

White Birch

CAMP PASQUANEY

WINTER 2006

The Circle Program Dedicates Its New Camp Pasquaney Staff and Alumni Help the Girls' Program Fulfill a Dream

On June 26, 2005, the Circle Program, a summer camp and mentoring program for New Hampshire girls, celebrated a milestone in their thirteen-year history: They cut the ribbons on the first phase of their new camp, built from scratch on the shores of Spectacle Pond in Groton.

An August 7, 2005, *Concord Monitor* article states, "one of the prime movers behind Circle Camp, Art Mudge, of Hanover, a retired lawyer and international development official, explained that his fervor comes from the great experience he had growing up during summers at Camp Pasquaney on Newfound Lake." Building the new camp involved a tremendous volunteer effort. Art, who is currently an emeritus trustee at Pasquaney, headed Circle's capital campaign committee and was, according to their Executive Director, Elizabeth Beeson, "the driving force in raising the money."



The "Pasquaney girls" love their new dorm and the new Circle camp.

Art was also a key coordinator in the huge volunteer effort that helped construct and paint the new camp buildings. He recruited his nephew, Randy Mudge, a Hanover architect and Pasquaney alumnus, to design the buildings. Randy donated all his personal time on the project. Art also got Dave Ryder involved last spring as the dorms went up. Three of the seven dorms were built by a Newfound group with Dave Ryder putting in about five weeks on their construction and fellow shops counsellor Chip Carpenter working fifteen days. Dave Reed helped in the organization of the volunteer work schedule. Dave Ryder commented afterward that Art's organization of the volunteers made it one of the most successful volunteer efforts he'd ever been involved in. Thanks to these helpers, the camp was able to construct the dining hall, office, infirmary, and seven dormitories, all separate buildings, for just \$650,000.

In gratitude for all the volunteer help, one of the new dormitories was named "Pasquaney." Others were named Onaway, Newfound and Squam to honor the work of volunteer groups.

Other Pasquaney-related help has been key to the project as well: Vin Broderick, Pete Carey, Priscilla Gemmill, and Lisa Stone have all served as Directors of the Circle Program. During Pasquaney's council training week, a group of counsellors helped to clear and set up the new waterfront at the camp. Bob Bulkeley, coordinator of that work crew, also helped Paula Ferenc, Circle's Program Director, plan the operation of the new waterfront.



Randy Mudge cuts the ribbon on the dining hall at the opening ceremonies in June.

Paula talks about the huge in-kind contributions made by Onaway, Pasquaney, and Mowglis during the years they used their camp facilities. "It was helpful to us as we planned our new camp to have worked in three different camps." Ideas like round tables and dining room design came from Pasquaney. They put porches on their buildings and grouped the dorms.

Camp Onaway initiated the Circle Program, though it was a distinct nonprofit organization from the beginning. In the early days Carol Southall, Seton O'Reilly, Art Mudge and Hope Emery held their board meetings in Owen and Nancy Lindsay's dining room. Before this year, the program, modelled after the Mayhew Program, brought girls aged nine to twelve from the lakes region of New Hampshire for a tuition-free two-week camp in late August, using Onaway, Pasquaney, and Mowglis facilities after their seasons ended.

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Like Mayhew, Circle keeps up with the campers throughout the winter months. However, Circle uses trained volunteer mentors for one-on-one contact with the girls during the winter months, while Mayhew has a staff of “community workers” who work with the boys off-season. Circle has already started a graduate program, for girls who have completed their two years, to serve the twelve to sixteen-year-olds, similar to the Link-Up Program at Mayhew.

The Mayhew Program has shared their 35 years experience with Circle. Former Mayhew Director Al Cantor helped Onaway get the program going in the early years. More recently, couples with wives on one board and husbands on the other, joint fund-raisers like the jazz festivals, and a joint committee of Circle and Mayhew trustees have helped Circle move ahead quickly as an organization.

