

PINE VIEW FOUNDATION

# Alumni News

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May 2001

Sarasota, FL

## dear alumni:

I know it's only been a couple months since the last newsletter, but I wanted to get another one out to catch all the fresh college graduates so they'd remember to keep their addresses (physical and e-mail) current. So if you're graduating this year, please drop us a line and let us know what adventures you're off to, and where we can find you.

A lot happens in a month, anyway. I've left my cushy full-time job as to go full-time freelance. It's actually working out pretty well because my position as Assistant Editor at *Orlando* magazine gave me numerous contacts around town. I'm still writing for *Orlando* mag and its sister publications *Where Orlando* and *Orlando Home Design*, but I'm also an editor and writer for a new magazine, *Four Townes Family*, and for various agencies and companies around town and the country. It's a good mix, keeping me busy and giving me lots to think about. I never thought I'd get into magazines, and here I am writing heavily for four of them. My husband left his ad agency at the same time, and so we're both working at home now. The dog is really loving the attention. Shameless plug: if you need any graphic design or writing/editing services, check us out at [www.com-vis.com](http://www.com-vis.com).

I'm gradually giving the newsletter a new look. Hopefully it can be more user-friendly in the near future. Also, we're getting set up with Geoff Wilson '96 and his company, Silverscape Technology, to move the foundation's Web site and give it some much-needed upgrades. Thanks a million to Geoff for helping out.

With that in mind, if you have any ideas for the Web site or the newsletter, let me know. My e-mail is always on: [jplawson@earthlink.net](mailto:jplawson@earthlink.net).



Julie (Patton) Lawson '96

# Reunion News

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The newsletter is published four times annually for distribution to alumni, teachers, parents, and friends of Pine View School, Sarasota, FL.

## Articles, Updates, & Pictures

You are encouraged to submit timely articles and letters for publication in Alumni News. Our current printing process will not allow for pictures, but feel free to send announcements of Web sites where you may have posted these pictures. We reserve the right to revise and/or abridge all copy as needed.

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## Class of 1981

As you may know Susan Somach originally was planning the Class of 1981 high school reunion. She is leaving the country to go to Russia so David Bowman, Jr. is taking over coordinating the reunion. Most of the plans are made: The reunion is definitely on with the first event on Friday, June 22, starting at 6 pm. There will be other events and a dinner the following day, Saturday, June 23. David will be sending further details and registration forms soon. As he does not have everyone's contact information, if you are in contact with anyone from the class, whether a graduate or otherwise, please contact both them and David. David's contact info is as follows:

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Remember: June 22!

## Class of 1982

It never hurts to plan ahead! The 20th reunion for the Class of 1982 will be held the weekend of June 21-23, 2002 in Sarasota. If you have ideas or would like to help plan this event, please contact Diane Warmbier at 941-927-0115 or [dwarmbier@home.com](mailto:dwarmbier@home.com) or Joy Nagy at 423-854-9950 or [jdjwnagy@aol.com](mailto:jdjwnagy@aol.com). Long distance help is welcome—we'd love to do a lot via e-mail. Mark your calendars!

## Class of 1991

The Class of 1991 is having a 10-year reunion during the weekend of June 15-17, 2001, in Sarasota, Florida. More details to follow. For more information, please contact Shannon McMahon at [sham@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:sham@mlis.state.md.us) or Janet Shih at [yulishih@yahoo.com](mailto:yulishih@yahoo.com).

## Class of 1992

Jenna Ricci is busy planning for the reunion of the decade. Contact her at [jenna\\_benna18@hotmail.com](mailto:jenna_benna18@hotmail.com) for details.

**Contact information for alumni is available for reunion organizers and for similar events and needs. Personal information is never provided for solicitation or to individuals outside the alumni network.**

# The 70s

**John MacKay '74** is working as a bicycle planner for the city of Denver. Or, in his own words, he is “attempting to ‘Subvert the Dominant Paradigm’ by making Denver conducive to bicycling. (I experience frustration often.)” He is also Secretary of the Bicycle Technical Committee of the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials—Bicycle Accessories Committee. In his free time, he serves as the Program Director for the Denver Garden Railway Society, and is an avid downhill skier and mountain biker on abandoned Colorado mountain railroads.

