

Summer 1999

Dear FOOT Leaders Alums,

It must be summer. I am up on the Vineyard and once again I am typing away this newsletter. I hope all of you have had a productive, happy and healthy year. FOOT continues to flourish. We are up to 40 trips this year, adding some extra trips in the Berkshires. We have a waiting list which always makes us sad since we want everyone to do FOOT. Some of the freshmen coming are from France, Turkey, even Nepal! Earlier in May had a good dose of former FOOT Leaders at Alumni Weekend at Yale, but I realized that it happened too quickly and some of it by chance so I will try to be more organized about it in the future and seize the opportunity of having some of you back in town.

FOOT made the front page of The Chronicle of Higher Education (see photo section) and even the front page of The New York Times--but I have no idea who it is in the Times!! It definitely is a FOOT hat but it is a side view of someone working the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. So step forward if it is you or if you can identify the mystery person. I am sure there are FOOT hats floating around out there--they are quite the fashion statement. (Speaking of which--"the FOOT store is always open...")

This was a strange year for Yale and for my neighborhood as well because of the tragic murder of senior Suzanne Joven. It happened in front of my next door neighbor's house and I was standing in my own front yard looking at the spot where she was found not more than ten minutes later. I had to pick up some friends at a hockey game and when we returned there were about 20 cop cars and strobe lights all over the place. It was very eerie. Sadly, they have not found the murderer. If it was her professor (there is no physical evidence to date) it makes the whole incident even more strange and horrible. I was especially moved when I looked in our files and saw her name as a freshman doing FOOT. I hope there is more resolution to this.

In any case, on to the news. We always begin at the beginning with **Jamie and Florence Williams** '86 & '89, founders of FOOT and YSEC respectively. Jamie is now head of the Nature Conservancy in Montana and they have left Colorado for 814 Harrison Ave. Helena, MT 59601. He informed me that **Matt Etter** '87 has resurfaced in Minneapolis, MN, is married, and by now with child after five years in Zaire, studying conservation biology. Matt had been lost to us for a while, so it's good to get wind of him. **Sue Lamar** '86 wrote that she just returned from two separate but back to back San Juan trips. This time she was the guide, cook and organizer wrapped into one. (Remember our great FOOT reunion trip in '95?) These were private trips for the hospital staff where she works and friends. The most excitement came when they were told at various times the river was closed, then open, then closed and finally open. The confusion was caused not by natural phenomenon but because of the two fugitives who shot several policemen in the Cortez area and were still at large. They fortunately didn't encounter these men, nor did they collect the hefty reward! One of the folks on the trips was an old neighbor of Jamie's from Steamboat Springs. Sue saw **Greg Felt** '88 last May ('98) in Salida. He has two children and his river company continues to grow. The Arkansas continues to provide excellent whitewater and Greg provides excellent guides. Sue continued, "I'm still at Ft. Defiance. I finally was able to move from a tiny apartment to a house. So, there's more room for visitors if you find yourself lost on the big reservation."

Eve Vogel '86 wrote, "I just got back from the wedding of one of my FOOT freshpeople, Harrison Pollak. It was fun explaining to people how I knew him. I met **Eric Steadman** '91, who was 4 -1/2 years behind me at Yale, who was equally excited to introduce me as Harrison's FOOT leader. Pretty fun! I had an absolutely miserable experience teaching high school for 3 years and partly inspired by talking to so many great folks at my 10th reunion, quit a year ago. Last year I worked more or less as a freelance environmentalist in Portland, mainly on salmon-related issues. Now I've headed back to the academic world, and have just moved to Eugene to get a graduate degree in Geography at U-Oregon. I'll be looking at the complex web of human-environment interactions that shape what actually happens on the ground and

why, and what it means to people...probably still focusing on salmon. (Because they migrate from remote inland streams to the ocean and back, learning about salmon really means learning all about a region--its politics, environment, etc. -so the issues you get into are totally fascinating. (Eve--are you familiar with my husband Steve's work?) In the Northwest salmon are also completely tied to our history and identity. So I moved from Portland, where I still co-own a house with my senior year roomie Linda Irvine, and lived with a family of friends also including another Yalie, Judy Becher, and a friend of mine from the Peace Corps, Terese Kelly. It's a bit scary leaving that home/family, but I'm close enough to Portland that I can visit often, Besides, Eugene's a great town. Thanks for keeping up even with us old-timers!" Eve: 2992 Friendly, Eugene, OR 97405 (541) 349-8913. <evevogel@darkwing.uoregon.edu>

Eric Harris-Braun '88 sent the following news: "I've kept myself busy over the past years doing computer stuff of various sorts. I published the 'Internet Directory' back in 1992 when the Internet wasn't a household word, followed it up with a second edition a couple of years later, and then promptly got out of the business as the big guns rolled in. I also started a software company with a friend from college (check us out on the web at: <http://www.glassbead.com>) that's been puttering along over the years and may hopefully take off sometime soon. Now the important stuff: I got married in '94 and Ellen (we are both Harris-Braun), our .3 year old (who by the time you publish this should be a .7 year old, in other words, the kid's due in November of '98) and I live just 45 minutes north of New Haven in Newtown, CT on a nice little plot with a brook running through the middle of it and lots of space for a big garden, a cat and 20 chickens! So, obviously the biggest news around here is incipient youth. We are way thrilled. It's excellent to hear about so many others starting out on this true 'wild'erness experience too." Eric: 61 Pond Brook Rd., Newtown, CT 06470. (203) 426-8552. <gbs@panix.com> **Patrick Whelan** '88 sent a short postcard informing us that his 5 year-old son wears his FOOT T-shirt with pride. "Is he the oldest 2nd generation Footie?" Remember any FOOT babies/kids qualify for a FOOT Baby/Kid T-shirt. **Diana Selig** '88 also sent a postcard: "I'm glad to hear that FOOT is thriving. I keep in touch with **Ann Vileisis** '89, who came through Berkeley last year, and with **Christine Walravens** '88, whom I talk with all the time." Diana is in graduate school at Berkeley. More on Ann later and the last I heard from Christine she was in medical school in New Mexico. **Roger Wynne** '88 wrote: "Not much news to report from Seattle. I am learning the art of home maintenance (basically, I've figured out the tool belt part and am slowly working my way up to power tools), which seems to have been my primary hobby for the last year. We (his wife and Roger) hope to spend a little more time in the mountains this year, but we still appreciate being able to look at them from the city when the weather is accommodating. Best wishes for a wonderful new year."

