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You'll find in this newsletter updates from our old friends and news from around the world; but mostly, you'll see how a few classmates who met over 40 years ago went on to make a positive difference in this world. We were good people then and we're good people now. It's good to catch up and it's good to know ordinary people who continue to make an extraordinary difference every day. The invisible bonds will never be broken. Keep in touch. -Your class reps.

The Gathering in '09

ALOHA!

It's been almost a year since the 2006 reunion. The planned get together - *The Gathering in '09* - is scheduled for late July, 2009. That date will be upon us sooner than we think!! Start saving now so you can share the fun and excitement of a grand Viking party! It's also a good idea to start the process of obtaining passports now if you plan on taking the planned cruise to Mexico after the gathering? With the requirement of passports for those traveling in international waters or to our neighboring countries, it has created a backlog of applications. Starting the process now is a good idea.

This Newsletter is our way of keeping in touch with everyone, sharing stories and newsworthy events, but, we need any input you can contribute. I especially enjoy getting new updates on schoolmates who were not able to attend the past reunions! I also think being a grandparent is God's greatest gift, so include us in any of your children and grandchildren's memorable stories (trips, graduations, awards, you know, brag on them to us).

Remember, we include all Vanden attendees, along with graduates, in our Viking family. So, please, continue searching and updating our database with lost schoolmates.



HAPPY TRAILS!

John (JC) Crowe '66
Chief of "The Gathering in '09"



birthday's...

Class of 1965:

John Carson 5/3
Nancy Curtis Albano 6/30
John Leveritt 6/24
Ron Johnson 7/8
Jack Jolissaint 7/8
Bill Wooderson 7/9
Linda Ornellas Palmer 8/14

Class of 1966:

Fran Bartoli French 5/20
Audrey Brown Keebler 5/26
Gloria Devereaux Jancoski 6/26
Norman King 7/4
Janet Carney Moore 7/13
Linda Frost Branham 8/3



Class of 1968:

Eileen Breault Ludden 5/20
Cliff Jones 6/30
Christine Bartoli Jones 8/22

Class of 1969:

James Ewing 5/21
Debra Fleming Hjortland 6/30
Nancy Treichak Francisco 8/21



Class of 1967:

Pam Jolissaint Delaune 5/6
Virginia Miga Bobzin 5/10
Robyn Ornellas Ernst 5/19
Robert Story 6/6
Beverlee Hall Veach 6/9
Steve Bull 6/21
Larry Gaddis 7/17
Ray Sanders 7/18
Era Horton 7/24
Pamela Miller 7/27

In the Movies!

Paul Krueger ('68) put together a DVD about us. He gathered pictures from Carter Campbell ('66) and Jim Edmondson's ('65) presentation, photo's from classmates, the 1965 yearbook, the reunion photos, etc., and put it all to music. It starts out with mostly his class ('68) but he has copied about 60 percent of the '65 yearbook into the DVD with pictures from the reunion and other snapshots from the sixties. The whole thing is fantastic and touched me. Loved the music. (So Happy Together, My Girl, In the Jungle; etc) It's something that a lot of people would want, especially if they don't have the '65 yearbook. The look of youth, dreams, and faith come through. It's not long, maybe 20 minutes. It's quite well done and he put a lot of work and time into it. (Review by Linda "Siskel" Ornellas Palmer) ...it just sucks you in and sweeps you back to those wonderful times. (another comment by Pam "Ebert" Jolissaint Delaune)

If you're interested in obtaining a free copy of this DVD, send a note to your class representative along with a donation to cover shipping costs - \$5.00. Give us about 3-4 weeks for delivery.



Updates from our Friends



Don't Forget!

Ron Johnson ('65) invited us to a two-day BBQ, margarita, and beer bust for his "B-I-G 6-Omygod birthday" on the July 7-8, 2007 weekend at his house on Lake LBJ in Central Texas.