**Robert Scott Thompson '76** is back in the U.S. from the South Pole, where he was the sole physician at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. He was recently profiled in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, chronicling his experience with a ruptured disc and the isolation of being bed-ridden for months in the desolate location. He left Antarctica last October, flying to Christchurch, New Zealand, for long-overdue surgery to remove the disc and for extended rehabilitation. He is currently making plans for his next job, at a clinic in much more hospitable Maui.

**Laura Wacha '79** asked us to include her Web site: <http://www.flash.net/~lwacha/>

# The 00s

**Jimmy Larsen '00** writes “Yale is utterly awesome. This place amazes me every day. I’m still pursuing Spanish—thanks to the guiding hand of the venerable Mrs. Fern Mayo. When I’m not studying, I’m rowing. I’m a rower for the best collegiate lightweight program in the world!

“**Patrick Whelan '84** wasn’t exaggerating when he told me all about Yale’s awesome academics and superb student body. Every expectation I had of Yale has been surpassed ten times over since I’ve been here.

“Are there any other Yalies that graduated from Pine View? I’d enjoy talking to them. My e-mail address is [james.larsen@yale.edu](mailto:james.larsen@yale.edu)”

# The 80s

**David Bowman '81** writes “My wife’s name is Alice S. Bowman. I met her in 1988 on bus going to Oxford from London. We were both attending a summer law program in Oxford that summer. We were married in 1990. We are both practicing attorneys in Sarasota. I am a partner in the law firm of Bowman, George, Scheb, Toale and Robinson, P.A. and the focus of my practice is real estate and estate planning. I am a Board Certified Real Estate attorney. I have two beautiful daughters—Caroline Dorothy Bowman (age 7) born January 29, 1994, and Madeline Joy Bowman (age 3) born February 12, 1998. My wife and I keep very busy in our spare time with our two girls.”

**Hope Elizabeth Buchholtz '87** married Troy Turlough O’Reilly on December 9, 2000, in Venice. The couple resides in New York City.

**Grace Caldwell '81** writes “I live in Sarasota and share custody of my two boys—Dennis, 10, and Parker, 8, at my home-based office in Colonial Gables.

“I earned my bachelor’s degree in public relations in 1986 from USF in Tampa. I have lived and worked (mostly doing public relations) in the Sarasota area ever since. For about a year now I’ve been an independent sales representative for a publisher of educational materials known as Nystrom. It’s a division of Herff-Jones (class rings, yearbooks, cap ‘n gowns, etc). Nystrom exclusively produces social studies and geography supplies for classrooms, schools and school districts. I cover a 12-county territory in Florida including Sarasota (and my old alma mater). Because of my experience in journalism, I continue to accept freelance writing assignments. I’ve been on staff at the magazine *Downtown Sarasota and Beyond* for more than 2 years.

“I’m currently collaborating with **Tom Luzier '84** on an exciting community project for Sarasota. It’s called the American Legacy Tour and it’s an educational symposium attracting architects, interior designers and fine arts specialists with an interest in modern architecture from across the country to visit Sarasota for five days in November and learn about a glamorous time in our local history known as the Sarasota School of Architecture. Influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright, the buildings that are included on the tours and lectures were designed by some of the greatest architects of our lifetime and brought enormous critical attention and artistic interest to our community from the late ‘40s to the early ‘60s. If any of our PV grads would like to be on the mailing list to receive information about VIP events, social get-togethers and/or educational and tour opportunities, please call or write me. My home telephone # is 941-343-9242 and my email address is [galdwell7@home.com](mailto:galdwell7@home.com). Thanks in advance!! ;-)”

**Lee En-Chung '84** was recently profiled in the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*. She is president of her own construction firm, Ivy Ventures, and has accumulated many awards and accomplishments in this male-dominated industry. She’s a state-certified general contractor and registered professional engineer—the first woman in Florida to hold both credentials. She was recently appointed by Gov.

