

“Class Notes” from Former Faculty and Staff

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Dana Boocock, Director of College Counseling, 1995-2002: Dana got married in December and the following appeared in the *New York Times*. Dana Gould Boocock and James Parker Crowell were married yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Philip R. Newell, a Presbyterian minister, at the Terrace in the Sky, a restaurant in New York. Mrs. Crowell, 42, is the college counselor at the Spence School in New York. She graduated from Princeton and received a master's in liberal arts from Harvard. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brett Boocock of Barnstable, Mass. Her father retired as the headmaster of the Riverdale Country School in the Bronx. Mr. Crowell, 41, is an assistant vice president for information technology at Marsh & McLennan, the insurance brokerage company in New York. He graduated from Middlebury College and received an M.B.A. from Columbia. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Crowell of Tequesta, Fla. His father retired as a sales manager for the Prime Computer Company in New York. The bride and the bridegroom met in 2001 while serving on the board and singing with the New Amsterdam Singers, the amateur chorus in New York.

Rachel Roth Cascone, Assistant to Head and Director of Studies, 1997-2000: John and I have been blessed with a son! Jack Roth Cascone was born on June 2, 2003 at 7 lbs 11 oz. He is now a very happy boy who is growing so fast (almost 20 lbs!) and filling our lives with joy! John left Wall Street over a year ago and now works from home as a Real Estate Appraiser. It's been wonderful. I still work nights at Schneider Children's Hospital in the Neonatal ICU—though I'm part-time now and that is wonderful, too! I think of FA often and hope those I know are well. Keep in touch! (e-mail - cascone@optonline.net)

Dawn Brottenberg, Administrative Assistant for Athletic Department, 1992-2002: Upon leaving Friends Academy in December,

2002, my husband and I were blessed with a beautiful baby boy who we named Andrew John. He was born on December 16, so he is already 1 year old and almost walking! I am really enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. My daughter, Kaitlin, is 4 1/2 and attending a pre-k class four days a week. I have filled in at Friends a few times over the last year and I really enjoy seeing everyone. We did a little trip to Mystic, CT over the summer with family and we are going to North Carolina for a week this coming summer with some friends.

Mary and Alan Craig, Director of Admissions (Mary), Associate Headmaster (Alan): Mary and Alan are living in Philadelphia. Alan is involved in a volunteer program teaching English to immigrants. Mary is retired from retirement and is teaching English and social studies to fifth graders at Moorestown Friends School where Alan had been Headmaster. Their son, **David** '82, is assistant general manager of the Hotel Teatro in Denver. **Ian** '96 is middle school Principal at Westtown School and has two children, Holden, 5 and Cooper, 2.

Jean Fuller, Lower School Music, 1988 to 1994: e-mail: corodnfuller@msn.com: Things are very much status quo since I last checked in. I continue to direct two children's choirs at Christ Lutheran Church in East Northport and have been lucky enough to devote the rest of my time to family and home. The children are growing up (and out)! Cory is in his second year at Messiah College in PA, and Diana's a sixth grader at Commack Middle School. Now I find myself considering going back to work full-time. Perhaps I'll have some big changes to report in next year's faculty update. I still cherish the FA friendships and memories! (P.S. to John Gambling: Thanks for keeping me company in the AM. I enjoy being in touch with you on WABC!)

Jamaal K. Adams, Teacher of Upper School Biology, Learning Specialist (Student Centered Learning), 1997-1999: Since departing from FA in 1999 so many exciting things have happened in my life. After completing a backpacking trip through Europe

with my girlfriend Jasmine, I moved to Providence where I began to make a transition into the business world (from the pre-med world). I started by taking a position as a pharmaceutical consultant with Johnson & Johnson. Soon thereafter I landed a fantastic opportunity to work as a business analyst with McKinsey & Company in Boston. During my two plus years at McKinsey, I took an extended leave of absence to fulfill a lifelong dream of traveling around the world with Jasmine. We were terribly spoiled by the pristine beaches and great weather that characterized our trip and decided that the northeast would no longer cut the mustard as our region of residence. We quickly set our eyes on California and with great excitement relocated this past summer. I just completed my first quarter at Stanford Business School and Jasmine is a first-year resident in ophthalmology at USC. We make our home in Santa Monica, CA to which I return on weekends from my small studio apartment at Stanford. Life is great on the West Coast and we hope that the same is true for all of our friends at FA. We miss you. (e-mail: jamaaladams@yahoo.com)

