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ON THE COVER:

Native plants emerge outside the Grace Hobson Smith girls dormitory at the Upper Campus. The dorm was destroyed during the Thomas Fire. Photo by Misty Hall

ALUMNI WEEKEND JUNE 8-10

Alumni Weekend Registration is now open! Sign up online at www.ovs.org/aw

See page 20 for more information about this year's program.



Little did we know that the distant plume of smoke to the east of the Upper Campus would have such a widespread impact on Ojai Valley School.

It was December 4 and the wind was blowing hard from the east. The next 24 hours would prove fateful and transformative; Upper Campus was about to receive its biggest challenge. Whilst the Thomas Fire took away the Grace Hobson Smith girls' dorm and the Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center, much of the buildings and infrastructure remained singed but functional.

Upon reflecting, it is clear that the firestorm could indeed have consumed the whole campus. Over the next days and weeks, we benefited from great relationships with the heroic fire teams that saved Upper Campus, the numerous local and state agencies, insurance representatives, construction companies and vendors, but most importantly, our community of alumni, parents, staff and students rallied.

In the resilient spirit of #OVSStrong, the entire school community near and far joined us in our commitment to reopen for the second semester. My sincere thanks to the 250 volunteers who came out for our workdays on January 5 and 6, giving time and expertise to prepare the campus for the return of our high school students. So much was achieved by so many hands working together (see article and photos on pages 4-12). This determination has been matched by a tremendous outpouring of direct contributions and offers of help from alumni from every era, from parents both past and present, our fantastic staff, and many, many friends.

This prompt and generous support has enabled the campus to come back to life. With skilled professional and dedicated volunteer workers, a "Village" grew on the small athletic field. Temporary modular buildings now house all resident female students; other modular buildings serve as new classrooms for science and robotics, as well as a new student lounge.

We have also been proactive in galvanizing the community as we plan for the future. Vision meetings have taken place to harness the resources to not only rebuild, but also incorporate new facilities. Grace Hobson Smith girls' dorm and the Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center will be rebuilt, largely, but not entirely, with insurance proceeds. We are now laying the groundwork for a modified capital campaign that will support rebuilding both at the same time and in concert with the Student Commons. The design and the timing of construction have yet to be finalized, but we are confident this ensemble of academic and residential buildings will revitalize campus life for years to come and provide an even better student experience.

The upcoming years will be exciting and transformative as we construct new state-of-the-art signature buildings. As we look east over the same ridge that blew smoke and flames our way, we now see the sun rise and bathe the campus in a warm light on our new era.

With the deepest of thanks,

Mike Hall-Mounsey

Michael J. Hall-Mounsey
President/CEO



Just days after the Thomas Fire raged through Upper Campus, OVS administrators and board members were already planning the rebuilding process, meeting with construction professionals and insurance company representatives. Up next was an all-school meeting at the Lower Campus to share with the community the progress that had already been made, and to formulate plans for the future.





Upper Campus Rebounds After Devastating Thomas Fire

By Joy Campbell (L14, U18) and Avery Colborn (L16, U20)

In the days after the Thomas Fire tore through the Upper Campus, destroying two signature buildings and displacing boarding girls and their dorm counselors, there was never a question whether the school would reopen to start the second semester.

The only real question was how so much work could be accomplished in so little time.

But when the call for help went out, the community answered.

When publishers were asked to donate textbooks to replace those lost to fire, boxes of books and supplies came pouring in, so much so that they rapidly overwhelmed the business office. When the

Robotics program was left robot-less, its entire fighting force lost to the flames, retailers and teams from other schools stepped in to help the program regain traction.

And when the time came to rebuild – to carve out new classroom space, create a new place for the girls to live, and rehabilitate grounds and facilities burned by the blaze – the response was unprecedented.

On January 5 and 6, the weekend before school reopened, nearly 250 volunteers, ranging from students to alumni to parents and friends, rallied together at the Upper Campus to begin the restoration work.

Both the Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center, as well as the Grace Hobson Smith dorm, were burned to the ground. Other areas of the campus, including the Carl S. Cooper Amphitheater and Wallace Burr Hall, also sustained damage from the wind and flames that ripped through the campus in the opening days of a blaze that would grow to become the largest fire in modern California history.

Immediately after the Upper Campus sustained damage, countless people called in, sent emails and posted on social media offers of physical and financial support for the rebuilding effort, and on the weekend before the start

of the second semester the campus was thrown open to all those who were willing to volunteer their time.

“The entire break I felt kind of hopeless and like I couldn’t do anything,” said senior Kase Skillern (L14, U18), an OVS student since seventh grade who showed up on both community work days to paint dorm rooms, move in furniture and string twinkie lights over the two courtyards that anchor the new girls’ village.

“OVS has been a home and place of learning for me for many years, so I wanted a chance to give back,” Kase added. “When there was finally a chance to come up to



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Upper Campus and help out, I jumped at it."

The weekend began in the amphitheater, with a welcome from President/CEO Michael J. Hall-Mounsey and then a standing ovation for Upper Campus Head of School Craig Floyd (U83), who worked tirelessly over the holiday break to get the school reopened on time.

"I was overcome with emotion seeing the outpouring of support for OVS and the rebuilding effort," Floyd said. "To see alumni from all the decades of the Upper Campus returning to campus and working side by side with current families and faculty of both campuses was incredible."

The campus buzzed with activity as the work began. The volunteers were broken into teams and assigned to complete tasks that included painting walls, re-decorating bulletin boards and classrooms, filling sandbags, creating garden boxes, replanting landscape and lining the soccer field.

OVS alumnus Spencer Garrett (L62, U65), a member of the first graduating class at the Upper Campus and current member of the Board of Trustees, worked both Friday and Saturday to help rebuild fire-scarred amphitheater benches, joining the crew of craftsmen and laborers intent on making the outdoor auditorium whole again.

"During those first years we [members of the first Upper Campus class] were able to help build the amphitheater," said Garrett, who in his time at Upper served as the school's first ASB president. "So it was quite fitting that I spent my two days during the work parties helping to repair the areas of the amphitheater that were burned."

Among the challenges faced after the fire was figuring out how, and where, to house 38 resident girls on campus. The school moved quickly to purchase seven temporary dormitories, as well as three portable classrooms, and trucks began rumbling up the hill before Christmas to assemble the new modular

units into a cohesive "Village" on the small athletic field next to the ropes course.

The plumbing was still being installed when volunteers arrived. There was much to be done in order to make the mobile units into a new home for the girls.

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FIRE RECOVERY FUND

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Jeff and Jenifer Weisiger, along with their ninth grade son, Gabe (L17, U21), also worked both days, pitching in to ready the girls' village for occupancy. If there was something that needed doing, the Weisiger's jumped in and did it, becoming familiar faces in the village as it bloomed to life.

"The strength of my son's positive feelings about the school caused us to volunteer without hesitation," Jeff Weisiger said. "It has been very impressive to see the leadership of the school, its teachers, the students, and the community."

In the building that would become the village lounge and snack central area, alumnus Max Wheeler (L06, U10) put in hours of work, assembling furniture and installing electronics. He had heard about the fire from his former dorm parents, John Wickenhaeuser at Upper and Duncan Wallace at Lower, and when the time came to give back to his high school, he didn't hesitate.

