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Dear FOOT Leader Alums,

Greetings and I hope 2003 finds you well. I have just returned from the FOOT Alumni Leader Raft Trip so I am still a bit heady from all the fun and good times we had. It made me realize what a fantastic group you all are. More on the trip and future reunions later. As usual I am about to run off to Martha's Vineyard so I am rushing to get this done. Please excuse any and all typos this time around. I have a feeling that I might be a bit sloppy this year because I just don't have the hours to proof this. You might also see names with email and street addresses without punctuation. Remember that some of the news is a bit dated since I collect it over a year. So here goes!

I caught a brief glimpse of **Jamie Williams** '86 when he was in town speaking at the forestry school. He is still the head of the Nature Conservancy in Montana. He, wife **Florence** '86 and son Ben are doing fine. **Sue Lamar** '86 is alive and well in **Albuquerque**. She was a late, but welcomed addition to the raft trip. A greetings from **Hilary Blair** '86 Blabila@aol.com. "Just a quick hello to let you know I do appreciate getting the newsletter from FOOT and you. I just met the daughter of some friends of ours out here in Denver - doing the social chat and come to find she's heading off to Yale the next day to do her FOOT orientation! It was fun to chat briefly about being there at the beginning with Jamie and all! Glad it's going so well. If there are any FOOT t-shirts or hats or such -I'd love to buy one. I do still have my FOOT mug and bat from ages ago. I do spend summers on the Vineyard teaching at the theatre camp I attended when I was a kid. The rest of the year I'm here in Denver as a full time teaching artist with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. I love-the-mountains-being so close-and spend time - hiking and-mountain biking." And later... "Finally snow in Denver and since I work in the schools -SNOW DAY! I do have such fond memories of FOOT way back when. I will be on the Vineyard all of July as well. I teach at the children's theatre there each summer." 4128 Batavia Place Denver CO 80220. Another early leader **Nina Sullen** '87 ninakallen@hotmail.com sent in the following "My husband, Adam Frost ('87) and I have a daughter, Morgan, who is now .20 months old and extremely fun. She loves being outside, swimming, and animals, so I have high hopes that we'll make a camper out of her. Her other hobbies include eating, putting diapers on her Pooh bear, and jumping on the bed. I started my own law practice about a year ago, specializing in personal injury and employment law which is going well. I'd love to hear from anyone in the Boston area via email or phone (617)327-9523, Roslindale, Massachusetts ph: (617)363-0547. I saw **Eve Vogel** '87 evevogel@darkwirth.uoregon.edu on the raft trip but she sent in this a while ago: "I recently un-buried last year's FOOT leader newsletter and thought I should at least send a bit of news/update before the next one came around! It's been wonderful getting the newsletter each year - I'm so impressed you go to all the work necessary to put together news of so many years of FOOT leaders! It's amazing and exciting to hear about how FOOT has grown, and reassuring to see how wonderfully interesting and cool people more recent leaders have been, just like the folks I knew in FOOT's first two years! Here's a 15-year update: After Yale, I was in Peace Corps in Honduras, working on cloud forest conservation. I returned to the US in 1990 with 2 Honduran dogs and promptly moved to "Ecotopia," that is, the Pacific Northwest. I came to Portland, Oregon, where I have been based since. I've had various careers/jobs, with varying levels of success and misery, all related to the environment - first, environmental ed; later, sick of preaching to the converted, I got my teaching certificate and taught biology in an inner-city high school; then, exhausted and demoralized, I quit and was a free-lance environmentalist working on salmon issues for a year. At age 33 I returned to academia, as a grad student in Geography, at the University of Oregon (I've commuted weekly to Eugene for much of the last 4 years). Four years later, I'm "ABD," done with classes and exams and heading into 3 years of researching and writing, hoping to get my PhD at age 40 and become a prof. I'm researching Columbia Basin river and salmon politics, and am thinking about writing my dissertation on the development of the regional institutions that have shaped Pacific Northwest environmental policy, economics and politics for 70 years. This summer I'm headed to Hokkaido, Japan to do a month long comparative study of salmon and river politics there. Those who knew me may remember my senior year roommate (sometimes an Outdoor Club participant but not a FOOTie), Linda Irvine. She's been my housemate for the last 8 years - she's moving out to her own independent living house in another month, but will still be in the neighborhood. I have a wonderful neighborhood community of environmentally minded friends. I'm in touch with my 2nd year FOOT froth Harrison Pollack, who is in **Oakland, CA**, working for the state attorney general on environmental law, and is married to his childhood friend Natalie, and has an adorable son, Max. I'm also in touch with Nina Killen, who is in Boston and recently had a daughter, Morgan, in whom she is delighting. I would love to hear from FOOTies living or traveling in the Pacific Northwest They can find me at 2726 NE 8th Ave, Portland, OR 97212 503-502-2051, Thanks for all the good memories and the ongoing updates!!!! Hugs, Eve"

Greg Felt '88 is river guide extraordinaire. The Colorado rafters are greatly indebted to him for a fabulous trip. I highly recommend his company in Salida, CO: Canyon Marine.Carlson@cs.com. Patrick **Whelan** '88 pwhelan@saintstephens.org wrote: "It is always good to hear from FOOT. I received the last printed update a few weeks ago with information on my friends. Yes, I am still at 3127 Riverview Blvd. Bradenton FL 34205 I teach AP European history and world history in a private school setting. Very nice. Patrick" A fellow classmate, Christine Walravens 88cwalravens@salud.unm.edu reported: "I am pleased to announce that I have a new very cheerful baby girl named Natalia. She is 4 months old now. Nicholas, our son, is now 5 and only wants to send Natalia

to live with grandma about once a week. I am finally completing pediatric residency and returning to Denver, which I have been trying to get back to ever since leaving for college. Best of luck! Christine" It is always good to catch up with the Sayers: **Ben & Betsy Saylor** '89 Saylor@dtgnet.com "In an effort to keep South Dakota populated, Betsy and I welcomed a second baby boy to our family in April. His name is William, and we're calling him Will. Mom, Dad, Jay, and Will are all doing great. Hope you've had a wonderful year. Cheers, Ben Saylor" Director Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education Black Hills State University 605.642.6874. Still from the class of '89: **Paul Jahnige** '89 ppjahnige@rcn.com "The next Foot Alumni trip sounds great, and of course we still have wonderful memories of the last. Unfortunately, we are likely doing most of our travels with kids (5&7) these days (including some backpacking in HI this Feb) so if the guidelines hold, we will not likely join. Hope you are well. Cheers, Paul Jahnige" Community Action Forester, MA DEM Please note my new office e-mail and phone! paul.jahnige@state.maus 413-577-2966 (home) P.O. Box 226 Williamsburg, MA 01096. 413-268-0108. And now for the annual tales of adventures from **Ann Vileisis** '89 "Here in February 2003, we all find ourselves uncomfortably perched at the verge of war, with decades of environmental reforms crumbling behind locked doors and spurious rants. Ideals of peace and harmony seem more distant than ever, and hope seems naive. But somehow the darkness of these days has compelled us to be ever more mindful and grateful for the magic of life: the purple sand dollars that slowly trek across wet sand at low tide, the mergansers in bright plumage ready to mate, the beams of sunlight that break through the dense boles of redwood forest, the taste of autumn apples, and the love of family and friends. In these wonders, we find solace and joy. The past year has been an eventful one for us. Tim's latest book, *PACIFIC HIGH ADVENTURES in the COAST RANGES* from BAJA to ALASKA, came out in August, featuring a photo of our van in the Chugach Mountains on its cover. To promote the book, we did a 3-month book tour down the West Coast from Vancouver, BC to San Diego, traveling from town to town sharing slides and impressions of the coast ranges. *PACIFIC HIGH* is a most fun read-if we do say so ourselves. (You can listen to a radio interview we did on NPR's Savvy Traveler <http://savvy.trng.org/show/run/downloads/2002120021115.shtml#pacific>). Ann is still at work on her food book. There have been far too many distractions and obstacles, but this fall she thoroughly enjoyed a productive two-week stint at Mesa Refuge, a writer's retreat at Point Reyes. We've saved the biggest news for last. Inspired in part by that "Pacific high" feeling we've come to love over the past few years, we bought a house on the coast of southern Oregon! We were intrigued by the town of Port Orford two summers ago. *The, last July, as we flirted with the pod-Nifty of trying out a winter here*, we happened upon a beautiful little house, a half block from the ocean, and an amazing, generous bargain (including most of the useful stuff in the house) that we could not pass up. So we took the plunge, closing all the deals a day before the actual gig! I guess our first plan was to take the train, but we ended up eyeing our enormous book collection back east, drove across the country, and moved in. There have been adjustments. One of the most troubling is accepting that the house is, of course, a consumer-always sucking down electricity from the grid for heat or refrigeration. And there is an endless new "to do" list on which painting the guest bedroom and pruning blackberry bushes competes with working, hiking, and reading. And now there is more space between us. But on rainy nights, we feel elated reading in front of a roaring fire; Ann loves having her own desk; and each morning when we walk to the top of the hill to look out over the ocean-it just feels VERY good to be here. So we are quite excited about this new chapter in our lives! We just love Port Orford (see www.portorford.org, and click on aerial view). Because it is small, we can easily walk to the natural foods store, bank, dock, post office but ALSO to the beach and a fabulous state park. (Tim thinks our town beach is the most beautiful town beach in America.) Within a short drive, there are several more stellar state parks along the coast, and a dozen canoeable rivers flow out to sea including the Rogue only 30 miles to the south. The Siskiyou Nits form a giant bloc of wilderness to our southeast, and the redwoods soar within a couple hours drive. Port Orford has only 1,000 inhabitants, and we already know about 5 percent of them all extremely friendly. We love our new house-modest yet extremely tasteful. It was built in the 1930's then beautifully renovated in the 1980's by the former owner. He did a fine job preserving the high buttressed ceiling and laying down beautiful fir floors. The floor to ceiling bookshelves give our big room a grand feel. And though only a block from the Pacific, the house is set in a swale, protected from the fearsome winter storms. We were a bit apprehensive about those storms. Winds can rage to 120 mph here at this westernmost town site in the continental U.S.-anywhere else they are hurricanes! But the storms come and go, and in between, there are fabulous sunny spells. So far, we've had far more sun than rain: daffodils are blooming the first of February, and we've been harvesting garden lettuce since we arrived. We look forward to spending most of 2003 at our new place, to settle in and see what it is like, to try our hand at gardening, to explore our larger back yard, and to focus on our work. But we also feel quite reluctant to give up the joys of van life. Ultimately, we hope to marry the best of van life with the best of home life. We don't want the house to become a ball and chain or a source of frustration; we want it to be a helpful home base. So in the future, there may be times when we'd like to leave for months at a time during the delightful summer months, and we would welcome friends to come, stay, and make themselves at home when we are gone. We'd also love to have you come and visit while we are here. We'll be fixing up a cozy little guest bedroom sometime soon. And so, after years/decades of sending mail via our mothers, you can now change those eastern addresses to the new one listed below and rest assured that we will get letters here at our new home. We wish you a beautiful and peaceful winter brightened by wonder."

