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1997 SPRINGER GRADUATES



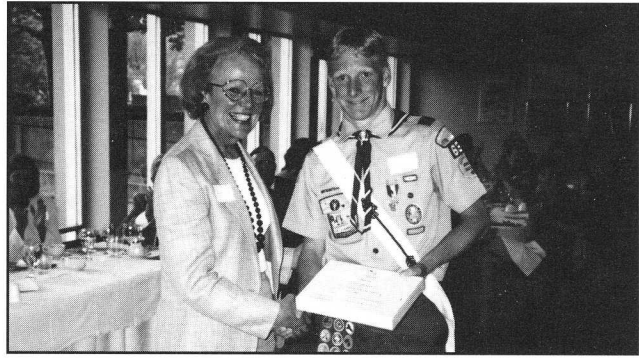
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Indian Hill Middle School
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 Colerain High School
 Doherty School
 Sellman Middle School
 Purcell Marian High School
 St. Ursula Academy
 Turpin High School
 Dunbar High School
 McNicholas High School
 Wyoming Middle School
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 Princeton High School
 St. Mary's School
 St. Teresa School
 Summit Country Day School
 Purcell Marian High School
 Sherwood Elementary School
 Cincinnati Country Day School
 Mariemont Junior High School

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 Marcus Ryan Roberson
 Charlie Richard Rush
 Stephen Scheidler
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 David Smith
 Jacqueline Rose Speed
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 Patrick L. Warren
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Loveland Intermediate Elementary School
 Indian Hill Middle School
 Terrace Park Elementary School
 St. Agnes School
 Summit Country Day High School
 Purcell Marian High School
 Rockford Middle Elementary School, Michigan
 Valley View Elementary School, Michigan
 Villa Madonna Academy
 Highland Junior High School
 Purcell Marian High School
 Lotspiech School
 Charles Young Elementary
 Cardinal Pacelli School
 McNicholas High School
 Wilson Elementary School
 Chase Intermediate School
 Purcell Marian High School
 Purcell Marian High School
 Pine Ridge School
 North West Local School District
 Indian Hill Middle School
 Maddux Elementary School
 Summit Country Day High School

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS RECOGNIZED



Eagle Scout Chad Wylie proudly accepts his award from Norita Aplin at Springer's Annual Dinner in May.

Executive Director's Report

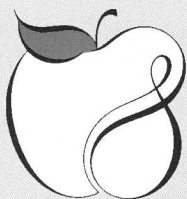
Shelly Weisbacher

It is very fitting that as I pen my first column for *News & Views* as Executive Director, our current graduates grace the cover. I was introduced to the magic of Springer eleven graduations ago. Having been hired only weeks earlier, I was invited to attend the graduation ceremony. You might say I began my learning at the end.

One of the first traditions I discovered is that each graduate may give a speech if they desire. The thoughts shared by the graduates that evening — their appreciation to their families and teachers, their determination to succeed, and their hopes remain etched in my mind. I was awed by the students' candor and composure as they addressed the audience.

Each June I have the same experience anew. As I watch the graduates and listen to their words, the reason The Springer School exists is reaffirmed. Our graduates leave understanding their learning disabilities, prepared to advocate for themselves, and ready to meet the challenges of a new school.

Our students' successes reflect the vital partnership of the entire Springer community — the students, parents, staff and board of trustees. How excited I am to lead an organization wherein the talents and collaboration of so many are directed to achieving the best outcome for each student. I look forward to building on this legacy with you.



Four Springer graduates were recognized as Outstanding Achievers at the Annual Dinner and Meeting held on May 13. The Outstanding Achievers Award is presented to graduates who have attained success after leaving Springer. The purpose of this award is to formally recognize a significant achievement. This could be, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Graduation with honors
- ◆ Receiving a scholarship based on leadership, character or service
- ◆ Leadership such as class officer or president of a club
- ◆ Recognition by school, church or community organizations
- ◆ Establishing a new school record in athletics, service or achievement
- ◆ Artistic accomplishments
- ◆ Induction into Eagle Scouts

The 1997 recipients of the Outstanding Achiever Award were:

TED CASTELLINI — A 1992 Springer graduate, Ted attended Bethany after his graduation and is now attending St. Xavier High School. Ted was recognized for his induction into Eagle Scouts. His project was helping with Project Care packages sent to Bosnia.

