

Summer 1995

Dear Former FOOT Leaders,

Wow! I don't know where to begin. This has been an incredible year of FOOT reunions, get-togethers, weddings, events, news, etc. Thank you all for keeping in touch. I should first let you know that FOOT is finally an official Yale program (hey, it only took us ten years). I don't think there will be much difference in how things are run, but this will insure longevity (even more than me!) We are now doing 29 trips which translates to about 290 students, 58 leaders and 24 support crew. This year's head coordinators are Sara Heitler and Josh Cott. The big event, of course, for FOOT old timers was the river rafting reunion trip to Utah this June which I will fill you in about later--but for a preview, you can believe it was awesome!

In any event I will fill you in with news from people I have received either by mail or in person (yes, you can always hand deliver your news to me--that's the preferred method!) I will try to work my way from the earliest FOOTies to the most recent, in case you can't wait to find your friends and want to jump ahead. **Sue Lamar '85**, who did an admirable job guiding one of our boats on our Utah river trip, has also been in touch with **Erin Kellogg** who was also a first support crew member. Erin was married last summer overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Oregon. Sue has also seen **Greg Felt** (married with child) who is still running a river rafting company on the Arkansas River in Colorado. Sue is a nurse practitioner at Fort Defiance in Arizona. She's a good contact for any trips in that part of the country.

Jamie Williams '85.5 and **Florence '89** were also on the Utah trip which was a great treat. Jamie continues to do good work for the Nature Conservancy in Colorado preserving the Yampa River. Jamie adorned the cover of a brochure for Chaco sandals. He did look like the rugged outdoorsman hiking down a steep trail with his kayak, but the best part was the FOOT hat on his head! Florence is in the midst of writing a New York Times magazine piece on polygamy -- so look for it! Steve and I are planning to visit the two in September when we make our way to Colorado. **Beth Morrow '86** almost made the Utah trip but had to pull out at the last moment. Beth is living in Long Beach, CA, and works as an attorney for Legal Aid and does research for the Pacific Institute for Women's Health. she got married at the beginning of this year to a fine gent named Buck McAllister. They like living in California because "the mountains are so close and so grand." **Eve Vogel '87** got certified to teach high school biology last year. The last I heard she was looking for a job in the Pacific Northwest in the Portland area--I'm sure she has landed one by now. The Yale records note her business address is the Jefferson High School in Portland.

Liz Ablow '87 sent in some news--she is married to a man named Richard Wall she met in Utah 6 years ago. In May of '94 she had a baby boy, Jacob. She's living in Seattle, WA doing environmental consulting work, I believe. **Dotty Shaffer '87** is a doctor now and she spent '94 doing an internship in internal medicine and was recovering from chronic exhaustion and brain rot--I hope this is true! (the recovery, not the rot!) She's in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. **James Shifren '88** brought me up to date since graduation: he had a fellowship to Israel after college with travels in Egypt and Turkey. Then for a year and a half, as a project manager at NY City's Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, he attempted to get ambitious affordable housing projects built in Queens and the South Bronx (during that time he did a couple of mini-triathlons). This was followed by more travel to Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, and Thailand, then a year at UVa Law School and 2 years at Penn Law. He is presently an associate in the litigation department of Stroock, Stroock and Lavan in New York City. He got married on Jan. 2, 1993 to a wonderful woman who was in high school the "girl next door." They met each other again five years after they graduated from high school and kept dating ever since. He's seen Greg Felt a few times during the years who was at his wedding. Otherwise, he needs a bigger dose of old FOOTies--so, all you New York folks, give him a call at work 212-806-5833 or at home 212-249-7694!

Christine Walravens '88 (another first year leader/sc along with Jamie, Sue, Erin, Greg, Liz, Eve, Beth and James!) wrote a nice long letter. It was particularly good to hear from her since she was one of our MIAs. Her news was that she was in Colorado working at the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes, but has probably by now applied to go to med school (unless she made a big switch in plans) She had to take all her sciences during the last few years since she hated them at Yale. She thinks going to med school is particularly ironic because when she stayed at my house to take care of my diabetic cat, George, (remember, Trex?) she would always sleep in and let her friend give him the morning injection! Her most exciting adventures since graduating was in the Central African Republic where she was a Peace Corps volunteer. She learned not to use the L-word (logic) there and had some great experiences, but became pretty cynical about development. She'd love to go back as a physician with her own supply of medicine. She worked in a hospital as a health educator while she was there. Unfortunately,

none of her co-workers were receiving their salary regularly (if at all) so they weren't the most inspired bunch. She met her boyfriend David while in Africa and he has taken her to Kansas where he is a first year med student. She's hoping they can end up in New Mexico or some place with mountains or ocean, though Kansas is the most logical place. **Patrick Whelan '88**, another first year support crew member and then leader, almost made the Utah trip. He had to give up his spot at the last minute for some relative's wedding--really Patrick, isn't FOOT thicker than blood!? Patrick is still in Florida, teaching, and with wife and child.