It was great to hear from Carrie A Hatcher-Kay '89 chatcher@umich.edu "I've been trying to think of a way I could finagle coming on the FOOT rafting trip this June, but I don't think we can swing a vacation separate from our little one yet. She'll still be under one and we don't have any local grandparents with whom she's real comfortable. We'll wait for the next go-round. I'm glad to hear it sounds like it's a go, though - that you had enough folks say yes. It'll be a blast I know. I hope you and Steve and family are doing well. Josh and I are loving life with dear Amelia. Attached are recent pics (6 months old). I'm working half-time finishing up my post doc. Josh is a new asst prof in physical med and rehab. We're both at UM Hospital, so it's fun to meet for lunch sometimes. Mostly, we work as efficiently as possible so we can get home to be with our babe. She's SOO fun. Squealing, clapping, smiling with delight, babbling, exploring (not crawling yet, I'm sure that'll happen soon enough!). She loves the outdoors, even the blustery winter days of late. It's a guaranteed nap when we take her outside, so that's an extra bonus - exercise for parents, sleep for babe! Now, if we could just improve the naptimes in bed... Thanks again, as ever, for compiling and composing the annual FOOT newsletter. I am completely astounded by *that* effort, as well as by the amazing things everyone is doing. It's really a treat to read (in several sittings it's gotten so long) each year. I'm sure Amelia will be wearing her FOOT t-shirt this summer, so we'll send you a photo then. HAPPY '03! Take Care, Carrie." Still from that era: Toby Kovacs '89 "Hi! Add another fan of FOOT-my wife, Rachel, gave birth to our son, Daniel, last April. We wasted

no time getting him out on the trail (see attached photo of Daniel at the base of his first hike, a 2-railer up Mt Olga in southern Vermont). Other news- we've moved to New York City after several years in NJ and love being back among friends and family here. Now if only we could get closer to the mountains... On the work front, unfortunately the technology marketing firm where I was working closed (ironically because the owner made a ton of money and closed shop). The bright side is that this has given me time to be with Daniel and I've discovered the satisfaction of being Mr. Mom. Rachel continues to work for the NYC government, the division that was responsible for cleaning up Ground Zero. Hope you're well. Glad to see that FOOT is thriving!" **Frank Levy** '89 sent his annual newsletter: "Dear all, It's been a fabulous year, beginning with the arrival of Katherine Lambert (Kiki) on the 24th of January. Every day that passes reveals another amazing aspect of her developing personality. She has been blessed with frequent visits from doting grandparents, uncle and aunt and many close friends. We have enjoyed becoming parents so much that we've decided to provide Kiki with a sibling-due in early June! The year has been one of career transition for both of us. Kerry has left the software world and the working world in general for a year or so to focus on her many other interests. She recently completed a course at the Shelter Institute in Maine on how to build houses and really loved it. Frank has delved deeply into real estate development, joining his family's firm; Newbury Development Company [w\(www.newburyliving.com\)](http://www.newburyliving.com). His career move led to a temporary physical move (expected 15 months total) of the family from San Francisco, California to Des Moines, Iowa. If you're at all curious about where the heck Des Moines is, please come visit! If not, we look forward to seeing you on our occasional east coast and mountain visits and our frequent west coast visits! Love and hugs, Kerty, Frank and KW." The following notice was sent by Kristin Mitchell '89 and David Thomas: "At the Autumnal Equinox, Under a Full Moon, Our Son was Born Wesley Bridget Mitchell Thomas 21 September 2002, at 12:35am 9 pounds, 8 ounces; 21.5 inches long He joins his big brother Drake and parents Kristin Mitchell and David Thomas... The biggest news is Wesley's arrival. We did get some hiking in early in my pregnancy - we spent 3 days in the Haleakala Crater in Maui. I carried both kids and my husband David our gear. We also spent the 4th of July weekend exploring the Kwai Canoe Trails. What are the chances of a kid - friendly FOOT reunion some day?" Trex Proffitt '89 and wife Beth sent their annual holiday card. He now has two kids and lives in California.

Theresa L. **Johnson** '90 skeeko@aya.yale.edu wrote: "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... 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, Came, 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-Sayler at a Yalie 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 mingle mom but have been thinking - seriously the past 2 years of marrying a photojournalist. We met my fiancé 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. Teri Theresa L. Johnson 639 West Mine Street Asheboro, NC 27205 (336) 629-1175." And then later she reported: "I got married November 1st, 2002 to William E. Thompson, the love of my life, sweetest man I've ever met. I met him a few weeks after seeing Ben and Betsey Sayler at a Yale wedding in Chicago a few years ago. He is a photojournalist and we live in a tiny town called Asheboro, North Carolina - right in the middle of the state. He usually teaches photojournalism here, but was called up by the Army Reserves this past January to go to Kuwait / Iraq where he is unofficially shooting photos and officially is a Captain in Civil Affairs, currently assessing the need for humanitarian aid. I have a son named Makai (muhkye) who is about to turn 12 and a new stepson Troy who is 12 already. I teach English as a Second Language, have a photography studio, and am working on some creative writing. The boys and I hope to be traveling cross-country to Montana and California this summer, Bill's not officially due back until next February, but we're all still hoping that they'll get to come home early. A personal website with photos of Bill, me and the two boys is at <http://www.helenetcoml-doghouse5>."

News from Michael Kahan '90 is this: "From August 20, 2002 until June 30, 2003, we'll be at 547 W. Carpenter La. Philadelphia PA 19119. I'll be teaching part time at Penn for a year, and my wife, Gabriella, will have a fellowship at Penn's Center for Jewish Studies. (After that, back to T i t a c La. In CA!) Have a great summer - we'll try to send photos in time for next year's newsletter! Love, Michael. Tel. 215-848-2716 My work History Department University of Pennsylvania 208 College Hall Philadelphia PA 19104 Tel. 215-898-8452 My e-mail will remain, as ever, mkahan@sas.upenn.edu." **Jeannette DeMallie Gorda** '90 Highlights from 2002: "Caleb tamed one and Sasha turned three. Caleb started walking and talking and imitating his sister. Sasha started swimming lessons and preschool. Jeannette started a new job as a public health nurse for the state of Alaska. Rhett started payments on a life insurance policy and an extended cab pickup truck. Happy holidays from the Gorda family. That's it in a nutshell! Love, Jeannette." This announcement arrived: Guillen Todd and Kingsley Taft '90: "We welcome with love William Dakin Taft July 4, 2002 7 lbs., 1 loz. 20 1/2 inches."

What would FOOT be without some news from: Eric **Greenwald** '90 greenwald@earthlink.net "After spending a couple of years in Washington, D.C. working for a think-tank, I ran off to law school (well, it seemed like a good idea at the time). After a rather unorthodox three years (which included some election observation in Ukraine and work at the United Nations in Geneva), I graduated and then spent a year in private practice back in D.C. For the next two years, I was working in the CIA, s Office of General Counsel (which included a one-year rotation to the FBI). I left the government to work on a dot-com startup that imploded in very short order, and I eventually returned to private practice. It sucked. After a year and brief series of bizarre events, I ended up working as an associate producer for 60 Minutes (still in Washington). I started work there at the end of last summer and got laid off about five months later (limes are tough everywhere). It was heartbreaking to lose such a cool gig, but I did have fun while it lasted. The highlight was probably my trip to Baghdad last October for an interview with Tariq Aziz. I spent a couple of months unemployed but then managed to work my

way in the side door of National Public Radio where I am doing editing and production work for Daniel Schorr and Weekend Edition Saturday. I don't get out hiking anywhere near as often as I would like. I *do* see a handful of FOOT-folk on a reasonably regular basis (including Jay Readey, Pete Braasch, and Scott Walsh). I really do miss coming back for support crew, but I just can't shake the feeling that I have gotten too damn old to fit in with the cool kids (not that I managed to *do* that when I was younger). Eric Greenwald FOOT 1986, Yale 1990."

It was great to hear from: **Baker Mallory** '91 baker1969@yahoo.com. Baker was also on the raft trip. "I just wanted to share some good news with all of you. As of yesterday I'm a licensed / registered architect in the State of New York! Thanks for all your encouragement over the last nine months while I took the Architect Registration Exam. Finally, Baker" Emel **Wadhvani** '91 egwadhvani@hotmail.com informed us that "We've moved! Here is our new information: 208 Winthrop Street Medford, MA 02155. 781-391-1670 Dan, F.m.e.l & Kenan" More from that class: **Aaron Scott** '91 ascott1789@earthlink.net "One of the uglier elements of my profession has crept out of the slime. I've been asked to testify at a malpractice trial of one of my colleagues in early June. I can see why physicians quit so often after lawsuits—even if unfounded and trivial. The devastation of confidence and good will is complete. And the statistics suggest it will happen to me sometime. I'll be in touch, Aaron" Oh dear... on a more cheerful note, this came in from: **Kate Hackett-Messer** '91 "GREETINGS and Happy 2003, Family and Friends!!!! For us 2002 was marked prominently by the in- and out-of-utero growth of Madeline (Maddie) Karin Messer. Pregnancy yielded both significant lifestyle and more mundane challenges for both of us, such as Kate temporarily giving up playing hoops, running, and ultimate Frisbee and Kent's two-hour baked potato hunt for his desperately hungry wife (of course Kate wanted THREE, not just one!). As Kate summarized it seven weeks before delivery, "I used to want my pre-pregnancy body back; now I just want my pre-pregnancy mind back" At 10:17am Halloween morning, Madeline joined us for a lifetime adventure. She weighed nine pounds and nine ounces and stretched to 21.75 inches. By Christmas, Madeline had grown to 14 pounds and 23.5 inches, and she remains in the ninety-fifth percentile for height, weight, and head circumference (not surprising given the stature of her parents! ! t). With an extra chin. and a couple folds of skin, Madeline's smiles melt our hearts and her miniature sneezes draw instant laughter and joy: Madeline is generally content and enjoys the levity of social events where she absorbs the multitude of new sights and sounds. There is little doubt that Maddie is on her way to being quite gregarious. She is a joy (and challenge) and is the center of the Messer-Hackett household (much to the chagrin of Biscuit and Stella....). In addition to bringing another life into the world, Kate em led he, t l yea.: of wrk. as the Waltz. Resoureas Planner for the Tompkins Couu.<y Planning Department One of her most significant accomplishments of 2002 is that Kate's work provided the foundation for the first intermunicipal planning project conducted by the Toompkins Couu. Plannu g. partment his: year, Kate—also waseleeted to serve as the Chliffor the "I In v" eNityrofMiclilgan's Ford School of Public Policy Alumni Board. Other highlights of 2002 included: A week-long canoe voyage in July through the pristine Algonquin National Park in Ontario, Canada. The spoils of the wedding canoe served us better that expected. We endured only one storm that week, but the accompanying winds our tent poles (while we were inside trying to hold the walls of the tent up) and the lightning strikes were so close that we could ii y feel the electricity. Kent was pleased to emerge from the tent having survived the storm; Kate was shocked to emerge from the tent to find the canoe MISSING. You can imagine the panic of a pregnant woman on a solitary island with no transportation back to civilization. ("OK, breathe. Now, how much food do we have with us?") Luckily, we found the canoe on the other side of the embankment, a bit worse for the wear and scarred by a crash against the rocks... but still floatable. (Thanks to the strength of Keviar!!) Celebrating 100 years of ownership of Kate's family fannin Wayland, Iowa. The weekend festivities featured disc golf, an honorary picnic, and a boys-versus-girls scavenger hunt through a 10-acre corn maze. (Kate thought that the girls might achieve a competitive advantage if they put their sister-in-law, Amy, on her shoulders for a bird's eye view. Amy atop the shoulders of a 7-month pregnant woman was quite a sight!) Finally we have treasured the blessings of family and friends this- year through the transformations of pregnancy, the miracle of birth, and the mysteries of parenting. In the words of poet Lucian de Crescenzo, "We are each of us angels with only one wing...and we can only fly by embracing each other." Countless times this year we have been lifted up by your loving embraces, gifts, phone calls, patience, and well wishes; they have truly touched us and provided necessary nourishment and support as we adjust to our new lives. We are grateful for all of the "wings" of support we have received in the past year, and wish for you much joy and peace in the new year." **Chris Roberts** '91 sent his holiday newsletter. "Happy new year, and greetings from the tail end of the Christmas season. Thank you for your cards, letters and the many ways you have supported us last year. 2002 was difficult Many of you heard or read Hannah's address at Massimo's funeral (her dad) Since then, we've also had to wrestle with choices about the future of the house and the family business in Yorkshire. No final decisions yet In these circumstances, our remaining family relationships have grown stronger. We enjoyed a week with Clare, Hannah's sister, at a cottage on the Northumberland coast, as well as Christmas with her in Baltimore with Chris' parents (who are happily retired). Clare lives in Leeds, and is training to be a nurse for adults with learning difficulties. The two of us are still in London. One of Hannah's church projects (converting an unused graveyard into a park) is complete and the second (restoring a Victorian hall for community use, and building a new church with flats on top) is well underway. Hannah also played Beatrice in a summertime al fresco production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Chris is about halfway through his PhD, and enjoying the research. Next month, he's planning an interview with the new Archbishop of Canterbury for his old TV show. We meet the new year feeling healthier, happier, and a bit more mellow. We've chosen a phrase from Julian of Norwich to be carved on the gravestone for Hannah's parents, "all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" Neither Hannah's projects nor the Ph.D. are likely to be completed until mid to late 2004, so we are grateful to get on with daily life, take a few holidays, and try to make sure the pace never gets too busy. We pray for peace.