Jeb Bush to the state Construction Industry Licensing Board. Though she is accomplished in designing and building homes and offices in Sarasota and elsewhere, she just recently has taken on her first development—Whispering Cranes, a 37-home enclave off North Lockwood Ridge Road.

In March, Lee-En was one of about 100 women business leaders invited to the White House for a special forum by President Bush.

**Nancy Dwyer ‘81** is working as a wildlife biologist for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. She writes “My most exciting trip was to Tibet and China in 1991 (two years after Tianemen Square uprising), where I studied black-necked cranes, an endangered bird. My husband and I spent an enriching 3+ years in the Philippines as Peace Corps volunteers (‘93-’96). In 1998 we visited Eastern Europe and my brother working as a PC volunteer in Ukraine.

“We are active in gardening and community education in our small town. We are currently pursuing our homesteading dream, growing soil & food, and building a “green” house (no air conditioning, low energy-use, passive solar design—Florida cracker style, solar water heater and photovoltaics). We have not flushed any chlorinated, potable water down our toilet since last September—we are part of the humanure revolution and composting our ‘waste!’”

**Heather O’Keeffe Gardner ‘88** is working as the Publications and Correspondence Editor for Public Information and Assistance in the Office of the Attorney General of Texas. She writes “Brandon and I are keeping busy with our new daughter, Ella, who was born in October. We both split our workdays between home and office so that one of us is home with her. I am slowly getting back to my running schedule and volunteer projects. I had no idea how much more busy my life would be with a new baby.”

**Loretta (Farrell) Khayam ‘85** is a middle school teacher in Falls Church, VA, Middle School Teacher, Luther Jackson Middle School, Falls Church, VA, teaching 7th grade math and Algebra I. She writes “We’re hoping to travel to Iran this summer for 5-6 weeks to visit my husband’s family. We’ve not been there before, so we’re getting a little excited as we research the country and try to decide what we want to see while we’re there. The girls (Noosheen, 9, and Taraneh, 2 1/2) are a little nervous since Keyvan’s family doesn’t speak much English, but they are eager to see their cousins, aunts, and uncles.”

**Scott Michael Marinchek ‘84** writes “I have accepted a role as Managing Director and founder of Zurich Capital Markets Australia, a recently established investment bank. I am responsible for the New Venture Division including venture capital, principal finance, and eCommerce activities for the Asia-Pacific region.

“After completing my degree at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, I launched my career on Wall Street and then moved to Westport, Connecticut. In 1990, I moved to London to

work for Salomon Brothers, Credit Suisse Financial Products, and finally as a director at Merrill Lynch before I took a 3-year sabbatical to enjoy life and get some perspective on balance and appreciation. During this first break from my previously structured career, I became involved as an advisor and board member to a number of new business start-ups. I also pursued a full agenda of kick-boxing lessons, saxophone lessons, French classes, comedy classes, surfing lessons, training for a triathlon, and a myriad of other hobbies. During my concurrent travels, I discovered the joys of living by the beach in Sydney. Please encourage all of my classmates to drop me a line downunder.” Scott, consider it done.

**Ann Piscitelli ‘87** writes “Moved to Venice in June 2000, after finishing residency in Internal Medicine at Medical College of Georgia. My husband and I opened up a brand new practice here and are actively trying to disprove the idea that doctors make horrible businessmen ... we’ll see.”

**Anne Toale ‘85** writes “My husband Jim and I had our second boy, Connor, on January 24 of this year. Our oldest, Andrew, is almost 2. I am still enjoying being “at home” with the boys, although I am involved in a lot of community activities, moms’ groups, and the Junior League of Sarasota. PV starts in second grade now, so we will be testing Andrew in just 5 years. Of course that will be quite a carpool all the way to Osprey. Good thing for minivans with VCRs.

“I have really enjoyed living in Sarasota as an adult. For those of you who may not have been back here in a while, the downtown area has undergone a rebirth, and is now home to 20 movie theaters and many upscale gourmet restaurants. Also, Wilma Hamilton, our former principal, is now Superintendent of Schools for the county.

