Plans are underway for a big celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Wakefield. In September 1953, Wakefield opened with 1,529 students in grades seven through tenth. To mark this anniversary, a group of alumni and staff (current and retired) are working to plan an event for everyone who has been a part of Wakefield’s history.

The celebration will kick off with an all-school assembly to share some of Wakefield’s history with its current student body. Friday night, friends of Wakefield are invited to a “ pep rally” in the cafeteria and then to go as a group to the football game. Saturday the school will be open for a variety of fun and interesting events. Included will be a “ history fair”. Remember those old science fairs? This will be along those lines but the gym will be filled with memories of Wakefield and old friends instead of science experiments. Tours will take place throughout the day.

The date for the event will be set after the 2003 football schedule is determined. Please fill out the form on page nine and return it to the committee. In addition to sharing your memories, consider how you might help.

Another Year And Nine More Scholarships

The Wakefield High School Education Foundation’s sixteenth year ended on September 30, 2002. Together the alumni and friends of Wakefield contributed $50,217.89 and the Foundation earned $3,267.07, bringing the total raised and earned since 1986 to more than $500,000. The Wakefield Class of 2002 contributed $2,500 and the Wakefield Boosters contributed $2,000. As of April 30, 2002 the Foundation had received about $37,000 so the selection committee awarded nine $4,000 scholarships to members of the Class of 2002. This brings the number of scholarships awarded to date to ninety-six with a combined total of $369,000. The Foundation is currently assisting thirty-six Wakefield graduates who are in various stages of their college education.

While people have been able to designate the Wakefield Foundation on their United Way of the National Capital Area or United Government Appeal campaign pledge cards for several years, last year was the first year the Foundation was listed by name in the campaign literature. The Wakefield Foundation’s designation number for the United Way and CFA campaigns is #9207. In the past, the Foundation would receive about $3,000 to $3,500 annually from United Way, mostly from the staff. This past year we received $13,978, which is quite an increase. While United Way has had its problems, they are working hard to solve them. Mrs. Bonnie Pfoutz, who has been an important supporter of the Wakefield Foundation, was recently appointed to the United Way Board as a representative from Arlington County. The United Way and CFA Campaigns allow us to inexpensively reach a larger group of potential supporters including parents, relatives and friends of students as well as current and former residents of south Arlington and the Wakefield attendance area. Recently we also wrote to twenty civic associations located in south Arlington informing them of the existence of the Foundation and requesting that they include an article about the Foundation in their next newsletter. Hopefully this effort will result in some additional contributions. In addition, this past summer, a very large number of contributions were received in honor of Dr. Marie Shiels-Djouadi upon the occasion of her retirement as Principal of Wakefield, a position she had held since 1987.

We hope you will join in our effort to assist some of the young people attending our old high school and growing up in our old neighborhoods. If you have contributed before please do so again; we really need your continued help. If you have not contributed before, we invite you to join in this effort. If enough of us join together we can do something meaningful for the students at Wakefield. Many employers have matching gift programs and charitable contributions to the Wakefield Foundation qualify for such matching gifts.
Wakefield Scholars