Do you believe we are still with the class of 1991? From **Chris Rimes** '91: "Now that we have two children, we finally recognize that we won't have enough time to pen correspondence with each of you for the next seventeen years. So, in the interest of keeping our long-distance friendships kindling, we thought we'd join the tradition of holiday updates. Bozeman, Montana has welcomed us warmly. Save for a week of below zero temperatures right around Halloween (Alex trick-or-treated as an Eskimo dressed up as an angel), weather here has been remarkably mild. There's just a little snow in town—enough for a white Christmas. Tod is enjoying his new position as Program Director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. He calls this a high-challenge job in a low-stress town. He spent the first several weeks traveling around the ecosystem that encompasses Yellowstone National Park, Teton National Park and six national forests. Tod returned from these trips to tell the kids about his wildlife sightings: bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, elk, deer, bison, black bears, and grizzly bears. This area has the largest populations of free roaming wildlife in the continental U.S. and hosts all

of the species (except the passenger pigeon) that Lewis and Clark found here 200 years ago. I can't believe the dumb luck of landing in this gorgeous setting through no design of my own. The days when we've skied or hiked the trails in the mountains that surround us, I marvel that we can actually call this place home. I'm still spending most of my time with the kids *who* manage to amaze, entertain, and drive me crazy in any given 15-minute period of the day. To keep my sanity, I've taken on a bit of contract work—still in the field of investing in low-income communities—that pays for extra babysitting hours. Alex, almost four, is ruling the roost at home and at her preschool. Her teachers report that she looks for new friends every day, but that one four-year-old boy has been her consistent favorite primarily because he does what she tells him to do. She has lots of practice with Peter at home. And she tries with her parents, too. She has an active imagination and assigns roles to all in our household based on the favorite story of the hour. When we play "Eloise," I get to be Nanny (!) and Peter gets to be the turtle. While Alex still likes to prance about in a tutu, Tod has introduced her to football. Last week, while running some plays, she informed Tod that they wouldn't tackle they would just "bash into each other." I still have faith in peace education. At 14 months, Peter has already managed to discover his sister's Achilles heel—or thumb in this case. He actually pulls her beloved thumb out of her mouth when he wants to annoy her. It works. He joined the world of walkers about a month ago and has been known to slip out the front door and charge *up* the sidewalk before an unsuspecting adult can sprint after him. He loves to dance and his pirouette is a sight to behold. Imagine a penguin—one of the smaller species—in toe shoes. His interests center primarily on animals, and the noises they make. Horses are a current favorite perhaps because he saw a few up close on Thanksgiving. But, bears-grizzlies especially-top the list because he loves to growl. A true Montana boy. We hope your home is filled with joy in this *holiday* season and *wish* you peace and happiness in the coming year." And yes, *still* more: **Milena Novy** '91 "I do have some big and new, news. Robert, Ella (8 mos.) and I will be moving to Chicago this summer. Robert has accepted as position as a Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, and I will be accepting a position as a Program Officer on Economic Governance at the MacArthur Foundation. The program will be funding research and policy to spread the benefits of globalization more broadly, particularly in developing countries. Any FOOTies in the Chicago area, please let me know! We'd love to have some friends to do outdoor and other stuff with. You can reach me at my permanent email address: mnovoy@yahoo.com. Thanks and take care." And from: "Mighty Diana" <liiyfish@flash.net> Hi, Gila! I hear the water is great in Colorado this year. I'm sure the reunion group will have a blast Wish we could be there! I don't have much to report I am still staying at home in Newton, MA with my two kids (Lily is 5 and Maya is nearly 3) while volunteering with La Leche League (breastfeeding info and support). I have started teaching some kids' arts classes, primarily drama classes for ages 2-5, which are a hoot! It's nice to get back to my Dramat Children's Theater (now Yale Children's Theater) roots! My husband Richard is enjoying his psychiatry practice and is now also a Psychoanalyst Now that my kids are no longer babies, I am finally sleeping and thinking on a regular basis. So whoever out there is in the thick of the baby stage, I just want to let you know that it does indeed get easier! Ever since my younger daughter was 2, I have (usually) felt like I am on vacation. Of course, by -"vacation" I mean: vacation with little-kids. Enjoy, everybody!

Diana•Fisher Gombeg- '91

Onto the class of '92: **Hope Wechkin** '92 "I can't believe I'm writing at last, after all these years! I'm living in Seattle, where I've been living since graduating from college. I'm married to Christopher Shainin, a wonderful and funny man who's a composer and a PhD candidate in music at the University of Washington. I'm a family doctor with my own practice in Seattle, where I work in an integrative medicine clinic. I work alongside naturopaths, acupuncturists, and massage therapists, and I'm the MD who's on hand for "conventional" medicine. The idea is to give patients access to the best of what conventional and complementary medicine have to offer, and so far it's working! I'm also working as a classical singer in my town, and this keeps me sane and happy. I crossed paths with Kristin Mitchell and Betsy Saylor during our medical training, but now they are far-flung colleagues, working, I think, in Alaska and South Dakota, respectively. I see Jeannette DeMallie, proud mother of two, very occasionally when she makes a stop-over in Seattle. I "see" Dan Gerwin whenever I travel to New York for singing. It is hard to believe I was nervously interviewing as a FOOT leader almost fourteen years ago! Sadly, I was a FOOT latecomer, only discovering it as a leader just before my senior year. But I will never forget that trip and my co-leader Ben Doolittle, whom I certainly hope is still as cheerful and dynamic as he was then. All my best to you, Gila, and to everyone, happy 2003!" **Paul Sabin** '92 paulsabin@yale.edu sent this: "I rediscovered your wonderfully rich, epic FOOT letter from last year today while cleaning up my office after a hectic academic year. Lots of news to share, so I thought I would write while it was on my mind. Emily Bazon mid welcomed another little fella into our lives in February, and now Simon Bazon and his three-year old brother Eli Sabin are keeping us very busy and entertained. Emily and I also bought a house here in New Haven last summer, and Eli and I have built a small raised bed garden and sandbox. *So* I guess we're settling in for, now. Emily and I are both a bit shocked that we're still herein town. But we've always *been* big fans of New Haven and are finding it an easy and fun place to raise kids. The city is doing well compared to the late 80s/early 90s. We love that Mark Barnett and Katherine Gergen live across the street from us, and that many other Yale/FOOT friends also are wandering the streets of New Haven. Emily writes and edits at Legal Affairs, a new general interest magazine about law started up by Yale Law School. I continue to straddle academic and non-profit environmental work. I direct the Environmental Leadership Program, a national non-profit organization that I started to provide training and support to emerging environmental leaders from across the environmental field. FOOT folks may enjoy checking ELP out online at www.elpnet.org. Many footies helped launch ELF- Eric Steadman, Chris Roberts, and Perry de Valpine were all at the original planning meetings back in 1998 and many other Yalies (who I think are part of the FOOT family) have been key staff, board, or participants since, including Sally Loomis, Ben Strauss, Liza Grandia, Caitlin DeSilvey, and others. We've been able to spark some great collaborations and individual growth and also seed some neat projects. We hope to expand our efforts in the coming year to reach out to a broader community of emerging leaders, beyond our core ELP fellowship program. In the other part of my work, I teach environmental history and energy politics half-time in the Yale history department This past spring I had the surreal experience of teaching a junior history seminar on United States overseas expansion. Among other things, I was quite surprised by the depth of undergraduate support for a unilateral invasion of Iraq, even in the context of what we were reading about American adventures in the Philippines and Cuba. Paul" I recently heard from: Karen O'Brien '92 karen_erine@hotmail.com "Here is our news for the FOOT newsletter—I am finishing up my fellowship at Brown in Maternal Fetal Medicine in June, and we will be moving to Melrose, MA in July. (New address will be 27 Pine St, Melrose, MA.) Our summer will be busy—we're expecting our second baby in mid-August In January I'll start work at New England Medical Center. Fiona is almost 2 now and is full of beans. She is such a joyful little creature. I will look forward to your newsletter! I always

love hearing what everyone's up to, and your letter evokes such fond memories of FOOT trips. Hope all is well with you! Karen. "I also got in touch with David Goetsch '92 dbgoetsch@mindspring.com" It was nice to get your note. You have always impressed me, but your ability to recall a FOOT interview from over ten years ago is outstanding. Things here in LA are good I'm married now to Jennifer Wang (SM'94) and we live in Hollywood with our two dogs. We just returned from Barcelona where we filmed a pilot for the WB network about a family that travels around Europe. It was a great free trip and if we can somehow get the show picked up it..what a scam to go shoot a show on location in Europe. I enjoy the FOOT letters. And I'm grateful for my time as a FOOT leader. Keep up the good work! Best, Dave."

I received a packet from: **Laura Grant** '92 "Thank you so much for all the FOOT updates you've sent out over the years. I'm always happy to receive them. Thanks to FOOT, Louisa Castrodale and I realized we both live in Anchorage! We're expecting our second son any moment now, so he'll be a little too small to hit the rapids. Maybe in a few years we'll all be ready! Kadin, our first, took his first canoe trails trip last summer. He loved it, and I'm sure it's the first of many. We just have to stick to the still water for a few years. We're just so happy to be living and working in such an amazing place. We would love to see you up here, or to host any FOOTies who happen to be coming through Alaska. Everyone is welcome to stay or to call for tips on what to do up here. I also have to put in a plug for my growing business, so I'm enclosing a Woolykids flyer so you can see what I've been up to other than chasing kids. All Woolykids clothes are made from machine washable merino wool, and they are perfect for outdoor-loving kids. We even have adult merino vests coming this fall! If you need a fundraiser for FOOT, let me know and we can make some wool FOOT logo vests. We had some kids from Alaska go on FOOT last year-I made sure to tell them all how great a time they would have. Hopefully we've inspired a couple of admitted students this year to go on FOOT as well. Have a great time in Colorado, and I'll be looking forward to hearing all about the trip! Put some pictures online if you have a chance." And then I heard from: **Louisa Castrodale** '92 "Can't remember when I last wrote you! Did Laura Grant ever tell you about the fortuitous FOOT newsletter-neither Laura nor I knew the other was in Alaska! Excellent means of reuniting! I am still doing public health work-in the same office only now as a state employee and not a federal employee. Bought a house last year-bigger than expected-but all the better for visitors!! House census includes the large gray cat, Jorge, and my boyfriend, Mike. Here's another small world story for you-some recycling friends had their wedding reception-met some of their other friends-one who used to teach at Sidwell. He had been contracted after he left Sidwell and had moved to *l i a - by none oche*; # *Eric S' dman about the May gritty* of the Sidwell Frisbee Association. Come visit: !

Burch LaPrade '93 and **Rachelle Lyons LaPrade** '93 sent their annual holiday card-looking well with kids and pets. This news is from eth\$awkms-1931'Seth, Xeliy and Ethan redtappy t o report thattKiti: Collin'gs'awkIns was l orri. at 11 f13'PM on Jan 22nd.. He is 9oz, 21 inches, and both he and Kelly are doing great after a relatively strai - htforward delivery. We hope this fords you all well.Seth, Kelly & Ethan Collings Hawkins (+ Kai!)." Happy everything! As of July 1; we will have new contact information: 315 Golf Course Rd, Apt 1902 Morganton, North Carolina 28655-5205 Home phone:: 828-430-9942Fornow, e-mail and cell phones will remain the same: Seth: hawk@ayayale.edu 412-606-6733 Take care, Seth, Kelly, Ethan and Kai Collings Hawkins." Katie Michel '93 announced; "I'll keep you posted; but I'm expecting a baby in early April. Adam and I are very excited. Hope this f nos you well." And from Emily **Swanson**'93 cbica@sprintmail.com: "I am getting rid of my home internet access, and with it this e-mail address. Please change me on the isterv to-eswanson@partners.org. The news from here - well, I am canceling home internet access and trying to pinch pennies in lots of other ways too, to finance a trip to Africa in February-March I will be going to ^{Tanzania} to teach anesthesia to nurse anesthetists there - an opportunity. for me to learn about ether! And other things we've forgotten how to do in the march of new - technology. While there I am also hoping to do some traveling in the national parks there -- which, surprisingly tome, is *very* expensive! Here I am thinking I will do some hiking, and fording out that many things cannot be accessed without a guide, porters, etc - it's the law. Strange. All is well here in Boston. I am putting my FOOT training to good use orienting my partner Lisa to wilderness hiking -- we did a weekend on the AT last month, her first backpacking trip ever, and though there was a lot of good-natured complaining while going up hills, she secretly confessed to having a very good time. Much love -Emily." And from: **Dara Kovel** '93 DKovel@mercyhousing.org" I am here, one of probably just a few long silent FOOT Alum. I still get the newsletter and appreciate the pictures. Can't imagine how you find time to write so many words and keep track of so many graduates. Its great! I am well and thriving in LA. Married a year and 3 months ago; bought a house in LA a year and a half ago. And working for the same non-profit for the last 8 1/2 years - Mercy Housing California, an affordable housing developer. Hope you are well, too. Thanks for staying in touch. Your energy shines through every newsletter. I still think fondly on my time with FOOT. Take care. Dam Director, Southern California Region Mercy Housing California 500 S. Main Street, Suite 110 Orange, CA 92868. Direct 714-550-5081." I recently had a nice visit with **Perry de Vaipine** '93 devalpine@hotmail.com while he was back for his 10th Yale reunion! Earlier he had reported: "Thanks for your e-mail! Yes, it was amazing to piece together the parallels with Brian! I've just moved to the Bay Area and started research at UC Berkeley. Everything's going great Your annual newsletter is, of course, amazing! Cheers, Perry" I think Perry gave me clearance to mention that he and **Rebecca Whitney** '95 are together. :) He has finished his PhD and is doing post-dos work. Dr. DeValpine! I recently heard from **Stephen Kahn** '93 [stephenkahn@pr."g ".net](mailto:stephenkahn@pr.) He was in Costa Rica where "Lizzie (my fiancée) and I are living and working." Stephen almost joined us on the raft rip, but couldn't work-it out He is moving to Berkeley this summer. I also just missed him. at his reunion.