Roger Wynne '88 sent in a wonderfully long letter--I'm going to have to start asking you all to send me disks in the future that I can just copy! He even sent his calling card--impressive!! with "Roger Wynne (grown-up impersonator)" written on it. I will quote the beginning of the letter: "OK, lame no more, That's my new motto. I will not let my third FOOT newsletter go by without a reply! Thanks so much for putting that together. I read it with much more enthusiasm than I do my '88 alumni notes in the Yale magazine. I am pleased, impressed, and humbled by the array of amazingly cool pursuits other former FOOT leaders are following. I always maintain that the best part about Yale is the people you share it with, but hearing of what FOOTers have done since only strengthens my belief that, even within that special community, the FOOT gang is exceptionally wonderful. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep it going (and growing!)" Roger is living in Seattle (there's a big FOOT contingent in Seattle, by the way), the greatest city he has found. He puts his boots, pack, bike and skis to good, frequent use in the incredible public lands that surround him. He shares his adventures with his lady friend, a former Outward Bound instructor (yes, Roger, I approve). He finished law school and is licensed to sue in the State of Washington! He entered a 4 year dual degree program at the University of Michigan where he got his J.D. as well as a master's in environmental policy at the School of Natural Resources. He used his summers and externships to sample different places and jobs: public interest environmental work in Minneapolis, a private firm in Seattle, the Oregon Attorney General in Portland (where he ran into Eve Vogel) and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in Seattle. For now he is with a firm in Seattle named Preston Gates and Ellis (oh yes, those student loans dues). He still can't let go of his academic ("OK, geek") side, and he will be publishing an article in eco-logos in the Va Environmental Law Journal. He ran into Ben Saylor last year, almost literally. Some friends cajoled him into playing goalie for a local soccer team and Ben showed up on an opposing squad. (Ben scored a penalty kick on Roger--is that any way to treat an old friend?!) He saw **Eric Braun** at a wedding, and keeps in touch with **Eric Greenwald** via email. Roger pushed the idea of creating an internet bulletin board for former FOOTies--definitely an intriguing idea that I will work on this year. One last bit of news from the class of '88 is that **Diana Selig** is in history graduate school at Berkeley.

The class of '89 seems to win the prize for the most FOOT reunions & big events--such as weddings!! **Ann Vileisis** was married a year ago summer to Tim Palmer who writes extensively on rivers. Ann herself is writing a book on American wetlands, after receiving two \$5,000 grants, soon to be published by Island Press. The wedding lasted an entire weekend in the Tetons. Some of the FOOTies who made the wedding were **Jamie Williams, Trex Proffitt, Betsy & Ben Saylor, Carrie Hatcher, and Tiff Bingham**. Jamie Williams did the final blessing at the ceremony and then they rode rafts down the Snake River to celebrate the union. Ann and Tim parked their van in front of our house on Edgehill Rd. last fall for a short visit. We tried to entice them inside to a bed, but the van is their home -- no wasted space, believe me! What's enticing to us is no property taxes!! They had spent the fall in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho and then the winter at the Teton Science School. New Years Day Ann saw **Carrie Hatcher '89** for an hour in the Atlanta airport (interesting spot for a FOOT reunion!) Carrie spent last as a mental health assistant but will be going to graduate school for a psych PhD at Michigan this coming year. **Karen Shipley Taylor '90** is still at the Wooster School in Danbury, CT. I hear that her husband is still working there, while she is taking time off.

Trex Proffitt '89 reported that he and Beth Hackman left their various jobs in Washington (Petcoetera, IRRIC, and real estate ventures) a year ago May and moved out to Seattle to, you guessed it, across the street from Ben and Betsy Saylor!! Before that they had spent time in Hawaii, AZ, NM, CO, MT and ID. Along the way, actually atop Mauna Kea on Hawaii, Trex proposed to Beth and she said yes! The wedding was in New Haven this June and I had the good fortune to attend. Lots of FOOTies were there: **Ann Vileisis, Betsy & Ben Saylor, Paul Jahnige, Kashka Kubzdela, Eric Steadman, Cris Himes, Toby Kovacs, Carrie Hatcher, Tiff Bingham, Michael Kahan, Ben Doolittle**, and our very own Betty Trachtenberg!!! It was a great event: Friday night contra dancing at the Whitney Barn, Saturday morning squash fun tourney, Saturday afternoon ceremony in Battell Chapel and then reception at Berkeley College. It was wonderful to see so many FOOTies together for such a grand event. A quick up-date on all: Trex & Beth will be leaving Seattle and moving to Chicago where they will both be entering grad school; Eric: working on a PhD in Biology at Stanford; Betsy: almost finished with Med School; Ben: working on a PhD in meteorology; Kashka: working on her PhD in Ecology & Evolution at the University of Chicago; Paul: married to Sally Loomis '89 and working in Baltimore, MD at the Parks & People Foundation; Ann: already updated; Toby: living in NYC & working in Communications; Carrie: already updated; Tiff: finished Vet School and has a job in CT this summer; Cris Himes: finished her degree from Princeton, living in DC and working at Accion International; Michael: working on a PhD in history from Penn (more on Michael later); and Ben "the Food Dude" Doolittle who got his degree from the Divinity School and is now a student at the Medical School at Yale. I still see Ben walking/roller blading the streets of New Haven. He has his own church now in Fair Haven, so I invite all who need some inspiration on Sunday morning if you find yourself in the neighborhood to attend! Ben nearly scared off some current FOOT leaders when he happened to walk by my house when I was having one of my FOOT dinners and he saw some leaders hanging around outside. He approached them, coming out of the shadows, exclaiming "I was the original FOOD Dude!" and you can imagine the rest...

