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Letter from the president

Wayland serves three groups of customers: students seeking a first-rate college preparatory experience, parents who want the best for their children's education, and alumni who proudly represent their alma mater in the world at large. We write the *Greetings* largely for the alumni. While we know you are interested in what's happening at the Academy, we also believe that you are attracted to articles that tell a story and are well written, even articles about alumni whose own stories are of interest to many.



With the addition of two faculty members to the *Greetings* staff (Tyler Graham, chair of the English department, and Andrew McDonnell, English faculty member), the *Greetings* now features more articles such as the Kira Salak '89 adventures (written by Tyler) and the honey story (written by Andrew).

In this issue we write about technology at the Academy and in the world in articles such as the Facebook study by Andrew and the opinion piece by Tyler. We also reconnect with one of Wayland's techno-savvy alums, Dale Luck '76 (co-founder of the Amiga computer), in the interview, "Some Guys Have All the Luck."

Technology has much to offer and little to dread; the intrepid among us, often just the IT folks, seem to rise to the challenges and provide valuable solutions beyond the simple command, "reboot," the universal way out of most computer failures. Our computer systems are mostly up and running and providing ease in communicating and searching for information. And Wayland has an Internet bandwidth of 15 megs (an incomparable speed for an institution our size), which we receive in exchange for providing space for a fiber optic vendor's operating equipment; we have a ten-year agreement for this zero-cost arrangement.

Although we are making changes in the input to the *Greetings*, we will retain features such as News and Notes, hoping to receive more information about our alumni to share with classmates and faculty.

In closing, Linda and I send you best wishes for a prosperous new year.

Robert L. Esten '64
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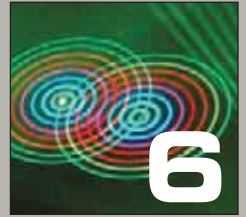
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While the pillars still stand in front of Wayland Hall with the core values of Wayland Academy unaltered, the school is subtly transforming. Wayland is making advances in a changing world not only to keep pace with, and surpass, other schools but also to grow and improve as an academic institution and avail itself of ever-improving technology.

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By Andrew McDonnell

Most of the new wires are hidden (if not downright spectral), but technology is changing the way that Wayland is run and exists.

Most teachers can be seen heading to class with a computer tucked under their arm along with the usual books, notes, and assignments to return.

Teachers no longer open a ledger to take attendance or enter grades; they open a laptop.

Students will occasionally hand a teacher a small, plastic flash-drive instead of a stapled packet of paper.

Parents arrange conferences online, and soon the progress report in the mailbox may become a thing of the past.

The Wayland bookstore has had to remove the word book from its name: it no longer sells books.

Luddites take heed: the boarding school has entered the 21st century.

Change is in the Air

Since arriving at Wayland last year, Director of Information Technology, Doug Russell, has been working tirelessly to revamp the school's technological infrastructure. Among other things, this transformation has involved installing more reliable and faster high-speed Internet connections for both students and faculty. Wayland's connection is now keeping pace with the increased bandwidth demands of both students and faculty alike, and, according to Russell, the once-beleaguered system is running like a top.

This increased reliability is notable, but perhaps even more remarkable is the near omnipresence of wireless Internet access on campus. An alert visitor may note the glow of a neon green halo emanating from the wireless routers that cling to the ceilings at various points throughout campus. Students and faculty can go online anywhere in the classroom buildings, the residence halls, Roundy

Hall, and even in Lindsay Gym. The wireless signal is strong enough that students can often pick up a connection outside of buildings. More than once, students have been spotted lying on the grass gathered around a laptop.

To be sure, it makes for a strange pastoral scene: this combination of lush green grass, proud, tall trees, and Liquid Crystal Display computer screens. However, as wires become less necessary, such sights are sure to become more and more common.

Grading, Attendance, & the Eight Period Day

The improved speed and dependability of the school's technology infrastructure now enables Wayland to do remarkable things at the classroom and the administrative level. Perhaps the most sweeping change has arrived in the form of a program named "Faculty Access for the Web," or FAWeb as it is casually termed around campus. FAWeb is part of a software package provided by a company named Blackbaud, and Wayland now uses this suite of programs to coordinate scheduling, classroom attendance, grading, and to announce special events or early dismissal for students heading for athletic contests.

This may sound rather mundane, but it has simplified many of the administrative tasks that faculty and staff encounter. For example, FAWeb has made possible this year's adoption of an eight-period school day.

Academic Dean Joe Lennertz H'86 recalled the scheduling system in place when he first landed in the Dean's office: "There would be cards on a wall or folders on a desktop, and each student would have a slip of paper," Lennertz said. "My predecessor had a crude database in Apple Works. I thought I was cutting edge with an Apple IIE that took 20 minutes to boot off of a floppy disk. There was no hard drive. At the end of the day, I had to go through the elaborate process of saving

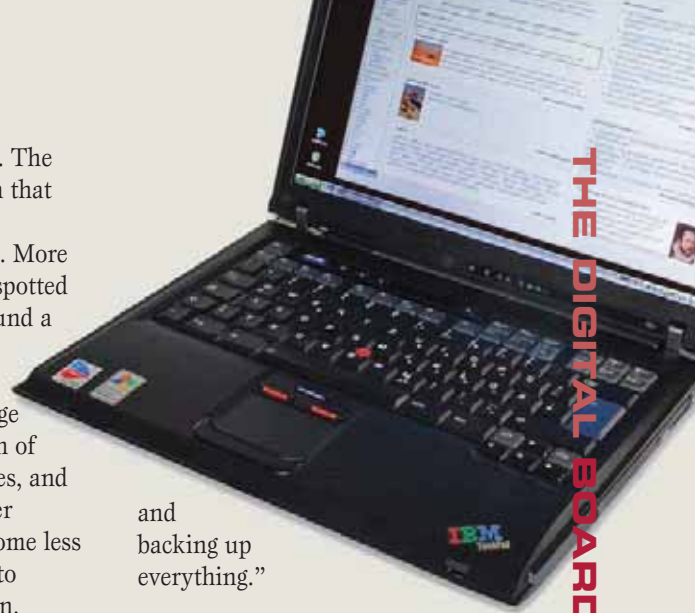
and backing up everything."

Lennertz moved on and created databases using a program called Filemaker Pro, which was far more flexible, but FAWeb eliminates menial steps in the scheduling process and opens a number of opportunities to students to take more varied classes. According to Lennertz, "When I started, students could only take four academic classes. Then we required five academic classes, and I found myself increasingly saying no to students: You can't take that class. You can't, you can't, you can't."

With Blackbaud's program he increasingly finds himself saying, "Yes. You can."

The program's reach on campus goes well beyond scheduling, though, and now it serves as a tool in nearly every office at Wayland. Whereas different departments maintained their own student databases in the past, there is now one large database for Admission and College Counseling, the Academic Dean's Office, the Business Office, and the Alumni and Development Office. Even the health center has begun using Blackbaud, but the availability of health information will be restricted to very few people on campus out of concern for student privacy. "All of the grades are in there and the medical information," said Lennertz, "so we have to take steps to insure privacy laws are followed."

Many steps have been taken to ensure the security of the Wayland community's information. Blackbaud's



administrative functions can only be accessed through the Ethernet hardwire lines and not over the wireless connection on campus. In addition, the IT staff has installed firewalls to prevent any unapproved access to student information.

The Parental Network

Technology is also helping improve the state of parent-teacher communication. Currently, parents and guardians receive a grade update every two weeks from their child's mentor, typically via email, but soon parents will have another option.

One of Blackbaud's programs, Net Classroom, will eventually allow parents to access grades through the school's Web site. Initially, at least, the access will be limited to certain time periods when parents may log in and gain access to an online progress report and see how their children are performing in different classes. "At a certain time, I'll write in an email to the parents: The gradebooks will be

open at this time for x number of hours or days," said Lennertz. "It will be easier for mentors, and most parents will enjoy this type of access."

This availability will begin with a pilot program open to a small group of parents in January. "We'll have them work with it, and we can figure out what we like, what we don't like, what's too much information and what's enough information," said Lennertz. The larger goal is to make this service available to all parents next fall for the 2009-2010 school year.

No Books in the Bookstore?

For the second straight year Wayland's bookstore will enjoy an abridged moniker: the Wayland Store.

Hold the books.

This is not to say, of course, that Wayland has dispensed with books in or out of the classroom. Rather, the way the school handles textbooks for students has been altered dramatically over the last year and a half.

MBS Direct is an online bookstore that handles all of the Academy's book orders. Parents and students go to a link off the school's homepage to an online bookstore site where students enter their schedule for the school year, and a list of books appears for purchase. With a bit of information and a credit card number, the books are shipped together directly to Wayland or to the student's home address.

MBS Direct offers used editions of the textbooks whenever possible to help families save money, and entering its second year of a three year contract with Wayland, with a few exceptions, the program seems to be working well for both students and teachers. One concern that has risen since the adoption of the online bookseller's

services is that, if a student changes classes during the opening weeks of school (as sometimes happens), there is more of a delay than there used to be during the days when students could simply walk to the bookstore on campus and trade in their old books for their new required texts. Late enrollees experience a similar delay. It is a problem that is still being addressed. Overall, though, it appears that the new online system is efficient and worthwhile.

It has also been a boon to Wayland's finances, as maintaining the textbook inventory on campus was very expensive. Because MBS Direct assumes all of the overhead costs, the Academy saves money and makes better use of employee time. Whereas the bookstore staff used to have to track down texts from multiple publishers, MBS Direct has already done the leg work and offers multiple options for ordering books and a responsive support system.

In the meantime, the Wayland Store will continue to help run student accounts, facilitate mail delivery, and stock a variety of school supplies, dorm room necessities, and an ever-improving selection of Wayland apparel.

Online Classroom

Technology has certainly grown in use in Wayland classrooms, thanks in large part to the faculty laptop program. Over the past five years, each Wayland teacher has been given a Mac laptop for instructional purposes, and the computers are replaced every few years. Teachers have access to a number of LCD projectors for use with PowerPoint presentations, short films, and student projects.

The possibilities on the horizon for teachers are very promising as well. For instance, faculty will soon have the ability to create their own web page and post it to Wayland's site. According to Sue Voigt, Director of Public Information and Publications at Wayland, "This will allow teachers to



Textbooks have not been replaced at Wayland, but now students order all their books online. Shown left is Adam Bunkoske '09

post a calendar of assignments and events, syllabi and different handouts, as well as embed videos directly in their web page. It will also give parents another window into what is happening in the classroom.”

Other changes and improvements are on their way, Director of IT Doug Russell noted, and these will be dictated by what teachers want. “I’m a big believer that, while IT should be in the front of the car, technology and education have to be a partnership with the teachers,” said Russell. “First and foremost you have to find out what the teachers need; then you figure out how the technology can assist teachers in the course of their duties and obligations. I don’t want to be in the situation where IT is telling teachers what to do.”

While the school continues to develop its vision for technology in the classrooms, Russell noted that networked, “shared” hard drives are one innovation that will be on campus soon. This shared storage space will allow teachers to post a file for a class and allow students to share files easily. In addition, the space will provide a safer way for everyone on campus to store their files. “Hard drives on laptops can fail. If we store things on the server and back it up every night, we can recover all that lost information. Home drives and shared drives are important for the future of Wayland,” Russell noted.

OMG, this is a changing Universe

With apologies to grammarians everywhere, the new question on campus is: “Wut do we do with all these internetz?” The answer: We teach them how to spell.

