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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011

We Welcome All Alumni Back To Campus!

Thursday, April 14

- Alumni Golf Tournament at Prestonwood Country Club

Friday, April 15

- Alumni Classes with St. Mark's faculty
- Alumni Chapel
- Lunch on the Green
- Alumni Speaker Panels
- 15th Annual Spring Alumni Dinner honoring Robert Edsel '75, the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus, and other alumni award recipients

Saturday, April 16

- Campus Family Cookout
- Classes for Alumni & their children
- Planetarium Shows
- Class Reunion Dinners

Members of the Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 have a reunion on Saturday, April 16. Additionally, the Golden Lions, alumni who have already celebrated a 50-year reunion, will enjoy a special gathering.

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ABOUT OUR COVER

The legendary Arthur Douglas circa 1959.





Arthur Douglas Teaching Painting

The St. Mark's archives are full of photos with very little identification on them. We know this photo is of Arthur Douglas in the classroom, but does anyone recognize the students? If you can help identify any of these young Marksmen, or would like to share a story about a classroom or travel experience you had with Mr. Douglas, please send information to Katy B. Rubarth, St. Mark's School of Texas, 10600 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230-4047 or email her at rubarthk@smtexas.org.

from the editor

We are lucky to have leaders at St. Mark's who constantly reinforce the importance of character, going well beyond basic education to uphold the School's long tradition and solid commitment to educating the whole boy. Personally, I see this in my own boys, and I am thankful that they are growing up in an environment that emphasizes personal character, moral development, and a commitment not just to themselves but also to their community and world.

I had an opportunity to interview Dr. and Mrs. Acho, parents of Marksmen Sammy '07 and Manny '08, for "Alumni in the News." Dr. Acho told me that he and his wife always stressed love and respect for others while raising their children. He said, "we taught them to be leaders, not followers."

We recently mourned the loss of our beloved long-time faculty member Arthur Douglas, who embodied this spirit of love and respect and set an example for all of us to follow. The consummate gentleman, Arthur touched the lives of generations of Marksmen, faculty, and staff alike. In fact, he inspired St. Mark's students to carry on his passion as teachers at the school that he loved.

During a Chapel Talk earlier this year, Eugene McDermott Headmaster Arnie Holtberg reminded students that "respecting and honoring all others is a value we hold dear at St. Mark's. And that is respecting and honoring ALL others." He continued, "Respect demands that we are thoughtful and kind, that we always think before we speak. That we correct those who step out of line."



I love my job. I get to meet so many alumni, like Sammy '07 and Manny '08 Acho (top) who embody the Spirit of St. Mark's and carry it out into the world to inspire others. (above) Scholars Dr. Cornell West and Dr. Robbie George.

Princeton Professors Dr. Cornell West and Dr. Robert George reinforced this message in their ongoing series as they once again demonstrated the importance of civility and respect.

A commitment to our humanity has never been more important than today. We look to our



World-Class Scholars Return to Campus

On Friday, December 10, 2010, St. Mark’s welcomed back to campus Princeton University Professors Dr. Cornell West and Dr. Robert George to speak to the Upper School boys and faculty. Two prominent public intellectuals on opposite sides of the political spectrum, Robert George and Cornell West provide a great illustration of how scholars can work together across ideological lines of division to enhance the quality of higher education. Their conversations also teach important lessons in civility and respect, even in the face of spirited disagreement. Headmaster Arnie Holtberg introduced the two professors, commenting that they represent “the finest thinkers in contemporary America.”

When choosing a theme for this year’s discussion, Dr. George told the crowd that he and Dr. West agreed “nothing is more



Professors Robert George (left) and Cornell West reflect on human dignity.

important and critical today than reflection on the nature of what is sometimes called human dignity, or human sanctity, as brother West refers to it.” To prepare the boys for the 2010 George and West lecture, the Upper School history department taught John Dewey’s *A Common Faith*, and the English department taught C.S. Lewis’ *The Abolition of Man*.

Interacting academically with these dynamic speakers stretches students’ intellects and provides a preview of university-level scholarship. This is the third year that the Princeton professors have engaged the campus, thanks to the efforts and generosity of Harlan and Kathy Crow. Once again, the pair received standing ovations from the faculty and students.

community of alumni who continue to support the mission of educating young men who are not only exposed to the finest opportunities in the classroom but who are also taught to be conscious, thoughtful, moral citizens of the world—boys who are encouraged to be gentlemen, in fact, Marksmen always.

We hope **THE PRIDE** can be a forum for continuing to expand and deepen this commitment, and we welcome your contributions, so please write to us and share your thoughts.

~ Katy B. Rubarth
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dallas morning news top 100...

St. Mark's Named One of the Best Places to Work (again!)

It turns out that St. Mark's isn't just a great place to learn—it's also a great place to work! Of course, we already knew that, so it was no surprise when *The Dallas Morning News* announced its Top 100 Workplaces, recognizing St. Mark's School of Texas as the third best mid-sized employer. The School also earned a standout honor for its professional development. Last year, St. Mark's ranked sixth overall in the newspaper's annual workplace competition.

Company rankings are based solely on employee responses to a questionnaire. In each survey, employees are asked to rate and rank how true 18 statements in six key areas are for their organizations. All told, Workplace Dynamics studied responses from 2,540 organizations that employ 1.52 million people, including 243 Dallas-Fort Worth companies with 142,709 area employees.

"It's hard to create a workplace that employees brag about," *The Dallas Morning News* article states, "but to do that in a sour economy is a monumental achievement."

Several St. Mark's staff and faculty members took a break from their happy jobs to join *The Dallas Morning News* publisher Jim Moroney at a luncheon to present the School with its award. The entire faculty and staff celebrated together later on campus.



(above) J.T. Sutcliffe, Scott Gonzalez, Frank Jordan, Jan Forrester, Verna Smith, Byron Lawson, Jr., Martha Morillos, Arnie Holtberg, Stephanie Barta, Carol Chandler, and *DMN* publisher Jim Moroney.

(left and below) St. Mark's employees enjoy a reception to celebrate this achievement.



visiting scholars stress possibilities

Students Learn to Listen and Be Heard



Craig Kielburger and Robin Wiszowaty share their experiences with Middle School students.

h How can one middle school student make a difference in a poverty-stricken community on another continent?

This fall, Free The Children founder and president Craig Kielburger returned to St. Mark's as a Robert E. Dennard Visiting Scholar, joined by the organization's Kenya director, Robin Wiszowaty, to visit the School's Free The Children chapter and to work with Middle School and Upper School students. Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education, with more than one million young people involved worldwide. Mr. Kielburger founded the organization in 1995 when he was only 12 years old by gathering 11 school friends to begin fighting child labor. The St. Mark's chapter of Free The Children, sponsored by Middle School math teachers Paula Cham and Amy Reck, was founded shortly after Mr. Kielburger's first appearance at the School.

Craig Kielburger's energy, compassion, determination, and strong presence accord excellently with St. Mark's philosophy of leadership and community service. He describes

himself as "shamelessly idealistic" as he works to eliminate child slavery and child poverty.

Kielburger met with the student leaders of the Community Service Board, the St. Mark's chapter of Amnesty International, the St. Mark's chapter of the Dallas Area Diversity Youth Organization, and other interested students. The students were mesmerized and motivated by the fact that Kielburger began in the same position as they are now: he was a child working on behalf of other children throughout the world. Kielburger was humbled by his talk with the young Marksmen, and he thanked them for their powerful work bringing change to the village of Pimbiniet, Kenya. The St. Mark's chapter of Free The Children adopted Pimbiniet and supports clean water and sanitation projects, alternative income projects, and access to health care.

During her two-day visit, Robin Wiszowaty met with 6th grade Humanities students to share her passion for the Maasai people of Kenya. The Maasai Mara is located 174 miles west of the capitol city Nairobi in a rural part of Kenya. Wiszowaty developed a passion for the Maasai people when she first spent a year there as a college student. During this time, she lived in a rural village and participated in all of the daily chores necessary for survival. She spoke of women and girls who walked for a quarter of a mile every morning to get a jug of dark and cloudy river water for bathing and cooking. Robin Wiszowaty now works with Free The Children to bring fresh water and school buildings to the Maasai.

In a special lunchtime round table with members of St. Mark's Free The Children

chapter, Wiszowaty encouraged the boys to think globally, not just locally, and to be creative. She also shared ideas for making the Middle School club even more successful. During her chapel talk, Wiszowaty encouraged Lower School students to get involved in social work at a young age. When she and Craig Kielburger combined forces for a Middle and Upper School assembly, their enthusiasm and powerful message left students energized to start an Upper School chapter of Free The Children and to redouble their efforts in the Middle School chapter.

Kielburger and Wiszowaty encouraged Marksmen to “be the change” that they want to see in the world and to believe that “together we can achieve our goals.”

Listening for Possibility ~ Rob Kapilow

“What is this?”

Posing the question to a chapel full of curious Lower School students, world-renowned classical composer Rob Kapilow holds an item that seems strangely out of place.

“A bicycle seat,” one brave student answers.

“And what do you think this is?” Kapilow asks again, this time producing a bent piece of metal.

“Handlebars!” several students reply.

Kapilow nods. “Exactly, but to a genius like Picasso, listening to possibility, when you combine the two it’s an incredible sculpture.”

Placing the handlebars on top of the out-facing bicycle seat, Kapilow has just recreated “Head of a Bull,” the famous sculpture by Pablo Picasso. Listening to possibility was the theme Kapilow stressed during his February 22 presentation to St. Mark’s students.



Lower School students listen for possibility as Rob Kapilow conducts the orchestra.

Since gaining popularity with his radio show *What Makes It Great?*, Kapilow has been breathing life into classical music and teaching young people how to hear beyond the music.

Dubbed “kind of a Bill Nye the science guy for classical music,” Kapilow is most famous for his album *Green Eggs and Hamadeus*, in which the composer melded lyrics from Dr. Seuss’s famous book with the music of Mozart.

With a little help from St. Mark’s very own orchestra and choir, Kapilow took students on a musical tour through Mozart’s “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” and Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus.” Like any good tour guide, Kapilow made some stops along the way, pausing to deconstruct the various musical elements within the measures. After playing the first 13 bars of “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,” Kapilow stopped and enlisted the audience to help him sing the melody. Soon the walls of the chapel echoed with the famous “Bum. Bah-bum. Bah-bum-bah-bum-bah-BUM!”

“Now that’s almost Mozart,” Kapilow comments, playing the piece back on the piano. “But what makes Mozart great is the surprise at the end.”

Kapilow visited St. Mark’s in between nationwide performances of his *What Makes it Great?* series.

sports news

Winter SPC Titles



SPC Champion Wrestling Team.

Wrestling

St. Mark's won their 13th straight SPC wrestling title, winning first in 10 out of the 15 weight classes against eight other schools. St. Mark's won the championship with a 100-point lead over the second place team.

All-Conference Wrestlers include Alberto Muratalla '11, Max Genecov '11, Will Moor '13, Mark Senter '13, George Law '13, Jacob McClellan '11, Roland Salatino '12, Joe Loftus '11, Cole Player '12, Jimmy Papin '13, and Nick Brower '12.

Prior to its SPC victory, St. Mark's also hosted the 2011 Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships on January 29. The Lions finished in first place against 19 other teams, scoring 224 points, a comfortable lead ahead of the competition.

The team title was St. Mark's second in the last three years and the 17th state title in Coach Rick Ortega's career.

Alberto Muratalla '11, Zack Papin '14, Nick Brower '12, Jacob McClellan '11, Joe Loftus '11, Zach Alden '13, Jimmy Papin '13, Will Moor '13, George Law '13, Cole Player '12, and Mark Senter '13, qualified to go to the Prep Nationals on February 25–26.

There, Alberto Muratalla placed 8th overall and was named an All-American Wrestler.

Swimming

The swim team broke two records – the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle. The team also finished first and second in the 50-yard freestyle. Overall, St. Mark's placed first in the competition, exactly 100 points above the second place John Cooper School.

All-Conference swimmers include: Charles Jin '12, Joseph Mallick '11, John McNamara '11, Johnathan Kim '14, Cuyler Lam '12, Mackenzie Sung '12, P.J. Taylor '11, Ben Chesnut '11, and William Chang '13.

Fall SPC Results

Football **5th**
 All-SPC Dean Butler '11
 Ty Montgomery '11
 Nate Naylor '11

Volleyball **2nd**
 All-SPC Rob Dickson '11
 Charlie Garcia '12

Cross Country **2nd**
 All-SPC Matthew Brown '14
 Hayden Wolf '11
 Taubert Nadalini '13
 Spencer Heim '11

maiden voyage

Crew Team Christens New Vessel

The past, present, and future of St. Mark's Crew gathered together in Centennial Courtyard on February 22 to christen the fleet's newest addition, the *John W. Mullen III*. The racing shell is the result of an anonymous gift to the rowing program and was dedicated to Mullen at the suggestion of current crew coach and former St. Mark's rower Will Forteith '96.

"It's been interesting to watch rowing over the years and see how young people develop in it," Mullen said during his speech to students and faculty at the christening.

John Mullen, father of Mark Mullen '85, first stumbled upon rowing in his 30's while running near Bachman Lake.

"I saw a guy on the lake rowing and thought 'Hey, why not get your exercise sitting down?'" he joked.

The idea to bring crew to St. Mark's came when Mark Mullen was captain of the School's swim team.

John thought, "What a fabulous school. Let's get these kids rowing."

And that's exactly what they did, finishing sixth in the nation at last year's Junior Rowing Championship and setting a school record.

"This program is now a nationally recognized program," Headmaster Arnie Holtberg said to the current team gathered for the christening.



(above) John Mullen christens the hull with crew team seniors Chris Kim, Roberto Toto, Teddy Farrell, and Robert Pruser.



(left) Charles Nearburg '68, John Mullen, Anne Mullen, Nelson Spencer '57, and Headmaster Arnie Holtberg.

(below left) Crew team seniors carry the *John W. Mullen III* after its christening.

"And it's because you boys and boys before you have sacrificed and have committed yourself to the ideals that lead to success and excellence."

"The values of teamwork, perseverance, and deferring short-term gratification for long-term success are an inherent part of life here," Coach Forteith said. "When they are applied to an oar in water, I have watched young men develop into tremendous athletes."

After a blessing from Chaplain Rich Towers, Mullen and four senior crew team members poured sparkling cider over the bow of the *John W. Mullen III*, which Mullen commented might be called "The M3."



literary festival

Authors Mentor Student Writers



(above) Novelist Elizabeth Crook converses with a St. Mark's student.

(right) Poet and critic Dr. Robert Hass shares some words of wisdom.

(bottom right) Humorist Rob Wilder shares advice.

(opposite page top) The authors hold a panel discussion and answer student questions.

(opposite page bottom) The authors, student writing contest winners, Arnie Holtberg, faculty sponsor David Brown, and student coordinator Rishi Bandopadhyay '12.