I was good to see **Betsy and Ben Saylor** '91 & '89 at the wedding. Ben was the best man and made all the appropriate toasts. Steve and I saw them in Seattle last year which I think I have already reported. Ben hopes to come to Yale this fall for some talks in his old geology department. **Aaron Scott** '89 came out of hiding and was one of the participants on the reunion trip to Utah. His comment on last year's FOOT newsletter: "It seems, given what my peers are up to, this generation of cynicism and angst is utter ----." He's been at medical school at Wake Forest in NC and is about to start a residency program in family medicine in Klamath Falls, OR. While he was in NC he did go backpacking every couple of months, skied a bunch, did a COBS ski mountaineering course, competed fairly successfully in short triathlons, and play ultimate. When he first graduated from Yale he spent a little over a year in Thailand and Burma working for an environmental NGO. Somewhere in there he got excited about medicine. He's kept up with **Kristin Wolcott Edwards** who is on a med school hiatus with a baby boy Dylan. More recently, Aaron did a 2 month rotation in SE Asia. It was great to have him on the trip and to hear all our injuries and sores described in vivid medical school vernacular. Aaron's old co-leader **Kristin Mitchell** '89 has also finished medical school at the San Francisco School of Medicine. This June she began a 3-year residency program in Primary Care Internal Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. As I said the Seattle contingent is growing... She almost made the reunion trip.

Also prevented from attending the reunion trip was **Frank Levy** '89 who had to attend his high school reunion. Imagine! He was president of the class! He has probably finished at Harvard Business School and is looking for jobs in telecoms. He hopes to move to the NW or Calif. He was in India last winter for three weeks and longs for the backcountry. **Eric Harris-Braun** '89 got married last year, published a book on the Internet and developed an e-mail package for Macintosh computers that is commercially available. But as to any cool outdoorsy stuff, well, he admits to being pretty much a flop. He took a real nice week long backpacking trip in the Sierras last year but he says that doesn't count! Eric! You're being hard on yourself, but we will check your rubber tire the next time we see you. Meanwhile, Eric and bride and living in Brooklyn, NY.

Moshe Usudi (formerly Levy; Usudi is the ancestral name of his family) '90 brought me up to date with his news. During the past 5 years he has been oscillating between the Duke Med School and the history department down the road at UNC in Chapel Hill. Now he has his M.D. and a masters in history (he did his thesis on a wacky 19th century homeopathic physician from Natchez, Mississippi. Rebecca (his wife as of 6/3/90) and he did get into the woods now and then. They are both starting residencies in family practice in Savannah, GA this summer, so when they get outside they'll be seeing sea, swamp, much more than mountains. **Eve Porter** '90 gave me a call during the year to recommend a present Yale student as a FOOT leader, whom we did accept. She's working for the International League for Human Rights in NYC.

I saw **Michael Kahan** '90 at Trex's wedding, although he had already written a full report of what he is up to. He, too, is now a married man! The FOOTies at his wedding were **Kristin Wolcott Edwards, Trex, Tom Beierle, and Tiff**. He was married in July of 1994 in Boulder, CO to Gabriella Safran. Michael reported in his letter that Kristin is planning to be back in Philadelphia in the fall to finish her medical studies at Temple. Tom is in Seattle, but applying for environmental policy programs (perhaps Yale Forestry!?). Before that he's traveling in South America with his girlfriend. Michael's most bizarre FOOT coincidence of the year occurred when he was teaching a section outdoors at Penn in October. Just as he finished, he heard someone sneak up behind him; before he could turn around, the laugh gave her away--**Katie Hackett!** '91 Seems her PR/consulting firm was hired by Penn's new president to help her figure out what to do and what to tell people she was doing (the new prez that is...) He had another close encounter of the FOOT kind with **Cris Himes** '90 who graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School in Princeton, came back for a visit and ran into Michael at a grad school dance. He hears that **Milena Novy** '91 is at Princeton, but he never ran into her. (The Penn-Princeton connection, in case you are wondering: Michael is getting his PhD from Penn but living in Princeton, where his wife is a student in Russian Literature. She will be in Russia in the fall and Michael is planning to spend a couple of months there with her.) They honeymooned in the Tetons in true FOOT style seeing deer, moose and black bears! Michael had some missing FOOTie news: **Melissa Balbach** was doing a Wharton MBA. Her address now appears to be Paris! For **Max Polaner**, perhaps try the address on the fruit spread jar.