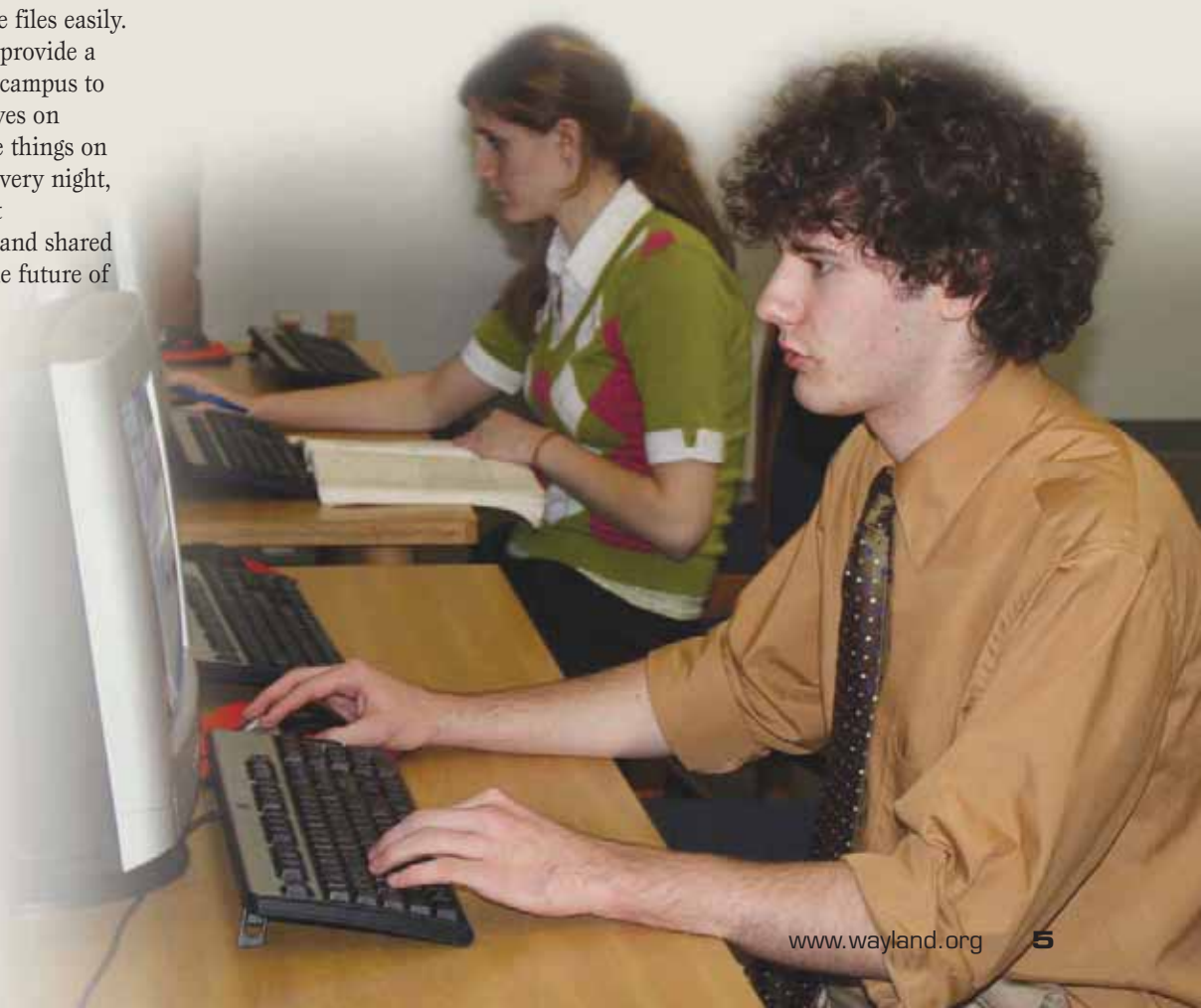
Online culture and classroom culture do sometimes come into conflict. In a rudimentary survey of the student body, 80% of Wayland students report that they spend more time online than they do reading books, magazines, and newspapers. The manner in which students write and speak is often informed by their experiences online, and adults on campus have to adjust ever more rapidly to new colloquialisms such as “pwned” (pronounced “poned” and meant to indicate a dominant victory; example: “I have defeated you at this remarkably lifelike video game. You have been pwned!”) and acronyms that have become ever more inscrutable such as rotfl: “rolling on the floor, laughing” or ANFSCD: “And Now For Something Completely Different.”

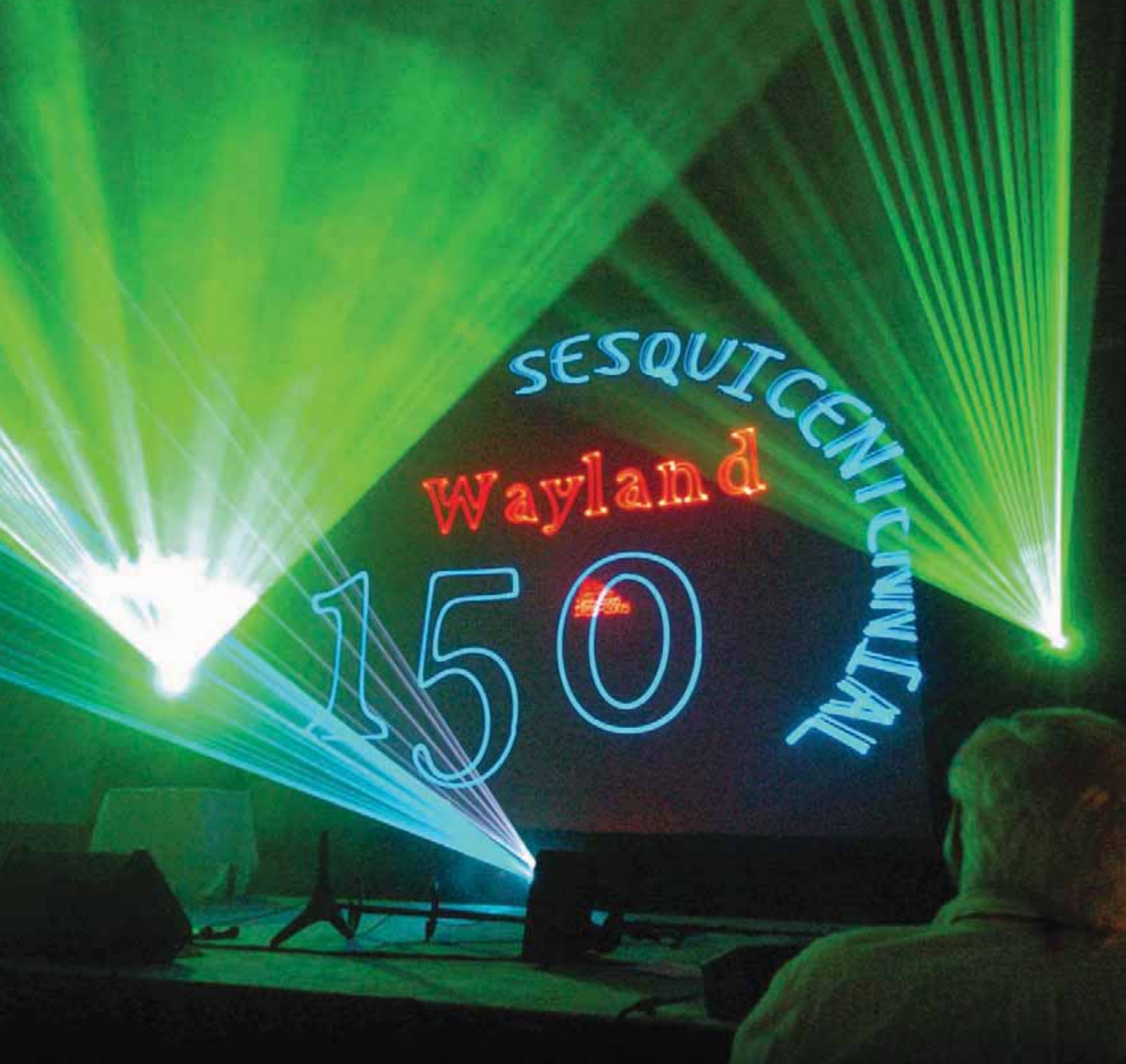
Currently, Wayland’s faculty, staff, and students are engaging with technology at an ever higher level. We are benefiting from the many opportunities that the Internet, laptops, and other classroom technology offer to help improve the quality and depth of a Wayland education. What has not changed, though, is the school’s determination to make these tools work for us.

Rest assured that, while some things become more and more technologically advanced, old (and good) habits die hard. Wayland teachers are still using chalk on blackboards, pointing to pull-down maps, and, in the science labs primarily, lighting things on fire. Our students still use pens, pencils, and paper to write essays in English class and still get “called to the board” in math class.

The difference is that now, afterwards, you can sometimes read about it on their blogs.

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SOME GUYS
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LUCK

By E. Tyler Graham

Wayland's Dale Luck '76 Takes Technology By Storm

As Wayland reflects on (and, perhaps, celebrates) the benefits and challenges of technology in the school's life and history, it behooves us to highlight at least one of our alums whose work in the field of technology has been a remarkable witness to the Wayland legacy. Of course, choosing one alum among the many is never easy, as the world of Wayland success stretches far and wide. Nevertheless, we feel that, in light of the still memorable Sesquicentennial Celebration and the particular achievements of Dale Luck, choosing our alumni spotlight for this edition was not difficult.

Dale Luck was one of the key players who, in the 80s, created the Amiga computer. This was an "advanced state of art personal computer with the first multi-tasking, programmable, easy graphical user interface, affordable computer," as Mr. Luck himself put it.

Over the years he has been involved with several key startups such as GfxBase, 3DO, and Shoretel.

