Eighth Graders Study Quality, Drop by Drop

After completing their study on water quality, Lee Dewitt’s 8th grade science classes applied their knowledge of chemistry to the San Antonio River. The students tested for five different chemical properties of the water along with one biological aspect to determine the health of our river. The chemical analysis was conducted via the use of Calculator Based Lab (CBL 2) equipment, which measures chemical parameters with digital probes. In December, the students presented the research results to professors at UTSA’s Earth and Environmental Department. UTSA Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences Stephen C. Brown, Ph.D. stated, “Your students are learning and using scientific sampling techniques that, at the university level, are not normally taught until the junior year!”

The research data has also caught the attention of the Texas Watch monitoring group from Southwest Texas State University, which is watching The Academy closely to see how effectively and accurately the CBL 2 equipment will perform.
Here are several verbal snapshots of life at The Academy. As you will see, our boys and our teachers are hard at work.

On Friday, December 7, our second grade classes shopped at Target to purchase clothing and toys for their “adopted” family. The shopping excursion concluded a two-week fundraising project to earn money by completing chores around their homes. KSAT covered the Target trip and ran a very complimentary two-minute spot that appeared for more than twenty-four hours on both KSAT and the local segment of CNN Headline News.

On Monday, December 17, SAA’s eighth grade science class presented its San Antonio River water quality research conclusions, which were based on a chemical analysis via the use of CBL2 equipment that measures chemical parameters with digital probes. The Academy’s research project caught the attention of professors at UTSA and writers for The Express-News and The North San Antonio Times. (See page 1 for more on this project.)

Based on a 70% response rate, 89% of the grades scored by last year’s graduates on their first high school report cards were A’s and B’s. One parent wrote, “My son told me in one of his classes, English, I think, he’s reviewing material he had covered when at The Academy.”

This autumn an SAA alumnus praised the performance of The Academy Blue and Bells at his daughter’s wedding, saying, “I cannot tell you how proud I was of the outstanding performance…. [SAA has] broadened the scope of its educational experience…and the boys’ enjoyment was obvious.”

SAA’s sixth, seventh and eighth grade basketball teams have won 80% of their games. That’s not bad for a school that does not enroll lots of blue-chip athletes.

In his December 9 San Antonio Express-News column, Editor Bob Rivard praised The Academy’s “shared attitude of educational excellence that unites parents and teachers.” Bob’s comments were presented in the context of an article that focused on “local education models that work.”

There you have it…six snapshots that provide a glimpse of life at The Academy. From science to math to music to sports, our boys learn how important it is to be the best they can be. In addition, Academy boys learn how important it is to perform acts of loving kindness.

When you see our school in action, you can’t help but be impressed with the quality, breadth and balance of our programs. The boys, teachers and I are hard at work making SAA the best boys’ elementary school in America. We are well on our way.
Picasso once said that he had spent his life trying to learn how to paint like a child. He was talking about his own quest for liberation: to free himself from the confines of tradition; to strip away the preconceived notions that govern the way we see art and reality.

Picasso was not to be denied, surely to the confusion of many. His work would attain this other worldliness, which would spawn a variety of directions in the course of Western Art. Seeing and understanding such a dramatic shift in thinking are not always one and the same. It wasn’t until I began to teach that the gist of what he was after would take on a whole new light.

All children, at a very young age, are artists. And they will proudly tell you so. They possess the unfettered vision that Picasso had aimed to resurrect. There are no rules or doubts to be reckoned with. Rivers flow straight up into the sky. Faces are colored blue and green with eyes unaligned. Animals wear human masks. Flowers are as big as houses, and so on.... Not knowing what to draw is not really in their vocabulary. A blank sheet of paper is an inviting challenge, not an intimidation or a task, for these young ones can’t wait to ignite the fires of their own creativity.

Turn the page a few years and a different scenario unfolds. The child has been assimilating information at an ever-increasing rate, giving rise to a diverse range of emotions, thoughts and distractions. He has developed new interests and abandoned those that have left him feeling inadequate or bored. His self-image is rapidly on the make, and as hopeful as this process may be, he has most likely become painfully aware of what others can do and he cannot.