Kashka Kubzdela '90 was in Madagascar last year, studying the sifaka, the coolest primate around. She lived in a tent on the edge of Beza Mahafaly Reserve. She turned savage, and toughened her skin on the endless thorns of the Malagash dry forest. She learned the local language and with it the local culture. She danced at funerals and clapped her hands to get spirits to talk. She tracked her animals every day, taught local people about her work, taught English and acted as a local nurse. She sometimes got sleep, but always ate rice and beans for breakfast, lunch and dinner. To her horror, she had to return to Chicago to write up her PhD thesis in the Dept. of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Chicago. Kashka was alive and well at Trex's wedding.

Alan Rimm-Kaufman '90 (note new name) wrote last September "I just got married, and life is great! My wife's name is Sara, and we've merged our last names and both taken Rimm-Kaufman. Sara is an amazing woman. She's almost done with her PhD, Harvard Psych, doing a study of kids and temperament and school systems. We spent a glorious week in Rocky Mountain National Park for our honeymoon. Didn't climb Longs Peak, but did get up onto the tundra and had some great climbs. Now we're back in Cambridge. I'm still in grad school in stats/operations research at MIT, making slow progress. They say the PhD is like paddling to China in a small raft; you see ocean, ocean, ocean with no sensation of progress, then suddenly you arrive. Well, I'm in the middle stage: ocean, ocean, ocean." He invited any FOOTies to come visit in the Cambridge area: 38 Aberdeen Ave. He saw **Paul Sabin** '92 who getting his PhD in history from Berkeley. He's also in touch with **Steve Petricone** '90 who is in

Costa Rica doing policy of some environmental flavor for their government. He hears occasionally from **Cesca Smith '92** who is in Chicago studying fossils and is doing well.

I had some correspondence from **Glenn Magid '91** who is in his fourth, or now maybe fifth year of graduate study in ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, with a concentration in Assyriology, at Harvard. He proctors (or RAs) a group of incoming freshmen; other than that last year was devoted to preparing for general exams. Glenn welcomed the pleasure of having a hand in student life once more--reminding him of the good old days of FOOT. Last summer he found himself directing a unit of his department's excavations at Ashkelon, an ancient port city in Israel. Glenn's first couple of summers out of Yale were spent working for a PA-based camp named Longacre. He co-led a 30 day hiking/canoeing/ kayaking/white water rafting trip one summer and lead a two week bike trip to Maine another. To date, no wedding bells, though a distant girlfriend labors on a masters in Berkeley. Besides reading history/grammar/literature and chatting with freshmen, he spends a great deal of time wishing he had a dog.

I did get some joint FOOT post cards from abroad featuring **Chris Roberts '91** and **Del Berger '91** from Paris and then Chris Roberts and **Eric Steadman** from Turkey. Del reported that she's now at Harvard Ed School to get certification to teach French and English. She had a great year teaching at Miss Porters. Eric and Chris spent some time at **Emel Gokyigit's** house in Istanbul with **Diana Fisher**. They explored islands and the Aegean in Turkey, as well as Istanbul. Then they were off to Romania and some hiking in the Transylvania Alps. Eric has left the east coast and, as mentioned, is pursuing a PhD in biology at Stanford. Chris Roberts '91 wrote in a subsequent letter, "Holy academia, Batman--can you believe I'm a junior dean at Oxford? It means that, along with a senior dean who's a full faculty member, I'm responsible for the discipline of over 600 students. And general minder at large of the social fabric. I'm still a graduate student too, so there's some tension. But basically it's good to grow some roots here and be less of a tourist. Also nice to have a job where no one has heard of Bill Moyers." Chris had some news of missing FOOTies: **Renee Gleeson '90**: in NY looking for art jobs; **Laura Bradford '92**: was leaving NY to move to Santa Fe writing for AP. Chris was sorely missed on the reunion trip.

Milena Novy '91 did write a letter with more details about what she is up to. Yes, she is in graduate school at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She's been accepted into the PhD program so she will be there for a while (ocean, ocean, ocean). She plans to do dissertation work on economic and political reform in Central Europe, probably the Czech Republic and Poland, having spent some time there. She has a boyfriend, John Haines, she met in Oregon three years ago who's a kayaker.

