

Dear **FOOT Alumni Leaders**,

It's been quite a year, with September 11<sup>th</sup> still having aftershocks. Some things seem normal with their natural cycles—spring hitting New England and longer wonderful days with FOOT applications piling up, while other things seems so out of whack—you just need to turn on the evening news and worry about what next. FOOT is still going strong, with about 400 freshmen participating, with an additional 50 now going on HARVEST, the program to local organic farms. I am still in New Haven—if you haven't been back in a number of years, you might be impressed with the vitality of the city. Downtown is a hotspot for young people. However, I am counting the days until I head for the Vineyard where I will be for the month of July. In early August, Steve and I will be heading to Australia for a short adventure (after a very long plane ride)!

So now for the news. I realize some of it seems directed towards me—but I like to think of it as the collective me—in other words—to all of you!<sup>1</sup> I was able to briefly catch up with **Jamie Williams '86**, our student founder, when he came to New Haven to give a special lecture at the Forestry School. Jamie still heads the Nature Conservancy in Montana where he and his wife **Florence Williams '89** are having fun with their new son, Benjamin Chesnut Williams who was born July 12, 2001. Jamie's specialty is working with local ranchers and farmers on community based management of their lands. **Sue Lamar '86** sent in her lovely holiday card. She is still in New Mexico. **Liz Ablow '87** with husband Dick, and kids Jacob and Sara sent some Season's Greetings in April. As she said: "Better Late than Never. I know this is a little odd sending a global 2002 cheer in April. But, the truth of the matter is that the New year is a little bit arbitrary...so we are arbitrarily forming our own time for wishing everyone well and letting you know that we are thinking of you." <[Walablo@aol.com](mailto:Walablo@aol.com)> I have been in touch with **Greg Felt '88** to get our rafting trip up and running again for next June. You might have caught a glimpse of him working his booth at the Denver Fly-Fishing Show. More on the trip later. **Christine Walravens '88** wrote this: "I am still in Albuquerque, about to start my last year of pediatric residency. We will be moving to Denver in a year, where I hope to find work doing outpatient general pediatrics. Our son Nicholas is four and quite an outdoor enthusiast, unfortunately the mountains around us are all closed due to fire danger. Take care!" <[cwalravens@salud.unm.edu](mailto:cwalravens@salud.unm.edu)>

I heard from **Joanna Rosen '88** for the first time in a long time: "I've been out of touch for a long time, but the most recent FOOT newsletter inspired me to catch up!! I still remember fondly housesitting for you and your husband on Edgehill and killing off your houseplants by over-watering. Hope they have recovered by now!! I got married to my brother's best friend, Neal Katyal, last June and moved from SF to Washington DC. I have been working as a primary care physician. Our first baby, a boy, is due in August (2001). We are very, very excited!!!! Right after the birth, we plan to move to New Haven for the year, where my husband will be teaching at the law school as a visiting professor. I plan to take the year off (yahoo) and be a mom. It was great to hear about FOOT folks from the old days!!!" Then Joanna sent this in this June: "My 8 months were spent quickly, moving to two different houses and taking care of my now 10 month old son, Rem. It is amazing how all consuming that can be. I was able to audit a few classes, most notably a wonderful literature seminar by Harold Bloom. That's about it. My husband, Neal Katyal, and I are spending the summer in Italy, where Neal was invited to give some lectures. Then we return to Washington DC for the time being. We are hoping (believe it or not) to end up back in New Haven in the near future. For now, gelato and espresso are the order of the day!"

[joanna\\_rosen@hotmail.com](mailto:joanna_rosen@hotmail.com). Her old co-leader **Roger Wynne '88** wrote: "I wanted to pass along to you all the news that I have accepted a position as a Senior Assistant City Attorney in the land use section of the Seattle City Attorney's Office. I am very excited about the prospect of practicing the law I most enjoy for the city I love. My last day at Preston is one week from today, August 1, (2001). I will start at the City on September 10. I'm now getting to work on my favorite kind of law (shaping and preserving landscapes and neighborhoods) for the city I love, all without having to run a for-profit business on top of it. The learning curve is steep, but I am digging it so far. I am planning to have lunch or coffee with fellow City employee, **Liz Ablow**, in the next week or so. I have opened an email account with Yahoo. The address for me there is [rogerwy@yahoo.com](mailto:rogerwy@yahoo.com). The tried and true methods of reaching us at home remain in place: Roger Wynne and Esther Bartfeld 5903 Greenwood Ave. N. Seattle, WA 98103. 206-789-4206.

Big hugs were sent from **Ann Vileisis '89** Box 814 Southbury, CT 06488 203-264-9191 "You have all our best wishes for a playful cozy Christmas and a new year filled with happiness, joy, love, beauty, and peace! Our travels took us following in your footsteps around the Black Hills this fall; most of the year we've spent working/living on the coasts. Oregon is fantastic. Hoping to possibly connect on the FOOT trip this summer. Ann and Tim." And then just this: Thanks so much for prompting us all for news and patching together such an amazing newsletter. I can't tell you how much I love to keep abreast of fellow footies. Tim and I are still nomading and writing, mostly in CA in the Pacific Northwest. Tim's new book **PACIFIC HIGH:ADVENTURES IN THE COAST RANGES FROM BAJA TO ALASKA** will be out soon, and we are planning a 3 month book tour beginning in Vancouver BC in September and then moving south along the coast through December. If any footies in west coast towns and cities are interested in hearing about booksignings or slide presentations in their area, let me know at [avileisis@yahoo.com](mailto:avileisis@yahoo.com) and we'll send you a postcard to invite you to the event closest to you. My book investigating food and environmental history has been quite challenging, but I keep plugging along. This past year, we were happy to see many foot friends: the Sayers in the Black Hills, Tiff (Bingham) Cunningham, and Jamie and Flo Williams in Montana! That's all for now. Hope that you are thriving; have a fabulous Martha's Vineyard stint! big hugs, Ann." **Karen Shipley Taylor '89** sent a brief hello. "Thank you Cilla for even attempting to have a reunion trip. It can be a lot of work so thank you for doing it!" She is still nearby in Danbury, CT [TaylorKS@aol.com](mailto:TaylorKS@aol.com). **Carrie Hatcher-Kay '89** Thanks SOO much for the t-shirts and note. Our little one will look awesome in a FOOT-to-be shirt! It was fun seeing the new designs. Very creative indeed. You must have quite a collection now! Wow - so many applicants for leader positions. That's so awesome. I'm feeling the baby now regularly and that's a trip and a half. I'm at 20 weeks and beginning to show for sure. It's quite exciting. Life is good - just too much work, but I enjoy it most the time quite a lot. I hope you're doing great. Take good care, Carrie A. Hatcher-Kay, Ph.D. '89 Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry University of Michigan 822 Lolola Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

**Trex Proffitt '89** always sends in his annual newsletter: "We're delighted to announce the arrival of the newest member of our family. Lauren Elizabeth Proffitt was born last month! Lauren surprised us by coming four weeks early, but was considerate enough to give her mom a fast, nearly pain-free delivery. At birth she weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. (as did her mom 34 years ago!) and was a skinny 19 1/2 in. long. Her first words were "Waah!" and "Ugh!" We chose the name Lauren Elizabeth because to us it means "Victorious Child

of God,” and also reminds us of her Auntie Laura and the many Elizabeths in the family. Lauren was born with a birth defect called *gastroschisis*, which is a hole in the abdominal wall. Although we were forewarned about her condition (thank goodness for ultrasounds!) she spent her first few weeks in the hospital. Lauren had surgery at five days old and spent the next two weeks recovering in the NICU. Everything went well and we were so relieved when she came off the medically induced paralysis and ventilator. She will have one of the most interesting abdominal scars around—a line right across her belly button—so perhaps we can avoid the need for additional cosmetic piercing and tattoos during her teenage years. The hospital seems long behind us now. Lauren has already been home for about as long as she spent in the NICU, and we think she likes the sun and birds and flowers in Riverside a lot better! She seems to be thriving and we’re certainly glad to have her here with us. Catherine is doing a great job taking care of her “baby sister,” but also likes pretending to be a baby herself! She enjoys bottles more than ever, and always wants us to hold her “like a little baby.” Sometimes, she corrects us when we call her Catherine and says, “No, I’m Lauren.” Now, as for getting those toddler size squash rackets . . . Love, The Proffitts (Trex, Beth, Catherine, Lauren, and don’t forget Opus!) I love hearing from **Toby Kovacs** ’89 who usually handwrites a note (so old-fashioned!) in a card with a beautiful nature scene on the cover: “Dear Cilla, I’ve been meaning to write to you since I saw Stephen in an issue of Yale Today about two months ago. (Steve was given a Chair Professorship at Yale.) Since then of course we’ve had the plane attacks. So I had two reasons to write . . . One, please congratulate your husband on becoming the Tweedy/Ordway Professor. And two, my family and friends are all safe, as I hope yours are. The closest call my family had was my grandmother who was on her way to work across the street from the WTC when the second plane hit. Though she doesn’t move too fast (she’s 82!), she quickly got out of harm’s way. It’s hard to feel fortunate however when so many other people perished or lost love ones. Again, I hope everyone close to you is ok. See you on the trail again, Toby. **Ben Saylor** --also from the class of ’89—such a loyal group—sent this in: “Betsy, Jay, and I have had a great year full of FOOT reunions. **Ann Vileisis** and her hubby, Tim Palmer, paid us a wonderful visit here in South Dakota back in November. They gave spectacular slide shows to the Spearfish community, and Ann discussed her experiences as a writer with an introductory English class here at Black Hills State. Following the “work,” we took two excellent hikes -- one in a ponderosa pine forest near our home in the northern Black Hills and another through the Buffalo Gap Grasslands at Wind Cave National Park to our south. Among the highlights were 8 elk, 2 coyotes, hundreds of prairie dogs, 20 bison, a great-horned owl, majestic cottonwoods, willows, oaks, birches, aspens, a creek dropping into a limestone sink-hole, and an astonishing array of grasses. We also had the pleasure of reuniting not once, not twice, but thrice with **Trexler**, Beth, and their adorable girls (Catherine and Lauren) in their new environs of Southern California. On our most recent visit, they met us at the Palm Springs airport, and we spent the day eating (imagine that) and exploring a local children’s science museum with our little ones. Finally, and I don’t know if it counts since it happened some 54 weeks ago, Betsy, Jay, and I got to spend a wonderful day and a half with **Tiffany**, husband Jimmy, and a menagerie of pets at their charming historic home in Salem, CT. That’s all my news. Feel free to cut liberally. Love, Ben.” [saylor@dtgnet.com](mailto:saylor@dtgnet.com). I got a great photo and note from **Kristen Mitchell** ’89. She was hiking in the San Juan Islands with son Drake, 17 months (now a year later). She is still living in Soldotna, Alaska.