On January 7, St. Mark's hosted five highly respected writers representing all facets of modern literature, including a novelist, poet, humorist, memoirist, and journalist.

Elizabeth Crook, a native Texan, has won numerous awards for her novels, which include *The Raven's Bride*, *Promised Land*, and *The Night Journal*.

Dr. Robert Hass is both a poet and critic, as well as a professor at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bruce Weigl has published 13 collections of poetry and been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Robert Wilder is the writer of the syndicated column, "Daddy Needs a Drink," which appears in the *Santa Fe Reporter* and is a regular contributor to several radio shows.

Finally, St. Mark's own Robert Edsel '75, is the author of several World War II books and co-producer of the acclaimed documentary, *The Rape of Europa*. (see page 32)



The authors spent most of the day working closely with students in English classrooms and engaging in a morning panel discussion before the Upper School. The writers encouraged students to find their own voice and pursue their passions.

The authors also had the opportunity to judge the St. Mark's annual student writing contest, announcing the winners at a reception in the library.





McCrae Dunlap '11 won best fiction for his short story, "Surf," with Aarohan Burma '14 and Rohan Shetty '12 receiving Runner Up and Honorable Mention, respectively. Patrick Ng '12 won in the non-fiction category for "Tangy Autumn Air," followed by Charles Jin '12 and Mark Lutz '12. Gus Blessing '11 won best poetry for "Disparity of Grief," while Kelan Nesbitt '12 and Max Genecov '11 also received awards.

This is the fourth annual Literary Festival, attracting some of the most prestigious writers in the country to meet with St. Mark's students in an intimate setting, sharing their vast experience and providing advice for the future.

An Excerpt from "Disparity of Grief"

by Gus Blessing '11

*Sorrow's dark hands hide the lamenter's eyes.
People surrender to the winning self.
Swallowed by tear made seas and unheard cries.*

*One's vision once looked up at dreamy skies.
Forced now through slots between books on a shelf.
Sorrow's dark hands hide the lamenter's eyes.*

*Not offered hope only conceited lies.
They leave without their artificial help.
Swallowed by tear made seas and unheard cries.*

*Nowhere to turn, life caught as a mere guise.
As if all known had simply faded off.
Sorrow's dark hands hide the lamenter's eyes.*

*Almost corroded to nearby demise.
Tightened and choked by knotted leather belts.
Swallowed by tear made seas and unheard cries.*

*Will one appear to help a friend in fear?
Hung between wood and water on a pier.
Sorrow's dark hands hide the lamenter's eyes.
Swallowed by tear made seas and unheard cries.*



student accolades



The 2010–2011
Marksmen Staff.

Journalism Department Scores Again

On February 17, the National Scholastic Press Association announced the 2010 *Marksmen* as a finalist for the Pacemaker Award, the highest designation given by the national organization. It will be judged against 50 other yearbooks from around the country with the final winner announced in April. The *Marksmen* is no stranger to the competition, having won the prestigious award twice in the last decade.

In addition to its Pacemaker nomination, nine *Marksmen* staff members have won 15 top awards in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Circle competition for their work on last year's yearbook. The *Marksmen* itself is also a Crown finalist for the third year in a row. The award is given to the top yearbooks in the nation for overall excellence and includes entries from more than 1,900 member schools.

The student newspaper, the *ReMarker* also received finalist designation for the Gold Crown award. This is the eighth consecutive year that

the *ReMarker* has been named a finalist for the Crown. For the past seven years, the publication has won the most prestigious designation given by the CSPA, the Gold Crown. This marks the longest successive streak by a secondary school in the history of the organization.

National Merit Finalists Named

Based on their 2009 PSAT/NMSQT test scores, 16 *Marksmen* in the Class of 2011 have achieved Finalist status in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Congratulations to seniors Landon Blair, Will Daspit, Jordan Dyslin, Nicholas Gannon, Max Genecov, Spencer Heim, Dean Itani, Ross Yudkin, Christopher Kim, Robert Koudelka, Christian Larrave, Shashank Mittal, Tanner Montgomery, Austin Mora, Peyton Randolph, and William Raskin. Seniors Obadare Ogundipe and Max Weisbrod were also named Semifinalists.

Seventeen other seniors were named as Commended Students: Daniel Abramson, Jonathan Chen, Ben Chesnut, Hrishikesh Das, Rob Dickson, Adam Goldman, Kevin Hale, Joshua Izzard, Joseph Loftus, Patrick McGee, Will McNamara, Alex Miles, Gregory Moore, Scott Popplewell, Alex Hoskins, Connor Theilmann, and Hayden Wolf.

Photography Students Take Top Honors

St. Mark's photography students emerged victorious from the 29th Annual High School Shoot-Out. After considering 1,872 prints and 16 portfolios, the judges announced their decisions on February 12, 2011 and declared St. Mark's student photographers as the winners in all three of the main categories.

Blake Robins '14, Ross Yudkin '11, and Greg Kinman '12 won Best in Show (Black & White), Best in Show (Color), and Best Junior/Senior Portfolio, respectively. In addition, 29 other Marksmen placed among the 16 categories in the competition.



(above) Award winning photo by Halbert Bai '14.

Photography students also placed at the 2011 PIEA International Student-Teacher photo Competition and Exhibition.

Bear Goldstein '13 took first prize in Portfolio for grades 10–12, while Marksmen took the top three prizes in Still Image for Grades 9 and Under — Richard Eiseman '14 won first, Halbert Bai '14 placed second, and Andrew Gatherer '14 placed third.

The winners from this competition will be exhibited at the PMA Imaging Convention in Las Vegas this September before starting a three-year tour across the U.S.A., United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, and Canada.

Lower & Middle School Chess Team Victorious

The Lower School Chess Team performed incredibly well at the 4th Super Bowl of Chess at the Greenhill School in October. They won first place overall in the tournament with a half-point lead over Greenhill.

Individual trophies went to Spencer Buchholz '20 for third grade, Mark Weisberg '19



(left) Award winning photo by Bear Goldstein '13.

for fourth grade, and Rohin Maganti '17 for the sixth grade. Also, the second grade boys won second place as a team, and the fourth grade boys won first place as a team.

Debate Champions
Alex Miles '11 and
Rishee Batra '12.



Undebatable Victors

There's no argument: St. Mark's has some great debaters. The recent Stanford Debate Tournament featured 80 teams from 15 states, including Rishee Batra '12, Alex Miles '11, Zach Burdette '13, and Meyer Thalheimer '13.

Based on preliminary competition Miles was recognized as the top speaker of the 160 competitors and Batra was recognized as the second best speaker at the tournament.

The two Marksmen teams eventually met each other in the semi-finals, which, according to debate rules, gave the higher ranked Batra-Miles team a free ticket to the finals. The team used that ticket to propel them to another tournament championship for St. Mark's.

But they didn't stop there. The Batra-Miles team continued its winning streak, taking first place at the nationally competitive Montgomery Bell Academy Debate Tournament. Numerous other debate members took victories at state and local competitions.

St. Mark's Debate program is made up of 20–30 students and led by Tim Mahoney for the last ten years. He says that the effort the boys put into the program yields a variety of positive results in addition to winning. Tim has many plans for enhancing the squad in the future. He particularly wants to see boys who are at a medium level or who start the program late have more opportunities to compete at a local level. He says even if boys might not make it to the national level, local competitions are rewarding and provide ample opportunity for growth and success.

Competing in China

Marksmen Roland Salatino '12 has won two first place awards at Chinese Bridge, a Chinese proficiency competition for foreign secondary school students held in Chongqing, China. Roland won for all-around best competitor and for popularity, with 88,666 online votes.

A Chinese newspaper reported on Roland's performance, "His hard work and seriousness is so outstanding. It is said he is constantly asking around to learn the correct pronunciation for his speech in a desire to do an outstanding job."

The U.S. Team ended the competition in third place after a tight struggle with Russia for the slot.

St. Mark's has offered Mandarin Chinese in its Foreign Language Department since the 2008–2009 school year.

Acting Out

Alex Hoskins '11 was honored with the Katherine Ripley Education Award from Planned Parenthood for promoting the highest values and morals.

The award was presented on February 10, 2011, at Planned Parenthood of North Texas's Annual Awards Luncheon.

Alex was commended for his outstanding involvement in the TeenAge Communication Theatre, or TACT.

The group includes high school students from all over North Texas who use dramatic performances to educate the community in healthy sexuality, substance abuse, peer pressure, relationships, and responsible decision-making.

Through his involvement with this group, Alex was picked in 2009 to serve on the National Youth Leadership Council.

Since then, he and his troupe have spent countless hours promoting their issues and ideals to the Dallas community.

the gift of sharing

Hallmarks of the St. Mark's Community



More than 600 Grandparents and friends shared the special day with their Marksmen.

Grandparents' Day

One could say that Grandparents' Day is one of mutual sharing: students with their Grandparents, and Grandparents with the School. It was certainly a day of joy on November 19, as more than 600 grandparents of current students shared morning classes with their grandsons and then ate lunch with them in the Great Hall. The School was able to showcase its remarkable faculty, the wonderful campus facilities, and share with these grandparents the extraordinary education the boys receive every day. St. Mark's benefits from the generosity of grandparents who annually support the St. Mark's Fund.





Marksmen aim to lift spirits with toys and candy collected from their various drives.

Community Service

To say that the St. Mark's Community Service program is all about sharing is an obvious understatement. In addition to the thousands of hours of service the Upper School students perform throughout the year, the entire School comes together for the annual Food Drive and Gift Drive. This year, the St. Mark's community donated 150 boxes of food to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need in the Dallas area. Each box of food fed a family of four for a week. Then, between November 29 and December 15, the Student Council and the Community Service Committee spearheaded an effort that culminated in 2,015 gifts that were donated to local charities including the Genesis Shelter, Austin Street Centre, David's Place (Head Start Program), West Dallas Community Center,

Le Tot Center, CASA, JC Phelps Community Center, and the Salvation Army for distribution to families who might not have had gifts for their children this year without this help.

In November, the Junior Class leads the effort known as McDonald's Week. The local McDonald's restaurant partners with the students in this effort. St. Mark's community members pack the restaurant in the mornings for four days and earn 2,000 meals, which they will serve to the homeless in the Austin Street Centre four times a year. In addition, other local restaurants, including Purple Cow and Cantina Laredo, helped the cause by offering night time meals that provided extra funds, which added to the \$11,000 total the Junior Class was able to donate to the Austin Street Centre for other needs.



Festival of Lessons & Carols

The St. Mark's Choir's annual celebration of the Festival of Lessons & Carols service is truly a gift to the whole community. The scripture readers are representative of each of the constituent groups of the School, and the voices of the Choir and the congregation are raised in song to tell the Christmas story. For some, the Lessons & Carols service is the start of the celebration of Christmas.



(top) McDonald's Week.
(above and left) Lessons & Carols.



(above) Seniors process with their buddies.

(right) The Headmaster with a few of his buddies.

(below) Lower Schoolers sent holiday greetings to their Class of 2010 buddies away at college.

All-School Christmas Party

No other celebration has the weight of sentiment and tradition that the annual All-School Christmas Party has for this community. The seniors carry lower school students on their shoulders and process down the aisle to decorate the Christmas tree in the Great Hall, while the “family” of St. Mark’s packs the room and sings holiday carols. The Headmaster’s annual address inspires, and the presentation of the gifts from the Gift Drive lifts everyone’s spirits. Again, we are reminded that the reason for the season is sharing.



live from st. mark's... it's saturday night

On Saturday, February 26, St. Mark's Parents' Association hosted its annual Celebrate St. Mark's Auction event in the Thomas O. Hicks Family Athletic Center. The evening included a Live Auction and a special raffle of a new car donated to the School by Peggy and Carl Sewell '61 and Sewell Motors. The car was won by Fourth Grade teacher Sherri Darver.

The crowd roared to a variety of fun faculty skits and musical performance á la Saturday Night Live, featuring Tom Adams, "Doc" Browning, Bart Epperson, Wortie Ferrell, Warren Foxworth '66, John Frost, Marion Glorioso, Greg Guiler, Carmen Hammonds, Tim Hicks, Hayward Lee, Tim Mank '87, Ty Montgomery '11, Mihai Oprea, Dwight Phillips, Curtis Smith, Bob Rozelle '66, and Barb York.

The sold-out event not only made for an incredibly fun evening of community building and celebration, but it also generated substantial funding to support the Parents' Association's multi-year commitment to endow the School's first Teaching Fellowship as part of the Centennial Challenge Campaign. This most recent commitment adds to their earlier Campaign leadership gifts for the new track in Hunt Stadium and for the construction of Centennial Hall.

Sincere thanks to Parents' Association President Ann Mahowald, Auction Committee Chair Kim Hext, and the entire team of volunteers for making St. Mark's Live a night to remember and for making such an important contribution to the School.



(above and below) The Parents' Association delivers a clever take on the television icon.

(left) Special musical guest: St. Mark's faculty members.





WHAT COUNTS AT ST. MARK'S...

ALUMNI LIKE YOU.

St. Mark's inspires boys to be great men—great men who lead and make their mark. Alumni continue this tradition each year as they give back to the School in record numbers:

- ~ Last year, St. Mark's achieved one of the highest alumni participation rates in the country at 52%.
- ~ Alumni gifts, large and small, support every aspect of the St. Mark's experience.
- ~ Every dollar given to the St. Mark's Fund provides vital operating revenue equivalent to an endowment gift 20 times that amount.

We need your support. Your leadership inspires others. Join the ranks of alumni who make a difference and be counted today.

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Marksmen of All Generations Celebrate



More than 400 alumni and guests gathered this fall to reconnect and cheer on the Lions at the Homecoming football game.



alumni programs

Alumni Board Impact



(above and right) Alumni and friends gather for the Alumni Holiday Luncheon at the Petroleum Club.

(middle right) Current Board President Ken Hersh '81 and former Board President Robert Sinclair '74.

(below right) Alumni Board President Mike Warnecke '87 and Josh Cohen '87.



(opposite page top left) Master Teacher Bill Kysor leads a discussion at "An Evening at the Nasher."

(opposite page below) Alumni and friends enjoy the Nasher event.

Alumni Board Impact

The St. Mark's Alumni Association continues to engage and involve graduates around the globe in a wide range of activities and projects, from class reunions and community service programs to Regional Alumni Clubs and career mentoring programs. The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recognized St. Mark's last summer for the quality and breadth of its alumni program, reflecting the national reputation of the School's program.

The success of the alumni program reflects the leadership provided by the Alumni Board





and the many volunteers working on behalf of the School. Led by President Mike Warnecke '87, the Alumni Board strives to ensure that alumni engagement across the nation continues to grow. The following pages provide just a sampling of the many different activities occurring week in and week out to keep our graduates connected with one another and with their alma mater.