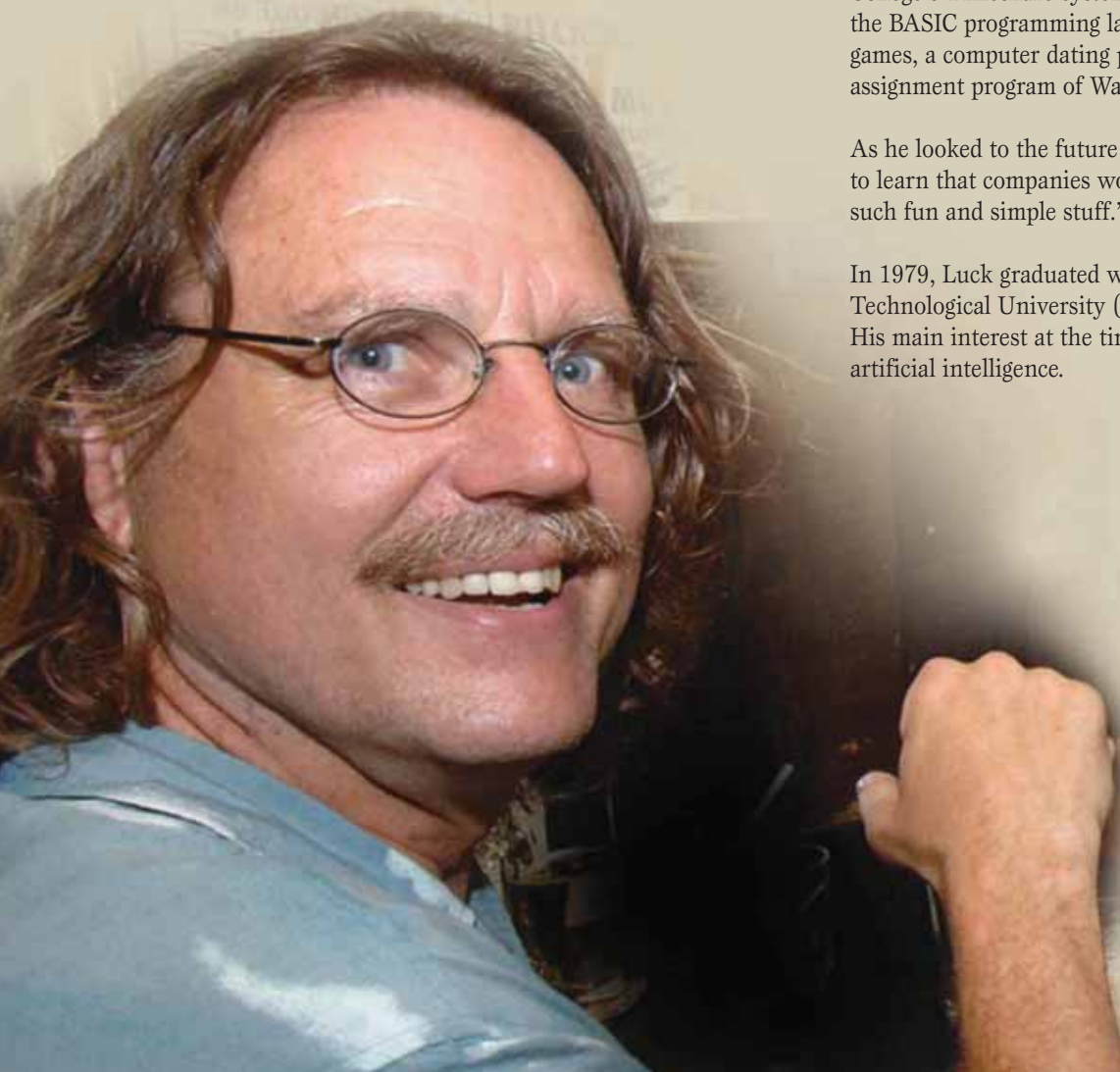
Today, he is a proud member of the spam-fighters known as Barracuda. This appears to be another project with significant longevity. "The technology for fighting spam has improved immensely in the last six years. However, the spammers are quite an unscrupulous and clever bunch of guys motivated entirely by greed. Antispam companies such as Barracuda Networks do not worry about the market disappearing for fighting spam," Mr. Luck said.

Luck got his start in the mid-70s while a student at Wayland. There, he recalled, he was "introduced to the computer."

"All we had was the ASR 33 teletype hooked up to Ripon College's Timeshare system, but I was able to teach myself the BASIC programming language. I wrote a couple of games, a computer dating program, and a seating assignment program of Wayland's lunch time," said Luck.

As he looked to the future after Wayland, he was "thrilled to learn that companies would actually pay someone to do such fun and simple stuff."

In 1979, Luck graduated with a BSCS from Michigan Technological University (it took him only three years). His main interest at the time was computer graphics and artificial intelligence.



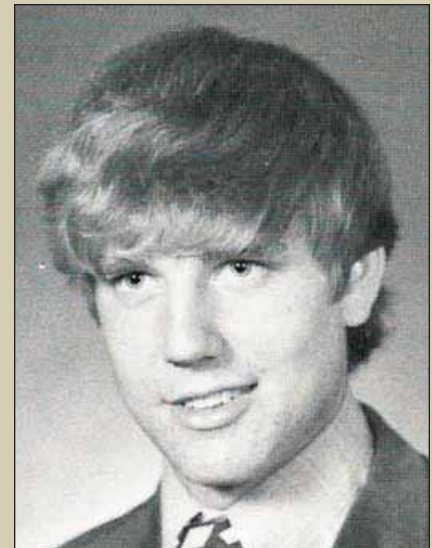
Dale Luck '76



Imitations of the Amiga: The young Luck uses technology at Wayland

Although the Midwest had nurtured and educated him, it was the sunny and enterprising land of Silicon Valley that drew him west. “HP enticed me to the warm and wild Silicon Valley on the West Coast in 1979. This was quite a change for a 21-year-old Midwest boy, as I plunged into the high-paced computer revolution,” said Luck. At Hewlett Packard, Luck continued working on computer graphics, helping to design a new color graphic terminal/workstation and even publishing a paper in his field. Four years later, though, he caught the “startup bug.”

Joining Amiga in 1983, Luck was assigned to graphics software. “My experience at Amiga was truly magical, and many lifelong friendships arose. There we advanced the state of art in personal computers with the first multi-tasking, programmable, easy graphical user interface, affordable computer known as the Amiga Computer. I designed the low level graphics libraries, the high level multiple screens, overlapping windows, and hardware line-drawing capabilities. But most people familiar with the Amiga would



Dale Luck's Senior Photo

remember the Bouncing Ball demo, which I created from an earlier spinning ball demo one late evening at the 1984 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas,” said Luck.

In 1987, Luck started his own company, GfxBase. He designed a graphics card, a three button optical mouse, and the X-Window System.

In the early 90s, Luck joined a new startup called 3DO, founded by several of the Amiga cofounders. “I designed the 3DO multitasking kernel, borrowing heavily from my experience with the Amiga kernel, but this time fixing a lot of the design problems we encountered,” recalled Luck.

In 1993, the 3DO CD-based game console was released, introducing a new level of graphics performance and 600 megabytes of storage for programming and data.

In 1997, Luck left 3DO to join Shoretel and went in the direction of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP). This is a now very popular alternative to traditional telephone service. He designed the software to control sending voice over the network.



The Amiga Computer

Dale Luck '76 "wowed" the hundreds of attendees at the All Wayland Reunion with his Sesquicentennial Celebration Laser Show

Then, as mentioned previously, Luck joined Barracuda and has been fighting spam ever since. "I've been working on ways to reduce the onslaught of unsolicited email that we all hate. Based on the types and classifications of email coming from computers throughout the world to the Barracuda Spam Firewalls, my programs determine a reputation score for those computers and use that to determine if email should be blocked from that computer," explained Luck.

Obviously, Luck is a man with a mission to create and advance the world of technology so that the enjoyment of life for humanity can be made that much better – and easier. Nevertheless, he remains a person sensitive to the "big picture" (the world outside the computer screen). His next invention may be in the world of eco-friendly technology.

"Lately ... I've rekindled my old passion for developing renewable energy solutions and sustainable conservation projects. At my house, I have a system of rainwater collection

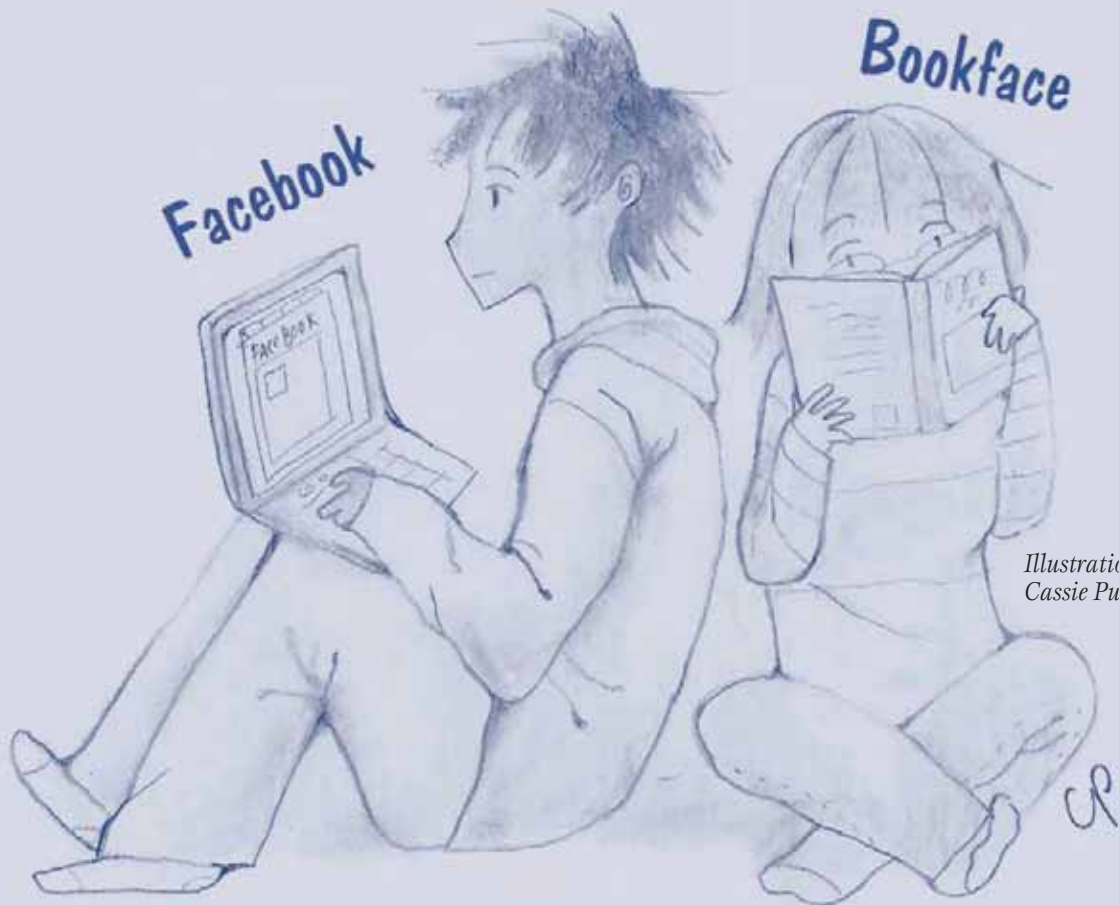
and storage equipment, solar collectors, and I am most interested in alternative fuels for transportation," said Luck.

As some of you will remember, Luck's most memorable return to Wayland was for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, where he "wowed" the several hundred attendees with an amazing laser-light show. Wayland is proud to call him her own, and she continues to look forward to the future of a guy who has all the luck.

After logging on to my Facebook web page, I am immediately confronted with a “News feed” listing of recent updates made by my Facebook friends. As a result, I have just learned the following pieces of information about a few of my students at Wayland:

- One sophomore boy was awoken at 3 a.m. by a phone call from a number he doesn't recognize.
- A senior boy is back on campus after having knee surgery and is “kind of ready for school.”
- A sophomore girl is happy she just received a B- on her physics test.
- A junior boy has changed his relationship status from “single” to “in a relationship.”
- A junior girl has done the same thing.

Two types of people..?



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FACEBOOK

By Andrew McDonnell

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Are these last two pieces of information related? I just don't know! But this is the sort of intrigue that Facebook can facilitate at Wayland Academy. For better or worse, Wayland has a community within a community that floats through the ether of the information superhighway, and, at the moment, that community is on Facebook.

One might think that, on a campus as tight-knit and intimate as Wayland, the wave of social networking Web sites that has washed over colleges and other high schools across America might miss our corner of Beaver Dam. After all, when you live in the same building as a quarter of the school's population and the majority of your friends live within 200 yards of your doorstep, why would you be drawn to an online intermediary to connect with friends?

Nonetheless, Facebook, the popular social networking Web site, is enormously popular at Wayland (over 90% of current Wayland students have a Facebook account), and the reasons are multi-fold.

For readers unfamiliar with Facebook, here are a few basic facts. Facebook is currently the most popular social networking Web site in the world. Despite the fact that the program was created just four years ago in a Harvard dorm room, it now has over 110 million users. Facebook allows members to create their own online "Profile," a page that contains a wide variety of information about that member. The basic information of a typical user generally includes his (or her) photograph, name, city, and, in

the case of a high school or college student, the name of his school and year of graduation. It often includes facts about relationship status and tells you whether a member is married, engaged, single, or in a relationship.