'87 - Jennifer Goodreau - Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI)
'88 - Thuong Thi Hoang - VPI
'89 - Kyu Ahn - Cornell
'89 - Tram Nguyen - William & Mary (W&M)
'90 - Kimberly Saunders - Brigham Young (BYU)
'90 - Delaney Colbert - James Madison University (JMU)
'90 - Piero Simoni - W&M
'91 - Cami A. Wilson - University of Virginia (UVA)
'91 - Quynh M. Nguyen - Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
'91 - Keo S. Kelly - VPI
'92 - Claire E. Bums - W&M
'92 - Thanh P. Nguyen - VPI
'92 - Shannon Sikes - Smith College
'93 - Dimitrios Pallouras - UVA
'93 - Stephen Saunders - BYU
'93 - Chan Tran - UVA
'93 - Duc Ngo - VPI
'94 - Mary Kathleen Clark - VCU
'94 - Jay Gatchalian - UVA
'94 - Zhen-Zhu Hu - UVA
'94 - Janna M. Lipman - JMU
'94 - May B. Lopez - George Mason University (GMU)
'94 - Cindy Martinez - GMU/NVCC
'95 - Stephanie Barfield - George Washington University (GWU)
'95 - Nayeeha Hoq - UVA
'95 - Josh Swain Merck - University of Maryland (U Md)
'95 - Alicia Nicole Milhovets - VPI
'95 - Nasreen Rahman - GMU
'95 - Martya A. Rasner - UVA
'95 - Micah Stein-Verbist - GMU
'95 - John Scott Will - Dartmouth
'96 - Claudia V. Aleman - GMU
'96 - Najya Batool - GWU
'96 - Pliny Birtford - VPI
'96 - Erikay Cook - Roanoke Lutheran College
'96 - Naomi Fikremariam - St. Andrews
'96 - Janelle Gatchalian - UVA
'96 - Oscar Gomez-Romero - VCU
'96 - Matthew Munsey - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
'96 - Sara Robinson - Cornell
'96 - Kenneth Toy - Centre
'96 - Sonal Vashi - VPI
'97 - Natasha Allen - UVA
'97 - Ana Caballero - Marymount University
'97 - Daniel Hettich - Fordham
'97 - Sonja Horgen - UVA
'97 - Myung-Ju Ji - VPI
'97 - Brandon Wontae Joo - UVA
'97 - Helen Kate Rears - W&M
'97 - Ricardo Reyes - NOVA
'97 - Yindy Vatanavan - Northeastern
'98 - Rachel E. Bowers - Pepperdine University
'98 - Liliana M. Caballero - GMU
'98 - Eve Cheyvanski-Smelt - Cornell
'98 - Ashley Dietrick - W&M
'98 - Pablo Feliciano - VPI
'98 - Katrina N. Harpe - Yale
'98 - Jon M. Meade - UVA
'98 - Xin Nham - UVA
'98 - Christopher Ruddick - VPI
'99 - Ulthman Alediran - Longwood College
'99 - Jessica L. Anderson - University of North Carolina
'99 - Robert Dang - VPI
'99 - Jonathan G. Krug - JMU
'99 - Claire Anne Leduc - UVA
'99 - Luis F. Maldonado - VPI
'99 - Saiful Siddik - GMU
'99 - Catrina Tangchittsumran - JMU
'00 - Lindsey Calhoun - Penn State
'00 - Richard Davis - Columbia University
'00 - Jessica Garrison - UVA
'00 - Ayisha King - GMU
'00 - Xung Nham - UVA
'00 - Francisco Saravia - GMU
'00 - Scott H. Saunders - BYU
'00 - Kathleen Schoelwer - JMU
'01 - Claudia Aguilar - UVA
'01 - Farhana Ahmed - GWU
'01 - Chee Hur - VPI
'01 - Lacy Kohlmoos - JMU
'01 - Fatima Khan - JMU
'01 - Jerry M. Coles - UVA
'01 - Sarah Pohl - UMd
'01 - Jessica Porter-Clark Atlanta University
'01 - Tihomire Nikolov - UVA
'01 - Nathan Zimmerman - VPI
'02 - Jacqueyn Alvarez - U Md
'02 - Amanda Eckerson - Yale
'02 - Mahamudul Hasan - UVA
'02 - Nikolay Mollov - UVA
'02 - John Shulsky VPI
'02 - Tuan Vu - UVA
'02 - Jacque Wright - GMU
'02 - Meghan Young - JMU
'02 - Iris Zhu - UVA
News From Wakefield

New Principal Selected

Wakefield began the new school year with new leadership. Doris Jackson was selected to serve as principal. Below is a message from Ms. Jackson.

From the Principal

It is with great pride that I begin my service as Principal of Wakefield High School. Although this is my first year as Principal, I have worked at Wakefield for thirteen years, eight as Director of Counseling and five as Assistant Principal. Prior to coming to Wakefield I was an English teacher and a school counselor in the D.C. Public Schools. I feel that I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge about adolescent development and education to the Wakefield community. We have had an excellent start to the school year and I am committed to continuing Wakefield’s legacy of excellence.

The Wakefield staff, students and I are looking forward to sharing our 50th Anniversary with you. This celebration promises to be the beginning of a meaningful collaboration between the alumni and current students. There is much our students can learn from your successes. I would like to invite you to visit us when you’re in town and attend our athletic events, concerts and plays which are listed weekly on our hotline, (703) 228-6744.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the anniversary celebrations.

Technology Program

The mission of the school’s technology program is “To provide students with instruction supported by state-of-the-art computer applications.” This is coupled with a second mission to “provide students with access to careers in technology in Northern Virginia—now and in the future.” Wakefield is dedicated to changing the way employers view their students as potential employees, and want employers to see how much high school students have to offer. The Outreach Career Education Specialist coordinates an intern program which aggressively promotes students to local businesses, securing 200 paid student internships in a recent year.

A technology class is required in ninth grade. In this course, students acquire skills in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, desktop publishing, Visual Basic programming and PowerPoint, enabling them to make multimedia presentations and work on multimedia web sites. The school’s Information Technology (IT) program is flexible and allows students to train in a Cisco Networking Academy program and in Computer Networking Administration (Novell 4.11), C++, Visual Basic 6.0, Computer operating systems such as Windows 95/98/2000, DOS and Microsoft NT and Web page design and animation.

As a graduation requirement, seniors must prepare and present an individually planned and developed senior project that includes a three-page essay; an oral presentation to a panel with an industry expert, a teacher, a peer and one other adult; and demonstrate mastery of a video or PowerPoint presentation (used to explain their project). Seniors must log at least 150 clock hours on their project throughout the year. Wakefield’s technology and senior project requirements go beyond state and district requirements for graduation.