Dallas Speaker Series

The Dallas Speaker Series continues to gain momentum and garner increased interest and participation as the Alumni Association seeks opportunities for graduates to come together and enjoy intellectual growth opportunities. Speakers during the current academic year provided a variety of fascinating discussion topics and brought alumni together in record numbers. This relatively new program is one of the many initiatives designed to provide a wide variety of events for alumni with different



interests. This year, the Alumni Holiday Luncheon with Arnie Holtberg and An Evening at the Nasher with John Frost and Bill Kysor were huge successes, with more than 200 alumni attending.



Alumni from the Class of 2007 through 2010 return to mingle with friends on campus at the annual College-Age Alumni Luncheon.



Alumni gathering in New York City at the home of Danielle and Tom Walker '73.



Alumni Ambassadors Program

The Alumni Ambassadors Program is now a well-established and vital part of the ongoing class-based communications efforts. Building on the success of the Class Agent system which has historically been focused on strengthening alumni participation in the St. Mark's Fund, the Ambassadors are able to focus solely on communication in their classes to relay news and information about fellow classmates, including job changes, moves, family updates, births, illnesses, and other items of significance.

Young Alumni Outreach

Young Alumni Outreach is a growing priority. One of the foremost alumni goals is to blur the line between student and alumnus and give graduating seniors an early sense of the important role the School will play throughout their lives. From the establishment of the Student-Alumni Association for current students to a variety of activities geared toward college-aged alumni and recent college graduates, the Alumni Association is squarely focused on engaging and involving graduates even before they receive their diploma.



Alumni gathering in Austin.

Some of the programs that have been developed in recent years include the Senior-Alumni Luncheon for graduates and their families on the day of Commencement, the Headmaster's College Send-off Dinner, and the College-Aged Holiday Luncheon.

The St. Mark's alumni network is among the strongest in the country. The Alumni

Office, together with Alumni Association volunteers, help graduates maximize opportunities to connect with one another for career networking. The Alumni Office also works closely with college-aged alumni to introduce alumni mentors who can assist them as they begin the transition from college to their careers.



(top row) Alumni gathering in Philadelphia.



(bottom row) Alumni gathering in Houston.

Regional Clubs

For nearly two decades, St. Mark's has been hosting a growing number of regional alumni events around the country, as well as in Asia and Europe. With a typical schedule of 15–20 regional events a year, graduates are joining forces in record numbers to create targeted programming in cities with large concentrations of Marksmen.

Not surprisingly, the first formal Alumni Clubs were established last year in New York (led by Jeb Beckwith '80) and San Francisco (led by Michael Merrill '72). Austin and Washington, D.C. are the next cities poised to launch clubs. Regional Club Presidents serve on the Alumni Board and help fully integrate St. Mark's local, regional, and national outreach efforts.

With a firm vision in place, the Alumni Board continues to focus on ways to become the best independent school alumni network in the nation. The bottom line is that the Alumni Board hopes to provide alumni with as many opportunities as possible to reconnect with their classmates, the School, our outstanding faculty, and our students.

Please contact the Director of Alumni Relations, Jim Bob Womack '98 (214-346-8809 or womackj@smtexas.org) to get more involved with your class, participate in the Alumni Mentoring Program, serve on a Reunion Planning Committee, help start an Alumni Club in your area, or attend one of the many alumni events either in Dallas or around the country.

reunion update



Alumni celebrate Class Reunions while friends and family reconnect.

Reunion Classes Lead the Way

With the addition of Alumni Weekend four years ago, class reunions have reached new heights at St. Mark's. Attendance from alumni throughout the country has grown significantly as Marksmen return to campus for the three-day celebration. This year, St. Mark's will welcome approximately 1,000 alumni and guests to campus for Alumni Weekend, April 14–16.

The success of Alumni Weekend, in large measure, is a result of the intensive outreach among classes celebrating their reunions. Early in the fall, class committees begin planning the reunion and encouraging attendance.

As the year progresses, committees ramp up their outreach with pre-reunion gatherings, as well as personal letters, emails, and calls. The theory behind their work is simple: the more classmates who return, the better the reunion experience.

Reunion committees have also adopted another goal: secure special gifts to celebrate class relationships with one another and the School. Since the Reunion Gift program began four years ago, alumni celebrating class reunions have contributed more than \$1.5 million to the St. Mark's Fund. During that same period,



alumni participation in the St. Mark's Fund has grown from 40% to 52%, among the highest participation rates in the country.

This year, the 1s and 6s will celebrate their reunions. These classes are determined to raise the bar on all fronts.

The Classes of 1981 and 1986 are in a heated competition to break the all-time reunion record of \$154,000 set by the Class of 1984 for its 25th Reunion.

Separated by only a few hundred dollars, both classes are within close striking distance and have already collectively raised \$300,000 for the St. Mark's Fund.

The Classes of 1976, 1991, 1996, and 2001 are also making strong reunion pushes. The Class of 1976 seeks to join the elite group of classes that have raised more than \$100,000 in a single year. The Class of 1991 has increased its overall giving by a multiple of four. The Class of 1996 has broken the 15th Reunion record and is poised to be the youngest class to raise \$50,000. And, not to be overshadowed, the Class of 2001 is approaching 10th Reunion records for total giving and participation.

With only a few weeks remaining before Alumni Weekend, the good work of the Reunion Committees is yielding extraordinary dividends as reunion classes prepare to converge on campus *en masse* and lead all alumni in a record-setting year in the St. Mark's Fund.

alumni in the news

Marksman Making National and International News

Sammy Acho '07

Sammy Acho '07 is quickly becoming one of the most watched men in football. Sammy joined 330 other players who attended the NFL Combine, where they worked out for coaches and scouts. All of this leads up to the draft on the last weekend in April. But despite the prospect of a NFL career in front of him, none of that seems to be going to his head. Sammy's academic and public service resumé is almost as impressive as his football record. In 2010, the NFL awarded him the 2010 William V. Campbell trophy, or the "Academic Heisman." Likewise, the All Sports Association awarded him the 2010 Wuerffel Trophy for exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement.

"Some athletes think it's all about them," said Dr. Onyebuchi Acho, father of Sammy '07 and Manny Acho '08. "But we make sure they never let anything go to their head and they always give glory where glory is due."

Dr. Acho and his wife always stressed love and respect for others when raising their three children. These were values that the boys saw firsthand when they began accompanying their parents on summer mission trips to Nigeria.

"Sammy and Manny realized that it could have been them dying," said Dr. Acho, a native Nigerian. "It really gave them perspective."

The Acho's mission trip has since grown to nearly 40 volunteers each year, even including a few of the boys' Longhorn teammates.

"Their job was crowd control," Dr. Acho said with a laugh.



(above) Sammy Acho '07 welcomes Marksmen to the UT Campus.

Sammy and Manny are certainly two of the most recognized alumni on campus, and there's no denying the impact St. Mark's has had on their lives.

"It takes a village to raise a family, and without a doubt St. Mark's made our family what it is today," Dr. Acho admits. "The School brought structure and academic excellence to our boys."

With such highly successful children, the Achos have had plenty of requests for parenting advice, and his answer is simple.

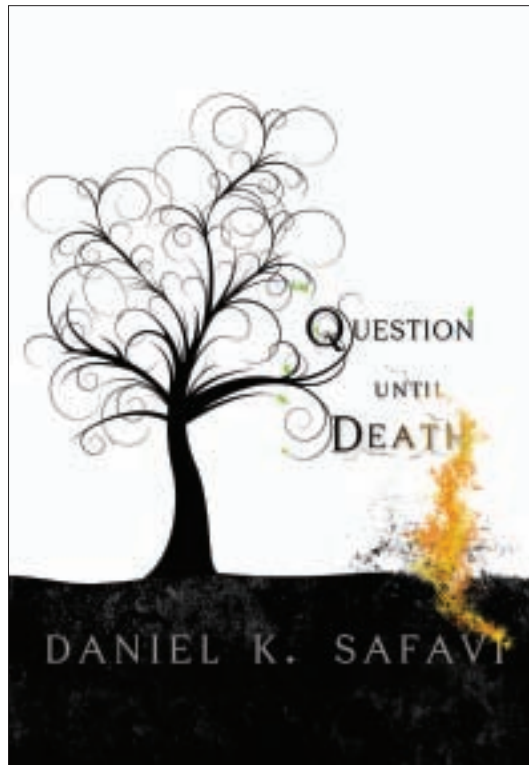
"Rules without relationship will lead to rebellion," Dr. Acho said, stressing not just the relationship with his children. "The boys see the commitment and respect and hard work between my wife and me. We live our lives as an example before them."

While the world will be waiting to see where Sammy comes out in the draft, he is already an extraordinary hero. As an honors graduate from the prestigious McCombs School of Business, and a man of incredible integrity, character, and honor, there will always be more than a few doors open to this Marksman.



(above) Steve Winn '64, outside the NASDAQ as his company goes public.

(right) The cover of Daniel Safavi '06's new book.



Steve Winn '64

Wall Street welcomed another St. Mark's alumnus — Steve Winn '64, the Chairman and CEO of RealPage. Steve rang the bell on August 12 when his company officially went public with trading on the NASDAQ. RealPage is the recognized leader and pioneer in multi-family property management software, with a history of developing comprehensive, industry-leading property management systems for performance-conscious owners and managers.

Daniel Safavi '06

Just five short years after graduating, Daniel Safavi '06, has become a published author. The Marksman's book, *Question Until Death*, is a collection of sixteen short stories and poems that encourages the reader to question their beliefs in order to discover their own genuine and inimitable set of principles.

In his 12 years at St. Mark's, Daniel was on Student Council for three years and won the TEX! Magazine Young Lone Stars Writing Contest. But it was the classroom experience that Daniel remembers the most.

"Dr. Stegemoeller's philosophy class was invaluable," Daniel said. "I learned more about myself and my fellow classmates in that class than in any other class I've ever taken."

After graduating in 2006, Daniel attended Boston College, graduating with a B.A. in Hispanic Studies. While studying abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he found literary inspiration from South American writers.

Daniel credits St. Mark's high expectations for making him into a successful author.

"I experienced some of the best teachers and most memorable experiences I've ever had in my St. Mark's classes," Daniel said. "When it came to publishing my book, the whole process was very manageable. It was laborious, but in terms of difficulty, it was nothing compared to what I had done at St. Mark's."

David Vanderpool '78

David Vanderpool '78 and his sons David Jr. and John Mark, daughter, Jacklyn, and wife, Laurie, were profiled in *People Magazine's* "2010 Heroes Among Us" article (29 October 2010) for their tireless work in Haiti and around the world.

David and his family created the nonprofit Mobile Medical Disaster Relief (MMDR) to provide "feet on the ground" humanitarian aid to people in need. His abiding passion for helping the poor drives him to lead medical mission trips throughout the world at least one week out of every month. Just in 2010, his group traveled to Haiti twelve times and worked in Ghana rescuing enslaved children.

David first recalls his introduction to human need through the St. Marks' Can-Paign, a school project to collect canned food for the hungry of Dallas. For a growing athletic boy who never missed a meal, his mind had never fully entertained the thought that in his affluent Texas surroundings, some were literally starving.

After graduating from from St. Mark's and Abilene Christian University, David pursued medical school at Texas Tech and completed his residency at Baylor Medical Center.

David and wife Laurie have three children who share their passion for helping others. David Jr., 24, serves as the organization's overseas coordinator and lives in Haiti. John, 20, and Jacklyn, 17, both participate regularly in trips overseas and intend to devote their own talents and skills to the mission field full time. Meanwhile, Laurie directs volunteer efforts, serving as the CFO of MMDR among other roles, and in whatever capacity she is needed on trips (including rocking sick children).

The momentum for the creation of MMDR began in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when the Vanderpools traveled to offer aid in Mississippi. Volunteering during the disaster created a vision for an organization devoted to



(above) David Vanderpool '78 and team members in their hospital in Haiti.

disaster relief and funded from the proceeds of the family's medical practice.

"Reading about Haiti, seeing Haitians on the news, even visiting the island...none of this impacts you permanently until you work with the people," David said. "Once you know their names, you can no longer function as before."

Charles Nearburg '68

Upon graduation, the men of St. Mark's are expected to go forth into the world at full speed. Charles Nearburg '68 took this very literally, investing profits from his successful oil and gas exploration firm into a racing career. In typical

(below) Charles Nearburg '68 with his record-setting *Spirit of Rett*.



St. Mark's fashion, he did not stop there but set his sights on something even greater: the single-engine world land speed record.

For 45 years, the record for single-engine vehicle land speed has stood at just above 409 miles per hour, set by the Summers brothers on November 12, 1965. Then, Charles was a mere 15 year-old attending St. Mark's.

But all this changed on September 21, 2010, when Charles climbed into the *Spirit of Rett* on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

After completing a pair of runs under the close scrutiny of the French International Automobile Federation (FIA), the results were clear: Charles had just driven the fastest single engine car in history, hitting an average speed of 414.4 miles per hour. Charles also broke several other speed records including fastest normally aspirated car and first and only car to ever set two over-300 MPH records in one day.

The *Spirit of Rett* is named after Charles' son, Rett Nearburg, who lost a battle with cancer in 2005, at age 21. Charles dedicated his record-setting September 21 run to Rett and all the children fighting cancer.

Robert Edsel '75

Not too many people could claim the title "Nazi Treasure Hunter," but this is a fair job description for Robert Edsel '75. For the past decade, the former oilman has tirelessly researched and promoted the story of the Monuments Men, World War II soldiers charged with retrieving and protecting valuable works of European art stolen by the Nazis. His work has led to the documentary, *The Rape of Europa*, and two books, *Rescuing Da Vinci*, and the bestseller *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History*. So impressed by the stories, The National World



Robert Edsel '75 displays a recovered Nazi photo album to St. Mark's German teacher Paul Weadon.

War II Museum in New Orleans has decided to create a permanent exhibition about the Monument's Men.

Since beginning his crusade, Edsel's efforts have been featured around the world from *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* to *TIME* magazine, CBS News, PBS, CNN, and *The London Times*, to name but a few. In 2007, Robert traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept the National Humanities Medal on behalf of The Monuments Men Foundation. More recently, he received the 2011 Texas Medal of Arts for his contributions to literature. As we begin to lose more and more veterans of World War II, Edsel is racing to track down all of their stories and ensure that nothing is lost to history.

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centennial challenge campaign progress

THE CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE



Just over a year after its public launch, The Centennial Challenge continues to gain momentum. Alumni, parents, and friends are pulling together in unprecedented ways to demonstrate their support for the School's aspirations and have already committed more than \$80 million toward the \$110 million goal.

With 2½ years remaining before the Campaign concludes, activity is increasing around the country to engage and involve more volunteers and donors. Building on the success of the East Coast Launch last year in New York that attracted more than 150 alumni and friends, similar events have been planned for the West Coast on April 9 in San Francisco and April 10 in Los Angeles. Nearly 50 alumni volunteers from five decades have joined the West Coast Launch Host Committee and have been working hard over the last several months to prepare for these special celebrations. Seven distinguished

faculty members, Trustees, and alumni leaders will travel west and help bring St. Mark's to California with afternoon classes and an evening reception and dinner with a special multi-media presentation.

