Dear FOOT Leader Alums,

Greetings and I hope 2003 fords 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 nikakallen@hotmail.com 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 orphone (617)327-9523, Roslindale, Massachusetts ph: (617)363-0547. I saw Eve Vogel '87 evevogel@darkwirtg.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! If she's 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! Its 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 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 latched onto 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, Carlton.marine@cs.com, Patrick Whelan 88 pwheban@staintstephens.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 Natalie. 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 Saylers: Ben & Betsy Sayler '89 Sayler68@hgsnet.com "I'm 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 are calling him Will. Mom, Dad, Jay, and Will are all doing great. Hope you've had a wonderful year. Cheers, Ben Sayler" Director Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education Black Hills State University 605.642.6874. Still from the class of '89: Paul Jahning '89 jjahning@zynex.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 (8&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 Jahning" Community Action Forester, MA DEM Please note my new office email and phone: pauljahning@state.ma.us 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 mindfully and gracefully for the magic of life: the purple sand dollars that slowly trek across wet sand at low tide, the mangroves 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 JUG 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 city sharing slides and impressions of the coast ranges. PACIFIC HIGH is a must read if we do say so ourselves. (You can listen to a radio interview we did on NPR's Savvy Traveler http://savvymom.org/show/rundown/2002/12/02/115.shtml). 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 ulitely deals taly-days before the act-gig 1 book tour, and, w/The, that's it... but we are elated to unveil 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 we don't have any local grandparents with whom she's real comfortable. We'll wait for the next go-round, though that's a go, though - that you had enough folks says yes. I'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 photos (6 months old). Pm working half-time finishing up my post doc. Josh is a new ass't prof in phys medi 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 baby. She's SOO fun. Squealing, clapping, smiling with delight, bubbling, 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 baby! 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 settings it's gotten so long) each year. I'm sure Amelia will be wearing her FOOT shirt this summer, so well, send you a photo then. HAPPY '04! 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 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-duo 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 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 (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.”

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Theresa L. Johnson ’90 skee@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 Vilesis, 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/JOE 1988: Renny, Beth, Max, Moshe, Steve, Carrie, Ben, Trex, Betty, Anne, and many whose names are lost to me... I’ve been 14 years... the freezing cold salty group dip in the sound off Wolf Island, trust exercises, etc. and even one Adfronduck scouting trip in the Green Bomb station wagon. Most recent FOOT I have seen was Ashley Kuzieluda at our 10-year Yale reunion 2000, and Ben and Betsy-Sayer at a Yale Y2K wedding in Chicago. I am currently living in a small town in the middle of North Carolina, between the mountains and the Outer Banks. I have been teaching English as a Second Language (K-5th grades) and own a small photography business. I am a Critical Incident Response worker for the National Press Photographer Association. And I am also thinking about starting back to school (PhD English/Psych) in my late 30s. Does anyone do that anymore? It seems strange to imagine myself to be an older back worker. 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 worker.

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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 bakerb969@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" Emil Wadhwa '91 ewadhwa1891@hotmail.com informed us that "We've moved! Here is our new information: 208 Winthrop Street Medford, MA 02155. 781-391-1670 Dan, F. mel & Kenan" More from that class: Aaron Scott '91 asscott789@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 Ken's two-hour baked potato hunt for his desperately hungry wife (of course Kate wanted THREE, not just one!). As Kate has commented 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 ninetieth percentile for height, weight, and head circumference (not surprising given the stature of her parents!!!). 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 has 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 eom led the 11 year. of berk. as the Waltz. Resources Planner for the Tompkins Count Planning Department One of her most significant accomplishments is that of Kate's work provided the foundation for the first intermunicipal planning project conducted by the Toomink, oua Planu g, partmen his year.Kate=also waselede to serve as the Chair for the "In v nitwofMichigan'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 than expected. We endured only one storm that week, but the accompanying winds and lightning strikes were so close that we could 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 solo trip with no transportation back to civilization. ("OK, breathe. Now, how much food do we have with us??") Luckily, we found the canoe on the 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's 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 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 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 in the bathtub, and drive me crazy in any given fifteen to twenty 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, planning for extra babysitting hours. Alex, three, is in nursery school and as usual, drives me crazy. While Alex still likes to practice about in a tutu, Tod has introduced her to football. Last week, while running some plays, she informed Tod that they wouldn't tackle them would just "bash into each other." I still have faith in peace education. At 14 months, Tod 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 the field of dancing, but still in the field of dancing, but still in the field of dancing. Alex is still not talking, but speaks with her own unique language. I think the days of inter-invasion of Iraq, even in the context of what we were reading about American adventures in the Philippines and Cuba. Paul O'Brien "I do have some big, 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 in Economics and Environment 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: mshnov@yahoo.com. Thanks and take care." And from "Mighty Diana" <mshnov@yahoo.com> Hi, Giulia! 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 3 and Maya is nearly 3) while volunteering with the 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 huge hit. I've run into my Dramat Children's Theater (now Yale Children's Theater) roots.