Now a word from **Eric Greenwald** ’90. We missed him this year...support crew will never be the same! “Hello, everyone (and happy new year). As a general matter, I would also love to hear from all sorts of other people (especially those with whom I have lost touch - it seems there are so many of you) even if only to say ‘hello.’ I hope that FOOT-folk everywhere are doing well. I am going to be doing a bit of globe trotting for at least one month (possibly four), and I wanted to see if I could find someone to sublet my apartment. If you are interested, either send me an email <[eric.greenwald@aya.yale.edu](mailto:eric.greenwald@aya.yale.edu)>, or give me a call at 202.986.4534. Thanks!” I got this news recently from **Eve Porter** ’90: “Thanks once again for doing this! I have news, too. My fiance, Duncan Zuckerman, and I are getting married in August and then loading the dogs (Circe & Picus) in the car for a drive (plus hike, camp, explore) through mountains and up the Maine coast. Duncan’s just moved back to Massachusetts from Montpelier, VT, where he’s attending the New England Culinary Institute. Needless to say, I’m eating better now than I was during the 6 months we were living apart, and we’ve done a LOT of driving between Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. I’m still working for Isaacson, Miller, an executive search firm specializing in finding senior leaders for non-profits, universities, schools, hospitals and other healthcare organizations. We have found some fantastic people this year for some great places, so things are going well. Take care, and my best to everyone.” [portereve@yahoo.com](mailto:portereve@yahoo.com).

**Michael Kahan** ’90 her Co-Head Coordinator (We call them Poohbas now) wrote: “Hello! I’m sorry I’ve been out of touch for so long. As you gathered from my address, I am in California (1516 Lilac Lane, Mountain View CA 94043)! I moved out here with my wife Gabriella and daughter Eva in the fall of 1998 when Gabriella got a job teaching at Stanford. Eva then was eight months old; now she’s four and a half (that half is \*very\* important!), and she has a sister, Frieda, who just turned one in May! I’m a part-time at-home dad: I spend my mornings with the girls (at the library, the park, or even going on hikes!), while in the afternoons they go to daycare. This schedule gives me time to do my other job: work on my dissertation (in American history, at the University of Pennsylvania). I’m very close (finally!) I expect to finish this summer. We’re very much enjoying life in California (we survived our first earthquake this spring!). Here in the Bay Area our closest FOOT-friends are **Tali Zulman** and her family; she also has two girls, each about a year older than ours. Next year, however (academic 2002-2003), my wife will be on leave from Stanford, and we’ll be heading back East! We’ll spend the year in Philadelphia, where my wife will have a fellowship and I’ll be teaching part-time at Penn. We’re looking forward to seeing our east-coast friends again, and maybe even heading up to New Haven (where my brother-in-law lives). Have a great summer! Love, Michael.” [mkahan@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:mkahan@sas.upenn.edu). Here’s another ’90 classmate: Teri Johnson: “I have been out of touch for so long -- I have many questions: I have lost track of many FOOTies -- Anne Vileisis, Tiff Bingham, Trex & Beth Proffitt... Does your newsletter include a directory? Does the listserv accept photo scans? Or do you have an address where we can send photos? I am about to drive from North Carolina to Arkansas for a visit... but wanted to pass on some photographs from FOOT 1987 (when I was on support crew with Michael Kahan and Tom Beierle) and assorted training/ FOOT/TOE 1988: Renny, Beth, Max, Moshe, Steve, Carrie, Ben, Trex, Betsy, Anne, and many whose names are lost to me... it’s been 14 years... the freezing cold salty group dip in the sound off Wolf Island, trust exercises, etc. and even one Adirondack scouting trip in the Green Bomb station wagon. Most recent FOOTies I have seen were Kashka Kubzdela at our 10-year Yale reunion 2000, and Ben and Betsy Saylor at a Yale Y2K wedding in Chicago. I am currently living in a small town in the middle of North Carolina, between the mountains and the Outer Banks. I have been teaching English as a Second Language (K-5th grades) and own a small photography business. I am a Critical Incident Response worker for the National Press Photographer Association. And I am also thinking about starting back to school (PhD English/Psych) in my late-30s. Does anyone do that anymore? It seems strange to imagine myself to be an older back-to-school mom. My son Makai will turn 11 in August. He was born in Northern California, where we lived for 7 years before moving back near

my family in Arkansas. I have always been a single mom but have been thinking seriously the past 2 years of marrying a photojournalist. We met my fiance William Thompson in AR before he left for Kosovo on a 6-month Public Affairs assignment (2000). When he returned, we all moved to NC. Bill has stayed put for over a year now; he teaches Photojournalism and is building a wooden sailboat at the side of the house which he hopes to take up the Intracoastal Waterway. Our plans are to expand the stock photography portion of our business so that we can "take it on the road" -- so to speak -- while attempting to circumnavigate the globe at a leisurely pace, completing photojournalism assignments. I hope you're doing great and are geared up for FOOT 2002! 'Teri' '90." Theresa L. Johnson  
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From the class of '91, **Emel Gokyigiy Wadhani**: "Sorry for a long interruption in news. Your 'Year in Pictures' was great to receive -- and of course I also received and read with interest the annual FOOT newsletter. We're well, but tired and busy. I'm in the middle of a clerkship with the 1st Circuit here in Boston. Interesting and difficult cases and very enjoyable, satisfying work. Dan is rushing to finish his dissertation in time for a post-doc at Harvard Business School which he starts in September. Our son Kenan is now 2 1/2 and very much a person in his own right -- charming, but certainly strong-minded. He seems to be weathering the year well, with significant help from granma (my mother), who has moved to the area to help with childcare. If we make it through the next few months, we hope to take him on his first camping/backpacking trip in August. Hope you are well and that FOOT is as great as always. I have not made it to New Haven in some time. Do you ever come up to Boston? Wow, I'm impressed by how FOOT has grown! I expect to move at the end of the summer (within Boston -- the househunt is on now), but you can always find me at my permanent e-mail: [egw@post.harvard.edu](mailto:egw@post.harvard.edu). Stay in touch. Emel." Emel was also a Head Coordinator. And from her Co-Head: **Chris Roberts**: Thank you very much for the copy of *The Good in Nature and Humanity* which came today (actually Steve sent this to him—it's his new book.). Thank you so much for these letters. They are such great things, and you work so hard. I think I've told you before that your formidable work ethic is definitely one of the things I still carry with me from my time as summer coordinator and co-coordinator. I remember phoning you early in the morning (something you taught me to do), but you were already outside cutting your grass. I'm still not up to your level, but I'm trying. **Eric Steadman's** wedding was fantastic. **Peter Ackerman** (a groomsman/usher) and **Paul Sabin** were also there. Eric is now the husband of an Episcopalian clergywoman. His wife Rita is wonderful, beautiful, charming, smart, and she can canoe too. The two of them worked really hard putting together a ceremony that had integrity for both of them, which included a great reading from Wendell Berry. I was the best man and made a speech at the reception. You'll have to ask Eric, Peter or Paul if it was any good. Let's just say that since it was a proper Georgetown Episcopalian wedding, so I had to strut my stuff as a theology PhD student and say profound sounding stuff about why Eric is a great guy, but, since it was a FOOT wedding, anecdotes of public nudity also featured prominently. From now on, please use my new email address, which is [christopher.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:christopher.roberts@blueyonder.co.uk). Many of you know that for the last few weeks Hannah has also had a new address, which is [hannahr@fish.co.uk](mailto:hannahr@fish.co.uk). William Goodenough House Flat 833 Mecklenburgh Square London WC1N 2AN tel: 0207-837-8888, ext. 5833." Chris also shared with us the very sad news of the passing of Hannah's father.

And so from the groom himself: **Eric Steadman** '91 "Cilla! I loved this year's FOOT letter, A HUGE hug to you:) Last year I was heading up to visit **Peter Ackerman**, and I was taking the non-stop bus from DC to NYC. For reading material, I had brought your FOOT newsletter, at its current length, it took up most of the ride! It was so heart-warming and exciting to read. But my biggest reaction was, Wow! Cilla does such an amazing job with FOOT! I am so happy you are in charge of it and you put the work into these incredible letters that keep us all in touch. It really is remarkable and special, thank you so much. I also reprimanded myself for never writing for you, and vowed that I would as soon as I got back to DC. Well, as I said, it has been some time, another FOOT letter has arrived, and I still haven't written. So here goes! As someone alluded in the last FOOT letter, I did indeed get married this past summer of 2001 to Rita Henninger. It was a beautiful June 24 here in Washington, D.C., and our ceremony was at Christ Church, Georgetown, where Rita is a deacon. Since she works at the church, the ceremony was jammed with over 450 parishioners, family, and friends. That made for quite a large reception, with crazy logistics. Our solution was to close off the street and have a block party reception right in front of the church! It was a great success, with a band from our time at Yale, the Thermostats, providing music. Several FOOTies were there, including **Chris Roberts** (best man), **Peter Ackerman** (attendant to the groom), and **Paul Sabin**. Peter had been in my FOOT group when I led with **Jeanette DeMallie** [and he told hilarious stories at the rehearsal brunch about me forgetting my wool cap, misreading the map, and blowing up a Whisperlite stove. After the wedding we headed over to Spain for a month-long honeymoon. We rented a house in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, where we took long walks in the beautiful Spanish summer afternoons and evenings. Our village was about 30 minutes from Grenada, where we visited the Alhambra and other sites. Now we are living in DC; I am in my fourth year teaching high school math at Sidwell Friends School, and Rita is at the church. I would love to compare notes sometime about teaching high schoolers, Cilla! We would also love to hear from FOOT folks out there (202-333-6557, [steadmane@sidwell.edu](mailto:steadmane@sidwell.edu)). We haven't done too much camping lately, but we did have a terrific week-long Maine canoe trip with Chris and Hannah Roberts in the summer of 2000. And Chris got together with college friends to give me and Rita a canoe for our wedding present. Now that is just unbelievably cool, I enclosed a check for the Jason Karpf Fund. Such a great guy. I hope it supports a wonderful FOOTie for a trip this summer." <[steadmane@sidwell.edu](mailto:steadmane@sidwell.edu)>