One of the other ways that St. Mark's has been reaching out to share news and progress from the Campaign with the broader community has been through small group information sessions called Centennial Impact Gatherings. These events began late last fall and will continue throughout the Campaign until its conclusion in the summer of 2013. These small group meetings are hosted by Campaign volunteers and usually include a presentation from the Headmaster and a member of the Development staff. If you have not yet attended one of these sessions and are interested in learning more about future dates, please contact Brian H. Hargrove '88, Director of Development, at 214-366-8133 or hargroveb@smtexas.org.

SHAPING THE NEXT 100 YEARS

spotlight on philanthropy

New York Alumnus Honors Parents with Gift for Global Studies

Tom Walker '73 has hosted almost every St. Mark's alumni event in New York City, either at the famed River Club or in his home. Over the last 20 years, Tom has been instrumental in helping bring graduates together and facilitating the School's outreach efforts.

"I realized soon after graduating from St. Mark's that it would be important for me to support my alma mater, even though it was highly unlikely I would ever end up back in Dallas." And support St. Mark's he has. The Thomas B. Walker III '73 Mathematics Department Chair, held by Joe Milliet, and the Thomas B. Walker III Distinguished Scholars Program are two examples of the important role that he has played as one of the School's leading alumni donors. Tom was also one of the first regional alumni Trustees to serve on the St. Mark's Board, a position he held from 1993–2001.

The Centennial Challenge Campaign represented yet another opportunity for Tom to catalyze New York efforts. Not only did he serve on the Host Committee for the East Coast Launch events last April, but he also welcomed all of the Faculty, Host Committee members, and visiting Trustees to a reception in his home on the eve of the big event.

After learning more about the Campaign's lofty aspirations, Tom decided to make another investment in the School he loves. This most recent gift, totaling \$1 million, honors his parents, Thomas and Anne Marie Walker. The elder Mr. Walker also served on the Board of Trustees from 1986–1992 and Mrs. Walker was a long-time benefactor of the School until her



Danielle and Tom Walker '73.

death in early 2010. The School recently announced that a new fund, The Anne Marie and Thomas B. Walker, Jr. Fund for Global Studies, will be established to support student and faculty travel, professional development, and study outside the state of Texas, with particular emphasis on overseas travel and enrichment opportunities. In establishing this new program Tom said, "It is my fervent hope that this Fund will strengthen the overall St. Mark's experience by stimulating new and expanding opportunities for learning that transcend the campus and broaden the horizons of students and faculty alike." A portion of the gift will also be used to support the construction costs of the newly built Robert K. Hoffman Center, which houses the Foreign Language Program.

Alumni Honor Paul Weadon

"Paul Weadon was a major influence on me during my years at St. Mark's; I would do almost anything for Herr Weadon." These words, offered by current Trustee Scott Kimple '84



Herr Weadon with current students.

recently, have been uttered more than once by many Marksmen over the years. Mr. Weadon will retire in June after 39 years at St. Mark’s. He has taught German, Spanish, and history and served as Assistant Head of Upper School.

Perhaps no class enjoys a closer relationship with Paul Weadon than the Class of 1984. For more than 25 years, the Ida and Cecil Green Master Teaching Chair has enjoyed a unique relationship with many members of this class, many of whom joined him for European summer tours throughout their Upper School years. During those trips, members of the Class of 1984 forged a bond with Mr. Weadon that, almost 30 years later, remains strong.

In 2000, Weadon-trip alumni came together to establish the Paul Weadon Fund for International Experience. This band of 1984 classmates—led by Rick Bower, Bill Graue, Todd Hart, Scott Kimple and John Meadows—created the Fund to help underwrite student and faculty summer enrichment opportunities so others could benefit from the same kind of experiences that so profoundly shaped them.

In the words of current parent and Trustee, Bill Graue, “Mr. Weadon, like many great teachers at St. Mark’s, really inspired us.” Matt Lipton ’84

adds, “His dedication was clear in all that he did; he really hung in with us—even in the moments when we were perhaps less than inspiring.”

When construction for Centennial Hall and Robert K. Hoffman Center was underway, Mr. Weadon’s former students joined together again. This time, Bill Graue, Todd Hart, Scott Kimple, and Matt Lipton committed \$150,000 to reserve the state-of-the-art language lab in the Robert K. Hoffman Center in Mr. Weadon’s name. In the words of Todd Hart, who is also a current parent, “He was an incredible teacher, mentor, and friend to me and many others.” He continues, “We felt strongly that Mr. Weadon should be honored with a classroom and agreed that there was no better room than the language lab.”

The Paul Weadon Language Lab is one of many new classrooms in Centennial Hall and Hoffman Center that have been named in honor of current or former faculty. These gifts stand as permanent tributes to the St. Mark’s faculty and their passionate dedication to their students.

Volunteer Profile ~ Judy & Perch Nelson ’79

The success of the St. Mark’s Fund depends each year on the commitment of more than 100 alumni and parent volunteers. These volunteers have been the driving force behind the growth of the Fund in recent years. Judy and Perch Nelson ’79 have shown their dedication and love for the School through their continued service as St. Mark’s Fund volunteers.

Perch Nelson began volunteering with the St. Mark’s Fund when his son Will ’14 joined the School in fifth grade. As a new parent, Perch was recruited by the current Class Agent to help reach out to other new families in the class. Perch took over the duties the following year and held the position for two years before passing the role on to his wife, Judy. During the



(far left) Judy and Perch Nelson '79. (left) Trevor Ahlberg '86.

past four years that the Nelsons have served as class agents, Class of 2014 parent participation in the Fund has remained around 90%.

For Perch, volunteering with the St. Mark's Fund is a way to show how important the School is in his family's life. When his own class started planning for their 30th Reunion, Perch again answered the call and served on the Reunion Committee. Perch focused on raising St. Mark's Fund participation and led the class from 39% participation to 79% for the Reunion year. These efforts helped the class win the 2009 Alumni Cup, which is awarded annually to the class with the highest increase in St. Mark's Fund participation. Last year, Perch worked with Class Agent Craig Caudle '79 to sustain this high level of participation and has taken the role of Class Agent full-time this year.

The Nelsons believe in the importance of broad community participation in the St. Mark's Fund. "Making a gift to the School is a way to show that you are invested in its success. As St. Mark's Fund volunteers, Judy and I have the opportunity to make an impact beyond our financial support by encouraging other families to support the School."

Early Alumni Investment in the Campaign

Trevor Ahlberg '86 joined the Board of Trustees in 2006. He has served on the Alumni Board, chaired the St. Mark's Fund, and helped

lead his 20th and 25th Reunions. He believes deeply in St. Mark's and the importance of investing in its mission today.

When St. Mark's began plans to build Centennial Hall and Hoffman Center, Trevor once again raised his hand. "True to St. Mark's form, we were following a disciplined, yet ambitious schedule—we wanted to move forward in the summer of 2007 and needed to act quickly to build on the momentum of the Crow family gift."

Trevor stepped forward with an early unrestricted gift to the Centennial Hall and Hoffman Center project. In honor of Trevor's parents and their commitment to education, the History Department suite in Centennial Hall is named for the Ahlberg family.

Now a member of the Campaign Steering Committee and a Co-Chair of its Alumni Committee, Trevor continues to advocate for the Campaign and its priorities. As Trevor notes, "St. Mark's is our school. We are the ones who benefited from the commitments of others, the dedication of our faculty, and the passion of our coaches. As an alumnus, I believe I have a responsibility to participate fully and encourage others to do the same."

The Centennial Challenge has galvanized alumni support across the country as Marskmens of all generations invest in the School's future.



REMEMBERING OUR KING ARTHUR

*“He had an impact on us all, in our different ways,
but always in his very special manner.
Arthur’s imprint is on St. Mark’s and in our alumni,
and forever will be. He was a prince of a man.
To me, he was our King Arthur.”*

~ Headmaster Arnie Holtberg ~

IN 1955, a letter arrived on the desk of St. Mark’s Headmaster, Robert Inglehart. It was a letter of inquiry from an art and drawing instructor at Victoria College on the Isle of Jersey, and it was the proverbial seed cast to earth at 10600 Preston Road. Since that time, the seeds, both literal and figurative, that Arthur Douglas planted, have flourished across the campus and beyond.

Stroll the southwest corner of the St. Mark’s campus and you will see the immortal footprint of Arthur Douglas’s love for nature. The greenhouse, aviary, and outdoor elements of the Math/Science Quad were all designed and built under his careful watch. Adam Eichenwald ’10 recently wrote in response to the news of Arthur’s passing: “Even though I never formally met him, I feel as though I knew him anyway... I’d walk through the greenhouse knowing he was instrumental in its existence. I’d go to class in the science building and see his name emblazoned on the wall.” Arthur’s words are, indeed, preserved on a bronze plaque that hangs above aquariums teeming with sea creatures from various corners of the world. So it comes as some surprise that science was not a class Arthur Douglas was scheduled to teach when he first arrived at the School in autumn of 1955. In fact, it was one of the few subjects this polymath was not teaching.

In his first year on campus, Arthur wore many hats as he taught Art, English Literature, Handwriting, and Spanish. Unknown to the administration, Arthur’s primary motivation for coming to Texas was his interest in studying cacti.

Arthur, as a true naturalist, never seemed to notice that his curriculum did not include cacti, or birds, or bees. In his mind, they were always there. What naturalist would walk the field without a notebook in hand to sketch the plant life and jot down notes? From bud-laden bower to leaves of grass, from pencil sketch to watercolor, from common names to the Latin, the knowledge and talents swimming inside Arthur Douglas’s mind found more connections than boundaries. As Wallace Hall ’80 said in his memorial words for Arthur, “There never has been a course offered at St. Mark’s titled, ‘Advanced Placement How-to-be-a-Renaissance-Man, grades 1–12,’ but that did not stop Arthur Douglas from instructing it.”

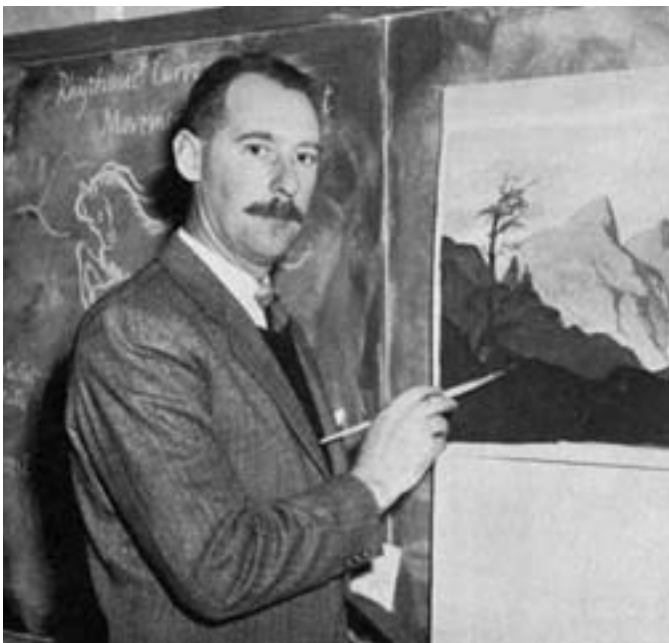
It was in 1957, when chaperoning a choir trip with Interim Headmaster Ralston Thomas, that Arthur was overheard identifying and expounding upon every native plant passed. People who knew Arthur know that aggressive self promotion would never have occurred to him. Rather it was Arthur, simply sharing his uncontainable fascination with the natural world that led Thomas to have Arthur teaching first through

He was an extraordinary man with an extraordinary love of teaching and biology. St. Mark's is a better school because he taught there. I am a better person because I was his student. ~Errington Thomson '79

eighth grade science by the following school year.

Flipping through the *ReMarker* archives, there is little mention of Arthur Douglas in that first decade. In a 1964 editorial, Jonathan Starr '64 wrote the following:

A couple of years ago a bee hive was installed in the Math Science Quadrangle. Now another one has been added. In military terms, the bees now control all the approaches. Numerous students have been rather disconcerted to have to walk through the bee's landing patterns, and presumably visiting members of the Board of Trustees feel the same way. With the bees, cacti, and "alligators" (caimans) in the pond, all they need is a few poisonous mushrooms and some poisonous snakes, and they'll have it made. Whatever it is they're trying to do.



"Whatever it is they're trying to do" must have worked as scores of graduates from the mid-60s forward attribute their appreciation for the natural world directly to Arthur.

"Arthur Douglas was the School's greatest Naturalist, and he was the most inspiring and interesting Life Science teacher any of us ever had," says Steve Seay '68, who credits Arthur in no small part for his own educational endeavors. Teaching earth sciences at St. Mark's for more than two decades, Seay also brought science alive and in turn inspired his students into fields of science, conservation, and exploration.

And Seay has a completely different recollection of those bees. "It was fascinating. Arthur had a hive in the classroom where you could watch the bees going in and out. You could see the workings of the hive. You could watch the drones and workers, and we were even given a way to identify the queen." Seay found it so fascinating he jumped at the chance to learn what he calls "the most ancient form of animal husbandry," directly from Arthur Douglas. The teaching not only sank in, but was passed on to later generations of students in extra-curricular beekeeping.

Seay recalls that the beehives at St. Mark's were eventually removed, but it was due to the students harassing bees, not Starr's dire prediction of disconcerted Trustees. Current Trustee, Wallace Hall '80, who had been one of Seay's extra-curricular beekeepers, viewed Douglas as a lifelong mentor and friend. "I always believed that knowing Arthur Douglas was as close to knowing an 18th century British naturalist as was humanly possible...he was a gentleman with a wonderfully dry sense of humor who collected and cared for tortoises, plants, birds, and people. He was a romantic and chivalrous. He was the consummate gentleman."

It seems safe to say that the ways of Arthur Douglas, cacti, bees and all, were capturing hearts and minds.

Dan Northcut '81 is another alum and student of Douglas who returned, just as had Seay, to teach science on the St. Mark's campus. Northcut's approach to teaching also

Arthur Douglas in action in his studio.

Arthur Douglas led numerous student trips abroad.



finds roots in his boyhood experiences in Arthur's classroom. Appealing to a boy's instinct for adventure and discovery was an Arthur Douglas trait that Northcut models when he brings a back-flipping spotted gar into the second grade classroom, or strolls into a Life Science class with a freshly captured black widow spider in an observation jar.

"He had a way of explaining Life Science that inspired kids to be more in touch with the natural world," says Northcut, who has been both a student and a colleague of Arthur's. "Nobody had a mind with the depth and scope of Arthur Douglas."

"Arthur Douglas wasn't just an inspiration to the kids," Northcut adds. "He also inspired other teachers. He modeled a way of teaching that was so engaging that he became the teacher you were striving to be. He had the knowledge, and he had 'the touch'—the way of imparting the knowledge to you so that you were inspired by it and wanted to learn more. What better goal is there for a teacher?"

