plan to pursue a career with the Humane Society, my work with the organization has reinforced my desire to open or support an independent shelter in my spare time.”

Daniel Upchurch is setting many records at the University of South Carolina. He is one of two to make the CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-District III Men’s Soccer Team. In addition he made the President’s List (4.0 GPA) three times and the Dean’s list once in four completed semesters. We won the team’s Academic Award for the sophomore class in 2005, made the Conference USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll, and earned the Commissioner’s Academic Medal. Daniel is an engineering major.

2002

Max Brodsky graduated from Harvard University, has returned from India, and is in his first of two years with Teach for America. He has a fourth grade class at Martinez Elementary in Houston which is 80% Hispanic and 20% African-American. These students are nearly all Spanish-speaking. His mandate is to teach his students English and fourth grade material, so they all pass the TASC test in the spring. The school library is less than rudimentary and not at all accessible. Max collected books in order to have a reader’s corner in his classroom stocked with books that are in English and close to fourth grade level. Greenhill teachers and students were happy to contribute.

Dorian Geisler graduated from the University of California in Berkeley. He is a New York Teaching Fellow at Millennium Art Academy where he teaches sophomore English.

Kevin Harder graduated from Trinity College with a BS in engineering. He is currently with Edwards & Kelcey in Boston.

Russell Howard graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina and is pursuing a career in music. His first CD, *Russell Howard—Too Soon, Too Late*, was released in the fall. Check out www.russellhowardmusic.com to see where he is playing.

As a journalist, **Jeremy Jacobs** got the opportunity to write about his old friend **David Gail '99** and David’s fiancée, Sara Frankfurt. In an article in *The Hill* (the DC version), Jeremy wrote an article about bipartisan couples. Since David is a Republican and Sara is a Democrat, there was much to say.

Steven Nosnik graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in April of 2006. He moved to New York City in the summer to start his job in the Financial District. He works on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange, mostly in the Natural Gas pit.

Brian Osimiri has made quite a name for himself at Dartmouth College. He was featured in an article in www.IvyLeagueSports.com. The article included his contribution to the Big Green football team as a defensive tackle. They wrote about his internship with the New Hampshire Public Defender’s office, his graduation, and his plans to attend law school. He was also featured in an article on the Dartmouth Big Green website.

Charles Smith wrote: “**Christine Patterson** is currently working in the Office of Public Affairs at the US Embassy in Lisbon, the same position I held in 2004. I’m still enjoying Georgetown University Law Center with classmate **Kelley Hampton '01**. Everyone is amazed when we tell them that this is our nineteenth year of school together. I will be clerking this summer in São Paulo at one of Brazil’s leading law firms, Machado, Meyer, Sendacz, & Opice.

2003

Emily Comisar is a senior at Northwestern University. She is co-writing a musical based on the novel *The Last Hurrah* by Edwin O’Connor. It will premiere at Northwestern on May 30.



Josh Feldman wrote: “I’m going to graduate from the University of Southern California with a degree in broadcast journalism this May. I’ve been busy getting as much experience on campus as possible. I am the head broadcaster for the USC men’s volleyball team this spring. It’s my third season doing play-by-play for the team. Ideally I can turn that into a career, perhaps calling games for CSTV next fall. I host a weekly sports talk show on the campus radio station, KSCR AM 1560 Los Angeles. I am the lead reporter and a producer for “Trojan Timeout”—a TV show on the campus network that “stops the clock to take a look at USC sports.” I’ve done some fun feature reports for that show, including what lunch is like with the women’s volleyball team, how women’s soccer players survive practice, and the rivalries within the men’s water polo team. I’m currently working on a tribute piece for the USC kicker who died a few weeks ago. That’s probably the toughest assignment I’ve had in my time at USC. And finally, I’m co-hosting a weekly sports discussion show on the campus TV station. When the USC baseball team gets their season under way, I will be calling the games for them as well. I’m no Vin Scully, but who is? I’m really looking forward to that because I’ve never called baseball before, so it’s a new challenge.”