Still from the incredible class of '91, **Danielle Berger**: "Thanks for working so hard to keep us up to date on each others' doings. I have happy news: I am moving to Switzerland in early July and marrying Amos Lapidot in August. He is Israeli but lives in Zurich on account of his post at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Just so happens I'm half Swiss and speak Schwyzerduutsch. He's the bee's knees and the cat's meow and the apple of my eye...I feel tremendously lucky. We'll be living in Zurich a five minute walk from the (swimmable!) lake and on top of a mountain bike trail. Bliss. Leaving my community at the New Jewish High School (the Eden I found through Sara Heitler) will be difficult, but I've found work as an English language and literature teacher in a public college-prep high school. Unfortunately, their school year begins the day after my wedding. Can you say hectic in German, French and Italian?? We'll be taking our holiday before the wedding--in the Alps, of course! Take care, Danielle." [danielle.berger@hotmail.com](mailto:danielle.berger@hotmail.com). **Milena Novy** '91 recently sent this: "Good to hear from you. As always I look forward to your newsletter. My big news is that my husband Robert and I are expecting our first baby in September. It is an exciting time. We are still living in Berkeley, and I am doing economic, antitrust consulting in San Francisco. I hope you are well--take care! I'm still looking forward to the reunion and hoping I can come (next year?) Milena Novy-Marx (changed my last name after getting married last August 4 in Sonoma)." <[mknovy@yahoo.com](mailto:mknovy@yahoo.com)>

**Joshua Barkan** '91 wired: "Hi everyone, Please use my new e-mail address: [jbarkan@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:jbarkan@fas.harvard.edu). The old one at Yahoo will still work, but the Harvard address is more convenient. Thanks, Josh." Do you think he is doing something up at Harvard?? **Diana**

**Fisher Gomberg** '91 got this in: "Hi, Cilla! Greetings from the Charles River in Newton, MA. Richard and I are still living in the 'burbs pretending 'our' river is not in a major metropolitan area! Our girls are doing great. Maya is 2 and Lily is 4 and they provide lots of entertainment, challenge, and love. I am still volunteering as a La Leche League leader (breastfeeding information and support) but I am holding off on gainful employment until the girls are older. I'll have to decide (again) between public health and children's theater. Richard's psychiatric practice is going really well. We see **Emel (Gokyigit) Wadhani** and family often and caught **Tali (Zulman) Ziv** recently at the zoo while she was visiting Boston with her girls and husband. When we're lucky we catch Danielle Berger at a party. (Congratulations and Bon Voyage, Danielle!) We've got the raft trip on our calendar for next year! Thanks so much for the newsletter. This will be the first summer I can read it on a full night's sleep. Babies are great but I'm happy to be sleeping again! Hope you are well. Diana." <lilyfish@flash.net>

**Baker Mallory**, we are still from the class of '91, emailed me this: "I've been out of the country for two months and before that things were crazy. Since I don't know when I last wrote so let me update. I graduated from the Harvard Design School two years ago with masters in Architecture and Landscape Architecture. I moved to NYC and started working for Hart/Howerton where I was involved in everything from individual homes to resort and regional planning in Puerto Rico. I quit last June to go to Europe for two months. The first couple weeks I sang with the Yale Alumni Chorus in Russia, England and Wales. I stayed with **Chris Roberts** in London. This was part of Yale's 300th Celebration. Then I traveled south from Scotland and Sweden to Southern Italy. I was reinvestigating my master's thesis which studied the house and garden as a case study for how we live and design in the domestic landscape. In Europe I was interested in comparing the effects of Climate on the house and garden model in an historically, culturally, and geographically rich corridor - primary between northern Germany then straight down through Alps to Southern Italy. It was fascinating and inspirational for my work back home. Now I've returned and I started my own architecture & landscape design firm upon returning and have been enjoying working for myself. I do a little work in Manhattan, but most of the residential projects are outside the City. I've been doing some outdoor adventures which includes 10 days camping and climbing in Mexico. Our big climb was 'El Pico de Orizaba,' 18,500'. It's a volcano and the third highest peak in North America. I did a great back country skiing trip in Jackson Hole in March and great hiking in Grindewald, Switzerland, including the Wetterhorn and the Eiger. Best Wishes, Baker." And then: "Thanks so much for a great dinner! It was great to reconnect with the growing group of FOOT leaders and I will talk to the Hale brothers about setting something up in NYC - hopefully we can treat you to a party this time. (I had another local reunion dinner this spring—more on this later.) Steve's (my husband) involvement in 'Green Architecture' and sustainable design sounds great. I want to direct my projects in that direction. Any information he could share with me on the subject would be fantastic. I look forward to another reunion soon. I've got to get on the ball and plan a NYC reunion. CALLING ALL NEW YORKERS....LET'S DO IT. Baker." Bakerdmallory@aol.com.

We have finally left the class of '91 and are on to '92: **Karen O'Brien** wrote: "Great as always to hear from you. We are living in Providence, RI, where I am finishing up my last year of fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine (high risk obstetrics) at Brown. Next summer I will at long last be done with training. My husband, Ian, works as an electrical engineer just outside Boston. Our happiest news since the last FOOT newsletter is that last August we had a baby--Fiona Mairead Dunn. She is now about 10 months old and fills our lives with such joy. I have seen several FOOTies in the last year. **Florence** and **Jamie** stopped by with their gorgeous little fellow, Ben, in the fall. It has been fun to be in touch with **Josh Barkan**, my fellow co-leader senior year. We also saw him and met his wife Laura in the fall. Hope all's well with you. Enjoy the summer!" [karen\\_erine@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_erine@hotmail.com). **Peter Ackerman** '92 sent this: "I'm such a terrible correspondent, but I do always enjoy reading the FOOT newsletter and hearing what you and everybody else are up to. My address is 710 West End Ave., # 9F New York, NY 10025. I've become such a city-liver in recent years it's astonishing. I haven't been camping at all probably in four or five years, which seems kind of crazy. I'm constantly telling my new wife (yes, I have a wife! -- Clea Lewis, an amazing woman who acted two years ago in a play I wrote. We were married last November.) what an outdoors-guy I used to be. I have to get back at it. And I will. My backpack has been sitting in my parents' attic for too long. In fact now that I'm writing you, I think I hear it calling me ... sadly ... wistfully ...What I have been doing is writing and acting. For the past few years I've been making my living as a writer, first with a play, and now for the past 15 months rewriting a couple different animated movies for FOX. One is scheduled to come out next March and is called ICE AGE. The main characters are a woolly mammoth, a saber-tooth tiger, and a sloth (maybe that's where my outdoor-energies have been going). You should tell the FOOT alums about it, because a lot of them probably have kids who will love it. The work's been interesting for me, but I'm eager to get back to writing a play. My acting has been more sporadic, but I was recently in a play by Rinne Groff (a former Yalie), called JIMMY CARTER WAS A DEMOCRAT. It was about the PATCO strike of 1980. I played a Federal Aviation Administrator. I was the bad guy, which was fun. **Eric's** wedding was great, and my toast was all about FOOT, how Eric was my leader and 1) told us that the most important thing for a camper was his wool hat, and then proceeded to forget his own, 2) insisted that the trail went beyond what our map showed until one of the FOOTIES forced him to turn the map over to see that the trail continued on the other side, 3) hiked miles behind the others with me and Adam Rudner reciting all of SPINAL TAP and MONTY PYTHON'S THE LIFE OF BRIAN, and 4) blew up our stove. We thought he was great. Luckily **Jeneatte Demallie** was there to give our group a sense of balance. So anyway, I hope you're well and enjoying the Vineyard and preparing for more adventures. Take care. Love, Peter" [PeteyACKERMAN@aol.com](mailto:PeteyACKERMAN@aol.com). **Paul Sabin** '92 is back in New Haven teaching at Yale and continuing his foundation for environmental leaders. He and his 2 year old son Eli entertained us at the spring dinner. [paul.sabin@yale.edu](mailto:paul.sabin@yale.edu).

**Katie Michel** '93 sent me some of her lovely printed notecards from her printing company. She wrote: "I've been great. Started a business called Puddlejumper Press. We are two years old and have nearly 300 subscribers. So it's keeping me on my toes. For more info, check out my webpage at: [puddlejumperpress.com](http://puddlejumperpress.com). Adam (my husband) is great too. His band Ivy came out with a record in 2001—Long Distance—and hopefully his other band will put something out in 2002. Stay tuned. Lots of love, Katie." This news is a bit old, but still exciting: **Burch** and **Rachelle Laprade** '93 gave birth to a second son, Forrest Alden LaPrade on May 17, 2001.

I recently saw **Matthew Eddy** '93 who also sent this: "I saw you down below me on East Rock the other day, although you were too far away for me to holler down to you. I've been rubbing elbows with the likes of **Mark Barnett**, **Katherine Gergen**, **Marty Hale**, and **Geoff Tanner**, and I ran into **Jay Readey** the other day, too. I am best reached at [matteddy@aol.com](mailto:matteddy@aol.com) or at my permanent forwarding address, [matteddy@aya.yale.edu](mailto:matteddy@aya.yale.edu). I am moving to California in June, to take a job as a high school science teacher at Menlo School in Menlo Park, CA. It is with a fair measure of sadness that I say goodbye to such a great collection of extraordinary people in my East Coast life, but my West Coast friends are happy, as is my family. I'm also very much looking forward to the work I'll be doing -