NICHOLAS KLEINHAUS — Nicholas graduated from Springer in 1991 and attended Annunciation and St. Xavier High School, graduating in 1997. He was offered scholarships from Fordham, John Carroll University and Xavier University, as well as the Dean's Scholarship from the Catholic University of America, where he will attend in the fall. Nicholas was recognized for his induction into the National Honor Society and being named a Commended Scholar in National Merit competition.

MIKE KAMPHAKE — After graduating in 1992, Mike attended Sycamore Jr., High and Moeller High School. Mike has a strong athletic and academic record; he was named the Channel 9 Athlete of the Week. He will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall to play football. Mike was recognized for establishing a new rushing record at Moeller High School.

CHAD WYLIE — a 1994 graduate, Chad attended Hilltop Elementary after leaving Springer. He was recognized for his induction into Eagle Scouts. His project was assisting at a camp for the handicapped. Chad will enter 9th grade at Reading High School this fall. His interests are football, wrestling, lacrosse and weight lifting.

Congratulations to this year's Outstanding Achievers!

If you would like to nominate a Springer Outstanding Achiever, please turn to page 5.

A Mystery Resolved!

Anonymous Donors Reveal Identity

There was a definite air of suspense at this year's annual Trustees' Dinner held in May. At long last, the anonymous donors of an endowed scholarship known to everyone as the Robin Hood Fund, were going to "go public" with their identity. It was a wonderful surprise to everyone in the room when Dan and Susan Pfau, longtime supporters of the school, stood up and announced that, indeed, they were Robin Hood and Maid Marian! For 10 years their secret was safe — known only to Norita Aplin, then Springer's executive director.



Instead of a torch, Robin Hood's hat is passed on to Pete Gomsak, current chair of Springer's Development Committee, as a sign of guardianship of the Mark Pfau Robin Hood Scholarship Fund.

The fund, now renamed The Mark Pfau Robin Hood Fund, was begun in 1987 with a gift of \$150,000. The fund is named in honor of their son who graduated from Springer in 1983. This generous donation came as the result of the Pfau's concern that the program offered by the school would not be available to families of limited resources. Their dream was to have a fund that would support three scholarships of up to 90% of the current tuition and would be available to families whose income did not exceed twice the national poverty level. They planted a seed which has flourished.

In 1987 we had only two families enrolled who met the criteria. In 1996/97 there were nineteen. As a

result, the Pfau's challenged the Springer Trustees in 1991 and again in 1996 to increase the fund with an offer of a matching gift, and both times the challenges were met. Now the fund is sufficient to offer at least three scholarships per year. Over the life of the fund, 31 students have received over \$249,803 in scholarships from it.

Dan Pfau was a trustee for nine years, two of those as president. He chaired the committee which developed the Strategic Plan currently guiding the school. In addition, he was an always-available source of counsel to the Director. Susan has also been very actively involved with Springer as President of the Parent Association, Chairperson of our 25th Anniversary celebration's Mazza Exhibit of original art from children's storybooks, and organizer and leader of many other events and programs.

During the May meeting, Dan and Susan spoke of the pleasure they have had in providing this help to children and their families and they challenged the school to protect and nurture the Fund and its mission. Dan and Susan, as change agents, have made Springer a deeper and stronger resource for our community's children. We all thank you.

DON'T WAIT! . . . PLAN NOW!

Estate planning really is for everyone!

Did you know that advance planning can help you become a very effective donor? By planning your gifts, you can perhaps give more than you ever thought possible. In some cases, you can also realize exciting tax benefits and even increase your spendable income.

The important thing to remember, however, is that by planning your financial future you are actually allowing the state and federal government to plan for you. For example, state and federal laws provides a standard plan which can result in:

- equal treatment of heirs, regardless of differing needs;
- exclusion of their relatives or friends;
- maximum taxes, fees, and expenses which could have been avoided or lessened;
- no allowance for charitable donations.