Paul Jahnige's ('89) Community Resources continues to thrive. His newsletter is full of projects in the Baltimore/Philadelphia area. It stated: "As we enter our 5th year, I want to take a moment to reflect. Since our founding, we have been lucky enough to work with a variety of innovative partners, both public and private, on some exciting initiatives. We have worked extensively with the Philadelphia department of Recreation to help develop their Earth YES Program for urban middle school students. We've helped Baltimore's Parks and People Foundation create a Human Environment Inventory model for integrating social information into natural resource management. With a team of urban leaders, we have created and tested a participatory community assessment method for use in urban neighborhoods. Also, we have launched a major monitoring and evaluation effort for a large urban environmental restoration and education project in Philadelphia. We continue to expand, develop new projects and share the lessons that help improve our urban environment." I actually saw Paul on a train I was taking to Baltimore. He was commuting back and forth to Philadelphia and we happened to land on the same train! His work has a new address: 4900 Wetheredsville Rd. Baltimore, MD 21207 (410) 448-4900 <info@communityresources.org> **Kristin Mitchell** '89 who is always great about staying in touch sent the following: "We've (Kristin, husband David and dog Kenai) decided to become Alaskans --people who like their winters dark and summers long and light and their salmon fresh. Kristin having completed her boards (national test in internal medicine) is joining Peninsula Internal Medicine in Soldotna, Alaska on Sept. 2nd, 1998. Soldotna is on the Kenai Peninsula, a 3-hour drive or a 30 minute flight from Anchorage. David plans to continue doing environmental engineering, but will spend most of his time building our house. The Kenai Peninsula is known for its mountains, rivers, and wildlife. We will be 2 hours from Prince William Sound, which with its fjords, glaciers, and many islands, is a premier sea kayaking and wildlife area. We'll have an extra bedroom and will be expecting visitors to come up for the 20-hour long days in summer, kayaking, canoeing, backpacking and fishing. In the winter, there's cross-country skiing, dog sledding, snow camping and the northern lights." You can contact her at Peninsula Internal Medicine, 206 Rockwell Ave. Suite 101, Soldotna, AK 99669.

<kmittchell@alaska.net> or <kristin.mitchell.br.89 @aya.yale.edu> Kristin kayaked around the Yukon Island in Kachemak Bay last summer. All winter, they skied. What a life!

The BIG EVENT for the class of 1989 was, of course, their 10th reunion in May. So many legends were back in town. Yes, you do start to take on legendary status, like it or not. I had a wonderful walk with **Ben Saylor** and **Ann Vileisis** on Friday afternoon up East Rock and then stopped by the Old Campus to see the gang on Saturday afternoon. Those accounted for were: **Ben, Ann, Trex Proffitt, Toby Kovacs, Frank Levy** and **Angela Van Haaster Salazar**. Everyone looked great. I was still in shock from my 25th (!!!) reunion the weekend before where it was getting harder and harder to hide the midriff, thinning hair, and second or third marriage. As I said before, since reunions are now going to involve more and more FOOT leaders, I need to get organized about them. I can't let that opportunity slip by. The news from Ben is that he and **Betsy (Jubitz Saylor)** '91 are moving to Spearfish, South Dakota. Ben will be a faculty member at Black Hills State University. He'll be the director of South Dakota's Center of Excellence for Math and Science Education. He'll teach science to both prospective and practicing K-12 teachers, and he'll help oversee a variety of initiatives aimed at enhancing math and science instruction from kindergarten through college. Betsy just finished her residency in internal medicine and will select a medical practice to join. Last April they were in Nepal where Betsy worked in a small community clinic/hospital and Ben hiked. They hiked in the Mt. Everest region, 18k feet. **Ann Vileisis** is up to her fairy tale life as usual, traveling and writing. Her annual Christmas card noted: "This has been a year of interesting odd-and ends. Through June ('98) we (she and her husband Tim) enjoyed living in the Kelly, WYO log cabin where we've house-sat before. Tim made progress on his upcoming book, Going to the Heart of America, while Ann worked editing a book about salmon, under contract from Island Press. We skied several days each week of winter, and then delighted in the coming of spring's bison, bluebirds, and shooting starts. On the first of June, we returned to the van-life we love, a terrific routine of working on our projects at beautiful campsites and traveling to some major events, including Tim's family reunion in Virginia, and Ann's sister's wedding in Boulder, CO. The year's big adventure was a 40 day, 470-mile raft trip on the Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam to Powell Reservoir in August--a fabulous expedition with a healthy share of sun and storms, whitewater, canyon beauty and bugs--a great trip! This winter we are missing the snow of the Tetons but are instead enjoying a seemingly perpetual autumn near Patagonia, Arizona. We've followed the birds south during only one other winter, but so far, we're loving it--delightedly learning all sorts of new trees and birds of the Sonoran Desert." Ann's book on the history of American wetlands won two awards, one from the American Historical Association. Congratulations, Ann! Ann and Tim were back east not only for her reunion but they were guest scholars at her old boarding school Westover.

Trex Proffitt and Beth '89 are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl named Catherine Joanna Proffitt born on March 28. They are both still in graduate school at Northwestern. They hope to finish in 2000. We got a glimpse of the baby at reunion! **Frank Levy** '89 was quite successful with a start-up internet company in Boston that was consumed by Amazon.com. Now, he is out in San Francisco I think beginning his own venture capital operation that finances internet companies. He gave me his card which had the company name Wasabi Fund and several email addresses: <franklevy@yahoo.com>, <egroups.com>, <planetall.com>, and finally <www.wasabifund.com>. **Toby Kovacs** '89 is still in New Jersey in telecommunications. **Tiff Bingham** '89 was lurking around the reunions somewhere although I never saw her directly. I believe the gang was going to hook up with her at her place in Salem, CT for a feast. She is still a vet.

I also saw **Angela Van Haaster Salazar** at the reunions who showed me lots of photos of her family. She had written a wonderful letter just after I sent out last year's newsletter. I will quote from some of it: "FOOT was really a lifesaver for me. For me, FOOT fulfilled an emotional and spiritual void. In many ways it was an escape from the pressures of Yale. I was able to exist, be myself, and enjoy being alive without high expectations and competition. It kept me sane and healthy. Of course, in the bargain I gained a huge appreciation and love of the 'Great Outdoors.' I also developed my leadership skills and organization through participation on the food committee. FOOT is my most vivid recollection of Yale. But enough of self-reflection and on to the news. When I first graduated from Yale I returned home to California and got a job as a teacher at a Catholic school. I taught there for eight years. Throughout that time I taught social studies, science, religion and art to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. I also moderated student council, organizing all the schools social activities, service projects and theme weeks. I love teaching and seeing students newly awakened to the wonders and mysteries of the world. This year I made a big step in my career. I got a new position at a public high school teaching history. This was a dramatic change from Catholic to public school and from junior high to high school. I also switched from a middle class to a lower socio-economic area. All