As an art teacher, I want to reactivate each child’s sense of what is possible. Give a student a glimpse of his own potential and he will work wonders. There are skills, even visual tricks, which can be acquired to open the doors of these new-found limitations. Knowledge is power, and it applies to art as much as anything. Certainly, natural talent has its place, but art has less in common with talent than hard work and perseverance. And it is precisely at this juncture that a student will succeed at wasting his time or producing something worthwhile, if not extraordinary.

I give my classes exercises to sharpen their hand-eye coordination and to make them realize that creating an image is simply creating the illusion of what is familiar. Forms can be constructed using geometric shapes. Pictorial depth can be established if the fundamentals of value and perspective are applied. Color may rule, but it is light and contrast that define every visual shape and ultimately what continued on page 10
Call of the Wild

Over the last few months, The Academy has become a zoo—literally!

- In October San Antonio’s own “Safari Guy” amazed Connie Haiduk’s and Tanya Weis’ pre-kindergarten classes. His animal entourage included a bearded lizard, leopard tortoise, ferret and a slithering king snake.
- During the 8th Annual Pet Day in November, the second graders showcased their furry (and not so furry) animal friends. Dogs, cats, mice and iguanas alike were all on their best behavior for this hair-raising event.
- Nationally acclaimed children’s author John R. Erickson performed excerpts from his “Hank the Cowdog” novels at The Academy’s first Celebrity Reader Series. The students’ roared with laughter when Erickson sang “Disorientation”, a song where ‘Hank’ and ‘Madame Moonshine’ ponder the meaning of life. Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin who made Mr. Erickson’s visit possible.

Fall Family Book Fair

Thanks go to Valerie Pauerstein, Mary Holm and Claire Steves for this year’s successful Fall Family Book Fair event, which raised $2,000 for The Bondurant Library! In addition, the first annual Fall Family Book Night proved to be the highlight of the Fair. Those present feasted on such delicacies as lickable wallpaper, bird pie, cockroach clusters and fudge flies. The eighth graders pitched in by reading excerpts from popular children’s books and by dressing up as the younger students’ favorite literary characters.
Campus Review

In November, **Josh Urrutia**, fifth grade, placed third in state during the *Three Meter Board Diving Championship* in Houston. Congratulations on your big splash, Josh!

Kudos on a fabulous performance from eighth grade Color Guard members **Scott Duncan, Alex Garza, Francis Kennedy and Sean Knoll** during a November Spurs game.

Congratulations to third graders **Tom Holshouser, George Shaw and Ethan Wilson** (who also tied for 2nd in the individual section) for finishing third at the *5th Annual Texas Chess Championship*. The boys competed against 55 individuals and 20 school teams.

In December eighth grade Color Guard members **Scott Duncan, Sean Knoll, Wright Smith and Conner Foody** showed their holiday spirit by participating in the Elf *Louise Children Giving to Children Parade*.

**Janet Gould**’s kindergarten students give her new handwriting book rave reviews. Mrs. Gould spent months writing and designing the book based on the Spalding method. She illustrated letter formation using dots, dotted lines and arrows. The diagrams are accompanied with jingles and pictures to direct the students in proper letter formation.

Congratulations to **Sharon Lyle**, Development Assistant, who was recently named as a scholarship recipient to the San Antonio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ annual conference. Miss Lyle attended the chapter’s conference in January at Tapatio Springs.

Congratulations to **Luisa Bolen**, Spanish Department Chair, as she serves as the 2001-2002 president of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). Mrs. Bolen will administer the National Spanish Exam to 6th, 7th and 8th graders in March. The Exam is a first for Academy students!

Kudos for the teachers who have gotten a jumpstart on setting up their own websites: log on to www.teacherweb.com to view the websites of **Carol Beckwith**, Primary Coordinator; **Luisa Bolen**, Spanish Department Chair; **Joanne Covarrubias**, Spanish Pre-K-4th; **Linda Harst**, History Department Chair; **Drew Kennedy**, Administrative Associate Head; **Lesley Neyland**, 2nd grade; and **Tamara Richard**, 4th grade.

**Academy Counselor Theresa Moore** was quoted in a September *San Antonio Express-News* article entitled “Family Day couldn’t have come at a more appropriate time.” Mrs. Moore provided insight as a school counselor regarding September 11th’s tragedy, encouraging parents and teachers to rely on what is most basic—caring and connection.