“I see **Mechele Leonard ‘85** often, as she lives in town. I keep in touch with **Robert Hemsch ‘85** as well; he and his wife just had their first child a week before Connor was born. And **Karen Ross ‘85** and **John Kirsch ‘85** had a baby last year.”

**Ben Turoff ‘80** was recently featured alongside his family in *Pelican Press* newspaper. The article, “All in the family” by Jean Reed, details the Turoff family’s dedication to local theater, including the string of Golden Apple Dinner Theatres that line the Gulf coast. Ben is director of operations at the Sarasota Apple, while his wife, Donna, is business manager for the Venice outpost.

**Rabbi Lisa Silverstein Tzur ‘86** was matron of honor at the wedding of her sister, Julie Lyn Silverstein, on December 30, 2000, in Sarasota.

# The 90s

**Amina Baldwin '97** writes “I’m living in Hamburg, Germany, and still trying to make my way through medical school—I’m in my fourth year and I have about three more to go.”

**Patricia McLain Brogan '91** is married and living in Iowa City attending the University of Iowa and completing work on her Ph.D. in Victorian Literature.

**Regina Collins '96** graduated last year from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in Finance. She is now living in Hoboken, NJ, and working as a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs.

**Melinda Cothorn '98** writes “Though it has not been too long since I graduated, I thought I would share some changes that have taken place. am scheduled to graduate from the University of Florida in May 2001 with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Criminology. Many people ask what in the world I plan to do with this joint degree. Good question. The answer is to attend graduate school at the University of Florida starting Summer 2001 and work towards receiving a Master’s degree in Elementary Education. Yes, it took both a Psychology and Criminology degree to make me realize that my true passion is teaching. Go figure! I also love babysitting my niece Amelia, 3 months old, who is the daughter of my sister Melissa '89 and her husband Kirk.”

**Joe Feller '90** has posted pictures of his family on his Web site: <http://afis.ucc.ie/jfeller/photos.htm>.

**Brian Fisher '96** writes “I graduated in August 2000 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering (with highest honors) and a minor in Business Administration from UF. I received a UF Presidential Fellowship and will be using it to pursue an MS in Mechanical Engineering and possibly a Ph.D.

“My Master’s research has not yet begun, and graduate classes are not terribly difficult so far. Other than that, there’s not much going on in my life. I haven’t talked to very many people from Pine View in a long time, but it’d be great to hear from the class of ‘96, so e-mail me at [tbone@ufl.edu](mailto:tbone@ufl.edu) and let me know what’s going on. In the mean time, I hope everyone is doing well. See you guys at the 5-year reunion.”

[Editor’s note: I haven’t heard from anyone else from the Class of ‘96 regarding a five-year reunion. If anyone is interested in setting this up, let me know.]

**Cari Hepner '96** writes “I graduated from Union College in Schenectady, NY, in June with a degree in Anthropology and Political Science and am currently a first-year law student at Fordham Law in Manhattan.

It’s incredible! I love the city and have made the most amazing friends since moving there.

“Last year I spent four months in Barbados on a study abroad program, living with a Bajan family in the middle of nowhere! I wrote my senior thesis there about political socialization of adolescents—I basically spent 12 weeks hanging out with teenagers!! It was so amazing—I highly recommend Barbados to anyone. Hopefully I’ll be returning this summer, but this time just for a much-needed vacation!!

“Other than that, nothing is really going on—I have a terrific boyfriend, Matt. He works for Accenture in New York and we’ve been together for about 4 years. Everything seems to be going well!!

“Seeing all the updates from the PV gang made me nostalgic—it’s hard to believe that we graduated almost five years ago!! I’m so proud of what everyone is doing—seems like we’re all off to a great start.”

**Jessica Hickmott '95** is working on her medical degree in Australia. Her father writes “She is a second year medical student, University of Melbourne, Australia. She will be Dr. Jessica Hickmott M.D. in 3 more years. I know that she will never forget the positive and fulfilling role that Pine View had in shaping her life. She is also a graduate of New College, University of South Florida. I am very proud of her.”

**Janet Shih '91** writes “I’m getting married in September 2001 to Luke Hajek of Sharon, Connecticut. Luke and I met at George Washington University Law School (we graduated in 1999) and we’re both working in law firms in Washington, D.C.”