With planning, you may discover new opportunities which can benefit you, your loved ones, and The Springer School. Please call the Development Office; 871-6080 ext. 214, if you wish to discuss this.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Each year, the Springer staff looks forward to recognizing former students who are graduating from high school. Springer's specialized programs make it possible for 93% of our students to graduate from high school on time. Of these students, 75% go on to some type of post-secondary study. We are proud of these statistics, just as we are proud of all our graduates. Congratulations to the following Springer alumni who have graduated from high school this year!! Good luck in all your endeavors!

STUDENT

Brian Anderson
Tracey Abraham
Josh Adam
Erin Barrett
Dan Burkhardt
Burke Byer
Miller Chunn
John Cook
Frank Crain
Jonathan Dwight
Jamie Fry
Kristen Gerhardt
Amanda Gillman
Billy Golub
Keith Gormley
Adrienne Gray
Corey Hall
Rosie Herman
David Hildebrand
Melissa Hill
Mike Kamphake
Nicholas Kleinhaus
Andrew Lange
Jonathan Mackey
Chris Mercurio
Tom Meyer
Kari Mount
Chris Ollier
Trevor Orr
Julie Resetarits
Pam Rockenfield
Louis Sonne
Jim Toon
Jenni Tyler
Katie Wenz
John Zureick

HIGH SCHOOL

Campbell County H.S.
Sycamore H.S.
The Vanguard School
Finneytown H.S.
McNicholas H.S.
Cincinnati Country Day
Mountainview H.S.
Wyoming H.S.
Fairfield H.S.
Seven Hills School
Glen Este High School
Purcell Marian H.S.
Purnell H.S., New Jersey
McNicholas H.S.
Covington Catholic H.S.
St. Ursula Academy
Purcell Marian H.S.
McNicholas H.S.
LaSalle H.S.
Shedd Research Academy
Moeller H.S.
St. Xavier H.S.
St. Xavier H.S.
Mariemont H.S.
St. Xavier H.S.
Turpin High School
Purcell Marian H.S.
Purcell Marian H.S.
Purcell Marian H.S.
Purcell Marian H.S.
McNicholas H.S.
Purcell Marian H.S.
Purcell Marian H.S.
Princeton H.S.
Turpin H.S.
North West H.S.

FUTURE PLANS

Technical school
University of Dayton
Vincennes University
Anderson University, Indiana
University of Cincinnati
Washington and Jefferson
Undecided
Eastern Kentucky University
D. Russell Lee Vocational School
Cornell University
Undecided
Employed in Indiana
University of Arizona
The Citadel
LCC/University of Kentucky
Undecided
University of Cincinnati, Raymond Walters
Vincennes University
Bowling Green University
Cosmetology school
University of Kentucky
Catholic University
University of Dayton
Undecided
Villanova
Undecided
University of Cincinnati, Clermont College
Mt. St. Joseph
University of Cincinnati
Hocking College
University of Dayton
Enlisted in the Navy
University of Cincinnati, Raymond Walters
Miami University (Hamilton)
Live Oaks Vocational
Working

We want to acknowledge all of our graduates and we apologize for any omissions in this list. If you do not see your name, or have any changes, please contact the Springer School Development Office at 871-6080 x232.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - ALL YEAR

The following Springer students were recognized for achieving perfect attendance during the 1996-97 school year.

Congratulations!!

Lauren Barone
Sean Caldon
Patrick Collins
Andrew Dober
Everett Dober

Ed Elliott
Drew Farnham
Stephen Harten
Michael Keating
Meredith Kimbler

Thomas Kutney
Andrew Mason
Emily Moorhead
Chris Murphy

Trey Nies
Erin Partin
Cody Steele
Jacob Unger

SUMMER IS A BUSY TIME AT SPRINGER

Even though the students and teachers may be gone, summer time is a busy time at most schools. This certainly is true at Springer this year.