Steve Bunyak '91 wins the prize for sending the most mail items this year (5! Sorry, Chris, you were a close second with 3) Steve finished his law degree and has moved to Arlington, VA where he is now working in the legal department at an energy and environmental consulting firm: SocioTechnical Research Applications, Inc. This is the firm Eric Steadman was working for before he headed for Stanford. Steve'll be doing 50% legal and 50% technical consulting primarily for the DOE which is a great ix for someone, as he said, didn't really care for law school. His big emphasis for the next few years will be advising the DOE in its negotiation and compliance efforts regarding the RCRA/Federal Facility Compliance Act for its 48 radioactive/mixed waste facilities throughout the country. In short, he is a legally trained, post cold war janitor. Some sad news from Steve was that his girlfriend and fiancée, Anne, and he broke up 3 months before the wedding. This happened when he had 5 20-page papers to write in 2 months in order to graduate. With death as the only option, he "sucked it up" and with the help of family and friends survived and finished law school. Much later, death seemed like a really poor choice. Thank goodness!

Emil Gokyigit '91 wrote that she is now at the Kennedy School of Public Policy in Cambridge working on a masters. She was fond of the free time that working allowed her, but did feel the need to learn more. Other news she reported: She attended **Diana Fisher's** wedding in Boston to her Yale sweetheart, Richard. (This was July of 1994). **Tali Zulman Ziv** was also there. She also wrote about the visits of Eric and Chris that have already been printed.

Baker Mallory '91 was a participant on the reunion trip, but he also had kept in touch earlier in the year. Baker quit his job with the architecture firm in Atlanta last June and took an intensive physics course for 5 weeks. This was a pre-requisite for the Harvard Graduate School in Architecture where he is now enrolled. Last summer before heading to Cambridge, he flew to Tanzania where he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and did some safaring in the Ngorogoro Crater and in the Masai-Mara. His climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro reminded him of FOOT except for the fact that the temperature was 0° and there were glaciers surrounding him. It took 6 and a half days to ascend and 1 and a half to descend. He finished the trip with a visit to the island Lamu on the Kenyan coast. Baker will miss Atlanta and highly recommends it as a city to live in. It is a perfect location, very cosmopolitan and international, but still quaint and southern. Tons of young people and activities. Most importantly, great opportunities for outdoor activities and environmental involvement. He traveled almost every weekend for different adventures: caving, hiking, rafting, canoeing... Also Baker was involved with the Georgia Conservancy which is the main environmental conservation and preservation group. He and **Carrie Hatcher** and others helped create a splinter group for younger folks called "Generation Green." They provided avenues for environmental education, adventure and legislative involvement in Georgia. Through this group, he became an editor for a new guide book that should be out in September called "The Guide to the Trails of North Georgia." They researched and hiked over 250 trails in the region.

Diana Fisher Gomberg '91 did write to report her big events: her marriage to Richard with Emel and Tali present, her honeymoon to Greece and Turkey and hooking up with Emel again, Chris and Eric, and that she quit her job to start working towards a masters at the Harvard School of Public Health. So she will be Boston for at least

two more years. **Mark Malaspina '91** wrote that after he graduated he worked in DC for 3 months for a organization called the Environmental Exchange. He co-authored a book (free copies are available to anyone who is interested) on air pollution. He then worked in Costa Rica as a Peace Corps Volunteer doing environmental education/forestry, which he loved. Now he is at Yale Law School enrolled in a joint program in law and public affairs between Yale and the Woodrow Wilson School and concentrating in urban policy. Last summer he worked for the Legal Aid Society in East Harlem in the Housing Development Unit. It's a sharp change from the lush forest of Costa Rica, but certainly was as challenging. Three from '91 that got away from the reunion trip (initially signed up but couldn't make it...) **Katie Hackett** still in NYC at that consulting firm (I hear that every time she makes noise about leaving they keep upping her salary...) **Karen O'Brien** who is at Med School at Georgetown and engaged to Ian Dunn. And **Juan Escarfuller** who is living in St. Louis, MO.