The school has a teacher productivity station in each classroom, eight computer labs for classroom use, two computer labs for use through a sign-up list, one mobile word processing station, 20 mini-labs and three after-school labs. Faculty who help run the technology program include: a full-time instructional technology coordinator, a full-time technology resource teacher, five technology teachers, two computer information system teachers, and a county-based network specialist and technician. Students fill in as assistants when needed.

Source: American Youth Policy Forum Brief
Honor Roll of Contributors This Past Year

1956
Ann Adkins Dye (16)
Peter A. Arntson (16)
Donald R. Baldwin (15)
George S. Barber (1)
William S. Boesch (12)
Jackie B. Bogardus Hawes (12)
Daniel Breeden (9)
Ronald L. Carberg (15)
Mary Alice Coates Glover (10)
Jane Cole Stoker (16)
Ralph O. Compton (16)
Carol Dominick Ellis (1)
Richard W. Elder (11)
D. Kent Eshelman (10)
Judith F. Fahy Cablk (12)
Karen J. Scott Heath (6)
Barbara L. Runyon Patterson (4)
Stephen M. "Steve" Parel (12)
Richard W. Lyons (12)
Louise Lightsey Marshall (11)
Ramon Lee (1)
Patti V. Boesch Feeley (1)
William C. "Bill" Darnall (6)
Lawrence "Larry" Evans (7)
Nancy Fletcher Hicks (2)
Stuart R. Lynn (6)
Nancy Fletcher Hicks (2)
Rhoda Ritzenberg (8)
Patti V. Boesch Feeley (1)
Mary E. Pherson Harris (3)
Rhoda Ritzenberg (8)

1957
Glenn Darnall (2)
Jane Franklin Markham (11)
Ronald L. Heinemann (14)
Barbara Vance Cogswell (11)
Warren K. Watson, Jr. (5)
Judy Wynkoop Romanzuc (14)
John L. Younger (7)

1958
Lela Adair Gideon (4)
Sandra Agnew Goldberg (4)
Nancy C. Avery Darling (3)
Linnea B. Barnes Sandstrom (7)
Lewis Darling (2)
Julia Enreffen Gentry (9)
Ned Fine (9)
Donna Floyd Fales (2)
Peggy Funston Banks (9)
Joanne Gottshall Linscott (10)
Franklin J. Homan (8)
Karen Kimball (10)
David B. Lockman (6)
Carolyn F. Long Akers (12)
Dorcas A. Miller Lounsbury (10)
Virginia "Ginny" Peters Arndt (8)
Eleanor S. Rubin Baldwin (9)
Frances "Fran" Whitney (10)
Crystall Seeds Hill (5)
Sally Smiley Tarran (5)
Sally C. Stone Halvorsen (6)
Joy Toadvine McDonald (12)
Richard B. "Dick" Ward (11)
Mariam Wood Vandenberg (10)

1959
Rayborn S. "Ray" Clifton (4)
Marla Cohn Drucker (3)
Louis L. Ford (8)
R. Dirk Gnodde (2)
Roy B. Harrill (12)
Thomas M. Hawkins (7)
Judith K. Hedrick Hostetler (8)
John Kasprazk (1)
Dan Kramer (5)
Kathleen Marano Linck (8)
Jean Maupin Birch (11)
Richard D. "Dick" Nichols (10)
Eugene J. Rutkoski (10)
Garland Schweickardt (8)
Sallie Shepherd Jackson (5)
Nancy Steele Dupree (10)
Marion Stewart Emerson (7)
Robert D Thompson (3)
Catherine Trappnell Wheeler (9)
Ginny Walker Boylan (10)
Mary Ruth Warren Hof (7)
John T. Wertime (11)
Brenda White Kasprzak (1)
Stephen R. Woodzell, Jr (2)
Ilona "Ann" Wynkoop Emde (17)
William T. Yeager, Jr. (3)

1960
Edward J. Ball (9)
Richard E. Brown (3)
Helen Burckett (5)
William J. Chandler (3)
Philip W. Compton (12)
Jeanne Croson Midgett (5)
Bena Ginsberg Siegel (8)
Berk F. Hoover (5)
Patricia Kinsman Johnson (4)
Ramon Lee (1)
Louise Lightsey Marshall (11)
Richard W. Lyons (12)
John R. Mello (6)
Stephen M. "Steve" Parel (12)
Barbara L. Runyon Patterson (4)
Karen J. Scott Heath (6)
Linda M. Seitz Amato (5)
Letty Sloan Mallery (7)
Lee Vickers (4)
Harriet Wynkoop Schrader (15)
Steven M. Zimmet (12)

1961
Barbara M. Anderson Egseth (6)
Ovila Clyde Paneton (11)
Kenneth R. "Ken" Dickerson (5)
Henry "Ric" Duques & Dawn Duques (10)
Charles P. Folsom (1)
Cathy Grant Parker (7)
Jim L. Hall (4)
Lewis C. Hecht (9)
Robert B. Heinemann (6)
Gary L. Hoskinson (9)
Charlotte Jack Knipping (7)
Lana I. Melusky Bryant (8)
G. Seth Shostak (6)
Glen Sioris (1)
Daniel P. Small (4)
Judy Smith Vaughan (10)
Carole Uber Bracht (3)
Patrick J. "Pat" Vaughan (10)