Stephen M. Seay '68 Science Department Chair, Stephanie Barta agrees; "Arthur had the ability to immerse the students in his classes to the point they forgot they were in school and were simply swept along with the inexorable tide of learning as Arthur explained the natural world to them. That's what real teaching is about. That's what every teacher should strive to accomplish every day."

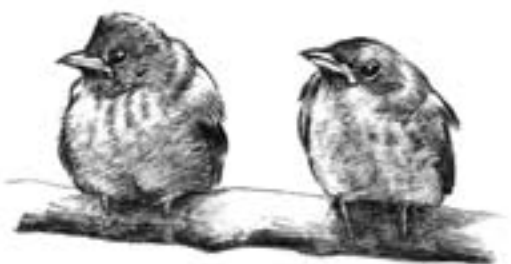
Jim Strauss '64 was one of the many boys who were swept along with the inexorable tide, and, though a classmate of the concerned *ReMarker* editor, Starr '64, Strauss saw no problem with Arthur's courtyard teeming with life. He enjoyed a biology department staffed with teachers who enjoyed "doing science more than lecturing about it."

"Arthur Douglas," Strauss notes, "was the consummate naturalist. He could walk in the desert or the jungle and identify plants and birds along the way with commentary on

their characteristics and habits. He was unperturbed by the physical conditions. Heat, car trouble in very remote places, sketchy accommodations—all these were of no concern if there was interesting terrain to see."

Strauss was one of many boys who enjoyed a trip with Arthur Douglas as part of their St. Mark's experience. Travel was a favorite activity of Arthur's, and he would often spend school breaks taking students for adventures to one exotic place or another.

Peter Julian '72 remembers his Christmas break trip to Mexico with Arthur as "one of the landmark experiences of my early life," and not just because it was his first trip to a foreign country. To some, travel is best when the hotel has soft beds and serves a hot breakfast. Not to Arthur. For Arthur it was driving a VW Bus from Dallas to Monterrey, Mexico, and back. It was taking back roads through small villages, pulling over to explore a desert or jungle, or eating a meal with his old friend Victor, who supported a family of 16 by selling birds in the market. An added benefit of travelling with Arthur was his vast knowledge. Who else could have possibly warned students that if the white milky substance secreted from an African euphorbia gets in your eye, it can blind you, but the blood of a camel should serve to reverse the damage?



Arthur was devoted to St. Mark's and his students. He seemingly remembered all of them and loved telling stories about them, imitating their Texas accents with relish. ~Harold Montgomery '78

The time Jim Strauss spent traveling in Mexico with Arthur Douglas implanted a spirit of exploration in him as well. His wife Carla recalls how, years later, when their family traveled to South Padre Island, New Mexico, or Colorado, Jim would wake them all at dawn to go birding. "On hikes, we collected seeds from plants along the trail," recalls Carla.

Travel with Arthur was exploration and discovery, "so there were several kinds of lessons to learn from him," Jim points out, "But he also had the intrigue of a man who had traveled throughout the world yet somehow walked in our midst at St. Mark's."

"Arthur Douglas had a lasting effect on my interest in botany, birding, and exploring the natural world," Jim adds. Strauss went on to a career in science, practicing hematology, oncology, and internal medicine.

Unable to take every student adventuring down to Mexico, Arthur started another tradition, The 7th Grade Day Hike, which later evolved into the 7th Grade Campout. Dan Northcut '81 recalls his own experience as a student on the 7th Grade Day Hike. "The goal was to get as close to Arthur as you could. He was a fountain of knowledge and you just wanted to get close enough to catch some."

And if Arthur couldn't take the students around the world, he brought the world to them in his greenhouse and aviary.

Treated to a tour of the greenhouse with Arthur as your guide, you would not just learn the names of the plants and the regions in which they grew, but the history of, for example, the "melon thistle," which was the first cactus ever seen by explorers in the New World. You would see actual live specimens from economic crops like coffee and papyrus.

Many of the plants would be accompanied with vivid stories about where in his travels Arthur had collected them. This propensity of Arthur's to collect seeds in the service of botanical exploration, and the good humored stealth in doing so, was passed along to his students. One particularly large and spiky tree in the greenhouse grew from a seed that one of Arthur's students brought to him from Argentina.

There is a video that Stephanie Barta keeps on her shelves. (Interested alumni can now view the video online by visiting www.smtexas.org.) It is a treasured archive in which Arthur Douglas is seen giving a tour of the greenhouse. As he walks into a section known as the dry room, he kneels down beside a cactus. The cactus, only slightly smaller than Arthur's crouching form, was planted from a seed by Mr. Douglas in 1956.



Arthur Douglas with his beloved cacti.



For years after formally retiring from the classroom, he tended the greenhouse and aviary.

Carla Strauss, wife of Jim Strauss '64, quoted above, and mother of David Strauss '89, is familiar with this cactus.

“Arthur had collected the seeds while traveling in the Galapagos Islands. Two plants were grown from those seeds,” Carla recalls, “One is in the St. Mark’s greenhouse, and the other is in the Boyce Thompson Arboretum outside Phoenix.” The family was finally able to see this demi-centenarian sibling cactus when they visited the desert gardens with their son David during his senior year. Standing there with the backdrop of Picket Post Mountain, feeling a personal connection to this barrel cactus, “It was thrilling,” Carla recalls. This contagion of inspiring a connection with nature is a gift Arthur Douglas has passed along to generations of Marksmen and their families.

The exotics that Douglas brought to the greenhouse did not end with the botanical specimens. At times you would have been greeted by Charlie the Tortoise trundling along the path. The tortoise seems an appropriate sidekick for Arthur as he, too, holds the ability to span generations of men.

Nor was the greenhouse confined to being a space for the sciences alone. A single plant can have medicinal qualities, a reference in a Shakespearean sonnet, and a unique place in the history of exploration.

Wallace Hall recalled this remarkable teacher’s mind:

In class, he would move seamlessly between a discussion on ornithology to the favorite foods of



some way cool carnivorous plant and then on to the recitation of poetry that would be fitting for the topic at hand. One minute he would be using his mnemonic devices to help instruct us on plant taxonomy and the next minute he would take his chalk to board and, in seconds, create some incredible bird and then discuss his first encounter with this particular species whilst travelling through some exotic land. When in Arthur’s class, one could be forgiven for not knowing what the course was named as it covered so many disciplines. All of this made one believe that to know anything less than everything was to short change one’s self.

When David Brown, Victor White Master Teaching Chair in English, first approached Arthur about holding a poetry class in the greenhouse, Arthur was delighted.

“I intended to teach the poet, Theodore Roethke, whose *Greenhouse Poems* focused on familiarity with and love for vegetation,” says Brown. “I saw Arthur at lunch one day, sat beside him, introduced myself, and asked, ‘May teachers use the greenhouse for their classes?’ He lit up.”

“For over 10 years straight now I have taught Roethke’s poetry, and every year I have taken my classes to our greenhouse to let the boys see and smell and feel our version of the

Arthur Douglas teaching science in the 1960s.





Arthur, as Senior Master, led the graduation procession of the faculty.

‘greenhouse effect’ as we read and discuss the poems. It’s not quite the same as it used to be when Mr. Douglas would lead the tour, pointing out fascinating facts about each plant. But I try to recall those details and tell them as he did.”

But if Arthur Douglas saw no boundaries between the disciplines, he never missed the order in all things. When asking about Arthur Douglas, certain words come up time and again: organized, meticulous, methodical.

Arthur’s collection of mounted insects, perfectly preserved, is still used in classes today. After a noted architect constructed the greenhouse in the early 1960s, Douglas had to redesign it to represent three distinct climatic zones: temperate, tropical, and arid. And even though he retired from teaching in 1982, Arthur could still be found explaining the connection between di-hybrid cross breeding and artificial selection in the aviary (then jokingly asking each student for three dollars upon exiting).

As the remembrances flowed in following Arthur Douglas’s passing last September, many Marksmen quoted the very words immortalized on the bronze plaque that hangs above the school aquaria:

Well prepared, not sad, nor vexed.
Pen, pencil, ruler, notebook, lined paper and text.

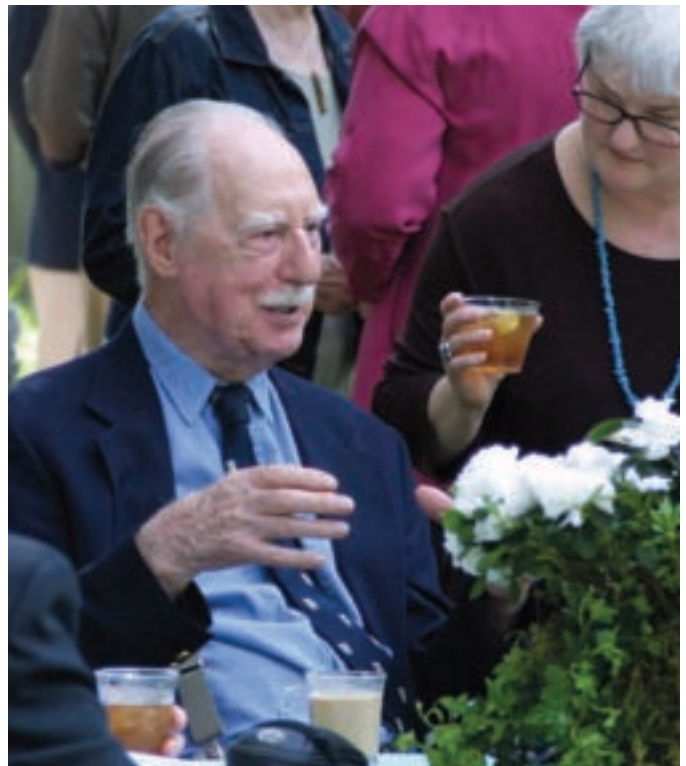
Northcut, who first arrived at St. Mark’s as a student in the mid-70s, recalls the transformative experience of walking into Arthur’s classroom: “He was very organized—so organized

that when you walked into his classroom it helped you get organized. He took us, these seventh grade boys, and gave each boy in his presence that sense of being a professional scientist. He gave us the tools and the discipline to do the work of scientists and it inspired us.”

Arthur had settled into his role as the retired greenhouse keeper when David Brown first arrived on campus in 1999.

“I suppose he knew that I was the new English Department Chair because he launched into his favorite linguistic topics, and a friendship was quickly made,” Brown recalls. “I shared his love of plants, and he shared mine of language and grammar. He would often begin a lunch conversation with that gentle smile and something like, ‘I recently read that the word... .’”

After Arthur was moved to a long-term care facility, David continued to visit him. During visits, David would read portions of whatever Mr. Douglas requested, which was usually Sir Thomas Malory’s *Le Morte D’Arthur*, or Tennyson’s *Idylls of the King*. It is no surprise to those who came to love Arthur, not just as the wise teacher and mentor, but also as



Arthur at a tea given in his honor.

the perpetual boy ever seeking adventure, that The Arthurian legend would naturally appeal to him.

Before teaching to the whole boy became vogue, Arthur was building the curriculum by simply being Arthur. Surround the boy with a courtyard of caimans and bees. Don't just hand him the paper on which to write, show him the plant the paper is made from. Take him through the woods, and wade knee deep into a creek where he can place a nose to the water to watch a new world unfold beneath the ripples. Tennyson once wrote:

What is that to him that reaps not harvest of
his youthful joys,
Tho' the deep heart of existence beat for ever
like a boy's?

Arthur Douglas always heard that heartbeat, and never forgot what it is to be a boy, a whole boy, aching for the adventure of life, and finding worlds in each adventure.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers" continues Tennyson. So shall Arthur Douglas. The teacher, artist, mentor, humorist, gentleman, and friend built a legacy that will continue through generations. The seed that fell at 10600 Preston Road in 1955 grew and become a cornerstone of the School's foundation. As its limbs extend through time, Marksmen will continue to climb through the branches and gaze from there to places yet imagined.



The Life of Arthur Douglas

- 1916** Born to blacksmith in Bradford, Yorkshire
- 1932** Receives scholarship on the condition he commits to teaching
- 1937** Graduates from Bradford College, teaches at Leeds College of Art
- 1940–1949** Taught at several art and grammar schools
- 1955** Hired to teach art, handwriting, and Spanish at St. Mark's; his salary: \$2,500
- 1957** Joined the Science Department
- 1960** Moved into Orchid Lane house, took in boarding students, including Tommy Lee Jones '65
- 1960–1961** Amidst renovations, helped redesign St. Mark's courtyard landscape and greenhouse
- 1963** Met substitute teacher Alice Taliaferro; they marry two years later
- 1965** Built and stocked aviary with help of students
- 1969** Elected as a Fellow of the London Zoological Society
- 1971** The Wilderness Program is established, tracing its roots to Arthur's 7th grade day trips
- 1972** Promoted to Chair of the Science Department; the Class of '72 dedicates the *Marksmen* to him
- 1973** Designed the first school tie, with Nelson Spencer '57
- 1974** Appointed Curator of Living Materials
- 1978** Invited to present a paper at the 1st International Symposium on Birds in Captivity
- 1982** Retired from full-time teaching; remains at St. Mark's as caretaker of greenhouse and aviary
- 2000** Alice, wife of 35 years, passed away
- 2005** Friends, faculty, and alumni gather to celebrate Arthur's 50 Years of Service to St. Mark's
- 2010** Passed away at age 94

REMARKS

1957

FREDERICK MERRILL '57 was featured recently in *Preston Hollow People* in an article entitled, "Getting Up Front With Art: Homeowners Adorn Their Lawns With Priceless Works." Frederick, an architectural/interior designer, was pictured with *Seabiscuit*, a life-sized bronze horse created by California sculptor Bruce Newell. Merrill wanted the sculpture as soon as he saw it at the grand opening festivities for the Plaza of the Americas in the 1980s. According to the article, it took him 14 years of correspondence to "talk them into selling him to me," he said. The crew originally delivered the sculpture to the curb where it later took four hours to move it to its proper spot. Frederick resides in Dallas.

1961 | 50 YEARS

STEVE MILLER '61 released his first new record in more than 15 years titled *BINGO*. Out in the summer 2010, the Blues CD quickly shot up both the Billboard Blues and Rock charts. This was followed up by Steve's appearance in July on the noted Country Music Television Show, *Crossroads*, alongside country superstar Kenny Chesney. Filmed in the famed Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, the sellout crowd heard the two stars, who are good friends, belt out hits including Steve's classic rock tunes "Fly Like an Eagle," "The Joker," "Rock'n Me," "Jet Airliner," and others. Steve was also featured on NBC's *The Today Show* with a special segment, "Today Goes on Tour," when the weekend host, Lester Holt, traveled with the band for several dates on the 2010 tour, which included shows all over the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Steve also recently appeared on the cover of *Vintage Guitar Magazine*, and he is now serving as an adjunct faculty member at the USC Thornton School of Music.

In July, **JIM MOORE '61** retired from his executive position with Ent Federal Credit Union in Colorado Springs. This is his second retirement, the first was in 1992 after 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. Jim and his wife, Marion, celebrated their 44th anniversary in December. Jim writes that their two children have given them "outstanding" grandchildren. Jim and Marion plan to attend his upcoming 50th class reunion in April and look forward to seeing his classmates.



