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## February 2001 Newsletter

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS. Since I agreed last year to take over the e-mail database for the alumni collective, I've also now taken over the writing of the actual newsletter. Laura Roberts is still handling the printing and mailing of the paper newsletter, seeing how my not living in Sarasota makes those administrative things difficult. But if you have an update for the newsletter, or just an address update, send them along to me at [jplawson@earthlink.net](mailto:jplawson@earthlink.net). I myself have not issued an update in a year or so, so here goes:

**Julie (Patton) Lawson '96**--I got married in Sarasota in February 2000. After living in Washington, D.C., for a couple years and graduating from Haverford College with a B.A. in Linguistics in December 1999, my husband Galen (Ringling '97) and I now live in Orlando with our pound dog, Cocoa. I am the Assistant Editor for Orlando magazine, and Galen is an Art Director at a local ad agency. We are busy trying to launch our own design firm, and are both on the Advisory Board for Youth Media Productions, a local nonprofit that teaches kids about publishing and the media. I also write picture books when my muse pays a visit. We spend most of our little free time driving back and forth to the beach for some much-needed soul-cleansing surfing. We drag brother **Tom '00** along with us, since UCF is basically on our way to Cocoa Beach. He doesn't seem to mind terribly.

Since I started handling the e-mailing project, I've already been hearing from people lost in my past. Hopefully that will continue. It's amazing to think about people coming from one point in time and place and fanning out all over the world, leaving such powerful impacts.

And while we usually get news from the alumni themselves, retired language arts and speech teacher **Ora Jean Henry** has been especially active tracking down and keeping in touch with her former students. Here are some of her tales:

"I ran into a Pine View, Class of '77 graduate when I was called to serve jury duty in south county. It was **Steve Creech**, who lives and works here in Sarasota. ...

"I do hope that **Stuart Napshin '83** will keep you posted on his world travels. I had dinner with him and his wife, Evelyn, in Jerusalem in January when I was on a trip to the Holy Land. He and his wife, who is a veterinarian, rented their home in Charlotte, NC, and have been traveling, working, vacationing about the world. They met PV friends in New York, London, Paris, stayed three months in Israel, time in Thailand, Africa, etc., before returning to the States. After a cruise celebrating his mom, Sharon's, retirement from Sarasota Middle School, he and Evelyn are off touring the U.S. and Canada before returning to NC. ...

"**Ryan Johnson '96** is working with **Lars Olsen '88** at Merrill Lynch in Sarasota."

Mrs. Henry herself has been traveling quite a lot, including a 24-day, 5000-mile driving trip to New

England to see the fall foliage. She spent Christmas in Charlotte, NC, with her son Frank '81 and her 3-year-old grandchild and family, followed by a trip to Pensacola over New Year's to celebrate with her sister their 44th and 40th (respectively) wedding anniversaries. Her husband, Jim, recently published his first book, Sapphires, followed quickly by two more novels, Opals from the Outback and Sins of Pearl. The book signings at Barnes & Noble are keeping him busy.

### Alumni Notes

**Meredith (Sherr) Altschuler '89** gave birth to her and husband David's first child on September 14, 2000. The proud parent has, for now, decided to be a full-time mommy and is completely enjoying taking care of her 4-month old daughter, Chana. They live in Boca Raton, Florida.