There is a hotel 10 minutes away, two hotels 15 minutes away, and several just 20 minutes away. Ron says, "So come one, come all, and we will have a ball, and a mini Vanden reunion of us old folks." If you're interested, contact one of your class representatives for address information. Ron needs a head count around the middle of June, so he can get a block of hotel rooms and make sure to have enough beer, BBQ, and margaritas.

Am I looking old to you?

Donated by: Georganna Brooks Dart ('69)

Warning. The following story may be offensive to some and prove to be detrimental to your well-being. Proceed with caution.

This is a true story. One day I met a former Vanden teacher while waiting for a Doctor's appointment. I was sitting next to a lady in her mid-thirties at the base hospital when we struck up a conversation. She told me she and her husband had just been transferred from Travis AFB in California. I told her that I had lived there also and as we continued the conversation she stated she was a high school teacher and had taught at Vanden High School. I **PROUDLY** informed her that I had attended school at Vanden when it was brand new!

HER COMMENT... "I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD STILL BE ALIVE FROM WAY BACK THEN!!"



So now I ask YOU the question... Am I looking old? lol..lol!!!

CAN YOU DIG IT?

We heard from Don McCloud ('66). Don left for Romania on May 28th. For a month he will excavate a five thousand year old house, two centimeters at a time. "As the dirt falls away, the artifacts will float to the surface. Then they begin to speak."



Then, for another month he will dig up a Dacian fortress that was stormed by the Romans in 106AD. They will camp at the site and be one with nature... (if you know what I mean).



**Carter Campbell ('66), Tom Kam ('65), Coach Foster, Fred Edmondson ('67) and Jim Edmondson ('65)
2006 Reunion**

Lessons Learned

We had some space so I thought about how I could fill it. I decided to write about the ways in which Vanden changed my life?

One instance: I, an asthmatic, joined the track team. *What was I thinking?!* During my first meet, I froze. I had an anxiety attack and hyper-ventilated.

Remember the commercial where the guy is running the track with cement blocks on his feet? Well, that was me. I was so far behind, they were setting up the next race and waiting for me! I was humiliated and decided to give up and just walk off the track. Then I heard **Jim Edmondson's ('65)** voice shout, "Don't give up. Finish the race." And, so I did. When I crossed the finish line, people were congratulating me and I was very glad that I finished. Throughout my life there were many times I wanted to quit, to just walk off the track, to give up. Then, I'd hear that voice and remembered that day and I stayed the course. I tried some more.

Then there was the time I stood up to Kiefer and defended another student. The lessons I learned were: 1) you don't die of fear, 2) it's okay to stand up for what you believe in or for someone who may not be able to stand up for themselves at the moment, and (3) I learned to face my fears. Speaking of Kiefer, (I'm pretty sure his first name was Mister) he also taught me that everyone has a civil right to their opinions. That lesson helped me endure the arrows of judgment and intolerance I'd face.

Then, there's today. Decades have passed and the spirit of Vanden never faded. I learned that love and friendships can last forever. I learned that if you want a friend, you must be one; and, if you don't join in, you get left out. You taught me it was okay to be me.

These were some of the lessons you gave to me, my children, and now my grandchildren.

Mahalo nui loa.

Linda Ornellas Palmer ('65)





Friends Always

Vanden was a great place for making friendships. Some would last a lifetime. **Dwayne Luckie ('67)** was one of those friends for me. We met playing football together as JV Vanden Vikings. As teammates we discovered we could depend on each other to get the job done on the field and as you all know, our team won a lot. Dwayne and I also managed to play off the field, just as well. I hadn't seen nor heard of him since high school. So when Pam Jolissaint (Delaune) told me she could connect us shortly before our recent reunion, I jumped at the chance.