"This disaster took a lot from the Upper Campus," said

Wheeler, who attended OVS from third to twelfth grade and who reunited with Wallace and Wickenhaeuser on the workday weekend. "But it didn't take our spirit and fight with it and that was clearly evident (that weekend) as the community came together."

Just up the hill from Wheeler, repairing damage to the burned hillside above the courtyard outside Burr Hall, was Lucila Arango (U84), an alumna and the namesake of the burned Science and Technology Center. With her was her son, alumnus, Evan Graham (L07, U11). Both experienced rock climbers, they scaled the hillside to lay jute netting to stabilize it against erosion and dug holes for landscaping.

"I feel that it is important to look towards the future instead of the past," Arango said. "I am hopeful that the OVS community will come together to rebuild a better campus for the future."

In the face of a disaster that had people fleeing their homes to disparate locations, instead of being pulled apart and finding bonds weakened, the OVS community found itself stronger that it has ever been.

Within just two days, a handful of partially complete buildings, and hundreds of committed volunteers campus were put together and ready for reopening.

Upper Campus parent Michael Nostrant, whose daughter, Stephany (L16, U20), is an OVS sophomore, perhaps did more heavy lifting than any other volunteer during the community work days.

For three days he volunteered to carry mattresses, install air conditioners, and complete an array of other tasks, encapsulating not only the lessons that can be learned from the fire but what the school has always taught.

"It [volunteering] also set an example to my children, and others, to always help to the best of your ability to those in need," Nostrant said. "Selflessness changes a person in remarkable ways."

There is an incredible strength of community and character that has been unearthed in the wake of the Thomas Fire and among all the volunteers one thing was clear: They were there

for OVS, for the school itself, for the people, for the past, for the present, and for the future.

OVS's heart and essence were on display for those two days.

"It was emotional, inspiring, and most importantly, a significant reminder of just how valuable both family and community are," said alumnus Cooper Hefner (U09), a former member of the school's Board of Trustees, who also pitched in that weekend.

And that is what OVS is – a community, a family. OVS will always serve as a thread that connects people of all ages all around the world to each other. What the Thomas Fire proved is that no matter distance or time the thread always remains, and in the face of hardship pulls tight.

"OVS holds a special place in my heart, difficult to articulate in words," Hefner said. "I suppose the most appropriate analogy would be calling the Ojai Valley School another home. It is a second home for so many of us."

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Craig Floyd (U83), Alumnus and Head of School, Upper Campus



"It's true that you never wake up expecting something like this to happen. But you never expect for so much loss to make the community come back even stronger. Bad things happen, but when they do, it reminds you of all of the good people in the world. It reminds us to be grateful for everything, everyday."

Avery Colborn (L16, U20), Current Student



“All the memories that I thought I’d lost are all still here. For even though the quaint, brick building that held my life for the past two and a half years is gone, the relationships and laughs I had there will never burn away.”
 Caroline Morrow (L15, U19),
 Current Student





“You’re going to have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rebuild the school –just like the class of ‘65 did when we came up and there was nothing. You’re going to have memories forever as a result of this.”
Spencer Garrett
(L62, U65), Alumnus and Trustee

Michael J. Hall-Mounsey, President/CEO, met with Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett in the days following the fire.

“We will rebuild. I guarantee you that.”
Michael J. Hall-Mounsey,
President/CEO





“When disaster happens, you either spend your time worrying about what might go wrong next, or you roll up your sleeves and start contributing. The students of the Ojai Valley School know how to contribute. The sense of community and spirit of volunteerism that we have been cultivating at OVS for the last century was put to the test and it was a privilege to bear witness.”

Mike Mahon, Assistant Head of School, Lower Campus

“OVS has taught me and given me so much over the past five years I have been there. I have made permanent friends with peers and faculty alike. Even though the Thomas Fire has destroyed some of the buildings, those can be rebuilt. The memories are the ones that we should and can cherish.”

Josh Han (U17)





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“For 32 years, this school has been my home, my landing place, and my solace and I want to see this school rise up and manifest itself more fully. What we do here in the classroom, the Outdoor Education program, and in our community is all preparation for what we’re about to do this year and that’s showing our resilience, our teamwork.”

Crystal Davis, Assistant Head of School, Upper Campus





From Tokyo, With Love

By Caroline Morrow (L15, U19)

On the same day work crews were preparing the Upper Campus to reopen, freshman Kanna Terunuma and sophomore Yui Kikuchi held a charity lunch at a quaint French restaurant in Tokyo, Japan, that raised \$1,500 to help the Thomas Fire relief efforts.

When Kanna's mother first heard the news that the science and technology building and the girls' dormitory had burned down, she began planning ways to help the school. Her plans were realized when she proposed the charity lunch to Kanna, who was eager to help. A family friend heard offered to cater the event at his restaurant, Trinite. Around fifty people showed up, each paying \$20 for curry and buying items at an auction that was compiled of donated items. Many contributed extra money after a nearly three-hour presentation about the effects of the fire.

Before the event began, Kanna called fellow student Yui and asked for her help. "I [couldn't] do it by myself," Kanna explained. "I couldn't explain all of what happened to the school to fifty people. She helped me a lot."

On January 6, Yui and Kanna met at Trinite and decorated before the event began.

Pictures showing the school before and after the fire were taped along the wall, cookies were baked, and the curry being sold was cooking. All of their hard work paid off and they were elated to discover how much they made at the end. The \$1,500 they helped raise will go into the school's relief fund.

Head of School Craig Floyd (U83) was delighted when he heard about their hard work, and recognized the girls when school reopened.

"I'm very proud of them for taking initiative and doing something like that to help," Mr. Floyd said. "There's never an expectation of anybody to do

that, but they took it to heart, wanted to do something to help the school community. I think it's fabulous."



THANK YOU

Ever since the Thomas Fire burned through Upper Campus and destroyed Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center and Grace Hobson Smith girls' dorm, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity, and support of the OVS community, the Ojai community, fire crews from outside the region, and the school's vendors and business partners.

We want to thank and recognize everyone for their ongoing support as we rebuild. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted any individuals or groups who should have been included.

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STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Immediately after the Thomas Fire, our students wrote about their experiences, their loss, and their resilience and determination to rebuild the programs and facilities at the Upper Campus. Their voices are truly #OVStrong.

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By Lilli Trompke (U19)

Here's a list of the things I lost to the Thomas Fire:

My guitar, my ukulele, my first drum sticks. My symbols of creativity, my many memories of favorite songs and being so frustrated about my definite lack of talent!

The tapestry I bought last summer at my first music festival, which for some reason smelled like lavender and blown-out candles.

My stuffed animals that I've had for years, that (call me a child, if you want) are so much more than just "things."

All my drawings – those hours of concentration and enthusiasm I've spent throughout the past years. They probably burned the fastest.

The girl's dorm lounge, where I remember making my first friendship at this school, where I've spent so many hours watching Riverdale, or eating Oreos during the weekends, or working on my horrible piano skills, or watching Finding Nemo for

the very first time. Now it looks like none of that has ever happened and for some reason it tears me apart. I lost my poetry books.

My first love letter.

My band posters and shirts and bracelets and guitar picks and stickers and my favorite dress.

My window. With my perfect view.

My door key, which now I won't need cause my door is gone too.

My friends' rooms with their baby pictures and yearbooks and paintings and Christmas presents and their favorite pair of sandals.