of these challenges will definitely prove whether or not I am truly a good teacher. So far, I'm making the grade. I'm using a great program called 'History Alive' from Teacher's Curriculum Institute. Every lesson is interactive and it is full of simulations and activities. Now for family news. You better sit down. Would you believe I'm married and have three kids? I'm probably the only Yalie in my class who has been so domestic. They have all been too busy going to med school and getting law degrees... while I've been having babies! But family life is great. I had met my husband before Yale when I was 15 and working at a restaurant. We were just friends at that time, but when I returned from Yale we started dating. Then marriage, David (5-1/2), Isabel (3-1/2), and Isaac (1-1/2) every other year. No wonder my hair is starting to turn gray! My family and I have managed to stay in touch with nature in many ways. We go camping in the San Gabriel or San Bernadino Mountains every summer. Although the kids are too young for backpacking, that is definitely part of our future plans. We also water-ski twice a week in the summer with my siblings. That is such an exhilarating sport! But the highlight of every summer is our month vacation to Mexico. My husband grew up in a small village in the foothills in Zacatecas. The roads are unpaved and most homes do not have running water. When I first went there ten years ago we had to carry water in earthen jars from the stream. Now they have access to the well or bottled water. We spend our days milking cows, and taking them to pasture, tending crops, hiking 2 hours to the mango grove and bathing in the stream. They do have a town 45 minutes away and many things are Americanized (Levi's, Disney, Coca-Cola) but it's still a rustic existence. Every time we visit, I feel very connected to the earth. My husband and I often talk of living there in our later years. I am happy to hear that FOOT is growing. If you asked me, every new freshman should experience it. It keeps the drama of Yale in perspective." Angela then went on to talk about the program she hoped to start at her school on the FOOT model. I sent her some materials and at reunion she shared some of the trials, tribulations, and joys of her first trip. I love any spin-offs of FOOT and I have helped a few people get started, so if any of you ever need any advice let me know! It was great to hear from Angela even though as she said it took her nine years to write! I felt as though we just did FOOT together--I remember her exciting evacuation of a FOOTie with co-leader Eric Greenwald and all the food stuff...

There was a brief exchange on the FOOT listserv between **Kashka Kubzdela** and **Michael Kahan**, both '90. Kashka appeared to be endorsing some money making scheme and Michael thought she was the Melissa virus! Kashka did follow up with some news, proving that indeed it was her: "I've been working 60-90 hours a week on my research on public schools and the organizations with which they partner. I keep looking for a window of time to publish my thesis. I am also volunteering with a local fifth-grade classroom, with which we have been developing an exchange with kids in one of the Malagasy villages I know. The kids here are making teaching aids, which we will laminate for the school there (the Malagasy school is just a mud hut without any teaching aids at all right now). Our kids are also trying to tell about themselves through drawing and photos, without major references to popular culture or technology. Kids are also trying to get donations of writing and art materials to send to the Malagasy school, so that the kids there can in turn draw about themselves. Our fifth-grade classroom is predominately low income, but the kids have already organized (all by themselves!) a bake sale, and raised over \$170 towards package shipping costs and for buying some of the writing and art materials. I thought their success was staggering. The kids are getting more and more excited about the project, although it was difficult at first to get them to think about other kids. We are now planning to have a Madagascar Evening, at which our kids will narrate about Madagascar, its people, and our project to a slide show I will put together. The event will be organized for parents, community members, families, and friends. It should be really fun, with rice and beans, and Malagasy music. We actually have enjoyed an unbelievable and completely volunteered parents participation, which is just great. Anyway, that and Nicola (who is healthy and sweet as ever) keep me going in this not-to-easy life. I now have to move for the third time in a year and a half, because my places are being sold. Everything is being turned into condos. We will be much better off when it is all over." Presently her address appears to be: 5410 S. University Ave. Apt. 1, Chicago, IL 60615. Michael's inquiry included this address: Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. <mkahan@sas.upenn.edu> I thought he and his wife Gabriella had moved to Stanford, California, so I'm not sure about this unless he is commuting long distance. **Eve Porter** '90, Michael's co-coordinator of the '89 trips sent this: "I am at long last changing my email to one that actually has something to do with my name: elporter@imedia.tiac.net. I look forward to being in touch!"

I was a very quiet FOOT year without **Eric Greenwald** '90 showing up to do support crew!! We missed his presence last August. I almost arranged for one of my classes to visit DC this spring and have Eric talk about the CIA where he works, but we went to NYC and Goldman Sachs instead. Money won over

intrigue. I believe his address in DC is: 2714 Quebec St. NW, Washington DC 20008. (202) 537-6154. But one never knows with those covert types.

Baker Mallory '91 wrote "I will now be finally finishing at Harvard (architecture school) in January. I won't graduate until June but my work ends in January. I will be getting my masters in architecture and landscape architecture. I've been on some great adventures recently. In September, after returning from 6 weeks in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, I spent 2 weeks in Israel working on the design of a new town in the upper Galilee. The idea behind it was to create a model industrial-based community that introduced the most effective 'green technology' available. The hope is that as manufacturing and technology become more integral to the Israeli economy and society, land conservation and preservation plans of the scarce natural resources can be implemented concurrently. In January we went back to the Tefen Industrial Municipality, who sponsored the Design Studio to present our final work. It was pretty exciting. Then in March I went to Norway for another design studio. This one was for a remote marine research station on Selshomen Island on the Arctic Circle in the North Atlantic. An abrupt change from the weather in Israel, although it did snow in Israel while we were there! We made the front page of the local newspaper as no tourists had ever visited this remote part of Norway in the dead of winter. It snowed for four days straight, but we had fun meeting the locals and hiking around the nearby islands. I'm spending another summer in Jackson, WYO. (summer '98) I'm helping to build an addition to my parents new home out there. It has been awesome working outdoors everyday." Baker can be reached at: <baker.mallory.es.91@aya.yale.edu> I got a nice letter from **Kristin Wolcott Edwards '91**. She related the following news: "I graduated from Temple Medical School in May (3 weeks after delivering Erik) and am enjoying a year off before I start an internship and then radiology residency here in the Philly area. We took the boys (Erik and Dylan, 4-1/2 years) camping for the first time last weekend and are going again next weekend. No hiking yet, just exploring around the campsite but we all loved it! Husband Scott is still enjoying working as an OB/GYN at UPenn where **Karen O'Brien '92** is a resident now. Thanks for keeping us in the loop! Our new address is: 224 Wayne Ave. Narberth, PA 19072."

Katie Hackett '91 hailed from graduate school with this holiday newsletter: "Greetings from the midwest! As the year--and the semester--draw to a close, I find a few moments by the wood stove to reminisce of treasured times spent with friends and family near and far away: learning to smoke Cuban cigars, hitch-hiking through Nicaragua with a woman I used to baby-sit for, scuba diving off the coast of Honduras (before the wrath of Hurricane Mitch), running a 10k race on the famous Mackinac Island Halloween Day, letting go of an old love, seeking adventure with a new love, exploring San Francisco for the first time, jamming under the stars at the Lyons Folk festival, celebrating Sadder with my hand-picked siblings, reveling in conceptions and births a-go-go, hoopin' it up at the Yale basketball reunion in Sonoma, and many, many more memories I wish I could share with each of you in person. For those of you who don't know, Ted and I broke up. It was a difficult decision, particularly after the many adventures we shared. We remain close and still share a remarkable friendship that endured well the emotional evolution. Continuing on this note, I met Mr. Wonderful in my Water Resources Economic class last spring. Kent spent his 'formative' years in the home of Corn Palace (Mitchell, SD) and when he discovered I visited this landmark more than once it was true love. Kent's family is now in Denver so I'll fly there after Christmas to meet his extended family, and then Kent and I will ring in the new year in the 10th Division Mountain Hut System near Leadville, CO. Could I be any more excited about a man who plans a back-country ski trip for the two of us unbeknownst to me? Perfect. The other major news of the year is my pending graduation of May...yahoo! I love the University of Michigan and the School of Public Policy but I'd forgotten the toll studies take. I'm ready to enter the real world again and am looking for a job in watershed management somewhere on the east coast. I am compelled by the importance of water to our lives, a resource vital to our physical existence but important to our spiritual and cultural lives as well. So for your gift to me for the holidays, turn the water off while you're brushing your teeth. Lastly, I continue to coach fifth grade girls basketball. I'm ecstatic that girls now immortalize the likes of Cheryl Miller and Sheryl Swoops and suggest the Shock and Mercury for our team name rather than the Jazz and the Bulls. But I'm even more relieved to find that most of my girls have at least dribbled the ball before, unlike my girls from last year. There's hope for breaking last season's all high of 16 points in a game! Moments, weeks, and months pass more and more quickly and I wonder if that phenomenon is a function of our fast-paced culture or my approaching 30th birthday (it has since approached on March 20, 1999) Not that I mind the advent of a new decade, it's more a sense of wonderment as to how I got to be 30. I am thankful for the great challenges and rewards of my life, a lifetime of adventure, opportunity, and experience; but most importantly for all of you who helped make and continue to make me who I am. I really believe that my life has been blessed because of the contributions of the many