Jim Moore '61 and his brother Bob Moore '65 caught up with family and shared Marksmen memories during a visit at Jim's home in Colorado Springs.

1962

DAVID WAGGONER '62 completed his first half-marathon December 15, which was one year after surgery to repair a torn achilles tendon. David also continues to remain engaged at St. Mark's, working hard as the Class Agent for the Class of 1962.

1964



Sissy and Allen Cullum '64 hosted a group of '64 classmates and friends, including Marcy and Tom Adams, in the Adirondacks.

1965



Ted Wright, Mike Weisberg, Robert Feldman, Tom Case, Bill Dean, Mike MacAdams, former faculty member Tom Adams, and Robert Pierce on campus for the Class of 1965 lunch.

1967



The Class of 1967 gathered for lunch over the holidays. Attending were (from left) David Munves, John Rauscher, Charles Seay, Tom Landry, Dave Morris, Mike Lacy, Doug McCrum, Bill Kohler, Bennett Cullum, Robert Einsohn, Frank St. Claire, and John Broude.

BEN HARRIS '67 joined the board of the New Hampshire Theatre Project in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He shared that his joining the board was in honor of Tony Vincent and the St. Mark's Drama Club. The New Hampshire Theatre Project is a transformative and educational theatre that offers training for students at all levels. Ben and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Stratham, New Hampshire.

1968

JERRY CARLSON '68 won two New York Emmy Awards for the series *Nueva York*, produced in Spanish for City University Television. *Nueva York* explores the rich textures of Latino society in the city, focusing on politics, art, culture, and the traditions of Spanish-speaking populations across the metropolitan area. Episodes can be viewed online at www.cuny.tv. Jerry would like to thank his Spanish teachers at St. Mark's, Srs. Jimenez and Esler. In October, Jerry gave a lecture in Panama City entitled "Devil in a Blue Dress & African-American Film." The talk was sponsored by the EnRedArte Foundation & the U.S. Embassy in Panama. Jerry and his wife, Deborah Navins, reside in New York City.

JOHN M. WALSH III '68 and his wife, Dawna, will celebrate their 40th anniversary in 2011. John and Dawna have four children and two grandchildren and reside in Dallas. John is President and Founder of TIG Real Estate Services, which has offices in Dallas, Austin, Houston, and Nashville.

1971 | 40 YEARS

KEVIN BRANDS '71 joined Holt Lunsford Commercial as Managing Principal of the Office Division. In 2007, Kevin sold CMD Realty Investors, a national office investment company, and enjoyed several years in retirement with his wife, Beckie, and their three children, Beau, Alyson, and Morgan. Holt Lunsford is currently the largest commercial landlord in Texas. They lease, manage, and/or own 40 million square feet of industrial and office space throughout Dallas and Houston. Kevin's responsibilities will be to grow the office division of the company through investment, leasing, and management. Kevin and his wife reside in Dallas.

BRAD MOORE '71 and **STEVE RUTENBAR '71** spent two weeks this summer in Kitale, Kenya. They did mission work and installed water wells.

1972

FRASER MARCUS '72 joined Southeastern Asset Management as Head of Global Business Development. Southeastern is a global equity manager based in Memphis, Tennessee, with offices in London, Singapore, and Tokyo. While Fraser will continue to live in Dallas, he will spend significant time traveling to Memphis and other locations.

1973

BRUCE JOLESCH '73 joined Pony Xpress Printing more than a year ago and recently purchased the company, known for its new techniques and innovations in screen printing. The company, founded in Dallas in 2003, is now based in Garland, in a new 30,000 square foot printing and fulfillment center. Bruce has been involved in sports and promotional marketing for nearly 30 years, including 12 years in public relations with Madison Square Garden, the Dallas Cowboys, Los Angeles Lakers, and his own sports marketing agency. Bruce resides in Dallas and is a current Alumni Board member.

1974

PAUL STEWART '74 stepped in as interim president of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra last September. Paul comes from a corporate background and had served as the DSO's chief operating officer. According to *The Dallas Morning News*, he led an analysis of the orchestra's long-term finances and a \$20 million campaign to strengthen its finances. In June of 2011, Paul will return to his duties as chief operating officer. Paul and his wife, Melissa, reside in Dallas.

1975

CHARLES KRUVAND '75, a landscape photographer, released his first book, *The Living Waters of Texas*, published by Texas A&M University Press. Charles resides in Austin and has traversed the state with his large format view camera. The book contains not only his landscape photographs but also features the writing of 10 environmental advocates allied with the Texas Living Waters Project, a joint education and policy initiative of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Environmental Defense Fund, among others. Charles' color landscape photography has been featured for many years at Afterimage Gallery in Dallas, a gallery owned by fellow Marksman, **BEN BREARD '64**.

1978

PAUL RICE '78 is in his 12th year as founding CEO of Fair Trade USA, a nonprofit organization and third-party certifier of Fair Trade products in the United States. Fair Trade USA audits and certifies transactions between U.S. companies and their international suppliers to guarantee that the farmers and workers producing Fair Trade Certified goods are paid fair prices and wages. Paul shares that his son, Emiliano, is a sophomore at San Diego State University and his daughter, Camila, a sixth grader, is active in choir, swimming, and soccer. Scott and his wife, Marisol, reside in El Cerrito, California.

1980

SCOTT SEGAL '80 started a new job in August 2010 as Professor and Chairman of Anesthesiology and Anesthesiologist in Chief at Tufts University School of Medicine. Most recently, Segal served as Vice Chairman for Education, Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Segal has a distinguished background in clinical care, research, teaching, and administration, and has conducted groundbreaking research on the effects of epidural anesthesia during childbirth. Scott and his wife, Lynn, reside in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

MARKSMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Through the history of the School, Marksmen have answered the call to military service. St. Mark's would like to honor those men in a permanent and meaningful way. The following is a list of those for whom we have confirmation of service in one of the branches of the military. If you served and don't find your name on this list, please email your information to St. Mark's Alumni Director Jim Bob Womack at womackj@smtexas.org. If you know of classmates who served, we would be grateful for that information, as well.

J. Doscher '38	Stuart Morse '61	Elliott Roosevelt '81	Matthew Gray '99
John Leclercq '39	James Cogar '63	James White '82	Rick Martinez '99
E. Martin '44	Nicholas Gilliam '63	Robert Lett '83	Russell Myers '99
Leonard Volk '45	Russell Reed '63	Christopher Alpert '84	Mason Enright '00
J.H. Henderson '51	Ernest Smith '63	Ralph Jackson '85	James Lee '00
Tony Diaz '52	Stephen Barrett '64	Reynold Arredondo '87	Mark Ruff '00
Robert Maupin '52	Robert Feldman '65	Darrell Eikner '87	James Winston '01
John Pace '52	Eric Nye '66	Christopher Weber '89	Robert Crotty '02
Anthony Price '52	John Barrett '67	Jonathan Glass '90	Peter Goodman '02
Stanley Toland '52	James Knox '69	Jason Gordon '90	R. Bradley Hicks '04
Bruce Dougherty '53	Jack Van Zandt '72	Charles Koutras '90	Michael Titzer '04
Robert Meadows '53	Raul Rodriguez '74	Fontaine Alexander '93	Jeffrey Randolph '05
James Clark '54	John Williams '75	Matthew Forrester '93	Zachary Walker '06
Robert Maxwell '54	Edward Kownslar '76	Adam Ortega '93	Edward Wood '08
William Crawford '57	Matthew McBride '76	Jonathan Williams '93	Dylan Birch '09
Charles Greenhall '57	Stuart Oliphint '77	Michael Wisenbaker '93	John Gannon '09
James Hazlewood '57	H. Ross Perot, Jr. '77	Russell Crawford '94	Charles Goodman '09
Richard Lane '57	Eric Stroud '77	Landric Walden '95	Alexander Herbelin '09
Justin McCarty '57	David Denton '78	Cedric Lee '96	Michael McPherson '09
James Perkins '57	A. Paul Fisher '79	Adam Robbins '98	Jacek Zapendowski '09
Barton Schoeneman '57	Rodney Greene '80	James Carter '99	Peyton McDonald '10
Vernon Young '57			

JEFF STAGER '80, a volunteer with Family Gateway, has been named the 2010 Dallas Cowboys Community Quarterback Award winner. Family Gateway, located in Dallas, is a non-profit organization that provides programs, services, shelter and outreach for homeless families. For the last two years, Jeff has donated countless hours by providing transportation to Family Gateway clients as a volunteer bus driver. As recipient of the award, Stager received a grant from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Charities donated in his name to Family Gateway. "I would like to thank the Gene and Jerry

Jones Family Charities and the Dallas Cowboys for honoring me and Family Gateway with this award," said Stager. Jeff's commitment to volunteerism also includes his long-term service to St. Mark's, spanning years of dedication as an Alumni Board member, Trustee, alumnus, and parent. Jeff was the 2007 recipient of the Alumni Service Medal and has been a longtime Class Agent. He has led fundraising efforts for the Class of 1980, including six Papert Bowl wins since 2003. Jeff and his wife, Laura, have three Marksmen sons: Jeffrey '09, Jackson '12, and Foster '15.

1981 | 30 YEARS

ERIC STEPHENSON '81 and his son Carlton (a class of 2015 student at The Buckley School in New York City) are pictured at the finish line on The Mall after completing the 2010 London Marathon. This was Eric's first London marathon, which he ran to raise money for the Outward Bound Trust, an education charity in the U.K. Eric planned to run the N.Y.C. Marathon to raise money for Robin Hood, a nonprofit targeting poverty in New York City. Eric and his wife, Arden, reside in New York City.



Eric Stephenson '81 and his son Carlton.

LARRY WILSON '81 and his family recently completed the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Team Challenge, a half-marathon in Boston. Larry and his wife, Caroline, reside in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have a son, Alex, who is a freshman at Vanderbilt University (Class of 2014) and a daughter, Sarah Bailey, who is a junior at Charlotte Latin School.

1982

KENT HERCULES '82, his wife, Tracie, and two youngest daughters have moved to Lugano, Switzerland, where Kent will begin his new job teaching at The American School in Switzerland (TASIS). Tracie will teach pre-school, and his daughters will attend the school. The family looks forward to experiencing the new culture, learning the language, making friends from all over the world, and traveling in Europe on weekends and school holidays. Previously, Kent taught French and Spanish for 18 years at the Waterford School in Sandy, Utah.

Aphrodite and **SAM PAULOS '82** are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Dimitri Thanasi Paulos. Dimitri was welcomed by his sisters Angeliki (5) and Vasiliki (15 months) on June 22, 2010. Everyone is happy, healthy, and doing well.

1983

LEE PAPERT '83 is the new Director of Marketing & Development at the Trinity River Audubon Center and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill. Lee shares that he is excited about this opportunity to join one of Dallas's newest treasures. The Trinity River Audubon Center, located eight minutes from downtown Dallas on 120 acres, opened in October 2008 and is part of the City of Dallas Trinity River Corridor Project. The Center is a gateway to the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest, the largest urban hardwood forest in the United States. The Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center will open in the spring of 2011. Offering more than five miles of hiking trails in an ecologically remarkable 300+ acre canyon, this new center is an undeveloped natural habitat perfect for children's education programs, family together time, and outdoor recreation.

DAVID STAGER '83 finished fifth in his age group in the Galveston 70.3 Ironman in April 2010. In June, he finished the Ironman (Coeur D'Alene 140.6) in 11 hours, 55 minutes.



David Stager '83, crossing the finish line at the Ironman Coeur D'Alene.

1984

BENJAMIN LOEB '84 was named the Executive Director for the Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Ben is an accomplished conductor, accompanist, soloist, arranger, and educator. "I am excited to bring my passion for classical orchestral music and my skills as an administrator to the Greater Bridgeport Symphony," Ben shares. His immediate goal is to reach out to the community and to other leaders in the arts and business to forge new collaborations and synergies for both the GBS and the Greater Bridgeport area. He and his wife, Quyen, have three children, Lulu, Anna, and Taco. The family will be moving from El Paso, Texas, to Bridgeport, Connecticut.

ARNOLD SPENCER '84 has returned as a partner to the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone after more than 10 years as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office. Arnold's legal experience involves all levels of corporate fraud, including securities and financial fraud, money laundering, environmental crimes, public corruption, healthcare fraud, and immigration fraud. In his tenure at the United States Attorney's Office, Arnold appeared before every federal judge in the Eastern District of Texas. He personally tried more than 20 federal criminal cases to successful verdicts.

HUGH WOODWARD '84 is the President of Health2Go, Inc., which he founded in March 2007 to bring anti-aging and wellness products to market. He worked for 15 years as the Administrator of Surgical and Anesthesiology Services for several large health care companies. Hugh and his wife, Monica, reside in Houston.

Wen-Li and **TIM ZEE '84** are pleased to announce the birth of J. Prescott Zee. Prescott was born in Singapore on September 20, 2010. Tim is happy to report that mom and baby are both doing great.

1987

LT. COL. REYNO ARREDONDO '87 hosted a large group of St. Mark's wrestlers and their guests at the Armed Forces Bowl in Dallas. The group cheer the Black Knights on to victory. Reyno, a West Point alum, is the current Assistant Athletic Director/Operations for the service academy.



Wrestlers Jordan DeMars '10 and Nick Brower '12 attended the Armed Forces Bowl game with Lt. Col. Reyno Arredondo '87.

JASON BERGMANN '87 now lives in Washington, D.C., and he and his wife, Laura, have two children. Jason is a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.



Paige and Nathan are the children of Laura and Jason Bergmann '87.

PAUL GENENDER '87 married Wendy Westerburg on November 20, 2010, in Dallas. Paul is a partner in the Dallas office of K&L Gates. His practice and industries include antitrust, competition and trade regulation, commercial disputes, and IP litigation.

After living overseas for some time, **ROBBY GOODMAN '87** returned to Dallas and joined the Parkland Foundation staff to serve as a Development Officer. Prior to moving overseas, Robby served as St. Mark's Director of Annual Giving for six years.

1988

In July, **CHIP BARNETT '88** relocated to Seoul, South Korea, for a two-year assignment with his company PTC (Parametric Technology Corporation), one of the world's largest independent software companies. He has been running global account teams, based in the U.S., since 2004. Chip says Seoul is a beautiful, exciting city and a great place for an expat assignment. He, Kelly, and their two children, Ben (9) and Gabby (6), are settling in and enjoying their new home.

1989

CHARLES LANSING '89 and his wife, Amy, welcomed their first child into the world. Alexander William Lansing was born on May 8, 2010. Charles is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Connecticut.

JOEY NEUHOFF '89 and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Joseph Oscar Neuhoff IV. He was born July 7, 2010, and weighed 6 lbs. 11oz. and was 20 inches long. Joey and his family are living in Morristown, New Jersey, and doing great.



Joey Neuhoff IV.