She got a phone number and e-mail addresses for me. It was a big excitement to call. I left a message and the call back that finally connected us was pure joy. I hadn't talked with this guy since our junior year in high school. WOW, we had a lot of catching up to do. Up until then, I had been somewhat concerned about even asking about him. I had heard he had been in Vietnam. Knowing how accident-prone and what a "go for it" guy he was, I figured there was a better than average chance he had found a bullet while on duty. Come to find out, he had, but not a fatal one.

During our conversation, one thing led to another and we realized Dwayne would be near where I live, in San Diego, in the not too distant future on business. We both marked our calendars to be free when Luckie was driving in. He told me he was living in Midland, Texas. Home is where you hang your spurs, I guess. Dwayne is a criminal investigator now. He had been in Vietnam as a Marine, he was in Kosovo as a civilian helping their military and has two kids who are Marine officers. He has quite a history of warring.

He told me he had tried to find me in Carson City, Nevada in 1988, my last known residence to him. The trail got cold for him there as I had gone into the military and reestablished myself after a tour in Vietnam in the San Diego area.

Our big day arrived and we met for lunch at the Del Mar Hilton hotel. It was surely great to see this guy face to face. He represented a big part of my life at Vanden. I could see the miles on him. He politely told me I hadn't changed, (yea right!). WOW, there was so much to talk about. My dad had been transferred to Nevada before my Sr. year. I found out that Dwayne had become class president and football captain his senior year, two positions I had aspired to attain once.

We had our initial meeting and set a time to get together again for dinner. I picked him up after our days work and we drove to the Poseiden Restaurant, a great place just off the beach in Del Mar.

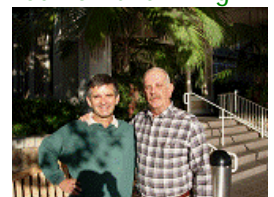
It was such a thrill for me to be hanging out with my old high school buddy and swapping stories. We both remembered how we had slid his dad's 1962 Chevy wagon off into a ditch on a wet road near Lake Berryessa. We'd have gotten it back safe with nobody knowing the difference if the tow truck driver had connected to the frame of the car and not the bumper. It got bent in a way there was no hiding it from his Commanding Officer dad.

He didn't know I was in Vietnam as well. I was a crew chief on a Chinook helicopter. Mostly a mail and supplies hauling job. Dwayne was a "full on" Marine warrior. His unit deployed with 180 men. Only 60 returned. I am a peacenick, former mediator, nature photographer, tree hugger and he is still the warrior. Life's twists and turns leave us all with experiences we grow from. It was great fun to see my friend Dwayne Luckie, to observe and remember. It was nurturing to see the men we are, and remember the boys we were.

Shortly after our dinner the sun was setting and I told Dwayne to look right towards the horizon as the sun set on the ocean. I explained that the light from the sun goes through the light spectrum and will, at times, give a small burst as a last gasp in the green spectrum before it sinks from view. Well, this night the Green Flash was superb. He saw it too and now we have a new old memory to share and remember each other by. Dwayne had never seen a GREEN FLASH. Well, now he has.

There is something about being with another human that knows you (me) so well in a snapshot of a life. There is a rich foundation to build out from. Dwayne will always be a part of my heart and treasured member of my Vanden family. He was a special part of my Vanden experience. It's good to know Dwayne is retired now and living well in Midland, Texas!

Jack Cardoza ('67)
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About Our Classmates!



Friends Forever

Thank you so much for the Vanden newsletter. I really enjoyed reading about all the news; about all of the classes. I'm so excited about the next get-together in '09! Hopefully, I'll be able to take the cruise to Mexico, as well.

I'm enclosing a recent picture of **Nancy Ludwig Coady ('65)** and me taken at her youngest child's (daughter) wedding in Massachusetts. I was lucky enough to get to go. I was there for three short days. I stayed with her and, even though we were busy with last minute wedding things, we got to visit and talk and laugh about old times. Her 37 year old son was my date/escort for those three days, so I got the royal treatment. Since I was maid-of-honor at her wedding, I sure enjoyed visiting with people I hadn't seen since her wedding 40 yrs ago. It had been ten years since we'd seen each other even though we write and talk on the phone regularly. Hopefully, we can all come to the next reunion together. Wish we could see each other more often, but Massachusetts is a long way from New Mexico.