On to the class of '92: **Sumner McCallie** called me in the spring. He's still working at his camp, Camp High Rocks in North Carolina. Anyone looking for the perfect summer job, give Sumner a call! **Jake Bowers** is in a PhD program in political science at Berkeley. This is after he did a summer course at the Berkeley School of Music in jazz guitar. So he should be in the San Francisco area for another 5 or 6 years. He sees **Paul Sabin** and **Peter Ackerman** who arrived there to study at the American Conservatory Theater. Peter has moved in with Perry deValpine on Steiner Street. He reported that **Ben Harley** was in France. **Louisa Castrodale '92** who is at Tufts Vet School reported that Ben Harley was in Malaysia. Where are you, Ben!? **David Goetsch '92** hails from Venice, CALF and is writing for MTV on the new sports competition show "Sand Blast." It should be showing on MTV daily. He's trying to be a sitcom writer and MTV is a good way to break into it all. He's been in LA since the earthquake. Before that he was in NYC and Vermont and before that he worked in La Paz, Bolivia for the economic section. He wrote cables and reports on environmental/ economic issues. Then he traveled all over South America. Somewhere down there he realized that he wanted to write. He had news of Jake, Peter and Laura which has already been reported. I still laugh when I think about David's response to the FOOT leader interview question about what he would say if someone asked him what Yale was like--he did this great walk down York Street, bringing out the best of Yale contrasts, such as Toad's Place versus J. Press. I wonder he if remembers... (funny, someone reported that the last time they saw David, he was working at Toad's Place...)

Seth Hawkins '93 was in town last fall during the FOOT trips and we ran into him on the Old Campus. He has left Colorado and is now based in PA. He is still interested in wilderness medicine and continues working with the wilderness Medical Associates in Maine. When he becomes a famous wilderness doc he promises to come and give FOOT a trip for free. He's doing pre-med work at Bryn Mawr. He had news of some FOOTies: **Edwin Choy** is in a M.D./PhD program at NYU, **Jeremiah Scharf** is doing a M.D./PhD program at Harvard and **Krista Longnecker** is doing a "clam flat restoration project" in Maine. **Ashley West '93** greeted us from Baltimore. She is now probably on her trip to Nepal, Thailand, Tibet, Laos and Vietnam. She and a friend are planning to go to off-the-beaten-track places, hoping to avoid Westerners and to get to know the people indigenous to each area they walk through. They will trek in the northeast part of Nepal for about 4 weeks and work for the Woodlands Mountain Institute on the Makalu Conservation Project. Back in the States, Ashley worked as a paper conservation technician (as in restoring prints and drawings) at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Steve Kahn '93 is at Harvard Medical School but I hope is working at North Carolina Outward Bound this summer. I wrote a letter of rec for him (a good one, no less!) He sent me some of his responses to the questionnaire he had to fill out and I wanted to share one with you: "What teaching experiences have you had?" "For four years I was involved with Yale's Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips Program (three years as a leader). I led six-day trips through the Adirondack and Catskills Mountains with ten incoming freshmen and one co-leader. These trips were an excellent opportunity to teach backcountry skills to people who'd never been in the woods. But it was an even better opportunity to encourage these freshmen to pause at this pivotal moment in their lives and consider: what was the most important to them, what their hopes and fears were, and to reflect upon what they saw as their strengths and weaknesses. The subtle epiphanies I saw them experience during our five days in the woods rejuvenated me more than almost any other experience I can remember."

I also wrote up a good recommendation for **Matt Eddy '93** who applied and was accepted to the Student Conservation Association's CCDP (Conservation Careers Development Program). He'll be working with urban youth from Oakland, CA on outdoor service projects on the Concord Naval Weapons Station in Concord, CA. I hope he's having a great summer as well as a challenging one! Matt is currently teaching 9th grade biology and a 12th grade environmental science course at the Potomac School in DC. He has found teaching rewarding but tough and although he has signed up for a third year, this will probably be the year that determines whether he will stay in the profession or not... He helped coach an outdoor education program after school which got him out and about four afternoons a week. Canoeing the flatter regions of the Potomac River, practicing belaying and rappelling skills off a high wooden wall in the woods behind the school, and a little boppity-bop-bop-bop under cooking tarps set up in the rain keeps him and his group entertained. Being outside reminds him of what direction he'd like his life to move in. Over spring vacation he chaperoned a trip of outdoor ed participants down to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in southern Georgia for a week of paddling the swamps. Beautiful territory, not too buggy, some areas resembled African savannas, if you don't know they were waterlogged. Okefenokee means "trembling earth," and it's an apt title --stepping out of the boat onto an island produced a distinctly water-bed like experience. He misses those trips that gets one back into the rhythm of simple living and getting in touch with those around one.

Burch LaPrade and **Rachelle Lyons** both '93 are still together living in Winters, CALF. Burch is a Berkeley Police Officer (look out all you Berkeley deadbeat grad students!!) and Rachelle is still at Davis Vet School.

Rachelle's plan is to eventually practice equine medicine, with her particular interest being the equine athlete. They are living on a 300 acre walnut orchard. Patience, their dog, loves it, because it has a creek, rabbits and a fox! One nice comment Rachelle wrote: "Burch and I valued our FOOT involvement a great deal -- it is the way we met after all!"