1990

JONATHAN GLASS '90 completed his Dermatology Residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and went back on active duty in the U.S. Navy. He passed his Boards and is now a Dermatologist at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. Sarah, Thomas, Joseph, and Susanna are adjusting to their new home. They are all enjoying the East Coast but miss their friends in Dallas.

JASON A. VILLARREAL '90 joined the Austin-based company of Newgistics as the Sales Operations Manager, a new role for the company. Newgistics has celebrated 10 years as an Austin Ventures portfolio company. Jason will work with the U.S. sales team, marketing and finance, but also with all departments in their internal system development. His main focus will be refining the sales process, developing sales tools, and customizing the CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system. Jason recently spent seven years at Capital CDC and on his own consulting on CRM implementations. He and his wife, Kelli, live in Austin.

1991 | 20 YEARS

KEVIN ROBINOWITZ '91 announced that he joined the law firm of Lackey Hershman, L.L.P. As a partner, his practice will continue to consist primarily of employment law, commercial litigation, and counseling growing businesses on their legal issues. Until recently, Kevin was a partner with Strasburger & Price, L.L.P.

ALAN SCHOELLKOPF '91 recently founded Headgate Real Estate Partners. Officing in Dallas, Headgate will focus on opportunistic commercial real estate acquisitions throughout Texas.

1992

Doris and **THOMAS FORTEITH '92** welcomed a son on September 15, at 6:06 p.m. EST at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Massachusetts. Andrew Roland Forteith weighed 10 lbs. and was 22 inches long.



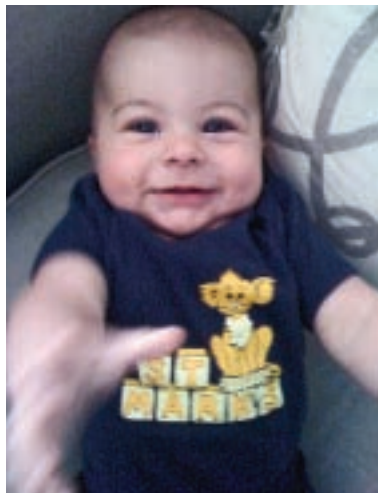
Thomas Forteith '92 with Andrew and Doris.

1993

SCOTT SHARPLES '93 and wife, Gina, welcomed a healthy baby boy, Dylan Tate Sharples, on November 2, 2010. Scott is a family physician in the John C. Lincoln Physician Network in the Phoenix area.

1994

MASON KING '94 and his wife, Shannon, celebrate their Lion pride with their one-year-old son, Tres.



Tres King.



Michelle and Brett Young '94 show off their Longhorn pride with their children (from left) Samantha, Jacob, and Charlotte.

1995

CHRISTIAN CHARNAUX '95 and his wife, Susan, show their Lion pride with their daughter, Catherine, who recently turned one.



Catherine Charnaud.

EDWARD R. MCPHERSON, JR. '95 and his wife, Heather, welcomed their first baby, Penelope Rose McPherson (“Penny”), on December 13, 2010. Weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz., Penny arrived the day after an epic blizzard shut down the city of Minneapolis. Edward shares that Penny is already looking forward to visiting Texas.

1996 | 15 YEARS

In September 2010, **ZACH ERWIN '96** was awarded his Ph.D. in Spanish literature from Duke University. For the 2010–2011 academic year, he is serving as Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish at Swarthmore College.

WILL FORTEITH '96 and his wife, Heather, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Elise Marie Forteith, into the world at 10:08 p.m. on September 18, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 4.8 oz. and was 19 inches long. Will serves as the Assistant Head of Middle School at St. Mark’s, in addition to teaching Fifth Grade Humanities, helping coach 7th Grade Football, and leading the Varsity Crew program as Head Coach. It’s a family affair for the Forteiths, as Heather also works at St. Mark’s, serving as Stewardship Coordinator in the Alumni and Development Office.



Elise Forteith.



A strong St. Mark’s presence at the wedding of Nyssa and Chris Lee ’96.

CHRIS LEE '96 married Nyssa Fajardo on October 16, 2010, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. They were honored to have Julian Lee ’98 serve as best man, Dan Hunt ’96, Chase Russell ’96 and Joseph Tauscher ’96 serve as groomsmen and Ethan Garner ’96 serve as an usher. St. Mark’s was also well represented that weekend by Prince Achime ’96, Brian Bacharach ’97, David Dini, R.D. Kern ’97, John Lowe ’96, Jon Myhre ’96, and Fry Wernick ’95. The couple resides in Manhattan, where Nyssa is a Senior Lecturer at Fairleigh Dickinson University and Chris is a Principal at Apollo Global Management, LLC.

PETE THOMPSON '96 married Courtney Collins on April 17, 2010, in Tampa, Florida. Members of the wedding party included: J.J. McCarthy ’96, Coulomb Chang ’96, Steve Feinberg ’96, Matt Fuller ’96, Greg Glancy ’96, Dean Punhong ’96, and Thor Herrin ’96. Pete and Courtney are reporters and part-time anchors at KARK, the NBC affiliate television station in Little Rock, Arkansas.

1997

ADAM RUBENFIELD '97 recently took a position with Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, Karlinsky & Abate in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Adam will be handling the firm’s commercial litigation.

ANDREW WOOTTON '97 graduated from SMU Law School and accepted a position with Thompson & Knight. Andrew and his wife, Christy, live in Dallas with their daughters, Lane and Katie.

1999

Marlo and **GREG SUTTON '99** are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Rachel Seraphina Sutton was born on September 16, 2010, at 11:09 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. Baby Rachel, mom, and dad are doing great.



Greg Sutton '99 with daughter, Rachel, on her first Halloween.

On November 6, 2010, **PRESTON ZAPFFE '99** married Whitney Connell in Dallas. The ceremony took place at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church followed by a reception at the Belo Mansion. Preston currently works as a consultant for PWC in Dallas.

2000

BRANDON CASTILLO '00 is currently working with the Deep Ellum Outdoor Market, a monthly event that provides a venue for local artists and musicians to display their talent, local businesses to promote their services, and bars and restaurants in the area to entertain more people.

EVAN DAUGHERTY '00 recently sold a script, *Snow White and the Huntsman*, to Universal Pictures. The story is a revisionist take on the beloved fairy tale, featuring an expanded role for the Huntsman, who in the original story lets Snow White go after being ordered to kill her in the woods. According to the *Hollywood Reporter*, the two characters will be chained together for part of the live-action movie as they make their escape. John McTiernan recently agreed to direct Daugherty's action spec *Schrapnel*, and the writer also penned a draft of *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe*. Evan resides in Los Angeles, California.

2001 | 10 YEARS

BEAU HARBOUR '01 married Stephanie Alison Scott on September 25, 2010, at Gorrone Ranch in Telluride, Colorado. The bride and groom met at Princeton, where they both graduated *magna cum laude*. Stephanie is the president and owner of the New York franchise of Mom Corps, an Atlanta-based staffing company that specializes in flexible employment, particularly for working mothers. Beau is an associate director, specializing in North American corporate investments, at Mount Kellett Capital Management, an investment firm in New York. The couple resides in New York City.



Beau Harbour '01 and his bride, Stephanie, at their wedding in Telluride, Colorado.

ANDREW MCCOWN '01 is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Starting in early spring 2011, he will begin his first assignment in Bolivia, where he previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer. He will live in La Paz and manage development activities dealing with food security, sustainable agriculture, and climate change adaptation in small farm communities. He is thrilled to be headed back to a place that he loves and knows so well.

This summer, **NICK ORENSTEIN '01** moved to the San Francisco Bay Area after accepting a position with Luidia, a designer and manufacturer of eBeam whiteboard products. Nick serves as a Business Design Specialist and is involved in business modeling and product design.

NED PRICE '01 completed a Masters program at Harvard Kennedy School in the spring of 2010 and returned to Washington, D.C. to continue his career in the intelligence community. Previously, Ned graduated from Georgetown University with a B.S. in Foreign Service. Ned has been an active St. Mark's volunteer and last year served on the Host Committee for the East Coast Launch of the Centennial Challenge.

2002

Amber and **JOHN BACKES '02** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Epiphany Joy Backes. Joy was welcomed to the world on September 14, 2010, at 4:36 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz., was 20 inches long, and has beautiful blue eyes and dark hair.

MILES FISHER '02 has been given a lead role in the next *Final Destination* movie, which will be shot in 3D.

MIKE NORMAN '02 and Sarah Posers were married on May 22, 2010, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Michael Arsers '02 and Jonathan Hsu '02 were two of the groomsmen. Sarah and Mike are both doctoral students at Cornell University, she in theater arts and he in mechanical engineering. Mike has had two articles published in the *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*.



Sarah and Michael Norman '02.

CHRIS THOMPSON '02 graduated in May from Columbia University in New York, where he earned his M.P.A. from the School of International and Public Affairs. He currently serves in Afghanistan as a Monitoring and Evaluation/Reporting Manager with Development Alternatives Incorporated, helping to strengthen local governance and community development.

2003

TAYLOR JENKINS '03 is the first Assistant Coach of the Austin Toros in the NBA's Developmental League, which is owned by the San Antonio Spurs. Taylor reports that he really enjoys coaching and traveling.



Taylor Jenkins '03 with Scott Jolly, Director of Individual Giving at a recent campus visit.

2004

In January, **ROSS RUSCHHAUPT '04** returned to campus to speak with the St. Mark's student Investment Club. Ross, who graduated from USC, previously worked in real estate development in California. He currently works in the Commercial Mortgage group at Goldman Sachs in Dallas, a group that originates loans to be put into securitization. Ross answered questions on loan origination, networking as a young alum, and various other topics—including how St. Mark's has impacted him thus far.



Ross Ruschhaupt '04 speaking with students.

ALEX ST. CLAIRE '04 has been granted his first patent, which was filed while he was still an undergraduate at MIT. The invention relates to mitigating a blast wave and includes detecting an imminent explosion that produces a blast wave. In response to this detection, the energy of a portion of this blast wave may be reduced by deploying a fluid in the path of the blast wave.

2005

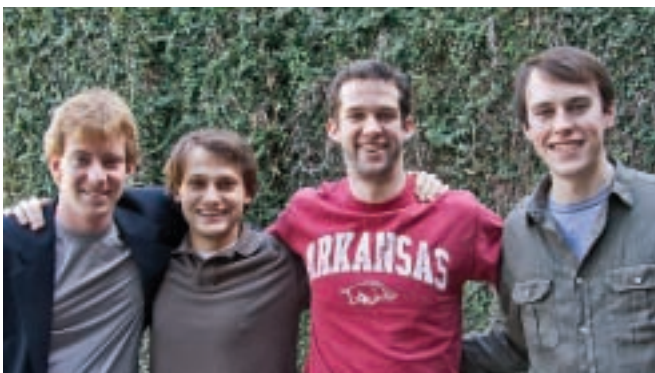
WILL FISCHER '05 recently traveled abroad to Morocco and had a chance to photograph his old St. Mark's water bottle on some of his adventures. To the right is a picture with it and his shoes over the edge of the Todra Gorges (which he had just climbed).



Will Fischer '05 photographs his old St. Mark's water bottle on location while hiking in Morocco.

2006 | 5 YEARS

JORDAN CHINAI '06 recently graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio. This summer he will begin the Medical Scientist Training Program at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and work toward achieving his M.D. and Ph.D.



Walter Foxworth '06, Bryan Block '06, Dan Weatherall '06, and Ryan Lynch '06 attend a pre-reunion luncheon at St. Mark's in January.

Three students from the Class of 2006 were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa on May 20, 2010, and graduated *summa cum laude* from their respective schools. **RYAN LYNCH '06** received his B.A. in Government from Georgetown College, with minors in History and Theology. He was awarded the Connecticut Alumni Award for the most outstanding Government student. Ryan will attend law school in the fall. **DAVID UNWIN '06** received his B.S.F.S. in International Economics from the Walsh School of Foreign Service. He will pursue a combined L.L.M. and J.D. in International Law from Duke University Law School. **SCOTT WINGO '06** received his B.S.F.S. in International Politics from Georgetown's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, with a concentration in foreign policy. He was awarded the Krogh Scholar's medal and was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit National Honor Society. Scott plans to attend Fudan University in Shanghai for a Master's in Chinese Economy through a scholarship from the Chinese Embassy.



Marksmen from the Class of 2006 at the Phi Beta Kappa induction: Ryan Lynch '06, Scott Wingo '06, and David Unwin '06.



Case Martin '06.

In May 2010, **CASE MARTIN '06** graduated from Northwestern University after majoring in both History and African Studies. He is currently serving

as a Princeton in Africa Fellow in South Sudan, where he is working for International Rescue Committee (IRC). IRC is a non-governmental organization that responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people survive and to rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. Unfortunately, Case will miss his fifth reunion, but he sends his regards.

JACK TOSI '06 graduated from Villanova University in May 2010 with degrees in Accounting and Finance. He is now working for Ernst & Young in the Financial Services Office in New York City.

2008

MICHAEL SHASHOUA '08 and his teammates on the University of Southern California Water Polo Team won their third straight NCAA National Championship. The Trojans defeated the California Golden Bears in Berkeley in a 12–10 overtime win and finished the year with a 28–2 record. It is the 114th overall national championship for USC, whose water polo team became the first Trojan group to win three consecutive national championships since women's tennis did so in 1978–80. Michael is a goalkeeper for USC.

2009

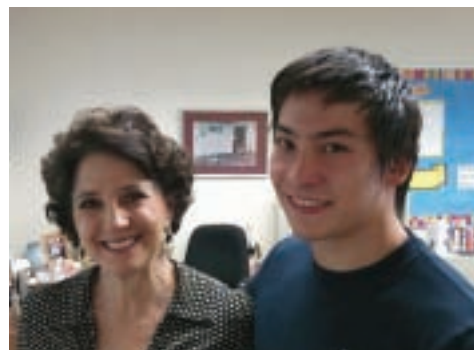
ADAM GENECOV '09 and **MARK O'MEARA '09** received the President's Award for Academic Excellence in the Freshman Year at Stanford University, an honor received by only 62 freshmen for the 2009–2010 academic year. Adam and Mark received this high honor on September 14, 2010, when the 2009–2010 Undergraduate National and University Award Recipients were announced.

With grants from Harvard's Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and Office of International Programs, **ANDREW GONZALES '09** was in Japan during the summer of 2010 for an advanced study of Japanese language and its culture through the highly selective Princeton in Ishikawa Program. Like his first trip to Japan as a St. Mark's student, he enjoyed his homestay with a Japanese family, meeting new acquaintances, and travels to Japan's popular destinations.



Andrew Gonzales '09 with members of his host family.

DAVID HENRY '09 attends Duke University and is wrestling during the 2010–2011 school year. David was an individual All-American at St. Mark's, finishing second at Prep Nationals during his senior year and was also active on the *Marksman* staff.



Spanish teacher Pamela Abbott visiting with David Henry '09 in August 2010.