I just started my 25th year of teaching aerobics. Pretty good for someone who will turn 60 in August! I'm busy working on my water aerobics classes and I've started a twice a month stretch and tone class with resistance bands. I've started my third semester of Spanish at the local community college here. It's a challenge. I am enjoying it and hope to go to Mexico to use it one of these days.

Well, guess I've caught you up on the news from here. Good to hear from you and will look forward to the next newsletter. Take care of yourself!
Love, **Darlene Park Santiago ('65)**

P.S. I think it's nice that some of you can get together during the year. It's great to keep in touch. I'd love to see some of my friends from school more regularly, too.



Friends for life - Nancy Ludwig Coady and Darlene Park Santiago, taken Feb. 2007

On the fly...

Eileen Couture Mattei ('65) is a writer and living in Texas. I Googled her and found many articles she has written. Below is a list of articles she is currently researching and writing. How interesting is that!?

San Diego is on my calendar! I hope to have sold this house by then. We're renovating a house we bought nearby. It has wild parakeets flying around and this one has wild parrots. The April issue of Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine will have my parrots and parakeets story .. and maybe even a photo of the parrots in my yard on the cover (no luck getting them to superimpose 'this house for sale' on the photo.)

I'm off on a travel writing swing shortly: Frontier Fort, Archeological dig, Haunted Hotel, and an onion farm (shades of Vacaville!). After 20 yrs of fish farming (Peace Corps in Cameroon, a catfish farm in southernmost California, our own farm in southern Oklahoma, and then 3 yrs running a farm in Mexico), I decided to be a writer. I can't believe I get paid to write travel stories and nature stories.

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THIS MONTH'S GOLDEN HAMMOCK AWARD GOES TO...



Gloria Devereaux Jancoski ('66) recently retired from her position as Police Records Specialist after over 21 years with the Oakland Police Department. Always keeping busy, Gloria is working part-time now in San Leandro in Accounts Payable - a new avenue but a pleasant little diversion. Move over Gloria! I have a feeling you'll be getting a lot of company in this golden hammock in the years to come.

We Never Stop Looking



Each class has experienced email failures and returned mail. If you know of new contact information for one of our Viking classmates, give them our address and ask them to contact us. If you're not sure if we have the correct information on someone, contact us and we'll compare and verify data. Also, we all agree that a person does not have to have graduated from Vanden to be included.

*Once a Viking, always a Viking!
(but you knew that!)*

Stretching will help maintain healthy joint range of motion so that you can continue to stay active and do so injury free.

News From the Class of '67



by Pam Jolissaint Delaune '67

It's been a busy 2nd quarter of 2007 and newsletter time is once again upon us. **Charlie Wilbur** wants everyone to know he is still working with the Tampa Bay Blue Devils and became a proud grandpa for the 1st time March 6, when his daughter Wendy delivered baby Charlotte. Congratulations Charlie! We too have another grandchild coming in mid-September from our oldest son Jeff and his wife. This will be our 3rd grand-child and 3rd grandson. Hmm.

Four of our classmates sent brief autobiographies I have included below.

From Gena Moss Corbett: "We moved to Fairfield after the 10th grade. I finished at Armijo, and went to a fashion design school, but ended up just about as far away from fashion as you can get. I became a financial analyst with Consolidated Capital, a big company in Emeryville. Twenty-two years ago I married a GREAT guy, Tim Corbett. We have no children, and we own a construction company in the East Bay that we are currently selling to our employees. The sale should finalize in about a year. In addition, after moving to Carmel, I started a Property Management and Consulting Company that I still run from a distance through the help of wonderful employees. I can't seem to get enough golf now that we have a home on a golf course in Palm Desert. We both enjoy golf, reading, travel, and cooking. I especially enjoy hanging out with my best friend Tim. We divide our time between our three homes in Palm Desert, Carmel, and Victoria, B.C."