I got a card from **Jessica Jones** '93 last September who was then still in the Middle East. She had a Fulbright last year to be in Syria and then she landed a job as a translator for the Danish Embassy (from Arabic to English that is). It was a job that required a huge amount of work, but she benefited from it in all sorts of ways. She lived in the old Christian quarter of the city in a big old Arab house with a fountain in the courtyard. Last summer she went on a backpacking trip sponsored by the Jesuits in the mountains. They were wild! Once they did about 40 miles in one day. That's what religion does to you. Jessica went on to say that Syria kicks major butt, but she's happy. By now she might be in Egypt. She spent the summer of '93 there and saw an assassination attempt on the street. You never get bored! **Julie Goodrich** '93 wrote that she is living in Brookline, MASS and works for a company in Boston--Cambridge Associates which advises non-profit endowed institutions on matters concerning their investments. Having been a history major, she's learning about investing the crash-course way--at work. She enjoys her job and the people she works with, but she is mostly thrilled to be seeing a new side of non-profits. She still dreams of working as a museum administrator some day. She doesn't get outside as much as she did in college, but she's still running, doing a lot of mountain biking and hiking on the weekends. She ran the last part of the Chicago Marathon in October, helping to pace and give moral support to her brother who actually ran the whole race. She sees **Stephanie Kwei** a lot who is working in a lab and applying to med school.

Perry de Valpine '93 wrote from San Francisco before he, too, showed up for the reunion trip. He worked at the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund for about a year and a half before quitting. The job kept him very busy; he worked a lot on cases to protect the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary and CALF's northwestern forests and rivers. He learned a great deal seeing the grit of bitterly fought legal battles over resource uses. Life in San Francisco is good. He often runs in Golden Gate Park in the morning or bikes down to Ocean Beach. He now even gets up at 6:00 or 6:30 regularly--morning time is wonderful!! (He remembers when he and the FOOTies thought I was crazy when I told them I got up so early!) After quitting the SCLDF job, Perry briefly worked in a bookstore. Plus somewhere along the way, Peter Ackerman moved in. For the summer he is working at a company that does GIS work and next fall he will be entering a PhD program at UCAL Davis in ecology--doing a lot of mathematical modeling. **Katie Michel** '93 (Perry's co-head coordinator) almost came on the reunion trip. All I got was the reply form telling us she loves those inflatable kayaks and informing us that she is living in NYC. We missed you, Katie!

I heard from and then saw **Scott Walsh** '94. He was coaching crew at George Mason University, as he trains to try out for the National Team. He hopes someday to row in the Olympics, the Pan-Am games or some other international competition as a representative of the U.S. Eventually he would like to work in the environmental field and his dream would be to attain some position where he can help develop and shape our country's policies on the use and preservation of our natural resources and national parks. So he began the job search for a part-time job in the environmental field while still coaching. I hope something panned out!! Scott sent me his resume to write up a recommendation and I noticed he was the co-manager of the Yale Cake Agency. Hidden talents abound with the FOOT leaders!! I participated in a weekend ropes course class with **Jay Readey** '94 at the Hopkins new elaborate ropes course. Jay is living in New Haven, working for an organization called LEAP, which works with inner-city kids in all sorts of ways, including getting them in the outdoors.

Meg Wickwire '94 spent her summer right out of Yale as a SCA intern in Alaska. She then landed a permanent job with SCA at their headquarters in Charlestown, NH. She is doing recruiting and marketing work for them. She's living in the little town of Walpole and has just gotten a puppy. She's loves the people at her job and the work has kept her busy and challenged. Walpole is beautiful and the people are quite community-oriented. She has joined the local rescue squad. Meg was on the reunion trip--at the time of signing up a few things were in limbo, but I loved Meg's attitude: "I want to do this so badly that I'm going to commit now and forget the doubts. C'mon, it's not just some raft trip --it's FOOT! So count me in and let me know if you need any help. I'm psyched for my first p.g. FOOT adventure!"

Now for **Charlie and Marty Hale** '94. They, too, were on the raft reunion trip. Charlie had written in December "Hello from the anti-FOOT city, New York City. For mountains, there is only Murray Hill. For flora, I have only a sad looking, but well loved ivy plant. The only wilderness here is the urban jungle, or perhaps an urbane jungle!" He sees **Jen Weburn** and **Ted Deinard** fairly often. He also spent some time in Boston with Meg and Steve Kahn. His job is going well. He works on many mergers and acquisitions for insurance companies at the moment. Insurance is fundamentally dull, but merging insurance companies is actually somewhat exciting. He works in Stamford, but travels all over the place. Marty also works for an investment bank in Fort Lee, NJ but does more work with telecommunications. In listing his qualifications for the reunion trip he noted that he was the "master canoeist" at Pine Island Camp in Maine (i.e. "not much experience, only enthusiasm and a drive to "shoot the V's" and to watch out for (Matt) Eddy's.") If any one is in NYC, where he lives, he can offer a place to stay and to dance "the Hustle." Marty and Charlie actually just visited me at my house on Martha's Vineyard. We had a reunion about our reunion!