Williams College senior goalie and captain, **Sarah Ginsburg**, has been named First Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 1. By virtue of her selection to the District 1 First Team she will be on the ballot for the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Team. Sarah, a biology and chemistry major, owns a 3.89 GPA. She is a two-time Academic All-NESCAC choice, a certified EMT and has made the Dean’s List every semester. She is currently completing her honors thesis in biology. Sarah started and played in all 14 games for the 8-3-3 Ephs, logging 1,294 minutes. She compiled a goals against average of 0.97, registered 55 saves and a .797 save percentage and posted four shutouts on the year.

William Leffall wrote: “I graduated from Lehigh University a semester early with a degree in marketing. I am working with Ameriprise Financial in Addison off of

Spring Valley and the Tollway. I have passed several examinations and now am a fully licensed financial advisor. I’m licensed to do everything including brokerage, insurance, estate planning, retirement planning and education planning just to name a few. I have already started building my client base.

Brennan Meier will graduate from Duke in May and is off to Las Vegas for two years of Teach for America.

Brett Rosenthal is a senior at Yale University, which means it is also his last baseball season. He will be closing pitcher again this year. They have games throughout the northeast, so he will get to see many of his Greenhill buddies. He plans to work in Washington, DC, for a while before going to law school.

Gabrielle Wootton wrote: “I’m going to graduate from SMU in May with a double major in Spanish and Italian Area Studies. I went to Italy (Rome, Tuscany & Bologna) last summer for a month for an SMU program. I am considering pursuing an advanced degree in linguistics. I went to California in February to visit **Allison Koehler** at Pitzer.”

2004 – Jennifer Rosemore

Kate Baron wrote: “I had a great winter break—I went surfing with my dad in Troncones, Mexico, where Corky Carroll, once a world champion surfer, taught me. It’s also great to have the father-daughter bonding time. Austin is fabulous as always. I live with my two best girlfriends in an off-campus apartment where I do most of the cooking (which is my passion). I also recently decided to go pre-med, which has put a bump in the road. As a junior double psychology/government major, this will be my first semester taking any pre-med courses, which means that I will have to be in school for an additional year including summers. I am currently training for the AT&T Austin Marathon in February 18. I trained with Team in Training and raised \$1800 for Leukemia Lymphoma Society. I’m really nervous about the race, but I just hope I make it across the finish line!”

Janelle Bracken wrote: “My newest endeavor is a class on Hurricane Katrina

to be offered in the Spring Quarter. My university offers a small program that allows students to teach seminars. I can have up to 20 students enrolled in my class who will get credit. The class will look at Hurricane Katrina and the government mismanagement that followed from a socioeconomic and race-conscious angle. Why am I doing this? About a year ago, I became saddened by the fact that Hurricane Katrina is no longer in the public eye, even though tens of thousands of people are living in trailers at this very moment, only 40% of the New Orleans population has returned, and the city has not yet been rebuilt. I approached a professor thinking she would teach the course, but she instead told me of the program’s existence.” Janelle is a junior at Northwestern University.

Amy Grindl is studying in Paris, France. She spent last semester in Grenoble, France. She has two months of accelerated courses and the last two months they are placed in an internship. Amy has been placed with the designer Martin Margiela, an incredibly talented designer purely motivated by the art of true creation. The haute-couture fashion shows have already passed, but the prêt-à-porter (ready to wear) shows are coming up at the end of February and they have given her the opportunity to go to the show to learn more before she starts her internship in March. Amy enjoyed spending the academic year abroad and looks forward to more travel, studies, and exploring.

Anna Grossman a junior at Trinity University in San Antonio. She is the president of two clubs, Sexual Assault Student Coalition and the Jewish Students Association, and is an active member of her sorority.

Connie Kim, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, wrote: “I’m doing a lot of interesting things here at Penn. I am on the board of MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team), which is an organization of student EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) who respond to 911 calls on campus. We work with the University of Pennsylvania Police Department and the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania, and I have learned an incredible amount about working with patients and emergency

medicine. I also sit on the executive board of DZine2Show as Marketing Director. We are a very unique organization on campus that has two aspects—business and fashion. We have corporate sponsors such as Abercrombie & Fitch and the Jay H. Baker Retailing Initiative and this year we launched our premiere edition of our new magazine so we have had an incredibly busy year!”