The options beyond this basic information are seemingly endless and depend on what you want to share with the world. Most members post their preferences in music and movies. There's an online bookshelf program that allows your friends to see what you're reading, what you've read, and what you have loved and hated. There are places to post your political affiliations, your favorite sports teams, and your photo albums and videos of yourself and your friends.

There's also a "Wall" on the page serving as a sort of message board for people to leave notes, ask questions, or simply say hello. In addition, Facebook has an instant messaging feature that makes it possible to chat with any friends who are currently online.

Unlike other social networking sites, the only people who are permitted to view your personal page are people to whom you have granted permission. Facebook members can conduct a search for their friends through the Web site, and then "Friend" one another (and yes "friend" is rapidly becoming a verb), which allows the members to visit one another's home pages and write messages on each other's Walls, share photos, exchange witty repartee and barbs, and even play games such as chess and Facebook's knockoff versions of popular board games.

The sheer number of things you can see in one glance of a typical Facebook page can be overwhelming, but this has proven to be part of its great appeal to young people. High school students seem far more comfortable, in general, with the sort of chaotic arrangement and variety of information in programs such as Facebook. Consider this: A Wayland freshman has never lived in a world without Yahoo.com.

Senior Justin Krause has his own theory about why Facebook is ubiquitous at Wayland. He claims that it began two years ago when the school started using a new web filtering program that prevented students from visiting another popular social networking Web site. "The only reason I started using it is because the school blocked Myspace," said Krause. "That's when the whole school switched over. It took them until the fourth quarter to unblock it, and by then everyone was using Facebook."

Krause says that his use is fairly limited compared to some students'; he mostly uses it to keep in touch with his sister and distant family members. "My cousin lives in Texas and comes up every summer and winter; so, during the intermediate time, I can use Facebook and not my cell phone minutes."

Many boarding students use it as a way to keep in touch with friends and family, especially some of the international students. Jamie Mones, a junior who came to Wayland via Saudi Arabia and the Phillipines finds it very useful for keeping in touch with friends who are abroad. "Back in Saudi, all of my friends are in boarding schools, and some are in universities," said Mones. "It's really hard to communicate with people who are in different countries. Calling wouldn't be the best thing due to the time differences, plus the cost. Facebook is something my friends check regularly, so I know they actually get what I send or post."

Mones also enjoys some of the less orthodox ways that Facebook allows her to communicate with friends. "Some applications are really fun such as the FedEx 'Launch a Package' thing. It was introduced to me by my brother, and I use it to send virtual 'care packages' to people," said Mones. "For instance, I send my brother care packages regularly, and he does the same. One time, when I saw on someone's profile that she was sick, I sent her one of the virtual care packages. She really liked it, despite the fact that it was virtual."

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I had no idea what a virtual care package was, so I investigated further. A friend of mine just had a baby, so I made a virtual care package through Facebook. Essentially, I was able to write her a note and then select a number of “gifts” which were pictures of things she might have wanted if they were real. (I chose to give her a pacifier, a pizza, an apple pie, and a lawn mower. Just to see if I could.) I’m not sure if my friend enjoyed her package yet, but the essence of such a message is that the sender is thinking fondly of the recipient. Plus, this was way cheaper than a real lawn mower and a pizza.

Another junior boarding student, Hannah Mallegni, sent me a Facebook message in reply to a general query I had given some students, and she agreed with Mones that it’s a helpful tool for communicating with people back home. According to Mallegni, “It keeps you in touch with people, and when you are as lazy as I am when it comes to returning phone calls, or writing an email, Facebook is just easier.”

She also noted, though, what she considers a problem with the social networking site: “I am addicted. When I could be doing other things, Facebook is the perfect procrastinator’s getaway. I understand why the Internet is shut off during study hall ... It consumes you ...”

Mallegni noted in her message how important it has become for some students to update their Facebook pages at a moment’s notice. “Anytime something exciting, or a lack thereof, is going on, the need to update your status is imperative!” She also expressed concern about the potential, paradoxical distancing effect of Facebook: “Yes, it could keep you in contact with people, but it can also hurt relationships too. Facebook is all virtual; therefore, it’s not real. Wouldn’t a real conversation with someone be much better? I think so,” said Mallegni. “It’s just that Facebook is easier... Basically, Facebook is the way to say, hey! LOOK AT MY LIFE, SEARCH THROUGH IT, SEE MY



Jayme Neitzel `12 and Hannah Mallegni `10

CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. It’s kind of sad if you think about it.” Nonetheless, despite her misgivings, Mallegni admits that she is as guilty as anyone of updating her status on a very regular basis. “I love Facebook, but I do know how ridiculous it is; I wish I weren’t so addicted.”

Wayland’s Facebook community goes well beyond its student body and includes teachers, administrators, alumni, parents, and members of the Board of Trustees.

Dean of Admission and College Counseling Eric Peters maintains his own page, but does not allow active students to be his Facebook friend. “We have to be careful (at all times), about being too casual with students, and Facebook can be an area where there are many potential pitfalls.” He does see the usefulness of Facebook, though, when it is used responsibly. “It’s a way for our boarding students to get a premier education here at Wayland while simultaneously maintaining contacts with their friends and family at home. I know many parents use it to keep in touch with their kids, and do things like wish them luck on a Latin test.” Once active students graduate, Peters welcomes them to his Facebook fold. “I look at it as a graduation rite of passage. I’ll add you as a Facebook friend when you move on.”



Dean of Admission and College Counseling Eric Peters

Dean of Students Paul Keller does not have a Facebook page, but he notes that he sees the appeal. “I wish they’d had it when I was a teenager. It’s a good way to stay in touch with other kids.” He also points out the potential drawback to students presenting too much of their lives online, something Peters alluded to as well, and that is the danger of putting something inappropriate online.

A number of articles have been written lately that point to Facebook photos being reviewed by some college admissions offices and on a few extreme occasions law enforcement agencies. Students sometimes forget that their Profile pictures are not necessarily limited to their small circle of friends; their main Profile photo is available to anyone searching for that student’s name.

Some students are more cautious than others about the information they make available to others on Facebook ... especially when their parents are on Facebook.

One Wayland parent who wished to remain anonymous, for fear of mortifying her now-alumni children, has found multiple uses for Facebook. “Personally, I find that my own children are far more accessible to me on Facebook than they are on email, text messaging or even IM’ing (I have



Dean of Students Paul Keller

tried them all!).” This unnamed parent added, “I also have many of their friends as my ‘friends’ on Facebook, and it is a wonderful way to stay in touch and to have a feeling for what is going on.”

Another Wayland parent, Susan Reilly, agrees that Facebook helps her keep in touch with her son, a senior at Wayland. “I believe as a parent that, if you want to communicate with your kids, you need to use the vehicles they use to communicate or you will have difficulty reaching and/or understanding them,” she said. Facebook is “like a personal diary; however, you need to have some respect for their privacy. If they accept you as a friend on Facebook, you know that what transpires on Facebook cannot be too outrageous. Keep in mind that you cannot control what their friends write, say, or do, so you must be open-minded if you want to enter their world.”

Both of these parents also use Facebook in a professional capacity and take advantage of its enormous audience for advertising purposes. “Facebook, like other alternative media venues, is intriguing and has endless educational and entertainment possibilities,” said Reilly. “Those who don’t learn or engage in keeping up to date on technology will soon be left behind.”

How long Facebook remains as the primary online gathering space for Wayland students remains to be seen. Online social networking sites have been around for well over a decade in one form or another, and they seem to pass in and out of vogue the way that social clubs often do. Facebook seems to be willing to adapt its product, though, and the network is increasingly available through a large variety of cell phones and handheld devices. Once it becomes portable, it will be interesting to see how that affects what some people already see as an intrusive entity in modern life. One alumnus, Steve Boucher `07, has already told me that, despite its benefits, he’s considering closing his Facebook account. “About a month ago or so it really hit me that Facebook, in a weird way, holds a sort of ‘big brother is watching’ aspect,” Boucher said. “I know I’m really outgoing at times, but I am also someone who enjoys his privacy. With all this information and these pictures on Facebook, I feel as if it has gotten to the point where it is too much.”

I find myself agreeing with this young alumnus. I should note that this article is perhaps the most difficult one I have ever had to complete because I have had Facebook on in the background most of the time. It is, without a doubt, the most distracting novelty I have ever encountered. I actually had to pause and disable my wireless Internet card simply so that I could work without the appealing distraction, the endless diversion, that is Facebook.

On campus, the school tries to minimize the effects of just such distractions. For instance, students are not permitted to use cell phones outside of their residence halls or the day student lounge. It’s a glorious rule, and most students hate it. During study hall the school turns off student access to the wireless connection to help keep the young scholars focused. At 9:30, though, when the Internet connection is restored, there is an almost audible clicking noise, a nearly discernible rattle, and the silent clatter of Facebook fills the air again.

Facebook for Alumni



Alumni Board member Jim Downing, shown with Vice President of Development Trent Jackson

Greetings Alumni,

For those of you who have made your way onto Facebook, I would like to tell you about a group I created, Wayland Academy Alumni. This is a group created by alumni, for alumni. It is open to alumni from all class years. Within the

group you can post messages and pictures, create events, and reconnect with friends. So, if you are on Facebook, come and join the group to share your stories about Wayland and reconnect with old friends!

If you are not on Facebook, think about joining. I have personally reconnected with many alumni and other friends. Don’t worry — Facebook has privacy settings that let you control who can view your page and see your information. Once you join, let other alumni know so they can join the group too!