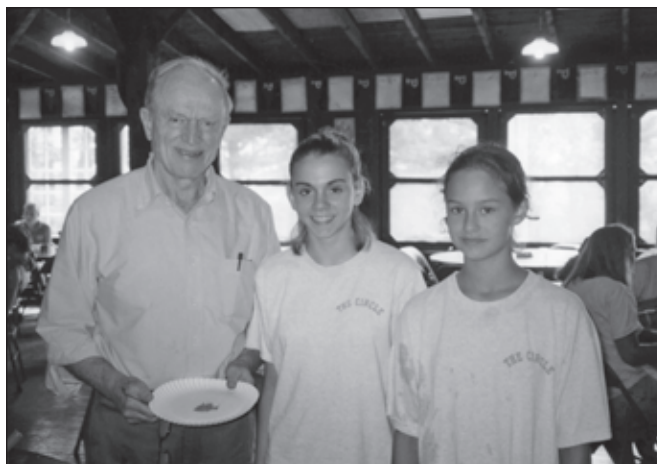
August 15, 2005, was a big day for the Circle Program: thirty-six girls arrived at their new camp for a two-week session, their first year in their own camp. Other buildings still need to be funded and built, but this summer was a milestone for the program that was created by Onaway and helped by many Pasquaney volunteers. Circle plans to expand its program gradually, first to three weeks next summer, then later to two sessions.

Arthur Mudge’s Energetic Service For Camps, Conservation & the Country

Art Mudge, Pasquaney camper, counsellor, and trustee (now emeritus), continues to lead an active life in his “retirement.” We met at his winter home in Hanover, New Hampshire, an eighteenth-century house with deep Pasquaney roots. It was for many years the home of Pop Watson as he directed the Pasquaney theater and served as Acting Director of Pasquaney during World War II. Art, who had knee replacement surgery on both knees not long ago, had just completed an early morning tennis game.

A native of New Hampshire, Art grew up on a farm in Northwood and learned an appreciation of nature at an early age. His father, who worked in the Amoskeag Mills, was a gentleman farmer and loved the outdoors. “It was hard not to be interested in nature.” Before Pasquaney, Art went to Camp Mitena in Barnstead, New Hampshire, where his nature counsellor was the late Joe Kent, who created the Quincy Bog Preserve in Rumney, New Hampshire, and currently has a grandson at Pasquaney. Art recalls that Alan Crawford, a nature counsellor at Pasquaney, “was pretty good with birds. Jack Blessing knew about them, too.” Art has an extensive knowledge of birds today from his lifelong travel to all parts of the world.

Art was an active camper at Pasquaney: He was captain of several senior baseball teams and senior crews. He won awards in tennis, canoeing, hiking, and nature. “I remember my first hike was challenging. I thought I would hate hiking and ended up loving it.” He went on four long walks and won the Thomas Hike Cup twice. He served two years as a COI, was awarded Mr. Teddy’s Cup in 1942, and was Most Faithful Boy in 1946. Art served on the council for five years between 1947 and 1956, spending much of his time on



Art Mudge with Circle campers in Memorial Hall when the program was using Pasquaney as its campsite.

baseball and nature. Who can forget his famous camp “rackwacks” to the pegmatite mines during the 1950s.

At Princeton University, Art studied geology, thinking it would lead to an outdoor career. But a two-year stint in Korea as an Army Lieutenant, where he did intelligence work, got him interested in government and politics. “I thought about how we got into that situation.” He went on to Harvard Law School after the war, and practiced law in Concord at Sulloway and Hollis for about ten years. During that time he served as legal counsel and clerk to the Pasquaney Board of Trustees. He worked on the acquisition of the Notchpost land in Crawford Notch.

Art’s interest in government and politics took him to Washington in 1966 when he went to work for the Agency for International Development (AID). He soon realized that the interesting work was overseas and began a long career as legal advisor to AID, first in Panama, and later in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, Guyana and Sudan.

Art returned to New Hampshire in 1983, left AID in 1984, and set up a Sulloway law office in Hanover. Art and his wife, Mary, had raised four daughters overseas. All had attended Camp Onaway, and Art joined their board of trustees in 1978. After his return, he discovered that he could also “do some interesting work [overseas] as a consultant. In the mid-1980s, administration of justice and environmental work were becoming a greater concern at AID. Rule of law became and is still a big part of the AID program.” He spent four months a year evaluating the work of AID in administration of justice, which took him to El Salvador, Guatemala, Columbia, Peru, Equador, Panama, most of the caribbean, Ghana, Uganda, Lesotho, Russia, Ukraine, and much of the former Soviet Union.