- I've really missed classroom teaching these past few years! I am best reached through my parents, at 2579 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, 650-327-7091. I don't have a place to live in the Bay Area yet, but I'm expecting to see my folks fairly frequently, so you needn't worry about all those time-sensitive packages you might be sending me -- they'll get delivered promptly! Westward, ho! Come visit when you can. I'm not far from San Francisco or San Jose. My very best, Matt." I almost got a glimpse of **Umüt Ergun** '93 but she had to miss our dinner. However, she is back in New Haven. She spotted some other FOOT leaders around: "There are two people in the law school who I think were FOOT leaders and who are around: **Jay Ready** and **Paul Sabin**." [umut.ergun@yale.edu](mailto:umut.ergun@yale.edu). **Mark Gordon Burnett** '93 wrote a wonderful letter: "Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list for all these years even though I've been delinquent in my letter writing. I have just gotten back from a week of hiking with my girlfriend in Utah and memories of FOOT came back as they always do when I get the chance to escape the city and trade pavement for the trail. I am moving through the middle years of my residency in neurosurgery at Penn and am loving it . . . especially since the years of sleepless nights have come to an end. I like to think that the seeds of my current professional aspirations were first planted on my FOOT trip back in the summer of 1989. With my two burned hands I had to hike with both hands out in front of me like a surgeon entering the OR. After all these years I'm heading back to Lake Placid this August to try my luck on the trails again . . . this time with two unbandaged appendages! Please send my best to all. Tell any FOOTers in Philadelphia to look me up. Love, Mark" (not to be confused with Mark Barnett '94!) Still from the class of '93: **Stephen Kahn**: " In a short seventeen days I'll be done with my Emergency Medicine Training here at Vanderbilt (June '02) and I'll have finished 26 straight years of schooling!! Yes, I have had more than my share of fun and experiences during that time, but none of that will hold a candle to the whirlwind of adventures I have in store. I've loved Nashville, which is no small statement from an city-self-important New Yorker. But I also met my honey, Liz Hodder, here and that has definitely softened my heart for the place. She's a singer-songwriter-social worker who I've somehow convinced to come down to Costa Rica with me to set up what hopefully....keep your fingers crossed...will eventually be a wilderness medicine learning center down on the Osa Peninsula running courses like SOLO's Wilderness First Responder. Also in the works is a semester long Tropical Medicine course for University of California Undergrads, and perhaps more, but first we've got to close on this piece of paradise hopefully this July. But I'll spend most of the summer being a dedicated roadie/groupie for my girlfriend on a European tour from Aug 10 through Sept 24 hitting Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Barcelona, England and Ireland. So if any of you FOOTies are in any of these cities or you know cool people who are, please let me know. ([stephenkahn@prodigy.net](mailto:stephenkahn@prodigy.net) 615-481-8144). Take Care, Stephen Kahn [stephenkahn@prodigy.net](mailto:stephenkahn@prodigy.net). **Seth Hawkins** '93 sent in his 2 cents and voted for the reunion rafting trip in 2003. Just wanted to drop you a line to change my email address -- You can send email to [hawk@aya.yale.edu](mailto:hawk@aya.yale.edu), which will always forward to my current account. Thanks, and have a great summer, Seth. **Jody Esselstyn** '93 is in Charlottesville with young child: "What a wonderful surprise to receive a package from you today, with a baby FOOT t-shirt, no less! Hard to imagine that the 15 week old fetus inside me (whose heartbeat Jeff and I heard this morning at our appt. with the midwife!) will ever be big enough to wear such a seemingly huge kids' t-shirt. I'm sure it will happen before we know it. We'll have to expose our babe-to-be to plenty of hikes in the Blue Ridge mountains to prepare him/her for future FOOT leader trainings. ☺ We are thrilled about this next phase of our lives. Jeff loves his program at UVA in landscape architecture, and is taking the summer "off" to fix up our house before the baby comes. He hopes to complete 2 bathrooms, a kitchen remodel, and some painting by September. We'll see! I'm finally getting some promising nibbles in my job search. Tonight I'll have interview #2 for a family nurse practitioner position in a local family practice office . . . (cont. on 7/7/01) Well, I got the job and will be starting tomorrow, full-time, until the baby is born. I'd love to go back only part-time once I've taken a hefty maternity leave. Just got your thick, newsy FOOT leader update—thanks for keeping track of us all. And thanks for sending along names of FOOT alums in my area. I thought I recognized **Maggie Vining** a few months back, but wasn't sure. Have a wonderful rest of summer on the Vineyard. And thanks again for our baby's first t-shirt!! Love, Jody." I've heard that **Perry DeValpine** '93 is finishing up his doctoral work at Davis and hanging around San Francisco a lot. Hmm...

I got a postcard from **Ben Madley** '94: "Had tea with **Elizabeth Murdock** yesterday, who is thinking of moving out West. As we walked we talked about FOOT and the fact that so MANY of our pals are FOOT folk. Cheers, Ben." [benmadley@hotmail.com](mailto:benmadley@hotmail.com). Earlier he wrote: "Just now rec'd the wonderful newsletter: THANKS! Packed with FOOT LEADERS, my wedding to Barbara Roe really satisfied! Gathered under the Tucson sun were **Carrie Patterson** '94, **Katherine Gergen** '95, **Matt Eddy** '93, **Mark Barnett** '94, **Perry DeValpine** '93, **Peter Braasch** '95, and **Heidi Ellis** '94. And, of course, a senior **Martin Hale** '94. During the reception we sang Boola-Boola and some pondered streaking while Matt and Marty serenaded the happy bride and groom. A great time was had by all. Please call when you're next in the Bay Area!

**Anne Parker** '94 alerted us to this: "I've had enough with my server which has gone down for four days at a time, twice in the last two months - I am switching email addresses back to [qannieb@yahoo.com](mailto:qannieb@yahoo.com); If anyone has sent me emails in the last four days, please send them again to the yahoo address; Otherwise, please use the yahoo address going forward. I hope you are all doing well. Thanks, Anne Weil." **Elizabeth Murdock** '94 is still in DC working at the National Wildlife Federation as Manager, Keep the Wild Alive, National Wildlife Federation 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 501 Washington, DC 20036 202/797-6878 [murdock@nwf.org](mailto:murdock@nwf.org) Website: [www.nwf.org/wildalive](http://www.nwf.org/wildalive). From her good buddy, **Meg Wickwire** '94, I received the following: "My best to Steve and the dogs.; And keep those FOOT leaders in line!; P.S. Which President's daughter?; How did I miss that?; Is she a FOOTie or a leader?; Please tell me ASAP so I can begin immediately showing off to my friends.2P.P.S.; I'm glad **Charlie and Marty** are well.; I haven't seen Charlie since I moved to Boston!; From what I understand, he has moved to NYC and is living with Marty.; Watch out--smells like trouble. . .2P.P.P.S.; I have been zooming between here and Maine for the past two weeks, so other travel has been hard.; As for visiting, I'd like that!; I need to get down there this fall for sure.; I'm not much fun right now when I'm stressed about finding a job, but I think the perfect way to celebrate once I DO get the job (note optimism) is to visit you, **Matt Eddy**, and any other FOOTies who happen to be in the neighborhood.; I'll keep you posted!; 2P.P.P.P.S.; Speaking of the job search, are there any FOOTies you know of in the Boston area who have gone to the dark side and joined (shamelessly joined) Corporate America?; I'm hunting for contacts everywhere I can! Meg." [mwick118@earthlink.net](mailto:mwick118@earthlink.net). I (Cilla now speaking) have seen the Hale twins, **Charlie and Marty** '94, twice in past year. Once on the Vineyard, where they have a house with an amazing water view and once when they came up from New York for the reunion dinner this past spring. Marty is working at Pequot Capital Management, Inc. where he is a Senior Vice President. Charlie has finished Harvard Business School and has now relocated to New York as well. **Heidi Ellis** '94 is working as a post doc in the adolescent trauma ward at the Boston Medical Center. In addition to her clinical work, she is part of a research team focused on childhood trauma in refugees. Outside of work, Heidi recently finished a woodworking class and is now planning a short trekking excursion this summer in Ecuador.

I just went to a joyous occasion—the wedding of **Dave Lambert** '94 and **Emily Wilk** '96 (actually the reception, but that's close enough!) The ceremony was in Dwight Chapel. As Dave said, "There will definitely be some Footies there, and it will all be taking

place mere feet from where I first laid eyes on her-- in LC at her foot interview! And it only took me eight years to marry her." Guys, this is another FOOT Leader marriage!! I can't imagine a happier event. Send your congrats to: [justin.lambert@yale.edu](mailto:justin.lambert@yale.edu). I saw **Anne Egger '95** at Dave's and Emily's wedding. She has moved back to Bluff, Utah. She will be teaching geology at a community college about 2 hours away, so another move might be imminent. She is getting married to Clay Hamilton this October. Try her at: [annegger@pangea.stanford.edu](mailto:annegger@pangea.stanford.edu). **Deb Blanchard '94** was also at the wedding and it was fun to catch up with her. She is living in Brooklyn, working in Manhattan as a lawyer for the seaman's association. She told me that **Mandy Rice '93** was also in New York. She has a great free housing arrangement as sort of the dorm mother of professional ballerinas. I see **Jay Readey '94** from time to time who is still in New Haven attending Yale Law School. A neighbor of mine said hello from **Ted Deinard '94**. He works with him in New York at, I believe, Lehman Brothers.

**Jennifer Weyburn '94** sent this: "How are you? I miss working with Hopkins and Yale-China and seeing you more often! Wonder if you are finished with the school year yet and headed for your vacation. All well here. Am living in NYC. I am ensconced in the world of education and loving it. Am currently teaching teachers at City College. In the fall I'll teach H.S. English and Drama at New Rochelle High School in Westchester (commuting from Manhattan). Central Park and Chinatown are what keep me sane in this city! Hello to all Foot folks! Love, Jen." [jweyburn@hotmail.com](mailto:jweyburn@hotmail.com). I also saw **Geoff Tanner '95** at the spring dinner (more later.) I hear he is traveling in some exotic place. **Roger Levine '95** wrote: "I am back from a lengthy stay overseas working on my dissertation research, and was hoping to get back in touch with FOOT folks. Could you add me to any email lists. Thanks. I was also wondering if you have Geoff Tanner's current information. I saw him at our reunion last year and promised I would be in touch when I returned. My info is: 19 Lynwood Place, #1, New Haven CT 06511; 777-9156. Thanks again and see you soon, Roger." [roger.levine@yale.edu](mailto:roger.levine@yale.edu). **Rebecca Whitney '95** is teaching English at the San Francisco University High School. She has earned her Masters in English from the Breadloaf School at Middlebury College. I wonder if she sees Perry when he's in SF. I saw **Sarah Kelley '95** at an organic farm conference here at Yale this past winter organized by senior FOOT leaders: **Ian Cheney** and **Curt Ellis** and others. She's living up in Northfield, MA. [skelley@rocktmail.com](mailto:skelley@rocktmail.com).