It is hard to believe that this place, the home of so many people I love so dearly, is gone without warning and without mercy.

Here's a list of what I took with me that day:

The clothes I was wearing and my favorite necklace. A baby picture of my siblings

and me (just in case). My laptop and my backpack.

But I had no idea that everything that was left back would go up in flames within a couple hours. I thought I would come back the next day to my room with my guitar and my tapestry and my window and my posters and that everything would be fine and that our biggest problem would be the final exams we were going to have to take the next week.

I wish I would've taken more, I wish I could've taken the entire dorm.

But here's another thing that all of us brought:

We brought our strength and our community and care and love amongst us. We didn't forget our incredible OVS spirit, and to be honest I don't think we would ever be able to forget that.



On *The Hill* Editor-In-Chief Emma Gustafson taking care of horses in Santa Ynez, where they were evacuated during the Thomas Fire. Photo by Stephanie Gustafson

Rising from the Ashes

By Emma Gustafson (L14, U18)

Last semester, I set out to put together my first On the Hill newspaper as Editor-in-Chief with the help of classmate Caroline Morrow (U19, L15.) After hours and hours of effort – working during free periods, Journalism class, lunch, and sports – we finally finished seven out of eight pages of the paper. Caroline and I were so incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish, especially considering previous years during which Journalism wasn't able to produce a newspaper due to financial constraints. We were so excited to put it to print.

On Monday, December 4, Caroline and I took drafts of the paper to the Seminar Room – home to the journalism program since its inception a decade ago – for the rest of our eight-woman On the Hill team and teacher Fred Alvarez to proofread. As Caroline and I went to work on the final page, we discovered the backup copy of the newspaper we had saved to the school server drive was deleted. We planned on re-saving it the following day.

That night, the Thomas Fire broke out and Upper Campus students, faculty, and horses were evacuated to the Lower Campus. I thought we would be back at

school by Tuesday or Wednesday. But on Tuesday, the Lucila Arango Science and Technology Center and the Grace Hobson Smith girls' dorm were burned to the ground, and our beloved Seminar Room with them. When that thought hit me – that the physical representation of my three years of the favorite thing in which I've participated in high school was gone, obliterated – I was crushed.

I couldn't understand how somewhere I went everyday was taken away from me, and everybody else, so suddenly, and so brutally. I couldn't wrap my mind around the fact that my much-loved Journalism room was gone. This subject influenced my future, my career and college choices. In that room I became a better writer and a better person. It was the place where I discovered a passion for writing. And now it was lost.

As I came to grips with that reality, another thought hit me: the newspaper is gone.

When the Computer Lab was destroyed, our newspaper went with it. The hours of labor, thought, preparation, and love we

put into creating that paper were gone when the server burned up. Immediately, I texted Caroline and we talked about the devastation and the future of OVS and the Ojai Valley. On Friday, I texted her again: "Up to redo the newspaper?" Immediately we got to work planning the second copy.

Sitting in Santa Ynez on an OVS family-owned ranch with sixteen of the fifty-eight horses evacuated from Upper, I thought about what we lost and who we are. I realized that On the Hill and the OVS community as a whole aren't just about the objects that represent us. Though we lost our trophies – yes, you can win trophies in Journalism and our award-winning crew won plenty in recent years – and the white board where we designed our Journalism shirts and planned out the newspaper, and the assignment board, and the copies of the Ojai Valley News Student Union from the past three years we had lined on the walls, and the space where we wrote, and laughed, and were inspired, we are so much more than that.

On the Hill is about determination, and drive and curiosity. We are a team of students who want to write stories people should read, and put our thoughts and other's experiences and events into words. Just because the Seminar Room and all of our tangible accomplishments are gone doesn't mean the influences it had on us are lost.

"In that room I became a better writer and a better person. It was the place where I discovered a passion for writing. And now it was lost."

We can do our writing anywhere. We can win new trophies. We can buy a new assignment board and whiteboard, and make those special to us.

But I can't think of a more important time, in the history of this school and the history of this planet, to be a good journalist, and to practice this honorable craft. We will remake the newspaper. We will continue to tell stories, and we will be the best we can be.

We will rebuild.

Resident Resilience: A Narrative of What the Fire Left in its Wake

By Caroline Morrow (L15, U19)

On the night of Tuesday, December 5, I wasn't sitting in my dorm room studying for finals or down at the sports field kicking around a soccer ball with my friends. Instead, I was sitting in the passenger's seat of my uncle's Honda crying my eyes out. Just a few hours earlier, I had found out that my dorm had burned down in the Thomas Fire.

The day before, I sat through all my classes, sent funny pictures to my friends and read my latest library book. I ate lunch and went to soccer practice, mentally adding up the hours until the weekend. Nothing seemed off about that day. It was just a normal Monday. Not until after dinner did anything out of the ordinary occur.

A group of girls stood huddled together at the top of the stairs, blankets wrapped around their shoulders and slippers warming their feet. They were staring at a light glowing above the mountains in the distance.

"I hope it doesn't come near us," one girl cried. "I don't want all my stuff to burn down."

I scoffed. Hasn't anyone seen a brush fire before? They rarely jump across concrete, we're fine.

All the chatter stopped as the dorm parents walk up the stairs. There was to be a dorm meeting in ten minutes, they announced. At the meeting, Cindy Clouse, our math teacher and dorm parent, explained that the teachers met and didn't see any threat. But, she recommended, pack a bag, just in case.

"And don't forget to turn in your phones," Jennifer Weiss, our other math teacher and dorm parent, exclaimed, reminding the girls it was time to study. All the girls sighed, the room filling with dread. It's hard to tell if the dread was because of the possible evacuation or study hall.

We were left in limbo. Everyone around me was panicking, even though there wasn't an immediate threat. Ms. Weiss went down the halls to reassure us that we

were safe, looking in on all of our rooms. But, 45 minutes later, we all heard a call down the wing: we were evacuating at 8:30 p.m.; pack for the night, meet outside.

I couldn't believe it.

I've lived in Southern California my entire life, so I've seen my fair share of forest fires. A few summers ago, there was one across the street from my house and my family posed for pictures as it blazed behind us.

I just sat in the laundry room and waited for my favorite sweatpants to dry just enough to wear. I didn't pack any pictures, jewelry, or gifts. Plus, we were told not to pack more than our camping bags could hold or there wouldn't be enough space on the bus. Besides, I would see all my stuff again tomorrow. I would fold my wrinkly clothes, study for my history quiz, and fall asleep to a Christmas movie.

I pushed open the heavy door at the end of the hall, and was immediately met with a cold gush of air. At the bottom of the stairs, there was a massive swarm of girls. They all sat on top of their bags, which were bursting at the seams with everything they managed to cram in. The wind was blowing so hard I almost fell over, and as I made my way to the courtyard to get on the bus, I teetered as my heavy bag threw me off my balance. Within minutes, the boys came, filling the gaps in between the groups of girls.

Headmaster Craig Floyd stood on top of a planter and announced that we were going to the Lower Campus. He assured us not to worry, as the teachers had everything under control. The girls were first to get on the bus. We pushed our way through the crowd of people and scrambled to find seats next to our friends.

We all sat in relative silence. It was as if the words were being pulled out of us, looming in the air. There were only a few conversations and most stopped as the bus began rolling down the hill.