I had a wonderful visit with Dave Lambert '94 and Emily Wilk '96 who live in New Haven and have just had a child Dave has a PhD in biology and is beginning the job search. Emily just finished up at Yale Med. Some happy news! Mark **Barnett** '94 and **Katherine Gergen** '96 have tied the knot! Another FOOT Leader marriage! The best of unions! **Mark is still** at Yale Law School and Katherine is finishing up Yale Med. I see **Ben Madley** '94 around town. He is doing a PhD in history at Yale. I believe his wife just had a child. Jay Readey '94 also had a son. I often see him running about town since he is still at Yale Law/SOM School **Anne B. (Parker) Well** '94 anneveil@attbi.com emailed: "I wanted to let you all know that Anne gave birth to Charles Parker Well, called Charlie (think alto saxophone). Born 10/29/2002 11:26 pm MST, he weighs 4 lbs, 12 oz., a reasonable size given his gestational age of 34 weeks. I was in the hospital on bedrest for 10 days before Charlie's arrival. I ended up having a crash c-section 6 weeks before Charlie was due - a little scary to say the least of course, I successfully obtained an incision infection too, which took me out of commission for another week. UGH. I am finally starting to feel better. We are hoping to shorten the time Charlie has to stay in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit as much as possible - its looking like it should be closer to 2 - 3 weeks from now. Charlie is growing and now weighs 4 lbs, 15 oz. His head has grown the most (surprise surprise). He is taking only breast milk now, either via tube to his stomach or by breast He should

start growing a lot soon! As soon as he can eat everything by mouth and is still growing, we can bring him home -YAY. I am still staying at the hospital as a boarder - I have to say he is adorable and I never knew you could love something so much. He does look like Sandy - the most adorable illy bitty, massive lower lip you've ever seen, his chin, ears, eyebrows and forehead are all Sandy's too. Of course, I'm sure *he* got my brains - lucky boy. I will send a photo or two soon. Thanks to all of you for the support and love you've sent our way. Anne, Sandy and Charlie." And then later. "Charlie continues to progress nicely, already breathing regular air and maintaining his temperature without assistance. He is currently taking some food via a tube to his stomach and some glucose via IV. If he stays on his present course, they expect to take him off the IV tomorrow. That he already latches onto the breast and suckles a little has lifted Anne's spirits immensely. Anne continues to improve rapidly from her C-Section delivery. They expect to discharge her today, whereupon she will move down the hall to a boarding room, where they let mothers stay if their baby isn't going home right away. Charlie will probably stay for 3-5 weeks total. All in all, everything is going about as well as we can hope at this point Sandy, Anne and Charlie. 650 Poplar Avenue Boulder, CO 80304.303-449-5344 home 303-596-6222 cell." **Scott Walsh** '94 scottwalsh@hotmail.com related the following "As for news - Sasha Foster and I got married a year ago (I think I told you this already). We now live in DC, where she is a lawyer and I am a business consultant I plan to do this consulting thing for about another year and

then try to find work in the energy industry, preferably working with a company that makes "green" energy equipment, like micro turbines or fuel cells. We'll see - I've still got a few things to learn from consulting. Scott" And from Meg Wickwire '94 (also a rafter) niwick18@yahoo.com "I had a year full of changes--new job, new living situation, and most exciting, new relationship. (Well, that last has been for a bit more than a year, actually.) It's an interesting stage, this late 20's - early 30's. I am still unwilling to shut possibility doors, but I'm a little too old to be easy with significant risk. Is this what growing up feels like? My current job as a corporate trainer at Liberty Mutual insurance company has offered me an interesting window into the business world, but I've *discovered* (as I suspected I would) that teaching is where my heart lies. Damn the lack of money in that! And the time drain -- I work probably 50% as hard now as I did as a teacher, but I make more than twice as much. What a crazy, turned-around country! Anyway, we'll see - I may find a way to get back to teaching someday soon.. I hope all's well with you. Love, Meg" And then some more: "Are you gearing up for Spring training *yet*? A little early, perhaps. I thought of you because I'll be in Mystic this weekend with Bill. Though we'll be doing the museum and aquarium (OK, and lazing by the fire) thing, we're hoping to get a good hike *in* on the way back to Boston. Another thing I'm beginning is my summer vacation plans. Bill has all summer off; I'm not quite so lucky. Still, we're hoping for a couple of possibilities. One is backpacking in the Adirondaks. I've started snooping about, and I realize to my horror that any knowledge I had of routes and all is sorely tattered these ten years later. I know that both of my two ADK FOOT jaunts involved Marcy Dam, but that's all I can remember...The good news is that Bill asked me to marry him this weekend, and I accepted (with enthusiasm, of course!). We were startled to realize that if we don't tie the knot this summer, we'll have to wait almost a year and a half until next summer! That seems silly-when we're both ready:-So, anyway, if we can book the church and all the trimmin'-s, we'll be celebrating the union the third weekend in August Meg." Meg is quitting her ^{insurance} job and returning to teaching full-time at B,B&N in Boston.

And from her co-coordinator. **Charlie Hale** '94 (yet another rafter) "I hope the trips finished without a hitch and that FOOT once again sent a large portion of the freshman class onto Yale with what will be one of the highlights and defining moments of their four years. PS - Look what I just found in The Education of Henry Adams: *The Harvard graduate was neither American nor European, nor even wholly Yankee; his admirers were few, his critics many; perhaps his worst weakness was his self-criticism and his self-consciousness; but his ambitions, social or intellectual, were not necessarily cheap even though they might be negative. Afraid of serious risks, and still more afraid of personal ridicule, he seldom made a great failure of life, and nearly always led a life more or less worth living.* Marvelous! Damning with faint praise! Charles C. Hale Divestiture Growth Capital Universal: 617 818 2222 Office: 212 289 [3809](mailto:charles@divestcap.com).

charles@divestcap.com" And then later: "I am in Costa Careyes Mexico. Imagine a British Colonial atmosphere (except with French, Mexicans, and Italians), with a jungle/beach setting, and then you have Careyes. Many wonderful and fabulously well heeled eccentrics down here. Crocodiles galore in private game reserves. Parties with white albino snakes and fire dancers. New years on a multi-thousand acre estate's beach below a full-scale recreation of the Taj Mahal (plus the Sistine Chapel)! The Buena Vista social club was supposed to play but could not get visas. La lucha, in lucha. Off to Israel for a bit Happy new year! Charlie" On the raft trip, Charlie revealed to us his 4 principles about how to takeover a company. I will keep those secret, but *we* gave him a fifth: "Never let them know you are coming!" Then I heard from: **Elizabeth Murdock** '94 e murdock@hotmail.com "Paul and I moved out to San Francisco from DC in April this year. It is so great to be back out here on the West Coast where it can be sunny and only a little bit cool on *the 5th of January!* *Paul is now with EPA Region 9, and I am working for WildAid, a small but growing international conservation group, where I'm working on shark conservation. This means I am doing a lot of work in Asia to reduce consumption of shark fin soup. It's tons of fun (though really busy!), and I am learning a lot. Of course, the best thing is that there are so many FOOTies out here! ! (I figure that eventually, all of FOOT will relocate to the Bay Area...right? :->)* I was really excited to re-connect with some FOOT friends (including Rebecca Whitney, Perry de Valpine, Matt Eddy, and Burch and Rachelle Laprade), some of whom I hadn't seen since Yale. Its been great to see them again-and just makes me realize how incredible the FOOT crowd is! (Yay!) Big Hugs & lots of love-Elizabeth" ...and then later. "I saw Perry de Valpine, Rebecca Whitney and Matt Eddy last night It was a veritable FOOT reunion-Jason Soll was there as well. Fun! Take care and talk to you soon- Elizabeth" A very recent message came from **Deb Blanchard** '94 deblanchard@yahoo.com "I wish I had some exciting news for the newsletter, but not much has changed since Dave & Emily's wedding last year, though I did get to meet their adorable Wendell which was pretty exciting. I still advocate for those toiling on the high seas (aka seafarers) as the staff attorney at the Center for Seafarers' Rights in NYC and love living in Brooklyn. I went on an amazing safari in Tanzania with my family over New Year's last year -I think the highlight was watching a leopard and her two cubs stalk & kill a gazellevery circle of *life*- it looked just like my cats going after a bug, but faster. I want to plan a good outdoor adventure for this fall so that I can preempt my annual "why aren't I spending more time outside?" upon reading the FOOT newsletter! Take care, Deb."

Now onto **Kristen McDonald** '95 "I wanted to let folks know I be leaving my job at American Rivers in Washington, DC this summer to move to Berkeley and start a *PhD* program in the Environmental Science, Policy, and Management Department. I plan to study China's policy on river conservation/development Ill be joining Jennifer "JP" Pett-Ridge in that Department, and I'd love to reconnect with other Footies who might be in the bay area - contact me a kristen@aya.yale.edu. I just got back from 3 weeks in Europe - my first trip there. A highlight was a backpack trip in the French Pyrenees! Kristen."