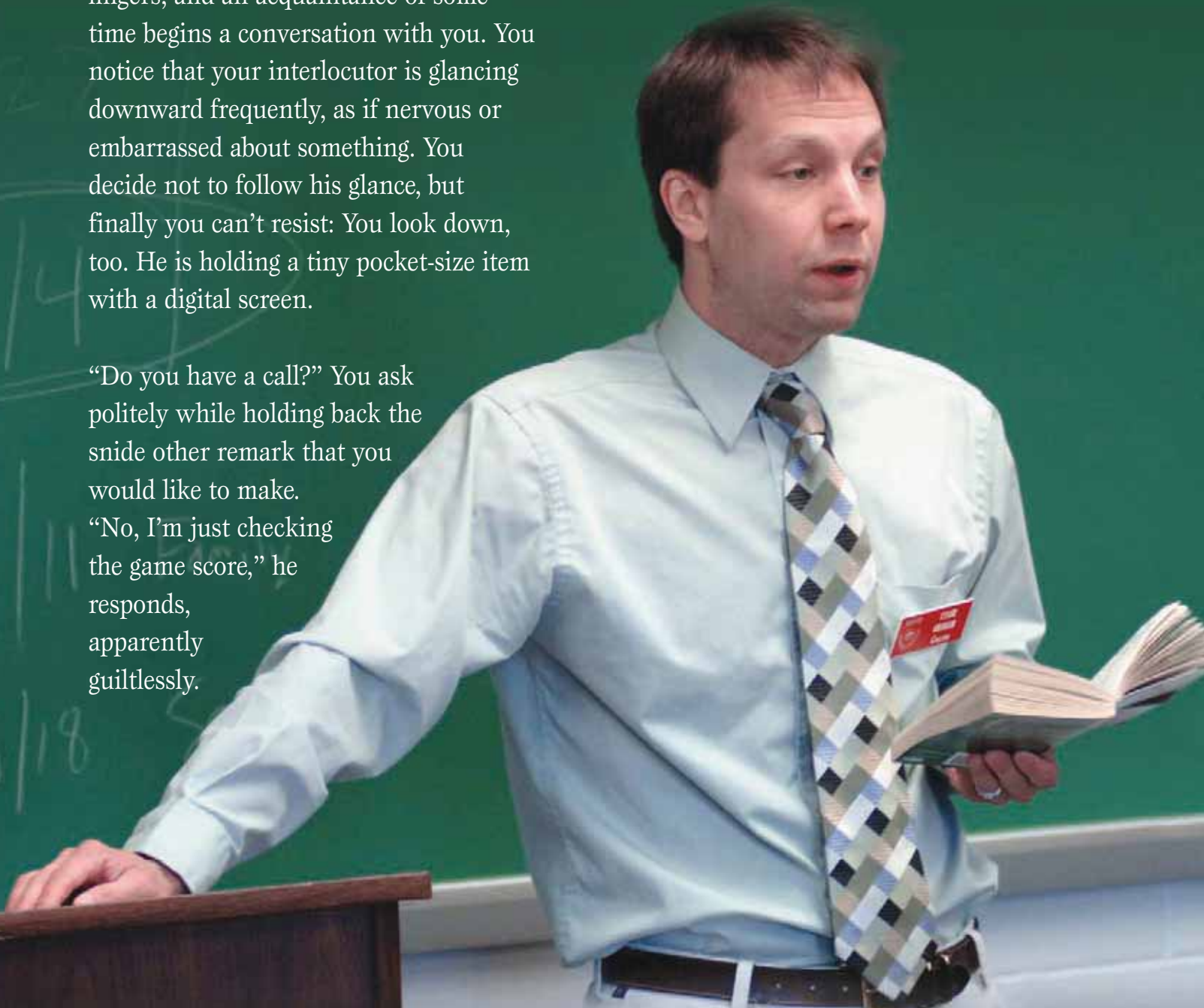
Sincerely,

Jim Downing
Class of 1994

The cocktail party lingers, and an acquaintance of some time begins a conversation with you. You notice that your interlocutor is glancing downward frequently, as if nervous or embarrassed about something. You decide not to follow his glance, but finally you can't resist: You look down, too. He is holding a tiny pocket-size item with a digital screen.

"Do you have a call?" You ask politely while holding back the snide other remark that you would like to make.

"No, I'm just checking the game score," he responds, apparently guiltlessly.



OPINION: By E. Tyler Graham

technology changing
For Good

Here is another situation.

You are in the grocery store and move to the checkout line. The young attendant begins adding up your food by scanning the items over the bleeping machine. You strike up a conversation (or at least attempt to do so), but your conversant makes no response. As you leave, having paid your fare, you notice little white dots in the checkout person's ears. She has been listening to an iPod the whole time.

It is the solemn moment in church, or the key part of a movie in the theater, or the pivotal point of lecture in a university, (add any other scenario as you wish), and somebody's cell phone goes off. Random Rude Person X starts talking or text-messaging. The crowd utters an inaudible moan of judgmental disgust. But life goes on.

Well, you know the story. It is the story of our time: Technology has advanced so far that it has intruded into the most intimate parts of our daily life. There is no longer time to think — your iPod does that for you. There is no longer a place to get away from the world — your wireless Internet cell phone takes the world with you wherever you go. There are no peaceful moments one-on one, for we always need to check our email, check the game score, check the weather report ... do just about anything on our Digital This-or-That to get away from what used to be called normal human interaction.

But it is too late to go back in time; in fact, such a journey is impossible. We cannot halt the progress of technology. And who really wants to? The advantages of an Internet world-over are far too great to override the uncomfortable or even rude moments of social interaction brought about by techno-addiction. Nevertheless, the desire for a “renewal” of manners seems appropriate in the various interactions we have with “those other people” who always seem oblivious to the impact of their techno-philia.

Fortunately, I am not alone in my manner-lust. Miss Manners herself has written on some of the topics adumbrated above.

For example, she discusses the politesse required in the wake of the casual photograph that might land on “Facebook” (editor's note: see McDonnell's article elsewhere in this *Greetings*). Surprisingly, perhaps, she puts the onus on the photographed

rather than the photographer. She writes, “General opinion now is that taking pictures is harmless and to be expected. Miss Manners suggests that you — indeed, all of us who value privacy — will have to get into the habit of saying, ‘If you're planning to take pictures, please leave me out.’”

Even in the cell phone problem she is fairly reserved in finger-pointing. She writes, “The accusations of rudeness being made against the owners of cellular telephones are often unfair. ‘They're just showing off,’ is the charge hurled at people who use their cell phones to do what everybody else is legitimately doing — talking on the bus, making calls from the sidewalk, chatting while driving a car. An expensive telephone might be considered a status symbol — but so are a lot of other things that are less obviously useful yet don't arouse public ire. It should be recognized that the cell phone is just a tool. What determines rudeness is how it is used. People who need to shout into their cell phone probably just need a better phone, but shouting itself is already an etiquette violation.”

Her principle is a good one: technology is not bad; the abuse of technology alone generates rudeness. Fair enough. But even still, we need not be completely given over to a laissez-faire attitude that culture must inevitably be absorbed into technological interaction. I remain convinced that a conversation free of outside interruptions (or inside interruptions) is better than one with lingering interruption on the horizon. So, rudeness aside, I think that the question posed by technology may be more of a religious one: Are there elements of human nature that can flourish fully only if unimpeded by the works of man? That is, are there elements of our nature that must remain, say, natural? If you have an answer, send me an email. In the meantime, I'll look to iChat or e-conversation with you in Facebook.

Yours,
e-Tyler Graham

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Alumni Reunion 2008

was fun for everyone and had a terrific turnout. The weekend of October 17-19 shined with beautiful sunny weather and clear crisp evenings.

The festivities began with the Class of 1963, celebrating their 45th reunion year, helping to make the Friday night pre-party a lively time for all.

Saturday morning, Terrill Knaack '68, artist in residence, led a group of alums out for a tour of the Horicon Marsh. They returned in time to join their fellow alums for the All-Alumni meeting and brunch and the State of the Academy by President Bob Esten '64. Dick Kimberly was honored as outgoing Board of Trustees Chair with an "official" Wayland rocking chair. Mike VanHaren '82, the new President of the Alumni Association Board, was also introduced during brunch.

Following the traditional alumni photo on the steps of Wayland Hall, reunion attendees were offered the opportunity to take a tour of Wayland Hall. Many alums watched Wayland's home football game; the Big Red won the day with a 55-6 victory over Christian Liberty Academy.

Saturday evening, prior to dinner, alums and guests were treated to a performance by the Wayland Choir offering the songs, "City Called Heaven" (featuring senior soloist Joe Graham), "The Storm Is Passing Over," and "The Gift of Music" (featuring senior soloist Spencer Schumann); the A Cappella Choir – Almost Famous – sang "Down By The River To Pray."



President Bob Esten '64 delivering the State of the Academy address



Former Chair, Board of Trustees Dick Kimberly '54 was presented with an "official" Wayland rocking chair

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WOW Co-Chair Rosina Samadani '85



WOW Co-Chair Judy Scherb '63 and Chair, Board of Trustees Susan Peterson '63

Following dinner and a few brief words from President Bob Esten '64, Chair of the Board of Trustees Susan Peterson, and Vice President Trent Jackson, some good natured fun and a spirited awards ceremony began. The Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award went to Judy Scherb '63 and Rosina Samadani '85 for their outstanding

commitment and dedication to planning and implementing the Women of Wayland (WOW) Conference.

The Alumni Achievement Award is given "to an individual who is deemed to be worthy of special recognition ... for outstanding achievement in his or

her field of endeavor. The award salutes the recipient for representing the true ideals of the Academy and setting a living example of what a Wayland education is all about." This year's recipient was Betsy Parker '72. Betsy is the President and CEO of Puerto Rico-based, Caribe Direct, Inc., and a Wayland Trustee. She and her husband, Gerardo Cumpiano, are the parents of two Wayland Alums, Gerry '06 and Oscar '08.



President Robert Esten '64 presented Trustee Betsy Parker '72 with the Alumni Achievement Award



Susan Peterson '63 presented Dick Kimberly '54 and Karen Kimberly H'08 with an original Windon Newton '80 watercolor of Kimberly Chapel

Susan Peterson then had a surprise gift for outgoing Chair Dick Kimberly '54 and his wife Karen. The board of trustees presented Dick with an original watercolor of Kimberly Chapel, by Wayland's Sesquicentennial artist Windon Newton '80. Then, in a very touching moment, Karen

Kimberly was presented with an honorary Wayland Academy diploma for her patience and ultimate commitment to Wayland, while Dick has served Wayland for years as a member of the alumni association, a member of the board of trustees, and chair of the trustees.



Karen Kimberly H'08 reacting to the honorary Wayland degree

Reunion class liaisons were also recognized during the program for their contribution in making this year's reunion a huge success. The class liaisons were Linda Kearns '58, Jean Solomon M.D. '62, Susan Peterson '63, Judy Ronin Scherb '63, Eric Gefvert '73, Curt Radford '73, Eva Ptaschinski '83, Mark Rauschert '83, Kristene Boucher '97, Heidi Eisenreich '97, and Weston Radford '03.



Reunion Class Liasons: Curt Radford '73, Judy Ronin Scherb '63, Eric Gefvert '73, Jean Solomon '62, Linda Forsgren Kearns '58, Mark Rauschert '83, Heidi Eisenreich '97, Susan Peterson '63, Kristene Boucher '97, Eva Hartman Ptaschinski '83

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Walt Thiede `43
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We will miss you!

Row 1 (pictured left to right):

- Trent Jackson, Jessi VanHaren, Mike VanHaren `82
- Christy Dey Deckys `83, Patty Dillon `83, Joe Sackett `83, Allison Roy Sandlin `83
- David Kasper H`81, Jean Allemand H`84, Diane Alpaugh H`83, Eli Seighman H`71
- Kenneth Middleton `58, Linda Forsgren Kearns `58, Micki Kay `58, Orlin Cigelske `58

Row 2:

- Fred Bishop `57, Karl Rauschert `47
- Fremont Latimer `98, Stephanie Arndt Latimer `98
- Nadia Samadani Kathwari `97
- Jawonza Brooks `03, Terrence Wilson `02, Adrell Bullock `03
- Craig Lindeke `63, Elizabeth Lindeke
- Eva Hartman Ptaschinski `83, Mark Rauschert `83

Row 3:

- Robert Smith `57, Linda Forsgren Kearns `58
- Bert Scherb, John Tye `63, Judy Ronin Scherb `63, Ann Baird Pepper `63, Catherine Lawton

Rows 4 & 5:

- (Top) Hugh Dinsmore `73, Andy Aylward `73, Jeff Johnston `73, Terry Bomier `73, Beth Traut Bosio `73, Eric Gefvert `73, Curt Radford `73
- (Bottom) Cheryl Humleker, Jeremy Starz `97, Georgi Starz
- Yoko Shimada `95, Jim Downing `94
- Don Augustine `54, Kyra (Eldon `54) Kenniger

Alumni Reunion Photography by Wade Crary



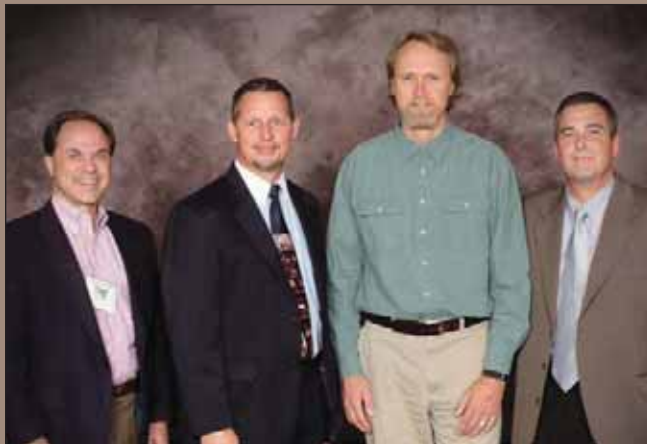
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Class of 1948 — Fred Schlicher