Congratulations to Assistant Director of Development **Heather Englert** and her husband, Dave, as they rejoice with the birth of their first child, Logan Englert, born January 22.
Making a Difference

Annual Food Drive
The Food Drive in November was again a huge success due to school-wide participation. Over 700 items of food were collected and distributed to the San Antonio Catholic Homeless Shelter. Thanks to Math Department Chair, Karl Graf—a long-time volunteer at this organization—who brought the shelter to The Academy’s attention.

Season of Gratitude
- Local celebrity, Sonny Melendrez brought holiday cheer when he collected toys from Connie Haiduk’s and Tanya Weis’ Pre-K boys. The students brought toys for the less fortunate children at Sonny’s Westside Community Center.
- The kindergarten and Priscilla Power’s sixth grade classes teamed up this year to collect over thirty boxes of gifts and donations for an orphanage in Haiti. Kindergarten teacher, Moye Hinkebein, became aware of the children’s needs when she spent several weeks there on a mission trip last summer.
- Sue Plaunt’s and Anne Penny-packer’s first graders pitched in by gathering unwrapped toys for Elf Louise.
- The second graders raised 500 dollars to go shopping at Target for their adopted family, which was chosen from the Angel Tree. Carol Beckwith and Lesley Neyland incorporated the students’ math curriculum into the project, as the boys had to calculate the best buy for their money and remain within their budget.

Special Guest Speakers at The Academy
Dr. Moumin Quazi, English Professor at University of the Incarnate Word, spoke to Barry Bradley’s 6th-grade class about life as an Arab American after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Bob Rivard, Editor-in-Chief of the San Antonio Express-News, and father of Academy student Alex Rivard, discussed his and the New York media’s reaction to September 11.

Retired Major William E. Adams, grandfather of Christian Biedenharn, moved our boys as he shared personal memories of WWII. He served under General George Patton and fought in the Invasion of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge and in Germany.

Dr. Dean Kellogg, father of seventh grader Trey, fourth grader Bernie and second grader Benjamin Kellogg, conducted a simulated microgravity experiment on Tamara Richard’s science classes, integrating their human physiology and space unit study.

CORRECTION: In the fall 2001 issue under the Grandparents’ Chapel article, Mrs. Munroe’s first name was incorrect. The correct name is Virginia Munroe.
Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day!
November 13, 2001

Over 650 persons celebrated in The Academy’s annual Grandparents’ and Grandfriends’ Day. The festivities kicked-off with a primary choral performance followed by an outstanding pass-in-review. Special guest, Mr. C. Alfred Bailey ’25, great-grandfather of SAA first grade student Cole Bailey, was honored and awarded an alumni medal.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for Grandparents’ Chapel on Wednesday, February 27, 2002!
Faces at the Fall Family Fair: Were You There?

To show continued support for our service men and women during their overseas duty, seventh graders wrote letters expressing their faith and gratitude. One example appears at right.

Dear Defender of Freedom,

As you probably know, your work is much appreciated and our hearts are with all of the many soldiers fighting desperately across the world. I am grateful for all the sacrifices you have made for the people of America. Every morning I wake up and think about the new and unknown day ahead that will bring many surprises. I cannot imagine what must go through your mind every morning when you and your friends are putting your lives on the line every hour of the day. You are a role model to millions of people around the nation.

Your Supporter, A Student from Texas

lessons in time in tupperware
by Karl Graf, Math Department Chair

last night
you sliced the carrots and radishes while the beef patty broiled.
alfalfa seed that sprouted in your care graced leftover zucchini,
goat cheese on celery and almonds
today
I find my sustenance in tupperware and in last night’s kitchen task hermetically sealed.
is this meal a gift of yesterday or today? and if it fuels a smile, or an act of kindness that then begets another and another; is there any tomorrow not present today in the Tupperware you filled and sealed last night?

Mr. Graf’s poem first appeared in the San Antonio Express-News.

See page 11 for more photos and details of this very successful event!
Cross-Country Roundup
Thanks to Coach Thad Flournoy’s leadership, the Wildcats’ 2001 season was a run-away success!
• James Mendez, eighth grade, finished in the top ten at each major meet.
• Seventh graders Eddie Anderson and Jonathon Schneider finished in the top ten in at least one major meet.