I have received very long emails from Peter Braasch '95 pbraasch@ava.yale.edu. I had to edit much of his wonderful writings and apologize for that, but hope you will still get a sense of his year. "As many of you know, I am leaving to spend the next year in Israel. The past weeks have been busy, fun and a bit sad... as I have scrambled to pack my life into two bags, say good byes and tie up all sorts of loose ends. This spring, I was very lucky to receive a fellowship that is supporting my desire to study at a "liberal" yeshiva in Jerusalem, the Pardes Institute (part time) and do some local volunteer work (the rest of my time) over the next year. For those of you that remember that far back, it is an amazing opportunity for me to pick up on the studies that I had to discontinue 6 years ago when I got sick in Israel. In fact, Pardes is the exact same school... I am in a language immersion class (ulpan) that meets 5 hours a day, six days a week and all I can say is that sometimes my inability to speak this language astounds even my *teachers*. Despite these occasional setbacks, I am making progress and enjoying the "good fight" Among other things, I am trying learn 50 new words a day and have found an Israeli that has decided to put up with me as his room mate, beginning in September. One true sign of progress: I frequently can ask semi-coherent questions in Hebrew. Problem: People then assume that I actually speak the language and, because they are not kind enough to offer one-word, yes/no answers.... I have no idea what they say. So that is a definite "development area" (as they say at C.E.B ... Last week, I completed my intensive language study of modern Hebrew (Ulpan). It was actually quite sad to leave. The rest of the class are new immigrants and they are continuing to study through the end of December. With Ulpan finished, my studies just began at Machon Pardes this past Sunday. For those of you who have been paying attention, Pardes is really the centerpiece of this year for me. I will be studying there for -28 hours each week. These classes bear little resemblance to university study. The centerpiece of each class is studying in a method known as chevuta. This is intensively studying in pairs. For now I will leave it at that. If anybody has seen Yentl.... Yes that is chevuta study.... except at Pardes the women do not have to disguise themselves as men. TRAVELS Two things have dominated my time over the past two months. Holidays and studying. In between, I have done a bit of traveling (organized and unorganized) around the country and, pretty much constantly, I am either amusing or embarrassing people with my encyclopedic grasp of how not to speak Hebrew. It has been fun. **Highlights:** I went traveling up North for a couple of days. First I hung out with my adopted family on the kibbutz where I worked for 5 months in 1995. All I can say, is there is some tremendous hiking, Wadi's whose walls are formed by volcanic activity, a bit of scrambling and some tremendous vistas. At the end of our hiking we decided that we had been working a little too hard on our vacation, so we decided to do what this country has decided to call "kayaking." Now, Israel might

scr n Z. for n *aiy tkngs, bu water sports r^{call}y is not up there. Israel's tour guides are fond of saying that the counr'y's geology/ecology has been blessed with a little bit of everything. Well, in this case we are talking about a VERY little bit. The Golan is wheree the:headwaterro±the:tor **Rivertpasses'throught** -Now, ido not know tow to-really Brea iV to everyone; lttuthe Jordan River might have a great place in our liturgical/historical imagination....but in reality it is something like a medium-sized drainage ditch. So, we decide to pay extra for the "stormy" route. White water is a bit of astretch. I believe that there-were three 44-inch drops.... The "kayak" is really a raft, but somehow we managed to make the best of this situation by instigating a 90 minute water fight. At this point, I am a bit concerned that I am coming off as childish and immature, so I am going to break with the aforementioned "structure" and insert something deep and meaningful: YOM KIPPUR The Lieder brothers lead the service with the most beautiful prayers-except they truly are not praying for us- They are leading us in prayer- It is rare that they read a line without the rest of us joining in. And they have the most beautiful Sephardi and Eastern European tunes for everything (They also mixed in "High Ho, High Ho"- yes as in the 7 dwarfs, Give Peace a Chance, Blowing in the Wind, Amazing Grace and Wade in the Water- yes as in the spiritual from Alvin Ally's Revelations Suite). But it would only be a performance if it was not for the amazing involvement of everyone else. During songs, people do not only dance, they clap and drum on the walls (I thing that this one guy actually dented the sheetrock on the front wall). Just an aside- Yom Kippur is not a time that you want to dance around and expend extra energy- or so I thought- it really takes your mind off things and keeps you going- until you stop. People also are SO into their praying, there are random outbursts (in keeping with the prayers) gesticulating towards the sky, all sorts of stuff. Obviously, I am not in the same place as all these folks. But, I was surprised how uplifting I found it **RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION AND THE "MATZAV"** ("SITUATION")... For me, this is the best way to portray a sense. of things here... just some random vignettes, no real conclusions... for better or worse, this is how the situation here is lived. *Building a Wall: One of the most popular (i.e. the one with the most broad based popular political support) Israeli political responses to the terrorist attacks of the past two years has been an effort to build a "separation fence" dividing the West Bank. This has been terribly unpopular with the right and the far left, but has unified the center with great vigor. So it is underway... and potentially, it could do a tremendous amount to limit terrorist attacks against Israelis- and, if I played a role in Israeli politics, I am pretty sure that I would strongly support it But, as warm and fuzzy as it sounds, there is a harsh edge to this "fence." First, it is an all out wall supplemented with fences and extensive electronic monitoring. It also is a fairly brutal thing to implement. I believe that it only runs through large sections of the West Bank and connects large parts of the West Bank to Israel thus isolating it from Palestinians in order to heighten security for a maximum number of settlers. In the process, the fence separates Palestinians from their fields, children from schools.... You get the idea. At a recent Shabbat dinner, I met someone who is working on a documentary filming where they have been tracking the process by which the fence has-been built through the middle of a Palestinian village and the impact of the fence on these people's lives. She told stories of scared, helpless people being told be a government in which they have no voice to clear out their stores on short notice and watch their property bull-dozed to make way for the fence. Now, to be clear, at this moment, I do not see any alternative and I can explain a bit (although probably not enough) of the chain of events that have led to this (including what I believe to be an incredible failure in Palestinian leadership- accompanied by some significant failures of Israeli leadership and the Israeli public).... But I also see the wheels of misery and violence churning out a new generation of deprived, desperate, angry human beings with real/burning grievances. Come on people, there is so much wealth and riches and skill and education and human beauty, it is absurd that we are held up and willing to induce so much suffering over little bits of land (clearly there is more to the "situation" but at the same time that is essentially what it is all about). It is a huge crime on all sides and when you put it into the context of the human condition throughout the world... it is just sickening. That said, I do not know what to do about it I'll just leave it at that until I start sounding even more silly... but feel free to ask questions. **TASTE OF TORAH** As you all might remember, Israel had an election in January. According to the locals, it was one of the most apathetic elections in Israeli history (with 68% turnout, that would be a banner year in the States) and it resulted in a resounding defeat of the opposition party, Labor, which barely avoided falling to the 3rd largest party. Likud, the ruling party, enjoyed a tremendously strong victory, but over four weeks later has still failed to pull together a ruling coalition (actually they just

completed it today). The atmosphere of the election was marked by corruption scandals and a general sense of malaise regarding the political situation and a suffering economy. As one of teachers said, "It is easy to be cynical." And I think that is true whether you vote here, the U.S. or many other places... but it also strikes me as a demand NOT to be cynical (I know this sounds a bit strange coming from me.) Then another teacher shared the following diary entry (see below my flawed translated excerpts) written by an ultra-orthodox Israeli voting in the country's first election. I found this piece incredibly moving for two reasons/perspectives- On a universal level, it is an incredibly impassioned renunciation of how much we take our political systems for granted in liberal democracies like the United States. To vote is an incredible privilege, miraculous and inexplicable within the full context of human history. I found myself both shamed and inspired to realize some of this author's sense of reverence for what I think I/we take for granted and frequently deride. Second, on a more particularistic/Jewish/Zionist level (whatever you might want to call it)- despite all the massive flaws that Israel has in the way it deals with itself and the outside world, it reminded me that this "whole mess before me" is an amazing, miraculous, noble experiment that I am very lucky to observe/live in some small way. I need a bit of help with as I consider my transition to next year (and, yes, it appears the real world as well).

1) Is anybody interested in traveling with me during any part of this coming June, July or August I am willing to consider many different approaches/ places to travel. In particular, if anyone would like for me to show them around parts of Israel- I would be more than happy to do that. I have also been thinking about doing some hiking and traveling through parts of Europe. 2) I am very interested in anyone's suggestions of where to travel/what to do over the summer. I feel like I am here and do not have any pressing engagements pulling me back to the real world. So, I should take my time and enjoy the opportunity to travel. I do not necessary think that I will be traveling for all of this time. So, if you had this opportunity, what do you think would be the most amazing way to take advantage of the time? regarding a) people to meet and b) career opportunities in the Pittsburg area would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Peter." Wow.

I have been in touch with **Sarah Kelley** '95 srkelley@pssci.umass.edu. "Hope this email finds everything going really well with you. I'm working for a woman who has written a book called 'The Eco-Foods Guide' - it's basically a general overview of a lot of the big issues in the food systems today along with a lot of suggestions and shopping tips. On a FOOT note, I have some pictures and tales from Ann Egger's wedding to any Hamilton in Utah on October 5-- if you don't already have the above from Anne, Dave and Emily, Geoff Tanner, etc., I will send them to you! Also Leah will be here tomorrow for Thanksgiving so we will send you some news of us too." **Ben Linas** '95 wrote: "I am now a second year resident in internal medicine at Brigham Women's Hospital in Boston. On June 10, I will have the always enjoyable task of orienting brand-spanking new interns to the joys of residency. I will be thinking of all of you. P.S. If any FOOT alumni are looking for a fly fishing partner, please call!" I also heard from: **Anne Egger** '95 EggerA@sanjuancollege.edu "Dear friends and family, As many of you know, we're getting married this fall in Bluff, Utah..." and then later "I will be in California, teaching elementary school teachers about earth science. By the way, the wedding in the fall was a blast Beautiful weather; everything outside, - lots of FOOTies (Dave and Emily; Sarah Kelley, Geoff Tanner, *Kristen TivDonald) haotefun'tlian we could have even hoped for. Hope to get folks out here again sometime... In the meantime, I'll be thinking of you all on the Arkansas! Have fun! Anne E. Egger Geology and Geography Instructor San Juan College 4601 College Boulevard Farmington, NM 87402 Phone: 505-566-3325 Now on to 1996: "It is turning out to be a crazy summer (parts of which will be in New Haven for me). I'd love to stop by and say 'hello' at some point or meet up for a coffee. I am moving from Washington to Philadelphia... and would love to fill you in and catch up on your activities and FOOT adventures. I know you'll all have a fabulous time. - Ivan Kerbel '96. News from: Abby **Benson** '96: After 7 years I am finally getting around to writing you with news, BEFORE I get your much anticipated newsletter in August! I hope that this note finds you well and ready for another fabulous summer (if it comes, this rainy gray Memorial day weekend doesn't bode well!). I am currently living in Boston where I am a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard. I joined the Coast Guard about 3 years ago after working as a geologist for a couple of environmental firms after graduation. I decided I wanted to get more involved in marine science and public service, so the Coast Guard turned out to be a perfect match for me. I have been in Boston since I joined, - and I spent the first few years mostly dealing with oil spills and marine safety in the commercial port. The tragic events of 9/11 brought a huge change to the Coast Guard and most of my time is now spent on port security. Although it is different, I continue to enjoy it and am looking forward to starting grad school this fall at MIT to study marine transportation. I will remain on active duty while in school and will most likely end up in DC afterwards working on Coast Guard transportation policy. I wish I could say I see lots of FOOT leaders, but alas I do not! If anyone is in the Boston area, please feel free to drop me a line at asb8ll@yahoo.com. I hope this email finds you well, and that FOOT is thriving. My experience as a frosh and a leader stay with me to this day. Thanks for keeping such a great thing going! Take care, Abby Benson, SY '96, 110 Liberty Ave 112, Somerville, MA 02144

I saw Cat **Balco** '97 at my stepdaughter's wedding. She helped with all the food preparation. (Yeah FOOD committee!) It was great fun. She later wrote: "I've been meaning to thank you for your great list of FOOTies in Brooklyn! I shared it with Nick Frankfurt himself a FOOTie who has just moved to the area-and we want to have a party! I'll keep you posted. Brooklyn's not so far from New York City. It was so nice to see you at Emily's wedding. Be well, and I hope to see you again soon..." And then later: "Things continue to be wonderful in NYC. My freelancing (over) work has turned into (thanks to my terrific partner) a small business-(Blue Shoe Strategy). We do marketing and business strategy for small businesses, non-profits, and entrepreneurs. Starting, of course, with our own. It's been so much fun. It was great to see you at Emily's wedding, and I hope to see you again soon! 203 Berkeley Place #2F Brooklyn, NY 11217. And from dear Kayla **Tabela** '97 tabela@bu.edu "Hello, hello, hello... Yes, I have been delinquent in staying in touch with you and with FOOT. For the last few years I've been in Boston and this fall I started working on my master of public health and Boston University. It's strange to be back in school after so much time off, but, I think I'm a bit more focused now and I hope that translates to a better GPA :) Although, as I sit here at my desk and look out the window at this beautiful fall day, I long for some time in the woods with a gaggle of leaders playing Boticelli. I've run into a few leaders here in Boston including Dorman, Jim (not the one who married Katie, but the other one - I can't remember his last name) and Dona Tversky. 401 Washington St. Apt. 2R Cambridge, MA 02139 Best, Kayla" And from her co-coordinator, **Jesse Heftier** '97 j775@ureach.com "How are you? It's been awhile, sorry I've been so out of touch. As I'm sure you've heard, I got married last November and am now living in Cape Town, South Africa. It's an incredibly beautiful city with both mountains and ocean to play in. Life is good! hope all is well with you, and with FOOT in general. Warmest regards, -Jesse. Carrie **Tatum** '97 sent this: "I am living in Mexico City (with 22 million others) working for the Population Council and conducting reproductive health research here in Mexico and Central and South America. All has been going