Monica Lindblad, 5th and 6th grade Latin, 2000-2003: I really miss Friends. Now I live at Näsavägen 4, 19271 Sollentuna, Sweden. My new e-mail is monicalindblad@telia.com. I am presently teaching English and Swedish to Swedish Middle Schoolers and I am a 6th grade advisor. My very best wishes to all my former colleagues at Friends.

Sally Vuillet, Assistant Head, Director of College Guidance, 1969-1995, e-mail - SVuillet@aol.com: For those of us who live in the country, this summer and fall has been the year that it rained. And rained, and rained. The perennial border turned into a jungle, golf courses were occasionally flooded, and we had to deal with three large muddy dogs...two labs and a golden, the latter a rescue case adopted by Bob.

I'm still studying piano, with more and more jazz training, playing golf, some of it in tournaments in Massachusetts and Albany, and volunteering with emotionally disturbed children at a nearby treatment center and



Coach and physical education teacher Gail Baker with retired Upper School English teacher Roger Erickson at the Fall Fair.



Trustee and retired Early Childhood Team Leader Doris Paillet with Daniel Grindlinger '93 and Glenn Grindlinger '92, at the graduation of their half-sister Clarice Jacobson '03. All three had Doris as a Pre-K teacher.

school. Bob is working part-time, so we haven't transitioned to being snowbirds, but more and more I think that our friends who spend a month or so in Florida in the winter are on to something. We did get away to Puerto Rico for a few days, and spent 10 days in Florida last March. I hear good things about FA from contacts with alumni parents and faculty.

Jeff Sanborn and Maureen McGhan Sanborn. Jeff, Middle School teacher, Maureen, Physical Education teacher, 1976-1978, e-mail - jsanborn@mcdonogh.org: We have been located in Baltimore for 20 years teaching and raising a family. Daughter Sarah is a junior at Dartmouth and plays lacrosse with **Katie Fahey**, FA '02. Son Rory is a senior at McDonogh School. **Alec Dick** visited in the fall to watch Rory quarterback the football team to victory over arch rival, Gilman. Rory is headed off to Middlebury to play lacrosse - a tough pill for a father who has been a track coach for 25 years. We moved off the McDonogh campus to Glyndon, MD a year ago and learned after the fact that **Foster Nichols**, the previous owner, was a Friends Academy graduate, 1974. A small world.

Jacquie Gow, Physical Education teacher and coach, 1980-1997, e-mail - laxroads@optonline.net: Having a great time working at Glen Cove. It is hard to believe I am in my seventh year. I keep up with many of my FA colleagues and compete against **Diane Pasatieri**, who is teaching at Herricks, in volleyball and **Carolyn Collins**, Locust Valley, in lacrosse. We were the FA girls P.E. department for at least six years. I keep in touch with **Amanda Sokolow** '95 who is back in NYC teaching.

Miriam Taylor Sajkovic, English and Religion Teacher, 1950-1955: My husband Vladimir died in June of 2002 and I have been ill since then. Have had hip replacements then cancer of the tongue. Operation was a success and then radiation. Am recovering now. Retired from 45 years of teaching. Twenty-five at Holyoke Community College where I started the Philosophy Department. It is doing well.

Michael Epperhart, Middle and Upper School Strings Teacher, 2001-2002, e-mail - epperhart@earthlink.net: I am the bassist on the National Tour of "Cats." When not on the road, I am the resident bassist in the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford,

NY. I can be heard on the original cast recording of the off-Broadway show, "I Sing."

Alfred Grimaldi, Librarian Intern, 1985-1986: I am a high school librarian at Ossining High School in Ossining, NY.