**Peter van Roessel '96** sent the following: "I am still in the thick of a PhD in Developmental Biology at the University of Cambridge, England and I am enjoying my time here immensely. I am doing some rowing, still playing my cello, and spending a lot of time in the lab. With the prospect of finishing my degree in the next year, however, I have been thinking quite a bit about the direction in which I should be going in the next few years. In fact, I have found myself revisiting the same debate I went through as an undergraduate, trying to decide between the directions of academic biology or medicine. After five years of research in Germany and England, however, and much perspective gained in both options, I have a much better idea of what excites me academically and what motivates me socially. As a result I am now applying to medical schools. I want to find a way to make the knowledge I've gained during my PhD more applicable to people who aren't necessarily research biologists; I'd like to find a way to incorporate community involvement more directly into my work, and I'd like to find a work environment that requires and better rewards cooperation and empathy. I fear that whatever gifts I might have for these latter skills, especially, will either be underappreciated, or worse, neglected, if I pursue a career entirely in laboratory research. No other project of which I have been a part in the last several years quite exemplifies the joys of cooperation and teamwork in the way that FOOT does, nor has any project so explicitly encouraged me to think about and develop these skills." Then, after I told him of my trip to SD: "I lived in South Dakota from 8 to 18, the sad part being that my parents moved back to California when I left for Yale. I haven't been back to Sioux Falls for almost eight years, and really miss the open plains - skylines and thunderstorms aren't the same anywhere else. And even after ten years in New England, Germany, and England, some of my most amazing memories still come from a week-long work trip on the Oglala Sioux Reservation at Pine Ridge. (In fact, now that I think of it, another future FOOT leader was on that trip too- **Anne Egger**, also a South Dakotan). In any case I'm really looking forward to moving back home... So I'll look forward to the newsletter, and good luck with all the trips this fall! Thanks again for everything, and I'll be in touch. Take care, Peter" [pjv21@mole.bio.cam.ac.uk](mailto:pjv21@mole.bio.cam.ac.uk). **Peter D. Ehrenkranz '96** wrote this: "A few months ago one of you wrote to the list asking for international volunteer opportunities. I didn't know if anything specifically then, but I recently came across two forwards that might interest some of you. The first is with a group called Save the Children, which is based in Westport, CT. You might be familiar with it from the old commercials with Sally Struthers. I worked with Save after graduation/in the year before medical school and spent three months each in Pakistan and Ethiopia, both were unforgettable experiences. The attachment lists the opportunities that they are offering for interns. This was sent to me through the Emory School of Public Health and many of the positions are aimed at first year MPH students or graduates. However, I contacted the director of the programs, Sharon Lake-Post, and she said that she would be glad to entertain applications from people with less experience. Please feel free to contact me before you contact her if you have any questions about Save the Children or want to find out what positive deviance is... Dave Marsh, an MD/MPH, with whom you would be working is a tremendous guy. I do not know Sharon Lake-Post personally. The other program I cannot vouch for in the least, but I have seen their advertisements often: Foundation for Sustainable Development. Internship programs with grassroots development organizations are located in Nicaragua, Bolivia, Peru, South Africa, and Tanzania. FSD's summer internship programs consist of a 9-10 week internship with a local grassroots development organization, a family homestay, group orientation and evaluation sessions, and group travel. Internships are available in a variety of areas including: environment/conservation, economic development, women's issues, human rights, education, health, construction, youth development, natural disaster relief, micro-business, and many more. Individual internship programs are available throughout the year. Summer programs begin in late May or early June. The Latin American summer programs are in Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Peru. The Africa programs are located in Tanzania and South Africa. For more information or to print an application for the program, please see the website at [www.interconnection.org/fsd](http://www.interconnection.org/fsd) or email [fsdmail@yahoo.com](mailto:fsdmail@yahoo.com). Cheers, [pehrenk@emory.edu](mailto:pehrenk@emory.edu) c: 678-637-2482; h: 404-417-0836.

**Robert B Schonberger '96** has returned to Yale—Yale Med School that is. "Thanks for tracking me down! I'd been meaning to drop a line to you for some time. My wife --her name's Amy Marx and we got married in November and live around the corner from you on Whitney and Cold Spring." [robert.schonberger@yale.edu](mailto:robert.schonberger@yale.edu). And from **Blake Esselstyn**: "Dear Friends, Just a note to let you know that after almost two years, we have updated the MickiNews site. Dad, Jody, and I all have written updates accompanied by photos, and we've even added some audio clips of Mom singing. We hope you'll be able to pay a visit:<http://esselstyn.com/mickinews> Kindly note that email responses should now be sent to [mickifamily@esselstyn.com](mailto:mickifamily@esselstyn.com) - not this AOL address. Best, Blake '96. I always love hearing from **Ivan Kerbel '96**. "Please forgive me for the brief message. It's great to hear from you and the FOOT clan (of the cave bear). I am in New Zealand at the moment working on a history book, and I am starting this fall a Master's in International Relations at Johns Hopkins SAIS (the program is in D.C., if there are any through hikers who need a spot to stay near the monuments). Good luck

with the fall trips... I'll be thinking of all of you (yes, yes including everyone I don't know who is leading now). Hope all is well with you. Ivan" [ivan\\_kerbel@yahoo.com](mailto:ivan_kerbel@yahoo.com). **Katherine Gergen** '96 is at Yale Med School and is engaged to **Matt Barnett** '94 who is at Yale Law School. I see them around town—in the park, at Yale functions, at weddings, etc... Yea! Another FOOT marriage on its way. And here's some news from Jo Sussman '96, another dormant leader come alive! "I have been meaning to write for YEARS! But here goes: I am now married for 2 years to a wonderful outdoors lover from a very outdoorsy oriented family so I have been slowly becoming a better hiker, skier, runner etc. (My father-in-law even ran the last 8 miles of my first marathon with me in Portland, OR) Exciting high points of my life post college:--My marriage to Jeffery Ilfeld in May 2000 in Sonoma, California at a gorgeous winery. It was the best weekend ever! (Jeff is currently a internist for Oakland Kaiser and an assistant program director to the internal medicine residency program there.)--The birth of my gorgeous son, Adin Elijah on March 31,2002. (So I am now very much enjoying him but not sleeping much!)--Running my first (and only) marathon in 2000 in Portland.--Starting but not yet completing a PhD program in Marketing at Haas school at UC Berkeley. I start back in the fall after 5 months off with Adin.--Travelling lots of great places: Australia/Newzealand,Tahiti,Europe,South Africa, Sigapore but most recently: Travelling to China in Oct 2001. I wanted to take a picture of me with my FOOT hat on the great wall but I forgot to put it in my day pack that day!! I was thinking of you all though! Well those are my big highlights. I'm glad I'll finally be in the newsletter since I have felt remiss all these years because I enjoy hearing about everybody else. Thank you so much for doing the letter Cilla. I enjoy it every year immensely!. Jo (Sussman) Ilfeld" [sussman@haas.berkeley.edu](mailto:sussman@haas.berkeley.edu)

**Josh Cott** '96 wrote a long note: "Long time no write, eh? Thanks so much for the FOOTnewsletter--it brings a smile to my face every time I see it, and this time I decided that I had to write. Goodness, where to start. First I should tell you (you may already know) that my 2nd cousin, Becca Falik, is a FOOT leader now. I'm very glad she is doing it, because in addition to carrying on the proud tradition of leadership and outdoor education, she got me a FOOT water bottle! I love it. OK, now about me. I am in my 4th year of med school down here at UVA. I took a year off last year, in between my 3rd and 4th years, to go to South America and learn to speak Spanish. I lived for a month in Ecuador, where I took superimmersion lessons and lived with a family and climbed volcanoes on the weekends--awesome. It is a great country for travel--the people are really nice, it is small enough that you can get everywhere reasonably quickly with public transportation, there are beaches, mountains, and rain forest a day apart. Then I spent several months in Chile, with my sister, volunteering in a city health clinic and taking more Spanish lessons. In December I went to work at a high altitude medical camp at 14000 feet on Aconcagua, the biggest mountain down there. I wasn't intending on climbing it, since I was by myself, but I just couldn't resist, so one day I found myself on the freezing cold summit, alone, weak from the thin air and exultant. That kind of climbing is pretty boring, actually--you can only go up 1500 feet per day, so the rest of the day (after you've hiked your 1500 feet in a few hours) you just sit around the tent, and, well, acclimatize. Not the most thrilling thing, although the international crowd on the mountain was pretty entertaining. In the Spring I went to live in a small town in Venezuela with an American woman I met in Chile, and did some more volunteer work in an emergency room. I returned to the states just in time to attend **John Lozier's** wedding! I had never met the bride before but she seems like a lovely woman and now they have moved to SLC and bought a house together. My only other FOOT sighting was a bizarre one--**Leah Angell** showed up in Charlottesville for one night and, as so often happens in this little town, I ran into her. She looked just the same! I imagine I do, too, although I certainly feel older--I just had my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday and my body is starting to creak! So now I am back in school, and applying for a residency in Emergency Medicine. Who knows where I'll end up--like the rest of the world, I'd like to go out west for a bit, or maybe back to the northeast. It is exciting and intimidating to be thinking about starting over in a new place, this time with the added pressure of having other people's lives entrusted to you! I hope things are well with you, and that the summer vacation is coming to a pleasant and not too sorrowful end. Please say hi to the New Haven folks if you see them. Take care, love, Josh." [joshcott@yahoo.com](mailto:joshcott@yahoo.com). And speaking of Leah: **Leah Angell** '97 sent this: "Thank you for the latest newsletter. Hi Everyone, Here's my new address: 835 S. Sherbourne Dr. #12 Los Angeles, CA 90035. I've been working at the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance here in LA since I moved out West last summer, and I'm finally swimming full-time on a team again. My team practices at UCLA, and we swim outdoors year-round. It's weird to be dousing yourself with sunscreen in January, but I'm not complaining! As usual, I've seen **Brian Ching** and **Melissa Lee** a lot despite our living far away from each other. I randomly bumped into **Josh Cott** at UVA last summer, which was a really nice surprise. I hope everyone's doing well..." 310-360-0016. [leahangell@hotmail.com](mailto:leahangell@hotmail.com). I've heard that **Cat Balco** '97 is leaving Vermont to move to New York City. I will be seeing her on the Vineyard and then at the wedding of my stepdaughter Emily, where she will be helping out with the ceremony. **Jeffrey Possick** '97 wrote: "I hope all is well in New Haven. Are you still with FOOT and Hopkins? I have been a terrible post-FOOT correspondent, I know, and I apologize for that. I have spent the past couple of years living in London still working for Lehman Brothers in Natural Resources Investment Banking and have now just started up in our New York office. London was definitely great but it is nice to be back closer to family and friends. After all of my time working on what always felt like the wrong side of the environmental fence I am finally making the leap back over to the right side. I am actually applying to the Forestry School (actually the joint program with the SOM). I was wondering if you might be able to point me in the direction of some folks whom I might be able to contact to chat about the school and maybe the program etc. Certainly any help would be greatly appreciated if you've got any time these days. Again, I hope all are well (how are the dogs these days?) and thanks in advance. Take care, Jeff Possick. [jpossick@lehman.com](mailto:jpossick@lehman.com). I caught a brief glimpse of **Dave Lewicki** '97 and **Liz Ouzts** '97 standing in front of the Yale Bookstore when they were back for their Yale reunion. I kept staring at Dave—not sure at first if it was really Dave—so I had to drive around the block once before I was convinced...Dave is up in Boston at Divinity School.

I invited **Amelia Shaw** '98 to the spring dinner, but she couldn't make it. She did tell me that **Chris Cayten** is in the architecture school. "He and **Elliot Blanchard** and I were the support crew for that disaster trip that had the car accident...oh boy." Amelia, African Studies, Epidemiology and Public Health (203) 624-4528. I did see **Max Laurens** '98 at the spring dinner. His remarks: "It is great to keep in touch with FOOT leaders, and with you! Max." 123 York St., Apt 10G New Haven, CT 06511 203.777.6946 (home). 401.258.1224 (cell).