1962
Patti V. Boesch Feeley (1)
William C. "Bill" Darnall (6)
Lawrence "Larry" Evans (7)
Nancy Fletcher Hicks (2)
Basil W. Henderson, Jr. (3)
Stuart R. Lynn (6)
Harriotte "Hally" Montague Baker (5)
Mary E. Pherson Harris (3)
Rhoda Ritzenberg (8)

1963
Barbara Allen Miller (2)
Susan Bailey Hess (5)
Patrick E. Benton (1)
J. Robert Finton (3)
Charles Hair (5)
Arthur N. Haupt (2)
Charles Hawkins (5)
Kenneth B. Healey (7)
Paul D. Hemenway (3)
Vivian L. Herndon Bish (4)
Dovie Horn Wylie (10)
Jack Horton (4)
Millie Mohler Lawson (10)
Susan Saulmon Trice (10)
Steve Schilling (4)
Paul A. "Pete" Schick (8)
James N. Sipes (6)
Shelby Smith Hawthorne (5)
Carole Spaulding Mekjian (3)
Nancy Taylor Allen (7)
Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings (6)
Margaret Winkler Katholi (7)
David & Julie Zalkind (5)
Louis Zinzi (8)

1964
Donald Allman (6)
Dick Bawcombe (7)
Virginia Britton McGetrick (9)
Barry Chewing (9)
Loretta V. Clerck (5)
James F. "Chip" Coakley (2)
Ronald O. Durham (1)
Sally Godfrey Bawcombe (5)
Jann-Ellin Guilmette White (4)
Glen M. Hewitt (5)
Cheryl Hunter Smith (3)
April Kerr Miller (2)
John C. Keys (1)
Claudia K. Newbold (8)
Robert C. "Bob" Spiker (9)
Bruce Sylvester (8)
Everett "Tommy" Thomas (3)
Bobbie Whitehead Hill (5)
E. Ray Yount (3)
Paul N. Zimmet (8)

1965
Mary Ellen "Cricket" Garrett (3)
Bruce Green (1)
Suzanne Holmes Crocker (2)
Leif Magnusson (4)
Carol Miller Mayo (2)
David Mitchell (10)
George C. Peace (3)
Alvin W. Smuzynski (3)
Janie Vermette Schilling (4)
Rita Marie Welch Raley (1)

1966
Willard "Woody" Brittain (10)
Diana G. Browne (9)
Deborah Carpenter Brittain (10)
Jerold "Jerry" Grossman (8)
Jane Alison Hale (11)
Margaret A. Herron Bertin (6)
Bruce A. Kimble (12)
Kathy Kouchis Johnson (9)
George C. Peace (3)
Alvin W. Smuzynski (3)
Janie Vermette Schilling (4)
Rita Marie Welch Raley (1)

1967
Lawrence J. Richards (2)

1968
Debbie Barber Dietrich (3)
Betty Jo Draheim (1)
1987
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1969

William H. H. King (3)
Nancy C. Lee (1)
William A. Nalls (4)
Bernadette Shorter Rowe (4)

1989
William H. Wheeler (9)

1990
Jonathan A. Nateghi-Asli (1)
Sarah E. Chikes (3)
Charlotte A. Sheane Denis (11)

1991
Susan Mannon (2)
Ellen K. Daugherty (4)
Alyssa Montooth (3)
Chau Quynh Tran (2)

1992
Catherine T. Sheane (8)
Leah S. Bergen (2)
Corey R. Hilz (1)
Julia J. Vicapoma Nieves (2)

1993
Erika Cook (1)

Friends of Wakefield

Class of ’61 Reunion
Class of ’66 Reunion
Class of ’76, ’77, ’78 Reunion
Wakefield Boosters (1)
Wakefield PTA (1)
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Allhoff (1)
Michele M. Bajek (1)
Cynthia L. Beach (1)
Lore E. Boyd (3)
Terry Bratt (1)

The number in parenthesis indicates the number of years contributions have been made.

1994
Gilmer B. Weatherly, Jr. (15)

1995
Julian & Carolyn Stein (16)

1996
And other unidentified donors through the United Way

Be sure you’re on the Honor Roll!
Please make the Wakefield Foundation part of your charitable giving!