Class of 1958 — Orlin Cigelske, Linda Forsgren Kearns, Don "Micky" Kay



Class of 1978 — Pete Clark, Chris Wiedenhoef, Marc Stecker, Jim Schlicher



Class of 1983 — 1st row: Patty Dillon, Diane Alpaugh H83, Allison Roy Sandlin; 2nd: Christy Dey Deckys, Mark Rauschert, Eva Ptaschinski



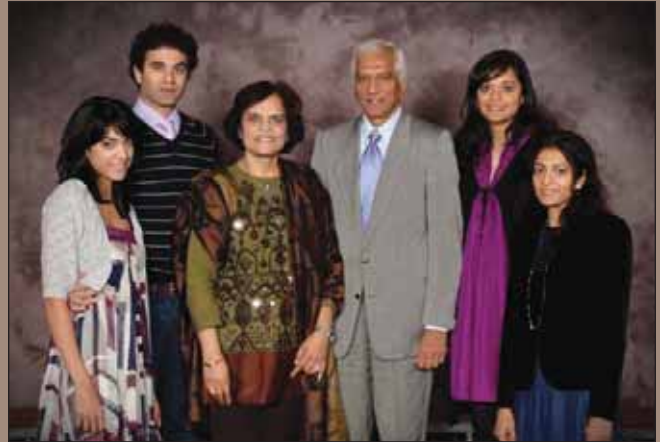
*Class of 1963 — 1st row: John Fromm, John Tye, Judy Ronin Scherb, Susan Peterson, Ann Pepper, Robert Folsom, Bill Jasper
2nd: Steve Sloan, Randy Lawton, Joe Hall, Tony Roberts
3rd: Jim Thiel, Vic Falk, Craig Lindeke, Bill Lavicka '62*



*Class of 1973 — 1st row: Curt Radford, Andy Aylward, Beth Traut Bosio, Mike Yanikowski, Hugh Dinsmore;
2nd: Terry Bomier, Jacques Sampon, Eric Gefvert, Jeff Johnston*



Class of 2003 — 1st row: Natalia Rocha Fonseca, Tara Burnham, Maomao Zhang, Dana Leystra; 2nd C.J. Kiersten, Susanna Redmer, Danielle Assa, Trina Saladin, Kyle Mammersley; 3rd: Rosalyn Davis, Vanessa Schmidt, Weston Radford, Maeve Fischer, Jeff Boness; 4th: Jawonza Brooks, Michael Cassidy



Nadia Samadani Kathwari '97, Omar Kathwari, Farhut Samadani, Dr. Ayaz Samadani, Asma Samadani '87, Dr. Rosina Samadani '85



Classes of 1997, 1998, and 1999 — 1st row: Danielle Lange, Amy Kuenzi, Heidi Eisenreich; 2nd: Lizzie Boucher, Rachel Mulder, Kristene Boucher, Lee Marcheschi; 3rd: Sarah Lutringer, Stephanie Arndt-Latimer, Fremont Latimer, Tizoc Olivo; 4th: Josh Kaufmann, Morgan Manchester, Tony Trapp, Nate Yehle



Mikki Hebl '87

Wow! Two hundred and forty women returned to campus to participate in the first ever Women of Wayland conference held October 17, 2008. “Celebrate, Connect and Change” was the theme of this year’s conference. Women of all ages from teenagers to septuagenarians, and from all walks of life participated, with speakers and panelists reflecting the audience.



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Judge Pat Walton, Leslie Walton `11



Catherine Lawton, Penny Jasper



Liz Wendorf Thompson `76 speaking with another alum

Susan Peterson `63, current chair of the board of trustees, suggested the conference, and WOW co-chairs Rosina Samadani `85 and Judy Ronin Scherb `63 co-coordinated the event, a year in the planning.

The conference began with an art exhibition and reception on Thursday evening, where works of photography and paintings by faculty, students, and alumni were exhibited. It continued the next day beginning with an interactive session on “Communicating with Impact” by Susan Peterson `63 and continuing with panel sessions on “Becoming Financially Savvy,” “Succeed Non-Traditionally,” “Balancing Your Life,” and a final panel “Across the Generations: Inspirations and Aspirations.”

Dr. Mikki Hebl `87, associate professor of psychology and management at Rice University, led a keynote session on the conference’s theme of “Celebrate, Connect, and Change” and Wisconsin Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton discussed women’s issues in politics today.

Dr. Hebl’s address was extremely well-received, touching on issues of gender biases in the workplace and home environment, the importance of language regarding women, and the challenges of living a balanced life. Lt. Governor Lawton also discussed the importance of language regarding women, particularly in the recent election.

The WOW steering committee (Linda Esten, Dave Kasper H `81, Nadia Samadani Kathwari `97, Susan

Peterson `63, Rosina Samadani `85, Judy Scherb `63, and Yoko Shimada `95) were very pleased with the turnout and feedback regarding the conference, and the consensus based on participants’ feedback is that the conference should become a regular event at Wayland. “It’s a great deal of work but very fulfilling — and far more inspirational than we had thought,” said co-chairs Samadani and Scherb. “We need to make some critical changes so that we get students involved in a more fulfilling way, but we’ve had so many women — students, alumnae, parents — come up to us with how inspiring and valuable they found the event; we believe we should hold another one in a few years. We’re eager to share our learnings with the new chairs.”



Shena Medley Morgan `90, Natalie Wetzels-Rasmussen `91, Julie Hicks Lund `90



Ashley Nevel `12, Laura Siekman `12, Martha Alexander `74

newsandnotes

Editor's note: We will be pleased to publish your email address in future issues of the *Greetings* if it is included with your submitted *News and Notes*.

1940s

Winifred Woods Gulyas '49 writes, "I had a great time with Pat Hull Buckley '49; she visited us in New Jersey for a few days in June 2008."

1950s

Barry Bollensen '51 writes, "Since retirement, I have continued to live in Springfield, Illinois, but I try to spend most winter months in Florida. I am a volunteer at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum."

Jack Wilton Sr. '59 writes, "We moved to Rockford, Illinois, from Nashville, Tennessee, last October after being in the mid-south for 30-plus years. I look forward to renewing old friendships and becoming a 'yankee' once more."

1960s

Bob Folsom and the Class of 1963

"The Class of '63 Reunion was a resounding success! All of us who participated managed to rally ourselves for another round of intensive liver abuse, laughter, and recollection of the good old days. The weather was great, and the campus very appealing. I personally enjoyed touring Wayland Hall and the museum in the library basement. The football team scored more points in one game than we scored all season. It was great to see such a good turnout and visit with everyone. As usual, Linda and Bob Esten were great hosts. We are all especially proud of our classmate Susan Petersen, the new chair of the board of trustees. I hope everyone can stay healthy and plan on getting back to Beaver Dam for our 50th reunion in 2013. As long as I'm not your doctor, your chances of making it are excellent."



Dr. Charles Geisler '63 surprised his classmates and returned to campus for his 45th reunion. Chuck lives in Ithaca, New York, and is a professor in Development Sociology at Cornell University.



The class of 1964 held a reunion in October at The Abbey in Lake Geneva. A core group of 15 and spouses and friends spent two days reminiscing about their Wayland years and telling unmentionable stories about boarding life. Organized by Ralph Robinson, John Hughes, and Phillip Scippel, the reunion was a prelude to the 45th, which will be held next October at Wayland. Everyone at this reunion pledged to attend the 45th.



Tony Roberts `63 (shown above right, with **Dick Scherb**) came from Phoenix for his 45th reunion. He stayed on campus a few extra days and taught a photography class to Wayland students as part of the Visiting Alumni Program. Go to <http://www.tonyrobertsphotography.com/> to see Tony's work.

Jean Jackman Onorato `66 and her husband, Michael, proudly announce the marriage of their son, Robert Onorato, of Acton, Massachusetts, to Madeline Howard, in the ethereal ceremony, heightened by the billowing fog of the Atlantic, at the Crane Estate at Castle Hill, Ipswich, Massachusetts, on June 28, 2008. Robert is a candidate for a doctorate in physical chemistry at UC-Berkeley, and Madeline practices law. Attending the wedding were Martha Karlen `65 of Scottsdale, Arizona, and her younger son, Jack Karlen, an undergraduate at Arizona State University.

Christopher Stanton `67 writes, "I'm busy in my medical practice at a renowned medical group in Sparks, Nevada, and I'm playing more banjo than ever!"

1970s

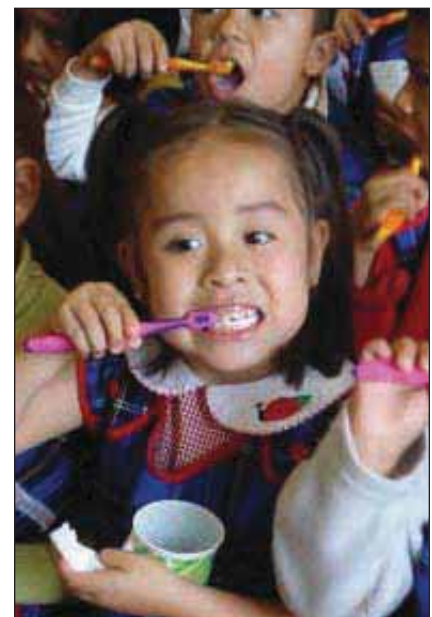
Elizabeth Traut Bosio `73 writes, "I just read the notes from others from our class. It's great to hear from so many of you. It's amazing how far we have spread around the country from Beaver Dam. I'm still in Broomfield, Colorado (just outside of Boulder), and have been for 26 years now. We should all try to mark the date in our



Karen Sorenson `73 and her pal teaching pre-schoolers how to brush their teeth

memories for 2013 and try to get back to Wayland for our 40th. God knows if we'll all be able to negotiate the trip and campus for our 50th? Come to Colorado and ski. I have a place near Breckenridge and would love to ski with anyone who heads this way. I've met up with Dr. Karen Sorenson `73 in the past and had hoped to ski last winter with Eric Gefvert `73, but a bad storm prevented me from getting up to the mountains."

Karen Sorenson `73 writes, "Hello from the Heartland! 'What I did on my summer vacation.' My daughter, Sonja (age 16), and I went to Guanajuato, Mexico, for three weeks to learn some Spanish at a language school there. My goal was to go from zero Spanish to being able to teach little kids to brush their teeth 'en español.' (Locally I do a lot of free dentistry for needy kids and many of the families speak no English.) These photos show my final presentation to a group of kids in a Head Start/WIC sort of program in Guanajuato — they were wonderful! We are starting a similar pre-school brushing and education program next month here in the Kearney area."