Lauren Pritchard wrote: “This next semester I will be traveling abroad on the program Semester at Sea visiting various countries around the world on a ship. I hope that I can share more about this grand adventure upon my return. I am still at Boston University hopefully graduating in May, 2008 with a degree in business administration and a concentration in finance. Over the holiday break I spent a lot of time with my friends from Greenhill as many of them are studying abroad this semester too. While waiting for my program to start in early February, I visited **Anna Grossman** at Trinity U. in January and saw many other familiar Greenhill faces there; I also continue to spend time with **Jen Bell-Garcia** while staying in Dallas.”

Mandy Smith is a junior at Southwestern University. She did an internship with KPMG Houston in their audit practice. In late February she went to Valparaiso, Chile, to study abroad at the Universidad Catolica in Chile. She will be there until the end of July and then return for her senior year at Southwestern University in August. She will start her fourth year of competitive volleyball as a DS (defensive specialist), the last two having qualified for the Division III NCAA tournament.

Caroline Turlington is a junior at the University of South Carolina. She wrote: “I am currently studying in Sevilla, Spain this semester. I’ve been here about two weeks now and loving every minute of it. My host family is very accommodating and my classes are interesting. Sevilla is a wonderful city for students: lots of culture, art, architecture, shopping and fiestas! **Amy Prescott** lives very close to me, in Granada, so we’ll be seeing a lot of each other.”

2005 – Alysa Teichman

Brian Dorber entered an essay contest, “Tell Us Why Your Dad Should Play Golf with Greg Norman.” Brian was the grand-prize winner and his dad, Greenhill athletic director Earl Dorber in March 2007, went to Hobe Sound, Florida, to play a round of golf with Greg Norman! Round-trip airfare, two nights stay in a Hobe Sound Hotel, all ground transportation and \$150 spending money all included.

Travis Carlson wrote: “I’m starting my fourth semester at UT Austin. I am in the mechanical engineering honors program and with 68 credit hours I’m classified as a junior. I’m an active member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and served as membership coordinator (recruitment) last spring. I joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and will be treasurer for the next year.”

Rachel Cook is a sophomore at Texas Tech University where she is an advertising major and a member of Kappa Delta. She is a 2007 Dallas Symphony Orchestra debutante.

Josh Ernst is pledging Delta as a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin. He is very involved in the fraternity. As the culmination of his pledging, he was asked to return from winter break two weeks early to setup for their annual “Meikong” party. Every year the party draws a large crowd from all over campus as they are taken into jungle battlefields dressed up in military garb to dance the night away. He will be living with a group of pledge brothers next year in a house on campus. Josh is also a member of the McCombs Business Council and is part of the Honors Business Program at UT.

Amanda Kleinman was sitting with her parents in a coffee shop in a small town in Vermont during fall break. Much to her surprise, she walked Dr. Ray Buchanan. They enjoyed the coincidental meeting and the chance to catch up. Amanda is a sophomore at Middlebury College.

Abby Sharp is a sophomore at Vanderbilt. She will study abroad in Paris in the fall. She plans to work in finance in New York this summer.

Troy Vernon has transferred to Washington University. He has a dual major



in mechanical engineering and business. He is in a 14 member a cappella group called the Pikers. He sees **Jordy Robinson** and **Trevis Bowman** every day in class and gets together with **James Rahardja**. In the summer he will work for Raytheon in McKinney.

David Wolfish is majoring in political science, philosophy, and economics with a double minor in classical studies and gender, society & culture. He is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania. David just finished his term on the executive board of his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, and continues to serve on the Dean’s Advisory Board. He is looking forward to spending next semester abroad at University College London. David wrote: “It’s great to see Greenhill alums from every class running around Penn.”

2006

Taryn Beverly is at Cornell University pursuing a degree in anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences. She joined the club field hockey team and is trying out for the club basketball. Taryn wrote: “The field hockey team plays on turf instead of grass, which is different from high school, but it is nice to still be able to play sports. I am also managing girls basketball, which is fun to be a part of because I have always loved basketball, and it gives me a chance to see and experience a varsity division I sport.”