Truthfully, I shouldn't say rolling. It was barreling. The wind made the bus shake

violently as we traversed down the usual twists and turns towards the Lower Campus. Every now and then, I heard panicked whispers or shouts of girls worrying for their horses or rooms. It was the first time that night that I began to worry. I held onto my roommate Maya Mullins' hand for dear life and she squeezed mine right back. We were all so nervous that when it came time to unload at Lower, it was a free-for-all towards the door.

At entrance of the Greenberg Activity Center, all my former dorm parents from Lower were standing to greet us. They provided some hard-to-find comfort and put me at ease. The girls and guys were soon separated. They followed the Lower dorm parents to their respective dorms for the night. I stayed in the coveted sleepover room with four of my friends. The next few hours were filled with anxious text messages and phone calls. We were trying to find out any news about Upper. We checked live Twitter updates for news on the surrounding area. We only stopped when we heard a screech from outside, followed by "The fire is so big!"

We opened the blinds to our window and my heart stopped. The glow of the fire was just over the mountains towards Ventura. It was coming towards us. Right then, my friend, Megan Manion, got a text from her dad, saying he was in the area. He had had a job nearby and wanted to pick her up. She told him that she wanted to take the four of us and we started contacting our parents, and within the hour we were driving down Highway 33, the five of us crammed into Megan's dad's pickup, holding on to all of our items that could fly out of the open back.

On both sides of the freeway, there were flames. It felt like we were driving through an apocalypse. Even after all this time, seeing the sheer destruction of those flames brings me chills. That night, I was restless, only getting a few hours of sleep. The next day, the five of us sat in Megan's living room, watching TV news, and religiously checking for updates on our phones. Later, we went out to lunch, trying to distract ourselves from the uneasiness of



Juniors Lucy Orgolini (left), Caroline Morrow (center), and Maya Mullins stand in front of their new dorm room in The Village. Photo by Ivy Sun

not knowing what was happening with our home.

But, that night, we got the world-shattering message that the girls' dorm and the science and technology building burnt down. I couldn't breathe. Hot, salty tears starting streaming down my pale, shocked face. I didn't think I could lose the place that housed all my memories – the Sunday afternoons during my freshman year when I'd watch musicals with Ms. Whipple. The Friday nights staying up with my roommate, Maya, watching stupid YouTube videos and bingeing Netflix TV shows. The hours of card games on the back patio.

That night, I went home. When I saw my uncle, I hugged him like my life depended on it. In that moment, my family was the only home I had left.

The next few days were a blur. By the end of the week, all the dormers were gone from

Lower. The holiday break was spent buying all that I had lost and visiting with my family, a slow creep towards normalcy.

On January 7, I made my way back to school. I felt sick to my stomach as I stepped into the back seat of my car. I didn't want to face the damage, the rubble left behind by the fire, still not fully contained, that took the homes of so many. Tears welled up in my eyes as I saw the brown, ashy valley next to Thomas Aquinas College, where the fire initially broke out. My heart broke when I saw the once rolling, luscious fields, now burnt to a crisp.

But, my mood changed when I got a call from my best friend, Lucy. She told me that her, Maya, and I were going to be roommates. The month of built-up anticipation washed away. That giddy feeling I used to get when I passed Boccali's Pizza & Pasta was still there.

When I passed the massive, green Upper gates I didn't feel sadness. I felt happy, something that was a long time coming. There were teachers and students swarming all around the courtyard of the Village, the new temporary girls' dorm.

The most important thing about OVS is the relentlessly united community. The same sense of family that I once loved was still there. All the memories that I thought I'd lost are all still here.

For even though the quaint, brick building that held my life for the past two and a half years is gone, the relationships and laughs I had there will never burn away.

An unforgettable weekend awaits you when you join OVS for Alumni Weekend on June 8-10, 2018. Classes ending in "3" and "8" will be celebrating milestone reunions! This year's event will include outstanding dining, live music, and even more opportunities to mingle with former classmates. We are currently recruiting Class Agents – volunteers who encourage their classmates to come back and give back. Please contact the Alumni Office with questions and to sign up today! Registration for Alumni Weekend opens March 1. For more information and to register, please visit www.ovs.org/aw.

2018 OVS ALUMNI WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- 11 a.m. Carl S. Cooper Golf Tournament
Soule Park Golf Course, 1033 E. Ojai Avenue
Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m.
- After 4 p.m. Dorm Check-In
Refer to the posted dorm charts
- 4–7:30 p.m. Check-in/Registration
Lower Campus, Alan F. Pearson Center
- 5:30–7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception
Lower Campus, Alan F. Pearson Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- 8–10 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Lower Campus Dining Hall
- 8:45 a.m.–1 p.m. Guided Hike in the Sespe
Meet at Lower Campus east parking lot
- 9 a.m.– Noon Ropes Course, Upper Campus
- 9–10 a.m. Pony Rides, Upper Campus
- 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Check-in/Registration, Lower Campus
- Noon –1 p.m. Lunch, Lower Dining Hall
- 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Lower Campus Pool Open
- 3 p.m. Alumni Soccer Game
Lower Campus Field
- 4–9 p.m. Childcare/Teen Lounge
Check-In at Lower Donlon Pool

The Main Event: Grand Celebration Social and Dinner

Namebadge required for entry. Shuttles available between campuses.

- 5–6:30 p.m. Social at Lower Campus
- 6:30 p.m. Grand Celebration Dinner, Lower Campus
Founder's Alumni Award Presentation

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:30–11 a.m. Closing Day Brunch, Lower Campus
- 11 a.m. Dorm Room Check out

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OJAI VALLEY SCHOOL ALUMNI WEEKEND, 2018

JUNE 8-10, 2018- REGISTRATION FORM

Please return your completed form with payment by June 1 to: OVS Alumni Office • 723 El Paseo Road • Ojai, CA 93023

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E-mail _____ Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Name(s) of adult guest(s) _____

Name(s) & age(s) of child(ren) _____

Activities

Please let us know which events you would like to participate in and the number in your party:

Friday, June 8th

# of people	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	11:00 a.m.	Carl S. Cooper Golf Tournament	Soule Park Golf Course
	4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Lower Campus Alan F. Pearson Center

Saturday, June 9th

# of people	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Lower Campus Dining Hall
	8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (approximately)	Guided Hike in the Sespe	Meet at Lower Campus East Parking Lot
	9:00 a.m. to Noon	Ropes Course	Upper Campus Ropes Course
	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Pony Rides for Children	Upper Campus
	Noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lower Campus Dining Hall
# of players:	3:00 p.m.	Alumni vs. Alumni Soccer Game Scored Game – jerseys provided	Lower Campus Field
	4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Childcare/ Teen Lounge (Dinner provided. Children must be potty trained)	Lower Campus Kindergarten Room
	4:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.	THE MAIN EVENT Poolside Social and Grand Celebration Dinner	Lower Campus

Sunday, June 10th

# of people	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Closing Day Brunch	Lower Campus Pergola

Please provide your payment information on the back side of this page.

Accommodations

Please bring your own towels, pillows, bedding/sleeping bags, and toiletries for dorm accommodations. A shuttle is available from and to Lower Campus.

I will need dorm rooms for _____ people at:

☐ Lower Campus

☐ Upper Campus

Alumni Weekend Pass

The 2018 Alumni Weekend Main Event Dinner is a seated event; we strongly encourage you to purchase your ticket(s) in advance, as this event is likely to sell out. ALL meals, campus accommodations, childcare, and activities (except for the golf tournament) are included in your admission ticket.