**Dona Tversky** '98 sent a newsy email: "It was so nice to find the FOOT update waiting for me on my desk in California! How are you these days? As Liz Averill reported in the last note, I spent the last year and half in Cape Town, South Africa working in public health and community media. I am now on a North American tour visiting friends and family in San Francisco. Tonight, former fellow Footies **Krissy Clark** '98 and Sam Godbey are coming over for dinner. Krissy has her hands full with freelancing radio projects and Sam is scouring the country for her next home, having just returned from a year in far eastern Russia with the Peace Corps. **Kate Davidson** '98 couldn't come tonight because she left town for a month at Oxford in preparation for starting a masters program in documentary film at

Stanford (or Berkeley). **Charlie Koven** '98 is also missing my party because he is at Soil Camp traveling around California with a van full of other geology PhD students. Inspired by Koven, I am sending myself to summer camp next week in Oaxaca, Mexico to learn Spanish and salsa. After that, it is all up in the air again.... I hope all is well in New Haven! Ciao, Dona. [dtversky@yahoo.com](mailto:dtversky@yahoo.com). **Kristen Karsh** '98 wrote: "I'm afraid I might be too late for this summer's newsletter, but maybe it's taking longer to compile with all the book responses. I'm writing from the middle of winter in July 2001 in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. I'm nearing the end of my year here on a Fulbright fellowship doing oceanographic research at the University's Antarctic Research Center. It's been a great year - Tasmania is an outdoors person's paradise, and October-November 2000 I got to head even further south on an Australian icebreaker to Antarctica. Sea ice, Adelie and Emperor penguins, seals, minke whales, Southern Ocean seabirds, the continent, the workings of the Australian research stations - I feel lucky to have had the chance to see them all. My FOOT mug came with me the whole way. I have a couple of years to catch up on. With **DeVon Nolt**, Becky Myers, and **Nick Bagley**, I led the northern route of the Habitat Bicycle Challenge '98 after graduation. After reaching the Pacific Ocean, I moved to New York for two years to work at the American Museum of Natural History on earth science and education projects. While in NYC, I saw **Jon Barbour** quite a bit, **Kristen Michaelides** a few times in New Haven, and had the chance to go hiking and winter camping with a few post and current FOOTies - **Katie Scharf**, **Brian Kinlan**, **Erin Johnson**, **Joe Montgomery**. I worked a summer vacation into my job at the Museum and traveled to Sweden to visit a friend from Yale. We hiked on the Kunglesleden trail above the Arctic Circle, then traveled through Russia, Poland, and the Czech Republic. After the second year in New York, I moved down here to Oz. **Pam Cogan** came to visit from Sydney earlier this year after I missed her at the Olympics. It was great to meet up on another continent. My fellowship in Australia ends next month, but I've decided to stay. I intended to begin a Ph.D. in oceanography this fall but have decided to put it aside for now and just enjoy where I am. I've met a fantastic Australian guy in Hobart, a big motivation to stay as well. It took us a while to get together after being in Antarctica at different times, but now life in Tasmania couldn't be better. There's temperate rainforest, mountains, beaches, bushwalking, mountain biking, sailing, sea kayaking... Any visitors or news - I can always be reached at [kkarsh@aya.yale.edu](mailto:kkarsh@aya.yale.edu). Thank you so much for putting the FOOT newsletter together every year. It's great to hear news of friends, FOOT, you, and even FOOTies I've not had the good fortune to meet. How did you like the Badlands? And I hope AP Environmental Science is going well. Take care. Best of luck and have fun with the 2001 season. Kristen Karsh '98 Antarctic CRC, University of Tasmania GPO Box 252-80, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001 Australia Tel: +61 (03) 6226 2976 [kkarsh@utas.edu.au](mailto:kkarsh@utas.edu.au) <http://www.antcrc.utas.edu.au/antcrc/>. **Stephanie Park** '98 related; "I just moved into a new place yesterday so I figured I better give you my new address. it's 6300 Northwood, #1e; St. Louis, MO 63105. I just graduated from Vanderbilt med school this past may. Next week I'm starting my internship in internal medicine here in St. Louis and then in October I'm getting married! So that's quite a lot of news to report, I suppose. It's all been very exciting, but I'm still getting used to the idea of no longer being a student. yikes. I hope things are going well with you, and I'm sure the foot program is thriving as usual. St. Louis will be home base for a while, so if yourself or any FOOT leaders are ever in the area, please let me know! Look forward to hearing from you. Love Steph." [parkstephanie@hotmail.com](mailto:parkstephanie@hotmail.com).

And from her classmate: **Stacy Ho** '98 "You probably get a flood of letters, email, postcards, etc after dispersal of the summer newsletter—it's one of those things that sticks in your brain for a while afterwards. Nice website! Sufficiently zany, I must say. I was wondering—will the FOOT store be online? For now, I would like to request a FOOT mug and zipper pull. I also can't find my old FOOT leader manual with all those fun games—do you have any extra? I'm enclosing a "carte blanche" to cover whatever bill this amounts to. Please also add \$25 for the scholarship fund. Thanks!! You'll perhaps notice this card—as **Jonathan Griswold** wrote in this year, we were in the San Juans last summer (2000)—in particular, in a place called Lizard Head. (The ghat.) Although only one week, I had the time of my life, thanks in large part to the great company (meeting new friends on an intense trip is risky but fabulous if successful)! It rained at noon every day on the dot, but we slugged through it. Loved the alpine streams, the crazy geology. I thought for weeks afterward about that trip! But anyway, this is not "news," just some musings. Please add me to your email list--[sho@citrange.com](mailto:sho@citrange.com). I've gotten an apartment in Lambertville, NJ, not (too) far from the Delaware Water Gap, and on the Delaware River, in fact. It's a lovely, walkable town. Hope to be back in NH before long! I'll write before next summer . . . thanks!" Another '98er, **Alec Bemis** '98 wrote: "Figured now's a good time to send an email with my current whereabouts, for the newsletter, or whatever! The dot-com design firm I was working for all but disappeared in summer 2001, so since August I've been splitting my time between New York and Los Angeles -- a month here, a month there. I've been putting out records on a label I started w/ Bryce Dessner '98 (non-FOOT) and doing a lot of writing for the LA Weekly. I recently completed stories on video games, record collecting, and a profile of the first two rock critics. (Kind of an Almost Famous thing.) My biggest news is that I'm running my first marathon on March 3rd. I motivated to do it in large part due to the brave example of **Seth Gordon** '98 (who's living in LA and running his own motion graphics and design company). Anyone who recalls either of our athletic qualifications will be impressed. In April and May, I'm spending two months at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT, which I first discovered visiting **Cat Balco** '97. I'm going to start a book there, and hope something will click... I have a temporary address: 9 Rockhagen Road, Thornwood, NY 10594. Other contact info is the same: 347.678.6902 or [alecbemis@assland.org](mailto:alecbemis@assland.org). I heard that **Kristen Michaelides** '98 is living in New Hampshire and getting married. Matt Eddy is going to the wedding. **Matt Steibel** '98 is still at Yale Med School, but is taking some time off to explore other options. He just emailed me this: "I'm in NYC for the summer exploring the world of Healthcare investment banking. Loved teaching at your school for Jeff. Went hiking in the White Mts 2 weeks ago (before this summer job started) and probably won't get out again till late August. {No clue as to what life will bring.} Hope you are doing well." I still see **Matt Boots Kronman** '98 running by my house. He, too, is at Yale Med School. I have a feeling that **Jim Garman** '98 and **Kathy Stroker** '98 have tied the knot, since Kathy now has Jim's name and they live at the same address in Durham, NC! **Laura Kleger** '98 is working as a Photographer Assistant in NYC. She is starting to put her own work out on the scene.

**Nick Frankfurt** '99 is now living in New York City—Brooklyn, I believe. He was in China. Try him at [nickf34@hotmail.com](mailto:nickf34@hotmail.com). **Kate Koplan** '99 just sent this in: "Greetings from Atlanta. Glad to hear you're doing well. I'm still in Atlanta, finishing up my third year of Emory medical school. Ill be taking next year 'off' to get my master's in public health, then back to my fourth year, then onward and upward... Still getting in some biking and hiking - going to Europe and Idaho this summer to try and fit in some more. Hope your summer is going smoothly! all the best, Kate Koplan ps - if anyone's swinging through Atlanta, my door is always open! [kkoplan@LearnLink.Emory.Edu](mailto:kkoplan@LearnLink.Emory.Edu). Probably the former FOOT Leader I see the most is **Jeff Grigg** '99 since he is working at Hopkins with me. He teaches English and helps run the Summerbridge Program.

**Lucy Schaeffer** '99 says hello: "I saw the FOOT website today, it looks great. The people who put that together did I really nice job. I am writing to get your snail mail address...I have something I'd like to send your way. I should remember your house number



after all of my walks with bowl and spoon in hand but I can't quite seem to bring it to mind. Hope everything is going well with you!" And later she sent me a copy of her new BOOK! "Happy New Year! Don't know about you but this past year has been a busy one for me. After returning home from my year teaching art in Italy, I moved to New York City and started working in the art department of Town & Country magazine. I also started work on my first children's book illustration job, the finished product of which I proudly present to you—tada! I think you'll enjoy it. Please share with any friends & family you think would be interested. Anyone who wants to order their own copy can do so on our website [www.unidenticaltwins.com](http://www.unidenticaltwins.com), so feel free to encourage sales! You can see you I got my start in dog portraiture . . . I'm about to start work on my second book, *Blake in the Cake*, which promises to be as much fun as *The Guest Who Threw Tomatoes* was. Hopefully as my fame spreads I can retire from my day job and set up a more full-time operation. Ah, that'll be the day. I hope things are going well for you! The FOOT website looks fantastic now, so professional (I hadn't looked in a while)! Hope you've got a good new crop of FOOT leaders to have fun with. Best wishes and lots of love, Lucy" Here is the book release: "*The Guest Who Threw Tomatoes* is written by Cal Fussman, a University of Missouri Journalism School Graduate who appears regularly in the pages of *Esquire* and *ESPN* magazine. It's magnificently illustrated by Lucy Schaeffer, who once had to complete 50 paintings in a weekend to get through a revered art class at Yale University. She is now on staff at *Town & Country*. *The Guest Who Threw Tomatoes* is on sale now for \$10.95 at [www.unidenticaltwins.com](http://www.unidenticaltwins.com). The author and illustrator will be delighted to personally autograph copies. A portion of the proceeds from each book will be donated to schools and children's charities. A donation will also be made to a specific family greatly affected by the recent World Trade Center tragedy." [lucyschaeffer@earthlink.net](mailto:lucyschaeffer@earthlink.net). And just recently: "So glad to hear the FOOT updates! I'm still in New York City, balancing children's book illustration with photo editing work at Town & Country magazine. I'm hoping to move more into full-time illustration by the fall. No marriage, children or new pets to report, although I have been attending more and more weddings and seeing more and more babies! Hope you're doing well and New Haven is still as nice as I remember it. Take care! Love, Lucy." I see her Co-Poohba, **Micah Jacobs** '99 around town since he is a Yale Med School. And get this—for Shakedown this year we bussed the leaders to the far side of East Rock and hiked back to Bowers Hall at the Forestry School where we had a big feast. When we reached the top of East Rock, who was there, but Micah on one of his daily runs! So he got to greet the new leaders!