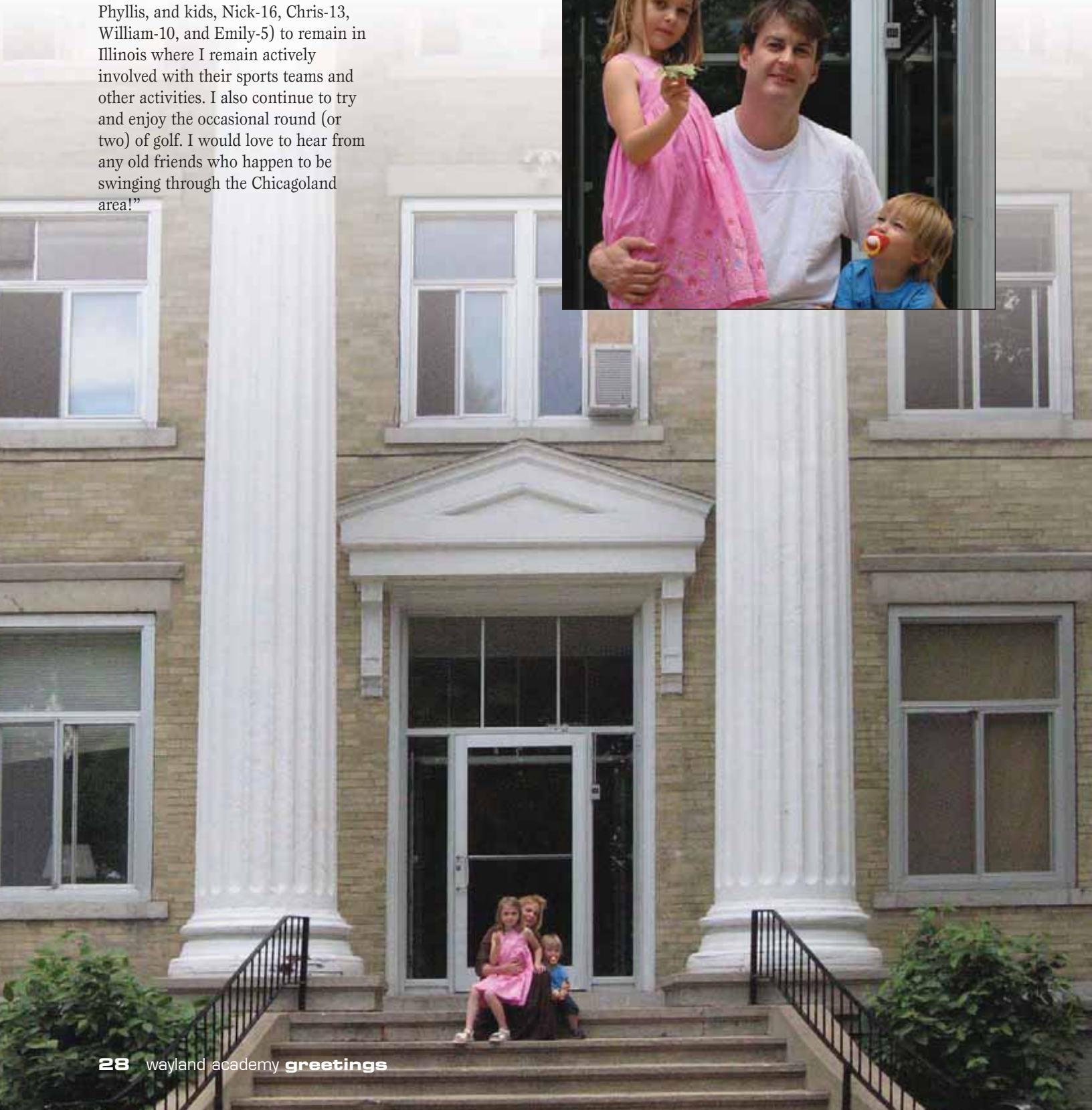
Children from Guanajuato learning how to properly brush their teeth

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1980s

Scott Buchta '82 writes, "I have recently accepted a position at Guggenheim Capital Markets, LLC, as the Head of Investment Strategy. After 20 years at Bear Stearns, this opportunity allows my family (wife, Phyllis, and kids, Nick-16, Chris-13, William-10, and Emily-5) to remain in Illinois where I remain actively involved with their sports teams and other activities. I also continue to try and enjoy the occasional round (or two) of golf. I would love to hear from any old friends who happen to be swinging through the Chicagoland area!"

Sofia Refetoff Zahed '87 and husband Cameron Zahed '87 came back to campus recently with their children Bjaka and Lucas, and visited briefly with Kris Boucher H'90, Associate Dean of Admission and College Counseling.

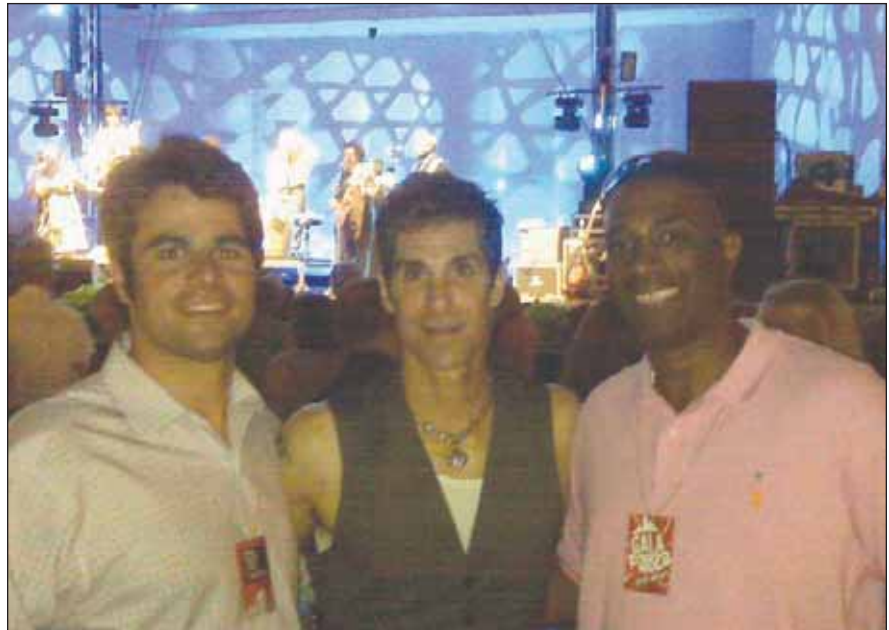




John De Vine III '87 taking a spin for a charitable cause in the CircEsteem wheel at the GALApalooza fundraiser he co-chaired.

John De Vine III '87 co-hosted a fundraiser for the Parkways Foundation in Chicago called GALApalooza, which was part of the Lollapalooza 2008 weekend. "I was able to make time to hang out with fellow classmates who happened to be town over the weekend. The 'Party Mob' consisted of **Tiffany Cummings Vickers '87**, **Giles Aylesworth '87**, **Jayson Springs '87**, **John Sweeterman '87**, and **James "JT" Toland '87** during the festival weekend. We managed to call **John Brandt '87** and **Jen DuBose '88** from the Regal Beagle Bar late on Saturday."

The Parkways Foundation, the non-profit partner of the Chicago Park District, redefined fundraisers at the second annual GALApalooza July 31, by creating lounges in front of the Petrillo Band Shell in Grant Park for 500 guests. "GALApalooza offers an exclusive sneak peek of Grant Park's



(l-r) Partygoer Wesley Donohoe, Perry Farrell ("rock star" of the band Jane's Addiction, and creator of the band Satellite Party), and John De Vine '87.

transformation into the Lollapalooza venue," said John De Vine III, GALApalooza Co-Chair and Parkways Foundation Member. "Proceeds from this year benefit Buckingham Fountain, one of Chicago's greatest treasures and one of the most landmarks in the world." The event raised \$200,000. In addition to the concert, guests enjoyed dinner and cocktails in a hip, contemporary setting of sofas and ottomans in place of traditional tables. Guests were also entertained with a circus arts performance by CircEsteem, an organization that is partnering with the Chicago Park District through Parkways funding.

Laura Seubert '88 writes, "After a long career as a Marine Biologist, I am now a stay-at-home mom to a marvelous two year old. Life is good in Florida."

1990s

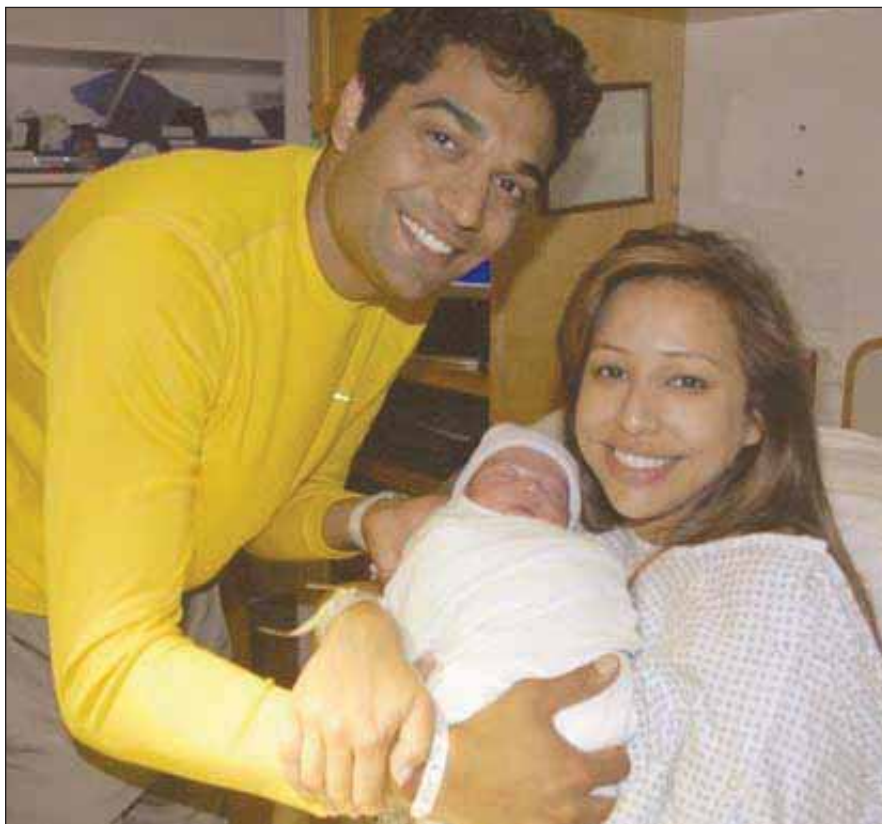
Karyn L. Diaz '90 writes, "We had a baby! Grace Angelina Diaz was born April 4, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. We are loving being parents."

Jennifer Buan '92 writes, "I have put together a safari for Wayland Alumni and their guests for May 2009, with the help of fellow Alum, Andy Kammer '89. He has planned an exclusive and intimate safari using his extensive knowledge of Africa. I would like to invite other Waylanders and their guests to join this amazing trip."

Scott Gendelman '92 writes, "Wow, are we gettin' old or what? Gotta love the wisdom that comes with age. My news: Still in Chicago (Bucktown), working in the advertising agency world, recently got married down in Hilton Head, South Carolina and honeymooned in beautiful Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Next on the agenda is to find a new townhouse, get a dog, and think about little one's. Hope everyone is doing well and getting the most out of life! Contact me at: scott@jamayka.com."



Kris `90 and Rick `91 Merizon announce the birth of their third child, *Jane Vicktoria*, on August 5, 2008. She is shown above with siblings *Lily* (5 1/2) and *Max* (3). They are still living outside of Anchorage, Alaska.



Mahin Samadani `92 and his wife, *Tana*, are the parents of a new baby girl — *Lila Yasmin Samadani* born on July 23, 2008.

1990s continued

Aaron Darling `98 earned a Ph.D. in bioinformatics. He is doing research at Queensland University in Brisbane, Australia, for two years, after which he departs to UC Davis for his third year of research.

2000s

Loren Darling `00 and his wife, Jessica, were married June 2, 2007. They are in Azerbaijan for one-plus years teaching English and ministering.