Early-bird Rate:

\$60 for 1 adult ticket*

Ticket(s) \$_____

\$100 per couple (available only before May 25)

*Ticket prices increase by \$15 per person after May 25

Saturday evening childcare and weekend accommodations for children 4-16 are included

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Alumni Note

Tell us about your family, work, interests, a recent vacation, a new venture in your life, share an accomplishment or an OVS memory. You may also email your notes to alumni@ovs.org.



Thank you to all the OVS alumni who turned out on February 10 for the Alumni Soccer and Alumni Basketball games. The alumni won 2-1 at soccer. The basketball game was a hard-fought battle, but the students and coaches team emerged the victors with a final score of 55-46.



alumni notes

Lower 1952

Ginger Chodorov Montel and her brother, Stephan Chodorov (L49) attended OVS in the early 1940s, when she was in kindergarten and he was in the second grade. Some events made a lasting impression: Ginger remembers proudly learning to weave potholders and that there was a schoolwide outbreak of chickenpox. All the students had classes outside for a time to help them heal.

Ginger is interested in news about her former schoolmates, some of whom she recalls clearly: "I remember Pippa Scott, and a girl named Shayna Rubinstein, and a girl with red hair, worn in braids, who 'almost' blew herself up with a chemistry set!" she said.

When Ginger recently visited Ojai with her family, she thought about the old downtown as it was then: with its "wooden sidewalk and the big oak tree with a branch that touched the ground and swung up again— perfect for pretend jump-rope!"

Lower 1953

Corrinna (Jackson) Aragon wrote in to share this memory of Ed Bailey: "Dear Edgar is hard to forget. He was always at his weather station in the field behind the kitchen in the mornings. In the afternoons, he would be found at his radish and other veggies patch fairly near the weather station.

"The most vivid picture of Edgar I have always had was during the camping trips at Piedra Blanca; he would be out searching for snakes, while wearing very tiny bathing trunks. He'd carry a long wooden rod with some kind of rope at the end to entrap snakes so that he could check them out. Another memory I have of Edgar was from the fifth grade. We girls would go into the boys' dorm mother's room, in our pajamas, sit on the floor, and quietly listen to her read the classics to us. If we caused any disturbance, out we would have to go. I remember watching Edgar, quietly sitting, pulling string after string out of his terry cloth bathrobe and winding these strings tightly around his fingers, over and over, but he did not cause a disturbance. We were always given a chocolate before leaving the room."

Edgar Bailey (See In Memoriam)

Bob Koster shared the following memories of the late Ed Bailey: "Ed was my roommate during my 9th grade at OVS. He distinguished himself by being a real animal lover. Had a pet snake, a 'red racer' as I recall, and a pet duck, 'Ducky Doodles,' whom he kept in the animal pens at the south end of what is now the parking lot behind the wood shop. He got Ducky Doodles as a duckling at the Ventura County Fair by pitching a dime into a greased dish. Kept the critter for years.

"I remember having lunch with Ed when we were in college, and Ducky rode in the back seat of the car, looking out the window. Startled quite a number of passers-by.

"Ed was also an unabashed practical joker. Put small potatoes up the exhaust pipe of Mr. Wolcott's car, so when that gentleman left for home, the pressure built up in the muffler and, suddenly, 'BANG!!' The potatoes shot out the back as from a rifle. With appropriate sound effects, too."

It was lovely to hear from **Jerri (Batson) Prenzlöw**, who, with her husband, Ed (who's a former teacher and dorm parent at Upper) has moved 24 times to Tanzania, Mexico City, and Madagascar, among many other locations around the globe.

As far as how she's doing, Jerri writes, "Others in my OVS class no doubt have health issues as well, but it gets boring for me to tell mine. And, as Ed says, "Older people love to go through 'organ recitals'! He has had surgeries on his back, too."

Jerri has always had a special place for OVS in her heart and had this to say: "I'm so glad I got to go to OVS. I love the school. Keep up the great work there. We were Upper School dorm parents for 16 high school boys when Mike Hermes did the same. I remember the other couple, Bill and Sue Wilmer, too. Ed and I had our third son while in Ojai; now our boys are 52, 54, and 56 and getting gray hair like their mom and dad!"



Lower 1956

Henry Butler sent us this succinct update: "My daughter is getting married in Philadelphia, my wife is still working as a pediatrician for the Navy, and I'm still teaching resuscitation for the Army and Navy." Henry looks forward to catching up with his classmates. He can be reached at hbutler@post.harvard.edu.

Charles "Todd" Ealand II let us know how powerful an influence Mr. Cooper (Robert S. Cooper) had on him: "I always like to remember 'Coop.' More than any other person, he had an effect on my life that continues to the present day."

Shelley Scott enjoys living in Ojai. However, like most residents, she needed to evacuate during the Thomas Fire. Happily, though, her beautiful home survived.

Lower 1957

1 Leston Newbill recently visited the Lower Campus with his partner, Jane. Leston has spent his career as an electrical engineer and credits OVS for sparking his interest in the sciences.

After Leston and Jane toured the new Alan F. Pearson Center of the Arts, he said he was pleased to see that the integrity of the old woodshop building had remained intact.

Lower 1958

Hester Palmquist considers a chilling possibility: "I am so grateful for my OVS experience! I don't know how my mother, as a single, working parent, was able to afford sending me to OVS, but I think



it might have saved me from an otherwise dire fate as my best friend prior to my coming to OVS became a member of the Manson family; I wonder at times if this could have happened to me as well had my mother not chosen to take me out of the public junior high school I was attending and send me to OVS!!"

Lower 1959

Peggy Chase recently moved to Manitou Springs, CO, (near Colorado Springs) to be near her daughter's family. Peggy watches her two grandchildren when Edie tours as a singer/songwriter (see website: ediecarey.com). Peggy continues to provide seminars and training sessions for healthcare companies. She briefly visited Ojai in January and met with classmates Robbie Sheppard and Weezy (Thacher) Hagan, as well as with Liz Hermes (L66, U69).

Lower 1961

2 Frances "Fanny" Case wants it known that the next Sedona-OVS Retreat will be sooner rather than later. "We had so much fun this last time that we decided to meet again in two years rather than (as in the past) waiting four years," she explains, adding, "We hope many of you will join us for a fun few days: July 12, 13, and 14."

We regret to report that **John Collins** died on August 3, 2017.



Lower 1962

Nancy (Nutting) Stetson checked in with us shortly after the fire to send her well-wishes and tell us about a recent trip she took: “We went to the Gila National Forest wilderness area in New Mexico. It was amazing and gorgeous: so lush and green, and water was everywhere. It is where Geronimo was born and raised and lived out his life. No wonder he didn’t want to leave!

“There were only eight of us, and each family had their own cabin. We just happened to all be horse folks, so it worked out well. We did not have just a cook; he was a chef and prepared meals as for the finest restaurant. So fun!!

“The horses were really great mountain horses and did their jobs well. It rained every afternoon which was always refreshing. Rode with thunder and lightning one afternoon, but we were safe in an area where, hopefully, it would not get us.