Every effort is made to be sure the honor roll list is accurate. We apologize for any errors.
Class Notes

- Julian "Buddy" Stein (retired staff) received the first International Olympic Committee President's Award for outstanding and exemplary service to physical education and sport through the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ICHPERSD). The award, including a permanent plaque in IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, was presented at the ICHPERSD 44th Anniversary World Congress in Taipei, Taiwan, June 28, 2002.
- Charles "Chuck" Harris, former assistant wrestling and track coach and driver education teacher at Wakefield (later head wrestling coach and athletic director at Yorktown) was recently elected to the Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was introduced at his induction by the late Senator Paul Wellstone (Minnesota) who attended Wakefield 7th-10th grade and then transferred to Yorktown where he wrestled and graduated.
- Retired Biology teacher Larry Sasscer has written and published a book entitled You Must Remember This.
- Ralph Compton ('56) recently visited his younger brother Phil Compton ('60) - notice we didn't say little brother - in Ada, OH where he was a professor at Ohio Northern University. Phil retired from teaching last June, but is still a Methodist minister. In September on his 60th birthday, Phil baptized his seven month old grandson. Phil probably holds an obscure record at Manchester College - a small church school in Indiana - for being from the largest High School class (WAKEFIELD) to enrol at Manchester. Ralph is enjoying retirement, but is now the teacher in the family - a substitute school teacher for higher math in the Virginia Beach schools.
- Colonial Brion V. Chabot ('56) a graduate of West Point is currently serving as Vice Commander in Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars.
- Ellen Krupsaw Nemhauser ('56) writes "I am still doing a bunch of old lady good works - being a docent at the art museum, teaching English as a second language to assorted immigrants, and tutoring a kid who's a slow reader. I'm still in Atlanta although during the '02 festivities I was in Chile with my husband who now chooses which academic conferences to go to based on their location rather than their intellectual content. And I'm maintaining my role as a camp follower with, however, a very limited clientele."
- Douglas Wheeler ('57) recently retired as president of the Washington Performing Arts Society. The Washington Post called Wheeler a prime architect of the organization and a reason why it grew into a leading arts organization. Douglas had been with WPAS for 31 years.
- Tom Hoekstra ('57) shares the news that his father, Harold Hoekstra, who still lives in Arlington (in a senior home), just celebrated his 100th birthday in August. He lived on N. Columbus St., in the house I grew up in, for 55 years. He also asked the question: How many of the old-timers remember the Wakefield building shaking while classes were being conducted as workers drove the steel pilings during the last phases of construction in 1953 or 54?
- Jim Wiberg ('57) - As Pastor of the Vienna Community Church in the historic first district of the old city of Vienna, it is Jim's joy to invite any traveling Wakefield Alumni to join him for worship on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For location and news go to ViennaCommunityChurch.com. See you in Vienna, Austria.
- Alan Corwin ('58) is retired after spending more than twenty-five years as a financial advisor (stockbroker) with Morgan Stanley. Alan and his family live in Olympia, WA (the State, not DC), but he still visits Virginia, usually to pursue his various projects at Washington and Lee University where he is an active alumnus. Alan serves on various non-profit boards and committees and is active in local, state and congressional politics.
- Members of the class of 1959 will be saddened to hear that Susi Eigen Krebs succumbed in mid-September to complications of cancer and chemotherapy. She had discovered an abdominal lump in May of 2002. Susi had earned a doctorate in music composition, for years taught adult evening music classes, but in recent years had developed a painting career. She had only recently retired from her "day job" in the Physics Department of Cologne University in Germany. (Susi went to Germany about 30 years ago to take a summer course in German language and never came back to the U.S.A. to live.) Her brother Joel was in the first graduating class at Wakefield. She is survived by her husband, Moritz Paffgen. - Letitia (Tish) Montague Grant, class of '59
- Sally Craig ('59) - Sally's husband, retired four star admiral, Charles R. Larson, recently ran for Lt. Governor of Maryland on the Democratic ticket with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.
- Philip W. Compton ('60) retired last spring from 35 years as Professor of Psychology at Ohio Northern University (PhD from Emory University). He has been a United Methodist minister since the spring of 1997 and continues to serve the same congregation today. He has one more summer (of 5) to complete his Course of Study at Duke University Divinity School. His wife is an executive with the Girl Scouts and they have one married daughter and two grandchildren. Life is wonderful for Philip.
Michael P. Swain ('61) writes "I was transferred to Tokyo, Japan in September of 2000 to start up a new business for my company, Alcoa, Inc. At the completion of that project, in September of this year, I was appointed Vice President, Sales & Marketing for Alcoa Asia Pacific and will remain based in Tokyo. My wife, Janey, and I live in the Shibuya area of Tokyo and also maintain a home in Hudson, Ohio. Our son John recently graduated from Ohio State Medical School and is doing his residency at Ohio State Hospital. Our daughter, Katie, is a second year med school student at Tulane in New Orleans. Our daughter Stacey has blessed us with three grandchildren so far. I can be contacted at: swainmp@aol.com."

Esther Greenfield ('61) shares the following: "My best friend, Diane Clements, whom I met at Wakefield in the 8th grade, and I lost track of one another shortly after I married in 1966. Miraculously, we found each other again over the Internet this year, 35 years later. How strange that we were both in Colorado - Diane at the top near Denver and me at the bottom in Durango. She drove down to visit in May and we discovered that we were two big city girls who now wore hiking boots and flannel shirts and whose idea of a good time is to canoe a quiet river or hike a quiet mountain!"