exceptional people who have entered my life during my tours in WVA, New Haven, MT, NYC, AZ, Africa and Michigan. Although I may not be close geographically or in script, I carry each of you close." In another note, Katie informed me that there is a chance she might be in New Haven again. Her boyfriend was applying for a PhD at Yale. I hope so! **Diana Fisher Gomberg '91** wrote a few emails: "Sorry I've been so out of touch, but as you can guess, my excuse is a 5-1/2 month old chubby baby Lily. She was born 5/26/98 and she has been a blast. Well, a blast ever since we survived the first month of newborn chaos. But I've been meaning to write since that first month because reading the FOOT letter (in small increments, usually during the middle of the night feedings) helped me get through it all! It was great to read about everyone's adventures, romances, babies, etc. as I tackled my own challenge of learning how to nurse and take care of Lily. It was much more of a challenge than I anticipated, but now it's all very manageable. And fun! I'm not working now and I have to say that I don't miss office life at all! I had been working on a group of residential programs for teenage moms for the state of MASS and before that I went to public health school. My husband, Richard Fisher Gomberg (JE '91) is now Chief Resident in Psychopharmacology at Cambridge Hospital and he'll be starting a private practice in psychotherapy and psychopharmacology this summer ('99). Last August we had one last baby-less fling and went to Alaska for a couple of weeks. I heartily recommend camping on the Kesugi Ridge of Denali State Park. Unlike the national park (across the 'road') it was not crowded at all. In fact, we only saw one other person there on our four-day hike, and we had great views of Denali, as well as blueberries as far as the eye could see. Plus, for those of you have gotten rusty with the compass, like me, the park is one of the few quiet places we heard of in Alaska that actually has good trails. Shortly after returning we got a great place in Newton that's on the Charles River, so we can go canoeing out or backyard anytime. Well, we could anytime last year. Now I'm waiting for Lily to fit into a life jacket. All Footers are welcome, Our number is 617-243-9424 and our email is <GoFish@aya.yale.edu>" A subsequent email stated: "We just celebrated Lily's first birthday and looked back on a wonderful year. It has definitely been my most fun year since Yale. For the first time, I wasn't cramped up in a little office playing with a computer for most of my daylight hours. It's been great to be home with Lily and go hiking, swimming, strolling, running around Boston without any real schedule. We took her on her first camping trip through a bunch of National Parks in Utah and Arizona just before her birthday. She was very happy in her backpack, and she loved the tent. I never realized what a great playpen the tent can be, especially with lost of sleeping bags and pads to play in! Lots of Lily pictures are on view at her website: <<http://www.flash.net/~lilyfish>>!!!" Wow.

Emil Gokyigit '91 sent me a postcard from Turkey which read: "I am sending this after a two month vacation in Turkey. My husband Dan took his orals in May and I quit my job with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to travel for the summer. We are moving to Boston so that I can start Harvard law school after a two year deferral. I'm excited and scared all at the same time. In the last year, I've seen **Tali Zulman** and her baby Orli, **Diana Fisher** and baby Lily, **Del Berger** (who just got married to Yale sweetheart Brent Ryan), **Chris Roberts**, **Eric Steadman**, **Michael Kahan** and baby Eva, and **Steve Bunyak!** FOOT people seem to be thriving everywhere. My new address will be: 26 Packard Ave. Somerville, MA 02144." In a later email she related that Tali has finished her residency in San Francisco and that Law School has not been terrible: "in fact, I enjoy it most of the time. I am more and more set in doing land-use and planning law. I am a research assistant for a professor who does work in that area, which keeps me grounded in the real world. I think that helps a lot with the 'what am I doing here' blues." I talked to **Eric Steadman '91** on the phone who is now a teacher at Sidwell Friends School in Washington DC. His address is 3426 16th St NW #205, Washington DC 20010 (202) 234-6758.

I got Hannah and **Chris Roberts'** ('91) LONG Christmas epistle so I have edited it here for you (Chris--you might just send me a disk next year!) "After two years of big headlines and big moves -- graduations, Chris' expulsion from England, the wedding, Hannah's arrival in the U.S. -- we're able to report a hint of domestic rhythm in 1998. The bulk of Hannah's daylight hours are spent at the Cultural Alliance. The Alliance helps local artists and art organizations with their business, administrative, and local government affairs. She has organized a forum for political candidates to debate art funding, lobbied downtown developers to include space for the arts in their building projects, and written about trends in African-American theater. While all of that is going on, Chris has continued to help produce Religion & Ethics Newsweekly for PBS. He gets home at 6:30 or so, time enough to be really grateful for Hannah's passion for kitchen creativity. His official job title has been changed to 'religion editor,' from which you should conclude that his colleagues are very patient with this theological earnestness and are trying to channel it in productive ways. His daily routine includes a lot of consulting with colleagues on a variety of stories, wrestling with how to make interesting television while representing the ideas faithfully, and figuring out