“The owners were really terrific and knew their business well. Matched us all perfectly regarding the horses we had all week. We rode around 6 hours a day. Sometimes we had a picnic and stayed out. Other times we came in for lunch then headed out again. All had a wonderful time.

“We are still horse care providers and having a ball. Really feel so blessed that we can still do all this. Keeping busy with the horses and loving it. God is so good!

Tinsley built an amazing 680 square foot deck for Jeff and Ginger. He did a super job and looks wonderful. It is being well

used by Jeff and Ginger and especially Parker and Tanner, our grandsons. They are really growing like little weeds and are so fun.”

Lower 1965

Nancy Graves (see U68)

Lower 1966

Claudia Christensen (see U69)

Beth Pfeiffer (see U69)

Lower 1973

Katharine “Kit” Elliott (see U77)

Lower 1975

Alan Newsum (see U79)

Lower 1979

3 We were glad to hear from **Katie (Ballou) Calhoun**, who brings us up to date as follows: “I will soon raise a glass to 15 years at Calhoun & Company Communications - a PR, marketing and digital media agency for the wine and spirits industry.

"While my kids are old enough to mix cocktails with, they have chosen their own careers. Natalie is the Environmental Manager of Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, living at 7,000 feet, hoping, among many projects, to add a compost program the bears will ignore. Walker is at sea level, a marine biologist, most recently studying oyster larvae growth with pH and acidification changes in our warming ocean waters. Alex and I welcome visitors to our empty nest in San Francisco!"

Lower 1980

Victor Ransanz sent in the following note about his children: After becoming a lacrosse enthusiast at OVS during summer camp, his son (whose name is also Victor) played college-level lacrosse in Mexico from the age of 15, and when he was 17, he made the Mexico National Team, which ended up winning the America's Cup that year. He also played in the the U-19 World Cup in Vancouver.

Victor Jr. is currently attending college in Mexico and has qualified for the national team that will compete in next year's World Cup tournament, hosted by Israel. OVS will be rooting for you, Victor! Victor (Sr.) also reports that his daughter, Clarita, started high school this year and is doing very well.

Lower 1987

Jenny (Hermes) Whitsitt reports that she is having fun working on photography. She and husband Taylor have two children, ages 16 and 18. The younger one, Ava, is in her sophomore year at Upper.

Lower 1999

Sarah Gates (see U03)

Lower 2001

Hyo Joon "Danny" Kim (see U05)

Sanghee Jessica Park (see U05)

Yu Jin Park is in his third year residency at Severance Hospital. He says he misses the good old days and plans to visit OVS the next time he's in Southern California. When he heard Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Inman, and Mrs. Slosberg are all still there he issued this command: "Stay there until I come back!"

Young Sup Shin is married and struggling with the snow in the Northeast (He lives in Boston). He remembers Mr. C. as "a cool dude" and figures he can beat him at 1 on 1 basketball now. [Editor's note: that's a safe bet as Mr. Cooper recently had shoulder surgery!]



Lower 2004

Myung Eun "Leah" Chae is married and living in Seoul. "I miss Ojai!" she writes.

Lower 2005

Marie Hyo Jung Shin has worked for FIFA (at their match agency that sets up preliminary matches and training sessions) and for the Seattle Mariners as a sports writer. She sends warm greetings to Ms. Scott, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. B., and Mrs. Slosberg.

Lower 2008

"I am currently studying art history and business at Brandeis," writes **Sei Yeon "Bin" Ko**. Bin has fond memories of his time at OVS, especially the ones involving outdoor education. Addressing science teacher Matt Inman, he writes, "I miss the stars and trails we saw while hiking. You were the best science teacher, the best soccer coach, and the best hiker. I miss you!"

Among his other favorite memories is the 6:00 A.M. run he took every Friday with his dorm father, Duncan Wallace.

Lower 2010

4 Karlee Rosenberg stopped by at the end of November. She was a resident with Cassie Wallace, Tami Scott, and El Burright (mid 2000s).

Keaton Shiffman (see U14)

Lower 2013

Josh Han (see page 11)

Upper 1968

Nancy Graves checked in with the alumni office to say she was “beyond devastated about the fire.” She made a generous donation to help the recovery effort. Nancy is still living in Palm Desert and hopes to see lots of old friends at the upcoming 50th reunion of her class. Her old college roommate, Liz Hermes (L66, U69) loved having the chance to chat by phone with her recently.

Upper 1969

Claudia (Christensen) Wunderlich is relieved and grateful her house in Ojai survived the ravages of the recent Thomas fire; the flames made it right to her property line, but the firefighters were able to stop it there.

Claudia continues to serve as president of the Ojai Community Hospital auxiliary. She enjoys playing golf several times a week and getting together regularly with her OVS roommate, Betsy Curran (aka Liz Hermes).

Beth Pfeiffer reports she’s enjoying life in Maine, where she lives with her new husband, John. The two travel extensively, but when she’s home, Beth continues to work on her woodblock prints and volunteer in the local library. She also takes advantage of a good snowfall on the Maine coast to go cross-country skiing.

Beth’s sons are doing well: Stewart, an expert sailor, is making a bid for his 4th Olympics (2020 in Tokyo); and Andrew has a thriving fine architectural metal works business in New York City. He and his wife have 2 young children. Beth is delighted to be a grandmother!

Upper 1977

Katharine “Kit” Elliott called the Alumni Office in mid-January to volunteer her help with contacting Upper ‘77 classmates and mid-1970s contemporaries about attending OVS Alumni Weekend June 8-10, 2018. She is County Counsel for Mendocino County which was hard hit by the wine country fires in October. Her own small community of Redwood Valley (population 4,000) lost more than 400 homes, approximately half the town. Busy as she is with fire relief and recovery in Mendocino, she has followed our Ojai and Central Coast fires

with great concern, especially Ojai Valley School, of course, where she is a Lower and Upper alumna. Her late father, Stewart Elliott, was a history teacher at Lower Campus. Kit shared the interesting information that her dad’s ashes are on Chief Peak. Retired Headmaster Carl Cooper, a relatively new teacher and coach in the mid-70s, recalls that “Kit was an outstanding student, student leader, and athlete. She embodied all the qualities that OVS hopes each student will carry out into the world beyond the school...sounds like she has continued to live her life in that tradition.”

It was lovely to hear from **Kelly Somers** who gave us some words of encouragement: “OVS strong! The only reason I had a horse was because of the school. I talked my father into renting a horse for me. I rode to Lion’s campground, in horse shows, and up the trails. I learned horsemanship, animal care, and how to barrel race. I also found my singing voice in chorus and musicals. I love the school. It is time to rebuild the girls’ dorm and heal from the fire.”

Upper 1979

Alan Newsum reported the following to us back in July: “My kids are doing awesome. Now that my daughter, Jenika, has graduated, she is living in New York and working for a global marketing agency. She travels between their NYC and LA office. My son, Connor, is working part time and getting ready to finish up at SBCC. He will have to figure out what Cal State or UC school he wants to attend. Broadcast journalism is what he wants to do.”

Alan spent time last year assisting in search and rescue operations with the Texas State Guard in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

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Upper 1988

Congratulations to **Sean Reid** for his February 1 debut of the horror flick *The Campus* which he produced last year. Sean writes, "If you like to be scared every once in a while or all the time, watch *THE CAMPUS* and give us a fair review, THANK YOU!" The film is available to stream on Amazon.