Soccer Review
The Wildcats’ “A” soccer team had a very good season, finishing with an overall record of 8-4 and placing 2nd in the league during regular season play. Team MVP’s were sixth graders Sean Conaway and Alex Velasquez, and seventh grader Colton Haverda. Congratulations to Coach Ish and the Wildcats!

Spring Intramural Soccer scrimmages run from February 18 through March 28. The intramural league provides 108 pre-k through 5th grade boys a balanced, competitive environment for the students to play on campus and against athletes in the same grade level.

Basketball Update
This winter 157 Academy boys will participate on Academy teams. Here’s the breakdown:
8th grade: 11 boys in the Independent School League
7th grade: 12 boys in the Independent School League
6th grade: 16 boys in the Independent School League
5th grade: 22 boys in the YMCA
4th grade: 18 boys in the YMCA
Winter Ball: 78 boys in SAA’s intramural league (grades 1-3)
... The Eyes of a Child
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separates an exciting work of art from a lifeless one. Any form can be recognized, if it is shaded and highlighted in the correct places. The struggle for the perfect outline is meaningless by comparison. Simply put, good art requires thinking, and thinking is work.

I encourage my students to choose their own subject matter, in any of the media available. I work with them individually, as time permits, and I will take over their brush or pen only when I think they cannot proceed without it.

I advise our boys on color and composition, on a particular style or direction, hopefully to maximize their strengths and minimize those unexpected complications that invariably arise. Usually my advice works, sometimes not. On occasion, a student will ignore my suggestions and follow his own path. I am always pleased when he succeeds at obtaining sound results that I did not foresee. It just goes to show one never quits learning.

Art holds both a unique and paradoxical position in our society and educational systems. It is considered relatively unimportant, and yet essential at the same time. But anything that inspires growth and expression will always find willing recruits. There is a lot of talent, much of it hidden, roaming the halls of San Antonio Academy. Getting to know these boys, learning to read their different personalities, has been a real pleasure and an education. It is important that they recognize that art class is first and foremost, an opportunity: an opportunity that can be either utilized or, unfortunately, missed. Being able to create anything is good, not only for them, but for us as well.

For some students, art just isn’t their thing, and it is not in my interest to produce artists. Such an undertaking requires a multitude of influence beyond a single calling. It is my strongest intent to see these boys produce something better than they thought they ever would. If anyone could witness the grin, the look of pride, the sense of accomplishment that graces the face of a student once he has arrived at that place, then he would know the true joy of teaching art. It makes everything else involved worthwhile.

Academy Blue and Bells
The Academy Blue and Bells recently completed their holiday tour, performing throughout San Antonio, appearing at Bank of America, Frost Bank, the San Antonio Country Club, City View Bank One, the Witte Museum, and First Presbyterian Church. Congratulations to Music Director, Joyce Lopez, and the boys!
Fall Family Fair: A Howlin’ Success!
This year’s Fall Family Fair on October 20 was a HOWLIN’ success with net proceeds of over $86,699 — a record high! The weather couldn’t have been more perfect for our 1,000 guests to indulge in fabulous food, fun, games, rides, activities and prizes, and entertainment provided by some very talented Karaoke performers. Thank you to the many community volunteers from UTSA and a number of area high schools which assisted with the Fair so that our families could enjoy this special evening of old-fashioned family fun.

- Bidding was hot on the fabulous silent auction items gathered by a wonderful Auction committee led by Jan & Stan Studer and Stephanie & Tim Brown. Items included getaways to South Padre Island, a skeet shoot at Spring Creek Ranch, tickets to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, a camouflaged electric hunting cart, David Robinson’s autographed shoes and three precious puppies! As always, the classroom creations were a big hit. The ultimate piece was the tablecloth, hand-painted with SAA students’ handprints to resemble our Nation’s flag. Kim and Rod Lewis purchased the flag and generously donated it back to The Academy to hang in Ellison Hall.

- The Drop-in-the-Bucket children’s auction was more popular than ever with over 55 items.

- Carla Canty won the “Queen for a Day” grand prize in the Wildcat Prize Drawing, which included an Elizabeth Arden Salon pampering package, a $200 gift certificate to Tootsie’s and a Bobbi Brown gift basket.