who are the best people to interview on a given subject (euthanasia, the Clinton crisis, the just or unjust use of force against Iraq, etc.) Chris made his on-camera debut in the spring, when he interviewed John Polinghorne, a Cambridge physicist who retired and became an Anglican priest. Another story for Chris was the once-a-decade global pow wow of Anglican Bishops in Canterbury, England. Later this month Chris will travel to Zimbabwe for the once-every-eight-years convocation of the World Council of Churches. Both of these latter two stories involve reporting on the state of global Christianity. It's been fascinating to see how the same faith gets pulled and reshaped according to very different cultural contexts. Chris is glad for the change to keep his theological muscles well exercised. Frequent travel has been another feature of our year. Besides Chris' reporting trips, we've been to England three times to visit Hannah's family. We continue to attend the Potter's house Church, a very small store-front congregation about five minutes walk down the street. The small size and open structure mean that we have each had several opportunities to preach and lead worship. We've taken several excellent classes through the church, including one four day retreat with what's called the 'ministry of money.' The idea here is to get your financial life re-oriented so that it reflects the Biblical preference for the poor. This is a complicated, somewhat fraught, long-term thing to take on. We have also had good classes on discerning vocation and another on the disciplines necessary for church membership. One thing we are especially grateful for in the church is the friendship of the other young couples: some of them also have Protestant-Catholic marriages. What's the future? It's a little unclear, and while that bothers us less than it used to, it still bothers us sometimes. Religion & Ethics Newsweekly is, at the moment, funded through the summer. We talk fairly seriously about going someday to Edinburgh, where Chris is interested in a theology PhD and where Hannah could connect with the Edinburgh Festival, as well as be nearer her family's mill in Huddersfield." Hannah & Chris Roberts 2853 Ontario Rd. NW #618, Washington DC 20009. (202) 234-9859. <croberts@religionethics.com> I had a great mini-reunion with Chris and Hannah in Baltimore when I went down there last September for a retreat I helped run for the Bryn Mawr School. Not only did I see Chris and Hannah, but **Louisa Castrodale '92** and **Cynthia Boyd '92** as well. Louisa has her vet degree and is now finishing up one on public health so she can get more involved in wildlife conservation abroad. Cynthia is a doctor who is doing her residency at Johns Hopkins. We laughed and talked over pizza at a local hangout. Everyone was in great spirits. I even got to see Cynthia's apartment and resident lifestyle since I spent one night at her place. 5717 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21210 (410)435-2237. <cboyd@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu> Thanks Cynthia!

Steve Bunyak '92 sent a card at the holiday season: "Greetings from Chicago! We've moved to the City of Big Shoulders on June 1 for Sasha's three-year residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Rehab Institute of Chicago. Everyone is incredibly nice and the program is very strong. Steve continues his environmental consulting, teleworking from a home office (very 90s!), but has begun informational interviews in education and community arts programs. Our sunny two-bedroom apartment on the 21st floor of a hi-rise overlooks the clear green-blue of Lake Michigan. We have enjoyed hosting many of you since June and invite everyone to come for a visit (they say it gets warm again in late May, but there's always something fun going on). We hope to hear from --and see--you soon." Steve & Sasha Bunyak 3950 N. Lake Shore Dr. Apt 2101, Chicago, IL 60613 (773) 529-4542. <bunyak@earthlink.net> A later email updated this: "After almost 5 years in environmental consulting, I have joined the staff of the Chicago Academy of Sciences as the Volunteer Coordinator for its new \$30M Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum! I start on June 1, one day shy of my 30th birthday. I'm so psyched. The museum, to open in late October, will offer six permanent exhibits, a temporary exhibit space, five outdoor gardens and a diverse range of cultural programming. The goal: community-based environmental education specific to the ecology and natural history of the greater Chicago region and the entire midwest. Highlights include Environmental Central (an interactive computer-based scenario similar to SIM City--the first lesson is on the drought facing the midwest), Butterfly Haven (a 28-foot tall atrium greenhouse that will home to a breeding program and living space for 25 different native butterfly and moth species), and Water Lab (a hands-on water testing station for learning more about the characteristics of the Chicago and Fox Rivers, Lake Michigan, and local tap water). In addition to being responsible for recruiting and training a volunteer team of 300, I will have the opportunity to implement museum programming in cooperation with the education and exhibits departments. Its going to be a lot of work, including most weekends and some evenings, but it's exciting to be starting a new career in museum operations, community-based environmental education and cultural programming... We returned from 9 days in France to celebrate our second anniversary and to take our honeymoon (finally!).

Some quick notes from other folks in the class of 1992: **Ben Harley**: "For the first time in more than 18 months, I am going to leave hotel life behind me. Well, not completely (since I still will be traveling at least half the time) but I do have an apartment again. I am very happy to be sending my new coordinates,

(physical that is -- my virtual coordinates, both mobile and email, remain the same): Company: Monitor Company Europe. Business Address: 1 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7HJ Home Address: 26a Gloucester Rd. London SW7 4RB UK Home phone: 44-171-589-6499. Email: <bharley@ibm.net> For the next several months, my home away from home will be Madrid. I apologize if I have been too long absent from your life. I have been sailing a turbulent sea in recent months. With my best wishes and warm regards, Ben.” I heard through the grapevine that **Peter Ackerman** is back east in a play Off-Broadway. **Jael Kampf** is working on a Sioux Language Textbook. Her new address is: P.O. Box 892, Red Lodge, MT 59068-0892. OK--so here's a REALLY stretched FOOT connection. My mother had to find a new home for her dog and she happened upon a lovely elderly lady from New Canaan, CT. We were up on the Vineyard when we had to say goodbye to Jeanelle and I witnessed the transaction. We were chatting along about this and that, and the new owner of our dog asked me what I did and I starting explaining that I ran this backpacking program at Yale when she blurted out, “You mean FOOT?” I was rather surprised that our fame had spread so far and wide and asked her how she knew about FOOT and it turns out she was the grandmother to **Laura Bradford**!! '92 She filled me in that Laura is now a lawyer in New York at one of the big firms there with lots of names. Small world, or should I say small FOOT world.

Anne Cottrell '93 wrote “I finished law school at Berkeley this May, and I've completed two whole weeks at my new job. I'm an attorney with the Oregon Department of Justice, where I'm doing a two-year program starting in the appellate division. I'll be doing criminal work for the first 6 months --not what I'm interested in but what they need me to do, so...Actually, it's very interesting work so far. Doug (my husband of two years) and I just bought a house in Salem (the little-known and often snubbed capital of Oregon). The town seems pretty quiet to us compared to the Bay area, but that is one reason we moved here--to get away from crazy traffic and crowds. Doug works for an internet company, so he was able to convince them to let him work from Oregon and fly down every two weeks to Silicon Valley. We've enjoyed exploring the hiking around here -- it's so green compared to California, and there are some beautiful river trails which also make for nice rollerblading. So we're pretty psyched about our situation here, except for the fact that we know no one in Salem! Well, it's always good to have a project to work on, right? We were down in California two weeks ago to attend a wedding of a law school friend, and who should be there but **Eric Steadman**! He's still a great square dancer (I found to my chagrin that I'm a little rusty on the steps he taught me), and he seemed really excited to starting a teaching job at Sidwell this fall. I think he's teaching math. I'd love to see him in the classroom: I remember the trip that he and I led together, where the FOOTies were a little awed by this crazy guy who never stopped dancing around and talking a mile a minute! I bet Eric's students will be similarly impressed. I also saw **Julie Goodrich Barker** at another wedding this summer. She's in the middle of an MBA program at Harvard. I think she's enjoying the learning process, but it sounds like the workload is heavy. I'm trying to convince her to take a vacation to the Northwest, but it might have to wait 'til she graduates. I guess that's about all the news for now. Thank you for keeping the FOOT network alive!” 3220 Sunridge Dr. S, Salem, OR 97302. **Perry deValpine** '93 came east for a short visit and we had a nice walk together with the dogs. We laughed a bit at how the length of the Adirondacks trips is still debated. He had written “I'm doing well, getting within sight of my PhD and enjoying life in sunny California. And I've been enjoying hanging around with other old FOOTers out here.” Perry is still at Davis getting an advanced degree in ecology. You can reach him at <dpdevalpine@ucdavis.edu> or (530) 753-2637. When he came east he stayed with **Paul Sabin** '93 who now resides in New Haven. His wife is at the law school and he is finishing his PhD in history. I understand he will be teaching a history course at Yale next year. I see him walking his dog on occasion. **Katie Michel** '93 sent this: “I loved getting your FOOT newsletter and then I never know what to say about my life. OKAY, so here goes something in a nutshell. Still in NYC, working as a graphic designer, printing books and fine art prints. It's lots of fun. Also, I'm getting married (Jan 1999) Yup, that's right. The guy's name is Adam Schlesinger-a songwriter/composer/record producer. Ink meets guitars at our house. I'm very happy and feel very lucky. Lots of love and look forward to more FOOT news.” 801 Greenwich St. NY, NY 10014.