Just a quickie from **Melissa Garcia** '00 [mgarcia@freshair.org](mailto:mgarcia@freshair.org) "Hi FOOT leaders, I live in a great apartment in New York and thought someone may want to take over. I'm trying to break my lease a month early, so my landlord told me that I had to find someone to rent it next." [mgarcia@freshair.org](mailto:mgarcia@freshair.org). And all I got from **Jacob Heitler**, '00 her Co-Poohba, was a short hello note left on my front porch tacked on to the tarp I had lent to him last year. I got more from **Jed Herrmann** '00: "Oh the FOOT newsletter is coming, that is always a interesting surprise in the mail. I am finishing up my second year of teaching at a small public school in New York City. This year I taught 6th grade. Next year, though, brings an exciting change of venue to Latin America. I have accepted a position teaching high school history at the American International School of Costa Rica. I will be moving to San Jose, Costa Rica this summer to be ready for the start of classes in the fall. I look forward to hearing all the news, Best, Jed." [jed\\_herrmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jed_herrmann@hotmail.com). **Tara Cronin** '00 sent the following news: "I spent the summer in southeastern Montana in a 4-week rural medicine with a classmate of mine.; The rest of the summer we road tripped to many of the National Parks of the West (Teddy Roosevelt, Glacier, Tetons, Yellowstone, Zion, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Arches, Capital Reef, Badlands, Rocky Mountain) -- it is crazy how we could be in 130 degree weather at the bottom of Grand Canyon, and two days later be hiking in snow bridges.; So now, after being truly amazed at how breathtaking our country is, I return back refreshed to medical school to start Cardiology.; But it was wonderful to be back hiking, being silly (you know that kind of silliness that grabs ahold of you after a week of not showering and eating peanut butter) and using the WhisperLite again -- it brought back many memories! Fill me in on things in New Haven! Love, Tara" And then more recently: "How are you? I just finished my second year of med school at the University of Pittsburgh and am relaxing for a week at Cape Cod after taking my Step 1 Boards exam. I had a wonderful last summer doing a rural medicine preceptorship in Montana and hiking through the National Parks of the West -- I fell in absolute love with Glacier National Park! Let me know how everything is going in New Haven." [taracronin@yahoo.com](mailto:taracronin@yahoo.com)

Probably the farthest FOOT leader to write in was **Katie Scharf** '00. "Greetings from Ulaanbaatar! I hope that this finds you well in New Haven, resting up before the FOOTies arrive. What are we up to now, class of 2010? You'll be happy to know that I'm almost done scouting out new routes for FOOT here in Outer Mongolia-- I won't even begin to describe the amazing scenery, the superfast construction time of a Mongolian yurt, or the potential bonds to be forged over camp chores like butchering sheep and collecting cattle dung. Pack camels will definitely put an end to all those arguments over who has to carry the flubby. Of course, there are a few small details that will need to be worked out (no cell phones, maybe some slight evac problems?)... I'll have to get back to you on that. In the meantime, it's been a great, if cold, year over here in Mongolia. I arrived last September (2000) through the Luce Scholars program to do an internship with an environmental research project here that's focused on the country's eastern steppe region. Since then, I've been working on a study of hunting in the region (Siberian marmots and Mongolian gazelles are mighty tasty!) and generally having lots of adventures, most of them involving hoof-and-mouth quarantines or Russian jeeps breaking down in the middle of Nowhere. (Even Brian Kinlan's No-Fail-Kitty-Litter Technique fell through!) Mail has been a little slow here, but my parents' visit this July brought a whole stack including the FOOT update. How great to read about what everyone has been up to... and how random to find out that Nick Frankfurt was planning a trip to the Gobi Desert this summer?! If you have his email address, perhaps you could forward that to me. My permanent email address is [katherine.scharf@aya.yale.edu](mailto:katherine.scharf@aya.yale.edu). Ulaanbaatar is not a \*huge\* town, but I don't want to count on just running into him at the disco. I'll be staying on here in Mongolia through one more winter at least, but will be visiting home/New Haven come Thanksgiving-Christmas this year. Hope I see you then! Until then, all my best, Katie PS. Lots of pictures/description of Mongolia now showing on my website: <http://www.fiberatlas.com/katie>  
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**Laura Haverland** '00 sent this; "I have been in L.A. for the past 2 years and am packing my boxes as I write to head back to the East Coast. I've had a job that's taken me to beautiful places in the past 2 years - Alaska, South Africa, and now Europe this summer, working on the AIDS Vaccine Rides, bike rides raising money for vaccine research. I'll be sad to leave L.A. where it's true that it's really always sunny- the mountains and the ocean are so beautiful, and I'll miss my hikes in Malibu Canyon. On a funny note, last night the FBI came to my house to interview me about former FOOT leader **Lauren Zucker** so that she can get security clearance for her job in counter-terrorism! Luckily, I had no good dirt on Lauren, so I think she'll get her clearance. Hope to visit New Haven soon! Laura." [laura\\_haverland@hotmail.com](mailto:laura_haverland@hotmail.com).

Here's news from **Michael Zimmer** '01 "This is Mike Zimmer - just writing to check in and see how you're doing - Guess what - I've got news that might be FOOT newsletter material - it's not that dramatic, but **Jason Choy** (my FOOT leader) and I are living together in the Big Apple. It has been a blast - more proof that FOOT doesn't stop at graduation... I've been keeping track of some FOOT leaders who are in NYC - **Catherine Price** is doing well, teaching ice-skating and writing. **Eric Shelov** is doing research before heading off to Med School (and he is, incidentally, a MUCH better ice skater than I am). I had lunch with **Rick Grossmann** right before New Years when he was briefly back in the States. The UK is apparently treating him well. He has yet to be deported, which I would take as a good sign. I've had brief but pleasant encounters with **Emilie Hitch** and **Sarah Ichioka**. Hitch has now moved to Minnesota to work for a magazine, but Ichioka is still in Brooklyn doing good stuff. **Nick Frankfurt** is also in Brooklyn - he is working for the Museum of Natural History and apparently enjoying it. I'm working as an editor for an online company that edits business school and grad school admissions essays. It's morally bankrupt, but financially not. I'm trying to get a writing/performing career off the ground, but mainly I've been futzing around. Speaking of futzing around, **Josh Berezin**, former Poobah extraordinaire, has been frittering his life away waiting tables in Cleveland. He hates it a lot. But he claims that he is moving to New York soon. We'll be going on a wild roadtrip in March. Hopefully we'll be able to pick up **Carl Shepherd**, who is in Florida plotting to change the world, and maybe **Mark Hatzenbuehler**, whose name I can still never spell and who is living in 'Mempho'. Well, I didn't mean to write so much here - I just got rolling and couldn't stop. I hope that you are doing well and that New Haven has survived the departure of the class of 2001. I'm trying to get a job leading community service trips for teens this summer - it's a program called Visions that I did when I was a junior in high school. Cilla - you rule. Anyway, I'll send more news as I gather it. The most important statistic so far - # of FOOT Leaders in jail = 0. Wishing you all the best, Mike Z." [zimmer@aya.yale.edu](mailto:zimmer@aya.yale.edu). A later note did report that he would be working for Visions in Tortola, the British Virgin Islands, for the summer. Another New Yorker **Sarah Ichioka** '01 related: "As calendar pages turn, I want to drop you a quick line of goodwill and update: the New Year finds me happily settled in Brooklyn. This neighborhood is crawling with FOOT alums (**Emilie Hitch** was one of my roommates until she returned to Minnesota in November)—**Nick Frankfurt** in particular—who has an uncanny knack for turning up on the F train every time I ride it (to the best of my knowledge, he's now living with **Boomie Aglietti**). I'm working an urban planning fellowship for the City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development. It's good to leave lower Manhattan at the end of the day. Guess we FOOTies seek nature in whatever form we can get it—the street trees of Park Slope in my case. I hope this finds you and yours in good health and good spirits! Best, Sarah Ichioka." I heard from **Eli Segal** '01. I was about to write a letter of recommendation for him for a job in Mexico when he informed me that he got another job. But he failed to tell me what the other job was! **Lydia Pace** '01 is presently in Johannesburg, working for an NGO on their clinical trials of a vaginal microbicide, which is a gel that could potentially prevent the transmission of HIV. She traveled to Nepal and saw **Liza Halsey** '01.

I'm sneaking this in from **Eric Shelov** '01. It's one of those FOOT testimonials I love so much: "FOOT has meant many things for me. On the surface, it has been amazing people, a comforting routine, and a great social network (particularly useful when looking for that special someone ;). More importantly, it has been an opportunity for me to talk about things at Yale and college that aren't mentioned in the blue book. I love that the first college experience footies have doesn't involve any books or papers. The way I see it, FOOT introduces freshmen to what I've found to be the best learning tool at Yale, fellow classmates. The first months of school are very intense, and having friends to share it with makes a huge difference. Each time I come back to the program, I find that I have new things to share with my footies, and more thoughts on how their college career can get off on the right foot (sorry, couldn't resist). FOOT has also been an opportunity to change the pace of moving in. With all the parents, counselors, traffic, rules, and orientations, it's quite easy to maintain a pulse rate of 140 for an entire week. I always enjoyed watching the serene expressions on the faces of my footies amidst the utter pandemonium. Although parents frequently pull them into their frantic world of stress, those few moments of calm are often just enough to make the experience bearable. It's difficult to think of my most memorable experience on FOOT. There have been too many sunsets, rivers, and fireside conversations to single one out. One FOOT moment that stands out for me, however, was not on the trail, but on campus. On the day I returned from the Whites with my fellow footies, I remember standing in a circle facing one another, getting ready to head our separate ways. I wondered how things would be in four years. Would any of us still be close, exchanging more than smiles and nods in passing? I remained friendly with several of them through freshman year, but stayed very close with one. Although we travelled in different social circles, we met for lunch or dinner every week. We used the time to tell each other about our lives, and sometimes to remember our trip and the conversations we had during that week in the White Mountains. Several days before graduation, while we were having breakfast at the Pantry, I clearly recalled standing in that circle and asking those questions. Thinking about all that I had gone through at college, I really couldn't believe that I was able to share things with this person from my first day on campus to the last. It also helped that she was also a FOOT leader, and that we had the beginning and end of each year to remind us of our trip together. It's hard to summarize what the relationship taught me. Perhaps the importance of making efforts to maintain relationships, but also that the best way to remember great experiences is to keep in touch with those with whom you shared them. Sorry if that sounds a little cheesy, but I could ramble about it for a while and I'm trying to sum up.-Eric." [shelov@yale.edu](mailto:shelov@yale.edu). I saw Eric at the going away party for FOOT Leader Seniors. He is going to med school in New York.