Alice Davis wrote: “I just wanted to give an update from WashU—I love it here! I see **Brent Rubin** often. I am a freshman in the architecture school, and my final project for a community building class was featured in a St. Louis newspaper in December.

notes


class notes 2006 – 2007



I recently spoke on a local talk radio show about our class efforts. I rowed on the crew team this fall, which did very well.”

Brett Holloway is a freshman at Davidson College. He plays lacrosse on the team that was ranked 25th in the nation in club teams. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE).

2007

Alvin Jordan was honored as the Youth of the Year by the Greater Dallas Boys and Girls Club. Youth of the Year is BGCA's premier youth recognition program for Club members. 



future

visions of the future



The Visions of the Future series continued on January 9, 2007.

The mission of the series is for specialists to share innovative trends in the fields of engineering, communications, technology, artificial intelligence, medicine, science, and sociology and to pique the curiosity of the listeners to expand their thinking.



Lisa Buckner '80 is a geophysicist with Hess Corporation, an independent oil and gas company. Lisa spoke to the students about her first love, astronomy. During her time at Greenhill, Lisa served as president and founder of the astronomy club. While that interest still remains, her studies and education led her into geophysics. Students enjoyed watching video footage of **Tina**

Srivastava '05 as she went skydiving in Maryland. Tina is currently a sophomore at MIT in Cambridge, MA. She is majoring in aeronautics and astronautics and recently completed a summer program with NASA. Tina encouraged students to follow their dreams.

Doug Levy '90 founded an interactive marketing agency in 1995. He challenged students to think of their everyday interests. While **Russ Pearlman '90** started his college career in the medical field, his interests led him in another direction. He now works for a global consulting and technology firm. **Dr. Gavin Manes '96** is a digital forensic expert in Oklahoma and also teaches at the University of Tulsa. Gavin spoke about some of the investigations solved with information from MySpace accounts, PDAs, and cell phones. He spoke about the influence that Greenhill teachers and staff had on him. 

Class

Representatives

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*Thanks so much,
Elaine Velvin
Director of Alumni Relations*

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Births

Christina and **Drew Peveto '95** – son, Chrisman Jackson, April 14, 2006

Liliane and **Rod Lehman '82** – son, Kyle, May 13, 2006

Chris '82 and **Karen Finkelman Churchill '85** – daughter, Miranda Brynn, June 4, 2006

David and **Julie Grossman Kronick '83** – daughter, Anna Kaye, September 3, 2006

Kristina and **Marc Jensen '90** – daughter, Sadie Marie, September 21, 2006

Marco and **Sue Hong-Rodzynek '89** – daughter, Sophia Nabi, September 30, 2006

David and **Courtney Bock Kern '96** – son, Jackson Benjamin, October 7, 2006

Michelle Vitetta '82 and Daryl Henline – son, Anthony Robert, October 9, 2006

Melanie and **Louis Okon '93** – daughter, Toni Simone, October 10, 2006

Kim and **John Warren '86** – daughter, Catherine Ellen, October 11, 2006

Martin and **Heather Byers Hilton '93** – son, William James, October 30, 2006

Elizabeth Dunsker & **Jeff Leiman '87** – daughter, Sadie Mo Dunsker Leiman, November 2, 2006

Christell and **Michael Baum '89** – son, Brendan Gabriel – November 8, 2006

Kathryn Hamm '87 and Amy Walter – son, Caleb Charles Walter Hamm, November 15, 2006

Lela Rose '87 and Brandon Jones – daughter, Rosie Potter, November 20, 2006

Shawn and **Kelly Hodgson Beaman '98** – son, Michael Louis, November 20, 2006

Katie and **Tony Albanese '98** – son, Gaetano, November 21, 2006

Joe and **Sara Kahn Johnson '90** – daughter, Avery Hannah, November 30, 2006

Carolyn Siegal '88 and Alik Farber – daughter, Elina Hope, December 15, 2006

Jeff and **Helene Lerman Schussler '87** – daughter, Sarah Nicole, December 21, 2006