quite well - my Spanish (which was basically non-existent when I moved here - I made the misguided choice of taking several years of German...) is ever-improving, and I have been able to travel a little in Mexico and Guatemala - am hoping to make my way further south with time. I am quite fond of Mexico City, with its eccentricities, its endless offerings of music, food (albeit, mostly of the Mexican variety), cheap public transportation, and a guy on a bike who passes by my house twice a day with fresh bread. By chance, I'm living with a high school friend of Donna Traversky's (in keeping with the "six degrees of separation" theory) and plan to stay down here for another year before returning to the states for a joint masters. degree in public health and= social work. Of course, my apartment here is open to any FOOT-types passing through Mexico City... In terms of addresses, my Mexico address is: Xochicaltitla 43-Bis; Col Villa Coyoacan; Mexico D.F. 04000 MEXICO. Good to hear from you, and I always like hearing news from other FOOTies - hope all is well, and take care." **Leah Angell** '97 emailed several times: "Here's a funny FOOT story for you... My dad is a doctor at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and he recently went to a welcome dinner for the new interns in internal medicine. He randomly struck up a conversation with two of the new interns, both of whom turned out to be Yalies. One of them was Pennan Barry! Small world! I'll write you a more formal bit of "news" for the FOOT newsletter, but for now...I'm getting married in July! I met my fiance out here in LA, and we got engaged in September. **Melissa Lee** is going to be my maid of honor! Mike and I are going to spend our honeymoon in Jasper National Park I'm moving, so as of March 10, please reach me at 470A Greencraig Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90049 home 310.476.5727 cell 310.435.9109 leahangell@yahoo.com. To answer your question about what I'm doing, I'm working at the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in LA as the Manager of Museum Educational Programs. It's an incredible job that inspires me every day, so I feel lucky to be where I am. Even better, I'm getting married in Baltimore on July 13, 2003 to Michael Sievers. **Melissa Lee**, who got engaged in January, will be my maid of honor. Mike and I are going to Alberta, Canada for a honeymoon of hiking and canoeing. Don't worry, I will bring along my FOOT mug and OF COURSE a 200-pound first aid kit!"

And here's an interesting bit of FOOT gossip: "A long overdue note to update you on our lives. Katie and I were married on June 16, 2001 in Katie's hometown in New York. We live in Durham, NC. Katie has finished med school and is now an intern at Duke. After several years as a carpenter, I now work as a representative for a large homebuilding company. I'm thinking about business school for fall of 2004. We look forward to the FOOT letter each spring Thank you for continuing to do this! We loved every moment that we s'nt. with FOOT mid we are thrilled to see it. still going sarong. We paid the price for being out of touch with the FOOT network. If you could, please make a correction to last year's note on our marriage. I married Katie Morgan, DC '98, not **Katherine Stroker** (who was my FOOT leader!) I'm sine iteaged a couple of good lattghs for those in the know: Thanks foreverything. :My FOOT hat is still my favorite! **Jim and Katie Garman '98.**" Micah Jacobs '99 wrote: "How are you doing? Revving up the interview process yet? Things in school are going pretty well. I have just-finished my interviews for residency in urology (yes, urology) and am eagerly awaiting match. Simply put, that's when a computer decides where you will spend the next five years of your life. Oh, we've let technology go too far. Hope all goes well in FOOT land Micah injacobs@omega.med.yale.edu" And then later: "To give you an update, I matched in urology at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. I'll be living in Boston. It's been a crazy few weeks- excitement about starting residency and being in Boston and a healthy amount of fear of those same things. I'm really looking forward to it Hopefully all is going well with you. Take care, Micah"

Nicholas Frankfurt '99 nickf34@hotmail.com recently reported: "I don't know if Katie Schaarf (99) ever told you about this, but we found each other in the airport in Ulan Baatar, Mongolia in the summer of 2001 without planning it at all. She was there looking for mammal poachers and I was there with the natural history museum looking for fossils, but that's as much as either of us knew. And, I emphasize, with NO PLANNING AT ALL, we met as she escorted her visiting parents to their flight, which I was also on. And it hasn't ended there. I continue to run into Yalies all the time in, get this, MANHATTAN! They're everywhere. Who do I see, you ask? Well put these names in bold: Cat Balco lives down the street from me in Park Slope. Alex Tilney lives downstairs from me in my house, Catherine Price throws frisbees at me in Prospect Park, Georgina Cullman empties her pockets of valuable coins when we pass each other near the Potlatch diorama in the Hall Of Northwest Coast Indians at the Natural History Museum, and Boomie invites me to his stand-up comedy performances where I'm compelled to obey the three drink minimum and sit thruall the performers who aren't as funny as Mr. Aglietti, which makes me glad for the drinks. I spent last year working on the renovation of the dioramas in the Hall of Ocean Life at the museum (with the whale) and it opened last Saturday, May 17th Come and see it when you're in town. It's beautiful, if I do say so myself, particularly the video footage. Look for a white octopus with rabbit ears above the Deep Sea Floor display. I hope everyone is well and doing well. I can be reached at pickf34@hotmail.com."

A most interesting note was sent in. from: **Brian Kinlan** '99 and Perry **DeValpine** '93

"Somehow it doesn't take long to recognize another FOOT leader, even if you never know him or her on the trail. Maybe it's that unmistakable odor, or those long lanky strides, or the GORP trailing from their duct-taped pocket, or maybe it's the green pemma-cap. Whatever it is, it took only a few minutes for us to recognize our inner FOOTnesses. **Brian Kinlan** '99 and Perry **DeValpine** '93 are writing this from a New Haven-esque Indian restaurant in the most non-New Haven-esque place we know, sunny Santa Barbara, CA. We're writing to relate a tale of cosmic intrigue that we've recently unraveled. You've heard of FOOT marriage, friendships, and all other relations, but this ma be the first case of cross-generational FOOT twins (or stalkers?-you decide). Separated by a mere 6 years, we embarked on the following parallel life events: After both inhabiting FarnhamFB42A our freshman years, and becoming avid FOOT core committee members (something in the water??), we set out on our post Yale careers-at the same environmental law firm. After passing on the political scene, we both made the jump into ecology and PhD programs in California We first sensed our mutual FOOTness while Brian was visiting Perry's PhD program at UC Davis and put the pieces together while Perry was post-docing at none other than Brian's final destination- Santa Barbara! What next? Perry is moving to San Francisco for a couple of years at UC Berkeley-Brian will fight fate for a few more years in S.B. before succumbing to the inevitable northward pull. Brian hopes this doesn't moat he has to wait 6 more years to finish his PhD! Perry is studying population dynamics of insects, fish, and who knows what else; Brian is studying marine reserve design. We welcome any wanderers along the SF-SB axis! Happy Trails!" Later Brian emailed: "In New Zealand doing field work now and can't write much -hope you had a wonderful holiday. Glad you enjoyed Perry's and my little story of parallel lives. I just got back from a month and a half in New Zealand . It was fantastic! What a beautiful, wild country. Of course I saw Lord of the Rings there - 3 times! - and felt like I was walking in middle earth on many of the hikes. Cheers, Brian."

kinlan@lifesci.ucsb.edu. And it was great to hear from: Ben White '99 benjamin.white@studenthms.harvard.edu "Hey Cilia, I'll make this brief, it's from Copacabana Bolivia-and funny, I'm taking a ferry tomorrow, but to the Isla Del Sol :). And it's totally ironic that you 'should write. I'm traveling with a friend from Yale and 2 nights ago on the Inca trail he noticed my FOOT zipper pull (from the store that is always open) and asked about it So I spent a half hour reminiscing...it was great So yeah, still at HMS. Ran the FEAT program last year i t was great to be back in the swing and man did my FOOT training come in handy. Tarpitecture was tested every night I hope the program is still going well. Anyway, my address is 105 Stedman Street Brookline, MA 02446. Take care, Ben" And this cam in from: Lucy Schaeffer '99 Hi, everyone! Next Friday is my last day at Town & Country. I start the following Monday as the new Associate Photo Editor at Food & Wine (a move I'm super excited about). I'm hoping for lots of free food and wine. Please use my earthlink account for email? Pd love to hear from all of you, of course!! Cheers, Lucy.schaeffer@earthlink.com home: 212-678-6273. cell: 917-685-9181." Jonathan Griswold '99

gdsword@aya.yale.edu sent this: "It pains me greatly to say I won't make the rafting trip, but I wish all who go a great time. My news is that I am still in Azerbaijan but managing a different microfinance operation (small loans to poor people for household businesses), now in the southern part of the country (I'm based 20 miles from Iran so I can pick up radio stations there). AYA recently told me that I was the only alum they knew of in the country. I am happy to correct them that last summer there was another Yale out here, Karen Weise PC03 (who else but another FOOT leader?) and we went on some great hikes around the Caucasus, including an interesting episode with some soldiers on the Dagestan border. I'll be back for the class of 98 reunion and look forward to seeing everyone there. Best, Jonathan PS—Kinlan and Scharf, I know you're out there and you owe me an email (griswold@aya).

Argo Caminis '00 acaminis@yahoo.com wrote: "It's so wonderful to get your FOOT newsletter year after year (becoming worthy of binding at its thickness??) and keep up with FOOT news. Boy, do I miss FOOT! Which leads me to...I just started working at the Yale-China Association and realized that FOOT _____ on is upon us. If I can be of help, please let me know. I'm glad to come over and help fold some tarp! Hope all's well and that you've had a good summer. Cheers, Argo" And then this: "I used to joke that we ought to establish FOOT in China Now, I'm working with a colleague of mine at the Yale-China Association to develop a summer internship for Yale students at organic farms/environmental organizations in Hong Kong and the US. So, while not quite the FOOT in China idea, it is, pardon the pun, a FOOT in the back door? a STEP in the right direction?? We have identified a placement at an organic farm in Hong Kong but are continuing to look for a host organization in or around New Haven. The program is an exchange internship: one Yale student is paired with a college student from Hong Kong. Together, they spend four weeks interning with an environmental group in New Haven and then travel to Hong Kong where they will spend a second month interning at an organic farm in Hong Kong. The farm in Hong Kong is mainly a recreational/community learning center; finding an analogous organization in or near New Haven for the US portion of the placement would be ideal so that the interns can compare similar organizations in the field of environmental education and organic farming... If any thoughts come to mind for a placement (perhaps one of the Harvest farms?) please send me an e-mail at argo@aya.yale.edu. Now on more important issues: a) I need to do an update shop at the FOOT store and b) we have to get together sometime for coffee or tea in New Haven! I got caught up in Yale-China work lately, and meant to contact you sooner about getting together. I'm in Hong Kong until the end of break, but would love to catch up in early April. Hope all is well, Argo." This came from Melissa Garcia '00. "Warm wishes for you for the holidays! I hope all is well in New Haven. I've recently moved to Cambridge, MA and am having a great time in grad school. Student life yet again proves to be remarkably conducive to weekend hikes and daytime strolls. Had a great time seeing lots of FOOT faces at this year's Game and am glad to know the connections last and last Inelissa.garcia@ksg04.harvard.edu. I hope that you're having a great New Year and that you received my holiday card in fine shape. When I got back from winter vacation, all of my mail was covered in 2 feet of snow! I'm at Harvard right now and thinking about leading their version of FOOT. Best, Melissa." And then her co-coordinator (what is it about co-coordinators?) Jacob Heitler '00 jacobheitler@ureach.com (yes, another rafter) "How's everything going back in New Haven? Going well, I hope. I assume FOOT keeps on growing? And the farming trips - are they still happening? I've been working for a company that builds analytic financial software out in San Francisco, but after a little over a year of cubicle life, I decided it was time to try and move onto something more exciting. Who knows what exactly that will be though Right now I'm looking into the foreign and independent film distribution industry, but I haven't found anything yet Know any foot alumni who might be worth contacting? Most likely my job search will bring my back out to NYC after New Years. As for my family, you'll be interested to hear that Jesse just got married to a terrific South African woman named Shiri; Gilbert who he met in London. The wedding was in Johannesburg and they're going to be living in Capetown. If you have any interest in visiting South Africa, I'm sure they'd love visits from old Foot friends. It, Its really, & spectacular country, and it feels far more stable than the American Media portrays. A whole crew of his Yale friends flew across the world for the wedding including my FOOT leader, Dave Lewicki! And lest you find out from someone else, I came through as the number one flake: I forgot the wedding ring. Nonetheless, the ceremony was spectacular. Also Sara has news. She's been married to an amazing guy, Kenny Bamberger, for over a year now. And, now she's expecting her first baby! Anyway, that's my long overdue update. Even if I'm not always prompt to reply, I always love getting mail from you and FOOT. Stay well, Jacob Heitler. And then later. "I have moved back to good old Denver, CO. I have decided to try to start a small company here in Denver which will distribute DVDs and Videos to public libraries. Who knows if it will work, but either way, I've got a new address and a new phone. So while the company remains above water, I can be reached at the contact info below. Be well, Jacob 1350 Grant, Apt 501 Denver, CO 80203 720.635.7376 (mobile) Abacus Media Distribution Group 1410 Grant, Suite C205 Denver, CO 80203. 303.860.7193 (work) Also from '00: Jed Hermann '00 jed.hermann@btmail.com "Don't know if I sent you info for the newsletter already. So here goes.... I have spent the past year living in Costa Rica I have been working at the American school outside San Jose, teaching high school history. I have very much enjoyed the teaching and I can't complain about the beaches, rain forests, and natural attractions. I am planning on doing some traveling around Latin America this summer before returning to NYC sometime in the fall. Best, Jed." And from: Tara Cronin '00 "Hope everything is well. I am about to start my last year of medical school (leaning towards Pediatrics) - time goes by pretty quickly. You can reach me more easily at cronin.tara@medstudentpitt.edu Happy rafting! Take care, Tara" I see Katie Scharf '00 from time to time. Sheds in New Haven working on her PhD in history at Yale.