Tomoko (Seino) Hotema (see page 10)

Upper 1995

4 **Lisa Boyd** had a great visit with **Kevin Brown** in Herald Square NYC last summer.

5 **Hiro Otani** visited in September with his wife, Maya. They live in New York and work in international banking. They were traveling through the area visiting all their old stomping grounds. Hiro was excited to show his wife around the campus.

Upper 2005

OVS sends best wishes to **Danny Kim**, who recently took the bar exam in Korea. He says that he remembers OVS as a "warm and lovely place" and that he misses all his OVS peeps. Danny hopes to visit very soon, giving this shout-out in the meantime: "Wallace, Inman, Slosberg: Wait for me!"

"OVS taught me a lot, and I'm so thankful I (actually, my parents) chose that school," writes **Sang Hee Jessica Park**, who continues as follows: "OVS has always been my second home. I dream of sending my future kids there. I'm not sure how many teachers remember me, but in case some still do, please know that I miss you all very much. Stay well, teachers!"



***Renako (Wyborn) Murata** (L98, U02) and **Tomoko Miyauchi** (L98, U02) visited the Upper and Lower Campuses in mid-January. Although they were initially saddened to see the extent of the damage to Upper Campus firsthand, they both remarked at how impressed they were with Craig Floyd's poise and leadership, and they say they are feeling hopeful about the future. Both women have graciously donated in response to the the school's Fire Relief Campaign.

Renako has been working in marketing for Abrand Jeans and lives in Melbourne, Australia, with her husband, Paul (who also visited). Tomoko is also married. She lives and works in Tokyo and has been there since graduation.



Upper 2012

6 Jack Marcus reports as follows: "I just got back from leading a gap semester in South East Asia with Adventures Cross Country, we spent 3 months exploring Cambodia, China, Thailand, and Vietnam while doing service work, adventure travel and cultural immersion! Now I'm back home getting myself organized for my next big adventure: I'm moving to New York City in mid-January! I am working on finding a job right now but it looks like I will be going into the travel field either working as a travel consultant for private companies or working on the logistics side of an adventure travel company like the one I have been with."

Upper 2014

7 Keaton Shiffman sent us this news: "I have been working on building an entertainment company and have officially signed a hip-hop artist as of last summer. We will be dropping his first full-length album in March, and I am currently in the process of getting him signed. I am working with a few other managers, booking agents, and artists to try and put together our own entertainment company."

"In May, I will be graduating from Occidental College. Afterwards, I plan to spend a little time working on my music/entertainment career, and then I will most likely be going to work in medical technology sales for orthopedic surgical instruments, prosthetics, and implants while I decide if I am going to medical school or not. There are a lot of options, and I am excited about them all!"

8 Amanda Webb graduated in December with a B.S. in Geology and GIS certificate from Fort Lewis College! She was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2017.



Upper 2017

Josh Han (see page 11)

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Edgar P. Bailey (L53)



Edgar P. Bailey, who attended the Lower Campus from the fourth grade to the ninth, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2018, in Homer, Alaska, after a protracted, debilitating illness. He was 80.

As a youngster in Hollywood, Ed got into all sorts of trouble on account of the impish pranks he came up with—diverting traffic on his street, creating fake detours, etc. His parents recognized he was bored and needed a change of scene, preferably to the countryside, and so they enrolled him at OVS. Ed would come to regard his experiences there as life-changing. However, the pranks continued and Ed's schoolmates can still recount some of them (see Alumni Notes for L53).

Illness prevented him from continuing at a boarding school after junior high, so Ed was enrolled at Hollywood High, where he discovered he loved studying science—in particular, biology.

When home, Ed enjoyed exploring the Hollywood hills with his dad and gained experience in hiking as well as in birding, activities that he would engage in and love for the rest of his life. Ed's father,

a geologist with Standard Oil of California, explored the jungles of Indonesia, South America, and Africa. His travels to these remote and exotic locations served to broaden Ed's horizons.

After earning his undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Redlands in 1960, Ed pursued a master's degree in wildlife biology at Utah State. He wrote his master's thesis on starlings.

Ed married his first wife, Martha, and hired on with the National Park Service. He did stints in Capulin Mountain Volcano National Monument, Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, and Death Valley National Park. He became disillusioned with his life as a park service naturalist, though, since, as he complained, he spent a lot of time in visitor centers telling people where the bathrooms were and what the cost of a postcard was.

He transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and went to Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge in Utah before going to Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge in Oregon, where his son, Lorne, was born. In 1969, Ed and his family moved to the remote Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Cold Bay, Alaska.

During his time there, Ed and Martha parted ways. In 1973, Ed moved to Anchorage, where he worked in the regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and became part of the planning team for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge. It was also in Anchorage that Ed met his long-time partner and second wife, Nina Faust.

Ed's career took him to remote locations each summer, and Nina became his annual sole volunteer. Early projects involved exploring all the coastal areas on the Alaska and Kenai Peninsulas, as well as the offshore island groups counting seabirds and marine mammals. These trips sometimes lasted as long as a month. Ed and Nina transported all their food and supplies for these journeys in a 16-foot inflatable boat. Their only way to contact the outside world was via an ELT (Emergency Locator Beacon).

After the Alaska National Interest Conservation Lands Act passed in 1980, Nina and Ed worked in the summers helping bring about the restoration of island biodiversity, a project to trap and remove the foxes (which had decimated the bird population and left these islands biologically impoverished). These successful efforts resulted in the seabird recolonization. During the winters, Nina and Ed travelled to the desert southwest to explore mountains and parks.

After a 31-year career as a wildlife biologist, Ed retired in 1995 however, with Nina by his side, continued to explore wilderness islands and float rivers all over Alaska, including some of the largest and best known glacial rivers. He remained active in conservation as well as consumer advocacy organizations and authored scores of articles in ornithological or other biological journals.

Ed was a devoted conservation activist and worked on many important issues with various conservation groups over the years, including trying to end the practice of bear-baiting and

aerial wolf hunting in Alaska; stopping the drilling for oil and gas in Kachemak Bay and making that bay a jetski-free area, along with preventing oil rigs from parking there; as well as putting a stop to the coalbed methane and gas lease in Homer. He worked to protect local habitat, serving on the Kachemak Bay State Park Advisory Board, and co-founding the Kachemak Crane Watch with Nina. In 2004, the Alaska Conservation Foundation honored him with the Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions. A decade later, the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust selected him for their Land at Heart Award, which honors distinguished contributions to conservation on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

Ed had wanted to start his own wildlife preserve and bought as many contiguous lands as were available so he could piece together a wildlife corridor that is managed as a preserve for all wildlife, especially for Sandhill Cranes. Today, that 650-acre parcel of land is known as the Inspiration Ridge Preserve. In the near future, it will officially be run by the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. This will become a lasting legacy of Ed's conservation efforts, a cause he worked for all his adult life.

Ed is survived by his partner and wife of 45 years, Nina Faust, and by his son, Lorne Bailey. The family asks that any donations in Ed's memory be sent to the Alaska Conservation Foundation, Inspiration Ridge Preserve Maintenance and Operation Fund, 911 West 8th Ave., Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

John Henry Callender (L56)



OVS alumnus **John Henry Callender**, husband of **Laurien "Muffet" (Baldwin) Callender (L58)**, passed away at his home in Kamuela, Hawaii, on January 19, 2018. He was 76.