**Annelise Skovmand '90** sang in Sarasota in February in a concert with Argentinian guitarist Pablo Gonzalez. The concert included Beatles’ songs, traditional Catalonian music, and works by Renaissance composer John Dowland. The songs in the program were from the pair’s new CD, *Things We Said Tomorrow*. She performed with the Sarasota Youth Opera and in Booker High School’s Visual and Performing Arts program before attending the Boston Conservatory. She now heads the voice department at a music conservatory in Argentina.

**Dana Matthew Stoltzner '96** writes “Much has happened since leaving Pine View, which in retrospect, is still one of the best experiences of my life. I went to school for two years in Gainesville (with fellow grad Michael Swart) before transferring and then graduating from USC with a Film Production degree in 2000. Since graduating, I have taken a fantastic yet stressful voyage into the world of filmmaking, marketing, and public relations. I got a job working out of a theater in Hollywood, doing PR and promotion for films. The theater (called the Regent Showcase) was recently purchased by a film production house named Regent Entertainment, that produces, distributes, and now exhibits films. Most notably, Regent produced *Gods and Monsters*, which won an Academy Award for it—not bad for an independent feature film and fledgling production company. “Anyways, back to the Regent Showcase, my home base. I’m currently writing screenplays, organizing premieres, producing live theater shows, and basically learning all aspects of entertainment, from doing radio spots, to on-camera interviews, to attending film festivals, where we recruit new films and talent for distribution. It has been amazing. A month out of college and I’m interviewing Kevin Kline and wife Phoebe Cates in Santa Monica; the next month, I’m shaking hands with Big Bubba Clinton, telling him the world would love to see a film produced by William Jefferson Clinton—my movie, as I hope it turns out. Each day it is something new. I have learned to love LA even despite its crowded, sometimes dirty streets, which at times, can be equally beautiful and pleasant. It will always be home ... well, at least one of them.

“My sister (**Sarah '95**) also decided to move to Los Angeles, and we lived together for a year, but now have found our own abodes and relatively different lives. My parents will be moving to Los Angeles for awhile, and possibly for longer—they want to go where the action is. I have no doubts that good things will soon happen and I will get the chance to share with the world many wonderful, educational, inspirational, and entertaining stories. To all my classmates, I say hello, and wish you well. There’s is no school like Pine View, no school I know. To all my friends whom I lost contact with, this is your cue to email or call.

To Steve Largo,

with Love,

Dana Matthew Stoltzner”

# Announcements

The newsletter currently comes in two formats: print (the one you're holding now) and e-mail. They come out at the same time, and contain basically the same information. All you have to do is send me a note with your e-mail address. Just please make sure you let me know when your address changes.

If you're getting two copies or want to make a correction to your information, either e-mail or write me to that effect.

And FYI: We hope to have current news as well as old newsletters posted on the Web site in the near future.

Apologies to **Kelly Perdew '85** for the gender mix-up in the last issue.

Next issue will include a list of all lost alumni—those for whom we have neither a mailing address nor an active e-mail address. In the meantime, we plan to send out postcards to everyone to check up on contact info. Watch your mailboxes, and please keep me updated on your whereabouts.

**Jim Henry**, author and husband of former teacher and speech mentor **Ora Jean Henry**, has launched a new Web site: [www.jimhenrybooks.com](http://www.jimhenrybooks.com)

# Campus News

Pine View announced its Teachers of the Year in the fall. Congratulations to

**Cara Crowley** (elementary)

**Cheryl Lampkins** (middle)

**Eloise Malinsky** (high)

Haven't seen the new campus yet? An online tour of the 7-year-old campus is available on Pine View's Web site: [www.learn.at/pineview](http://www.learn.at/pineview).

# How've You Been?

If you have not updated your information lately, please fill in the following questionnaire:

Name  
Graduating Year  
Address

Home Phone  
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Undergraduate education  
Degree  
Major  
School

Postgraduate education  
Degree  
Major  
School

Are you married?  
Spouse's name  
Children's names and birthdates

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