I work alongside naturalpaths, acupuncturists, and massage therapists, and I'm the MD who's on hand for "conventional" medicine. The idea is to give patients access to all of what conventional and complementary medicine have to offer, and so far it's working! I also work as a classical singer in my town, and this keeps me sane and happy. I crossed paths with Kristin Mitchell and Betsy Sayler during our medical training, but now they are far-flung colleagues, working, I think, in Alaska and South Dakota, respectively. I see Jeannette DeMalle, 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, Giulia, 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 Buzelon and I celebrated another little fella into our lives in February, and now Simon Buzelon 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 guess we're settling in for now, Emily and I. It is both a bit shocking that we're still herein town. But we've always been the biggest 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 80's/early 90's. We love that Mark Barnett and Katherine Gegen 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 across the country. FOOT folks may enjoy checking ELP out online at www.elpnet.org. Many footies helped launch ELP—Eric Stedman, Chris Roberts, and Perry de Valpine were all at the original planning meetings back in 1998 and many other Yale's (who I think are part of the FOOT family) have been key staff, board, or participants since, including Sally Loomis, Ben Strauss, Lisa Grandia, Caitlin D'Silvey, 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 noninitiative invasion of Iraq, even in the context of what we were reading about American adventures in the Philippines and Cuba. Paul O'Brien "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 Melfort, MA in July. (New address will be 27 Pine St, Melfos, 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 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, dgoetsch@ 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 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, 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, Louisia 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 trips 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: Louisia 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 reunions! 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 all the 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 California, and I'm so glad to hear from him! Seth: Course Rd, Apt 1902 Morganton, North Carolina 28655. Seth, Kelly & Ethan Collings Hawkins (+ Kai!). Happy everything! As of July 22nd.. He is 8 lbs, 9 oz, 21 inches, and both he and Kelly are doing great after a relatively stra ict iltforward 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 Morganston, North Carolina 28655-5205 Home phone: 828-430-9942 Fornow, e-mail and phone numbers 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 fits you well." And from Emily Swanson '93 ebica@sprintmail.com: "I am getting rid of my home internet access, and with it this e-mail address. Please change me on the listserver 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 uphill, 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. It's 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 Vainpine '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-doctoral work. Dr. DeValpine! I recently heard from Stephen Kahn '93 stephenkahn@pr.net 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 annbewell@atbri.com emailed: "I wanted to let you all know that Anne gave birth to Charles Parker Well, called Charlie (thank alt 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 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
Kristen McDonald

"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. I'll be joining Jennifer "JP" Pett-Ridge in that department, and I'd love to reconnect with fellow FOOTS who might be in the bay area - contact me at kristen@nya.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 pbstrasch@uva.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 chevruna. This is intensively studying in pairs. For now I will leave it at that. If anybody has seen Yentl... Yes, chevruna is chevruna 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 sound a bit 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, minacular 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 necessity 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 skelley@psych.umass.edu. "Hope this email fords 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 Family, 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 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 Family; Sarah Kelley; Geoff Tanner; Kristin VoldDonald) had fun! I 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 FOOD 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 fords you well and ready for another fabulous summer (if it comes, this rainy gray May 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 ash6@juno.com. I hope this email finds you well, and that FOOT is thriving. My experience as a fresh 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 Frankfurth 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 Fmily'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 (iBlue 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 Emili's wedding, and I hope to see you again soon! 203 Berkeley Place #2F Brooklyn, NY 11217. And from dear Kayla Tabela '97 tabela6@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 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 Botteci. 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 jheftier@msn.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: Xochicalitla 43 Bis; Col Villa Coyuacan; 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 emulated 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 our internal medicine. He randomly struck up a conversation with two of the new interns, both of whom turned out to be Yankees! 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 fiancé 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 Green Craig Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90049, 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 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 spent with FOOT mid we are thrilled to see it still going strong. We paid him 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 FOOTT leader) for insinuate, stea a coup o f 1 good laughs for-those.mtle. know; Thanks for ev'rything. My FOOT hat is still my favorite! Jim and Katie Garman '99."