John was born in San Gabriel, California, on Feb. 12, 1941. His father died when his only son was two years old. Consequently, John grew up in a household of women – two (much older) sisters and his mother.

Mrs. Callender, in the application she filled out for young "Johnny" to attend to OVS, described her son as "extremely cheerful, loyal, and full of fun." She recognized that he needed the structure and guidance a good boarding school could offer, and, as it turned out, her instincts were right. John fit in beautifully at OVS, initially attending from grades 3 - 5 and then again in grades 8 and 9. It was during his second stint at OVS that he met Laurien "Muffet" Baldwin, who would, a decade later, become John's wife.

John loved OVS and was

beloved by those who came to know him there. He credited the school for having instilled values in him that served him well in later life. After graduating from the ninth grade at OVS, John joined the Class of 1959 at the Chadwick School in Rolling Hills, California.

From early on, John had a special affinity for animals, and wanted to become a veterinarian. He earned two bachelor's degrees toward that goal—one in genetics and animal science, and one in business administration both from Oregon State University. Although, he worked as a surgical assistant in a veterinary hospital when he was still in college, by the time he was accepted to a veterinary school, he and Muffet had had their first two children, and necessity sent John down a different career path, one that included such varying jobs as cowboy to financial advisor to grape-grower.

In the early years of their marriage, the couple lived in Hawaii, where they raised all four of their children and where

John managed seven of his own businesses, including the first boarding kennel on the island.

Later, he owned and managed a 3,000-acre ranch in Northern California where he raised cattle, wheat, and rice. Along with Muffet, who was an accomplished rider and district commissioner of the United States Pony Club, he also raised thoroughbred horses on the ranch.

In the early '80s, the Callenders made their way back to OVS, where they were popular with students and fellow faculty alike. They gamely took on the challenges of dorm parent life, acting as resident counselors in the girls' dorm. John also taught algebra. Carl Cooper, who was teaching history at the time, said of John, "There couldn't be a warmer, friendlier, kinder, and more generous person."

In 1988, after serving as Director of Alumni Giving at Cate School, John accepted a position as the executive director of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in

north San Diego County. This non-profit center provided veterinary facilities for horses and small animals as well as boarding for cats and dogs, arranged pet adoptions, and offered a therapeutic riding program for the disabled.

John is survived by his wife, Laurien "Muffet;" sons Rea (Kelly) of Grass Valley, California, and Brodie (U84) of Waimea, Hawaii; daughters Laurien (Timark) Hamilton of McMinnville, Oregon, and Whitney (L83, U87) (Todd) Demorest of Santa Rosa, California; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Because OVS always had such a special place in John's heart, the family has requested that any donations in John's memory be sent to the school.

Ron Rose (L50)



Ron Rose, a member of the Lower Campus class of 1950 and longtime member of the OVS Board of Trustees, died on September 7, 2017. He was 81.

Ron was born in Ventura and attended St. Catherine's School before beginning at OVS in the sixth grade.

Ojai offered Ron a more benign environment for his asthma than did coastal Carpinteria, where Ron's family lived, and Ron thrived as an OVS student. The school's motto, "Integer Vitae," resonated for him. Also, the excellent academics in combination with the outdoor program strongly appealed. Another reason Ron developed such a connection to OVS was his admiration and high regard for then Headmaster Wally Burr. Ron reverently described Burr as "a true educator" and noted, "He lead by example as much as by word."

Ron had developed such a strong attachment to OVS that his mother apparently had to literally shove him out of her car when she dropped him off for his first day at Carpinteria High School in the fall of 1950. But even though the warmth, camaraderie, and fun of Lower Campus life that Ron had experienced made it hard for him to leave OVS, Carpinteria High ended up being a good fit for him after all.

He was elected student body president and played offensive tackle for three years for The Warriors. "We never lost a league championship while I was there," Ron reported, with justifiable pride. He was also a member of the crew team, a team that went all the way to the NCAA championships. And there were other features that Ron liked about being at Carp High besides athletics: "[There was] a good racial and economic balance," he noted. In his estimation, "It was a really good school." It must have been. Ron left there to go to Stanford.

Long before the Buenaventura Center (now known as the Pacific View Mall) opened in Ventura, Ron's father had established the Jack Rose store, an exclusive dress shop that, at one time, employed 150 people and was the largest women's department store between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Ron's uncle became a partner in this successful venture and opened another family store in Santa Barbara, Lou Rose. That's why Ron's family had ended up in Carpinteria: it's halfway between where the two stores were located.

Ron's father died in 1955, when Ron was just finishing his undergraduate degree in economics at Stanford. Although he'd had aspirations of becoming a Navy pilot or playing major league baseball, Ron wound up instead doing a stint in the National Guard for 6 months before coming back to run the family store. However, the former football star explains that, when he found himself "arranging mannequins and doing other display work," he concluded, "It just wasn't [his] cup of tea."

About the time he came to that realization, the successful store attracted the attention of women's retail clothes magnate Joseph Magnin, who made an offer the Rose family couldn't refuse. They sold the business, and Ron returned to Stanford for his MBA, which he completed in 1959, the same year he married his high school sweetheart, Lynnette. They had three boys.

In 1961, Ron moved his family from Carpinteria to Ventura, where he went to work for the Bank of A. Levy, starting as a lowly management trainee but ultimately serving as the bank's chief loan officer, senior vice-president, and regional manager. After a distinguished 29-year career there, Ron worked briefly for Santa Barbara Bank and Trust and traveled extensively as a bank consultant for the International Executive Service Corps. (including three months spent in the Ukraine) before retiring for good.

He had been a hard worker at the bank, sometimes putting in 50 to 60 hours a week. He was also hard working as a volunteer. With his experience on a rowing crew combined with his credentials as a banker, Ron was chosen to be the finance manager of the rowing events, held at Lake Casitas, during the 1984 Olympics. A member of the Ventura and Oxnard Rotary Clubs, Ron also served as president of the Consumer Credit Counselors, the Ventura County Taxpayers Association, the Stanford Club of Ventura County, and the Southern California Chapter of the Robert Morris Association. When he stepped down as commissioner of the Ventura Housing

Authority, a rose garden in downtown Ventura was named in his honor.

Ron joined the OVS Board of Trustees in 1980 and, over the last three and a half decades, served on the building and grounds committee, the finance committee, and the academic committee. Former Board Chairman Bill Hair, who is the only trustee to serve longer than Ron, had this to say of Ron's contribution: "Ron was always the financial 'watchdog,' making sure that OVS stayed the fiscal course. In addition, as an alumnus Trustee, he also safeguarded the school's traditions, particularly those having to do with the outdoor program."

An environmentalist, before the term had been coined, Ron was pleased to see the ways in which OVS has been and remains responsive to environmental concerns. His love of the outdoors, which had been fostered at OVS, endured and grew. He did a great deal of camping over the years, exploring much of the Sierra. He introduced his boys to camping, and they, in turn, have passed their love of camping to their own children.

Ron is survived by his wife, Barbara, his sons Kevin (Jennifer), Jack (Diana), and David (Shannon), seven grandchildren, and his brother, Steve.

Those who wish to do so may make a donation in Ron's memory to the Museum of Ventura County, Ojai Valley School, Livingston Memorial Hospice, or a charity of their choice.

Ojai Valley School Planned Giving



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