Seth Hawkins '93 typed up an informative Christmas letter: “We (Seth and his wife Kelly) are both enjoying this phase of our lives. Seth is in his third year of medical school, which is notable for being the first 'clinical' year. You will recognize his role in the medical hierarchy if you watch ER: he is analogous to Carter in the first year of the show (or Lucy now), except his dialogue isn't as good and he gets less fan mail and far less money. He just finished his pediatrics rotation, which he loved. Barring misfortune he will graduate in May 2000 with an MD. He also feels uncomfortably like Bob Dole while talking about himself in the third person. Kelly continues to work with the Environmental Defense Fund as the “Southeast Region” development officer in the Raleigh, NC office. NC EDF's biggest project recently is trying to contain the hog

industry in NC --over 11 million hungry pigs and counting -- which is an environmental problem of massive proportions. To get a sense of just how massive, check out their 'poop counter' at www.hogwatch.org, which keeps a running account of just how much waste our state's hogs can make. Wow! In the hours we can wrest away from saving lives and the environment, we've been loving the outdoor opportunities our balmy climate allows -- mountain biking, roller hockey, and hiking in the beautiful mountains in western NC. (Seth did admit he missed the New England winters & snow.) Seth continues to work with the local rescue squad, although doing technical rescue (basically getting people out from wherever they managed to get stuck) rather than anything medical. To make this letter truly retrospective to 1998, our most exciting moments were: 1. getting cable (only basic, but we get the animal channel and cartoon network); 2. putting in a new garden, with Seth manfully severing tough roots --including the underground cable; 3. getting cable! again! Seth will be spending May and June in Edinburgh, Scotland studying OB/GYN (imagine all the newborns in their baby kilts). We are often most reachable through email: <hawk@aya.yale.edu>. Phone is (919) 969-8118 and if the voice is scratchy, it's probably one of our cats (Kachina and Phenyl, or 'Chunky' and 'Spunky' in their alter egos)." 207A Purefoy Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514. **Rachelle Lyons and Burch LaPrade** '93 sent news of their new pride & joy: Abbott Warren LaPrade, born on April 9, 1999. "Everyone's tail is a waggin."

Jessica Jones '93 reported that "I have a permanent forwarding address for the rest of my life! It's a scary thought...but now I will never be unreachable again. Just wanted to let all of you know: <jaj@aya.yale.edu> She also wrote, "I am indeed back in the U.S., (in DC) since last February, and I've been enjoying it. At the moment I'm applying for reporting jobs at NPR member stations at Chapel Hill and Newark, and freelancing at the moment. It's hard, but this is definitely the right path to be on. So all is well. I ran into **Chris Roberts** late in the summer as he was buying mangoes at Safeway. He was surprised! It was great to see him, and I hope to hang out with him and his wife soon.

The class of 1994 was also at reunions this May (The BIG 5th). I saw **Meg Wickwire, Charlie Hale** (just missed **Marty**), **JP Pett-Ridge, Ben Madley, Mark Barnett** and **Jay Ready**. I see Jay all the time since he now lives in New Haven and has started his own company called Urban Solutions. It is a wonderful program that revitalizes the inner city with green projects, such as community gardens. He has **David Lewicki** '97 as the co-head. You can reach Jay at <jay@urbansolutions.org>. He's married and living at 101 Colony Road, New Haven. **JP's** news is "I've just taken the BIG plunge into the U of CA @ Berkeley doctoral program and will be here working on Ecosystem Ecology for the next four years (and hopefully not more!) It's always hard to stay in touch, but I'm trying to do better now that I'm on the other end of the continent--so here are some new ways to contact me. Please visit: 501 Forest St. Apt.#1, Oakland, CA 94618. (510) 654-6134. <jeffiner@nature.berkeley.edu> **Charlie** is off to Harvard Business School this fall. I expect a visit from him on the Vineyard. **Marty** is still doing New York. **Meg** was looking very glamorous and had the exciting news of spending the summer in Alaska at a writing workshop. She had written earlier: "As for me, yes, I'm still teaching. I'll be in this for a while, though I expect next year to be my last in LA. I'm glad I've had my western experience, and there really are some good things about this city, but it's just not for me. I need to be where there are forests! I'm aiming at Boston, but I'm still not certain. It's been a whirlwind year at school, so much so that I'm beginning to be a bit frustrated with the administration. I am teaching 6 classes: two ninth grade English, two seventh grade English, and two Computer classes (called 'Technology Skills') That has been a little overwhelming in itself (a new prep and an extra class my second year!), but I'm also having to coach the Equestrian Team, run the environmental club (no mean feat with these city slickers) and work on the newspaper. Needless to say, I don't have much time for myself. Still despite the overload, I still really enjoy the kids, and I still actually like going to work each day. So FOOT news: **Matt Eddy** '93 and **Heidi Ellis** '94 are dating. I may see them both along with **Mark Barnett** and **Ben Madley** in SF in February. I'll see **Greg McClain** '94 and his new wife in Tahoe next weekend. Amazing how strong FOOT ties remain even this far out. Bread Loaf opened a new program in Juneau, Alaska. Needless to say, I'm THERE! It very well may be my last summer on Harvard-Westlake's bill, so I'll savor it all the more. If I'm lucky, I'll take a class with John Elder, a Middlebury Environmentalist Biologist, and he takes the class to Sitka to meet Richard Nelson. Wow." **Mark Barnett** and **Ben Madley** are operating an aquaculture business in the Bay area. Mark informed me that he may be hanging around New Haven some since his girlfriend, **Katherine Gergen** '96 is going to Yale Med School. (I have to tell you that I did go up to her dad at some big Yale function and tell him that I knew his daughter as a FOOT leader. He knew all about us and was quite complementary!) And get this -- **Heidi Ellis** ('94) little brother Curt is now a FOOT leader!