In the past few years, Art has cut back on the consulting work and devoted his energy to the nonprofit world in New Hampshire. He has served on the boards of Pasquaney, Audubon Society of New Hampshire and the NH Nature Conservancy. He also served on and chaired the boards of Onaway, the Circle Program and the New Hampshire Council on World Affairs. In his spare time, he teaches courses at Dartmouth’s ILEAD (lifelong learning) program. His recent courses have been titled United States Intervention in Latin America, Selling War, and Regime Change.

Art states that he was skeptical when, as he served as board chair, Onaway began to plan the Circle Program. He was worried that it would drain energy and resources from Onaway. But he changed his mind and has become one of the hardest-working volunteers and advocates for the new camp. "Circle, like Pasquaney, helps in developing values, skills and human relations in a small idealistic community. [Pasquaney] helped me. The role models are so important. And we learn to do new things in an environment where you don't get laughed at. It reinforces the values that are common to most religions."

Michael Hanrahan Joins Pasquaney's Year-Round Staff

Mike Hanrahan has been appointed Assistant Director and will soon become editor of the *White Birch*. Mike first came to Pasquaney as a counsellor in 2000, just after graduating from Boston University. He was introduced to camp by a high school friend in Bethesda, Maryland, Owen Fink, who had a long career as camper and counsellor, and now serves as our young alumnus trustee. After college Mike was a teacher for four years at the Lowell School in Washington D.C., teaching math, writing, and reading in grades 4 through 6.

Mike has served many roles on the council over the past six summers: canoe instructor, play director, chief inspector, COI advisor, *Pasquaney Annual* organizer and photographer, and shop instructor. In 2004, he ran the shop program when Dave Ryder was away for the summer. Mike has served as the council-elected representative to the board of trustees. He has delivered tree talks each year and last summer gave a very moving chapel talk on "family."

On the year-round staff Mike will add duties in development, alumni relations, and general office administration, and will take over as editor of the *White Birch* in 2006. Dick Beyer, who has served as editor of this publication since it was initiated in 1988, has agreed to continue writing some of the feature articles and profiles of Pasquaney alumni.



Mike Hanrahan and Aimee Wadeson were married at her family's farm in Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 2005.



Recent and current counsellors join Mike Hanrahan at his wedding this fall: From the left, Jack Reigeluth, Doug Camp, James Gregg, Tommy Mayer, Alden Cadwell, Andrew Riely, Mike, Scott Kennedy, Chris Reigeluth, Vin Broderick, Owen Fink, and Chris Cadwell.

Welcome Elaine Loft to Pasquaney Office Staff

The new voice you will hear when you call the Pasquaney winter office is Elaine Loft, who took over from Diane Morgan in mid-November. A graduate of Hamilton College, Elaine has fifteen years experience in working with non-profits, having worked at the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society and the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. She has worked in publications, fund-raising, and alumni relations. Elaine lives in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, with her husband, Jim, and daughters, Gretchen and Hallie. Please join us in welcoming her to the Pasquaney community.

And Thank You to Diane Morgan

In the more than four years that Diane Morgan has served as Office Manager for Pasquaney, she has become involved with many parts of our community. She quickly took charge of many of our office tasks, working with enrollment, alumni relations, annual giving, and countless other tasks that kept Pasquaney running smoothly. She has been the main editor of the *Pasquaney Annual* for the past few years. In the summers, Diane ran the Mary Lamb and kept an office in the camp library to help Vinnie. Last summer, she moved to Dublin, New Hampshire, which was too far to commute to the Pasquaney summer and winter offices. We wish her well. Her energy and enthusiasm for Pasquaney will certainly be missed.

— 2006 Camp Schedule —

Saturday, June 24 — Camp Opens

July 3 - July 7 — Camping Expeditions

July 24 - 29 — Long Walk

August 5 - 6 — Trustees' Weekend

August 12 - 13 — Water Sports Weekend

Sunday, August 13 — Camp Closes

Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall. If camper years are evenly split in two decades, they are listed in the decade in which the alumnus was an older camper.