Four major building and program improvement projects have brought many new faces to the school this summer. After more than 30 years, the roof needed to be replaced. Thank heavens the Trustees, in their good stewardship, had been saving for that rainy day!

Three small work areas on the first floor have been redesigned to accommodate the needs of the staff, the Springer Parent Association and the Summer Program.

Long the dream of staff and students, the Board accepted the recommendation of an *ad hoc* committee to air condition the classrooms, gym and cafeteria. This a complex undertaking since the school does not have a central air duct system, but the benefits are many. Classroom temperature will no longer interfere with instruction, thus increasing the effectiveness of the program during the first and last months of the year. Enrollment in the school's Summer Program can be increased to meet demand, and other indirect or "outreach" programs can take place in the building, turning virtually unusable space into productive programming space. Funding for this major undertaking has come from a combination of some restricted discretionary funds and grants from some local foundations and trusts. While the Board was willing to use its funds for the project, it urged every effort be made to raise outside dollars so that its own funds could be used to increase the school's endowment which is used for financial aid. We are proud to announce that to date, more than \$50,000 has been raised.



"BEFORE"

In one of her last acts as Springer's executive director, Norita Aplin delivers the first blow to the wall of the school's library. Watch for "AFTER" pictures of the new library soon.

Grants from local trusts and foundations, and the generosity of friends of the school have also permitted the school to go forward with a major renovation of the school's library. When the dust settles, Springer's library will be an exciting state-of-the-art learning center for our students, teachers and parents. Two rooms will have been joined into one, the book collection will be almost doubled, and the inventory, cataloging and check-out systems will be computerized. Almost \$60,000 has been donated for this project.

Local Foundations Make Significant Contributions

Springer has been very fortunate to receive the support of several local foundations this spring which have made a significant difference in the accomplishment of these two projects. In addition to an anonymous grant, the air conditioning project was supported by the **Jack J. Smith, Jr. Charitable Trust**, PNC Bank and James S. Wachs, Co-Trustees, the **Robert H. Reakirt Foundation**, PNC Bank and Leonard A. Weakley, Co-Trustees, the **Josephine Schell Russell Charitable Trust**, PNC Bank Trustee. Lead gifts for the library renovation and computerization have been received from the **Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust**, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee, the **Joseph J. Schott Foundation**, and the **PNCBank Foundation**.

We are looking forward to a grand "re-opening" of the library this fall. Look for more news and pictures in the next issue of *News & Views*.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER!!

If you know a Springer graduate who you feel has achieved success, please nominate her/him (or yourself!) for the Springer Outstanding Achiever Award. Send your nominee's name, address and phone number, along with a letter outlining their achievements to:



The Springer School
Outstanding Achiever Award
2121 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45208



We can't wait to hear from you!!

SPRINGER STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS AT GRADUATION

Several outstanding Springer students were honored with awards and scholarships during the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 4. Each year, graduating students are eligible for two honors, The Bolan Memorial Scholarship and the Education Director's Award. This year's Bolan Scholarship winners were **Patrick Collins, Jennifer Goldcamp and Marcus Roberson**. The Education Director's Award was presented to **Stephen Scheidler**.

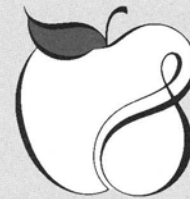
Named after Peter Bolan, the father of a Springer student in the 80's, **The Bolan Memorial Scholarship** is given to a graduating student, or students, who have taken on a sense of responsibility toward their present and future successes in school. They have decided their learning disability will not limit their future. It is given to help defray educational costs during the student's first year after Springer. Each of the three winners will receive \$1,000.

The **Education Director's Award** is also given to a graduating student who has an understanding of her/his learning disability, a desire to strengthen weaknesses and apply the strategies and tools taught in everyday learning. He or she is committed to their education and the well-being of Springer. This student is looked to by peers and staff as a role model, mentor and friend.



Bolan Scholarship winners Patrick Collins, Jen Goldcamp and Marcus Roberson smile for the camera.

Congratulations to this year's winners and good luck to all graduates!!!



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