Seth Shostak ('61) wrote the following note: "For the last dozen years, I've been working at California's SETI Institute -- the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence -- hunting for cosmic company in much the same way as Jodie Foster did in the movie "Contact." Looking for aliens is a slightly unusual line of work, but I'm pleased to note that Wakefield amply prepared me for this arcane profession. The boys restrooms were frequently filled with strange looking beings with leathery skin (or was it their jackets?) busy tossing pennies and generally sporting a threatening demeanor -- probably good ciphers for space aliens. Despite these encounters of the third kind, there's little doubt that my six years spent ensconced in Wakefield's brick-bound inards were as happy as any student's could be. If I could push a button and go back, I would."

Sam Mackey ('61) writes - "I am no longer in engineering. I guess I'm a mendicant programmer now. But engineering was so much fun that after I left it, I sat down and reviewed my UVa grad school class notes and then, over a number of years, derived new equations (new to me anyway...) and did at-home research. This led to an unpublished 600 page book on digital automatic control systems (sampled data) and creation of a family of 60 portable C language computer programs to do the associated math with. Maybe I'm like Democritus of Abdura who'd rather answer one question than be king of Persia... But I want you to know that I remembered you all and my Wakefield math teachers Ms. Shreeves (my Geometry teacher) and the questions we all asked in those classes "Does anybody use this stuff?!" I have an answer for you now..."yup."

Gerry Francis ('61) announces that after having been single since 1983 he got married August 10, 2002 to Laine Neese Francis. They are living in the town of Elon, NC and Gerry works as Provost and Senior Vice President at Elon University.

Julia Boone Lee ('61) is selling her art works on eBay. The subject matter of her current paintings and drawings is cats. You can see them by doing a search for "JuliArt" in the title of the auction. Coming soon will be her web site at juliat.com."

Ovila "Sonny" Clyde Panneton ('61) would like to hear from some of the North Arlington gang that went to Wakefield - Tony Novak, Randy Smith, Billy Moye, Marsha Deal, Rick Duques, Dana Gilmour. You can contact Sonny at oclyde@cox.net

Ric Duques ('61) is giving $5 million to The George Washington University for a new building for their business school. The groundbreaking ceremony took place October 17, 2002. For more information go to:

Mark Swerdlin ('62) writes that while in college he changed his name from Swelling to Swerdlin, the correct name of his grandfather when he immigrated to the US from Lithuania. Mark attended VPI and graduated in 1967 with a B.S. in E.E. Mark is divorced, has three adult children (two boys and a daughter -- he's not yet a grandfather), he retired from IBM in 2000, and considers himself "temporarily" retired while he decides what to do next. He's lived in Houston, Texas since 1972. His email address is markss@attglobal.net. If there are any other Wakefield graduates close to the class of '62 in Houston he'd love to meet for a coke, coffee, shake, or something stronger.

Chip Coakley ('64) has become a very small-time printer - something not thought of at Wakefield - and he occasionally publishes things with the imprint of "The Jericho Press". Please have a look at his web-page at: www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~coakley/jericho.htm

Henry Hudson ('65) was selected by President Bush to serve as a Federal District Judge. Henry is a former U.S. Attorney, was head of the U.S. Marshals Service and was recently a Circuit Court Judge in Fairfax. He was elected Arlington commonwealth attorney at the age of thirty-two.

Dawn Chatty ('65) recently chaired an international working group promoting the rights of mobile peoples [nomads] in conservation projects. If you want to find out more check www.danadeclaration.org.
Paul Bouchard ('65) sent the following information: Notwithstanding these difficult and unsettled times, my family (1 wife, 4 teenage children, 5 dogs, 2 cats and 1 horse) are all well and healthy though I do occasionally have to get treated for fleas!! With one new teen driver and three soon to be, our car insurance premiums (especially here in California) are now approaching stratospheric proportions. Donations are welcome. After three decades as a stressed-out entrepreneur, I am really enjoying my life on the other side of the table (venture capitalist) re-living all those years groveling. Would love to hear from classmates and long lost friends. Hamilton Apex Technology Ventures, L.P. - (858) 314-2350

Leif Magnusson ('65) had the great pleasure on September 29, 2002 of a get-together with Cecelia (Ward) Riddett and Dawn Chatty in Plainfield, NJ, where he lives. The occasion was a blessing of animals in a nearby park sponsored by a Plainfield neighborhood organization. The event was chaired by his wife, Charlotte Sibley. Cecelia brought Dawn up from Princeton where she was visiting. It was a sunny, glorious day. Leif had not seen Dawn since high school. Cecelia lives in Manhattan and has been a constant friend since Gunston Jr. High. After enjoying the celebration of animals, Cecelia took Dawn to the airport, to return to Oxford, England, where she lives and works. The event was greatly enriched by the presence of friends and Leif, too, felt blessed.