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From Shirley Freese Rosini: "After Travis, we moved to Memphis after enrolling my brother at Memphis State University. I went to work as a dental assistant and for my 21st birthday I took a 3 month trip to Europe. Upon my return, I enrolled at MSU to study nursing. I gave it up after 3 years because I couldn't stand my patients dying, and went back to assisting. My mother managed the apartments I was living in and she actually fixed me up with my future husband Phil at an end-of-the-year pool party on 3/31/73. He gave me a ring in October and we married on 12/7/73. Two days later he got out of the Navy and within two weeks we moved to Rochester, NY to help his cancer-stricken dad, who died on 1/11/74. We have two sons, Ken, born in '78, and Chris, born in '81.

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From Ron Sherman: "After graduating from Vanden, I traveled to Texas and attended North Texas State University. In '69, I received a draft notice and decided to enroll in the Army's flight training program. After completion, I headed to Vietnam for a tour of duty. Like most guys, I had every intention of exiting the military when I returned to the states. Unfortunately, I've never been one to make snap decisions, so 23 years later I finally got out. After military retirement, I moved to Guatemala and flew for a U.S. contractor conducting anti-drug operations in Central America. In '96, I moved to Austin, TX to be near my father who was in poor health. I started a little audio/visual business and have remained in Austin ever since. My wife and I are currently making plans for retirement and spending more time with our 3 children and 5 grand-children. When I look back on my time at Vanden, I realize how blessed I was to have experienced the love and friendship of so many wonderful people. It was a very special time in my life. How many young people today can experience that unique ability to grow in such a safe and relaxed environment? Best wishes to all my fellow classmates."

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From Virginia Miga Bobzin: "I lived in Fairfield several years after graduation. I met my wonderful husband Dennis in '76, and in '82 with 3 kids in tow, we moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. We're still there and we now have 4 children: Chris 38; Carre, 35; Karen, 25; and Keith, 23. We also have 9 grand-children. I had the luxury of being a stay at home mom, but now that the kids are grown we do volunteer work, most recently cooking for 40 people at the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City. Dennis has worked almost 39 years in IT, recently as head of Albertsons Pharmacy Systems. He now works for SuperValu who bought out Albertson's. I would like to send a special hug () to Kathy Smith Small from the last time we saw each other...San Francisco...summer of '68. I hope to attend our get-together in San Diego in '09.

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One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a friend

About Our Classmates



Updates from Pam Jolissaint Delaune Continued...

Pam Miller ('67) and Beverlee Hall Veach ('67) had lunch together shortly after the reunion. Both live in the Dallas metroplex area, although neither realized this until Bev was found by Darlene Lawhead McCraney ('67) about a year prior to the reunion. Bev brought her daughter who, according to Pam, is the spitting image of Bev in high school. They met at Texas Bar-B-Q and they all enjoyed a laugh when the Veach girls discovered Pam was a vegetarian. Pam gets to pick the location for their next lunch! Pam also has plans to vacation with Kathleen McKinny ('67) later this summer, although a definite time and location have not yet been established.

Speaking of Darlene Lawhead McCraney, she and I got to spend a day together in the New Orleans French Quarter just last week. Darlene and CB were in the Crescent City for two days on business, so I drove down and scooped her up for the day last Tuesday. We ate beignets (French hole-less doughnuts) and drank café au lait at the Café du Monde. For lunch we had a delicious seafood crepe at Petunia's, a quaint cottage right off Bourbon. We made some great finds in the French Market, but passed up the tourist prices at Jax Brewery. It was a great day of catching up!