WHIT SHAW '09 recently finished a second outstanding year at the University of Pennsylvania with the sprint football team, where he became their all-time leading receiver.

FACULTY & STAFF

Science teacher Fletcher Carron and his wife, Paige, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Eleanor Morrow Carron, on December 15, 2010. At birth, “Ellie” weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz, and measured 19.5 inches.



Ellie Carron.

TIMOTHY DAVIES, fifth grade humanities teacher and soccer and track coach at St. Mark’s, was married on November 27, 2010, to Elizabeth Faldon Oliverie. The ceremony took place at the Hotel St. Germain in Dallas.



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Davies.

It was a beautiful evening ceremony that was made all the more special by Tim’s father (an Episcopal priest), who married the couple.

It is with great joy that we announce the birth of Addilyn Marie Guiler, born on October 3, 2011. St. Mark’s basketball coach **GREG GUILER** and his wife, Lea, are the proud parents.



Greg Guiler and son, Cooper, welcome baby Addilyn into the world.

The January/February issue of the *Journal of Athletic Training* includes an article based on the work **MATT HJERTSTEDT**, Assistant Athletic Trainer, did to earn his Master of Athletic Training degree at Texas Tech University. “We evaluated the reliability and validity of Digital Photographic Measurement Method (DPMM) for measuring foot postures,” said Matt. “Since foot postures are associated with injury risk, this is a useful clinical measure. Digital photographs allowed us to take multiple measures consistently and faster. The results indicated that DPMM is a valid and reliable clinical and research tool for quantifying foot structures.”

FORMER FACULTY MEMBER COMMISSIONS SCULPTURE

On July 27, 2010, during a ceremony in Colmar, France, Daniel P. Nevot, former St. Mark's faculty member, unveiled a bronze sculpture of two World War II heroes. The sculptures, "French Freedom Fighters," depict a young Daniel Nevot and an unnamed colonial "traillleur" or rifleman. The traillleur is a symbolic figure, meant to represent the colonial soldiers who made up the majority of the Free French forces at the onset of their struggle, without whom victory would not have been possible. Utah artist Stan Watts created the artwork, which commemorates the "common" soldiers at the onset of the ragtag Free French army's siege of the Italian stronghold of Koufra in Libya. Lt. Nevot, now 90, was joined by a member of the Association des Anciens (Association of Veterans) and the base commander, Col. Henry de Medlege, in drawing a French flag away from the statues at the new headquarters of his unit, the Regiment de Marche du Tchad (Chad Marine Infantry Regiment). The unveiling was the first ceremony of many for the purpose of celebrating the regiment's relocation from Noyon to a former Air Force base in Colmar and the transfer of the unit's command from Col. De Medlege to Col. Phillippe Francois. De Medlege was taking a command in Afghanistan.

"These statues will remind our soldiers that the regiment is a family, and that it has a proud history," said de Medlege at the unveiling.

The new commander said, "The new statues represent a link between the regiment's past and present. Though the regiment is young, these statues will remind us that it has a rich heritage." Col. Francois added that Nevot's life had a symbolic connection to the spirit of renewal embodied by the regiment. Nevot had "renewed his life" on many



Daniel P. Nevot, former St. Mark's faculty member, at the dedication of "French Freedom Fighters" in France.

occasions. He was one of the first soldiers to answer Charles de Gaulle's call to continue the fight against the Axis armies after the capitulation of France. Then Mr. Nevot served in the French colonies and became a master of fencing and judo. After his retirement from the military, he moved to Texas and taught fencing for 22 years at St. Mark's School of Texas. Daniel Nevot now resides in St. George, Utah, with his wife Helen.

On December 1-4, 2010, five faculty and staff members traveled with three St. Mark's students to San Diego, California, to attend the 23rd Annual National Association of Independent Schools' People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference. The delegation included **BYRON LAWSON, MARJORIE MORRISON, MATT JACKSON, SCOTT GONZALEZ,** and **JULIA DADE,** and three Upper School students, **UMANG SHAH '13, DANIEL SOLIS '14,** and **VICTOR CALVILLO '14.** Highlighting the conference this year were outstanding speakers Phoebe Eng, author of *Warrior Lessons*, and Ernest Green, one of the original "Little Rock Nine" who integrated Little Rock High School after the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education* that declared segregated public education illegal. The students attended the Student Diversity Leadership Conference that focused on self-reflecting, forming allies,

and building community. Led by a diverse team of adult and peer facilitators, the students developed effective cross-cultural communication skills, better understanding of the nature and development of effective strategies for social justice, and learned networking principles and strategies.



Upper School students Daniel Solis '14, Victor Calvillo '14, and Umang Shah '13 with faculty member Marjorie Morrison at the NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference in California.



Valencia and Willie Yarbrough, pictured with her family, celebrate their marriage on July 10.

VALENCIA MACK and Willie Yarbrough first met in college at Stanford when she was an undergraduate student and he was in graduate school. Years later, they were reunited through college friends and thus began a journey that led to their beautiful wedding on July 10, 2010, in the St. Mark's Chapel. Valencia has taught first grade at St. Mark's since 1994.

At a luncheon held on January 28, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia, **TIM MAHONEY** was awarded membership in the Society of Key Coaches by the Barkley Forum of Emory University. The Key Society is the oldest and most distinguished debate coach honorary society and represents the highest national honor available to speech educators. The luncheon is held in conjunction with the Barkley Forum for High Schools—the nation's oldest and most prestigious high school invitational debate competition.

Retired faculty member **DON MOSER** writes that he and Mary finally made the move to Wisconsin. Don spent three decades in North Texas, teaching industrial arts at St. Mark's. He sends his regards to everyone in the St. Mark's community.



Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ward.

Spanish teacher **LAURA PRIETO** became Mrs. Mack Ward on July 5th, 2010, in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mack and Laura met in a singles group at a church where he was one of the teachers in the singles ministry.

TINSLEY SILCOX is now the proud grandfather of four grandsons. Tanner Taylor Thomas was born two weeks early on February 6, 2011, and weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz.

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL L. AUSTIN, February 15, 2011, grandfather of James Diamond '14, William Diamond '16, and father-in-law of George Diamond '83.

ALAN BARR '70, January 3, 2011.

ALFRED L. BEER '65, February 15, 2011.

BILL BLAKELEY, October 27, 2010, former faculty member.

CHARLES CONNELL BLAYLOCK, December 22, 2010, father of Charles C. Blaylock, Jr. '76 and Richard K. Blaylock '77.

CAROLYN WRIGHT BROWN, August 28, 2010, grandmother of John R. Kee '06.

BRUCE RAGUET BURROW, January 22, 2011, brother of Dr. Christopher R. Burrow '71 and William F. Burrow '57,* grandson of Joe Irion Worsham '28* and cousin of Joe A.I. Worsham '59.

WILLIAM F. BURROW '57, October 9, 2010, former Trustee.

RAMSEY MCFERRIN CASTEEL '99, February 3, 2011.

COLIN COURT, February 12, 2011, grandfather of Colin Court '03 and Brendan Court '06.*

JERRY P. CUNNINGHAM '35, February 4, 2011, grandfather of Jeffrey A. Miller '82, Jerry E. Miller '85, and E. David Goodenow '87.

GEORGENE SCHUSSLER DAHM, August 27, 2010, mother of Jon Dahm '72.

ARTHUR DOUGLAS, September 14, 2010, former faculty member.

* *Deceased*

LEE FALVO '95, November 28, 2010.

TOOTSIE FONBERG, July 15, 2010, grandmother of Jacob Chernick '15.

MAURICE GOLDSTEIN, August 9, 2010, father of Robert Goldstein '85.

MARION GRAHAM, January 16, 2011, father of Ruffin J. Graham '78 and Duffy J. Graham '79.

ORVILLE GRAHAM, September 22, 2010, father of faculty member Kay Carrio.

TRAVIS GUTHRIE '05, September 26, 2010.

SYDNEY HALL, October 17, 2010, former Trustee and mother of G. Houston Hall '78 and Wallace L. Hall, Jr. '80, grandmother of Getty Hall '10, Kellam Hall '14, and William Hall '18.

VALERIE HALL, December 21, 2010, wife of Peter C. Hall '70.

ADELINE HAMRA, January 2, 2011, grandmother of Taylor Hamra '95.

RICHARD D. HAWN, JR. '65, November 22, 2010, father of Richard Dean Hawn III '10.

ALBERT LINZ HIRSCH, October 8, 2010, father of Albert Hirsch '66.

WILLIAM H. HUDSON, September 5, 2010, father of Chris Hudson '80.

CARY ISENBERG, December 27, 2010, grandfather of Jonah Simon '19 and Owen Simon '22.

KIRK JOHNSON, July 7, 2010, father-in-law of St. Mark's Director of Admission David Baker and grandfather of Evan Baker '17.

ANN GOLDSTEIN JOLESCH, November 1, 2010, mother of Elliot Jolesch '71, Bruce Jolesch '73, and Mark Jolesch '75.

ESTHER WANJIKU KINYANJUI, June 15, 2010, grandmother of Ndungu Muturi '11.

JERRY KLEIN, July 26, 2010, father-in-law of Eric Frankfurt '78, grandfather of Grant Frankfurt '05, and Ross Frankfurt '07.

EDWARD S. KRAUS, September 6, 2010, father of Jeremy Kraus '94.

DANIELLE L'HELGOUAL'CH, July 20, 2010, daughter of former faculty member Yves L'Helgoual'ch.

SARAH ANNE LACEY, December 5, 2010, mother of Nelson Lacey '79 and John Lacey '83.

MURLYON DANIEL LAGRONE, JR. '62, October 16, 2010.

FAYE OLA MASSEY, December 27, 2010, grandmother of Anthony B. Massey '90 and Joel G. Massey '97.

ETHEL RUTH CHERRY LING MCCLENDON, January 31, 2011, mother of James T. Ling '62.

WALLACE MCGEE, October 18, 2010, father of Trustee Patrick McGee, grandfather of Patrick McGee '11 and William McGee '12.

JOSEPHINE MCNUTT, December 16, 2010, grandmother of Lee W. McNutt IV '07.

MARTHA "SHELLY" MUSSELMAN, January 18, 2011, mother of James C. Musselman, Jr. '95 and Matt R. Musselman '99.

PAUL A. NEWMAN, January 8, 2011, former faculty member.

IDA PAPERT, January 28, 2011, mother of Lee K. Papert '83, Samuel W. Papert III '73, and wife of Life Trustee Samuel W. Papert, Jr '37.*

GERTRUDE PULLMAN, November 15, 2010, mother of Richard Pullman '64 and grandmother of Michael Pullman '91.

PRESTON RICHMOND '07, January 2, 2011.

MILTON RIEWE, October 23, 2010, grandfather of Meyer Thalheimer '13.

INEZ B. SAKELARIS, June 22, 2010, mother-in-law of Frank St. Claire '67 and grandmother of Alex St. Claire '04.

SPIROS J. SAKELARIS, May 2, 2010, father-in-law of Frank St. Claire '67 and grandfather of Alex St. Claire '04.

WHEELER MOORE SEARS, January 17, 2011, grandfather of Wheeler Sears '19.

DOLPH SIMON, December 31, 2010, father of Lindsey C. Simon '93 and Carey B. H. Simon '95.

EUGENE BRAGG SMITH, JR., January 23, 2011, father of Bragg Smith, III '78.

SUSAN STAHL, February 14, 2011, grandmother of William H. Golden '11 and Charles A. Golden '14.

JACK STERN, July 30, 2010, father of Karl Stern '75 and Mark Stern '77.

DORIS STEPHENS, February 8, 2011, mother-in-law of St. Mark's Director of Food Services Sally Stephens and grandmother of Ben Stephens '02.

SOPHIE STRAUSS, July 20, 2010, former Head Librarian at St. Mark's, mother of Henry Strauss '61, James Strauss '64, and Robert Strauss '68 and grandmother of David Strauss '04.

DONALD LEE STULL, September 15, 2010, father of Gregory Stull '65 and John Stull '67.

HELEN SULKOWICZ, January 29, 2011, mother of Kerry Sulkowicz '77.

PEGGY TIRMENSTEIN, May 26, 2010, grandmother of Martin Tirmenstein '14.

BELLE TURNER, July 14, 2010, mother of staff member Ron Turner and grandmother of Chris Turner '91.

NORMA "TWINKLE" UNDERWOOD, January 13, 2011, sister of George Underwood IV '65.

MARY MARGARET VAN SHAW, February 1, 2011, former Lower School faculty member.

DOLORES MEEHAN VENINGA, September 21, 2010, grandmother of Eric Veninga '06.

NOE VERVER, September 6, 2010, grandfather of Israel Verver '90.

JEAN WOMACK, November 23, 2010, grandmother of James R. Womack '98.

NADINE WYSONG, November 16, 2010, grandmother of Ross Ruschhaupt '04 and Reed Ruschhaupt '06.

NANCY ELIZABETH MANNING YORK, August 24, 2010, grandmother of Hunter B. Birch '06 and Dylan S. Birch '09.

* Deceased

ENDNOTES

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FACULTY INSPIRATION: MENTER B. TERRILL SOCIETY

Henry Ploegstra and J.T. Sutcliffe joined the St. Mark's faculty in 1984 as master teachers. Since then, these two colleagues have contributed to Marksmen as teachers, advisors, and class sponsors. Now, these faculty members have both made another important commitment to St. Mark's—they have both become charter members of The Menter B. Terrill Society.

Dr. Ploegstra has held the Malcolm K. and Minda Brachman Master Teaching Chair for 23 years. A passionate advocate for his students, there are few Upper School events that Dr. Ploegstra has missed over the years, attending all but one Evensong in 27 years.

When making his decision to include St. Mark's in his estate plans, Dr. Ploegstra asked that his gift be designated to the Choir program. "The Choir is particularly important to me, especially after participating in their ten tours abroad," he said. "I have been so involved with the choristers and derived so much enjoyment from them, I'd like to endow a fund to support their wonderful music forever."

Throughout her career at the School, J.T. Sutcliffe has devoted herself tirelessly to her boys and to her colleagues. Ms. Sutcliffe has held endowed positions at St. Mark's including the Thomas B. Walker III '73 Mathematics Department Chair and the recently established Master Teaching Chair in Mathematics.

Including St. Mark's in her estate plans offers Ms. Sutcliffe yet another way to support the School's mission in the years ahead. "I appreciate the focus on the kids and on a remarkable faculty that is given opportunities to become even better. My bequest is unrestricted to allow the School to use it for its greatest needs."

For their combined 54 years of devoted service and their commitment to the future excellence of the School, St. Mark's offers its deepest gratitude to Dr. Ploegstra and Ms. Sutcliffe.

If you have included St. Mark's in your estate plans or would like more information about the Menter B. Terrill Society, please contact Scott Jolly in the Office of Development at 214-346-8132 or jollys@smtexas.org.



Pair of Raku fired vases by Cole Marlow '11
entered in The National K-12 Ceramics Exhibition.