The 1920s and 1930s

Morton Clafin's wife reported that he died in 2004 in Boston. A camper in 1926 and 1927, he won the 50-yard swim at age 12 and stroked the winning junior crew at age 13.

Buddy Dodge is board chairman of the Salvation Army in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and rang bells at a street-corner "Kettle" stand.

Charles Gordon sent in an annual donation and greetings to Vinnie and the camp, adding that he is almost 95!

Ted Tucker, a camper from 1928 to 1932, died in May, 2005. His son, Bob, wrote, "he cherished Pasquaney and believed in its moral backbone." Vin Broderick wrote back about what a committed friend and loyal alumnus he was. "He was a good communicator who offered words of support and encouragement after the deaths in 1998 and 1999 of [Mr. Gem-john and Mr. Charlie]. When he sold his home on Cape Cod, Ted sent Pasquaney the organ he used to play there, and it now provides enjoyment for our theatre."

John West, camper and counsellor for ten straight summers from 1928 to 1937, died on July 26, 2005 at the age of 90. John graduated from Gilman School and Princeton University. After serving as an officer in the U. S. Navy in World War II, he worked at the Enterprise Fuel Co. in Baltimore, running the company that was started by his father. At Pasquaney, he coxed and rowed crew, went on two long walks, served as a COI and President of the Camp Society in 1931. He was also voted Best Camper that year. His son Butch, longtime camper counsellor, and trustee, said that John and his children and grandchildren have spent 55 summers at Pasquaney. He also introduced many Baltimore campers over the years. Butch added that he still recalled his initiation number in the Sigma Alpha the day before he died.

The 1940s and 1950s

John Beebe retired from SBC Communications and enjoys golf (walking only) "along with all outdoor winter activities" in northern New York. Pasquaney is "the place I learned about 'second wind' during climbing ... and the best growing up disciplines an early teenager one can ever hope for."

Linda and **Dick Beyer** spent a wonderful evening with Randi and **Bucky Buck** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in November. Bucky retired from teaching history in 2002, after 33 years at Albuquerque Academy. In his "retirement" he is "working with two young guys who fix up houses to resell." He does anything from drywall to plumbing. Bucky attended Navy Officer's Candidate School after graduating from Yale. Then he taught at OCS for thirteen summers after completing his four years of active duty. "The whole family would pack up and drive to Newport each summer. We missed it when we stopped." He and Randi have four children and now two grandchildren. His son, **Tim Buck** (1970s), also lives in Albuquerque with his wife and their three-year-old son.



Jeanne and John West (right) chat with Ballard Morton near Headquarters during the Centennial Celebration in 1994.

Morgan Brown, from Louisville, Kentucky, died in June, 2005. A camper for two summers, he appeared in "Love Rides the Rails" in 1952 and was Mayor Adams in "Fireman's Flame" in 1953.

In his retirement, **Chandler Cudlipp** is helping to raise funds for a new boathouse for the Grand Rapids Rowing Association. "They want to build a strong rowing program primarily for the city schools - public, private and parochial." What began in 1985 with a few oarsmen and women has led to several high school rowing programs, several of which now have their own boathouses. "Rowing is growing rapidly in the midwest."

Erling Heistad, a shop counsellor in 1944 and 1945, died earlier this year. Erling was hired by Pop Watson to fill in for Jay Borden while he served in the Navy in World War II. Art Mudge recalls that he helped reintroduce sailing to camp. He also remembers him clearing the brush that had grown up in the main camp area, opening it up as it is today.

Tom Richardson recently saw **Jack Bolton**, who also lives in Roswell, Georgia, for the first time in 63 years. "We plan to get together with his brother, Nick, for a good old reunion - we were together at Pasquaney from 1939 to 1942."

The 1960s

Steve Dittmann ran into **David Cist**, a camper in the late 1970s, who was wearing a Pasquaney fleece, at the Princeton-Harvard game in October.