Ben Strauss '94 wrote the following: "I just got back (July 1998) from my three-month peregrination: ski mountaineering in the French Alps; hiking, snorkeling, cooking school in Thailand;

rainforest trekking in Malaysia; then back to the Alps for family vacation and a wedding; and finally a bike trip in northern Spain. In Thailand and Malaysia, I traveled with Josh Seven '96 (he may have been a FOOTie). A highlight was an all-night hike through the Malaysian forest; besides a bewildering array of bugs, our headlamps picked out the glowing eyes of a civet, a jungle cat, and a mouse deer (a deer the size of a rabbit, but with fangs). Now I must say I am thoroughly refreshed and quite eager to start up with grad school. I load up my car and drive out to Seattle in a couple of weeks...my 'work' address for the next 4-7 years (!) will be: Dept. of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195." Ben's home address is 420 West Armour St. Seattle, WA 98119. "By the way, I agree much with your assessment of Thailand. There definitely were beautiful things left to see, but areas untouched by ugly development or tourism were fairly few and far between. It was hard to get a real sense of adventure, when cabdrivers compete for your fare to the next main connections as you step off the train at 3am in a small town." "Tell **Geoff Tanner** 'cous-cous' for me." <benstrauss@hotmail.com> I also talked on the phone with **Elizabeth Murdock** '94 who is now working at the National Wildlife Federation in DC. She is happy in love. I hear she made an appearance at the reunion, but I missed her. 2736 Courtland Pl. NW, Washington DC 20008 (202) 332-1637 <e_murdock@hotmail.com>.

An email from **Scott Walsh** '94 stated: "Things down here (DC) are good. I see **Peter Braasch** ('95) fairly often and **Eric Greenwald** ('90) occasionally as well. He and Peter and Jon Ready (Jay's younger brother) went flatwater kayaking on the Potomac last fall, and are planning some trips around the area to do more of the same this spring. My big news is that I got accepted to business school! I've decided that the way to approach my environmental vocation is through the business angle. I want to show companies how to be more responsible environmentally while maintaining or increasing their profits (I think it's the best way to motivate them). I feel like I know the environmental policy side of things pretty well now, but I don't really understand how business works at all -- so business school it is. I'll be heading to Charlottesville, VA to go to UVA's business school this fall. I am really excited. The other big news is that I took 7 weeks off from my job this winter to travel through England, Belgium, France and Morocco. My girlfriend (Sasha) was doing a semester of law school in London, so I hung out with her for a while there, did a one-week internship with an international environmental consulting firm in Brussels, and then traveled with Sasha and her Mom through Morocco for 3 weeks. It was an amazing experience. I think I've told you about Sasha before --she was a FOP leader at Harvard. She rowed there too; we met rowing at a club down here in DC before she took off for Texas for law school. She's moving back to DC this summer, so we'll be together for a while, and Charlottesville isn't too far away from here--it's a beautiful 2 hour drive. I hope all is well for you and that FOOT is staying wonderful as it gets bigger and bigger. I'm sure that you are keeping it special for each new group." I see **Jen Weyburn** '94 because she is now working for Yale-in-China (after having been a participant herself) and the school I work at--Hopkins--is now setting up an exchange program through YIC.

I saw **Dave Lambert** '94 last summer when he was in New Haven to help his girlfriend **Emily Wilk** '96 get settled into a summer job in the city. It turned out that Emily house-sat my house as well as **Micah Jacobs** '99 who was not only a recent Head Co-ordinator of FOOT but was Emily's FOOTie when he was a freshman! What comes around comes around... Emily may be off to med school now. Many of you say you have seen **Jason Soll** '94 who is in the Bay area. His name keeps surfacing so I guess he is alive and well.

Peter Braasch '95 wrote from DC: "As far as life is concerned, I am doing pretty well here in DC. I am still working for Restore America's Estuaries. I'll have been here 2 years in April. I am still enjoying the city and the job, but I am starting to get restless and think beyond estuaries and DC. I am actually considering trying to find a way to explore life in the private sector. I recently broke up with Alexis and am trying to deal with the emotional fallout of ending a 17 month relationship. It has been pretty hard...Definitely the right thing, but I have lost a cherished friend. I am amazed that the 'right thing' can hurt so badly, and I do not think that I have ever hurt somebody so close to me so much ever before. My health has been quite good. I am continuing to enjoy lots of yoga and swimming. In fact, I am in training for some open-water swims (1.5-2.5 miles, swimming marathons) this summer. One of these in Rhode Island in July/August. I am also looking to put together some good kayaking trips this spring and summer, so please give me a yell if you are interested in that. So, life is good, sometimes great. If any of you are ever in or near DC, you have a place to stay and a home cooked meal." 1510 Caroline St. NW, Washington DC 20009. (202) 483-0259. <pbraasch@estuaries.org>. A neighbor of mine was on a rafting trip with her father in Utah and guess who was their river guide! Yes, **Anne Egger** '95 -- so I presume she is still in Bluff in that magnificent desert countryside. I believe **Sarah Kelley** '95 is out in San Francisco designing and making costumes for theater productions.

Good old **Geoff Tanner** '95 came back last August and helped with support crew in the Catskills! We were thrilled to have him back for his expertise and good humor. It was a dry summer and support crew had to make several water runs to groups. We also had to watch out for Ranger Pat. Do you believe she called me up in the middle of the summer because she wanted the middle initial of the leaders' names for the permits?!! Geoff has been teaching math at Cheshire Academy near New Haven and is off to graduate school in the near future.

I see **Tom Perriello** '96 around town on occasion since he is now at Yale Law School. I saw **Mora Segal** '96 at her brother's wedding (he was marrying the daughter of a friend of mine from the Vineyard). She is living in Boston actually working with her brother putting together regional sports magazines.

Debbie Gross '97 sent the following: "I am in Maine. I spent the past week at a field station about as far east as you can go, taking a field ecology class, focusing on plant ecology. This morning before I left I went sea kayaking with a friend and saw inquisitive seals circling us in the water. I wish I could tell you that I saw whales...but I did see some eagles and bear tracks. I have been working since March ('98) for the Maine Natural Areas Program--a group partly with the Nature Conservancy and partly with the Maine Department of Conservation--focusing on conserving and mapping rare plants and natural communities. Currently I'm looking for a new job in September, and if all works out well, will be working on Watershed Conservation in Dutchess County, NY. In the summer of '97 I was working on a vegetable/flower farm in Maine and took a day trip to the White Mountains with a friend from Germany. I was just telling her about AT thruhikers, when I heard my name, looked up, and there was **Dan Filler** '96! I almost didn't recognize him, he had such a bushy beard. I didn't know he was working in Maine! After I worked on the farm I spent the winter teaching cross country skiing in Vermont, the FOOT experience definitely helped me teach with confidence. The best part was leading elderhostel groups on night skis with headlamps. Sometimes the moonlight was bright enough to turn off the lamps and glide over the shimmering silver snow crisscrossed with animal tracks. Who should turn up in Craftbury, Vermont but the whole **Heitler** family! They were very kind and invited me to their room to celebrate Hanukkah. It was great to talk with **Jesse** '97 and **Sarah** '95. Jesse's Denver business is going well, but he was starting to plan a change for the future. I'm curious to what he is up to now. Have a great summer. I'm also learning to play the fiddle Irish/Appalachian style." Her address is now P.O. Box 355 Rosendale, NY 12472 so it looks like Debbie is in NY these days. **Luke Hansen** '97 wrote me over the winter. He was toying with the idea of doing a NOLS instructor's course but then decided not to. He is going to medical school and my guess is that he is going to Chicago since I haven't gotten wind of him back in New Haven. Are we surprised that wilderness medicine does interest him quite a bit-- things like altitude sickness and tropical illnesses. This summer he is either with family in LA, with friends out east or with friends and family in Chicago. So--he could be anywhere!!