I Remember

This letter was written to another classmate:

I vividly remember 1964 and the transition from Golden West Jr. High to the brand new state-of-the-art Vanden campus. Remember when we went to class half days until the school was completed? Although I did not graduate from Vanden with my class of 1968, I have always felt a kindred spirit with the class. I was there for 9th, 10th, and the first semester of 11th grade, when we moved to North Carolina, where I graduated from high school.

I went on to graduate from Florida A&M University (1973) and it is there where I met and married my husband of 36 years, Sam. We lived in New York for eight years before returning to Raleigh, NC where we currently live. Together we have three grown children: Kendra, a paralegal; Sawyze, a landscape designer; and Jared, a former police officer and one of the best stone and brick masons in town. They are good people, we're proud of them! I am employed by Wake County Public Schools.

I was fortunate to be at the Vanden 1996 Reunion and had a wonderful time. My family reunion date conflicted with the 2006 reunion. I am still in touch with several life-long Travis/Vanden friends. Cynda (Cindy) Collins visits me must about every year. Keep in touch. Rosalyn Swayze Ollison ('68)

An Interview with Jack Jabbour ('65)

Jack Jabbour '65 has a career that has morphed into his dream job. He is currently a radio sports broadcaster covering high school sporting events like the Colorado State Basketball Championship this year, "I love the high school atmosphere -- everything's on the line and many of the kids are lacing 'em up for the last time, so they leave it all on the floor; the fans and bands are raucous and loud!" Jack "fell" into this job seven years ago, while covering high school sports for the local newspaper (while teaching).

Jack went into the Air Force after graduate school at UCLA. After playing guitar in clubs and teaching guitar for a couple of years, he decided he liked teaching and got his teaching certificate. He's been teaching ever since.

As a Junior High English teacher for 30 years, Jack also coached football, basketball and baseball. All of which explains why Jack has remained young at heart. He continues to also teach two days a week at a local Christian school. Seems he's always been a multi-tasker!

Jack and his wife Linda live on five acres in Colorado, have two horses, two dogs, six cats, and still finds the time to enjoy his life as a father, husband, humanities teacher (which includes lesson plans!), music writer, sportscaster, singer, guitar player, and leader of small group worship at various Bible studies for his church. Whew! Just reading about his average day makes me tired!

Artie Gilbert ('65) and Jack touch base regularly and Jack usually stops by when he's going through Santa Barbara. They both loved their roadie up to the reunion last summer. "Artie brought his MP-3 player and had so many cool tunes on it. We were looking for traffic jams to get stuck in so we could listen to MORE MUSIC!"

Jack recorded a live CD in November 2006, "*To the Praise of His Glory*", contemporary Christian Rock music. If anyone would like one, send a \$12.00 check (\$10 is tax deductible, \$2 for mailing cost) to: **Jack Jabbour, 8420 Colorado Rd. 245, New Castle, CO. 81647**

"San Diego is great for us -- my Dad and daughter both live nearby and we'd definitely sign up for the cruise!"

Another Health Tip: Cut back on salt. Count how many times you shake the salt shaker and cut back each week by one shake. Pepper and spices are better choices for flavoring your food.

And, More About Our Classmates



Absent but Not Forgotten

Compiled by Leilani Brown Baudoin ('68)

The following classmates from the Class of '68 were not able to make the '06 reunion but I was able to talk them into sharing a few paragraphs to update you on their journey after Vanden.

Mark Jabbour ('68): I have moved to Walden, CO. You may reach me at PO Box 152 Walden, Co 80480. Walden is a ranching and logging town of 700 sporting souls. It's in the middle of a bowl that tilts north, thus all the rivers run south to north, a rarity. It is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. The altitude here is 8100 feet and the "bowl" is approximately 40 miles across in all directions. The views are spectacular and wildlife abounds. There are huge trout, eagles, pelicans, seagulls, hawks, ducks, moose, antelope, coyote, bear, elk and deer. It is extremely quiet, which suits me as it allows for contemplation, which allows me to write, which I do regularly. You can read my musing on MySpace: www.myspace.com/mejabbour. Stop by and we'll toast the wilderness, cheers.