Mike Ramseur has published two books on the Danvers State Hospital: *The Castle on the Hill* and *The Eye of Danvers: A History of Danvers State Hospital*. Speaking of the latter book, the *Trinity Reporter* stated, "he has created a volume that is part history, part extensive quotations from former staff members, and part personal reflections. It is profusely illustrated throughout by the author's illustrations." The illustrations are wonderful and his writing draws you in. His website is: ramseurdanversstatehosp.com.

An August, 2005, article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* stated, "An era ended this week when **Capt. William 'Wild Bill' Wildrick** retired in a ceremony at the Special Warfare Command [in Coronado]. The Navy lost the last active-duty SEAL platoon officer who had served in Vietnam. Wildrick, at 60 the oldest SEAL in uniform, became a Sea Air Land

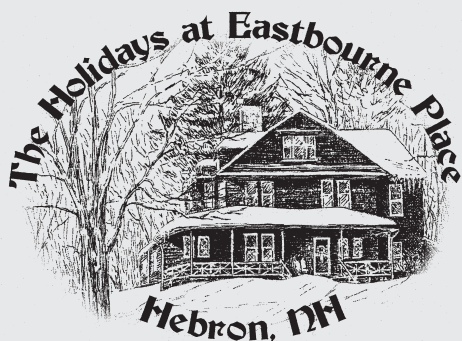
commando before most people knew what one was. He has been a SEAL for all but two of his 39 years in the Navy.”

Bill became a SEAL in 1968 after graduating from Washington and Lee University and attending Officer Candidate School. He spent five years on active duty, including two in Vietnam, and 24 years in the reserves. “He saw firsthand the good and bad of reserves and thought of ways to improve the experience.” In 1996, he returned to active duty and was acting commander for Naval Special Warfare Command during and right after September 11, 2001. “He got the ball in motion for the eventual deployments to Afghanistan.” Bill “helped establish reserve SEAL support commands on both coasts in 2003 that initiated what some consider the most significant change to the Naval Special Warfare Reserve community in its 30-year history. That model is now being considered for the rest of the Navy reserves... Wildrick, who has a wife and three children, isn’t sure what he’ll do next.”

The 1970s

Boyd Bartow’s wife, Vanessa, wrote about living in South Florida after Hurricane Wilma -- no electricity, no water pressure, mandatory water boiling, no gasoline for cars and no traffic lights at intersections (causing accidents). Boyd works at the University of Miami, which had been closed, so he volunteered to watch kids while she, and other family and friends went to work. He had 10 of them at their home.

The Daily Progress in Charlottesville, Virginia, reported in early October, in a front page story, that **Tommy Hill** was among 55,000 fans who attended a Rolling Stones concert there. It reported, “Tom Hill, a former Republican Party chairman, brought two sons, ages 14 and 16 [and Pasquaney campers], and a pair of ear plugs to his first Stones concert. The ear plugs were needed, he said, because ‘I’m old.’”



Eastbourne Place was transformed into a decorator’s showhouse this fall in a fundraiser for the Friends of the Arts. The program’s cover featured Gil Bovaird’s drawing. In the room by room descriptions the dining room writeup was: “Join us for one of the famous Wilson dinner parties where the conversation flowed effortlessly. The decor of this room reflects an updated version of elegance reminiscent of high society Victorian days... Mr. Ned entertained often; his guests included old friends from the city and local friends as well. You can almost hear the chatter and festivities of days gone by.”

John [Harvey] Manderson received his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts in Marine Biology last May. He is a research scientist with NOAA, at the Marine Fisheries Lab in Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Jay Peters has been teaching at a local technical college in Durham, North Carolina, and is concerned about the growth there. His son, David, is now in the middle school and daughter, Kathryn, is in high school.

Kirk Phelps is working on taking a youth group from his Grafton, New Hampshire, church on a mission trip to Brazil next year.

Cesar Collantes writes that when **Don Ryder** is not working for Fidelity, travelling with his family, or riding his bike up Mt. Washington, he is a ‘part-time rock & roller’ with his local band the ‘Hip Replacements,’ which was covered in a recent *Boston Globe* internet article. **Art Woolverton** and his wife adopted a daughter in China this fall.

The 1980s

David Blessing and his wife, Margarita, announce the birth of their second daughter, Sofia Amelie, on May 28, 2005. They are living in Wilton, Connecticut.