Barbara Wright Delaney ('66) shares the following memory: I was 4 years old when Wakefield was built. I remember playing around the “soon to be” football field area. I remember playing with the HUGE sprinklers that they used to wet down the grass and grass seed -- I could run in and stop the long armed sprinkler and when the custodians would start out towards me to catch me ...... I'd take off like a shot --- and NEVER get wet!

Mary Muller Bevil ('66) reports that since her last fun reunion, she's been able to stay in touch with her High School best friend Carol Gaddis Waters and it seems as though time has stood still...(Well sorta, except for the aching bones sometimes).

Mary Eggers ('66) a Partner with Dannemiller Tyson Associates is the proud co-author of two books - Whole-Scale Change: Unleashing the Magic in Organizations and Whole-Scale Toolkit, both published by Berrett-Koehler.

Sharon Whittle ('66) graduated in 1970 from James Madison University with a B.S. in education. In 1978 she got a Masters of Science in Library Science from Catholic University of America. Currently she is helping students do research, editing papers of international students, studying Spanish, and doing volunteer work as always. She hasn't given up art either.

Tommy Legge ('66) is still wrestling. He is head wrestling coach of Courtland High School in Spotsylvania Virginia. Roger Rinker ('66) is helping him at Courtland High this year. They are still best friends since their days at Gunston Junior High. Roger was the head coach at Courtland High in 86-88. Tommy and Roger have coached against one another over the years. Tommy was the coach at VCU in Richmond while Roger coached at George Mason in Fairfax. Tommy has also coached at Garfield High in Woodbridge while Roger coached at Courtland High. Tommy also coached at Atley High in Hanover.

Judi Oglesby Rinker ('67) writes that she is president of the Rappahannock Reading Council which is a member of the Virginia State Reading Council. She is also a member of Alpha Delta Kappa an honorary sorority for teachers. She also shares that Miss Jack from Gunston Junior High was a member of ADK and was recently told Miss Jack had passed away. Mrs. Snyder was her sister. Miss Jack taught typing and Mrs. Snyder was girls' PE.

Kevin Mannix ('67) recently ran as the Republican candidate for the governor of Oregon. Kevin is an attorney and former state legislator. He graduated from University of Virginia Law School in 1974. He is married and has three children.

Marie Augustin Boehling ('87) lives in Richmond, Virginia with her husband Jim Boehling and her two year old son Henry. She works part-time as a school psychologist for the Henrico County Public Schools.

Alyssa Montooth ('93) sent the following note: "I am currently teaching Advanced Placement English Literature at a local high school. I received the STAR teacher award for the second year in a row. I graduated from the University of Georgia in 1997 and am currently pursuing my MEd at Emory University. I owe everything to former teachers Mrs. Bell, Madame Clark, Mr. Minton, Mrs. Huckaby, and of course, Mrs. Klevins! The forementioned educators nurtured my thinking, reading, writing and speaking skills, but most importantly, inspired my spirit".
50th Anniversary Questionnaire

Wakefield opened in 1953 - We're planning a celebration for the fall of 2003

Help us plan for the 50th Anniversary by sharing your memories and activities at Wakefield. Please complete this form and mail it back as soon as possible. You don't have to fill in every blank, just pick and choose what you have time to share. We've tried to make it easy for you - just cut this page out, fold it and put a stamp on it. It's ready to go.

☐ Student        Attended Wakefield ________ - ________ Year Graduated ________
☐ Staff          Years taught at / associated with Wakefield ________ - ________
☐ Other          _________________________________________________

Name: _____________________________________________________________
      First                         Maiden                         Last

Address: ___________________________________________________________
                           Street     City     State     Zip

Phone: _______________________________    Email: _______________________

During my time at Wakefield …

Popular songs were:

We wore our hair:

We hung out at:

We drove:

The popular clothing styles were:

To recognize outstanding achievement both at Wakefield and after graduation, we're thinking about creating a Wakefield Hall of Fame. We would recognize all achievements - academic, social, cultural, athletic. Who would you nominate? Why?
Be a part of the Golden Jubilee!

Please let us know if you can help plan the celebration or if you think you might attend.

☐ I know the date hasn't been set yet, but I think I'll make every effort to attend
☐ I would need lodging if I attended the event
☐ I would be willing to provide lodging to an alumnus from out of town
☐ I can provide the following memorabilia for the event:

I can provide the following service to the planning committee:
☐ Event planning skills
☐ Funding sources
☐ Graphic design skills or services
☐ Videography skills or services
☐ Access to classic cars from the 50s up
☐ I can volunteer the weekend of the event for registration etc.
☐ Other: I have other skills or services I can provide they are:

☐ I'd like to make a contribution to help
   Make check payable to the Wakefield PTA and mail it to:
   Susan Trice, Treasurer
   Wakefield 50th Anniversary Celebration
   3102 North Dinwiddie Street
   Arlington, VA 22207

We thank the alumni who attended the reunion for classes of '76, '77 & '78 and donated $212 toward the celebration planning! And the class of '58 that is planning a 50/50 for the 50th at their reunion this summer.
**We Got Donations**