Congratulations to Patti & Jim Foody, Event Chairmen, Bobbie & Eddie Anderson, Event Co-Chairmen and their fantastic committee of volunteers for a spectacular Fall Family Fair!

Lacie & Nick Hollis and Karen Hamilton, Underwriting Co-Chairmen, reached a record high this year.

Next year’s Fall Family Fair Chairmen, Trisha & Carl Gamboa invite you to mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 19, 2002. See you there!

Job well done: Bobbie Anderson and Patti Foody.

Smoke gets in your eyes ... Jack Lewis and John White take a turn at the grill at the Fall Family Fair.

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Annual Giving Update
Our goal this fiscal year (June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002) is to raise $470,000 in unrestricted and restricted annual gifts, and to date we have raised 82% of that amount. To those who have contributed to this year’s campaign, thank you for investing in the mission and the young men of San Antonio Academy.

Matching Gifts
Make A Difference To SAA
Many employers participate in a corporate matching gift program. You can increase the impact of your gift, and your employer will receive recognition for the gift when a business or foundation offers to match a portion or all of your contribution to SAA. If you think that your company might match your gift, please check with your human resources department for a matching gift form and mail it to The Academy with your donation or call the San Antonio Academy Development Office at 733-7331. This year, we have already received matching gifts from Capital Group Companies and SBC Communications Inc.

Phonathon
Rings in a New Year
Thank you to the volunteers who made the phonathon a success. The volunteers called Academy parents, grandparents, alumni and friends to encourage their support of THE 2001-02 ACADEMY FOUNDATION. SAA also wishes to thank the Tesoro Petroleum Corporation for sponsoring the phonathon site at their headquarters.

One hundred seven pledges were received, for a total of $25,805. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year’s phonathon.

San Antonio Academy’s 6th Annual Spring Thing: Bungle in the Jungle

Felicia & Tom Baldwin,
Chairmen
Thursday, March 21, 2002
6:30 p.m.
San Antonio Botanical Garden

Free Tuition Prize Drawing
Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company
Dancing to The Neon Shakers
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School Ties

James T. Willerson, M.D. ’53 Is 2002 W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award Recipient

San Antonio Academy’s 2002 Humanitarian Award Recipient is James T. Willerson, M.D. ’53, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He is an internationally distinguished cardiologist and medical educator. Award ceremonies will be held on Monday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Hotel.

Dr. Willerson, the son of physician parents, was born in Lampasas, Texas, and grew up in San Antonio. In 1953, Dr. Willerson graduated from San Antonio Academy, followed by his brother, Darrell, in 1955. Dr. Willerson later went to the University of Texas at Austin on a swimming scholarship, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1961.

As a student at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston (where he is now an Adjunct Professor of Medicine), Dr. Willerson was the president of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honorary Society. He earned his M.D. degree in 1965 and then completed his medical internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

After several years in New England, Dr. Willerson returned to Texas as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Director of the Coronary Care Unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital. He served in several capacities for these organizations before moving to the UTHSC at Houston. He was appointed to his current position as president on March 9, 2001. In addition to his role as president of the Health Science Center, he is the Edward Randall III Professor and Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the UTHSC; the Chief of Medical Services at both Memorial Hermann Hospital and the Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital; the Medical Director, Chief of Cardiology, Director of Cardiology Research and Co-Director of the Cullen Cardiovascular Research Laboratories at the Texas Heart Institute.

Heavily credentialed and highly respected, Dr. Willerson holds positions with numerous large medical organizations and is also a prolific author of medical textbooks and scientific articles. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Circulation, the American Heart Association’s largest scientific journal, belongs to more than 18 national professional societies and holds honorary membership in several cardiology societies abroad.

Dr. Willerson and his wife, Nancy, live in Houston and have two daughters, Sara and Amy.

Monday, February 25, 2002 • Black Tie (Proceeds benefit the Col. W.T. Bondurant, Jr. Scholarship Fund)

3:00 Formal Parade (SAA)
3:15 Parents’ Club Reception (SAA)
6:00 Cocktail Reception (St. Anthony Hotel)
7:00 Dinner & Program (St. Anthony Hotel)

Hail, Hail ... The Gang’s All Here!