And good old **Ed West** '01 wrote: "I'm far away in California right now, but I wouldn't mind being in the woods with a bunch of incoming freshmen! I actually got a job. I thought that was pretty funny. I'm to be a mechanical engineer/ product designer. I'll be living in the SF bay area. My life right now seems to be getting better and better. . . Not in any outward sense, but just in my understanding of reality, and how best to navigate. I start volunteering with the hospice over the next 2 weeks. It should be a pretty good experience. [ed@aya.yale.edu](mailto:ed@aya.yale.edu) 46750 Sentinel Dr. Fremont CA, 94539 415-305-2348 [edwest@hotmail.com](mailto:edwest@hotmail.com). [edward.west@yale.edu](mailto:edward.west@yale.edu). How many emails does one person have? **Kate Feather** '01 is in Washington DC at 2120 18th St. NW #3 Washington, D.C. 20009 h: 202-232-2627 w: 703-284-9466 [katherinefeather@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinefeather@hotmail.com) or [katherine.feather@aya.yale.edu](mailto:katherine.feather@aya.yale.edu). I had a great short visit from **Josh Berezin** '01 who was in town to send off this year's Habitat for Humanity crew as they bike across the country. He's living in Brooklyn with **Mark Hatzenbuehler** '01. Josh will be teaching at the Buckley School in Manhattan next year. He reported that a large number of former FOOT leaders are living in Brooklyn. **Eliza Halsey** '01 will be returning from Nepal this summer and living in New Haven. She has been doing good work for city kids in Katmandu.

Here are a few parting words from **Meredith Dunn** '02 who graduated this year, explaining what FOOT has meant to her: "First, it was an amazing community to come into as an incoming freshman. It eased the transition so smoothly and provided me with excellent role models and a small community of peers. I already loved backpacking and it was the perfect setting for me to start building me identity to my new peers. Second, as a new leader, it provided me another wonderful community of peers. I got the opportunity to learn how much I can learn from my peers and how well groups of people can work as teams. I also found a community that shared my

love for the outdoors and understood its value the way I do. Third, and most excitingly, ever since I started backpacking, it has been a goal and dream of mine to introduce others to it. There is something so unique and special about the way people interact when they are in the backcountry, and it gives me so much pride to be able to share what I have found to be so wonderful with others...So, in summary FOOT has been an incredible community of supportive people who push me to learn more about myself, my potential and my relationship with others. It has helped me understand what a big and positive influence I can have on others and how special others are..." She later added what one of her Footies said about their FOOT trip: "I had never been backpacking before this week. I had never been so comfortable with myself before this week. I don't think I had ever had this much fun, too. I know now that I am strong enough to face the new challenges of Yale, whatever they may be." And from **Colin Reingold '02**: "As a freshman on a FOOT trip, I never imagined that I could ever become a leader. It seemed like such a lofty goal that I had to be convinced to apply. My leaders were amazing, and I will always look up to them. They made me want to make the most of my Yale career, they made me want to learn more about the outdoors, about myself, about group dynamics, teams, and leadership. They were inspiring in every way. The chance to try to make Yale both so comfortable and so exciting for other freshmen is an amazing opportunity, and I felt truly lucky to become a leader. Being Poobah was a rewarding experience for all those reasons, only amplified...To this day, FOOT has provided a huge number of my closest friends, and I know my experience here would not have been nearly as enjoyable if I hadn't been given this opportunity to meet them."

And finally some words from a current FOOT leader: "I've been meaning to tell you this in person, but I never really got a chance to speak to you. I am so thankful to be a part of the FOOT family. I had a fantastic time on my FOOT trip, and I never thought that I would be lucky enough to be a leader. I am just realizing that leaders are probably the happiest, most fun people at Yale, and I am so pleased to be among them. Beginning the summer with May training is sort of bittersweet; I got to be friends with these amazing people and do these amazing things only to go home and miss FOOT immensely. I hope you have a great summer, and I'm very excited to get back to New Haven in August. Love, **Ming Thompson**

In March 2002 I had a FOOT Alumni Dinner at my house. Those present were: **Geoff Tanner '95, Jeff Grigg '99, Mark Barnett '94, Boots Kronman '98, Micah Jacobs, '99, Max Laurans '98, Jay Readey '94, Dave Lambert '94, Charlie Hale '94, Marty Hale '94, Matt Stibel '98, Rob Schonberger '96, Paul Sabin '93, Baker Mallory '91 and Emily Wilk '96**. I believe I have reported on what most folks are up to. Emily and I had a wonderful time with all these great guys!

On a more somber note, there was a lot of emailing back and forth among FOOT leaders right after the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11<sup>th</sup>. I feel as though some of the raw emotions and thoughts are now part of the historic record. I will share some of those messages. "My family and friends are safe. I was, in fact, in a middle school in Chinatown (where I am student teaching for an MA at Columbia Teachers College) and we all -- students and teachers -- could see all the events unfold directly out the window some blocks away. We also felt and heard the explosions and collapses. It was shocking and incomprehensible. But I felt comforted to be part of the school community for it -- it was comforting for me and I also was glad to be another support for students. My Mandarin was helpful in trying to communicate with frantic parents who came or called. Had to walk north to get home -- alongside many covered in dust. And the dust cloud is still a major part of the horizon. So that's my news. Hoping your loved ones are safe and sound. Love, **Jennifer Weyburn '94**." "Thank you so much for sending this e-mail. It is so good to hear your voice in the midst of this dreadful tragedy. I've been trying to get in touch with friends today--some I've heard from and others I've not. There is no one that I expected would be at the World Trade Center, but I am still deeply worried about friends in New York. Two friends of mine that work in and near Pentagon are fine. And, like you, I am dreading the news over the coming days. So it is good to hear good news from you. Fellow FOOTies all: I send my love to you and keep you, your family and friends in my thoughts and prayers. Best, **Elizabeth Murdock '94**." "These horrific events have numbed the nation and especially shaken up those of us here in nyc. I just wanted to report that I am ok and also wanted to list of a bunch of other Yalies. I have heard from that are also ok in case any of you are trying to reach them: **Ali Slater, Juliet Sorce** (actually now in Italy), **Asa Piyaka, Boomie, Lily Dorment**. Hope that helps. **Lucy Schaeffer '99**." "Thank you for your note. I've been having similar experiences all day long, and wish the best to all FOOT alumni and their friends and family in the area. If anyone is stranded downtown, I've got room for a 'boarder' in Soho, and am aware of a few other beds at friendly houses, so anyone can feel free to contact me and I'll do what I can to help out--please fwd this info to anyone who contacts you with a request. Best, **Matt Litwin '96**." "This is **Baker Mallory** checking in. I am fine. Luckily, my father who works on the 73rd fl. of World Trade Center, tower 2, was not at work today. Unfortunately, there is no word on all his colleagues. To add to the surreal experience I was having dental surgery this morning while I heard the attack and watched from my dentist chair the erupting black clouds of smoke. Baker." Perhaps the most terrifying story was from **Charlie Hale '94** who told me that he was on the Plaza of the WTC when the first plane hit. He ran into the lobby of a nearby building and waited for a while. He and many others came out just as the second plane hit and then they ran for their lives.

We are still plotting another **FOOT Leader Alum Reunion Trip**—the last one rafting the San Juan River in Utah was a blast. I sent this out last year, but had to postpone this trip for a year. So now-- June of 2003 we are hoping to run the Arkansas River in Colorado. (Sorry if this sounds familiar.) **Greg Felt '88** owns his own rafting company and has generously offered to host us. The time would be around **June 20-22, 2003**. Here is information from Greg: "I think a three day would be great. We can do a continuous three day, or, to maximize the whitewater, do a Browns Canyon Overnight and then pull out and shuttle downstream for day 3 in the Royal Gorge. Should be good whitewater either way, but its the choice of continuity or maximize rapids. This trip normally sells for \$339/person. We can do it for FOOT for \$240/person and that would include all meals (three lunches two dinners and breakfasts). We would need to know if people are vegetarians, etc...We aren't licensed to provide liquor but we can certainly have it with us. We can do a group beer fund or people can bring their own. Folks should fly to Colorado Springs and we will run a late-in-the-day shuttle - bus or van depending on numbers. It would be great to get everyone with one trip as it's two hours from Salida to the Springs. They can then get a room or camp in our pasture for the night. People can get by with a toothbrush and their clothes but if they can bring a tent, pad, and sleeping bag that would be great. We will have drybags for anyone who needs them and wetsuits, booties, and spray jackets. And life jackets, of course. To run Browns Canyon in June, kids should be 10-12 or more." Sooo—let me (Cilla now speaking) know if you are interested! This should be a lot of fun. Just send me a note or email and I will start a list and contact you later. I know there was a request to have a trip with little kids, but maybe this is the time for that short visit to grandma & grandpa!

Please don't forget to contribute to the **Jason Karpf** Scholarship Fund, in the memory of our dear friend and leader exemplar. This year besides partial scholarships, we are able to offer some full ones. Checks should be made payable to FOOT and are tax deductible. You can reach me at [priscilla.kellert@yale.edu](mailto:priscilla.kellert@yale.edu) or 203-865-9126 or 57 Edgehill Road, New Haven, CT 06511. Some

news from me: Two fun trips we did this year—one to the Bahamas to a great little island, Green Turtle Key where we swam and snorkeled and hung out a lot. And then we went on a trip to southern Utah to Zion and Bryce National Parks. I'm hooked on going to the southwest for an annual trip of some sort now. Our big trip as I mentioned before is to Australia this summer. I'm still teaching AP history and environmental science. I just got back from a conference at Dartmouth for directors of Outdoor Orientation Trips—a small select group. It was interesting and I'm glad to say that FOOT is in good shape compared to others. In fact, the representative from the Green Mountain Club, who oversees group hiking in Vermont, said that FOOT was one of the three commended groups out of about 200 groups that he deals with for good hiking practices. Our tarpitecture and bear bagging must be working! See you –I hope –in Colorado next June!

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