Al Bocock and his wife, Amy, welcomed their first daughter, Elisabeth Bryan Bocock, on September 3rd, who will join two older brothers, Scott and James.

In 2001, **Marc Bonnet-Eymard** broke his right leg so badly that doctors worried entering surgery that he wouldn’t be able to walk again. “Bonnet-Eymard is doing much more than just walking these days,” reported *WoonsocketCall.com* in October. “His rehab from his life-changing injury led him to triathlons...His years of training in Florida led up to October 9th in Hawaii, when Bonnet-Eymard placed second overall in a field of 2,000 at the World Amateur Triathlon Championships in Honolulu.” The event consists of a 1.5-kilometer swim, a 40-kilometer bicycle ride and a 10-kilometer run. Marc, now 34, finished just 10 seconds behind a 23-year-old Brazilian who plans to turn professional. Now Marc is considering whether to turn professional. If he does, the next big goal would be the World Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland. “People ask me if I think I would be even better if I hadn’t broken my leg,” he said. “I wouldn’t even be in the sport if I hadn’t broken my leg.” When not training, Marc works as a pathology assistant in an Orlando hospital, where he met his wife, Amy, a registered nurse. She also has an interest in triathlons.

Sandy Colhoun married Selina Rossiter in the Pasquaney chapel on September 24, 2005. Vin Broderick wrote, “a powerful Sandy tree talk on the ridge began the weekend and set the tone, then a rehearsal dinner in Mem Hall, wedding in the chapel, and reception at Peter Carey’s Bed and Breakfast. As I said in my toast, Sandy is now the ‘Doughboy’ (his Pasquaney nickname) for New Hampton School (where he just became development director).” They will be living in Sanbornton, New Hampshire.

George Fitz-Hugh’s mother, Ellen, writes to “get ready for Alex.” George married Danielle in May, 2001, and Alex was born in 2004.

Peter Harvey wrote in July to clear up a mystery in the last *White Birch* (“You Never Know Where You’ll Run into a Pasquaney Alumnus”). “I got the Summer 2005 issue of the *White Birch* and was amused to see that I was a mystery alumnus. I was working at Patagonia in Reno, Nevada, in the guarantee services department when I put the railroad cheer on the repair order [that came in for Howie Baetjer]. I left Patagonia a few months ago to do some climbing in the Sierras which must be why Howie’s emails were not passed to me. I will return to Patagonia in the fall.” He added that for the past four years he has been enjoying hiking and backpacking in the Sierras in the summer and back country skiing in the winter. “Most of my time when not working is spent climbing somewhere between Reno and Bishop, California.”

Jake Gillis left his job trading equity options on the Pacific Exchange in San Francisco to open a cheesesteak shop there last June. Check out www.jakessteaks.net and stop by if you’re in the San Francisco area.

Vin Broderick reported that **Jon Meredith’s** much beloved dog, **Bexley**, died this fall. Campers beginning in the 1990s will recall the “fun and friendship he brought to camp -- and millions of fetched tennis balls.”

After participating in the sailboat dedication at camp last summer, **Ed Norton** was in Shanghai, China, working on the film, “The Painted Veil,” a Somerset Maugham novella. “We shot in Beijing for six weeks and here for three, and now we’re off to the southern countryside ... so the real adventure’s about to start.”

Jay Roby is living in New York City and working for the Turner Broadcasting Co.

Bill Sanford has been completing his training as a physicians’s assistant at Duke. He wrote, “I’m currently on my cardiology rotation and guess who the attending M.D. is on the inpatient teaching team? None other than **Forest Granger** - not that I refer to him as that anymore... He’s at the tippity top and I’m at the bottom.”

Tim Stetson visited camp at the end of the summer and continues to work as an instructor at National Outdoor Leadership School. He is spending this year in New Zealand and wrote in early November, “two days ago I was out on a course sitting by a river when three people came walking up it fly fishing. It turned out to be **Hank Hunker** (1990s) and his parents! I had never met Hank before, and we talked about the good old days up on the hill.”

Eric Tompkins, a former police officer, is now a special investigator for Liberty Mutual in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was married in 2003 and received his M.A in Public Administration from the University of Hawaii in December, 2004.