Kirk Stelsel `01 is engaged to Laura Kassenbrock. Their proud parents are Tom and Debbie Kassenbrock, Evansville, Indiana, and Dave and Connie Stelsel, Waupun, Wisconsin. Laura is a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a graduate of Michigan State with her master's degree in public relations. She is currently employed with Dittoe Public Relations in Indianapolis. Kirk is a graduate of Butler University, Indianapolis, with a bachelor's degree in public relations. He is employed with Simon Youth Foundation in Indianapolis. A spring 2010 wedding in Indianapolis is being planned.

Philip Huffmann `02 writes, "Greetings from Germany! I am almost done with my university degree and can't wait to begin supporting Wayland as soon as I have a job."

Samuel Radford `06 writes, "I'm having an absolute blast studying abroad this semester at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. So far I've been able to visit Swaziland and Mozambique, and I plan on traveling to Namibia. One thing that I've learned through these travels: BED BUGS ARE REAL THINGS PEOPLE, and they itch like crazy! I always thought that was just a saying, but apparently not. When I get back I expect any alums or teachers passing through Madison to give me a call and catch a Hockey game."



Sam Kasper (age 15) first in his age division (10-13), Rebecca Kasper '85, Director of Development Office Operations Linda Esten first in her age division (60-90), and Bill Kasper '86 first in his division (40-44)

Faculty, Staff, and Friends

Members of the Wayland Community competed in the God Bless America triathlon last summer.

(l-r) Eric Peters (Dean of Admission and College Counseling), Steve Wiesbrook, Craig Hill H'06 (science teacher), Judy Hill H'08 (Director of Athletics), Tyler Hill '09, Megan Mortell, and Linda Esten (Director of Development Office Operations)



In Remembrance

Robert L. McKinstry '36 died November 16, 2008. In 1941 he married Grace Nesbit. Robert received a B.S. in chemistry from Knox College and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In the early 1950's he moved to Beaver Dam where he owned and operated Mac's Photo Mart. He retired and moved to Florida in 1978, but returned to Beaver Dam in the mid-to-late 1980's. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and was an active volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels and Hillside Hospice.

Dr. Walter Thiede '43 died December 7, 2008. Walt attended Wayland during his senior year of high school and it was a pivotal turning point in his life. Wayland was his springboard for the future. With heartfelt gratitude, he became an active alumnus, attended reunions, and became a proud benefactor and member of both the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee and the Heritage Society.

Following graduation from Wayland, Walt went to Princeton, joined the Naval Reserves Unit V-12 (where he rubbed shoulders with Albert Einstein) and graduated with a B.S. in Medical Arts and an M.S. in Medical Microbiology. He moved back to Wisconsin to enroll at UW-Madison where he earned his Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medical Doctorate. During his senior year, he married Anita, who was his loving wife of 58 years until she died August 29, 2007.

As a leading pulmonary specialist, Walt was asked to join the South Miami Hospital (SMH) and start its Hyperbaric Chamber Department. Walt was widely called upon for consultations, articles, and lectures in the U.S. and Europe. He served on the SMH Board of Governors for five



Dr. Walter Thiede '43 is shown above with Alumni Board member Jim Downing '94 at the President's House Reception during Alumni Reunion Weekend this past October. Dr. Thiede died December 7, 2008.

years, was awarded Person of the Year in 1990 by the South Miami Hospital Associates, and became a proud patron benefactor of the hospital. At the age of 70, he retired on April Fool's Day with a new motto: "Optium Cum Dignitate." A new chapter in his life began. For a complete obituary go to www.MiamiHerald.com/obituaries.

Romuald L. Hejna '48 died July 3, 2008. Romuald was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion Board of Education Post, Polish Falcons of America Nest #1, Chicago Society, and a 1985 Retiree of the Chicago Board of Education, upon which he served for 30 years.

Eldon E. Kenninger '54 died July 6, 2007. Eldon's wife, Kyra, attended the recent Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Kathryn Schnur Witzke '57 died August 17, 2008. She was the daughter of Leo and Gertrude Schnur, both former Wayland faculty. Her sister, Mary Beth Schnur Metcalf '61 writes, "Kathy had just passed her 69th birthday when she died peacefully at home of a malignant brain tumor just eight months after she was diagnosed

with the disease. Kathy was a part of the Wayland family for more than her years as a student. Her father joined the Wayland faculty in 1944 and, so, during most of her childhood, Wayland was a big part of her life. Both Wayland and Beaver Dam were her 'home towns.' Kathy had a particularly close bond with her classmates from the class of 1957 and was really

pleased to participate in her 50th reunion last fall. She also attended the 150th anniversary celebration, another recent highlight for her."

William "Doc" Schmidt died August 8, 2008. Doc taught history and was Wayland's Dean of Students from 1970-1974. After Wayland he took a position as Camp Director at Camp Dudley, Westport, New York, where he touched the lives of many young people throughout the 20 years he served as director. As Camp Director, he hired many young Wayland alums to serve as Camp Counselors.

Scott Coley '71, father of Nick '06, and Sam '12, and husband to Karen, died December 19, 2008. After graduating from Wayland, Scott studied architecture at UW-Stout and UW-Milwaukee. He applied his talents to his home-building business. Home construction was his profession, but he couldn't be kept from his side projects — most recently the Hustisford, Wisconsin, Farmer's Market. A full obituary can be found at www.shimonfuneralhome.com.

The Greetings Essay Contest

As part of Wayland's ongoing efforts to encourage great writing and lifelong learning, we are excited to sponsor a *Greetings* Reader Essay Contest. All you have to do is submit an essay (maximum length: 1,000 words) that responds to the following prompt:

Describe your favorite memory of Wayland Academy.

It could have been your first day or your last as a student. It may have been your first trip back to campus after graduating or the day you dropped off your daughter at Wayland. Maybe it was the day you watched your grandson walk across the stage and receive his diploma or the time you scored your first bucket in a high school basketball game. Everyone has had a special way of experiencing Wayland, and we would like to hear what the school has meant to you.

Who may enter?

This contest is open to all members of the Wayland family. Friends of Wayland, Wayland alumni, parents, and current students are all encouraged to enter the contest.

What will I win?

One winning essay will be published in the next issue of the *Greetings*. The winner will also be awarded a collection of great gifts from the Wayland Store with a total value of \$100. The winner will be consulted for preferences and clothing sizes.

Two runners-up will be awarded a Wayland T-shirt and coffee mug, and, space pending, may have their essays published in a later edition of the *Greetings*.

How do I enter?

There is no entry fee for this contest. Please submit only one entry per person. All essays should be typed. The top of the first page should contain your name, mailing address, phone number, and, if possible, email address.

Please mail your entry to:

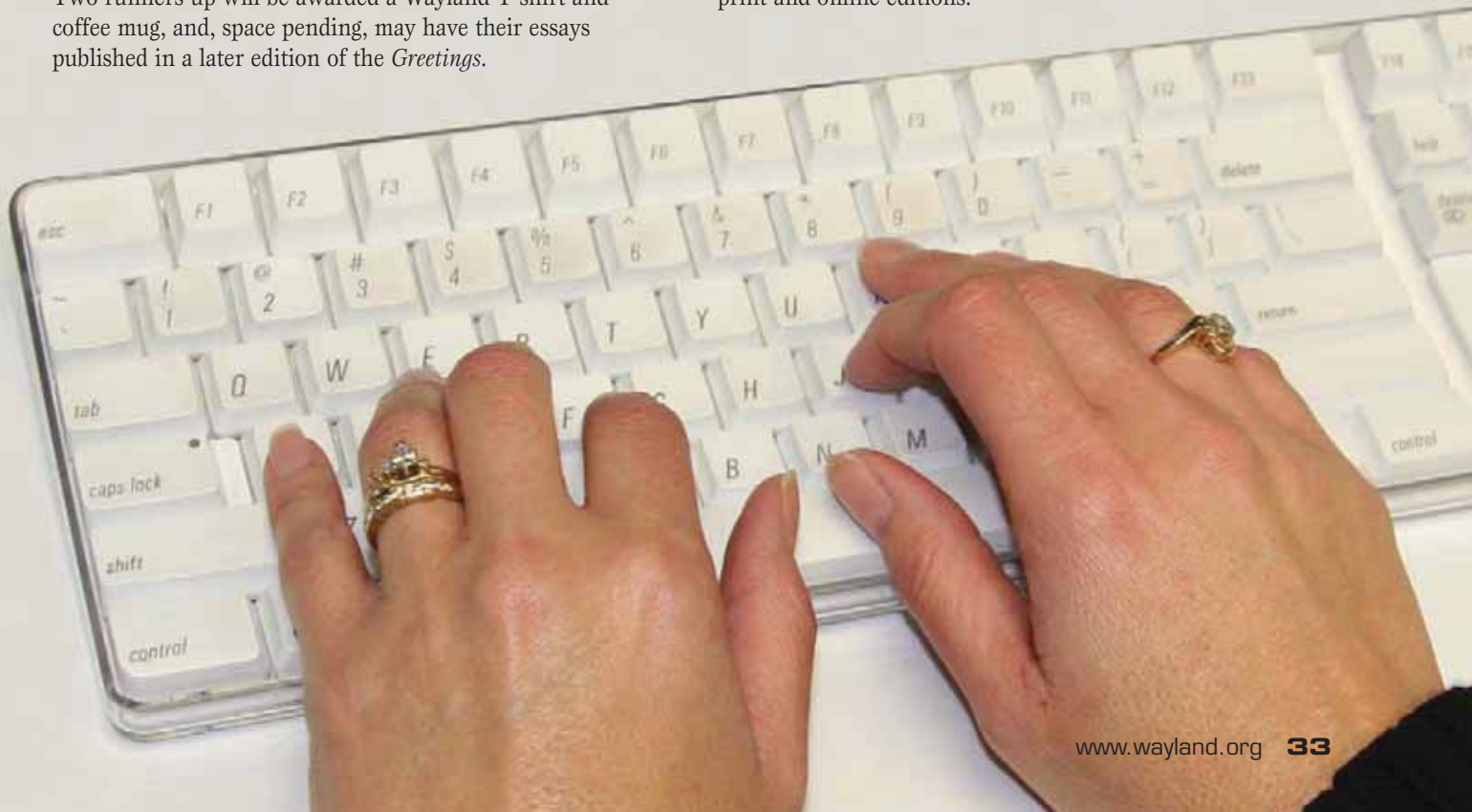
Greetings Contest
c/o Sue Voigt
Wayland Academy
101 N. University Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

If you would like to email your entry, please attach your essay in Microsoft Word document format (.doc) and send it to: amcdonnell@wayland.org. Please write "Greetings Contest" in the subject line.

What is the deadline?

All entries mailed as hard copies must be postmarked on or before March 13, 2009. All entries sent as attachments in emails must be received by March 13, 2009.

Please understand that we will be unable to respond to every entry. Winners will be determined by members of the Wayland English Department and notified by April 1, 2009. By submitting your essay, you are granting Wayland Academy permission to publish your work in the *Greetings* print and online editions.



and finally



The Tradition Continues ... the 2008 Legacy Photo!

First row: Andrew Weaver `09, Mary-Lucille Smith `12, Natalie Guse `10, Bethany Guse `12, Ted Shank `09, Leslie Walton `11, Rebecca Downey `11, Allison Franco `06

2nd row: Matthew Bruning `11, Spencer Schumann `09, Laura Siekman `12, Brooke Schumann `11, Martha Alexander `74, Jane Goski `10, Bri Medley `10, Anne Rauschert `11, Addie Rauschert `09, Sophie Ptaschinski `10, Oliver Ptaschinski `10

3rd row: Mark Bruning `09, Sara Sanderson `74, Charlie Siekman `68, Shena Medley `90, Mark Rauschert `83, Eva Ptaschinski `83, Jenna Ptaschinski `09

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