Nicholas Frankfurt '99 nick34@hotmail.com recently reported: "I don't know if Katie Scharff (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 povchers 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 at 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 Boomer invites me to his stand-up comedy performances where I'm compelled to obey the three drink minimum and sit thru all 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 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 nick34@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 pennma-cap. Whatever it is, it took only a few minutes for us to recognize our inner FOOTiness. 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 FOOTiness when Brian was visiting Perry's PhD program at UCDavis and put the pieces together while Perry was post-doctoral 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 most 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 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."
from Nepal cooked dinner for the leaders at my house during May Training! An update from: Matthew Kerner of medical school (leaning towards Pediatrics). I am planning on doing some traveling around Latin America above water, I can be reached at the contact info below. Be married to an amazing family, you’ll be interested to hear that Jesse just got married to a terrific South African woman named Argo Caminis. She’s been through as the number one flake: I forgot the wedding ring. Nonetheless, the ceremony was spectacular. Also Sara has new love visits from old Foot friends. It, Its really amazing to know you’re out there and you owe me an email: griswold@aya.yale.edu. I wish 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 Yalie 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. gdswold@aya.yale.edu.

Lucy Schaeffe 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, Lucy. 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/Footer 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 host organization in or near 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 placement (perhaps one of the Harvest farms?) pleaseo 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) 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’s well, Argo.” This came from Melissa Garcia 00. "Warms 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 tremendously 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. melissa.garcia@ks044.harvard.edu. I hope 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 (which is what about-coordinators) Jacob Heitler wrote: "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 me 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 Shirt; Gilbert who he met in London. The wedding was just yesterday and they’re going to be having a three-week honeymoon. If you have any interest in South Africa or the United Kingdom, you’d be 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. 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 [removed]." Also from '00: Jed Herrmann wrote: "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. She’s 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 Kernert ‘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)." Matt. "And from Sarah Ichioka 01 "Zdavar 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 is well 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: "I'm 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 China. Of course, we chose the rainy season trod 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!" Hyde GB Friendship Lodge New Asia College, Chinese University 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 Maclehose Trail this fall. It is supposed to be a gorgeous trail that cuts across the New Territories (my new turf) completely with empty beaches and views of crazy Hong Kong island. I'll let you know how it went." Emily Hyde

Isabelle Kingsolving '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, Born '98, and I have been racing in Europe all summer back to back. We have been winter training n.FL." "I'm orderting a QuahayTon tlie Olympics w/EWete@wilhe 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 (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 umber556 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 talking 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 the 2003 US Sailing Team Katie and I raced in the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (ROMOCR) 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. Swedish 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 monthlong trip 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 Brenner, 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

g.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 first grade at UUol 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 paddler. If you apply and join, you will work harder than you ever did in college. Devon 1333 6th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94112. 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, supports the FOOT program as a whole, has only amplified the sense of reward from just 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 ghoumb: “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 after a difficult and slighl) 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 swept, and our last footie was having some trouble. The pack was new to her, and she was out of shape. My coleader an got me into point to stop and rest several times, drink water, check for blisters, etc., but we could see that 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 mountaineering, and hiking 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 trips. It's such a privilege be able to communicate your love for the outdoors, and to be able to watch wtout your 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 antr this summer. So if there's one thing 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 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 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 Rodgeris, 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 3rd to the 7th, 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 tennis, still trying to pack in adventures. We were out at Sequoia National Park last winter—what a magical place. Our next 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!