Allen West is using his doctorate in Chemical Engineering working in materials science and electronics for the Intel Corporation in Phoenix, Arizona.

Drake Williams, his wife, and three children are moving to Badhoevedorp, near Amsterdam, in the Netherlands, where he will serve as an Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies at the Tyndale Theological Seminary. The seminary educates students from Europe, Asia and Africa who are returning to serve their own cultures.



The dignitaries at the “Gala Christening Ceremonies” of the new 420 sailboats: From the left, Vin Broderick, Jack Bocoock, Tim Jenkins, Ed Norton, Ian Munsick, Howie Baetjer, Al Bocoock, Teddy Winstead, Charlie Platt, Charlie Dillingham, Bumpson (in top hat), Walt Suskind, Josh Bertsche, and Sam Stevens.

The 1990s

Briggs Anderson graduated from Officers Candidate School for the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia, last summer and was in Basic Leadership Training as a Second Lieutenant in the fall. He just finished a map and compass course and finds himself drawing on camp experiences often.

Andrew Callard is chairing the middle school math department at Sidwell Friends School and “enjoying teaching immensely.” He’s also developed a passion for salsa music and plays keyboard for a local salsa band in D.C.

Charlie Dillingham went back to college in New Orleans just days before the hurricane. He left first to Houston with friends, and then home to San Francisco, losing everything he owned except his banjo, some clothes and his laptop. He has transferred to Loyola in Chicago. “I am safe and going back to school in another awesome part of the country.”

With great sadness, we report the death of **Nick Dillingham**, from cancer on June 26, 2005. Vin Broderick wrote, “Nick was a spirited and thoughtful contributor to our community with a deep sense of justice. Many of us remember his role as the cabin boy in Chan Hardwick’s ‘Little Games.’ Even when weakened this winter during a visit I had, his sense of humor was irrepressible. His brother, Charlie, was able to return from his work on the council in time to be with Nick, to exchange stories about camp, and to get him smiling.” We are all thinking of Charlie, Joe, Pat and their family at this difficult time.

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Vin Broderick reported that **Tim Dittmann**, **Ben Schramm** (2000s), **Matt Young**, and **Nick Downing** all rowed in the Eastern Sprint Regatta for Princeton, Georgetown, Harvard, and Harvard, respectively. Nick's varsity lightweight eight won the gold medal, and Tim's Second Varsity eight won the silver. **Rick Schroeder** (1980s) was there in his role as rigger for Northeastern. Nick's crew later defeated Yale and Cornell to claim the 2005 Ivy League Rowing Championship with a 9-1 season. Nick's home is in London, and he was recently asked how American crew is different from British: "American rowing is all about power. British rowing is about finesse," Nick responded. Which is more successful? "Well, the Brits won the Olympics in 2000, and the U.S. won in 2004, so the jury's still out. I just try to win."

Tom Doggett sent a note from Utah in July announcing his planned marriage in August. "I miss the campfires, the meals, the lake, and the rest. I even miss the hiking (my least favorite part of it all)."

Phil Harris is pursuing his doctorate at M.I.T. **Jamie Hillis** will finish at Berklee College of Music in December and hopes to work for a masters and Ph.D. beginning next fall. His brother, **Taylor Hillis**, graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, last June. He was goalie on the varsity lacrosse team that won the state championship. He is now at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

We are happy to report that Captain **Christopher Ix** was given a warm welcome in Greenwich, Connecticut, after serving the last 12 months in Iraq with the U. S. Army.

Steve Dittmann reported with sadness the death of his nephew, **David McGinnis**, a camper in 1995. David was a senior in college, age 22, and "a nice young man, with no shortage of friends."

Two years ago, the Wall Street Journal profiled **Matt Meredith** and his fledgling German packaged-ice company. At the time bagged ice was almost unheard of in Germany. In October, they did a followup article on Matt's company, and,



Pasquaney had many Blessings last summer at the dedication of the newly-renovated 3rd and 4th tennis courts, thanks to the generosity of Juliette Blessing, fourth from the right. She made the donation in memory of her husband, Jim Blessing, a camper and counsellor in the 1940s. Jack and Phyllis Blessing, on the right, had all three children, including alumni Jim and David, and their families at the event. Four of his six granddaughters have been Onaway campers.