*In Memory of*

Jimmy Allnutt ’65
Vivian Arnold Choate ’58
Kay Bradley Mays ’56
William Stephen Barber ’66
Thompson H. Boyd III MD ’70
Christine Boyd Topka PhD ’72
Jack N. Breeden ’59
Joyce Brenner Rossin ’59
Bobby Burr ’56
Celia Burrows
Allen C. Coe ’57
Anna Connelly ’69
Barbara Coulter Rich ’59 *
Joseph C. Courtney, III
Marguerite Crawford
Deceased members of the class of ’63
Mike Downey *
Jimmy Draheim ’56
Richard Fridge *
Charles Furr ’56
Jack Germas ’59
Gerald Groves
Neal Haygood *
Sharon Healey ’68
Sharon Healy ’69
Wayne Hostetler, Jr ’59 *
Ruth Hoy (faculty)
Chuck Hoy ’60
Bob Hoy ’63
Helen E. Hunter
Jimmy Isenberg ’67
Wilbur Jones ’58
Lt. Col. Mark Joseph ’62
Ralph Kier *
Andrew C. Kimball ’59 *
Nancy Kinsman Ellis ’58
William Lee *
Lenora Lewis Robinson *
Robert S. Robinson
Richard Allan Mason ’59
Betty Jane “BJ” Merrill
Frank L. Newbold ’68
Jeff Nightingale ’66
James Oliver ’63
James Pappanicholas ’65
Gary Parker ’56
Miss Irene Richmond
Richard O. Rife (Retired Guidance Counselor)
Dr. David Saltus (teacher)
Deborah Service Benton ’62
Philip O. Shepard, Ill ’65

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**In Honor Of**

Rae Elizabeth Smith *
Albert C. Tate, Jr. ’56 *
Carl E. Walker
Ruby Ann Walker ’57
Ruby Walker Powell ’57
Paul Wellstone
Cherry Whitney ’66 *
Dr. Harold Wilson *
Barnet Wirin ’56
Terry Woods ’57
Nancy Wynkoop Weaver ’58 *
Shakila Yasmin ’94 *

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**It's A Small World**

Dick Linde, Class of 1956 wrote of the following encounter. He was attending a meeting in San Francisco and was on an elevator. Another passenger on the elevator noticed his name tag and the fact that he was from Northern Virginia. They chatted and it turned out that all three people on the elevator graduated from Wakefield. The other passengers were Jeffrey Harris, MD, PhD and his wife. Jeffrey is the chairman of the department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck surgery at the University of San Diego. He is one of the leading authorities in the science of immunology relating to otolaryngology(ENT).

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**Reunion News**

Wakefield ’63 Class Reunion will take place May 3, 2003. For information write c/o Catherine Wilson, 3812 Jay Ave., Alexandria, VA 22302 or email wakefield63@aol.com or go to www.wizard.net/~tlion/wakefield63.htm or call Susan Saulmon Trice at 703-538-2864.

The Class of ’58 is planning a reunion this summer. Information can be found at http://www.csulb.edu/wwwing/1958.

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**New Wakefield Mascot**

After much discussion and input from students and staff, a new mascot has been developed. The new helmeted warrior was designed by a student and replaces the Indian Warrior.

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**Financial History of the Foundation**

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Frequently-Asked Questions about the Foundation

What is it? A public charity established as a non-profit Corporation in Virginia in September of 1986.

Are Contributions Tax Deductible? Yes. The Foundation's status as a public charity has been formally recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

Who set it up? Several Alumni of Wakefield High School.

Where does it get its funds? Funds are raised annually by soliciting Alumni of Wakefield High School as well as present and former teachers and staff.

Can contributions be made through United Way and United Government Appeal? Yes. The Wakefield Foundation can be designated in both of these campaigns. Designate #9207.

What does the Foundation do with the funds? It provides college scholarships to deserving Wakefield graduates based upon academic achievement, effort and financial need and awards modest teacher grants.

How much are the scholarships? Usually $4,000 paid out at the rate of $500.00 per semester based upon satisfactory academic progress.

What are the expenses of the Foundation? The expenses are limited to printing the solicitation letter and postage (at the non-profit bulk rate). All work is done by volunteers.

Who manages the Foundation? There are six trustees: three Alumni, a former staff member, a former principal and Wakefield's present principal.

Who holds the assets? From the beginning contributions have been held by the Trust Department of First Union National Bank, now Wachovia Bank, under an agency agreement with the Foundation. All disbursements for scholarships or expenses are paid by the Bank at the written direction of the Foundation. The Bank has provided this service to the Foundation since October 1, 1986 without charge.

Why support the Foundation? There have been 46 graduating classes from Wakefield and more than 18,000 graduates. It is felt that if some percentage of those graduates, as well as teachers and parents of students and graduates, are willing to contribute to the Foundation annually, together we could make a positive contribution to some of the young people who are growing up in our old neighborhoods and attending our high school.