Debby Horton Boyle ('68): I have lived in Texas since shortly after graduation. I didn't marry until 1985 after I met a terrific guy (Bobby) and we've been in Corpus Christi for 22 years. I was the Director of Commercial Operations for Goodwill Industries for 20 years until retiring last year. It was absolutely the best job in the world! We have 3 boys—Andy (18) who graduates this year; Peyton (21) finishing his 3rd year of college, and my stepson, Nick (29) who is 3 weeks away from opening his first restaurant! Our boys are great and occasionally still like to be around us! By the way, Andy chose to go to LSU next year where he will be a vocal performance major (emphasis on opera). Geaux Tigers! Life is good here—our door is open to all. *(Note from Leilani: Debby knows that I am an LSU grad as well as several other Vikings)*

Jim Cuno ('68): Chicago is only a four hour flight from Travis (more or less) but it took me a little more than 35 years to get here. I started out at the Air Force Academy playing football for a season (crowning achievement was playing against Dave Newquist of Colorado State and winning), moving to London (it was swinging in '69), going to college in Oregon, worked in a warehouse (with Fritz Willie, no less; and saw a lot of Jeff Nelson who was in law school) and got involved in abstract theater (Bob Rieffer was in the audience one night; and on another night, Mantell Williams) before moving back to Oregon to work as a janitor and a waiter while in graduate school at the University of Oregon. I then went on to Harvard (having married Sarah Stewart while in Eugene, OR) where we stayed for five years (a year and a baby in Paris in the midst of it) before beginning my teaching career at Vassar College (where a second daughter was born). I went on to teach at UCLA and Dartmouth College before returning to teach at Harvard for 12 years before moving on to London (still swinging) for a year and a half. My wife and I washed up in Chicago some three years ago, where I began work as head of the Art Institute. Biggest thrill? Maybe becoming friends with Mel Farr, former UCLA All-American running back and my idol in high school (after Mantell, of course) who's married to one of my trustees. (How is it that Mel doesn't remember giving me his autograph in 1967? What was he thinking?) Anyway, Sarah and I are in Chicago with daughters in New York and Washington DC who sometimes answer our phone calls. Life is good!

(Note from Leilani: Just Google James Cuno and you can find out so much more about this accomplished classmate of ours!)



Gerry Kirstein ('68): I used to teach high school, having graduated from Berkeley in '72, but got into foreign travel, living life, and work. I was a tour guide for almost 7 months in Brazil. I speak French, German (I'm fluent in this), and Portuguese...funny how things happen and how we are flung across the globe. I am currently writing a book...the faint of heart need not apply. I am 6'3", 215, have two girls, 12 and 8, and live in Medford, Oregon where I am a real estate broker. The girls live with their mother but are only four blocks away. After forty years, I would still love to eventually meet some of the people from my Vanden days.

If you would like to contact any of these classmates, please contact me for their email address. Leilani

About Your Classmates, con't



We heard from **David Newquist ('68)**. He could not make the last reunion in 2006 because he had just started his new job. He did, however, attend the first reunion in 1996. He showed up wearing his Vanden jersey. Totally groovy, Man!

Dave is now working at the Denver International Airport and working with a group of folks that are completely upgrading the software/ equipment that drives the flight information data base, (departure/arrivals, concourse signs, etc.) Building in tandem with the existing system without a seam provides for "never a dull moment."

Dave and Jane have been married 34 years and have two sons. David Bryan, 27, lives in Thousand Oaks, CA and is a software performance engineer for a division of Intuit (Turbo Tax). Number two son, Jason, 24, is a mechanical engineer. He worked for a year and a half, saved his money, and is now traveling the world. He is currently in Kenya helping to build a renewable energy source for a village on the shores of Lake Victoria. "Believe me, he and his brother take after their mom. I find it hard to believe I share the same gene pool as these guys! I hope all is well with you and all of Vanden's finest!"