Alumni from all classes came out to support SAA’s annual Alumni Day on November 2. It was a day filled with food, fun and great memories.

From left: Dr. Light Cummins ’29, Tex Hill ’41, James Deutsch ’40 and Bub Parish ’28.

From left: Chris Galvan ’90, Corbin Snow ’77, Roy Gonzales ’73, Charles Thiltgen ’83, Jay Buzzini ’77, Sam Noble ’79, George Bodden ’84, Wilson Parish ’60 and Dr. Arturo Bonilla ’76.
As Time Goes By: Academy History, Photographically Speaking

1886  Dr. W.B. Seeley founds The Seeley School in 1886. Opening classes brought thirty boys to 231 East Houston Street, near the corner of Navarro, and by year’s end enrollment increased to sixty-four students.

1894  Seeley School changes its name to San Antonio Academy.

1906  Dr. W.W. Bondurant purchases San Antonio Academy and expands lower school program to include grades two through seven.

1927  Lieutenant W.T. Bondurant named headmaster of SAA and holds title until 1943 when, as Col. Bondurant, he is appointed President of SAA and TMI.

1952  San Antonio Academy and TMI separate and SAA operates for the first time as an independent junior school.

1960  SAA becomes 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

1968  SAA moves to 117 East French Place.

1985  Board of Trustees recruits John Webster as Headmaster to establish a new vision for the school.

1994-1995  SAA raises $2,500,000 during The Academy 2000 Capital Campaign to construct an assembly hall, an outdoor recreational plaza and a new athletic field.

1997  Board votes to phase out boarding by June 1999.

1998-2000  SAA raises $3,933,000 as part of the Imagine 2001 campaign to renovate the former dormitories into a new library, eight new classrooms and spacious science and computer labs.

Right: Today, Headmaster John Webster continues to provide smiles and leadership to The Academy.
Class Notes

Attorney Geoffrey T. Hervey ’74 is partner at the law firm of Bregman, Berbert & Schwartz in Bethesda, Maryland. The practice focuses on computer and high-tech law.

Congratulations to Katherine and Jay Buzzini ’77 on their newest addition, baby Robert Courtlandt Buzzini.

John Paul Benavides ’83, DO, MS, MPH graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in the college of Osteopathic Medicine. He practices at the Doctors Hospital of Stark, Colorado.

In December Alberto Arredondo ’86 received his Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas. Alberto’s email is a_arredondo@mac.com.

Best wishes to Marc Thiltgen ’86 who will marry Sherry Griffiths on March 2.

Congratulations to Walter “Waddy” N. Armstrong ’88 on his recent marriage to Alexis McCraw. Waddy graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in 1999 and is a nationally collected painter represented by Parchmann Stremmel Gallery in San Antonio and Christa Faut Gallery in Charlotte, NC. He and Alexis live and work in New York. Waddy’s web page is www.waddyarmstrong.com

Leonardo Baker ’88 recently graduated with a Masters in Science of Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech.

In two years, Carlos E. Villarreal ’95 plans to graduate from the Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO) in Guadalajara. Carlos is studying Chemical Engineering and plans to start working as soon as he graduates.

William Negley ’98 just completed two months at sea sailing down the east coast and in the Caribbean in a 130 ft. schooner sailboat. Negley plans to attend George Washington University once his sailing adventures are complete.

Mission Statement
San Antonio Academy offers Pre-kindergarten through eighth grade boys an exceptional academic program that features small classes, a family-like atmosphere, the development of a positive self-image and a foundation for life based upon love of God and country, integrity and respect for each other.

School Motto
Be honest. Be kind. Be the best you can be.

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All smiles on Alumni Day, from left: Charles Thiltgen ’83, Chris Galvan ’90 and Corbin Snow ’77.

Just married: Walter “Waddy” N. Armstrong ’88 and Alexis McCraw.
Mark Your Calendars

February 18  Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL
February 25  Humanitarian Award Dinner
February 27  Grandparents’ Chapel
March 11-15  Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
March 21  “Spring Thing” Event
March 29  Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
April 10  SAA 2nd Annual Art Show
April 26  Battle of Flowers—NO SCHOOL
May 10  Mothers’ Day Concert, 8 a.m.
May 24  Commencement, 9 a.m.

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