Corey and **Talya Cohen Holzer '93** – daughter, Jordy Gabrielle, December 27, 2006

Granville and **Page Coerver McAnear '93** – daughter, Elise Remanjon, December 28, 2006

Annie and **Matt Moniot '89** – son, George Alfred Wayte, December 30, 2006

John and **Bonnie Timmins Martin '90** – daughter, Alexandra McKenna, January 2, 2007

Laurie Hunt '96 and Greg Krauss – son, Jaeger Matthew Krauss, January 19, 2007

Jalyn and **Chris Wells '91** – daughter, Avery Margaret, January 21, 2007

Monica Stewart and **Rob Starnes '87** – son, Jackson Robert, February 2, 2007

Adam and **Magan Mullino Schain** – daughter, Emily Fay Mullino Schain, February 4, 2007

Jason and **Jennifer Lipsky Karpeles '87** – daughter, Isabelle Ann, February 15, 2007

Karen and **Larry Prager '86** – son, Zachary, winter 2006



Weddings



Jennifer Mankins '93 and Niklas Arnegén – December 31, 2005
Kristin Briscoe '93 and Todd Mannko – May 13, 2006
Roberta Hastings '80 and Paul Smith – Summer 2006
Tina Scheufele '92 and James Cleary – August 5, 2006
Mia Scheufele '92 and Carl Schreiner – August 26, 2006
Leslie Boxer and **Stephen Ballas '94** – September 3, 2006
Abigail Bentch and **Nick Boetticher '90** – October 14, 2006
Lee Lyon '87 and David McGuire – October 27, 2006
Nancy Lane '87 and Ron Volk – November 4, 2006
Lynsey McGlothlin and **David Natinsky '88** – November 11, 2006

In Memoriam

Norman Chaiken – grandfather of **Blake Staub '01**, **Brittany Staub '03**, and **Brandon Staub '03** – June 12, 2006
Norman Rubín – father-in-law of **Melanie Lurie Rubín '85**, grandfather of **Brent Rubín '14**, **Jillian Rubín '17**, and **Ross Rubín '20** – September 22, 2006
Rose Marion Berg – mother of **Mark Berg '76**, grandmother of **Josh Schechter '05**, **Jamie Schechter '07**, and **Jared Berg '08** – Parents' Association President 1975–76 – October 10, 2006
William L. McDonald, Jr. – father of **Ann McDonald Drumm '76**, grandfather of **Colin Drumm '07**, and **Kelly Drumm '10** – October 18, 2006
Ham Richardson – father of **Ken Richardson '82** – November 5, 2006
Pearl Steinberg – grandmother of **Cathy Steinberg Glick '81**, **Robb Steinberg '87**, and **Jeff Steinberg**; great-grandmother of **Josh Glick '08**, **Lauren Glick '11**, **Sammy Glick '13**, and **Jordan Steinberg '15** – November 18, 2006
Sender Groswirt – father of **Rebecca Groswirt '98** – December 6, 2007
Mary Lee Lundy – mother of **Larry Lundy '79** – December 22, 2006
Jeri McMillan '56 – January 15, 2007
Eugene Sanger, Sr. – grandfather of **Anne Sanger Hermann '88** and **Alex Sanger '91** – January 18, 2007
Betty Rubín Michaelson – grandmother of **Anne Sanger Hermann '88**, **Alex Sanger '91**, **Martis Okon Herman '90**, and **Louis Okon '93** – January 19, 2007
Rodger Meier – father of **Janet Meier Cashen '71**, **Todd Meier '69** and grandfather of **Brennan Meier '03** and **Mackenzie Meier '07** – January 21, 2007
M.C. Wagner, Jr. – grandfather of **Buddy Rosenberg '02** and **Robyn Rosenberg '07** – January 22, 2007
Chris Foley '85 – January 27, 2007
Madeline Paddock Shine – former faculty 1962–1966 – January 28, 2007
Rhoda Gastman Likén – mother of **Joe Likén '77** – February 4, 2007





Can you identify these folks?
What was the occasion?



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- May 16, 2007**
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- June 1, 2007**
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- June 2, 2007**
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