Dave's twin sister, **Karen Newquist ('68)**, is living in Kansas. She's the mother of 3 grown children, has a terrific singing voice, and she's a very successful car sales person. Dave said she is impressive with her customers and makes marvelous use of that memorable smile of hers.



VIKING'S ARE ALWAYS ON THE GO & EXPLORING OUR WORLD

Gayle Frink Holden ('66) and her husband Brian recently returned from a two week trip to Ecuador, visiting the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon region.

Brian's students donated a large suitcase full of school supplies, medications, soccer balls, and pen pal letters which we personally delivered to an Ecuadorian school near the town of Otavalo, at the foot of the Andes Mountains. As you might imagine, this was a trip to remember!

Healthy living tips: Oatmeal contains soluble fiber that may help lower your cholesterol level as well as your blood pressure. It also fills you up before you get too many calories, helping you lose weight...and then you feel like a kid again!

Christine Bartoli Jones ('68): When my husband, Bill retired from Mare Island in 1991, we sold our home in Vacaville and moved to Nevada. Then, two years ago we sold our home and set off to see the USA in our Chevrolet truck pulling our 5th Wheel, living large, and looking for a new home base where the summer temps were below 104 degrees. After almost 15 years in the desert, we were looking for somewhere cooler—a place where you could grow flowers that wouldn't wilt in the afternoon heat; and, hopefully, closer to our grandchildren. We went to Colorado and spent two weeks at the Air Force Academy visiting family and then we slowly traveled up and over into Washington state to visit our eight grandchildren. We fell in love with the Washington coast and found a wonderful restored 101-year-old home in South Bend - perfect for us and close enough to visit the grandkids without having them right next door (they're 120 miles north of us). We moved into our home (base) in South Bend, WA and planned our next outing for mid June '06. Our retirement dream was to travel around. We had planned to do two trips a year for about 2-3 months each.

Unfortunately, I found a lump in my breast June 8th, the day before our wedding anniversary and by the 15th of June it was confirmed as breast cancer. Travel plans were cancelled as we now had a battle to fight and win. We declared war on cancer! I started the first session of chemo on July 9th (that is why I was unable to make the reunion) and ended that session on October 23rd. I had more scans in November and surgery in December. We were hoping to have the whole family over during Christmas but that had to be cancelled because my immune system was compromised from the chemo. In January I started the 2nd session of chemotherapy and will have the final treatment on March 19. I will undergo more scans and six weeks of radiation in May and June.

I've gone from a Stage-4 cancer to a Stage-1 cancer and I firmly believe my success is due to the power of prayer and a positive attitude. I have a wonderful support team of family, friends, and my new community. I am always open to helping anyone I can with any emotional support be it by phone or e-mail. This is by far the hardest hurdle I've ever had to endure and by the Grace of God, I will succeed! I am planning to fly kites on the beach with my grandchildren in August with a prayer of thanks on my lips and a grateful heart.

Wrapping Up

Kitty Berry Davis ('65) was moving recently and came across this memory.



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TEN LITTLE INDIANS
By Agatha Christie

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In our last issue, we asked for a recipe for Chocolate Cobbler for Darlene Lawhead McCraney ('67). Well here it is!



6 tablespoons butter
1 cup self-rising flour
3/4 cup white sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Melt butter in an 8x8 inch baking dish while the oven preheats.
In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, 3/4 cup sugar, and 1 1/2 tablespoons cocoa. Stir in milk and vanilla until smooth. Spoon this batter over the melted butter in the baking dish. Stir together the remaining cup of sugar and 1/4 cup cocoa powder. Sprinkle over the batter. Slowly pour boiling water over the top of the mixture.
Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until set. Serve slightly warm with ice cream.
Note: If you double the ingredients, use a 9x13 inch baking dish.

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The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart. -Elisabeth Foley