I have a letter that **Ted Deinard** '94 wrote to **Ben Strauss** last August that Ben shared with me: "It's wonderful to think about you leading another FOOT trip. That whole program was so important to me. Yesterday I was thinking that, if it weren't for my freshman year FOOT trip, the course of my life might have been very different...FOOT is such a great way to start a year at Yale..." After Yale Ted worked at Chewonki, an

environmental education program on the coast of Maine. I believe he has left that now and is in NYC. I hope all is well. Thanks, Ted.

An event that happened this year that brought a few old FOOTies back to New Haven was the 25th Anniversary of the Slavic Chorus. **Anne Egger '95** was this past year's conductor and she organized the entire event. Members from the past 25 years were invited back for a reunion concert in Battell Chapel. Well, I did sing with the chorus for 3 years and was its business manager, so before I knew it, I was drumming up old tunes in my throat. It was tons of fun, especially when two FOOTies also showed up for the reunion: **Sylke Jackson '92**, who is living in NYC and working in film and **Rachel Huff '92** who is restoring an old house in Vermont.

Anne Egger is the master reunion organizer for she and **Dave Lambert '95** were the masterminds behind this year's FOOT 10th year reunion rafting trip to Utah. As you know, we rafted the San Juan River in southern Utah which is a beautiful river that cuts through steep canyon walls of red sandstone. (Actually I learned from Anne that the river really didn't cut through the walls, the canyon walls rose after the river had been meandering through a nice flat plain for a while.) In any case, the trip included folks from a good span of almost all the years of FOOT, and it was a treat for me to see old leaders meet new ones and become instant friends. I have to say the whole experience was awesome, mostly due to the great company. So here's the roll call, and brief info on folks if they haven't already been mentioned earlier in this newsletter: **Jamie & Florence Williams '86 & '89**; **Sue Lamar '85**; **Paul Jahnige & Sally Loomis** both '89; **Aaron Scott '89**; **Gillien Todd '89** (had been in Taiwan, recently married Yale boyfriend Kingsley Taft, is now working at a consulting firm in Boston); **Eric Greenwald '90** (of course! came with girlfriend Laura, is finishing up law school--although he is enrolled in Michigan Law, Eric somehow always ends up in DC where he is now doing an externship--and yes, he promises to return for support crew some day); **Baker Mallory '91**; **Eric Steadman '91** (who came with girlfriend Emiko Koike '91); **Perry deValpine '93**; **Sara Cohen '94** (who is working at a camp in Wisconsin this summer and thinking about forestry school); **Carrie Patterson '94** (who came with boyfriend Charlie Eckhart & is living in Aspen doing public relations and conceptual sculpture); **Meg Wickwire '94**; **Charlie & Marty Hale '94**; **Greg McClain '94** (who is living in San Francisco and working with an alternative energy firm); **Anne Egger & Dave Lambert '95**--the master river guides-- and finally Steve and **Cilla Kellert**. (yes! I got Stevie-boy to come along!) I don't think I can wait another 5 years for the next reunion trip, so stayed tuned...

Hey--FOOT leaders I would love to hear from or about: Josh Barkan, Lee Diegaard, Trip Meine, Lisa Nelson, Angela Van H. Salazar, Lori Sherman. These are reported LOST from Yale, so if you know their address, send it along: Matt Etter, Jennifer Martinez, Liz Weil.

And now for your favorite part: after all the work that went into putting this together, FOOT deserves some just reward. YES! The FOOT leader scholarship fund to allow those deserving freshmen participate in FOOT who may not be able to go otherwise. One of the first questions I asked one of the new deans I will be working with since we have become official was should I continue to fundraise? and the answer was YES! So send your hard earned money along to a good cause. We will accept checks payable to FOOT for any amount and it is tax deductible. Thank you. Of course, if you are still in the paying off student loan situation, send news!!! We won't discriminate!

Finally, some news from me: I had a great year of teaching--had one dream class one might have in a lifetime of teaching. Got a grant to do an attitude and knowledge survey of the Long Island Sound with my environmental class which was a great project. Steve and I traveled to St. Martin's and Arizona during the year and will go to Peru and the Amazon this December. Steve finished a book on his work, called The Value of Nature, due out this fall. Steve has a sabbatical this fall so I am taking a leave of absence and we will reside on the Vineyard through September and October. We have a new puppy, Beecher's grandson named Wilhelm, nicknamed Willy. Don't worry, Beecher is still with us as well as Samson.

As a 10th year anniversary gift: FOOT addresses! Keep the network growing.
All my best and lots of love,

CILLA!