Leah Angell '97 was teaching at the Peddie School in New Jersey for the last two years, but now she is heading to Harvard Divinity School, where she will get a Master of Divinity and focus on comparative religions. Her addresses: June-Sept. 13: 5 Paddington Ct., Baltimore, MD 21212 (410)433-7111. As of Sept 13: 25 Linden Ave. #26, Somerville, MA 02143. **Meredith Forte** '97 was still in Guatemala working on a project to address population and environmental issues the last time I heard from her. I presume **Blake Esselstyn** '96 is working there too. **Cat Balco** '97 is in Vermont doing artwork for an interior decorating firm. **Kayla Tabela** '97 was working for **Jesse Heitler** in Denver and has since moved back to Rhode Island. Future plans include medical school. She and **Leah Kelley** '98 still hang out together. Leah is at medical school in Chicago. She is hoping to start a medical outdoor wilderness program, similar to the one we helped start at the Yale Medical School (MOOT). Kayla can be reached at 21 Sandy Way, Cumberland, RI 02864. (401) 658-2662. Leah's at: 5403 S. Harper, Apt. 1, Chicago 60615.

Jesse Heitler '98 founder of the Pangea Project in Denver (a cyberspace production) stopped by for a short visit. FOOT this year is headed by the THIRD Heitler, **Jacob**. The Heitler Dynasty lives on! **Sarah** '95 is still in Israel. I received a short email from **Amy Scheffler** '98 who is now at Cornell Medical School. She is helping to organize yet another FOOT-like program there. **Fran Franze** '98 wrote last fall: "Last weekend I took the LSAT and am now slowly making my way through a ton of law school applications. In a week or so I'm going to start 'tempting' to get enough money to visit some buddies who are living in Italy. January will mark the true beginning of my adventures for by then I will be in Tokyo teaching English and studying Judo. I can't wait! This summer I went to a language boot-camp of sorts which helped me learn a bit of Japanese. The language program was in Middlebury. Vermont is absolutely gorgeous! Unfortunately I had very little time to hike and camp because I was studying all day....Participating in FOOT really helped me grow as a person. I have so many happy memories and have made so many lasting friendships. Much love to ya..." **Dawn Ogawa** '98 sent a brief note: "I'm off to Kobe, Japan with a Fulbright this year..hope to

travel to some of those FOOT Leader trodden areas of SE Asia as well.” <dawnogawa@yahoo.com>.

Michele Anderson '98 is still in New Haven working for LEAP, a program for inner-city kids. I ran into **Alec Bemis** '98 in Naples Pizza. He had just returned from a long visit to Europe and was then heading west. His address is in L.A. **Kristen Michaelides** '98 actually sent this to Steve with whom she had taken a course at the forestry school: “October, 1998: I am traveling in the West for a few month, something I have always dreamed of. So many environmental writers have spent some time in the places I am visiting, it feels incredible to finally see the landscapes they once wrote in the midst of. I will be returning to New England in late November, and will then spend time applying to graduate programs in forestry for the coming year. I hope to apply to the doctoral program at the Yale School of Forestry. The time I spent as an undergraduate up at the forestry school inspired me, and I would love the opportunity to pursue an advanced degree there... p.s. I spent the summer on the Education Staff of the Appalachian Mountain Club in Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire. I led adults on 2-4 backpacking and canoeing trips, teaching them wilderness skills and the natural history and ecology of the area. Please let Cilla know that the skills I gained in leading FOOT trips were extremely helpful throughout the summer -- it was wonderful to feel as if I were leading one FOOT trip after another the whole summer long!” <kristenvm@aol.com> **Jim Carothers** '98 is at Harvard, but I am not sure which graduate school.

Daniel Schwartz '98 related, “The med school epidemic is more widespread than you thought. **Katie Morgan, Amy Scheffler** and I are also going to be doctors, assuming all goes well. I am going to Jefferson in Philadelphia, but I'm deferring a year (this was written 7/98). I'm now looking for jobs for the year. I'd like to find a job in Boston or New York doing some sort of health care related work. If I could do educational outreach, that would be great. I'd also like to keep playing ultimate frisbee, and there's a team I could play with in the Boston area. In brief other news, **Brian Lavery** and I are planning to go backpacking in late August. It would be too strange if we didn't.” Also at med school from that class are **Matt Stiebel** and **Max Laurans** who are at Yale. They are running MOOT this year, the FOOT medical school spin-off, after being run by **Melissa Lee** '97 last year. I believe **Boots (Matt) Kronman** '98 will be heading there this year too after deferring a year. I heard from **Kristen Karsh** '98 who was working at the Museum of Natural History in New York. I had worked there years ago so we shared some gossip about the old place. She was hoping to lead trips for Longacre Expeditions this summer so I hope she is now outdoors having a blast.

And finally news of the class of 1999: **Brian Kinlan** is off to Europe for three months and then he'll be back in DC this fall teaching biology and applying for grad school. He has a wonderful grant that will follow him wherever he goes. **Lucy Schaeffer** will be teaching in Florence and **Jeff Griggs** will be teaching in London. **Micah Jacobs** will be going to Yale Med School (and doing MOOT!)

So that wraps things up for 1999. Steve and I did a little traveling this year to Portugal, Spain and France. I loved the hilltop villages in Portugal and certainly the Loire Valley in France. We went back to Angers where I had lived one summer during high school. We visited western Pennsylvania to see Falling Water, the country home built by Frank Lloyd Wright, which is almost a religious experience. Steve was on sabbatical this spring and was all over the place. He is working on another book about nature and the built environment. I am now into biking (I bike up East Rock almost every day when I am in New Haven), power walking, and of course, tennis. When all my joints hurt, there is always swimming. My best advice there is to find a variety of activities so that when you can't do one, another will fill the void. At the moment I am pain free. I am also doing yoga with the ex-wife of Michael Bolton! I still have two dogs, Samson & Willy and two cats, Alda (who replaced Aldo, who was tragically killed by a car in December) and Leo, in honor of Aldo Leopold. Please keep sending in your letters, emails, postcards and pictures. Remember any babies qualify for a FOOT T-shirt and you may still purchase that FOOT hat you always wanted. Remember the FOOT Jason Karpf Scholarship Fund (checks payable to FOOT) in memory of our beloved friend Jason. This year, among other recipients, we were able to give a full scholarship to someone from Nepal! Here's how to reach me: Summers (mostly July): P.O. Box 6042, West Chop, MA 02573. (508) 693-8338. In New Haven: 57 Edgehill Rd., New Haven, CT 06511 (203) 865-9126. Or now I have my own email (though I am not looking at it while I am on the Vineyard): <priscilla.kellert@yale.edu>. Please send me your email addresses; I am still updating the listserv (wasn't I last year?!) I love hearing from all of you--your adventures, loves, concerns and triumphs. You are all GREAT!! XOXOXOXO Cilla
P.S. We need to work on the 15th anniversary year trip! Actually 1999 is our 15th Year!