Eliza Halsey '01 is in New Haven working for LEAP, a great program for New Haven's less advantaged kids. She and her fiance from Nepal cooked dinner for the leaders at my house during May Training! An update from: Matthew Kerner '01

matthew.keener@yahoo.com "I hope all is well with you. I've been having fun out here in Seattle, and I wanted to make sure that I keep getting your letters even though I've changed apartments. My new address is 41713th Ave E #310 Seattle, WA 98102 The only thing that's changed is the apt. number (it was an *easy* move - no vertical distance even). ^{Thanks,} Matt." And from Sarah Ichioka '01 "Zdavoro from sunny Croatia! I'm here savoring my last week of summer vacation before school begins (I'm going for a Masters in Urban Design @ the London School of Economics). My trust of North Face internal frame pack (veteran of the Berkshires, Catskills, etc:) has held up in the cargo holds of some pretty rickety buses on the route south from Trieste. I hope *all*swell with you-please tell any Englandbound FOOTies to drop me an email (@ standard aya address...) All the best!" And later: "I hope this *finds* you feisty and fit as ever. I'm enjoying a fortnight of domestic decompression in Berkeley before I return *to* London to re-shoulder the grad school load. Oh, I ran into Sue (can't remember her last name, but she's really pretty, a year or two younger than me...ring any bells?) in the London School of Economics library. Guess we're all jumping ship given the current political climate! All the best for 2003!"

Emily Hyde '02 sent this: "Pm in Hong Kong with the Yale-China program right now, and I just got a package of mail from my parents a few days ago. It was a joy to read through the FOOT alumni newsletter...we are all over the world, it seems. FOOT must be in full swing right now. I hope everything is going smoothly! Before arriving in Hong Kong, a couple of friends *and I did* a short hiking trip through a beautiful gorge in the Yunnan *province* of Chins. Of *course*, we chose the rainy season *to do* this hike, and on the second day we found the trail completely destroyed by a landslide. Other (crazy) hikers were running across the slide, dodging falling *mud* and rocks. The FOOT *leader* in me kicked in, and I decided that that was a Very *Bad* Idea We ended up having a lovely hike out the way we'd come in and spending the night with a family we'd made friends with the day *before*. I'm told there are *hiking* opportunities in Hong Kong, but so far all I've seen is neon lights and skyscrapers! ^{Emily} Hyde GB Friendship Lodge New Asia College, Chinese Univeristy of Hong Kong Shatin, New Territories HONG KONG. And then: "Dear Cilia, The FOOT Leader Manual arrived a few days ago-Thank you for sending it so quickly! I noticed the May Training "Quarter Game" wasn't in there, but that's probably not appropriate for my students anyway! My roommate and I have great plans to hike the 100km Maclehoose Trail this fall. It is supposed to be a gorgeous trail that cuts across the New Territories (my new turf...) complete *with* empty beaches and views of crazy Hong Kong island. I'll let you know how it *goes*. emilykhyde@yahoo.com"

Isabelle Kin *gsolving* '02 wrote many updates about her sailing adventures. I had to edit her many wonderful tales of racing (*some are actually the words of her sailing gannet Katie*): "I have been sailing full time since graduation (May 2002), training for a spot on the US ^{Sailing} Team for the 2004•Olympics. My teammate Katie McDowell, Brown '98, and I have been racing in Europe all *summer* *audarette* *cebr* the states for some:: winter training n.FL: "In order to Atquah" ly Tor tie Olympics wEWe" to; willie US 470 Olympic trials (sailed in Houston) in November 2003: keep your fingers crossed for us!... After spending the holidays with our families, Katie and I came to Florida *in* January where we *have* been training hard: since arriving *on* January 3, we have sailed all but four days. We have been using this time to concentrate on boat handling and sail shape, looking at different *mains*, *jibs* and spinnakers. We initially spent four days sailing by ourselves on Biscayne Bay in Miami before going north to Fort Pierce to sail in a training camp organized by Skip Whyte... This past weekend we worked with Olympic Silver Medalist Morgan Reeser. As a 470 skipper, he was able to give us specific and helpful insight on his approach to sailing the 470... This *email* has been a long time coming. We're now back in the U.S. and finally have had a chance to digest the summer and the Worlds. The summer didn't end as we were hoping, but looking back, we made huge (and I really mean huge) progress. Although we're not quite ready to win a medal at the Olympics, developmentally we are right on target to stand on the podium in 2004, and have now established ourselves as the American team to beat-we were the top American team in four of the five regattas we sailed in this summer! ! As for the Worlds, we ended up finishing 31st out of 60 boats., Not bad, but not great... Now, Isabelle and I have landed at our final destination New Haven, Connecticut. Isabelle is the Assistant Coach for the Yale sailing team and I'm currently *working* in Yale's office of Trusts and Estates. We've taken a little time away *from* training, but we're getting anxious to get back into the boat again. We've still got a long way to go, but we made huge strides this summer. We've been spending a bit of time *tacking* to our coaches about what our plan of attack should be in the coming *months*, but it feels good to be in one place for a little• while at least Our racing schedule starts up in November when we'll head down to Houston for the Pre-Trials. From there we'll head to Spain for a regatta in the Canary Islands before heading down to Miami for January, 2004 Wins Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta and is Ranked 1st on 2003 US Sailing Team Katie and I raced in the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (RMOCR) last week, Wednesday, January 29-Saturday, February 1. We won the women's fleet and finished 4th overall out of 21 boats. After a month of hard work; intense training and good racing, we are heading back to New England where we are going to concentrate on the fundraising and logistical sides of our Olympic campaign as we prepare for the European spring racing season. Our next regatta will be in Cadiz, Spain in March... Team 2004 Wins Pre-Trials and Rolex Miami OCR, Now Ranked 1st in *US Cadiz*, Barcelona, Princess Sofia Trophy, and Hyeres Regattas Next In January we went to Florida Our agenda was to train and sail as many days as possible, ultimately logging in 22 of a possible 28 days. We began in Ft. Pierce, an ocean venue north of West Palm Beach. The conditions were ideal. to work on our downwind technique and our upwind speed in bigger breeze, and we made appreciable strides in both areas. On the eve of the Rolex Miami OCR, we had put in more consecutive training days than ever before. All four days of racing offered similar conditions: 6-8-knots and flat water. We consistently proved we were one of the' fastest boats in the fleet, using our speed to get out of tricky situations. After the *filet* day of racing we were already on top of the women's fleet, and stayed there for the remainder of the regatta. We sailed our most consistent event to date with finishes between 2nd and 7th in the nine race series! ! This victory, together with our win in Houston, secured our #1 rank on the 2003 US Sailing Team...Team 2004 Finishes Spring Season Ranked 15th in the World. *Suedish Open, Kieler Woche, and European Championships* Next *It* has been a busy and exciting spring for Team 2004. In the three *months* since our last newsletter, we have spent over 60 days *on* the water and logged over 5,000 miles on the road. We just returned from a successful two and a *half* months of training and racing in France and Spain where we saw our best international results to date; as a result we are now ranked 15th in the world. We are excited and encouraged by our consistent progress. We were the top American at all four events and continue to make huge strides towards the top. The next step is a month and *a* half of training and racing in Sweden, Germany and France. We would like to thank you all for the tremendous help and support we have received in the past three months. We'd also like to send special *thanks* to Robert Hopkins, Julie and Morgan Smith, Marga Bauer, Tom Sitzmann, Dean Bremner, Chris and Caroline McDowell, Julie and Scott Chapman, and Tyler Cheung. Katie would also like to thank Barrington Yacht Club for their

enduring support. We are nearing our goal of making it to the Olympics, but we still need to make a big push. For all of you New Yorkers, we will be having a party at Los Dos Molinos on Thursday, July 31, so save the date. (Katie and) Isabelle" A note came from: **Devon Williamson** '02 teachndahouse@Laho.m

o.co "It is almost March. Do you know what you are doing after graduation? Last year I was trying to decide where to go, what to do, how I wanted the future to look, and I applied to Teach for America. I knew I wanted to work with a non-profit organization and to use my background as an Architecture/Urban Studies major to work with communities of recent immigrants in an urban environment. Teach for America is a national corps of recent college graduates from all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. The goal of the organization is to place dedicated teachers in under-achieving schools in an effort to close the "achievement gap" that exists between middle and upper class private and public schools and schools in low-income areas. I teach first grade at Ulloa Elementary School in San Francisco. In one hour, twenty six year olds will be waiting on the playground for me to lead them into our classroom. They speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Arabic and Hebrew as their first languages. We are learning to read and write in English. It is an awesome responsibility, and the challenges my students face both in and outside of the classroom seem overwhelming at times. The educational system as it exists is confusing and unfair, disorganized and discriminatory. California schools in January lost \$1.9 billion in a statewide budget cut in the MIDDLE of the school year. We have a district wide freeze on all spending right now, and the forecast for funding" for next year looks even worse. My job is to empower my students and their families, despite the fact that the federal and state legislatures continually marginalize them. Teach for America is not a resume padder. If you apply and join, you will work harder than you ever did in college. Devon 1333 6th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122. 415.504.6903 415.309.1541"

And from this year's crop of graduates: **Michael Steffen** '03: "Even after the FOOT trip itself is over, I think FOOTies are more likely to return to Yale armed with what is often the greatest strength-the openness to show their weaknesses and to allow themselves to be vulnerable. And for this reason, they are much better equipped to take full advantage of the challenges, opportunities, and relationships Yale has to offer in their first year. It is helping to build the atmosphere of trust and support, which opens the doors to challenge and growth, that I have valued the most as a FOOT leader. As a member of core, the knowledge that I have helped FOOT succeed, not just for my own FOOTies, but by helping to maintain the logistical backbone ^{that} supports the FOOT program as a whole, has only amplified the sense of reward from I get being a FOOT leader."