From the left, Mr. Gem-John's sister, Betsy, daughter, Helen, and wife, Priscilla, joined Vin Broderick and Ballard Morton at the dedication of the Gemmill Lodge at the waterfront. The photos of Gem-John reading at campfire will hang over the fireplace.

thanks to growing demand from younger Germans and record heat the last two summers, sales appear to be taking off. From his beginning with one ice machine and two employees, he grew to twelve employees last summer and expects sales this year of roughly \$850,000.

Willy Miton is now a captain for Colgan Air, a contractor airline for USAirways Express.

Peyton Williams was engaged to Phebe Apgar at Perch Rock last summer, and the council greeted them at the Gemmill Lodge for a celebration afterwards. He is finishing his work at "Take the Field," a New York City non-profit that raises money to build playing fields around the city and then prepares the community to take care of them.

Holtan Yost is now a Marine Corps Captain living and working in Washington D.C. after serving in Iraq.

The 2000s

Kevin Brown has been working this fall at Friends of the Sea Otter, a school's camp in Monterey, California, and will begin at Middlebury College in February.

Rob Denious captained his soccer team to a state championship this fall and was recently named to the all-state first team in Michigan.

Christian Griffin is rowing in a freshman eight at Yale. His coach trained under Vin Broderick when he coached at Noble and Greenough School.

Phil Hooper is rowing at Brown and his crew came in third at the Head of the Connecticut Regatta in the Freshman and Novice eights and Fourth at the Head of the Charles.

Inigo Philbrick is enjoying a fall semester with Global Quest in Thailand. He writes, "Khao Sok was a fairly aquatic experience. When we weren't bathing in our limestone one-walled bathtub or sleeping in our floating bamboo bungalow, we disappeared into the rain forest." They wake up early and spend two-hours kayaking before breakfast, enjoying the "bright skies and primate calls."

Brad Simpson is enjoying his first year at Emerson College in Boston and is busy on film projects.

In What Alumni Activities Would You Like to Participate?

Camp would love to hear any thoughts from you on how we can keep alumni connected to camp and to one another. The following questions are starting points for thought. We welcome any ideas you may have.

1. What ideas do you have about how to better reconnect with alumni and help alumni reconnect with each other?

2. Would you be interested in participating in alumni activities at camp? What types of events would most interest you? (e.g. alumni weekends after camp, work weekends in the spring doing trail work, or helping with camp archives - identifying old pictures, etc.).

3. Would you be interested in attending or hosting a local alumni event in your area? Events could range from gatherings at someone's home to going on a local hike.

4. Camp is currently in the early stages of redesigning our website. We hope to include an alumni registry page so that local alumni can easily reconnect with one another. Would you like to be notified by email about alumni events? If so, would you please send us your email address in case we don't have your most up-to-date information.

5. We also encourage any random information you wish to send, such as: what did you consider the worst duty? Sweeping Southern Dana? Table Duty? Let us know!

Please mail, fax, or email your responses to the winter office anytime. Thank you all in advance for taking time to help camp keep alumni connected.

Mail: Camp Pasquaney, Attn: Alumni Survey, 5 South State Street, Concord NH 03301. **Fax:** 603-225-4015

Email: whitebirch@pasquaney.org

Mr. Vinnie's Travel Schedule

Vin Broderick will be visiting different areas of the country during the "long activity period" this winter and spring. Mark your calendar for the day he'll be in your town and plan to say hello. More details will follow by local invitation and on the website.

January 22nd -- San Francisco, California

January 27th -- Washington D.C./ Northern Virginia

April 27th -- Royal Orchard, Virginia

May 11th -- Southern Connecticut

May 25th -- New York City

Email questions or interest to: gatherings@pasquaney.org

Send us your stories about "Bubbles."



Then join the fun as we celebrate his record-breaking 53th summer at the Alumni Reunion: August 17 - 20, 2006.

For more information, call 603-225-4065 or email: alumnireunion@pasquaney.org.



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