Ellis (Ollie) Jones and Anna Jones, Ollie, English Teacher and Coach; Anna, Latin and Math Teacher and Coach, 1950-1954; e-mail - olianna@theworld.com: After leaving Friends we were in the Foreign Service for nearly 25 years - in Istanbul; Lagos, Nigeria; Beirut; Syria, Iran; U.S. Air Force Academy; Washington (Pentagon and State Department). Anna returned to teaching at Sidwell Friends in 1969 and subsequently became Head of School at Greenacres School, Rockville, MD (five years); Charles River School, Dover, MA (15 years); Interim Head Dutchess Day School, Millbrook, NY (two years after first retirement); Interim Head Belmont Day School, Belmont, MA (one year). Ollie took a law degree (J.D. American University 1981); worked at Bank of Boston for four years. Both now living at Cartmel, associated with Society of Friends and retirement community Crosslands in PA. Four sons (one born in Locust Valley; eight grandchildren. Would welcome news of colleagues and students from the 1950s.

Rusty Dioguardi, Trainer, 1992-1994, e-mail - ojdioguardi@aol.com: Hope everyone is well. I am celebrating 13 years as a chiropractor.

Elizabeth Roosevelt, Upper School History Teacher, 1968-1997: When the Book Mark Cafe closed last year, I took a job as a pager in the Syosset Public Library. I made a trip to Kentucky last spring and this included going to the Derby where I only lost \$12.00. The summer sailing season was plagued with bad weather but I still managed to do some racing in a sunfish and solings. I have continued to take local photographs, many of which are for sale at the Oyster Bay Historical Society.

Rick Robinson, Assistant Coach for Track and Cross Country, early 1980s: I'm in my 24th year as sports columnist for *The Oyster Bay Guardian*. Also active in the Oyster Bay Historical Society as trustee and past president. Recently attended 45th reunion at Amherst College.

Ervine Mix, Latin Teacher, 7th Grade Dorm Proctor, Coach, 1954-1959: Completed Ph.D. at Pittsburgh. Taught classics at Elmira

College. Retired in 1994. Recently had cataract surgery with lens implants. I am busy at Bethany Courtyards Adult Day Club. Now occupied with translating various medieval Latin texts into English, e.g., Johannes de Cessolis, Tales Judith and Susanna from the Vulgate Apocrypha of St. Jerohe. My best wishes to former colleagues and students. Mrs. Mix taught 8th grade Latin and French in the Lower School. She is now retired and very busy with various activities and offices.

Thomas Woehrle, Upper Principal, Community Service Coordinator, 1982-1995, e-mail - twoehrle@copper.net: Donna and I moved to Wisconsin in July to be nearer our children and grandchildren. Our daughter, **Lynne** '83, lives a mile away and daughter, Anne, and her husband and two children live in St. Paul, Minnesota, an easy five hour drive away. We were all together for Christmas in our new house. Donna and I are both fully retired and enjoying life in a variety of activities.

John Nicholson, History and Bible Teacher, Director of Religious Activities, 1949-1954: John and Bertha May are living at Crosslands, a Quaker retirement community in Kennett Square, PA. After leaving Friends Academy, John taught for four years at Germantown Friends School and for 30 years at Westtown School, retiring in 1988. We have happy memories of FA and are pleased that **Ollie and Anna Jones** have recently moved to nearby Cartmel. With best wishes for FA students and faculty we knew when we were there.

Wendy and Lou Hitzrot, Upper School Science Teacher, Upper School Principal, 1966-1974: They still have their home in Waldoboro, ME, and Lou continues to teach physics at Exeter.

Meredith Baker, Lower School Music Director, 1982-1984: Meredith is the director of the Long Island Choral Society, an all volunteer chorus of over 60 voices.

Miriam Taylor Sajkovic, English Teacher: Miriam had a second hip operation and tongue cancer operation. She says, "Friends has certainly grown and for the best, but the times we had were creative, fun, and most rewarding, too. I enjoyed Ms. Hildegard the librarian very much and I liked the boarding school." She is still recovering and is working on Vlada's material and has found a translator!



Former Upper School teachers Dorothy Friedman and Helen Iijic.



Nicole DelGadio '91 and former Upper School English teacher Sidney Bridges at the New York City Alumni Reunion, June 2003.