And finally some FOOT impressions from current leaders (I like to give you a sense of the continued commitment and excitement):

Amy gohout: "I was practically raised in a tent My dad is an eagle scout, and I have been taught to love and respect the outdoors - but my FOOT trip freshman year was the first time I had ever been backpacking, and I fell in love with it My FOOT leaders put me at ease, and made my FOOT trip a really memorable experience. My best friend at Yale was on my FOOT trip, and I am in touch with my fellow footies and leaders even now. I applied to be a FOOT leader because I wanted to give the next crop of freshmen an orientation-experience.as: wonderful as-mine-and I-wanted-to keep -backpacking: I have-met-some-of-my closest-friends-through the FOOT community, and I have learned invaluable leadership and survival skills. FOOT is the best thing that I do each year, and I feel lucky to *be* a part of it. Two FOOT moments/experiences stand out for me: the first took place on my freshman foot trip. We were on our way down affei a difficult and slig if scary trip to the top of Mount:Maicy in the Adirondacks. We were all tired, and the trail was steep and the rocks were slippery. My friend Alanya was hiking in front of me, and she noticed that my muscles were exhausted and that I stumbled a few times taking some big steps downward. (Alanya had spent her summer doing trail crew in the Rockies.) Each time there was a big step, she turned and held out a hand to help me down. Her actions really encouraged me that day- and I learned that FOOT is really about friendship. It is also about trying new things and challenging yourself. On the first trip that I led, on the very first day (a one mile uphill hike), I was sweep, and our last footie was having some trouble. The pack was new to her, and she was out of shape. My coleader an,l I made ita.point to stop and.rest severaltimes, drink water, check for blisters., etc, but we could seethat her self confidence was low, and it was 'clear that she didn't think she could make it As the trip progressed, her confidence increased, and on our hardest and longest day, we were rotating trail leaders. After lunch, our other footies encouraged her to lead, and she finally agreed. She led all afternoon, and all of our footies were calling out encouragement and thanking her for keeping

such a steady pace. By the end of the-day, she was beaming. Talley and I were so proud of her - and we could tell that *she* was proud of herself. She had such a great time that she applied to be a FOOT leader." And last but not least **Jon Treem:** "Every summer since I was 11 I would do summer outdoor trips (with the company I'm currently applying to). Over the summers I learned to love hiking and mountaineeri g, and biking an kayaking, and living in the outdoors. But it wasn't until FOOT that I realized how much fun it could be to lead those taps. It's such a privilege w be able to communicate your love for the outdoors, and to be.able _to watchyoulir FOOTies.. develop it too. It's a pleasure to watch them bond as they only can in the woods, and to help them learn. It really is incredibly fulfilling in a way I hadn't really imagined That is most of the reason I want to lead atrip this summer. So if there's one thin that FOOT has given me, it's a drive to give a little back. Of course, the FOOT community is also incredibly fun, and full of amazing people. I think my favorite experience that I can remember from FOOT is from this last trip that we did. We woke up on the morning of our fifth day, and it was pouring rain. Because we had gotten into camp late that night and had set up the tarp poorly, we were all wet It continued to rain all day as we hiked And the whole time our FOOTies were in incredibly good spirits. They were singing, and laughing, and joking, and having an amazing time even though they were all soaked to the bone, and freezing. They made it such a pleasure to lead them. I was tired and cold and wet, as was everyone, but the group spirit kept me from noticing it until we got into camp."

Now some news of the Raft Trip in Colorado. The participants: **Greg Felt** '88 (owner of rafting company Canyon Marine in Salida, Colorado), **Sue Lamar** '86 (working as a nurse practitioner in **Albuquerque**), **Liz Ablow** '87, fish biologist in Seattle, husband Dick, **Eve Vogel** '87 (you have already heard), **Baker Mallory** '91, (ditto), **Meg Wickwire** '94 (ditto), Ranch Bill Rodgers, **Charlie Hale** '94 (ditto), **Sara Cohen** '94 (working as a water resource analyst in Boston), **Jacob Heitler** '00 (you have heard earlier.news), and, of course, Cilia & Steve. We had a terrific time! Lots of laughs and high adventure on the Arkansas River. The water was running very fast and high and we got very wet We had three full days on the river and camped out at night The last day was probably the most exciting as we ran through the Royal Gorge (beautiful red sandstone cliffs). We lost two from my boat as we went through the Wall Slammer rapid (yes, we got slammed!) Steve and Baker went overboard and started drifting downstream at a fast speed. The problem with this section of the river is that once you are out of the boat, there are few calm areas or eddies, so you can go for a long way in the water unless you hop back in the boat We were able to paddle and catch up with our two swimmers. Greg got Steve in and I pulled

Baker out! The trip made us all realize how much fun FOOT leaders are, especially when they are together-so I'm thinking of another reunion gathering sooner than later-this time perhaps to my property in Vermont. So-what's this about Vermont? The Kellerts have bought their little kingdom in the Green Mountain state-220 acres-which is quite extraordinary. It has fields, forest, streams and best of all, a spectacular view! We can see all the way from Stowe in the north to Killington in the south. The property used to be a girls scout camp (how appropriate) and so we have all these funky outbuildings-leantos, sink houses, shower houses, barn. We have a little house as well which is serving as our temporary headquarters until we build our dream house on top of the hill. The land is located north of Chelsea, south of Washington on Rte. 110 and it is called Sky Acres. (It is also not too far from the Mountain School for all you alums!) I am thinking that this should be the site of our next East Coast reunion-it can be kid friendly and folks can go hiking, canoeing, antiquing, whatever. Steve and I will be there this August from the 3 - 17th, so if you are in the neighborhood and want to stop by (it might be good to bring a tent), please come! Our Vermont phone: 802-883-5585. Other news of Cilla-I am still at Hopkins teaching, still playing team tennis, still trying to pack in adventures. We were out at Sequoia National Park last winter-what a magical place. Our next big adventure will be this September-Steve and I are going to Tibet and Bhutan. Steve is leading one of those AYA trips so the tab is on Yale! I get to-tag along; my ticket price is that I have to do one evening talk about FOOT to the alums!

Please stay in touch. My twentieth year at FOOT is approaching (yikes!) and I would love to hear from ALL of you! You can always reach me at priscilla.kellert@yale.edu or 203-865-9126 or 57 Edgehill Rd, New Haven, CT 06511. FOOT is in good shape. We have stabilized at 44 trips, with 360-400 freshmen. HARVEST is growing a bit, the offshoot organic farm program, to six farms this summer. I have about 130 leaders! Please contribute to the **Jason Karpf** Scholarship Fund, in the memory of our dear friend and leader. Send contributions to FOOT, P.O. Box 201434 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. And check out our webpage: www.yale.edu/foot/

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Cilla Made home!



Cilla on Sky Acres!



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Participants in Yale's Freshmen Outdoor Orientation Trips (FOOT) continued the group adventures upon their recent arrival on campus by outfitting Nathan Hale in FOOT garb.



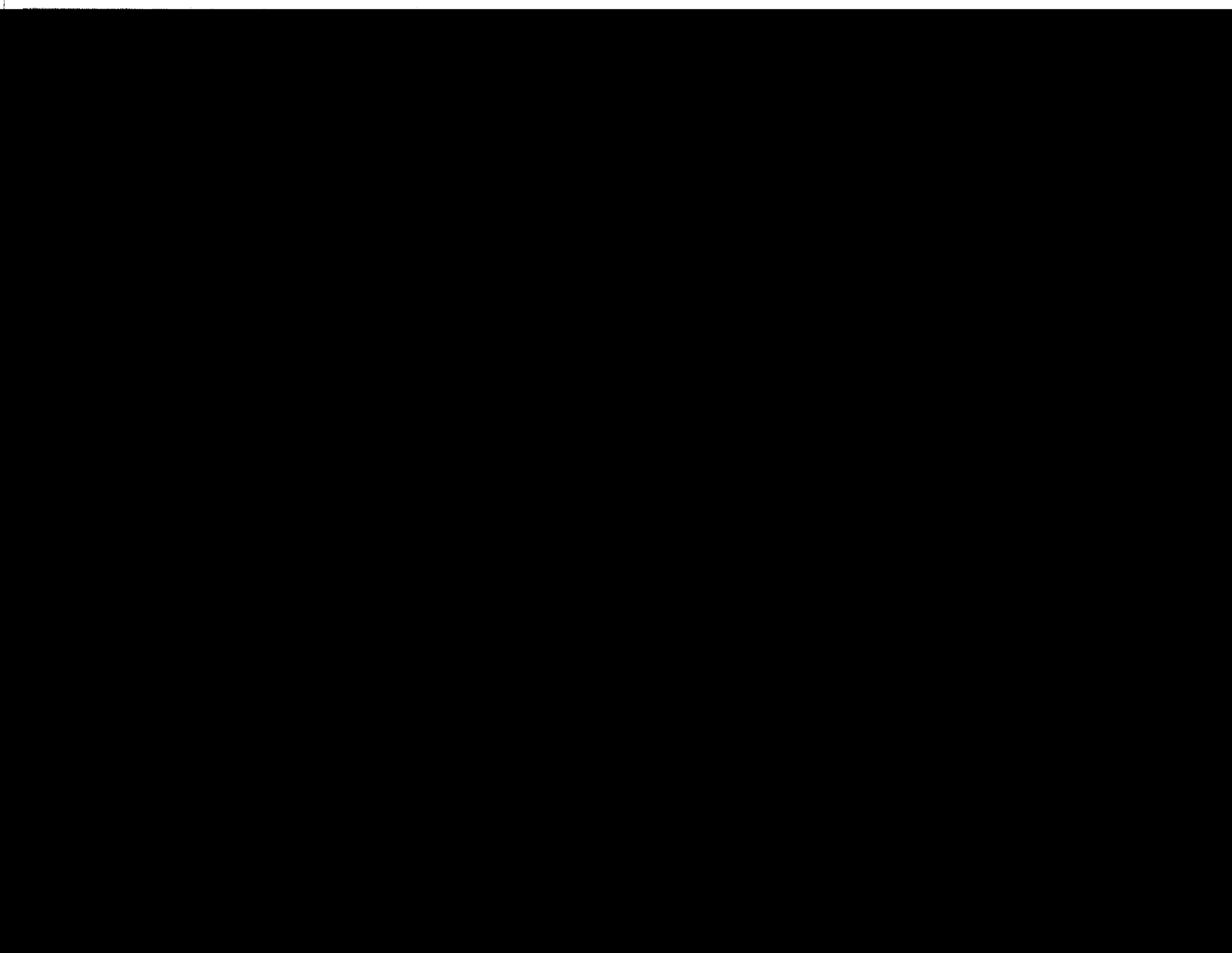
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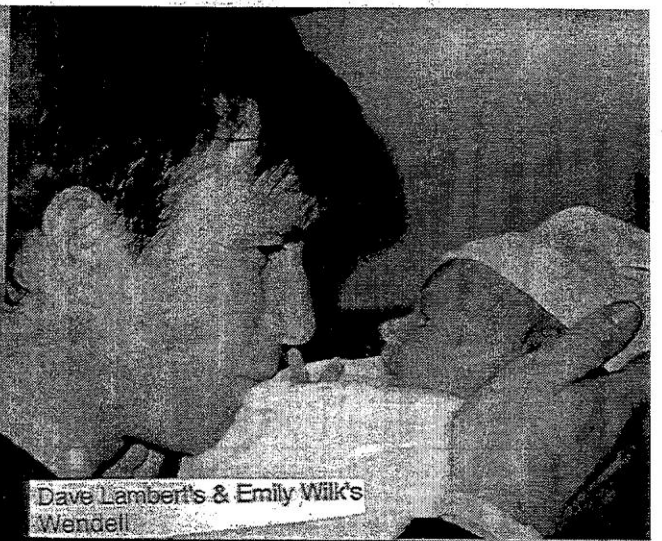




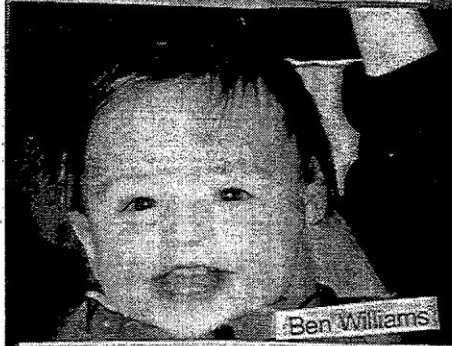
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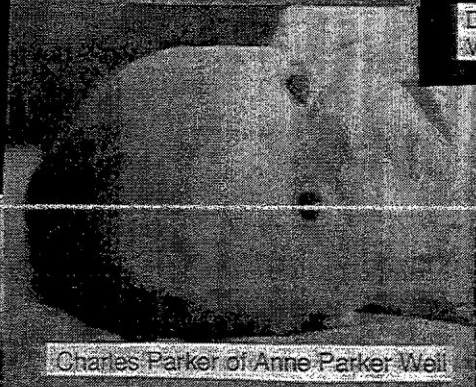


Ben Williams



Kadin (Laura Grant)

Laura Grant with Kadin & Kevin
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Eric Greenwald



Katie & Maddie Hackett



Jay Readey's son



Betsy & Ben Saylor's Jay and newborn William



Frank Levy with Ketty & Kiki



Kristen Mitchell Drake with baby Wesley



Chris and Hannah Roberts



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