We are nearing the end of the first phase of the Senior School’s development. Plans for the gymnasium are out to tender as I write and we hope to have site works started over the mid-year break. The gym is the last of the buildings drafted in the initial plans for the school.

Once the gym is in place it is anticipated that facilities will be available for past Helenians as well as the school and wider community. Indoor basketball, netball, badminton and other sports will be possible. It may be possible to offer other fitness and recreational facilities as well. As it stands, it may be some time before adjacent toilets and changerooms are completed. This will depend on how competitive the tenders are and how much of the works can be done immediately.

Marking this final part of the development stage the Library Resource Centre now has new extension rooms, which are making it a very effective learning centre. Also, the base and ‘flame forms’ of Kwai Hondow’s (Class of 2003) three flame sculptural piece are in place near the art room. At the school students have been involved in exciting programs culminating in the senior drama production, an excursion to the Gravity Discovery Centre near Gingin, community service for various groups, and many others. More sport is being played than ever before and we are indebted to our Physical Education teachers and many volunteers. It would be great to have more past students engaged as coaches for a variety of sports.

One could say that the end of the first phase of the Senior School was heralded late last year when ‘Sir’, Mr Alasdair Leonard, made the decision to move to a permanent position in China. He has not been alone in holding the perspective that a really significant culture and society for the twenty-first century is to be found in that huge country. We wish him well for life in China and look forward to hearing every now and then about the many interesting people learning English in the post-graduate classes there.

All the very best to those continuing with or resuming further studies this year.

John Allen-Williams
GYM in 2005?

The Helena College Gymnasium will cost an estimated $1.8m to build. Of the $500,000 the College community has committed to raise, we have realized just over $400,000 to date, thanks to the kind support of parents, students, staff and friends of the College.

The Old Helenians’ total contribution is $973.80. The Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal is an opportunity for Old Helenians to help build our future. Any donations, large or small, will help the College open the gym by Term One 2005. All donations to the Appeal will be appropriately acknowledged within the completed gym complex.

The transportable has been removed, the site has been cleared, the plans are drawn, the building has gone to tender and the gymnasium is ready to go! But we need your support with the Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal NOW.

**Old Helenians can make a big difference!**

How can you help?

- You may wish to make a generous contribution spread over a number of months or years for tax effectiveness.
- This is a large project and there are opportunities for gifts in kind.
- You may wish to contribute to a specific area of the gym. For example, if you wish to donate to the court, classroom, stage area, foyer or specific equipment like the climbing wall, hoops or weights, then the funds provided by you will be spent on this particular area.
- Depending on the level of contribution, naming rights for the gymnasium and the College’s oval will be favourably considered.

We welcome any opportunity to discuss your interest in supporting this important project.

To discuss any aspect of the Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal, please contact Julie Carlton in the Development Office 9298 9100 or e-mail developmentoffice@helena.wa.edu.au
Brick Pavers

Old Helenians are invited to contribute to the engraved brick paved entrance to the gymnasium. Your contribution of $50 per brick paver will ensure that your name will be engraved into a brick paver as a lasting record of your valued support of the Helena College Gymnasium Fundraising Appeal.

Please PRINT clearly in BLOCK LETTERS.

e.g.

JOE SMITH
CLASS OF 1997
or

JOE SMITH
OLD HELENIAN 2004

Simply fill out your details and return with full payment to the Development Office.

Each box represents one letter or space (36 characters max).

I enclose a cheque for $________ made payable to Helena College Council Inc.

Or please charge ($50 per brick) $________ to my credit card.

Visa [ ] Mastercard [ ] Bankcard [ ]

Expiry date __ / __

Cardholder’s signature:

(Please note the payment for brick pavers is NOT tax deductible.)
NEWS of Old Helenians

Sarah BILBOROUGH
Awarded a $10,000 Indonesian language and culture scholarship by the Sangora Education Foundation. See story and photo this issue.

Jamie CANT (ex Drama teacher at Helena)
Recently appeared in a newspaper article featuring the WA Youth Theatre’s long term project exploring the father-son relationship. Jamie is directing a series of workshops with young men, aged between 15 and 25, to work on writing a script that retells the father and son Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus. Jamie is currently teaching at St. Hilda’s in Mosman Park.

Jonathan, Harrison and William CARTER
The Carter family now live in Queensland. In 2003 Jonathan and Harrison were both recognised with Academic Achievement awards and William was Year 11 Dux.

Jessica IPKENDANZ
Currently performing at the Perth Concert Hall with a new music score inspired by Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary in Chidlow. An eleven member ensemble, pi, will perform the forty minute composition which is a piece with gypsy influence.

Seonaid LEONARD
Awarded the 2003 UWA Faculty of Medicine Paediatrics Prize.

Alicia MANOLAS
Now lives in Scotland, where she teaches music.

Noelani MARCUS
I attended the Helena Junior School and went to Perth College for my secondary studies, followed by Curtin University to study Fine Art. During my third year of study I was awarded an exchange position to study at the Academy of Beaux Arts in Paris. I completed my degree in 2002 and stayed on in France during 2003 to work as a graphic designer in an innovative advertising agency in Paris. I lived in a beautiful inner city area of Paris next to the Luxembourg Gardens. I had a huge apartment and studio where I curated an exhibition of twenty-five up and coming artists from all over the world. The exhibition was a huge success, with over two hundred and fifty people turning up for the opening. I have also been producing, co-producing and performing music at concerts and music festivals and take every opportunity I can to go sight seeing in Europe. I have caught up with many old school friends when they have passed this way on their travels and had many laughs revisiting childhood memories. I have now returned to Perth to undertake an honours program at Curtin. (see story page 6)

Dani MURPHY (Nee CRICHTON) (1991)
Married for four years, lives in Sydney and teaches special needs children.
The Year of the Built Environment 2004 aims to encourage Australians to celebrate and understand how the built environment makes a difference to their quality of life and to foster a sense of community and purpose by setting directions for a positive and sustainable future.

The Year of the Built Environment is offering Helena College staff and students the opportunity to demonstrate how we create, value and nurture our locally built environments.

We have the opportunity to focus, reflect and debate how buildings and landscapes impact on our lives and on the natural environment.

In particular we are focusing on our College environment and how it has been created.

In our classes we are discussing issues such as litter, waste management, pollution, energy consumption, the displacement of our plants and wildlife, and the loss of our beautiful natural Australian landscape.

For more information go to:

Helena College 2003 Year 12 graduate, Sarah Bilborough, was recently awarded a Sangora Education Foundation study scholarship of $10,000.00 to further her education and future career in Indonesian studies.

The Sangora Education Foundation was established in 1990 to promote excellence in education, better understanding and cooperation between people of Australia and other countries, and opportunities for study of society and culture through grants, awards and scholarships.

Sarah was encouraged to apply by the Indonesian teachers at Helena College, Mr Chris Brown and Ibu Granville. In an essay application Sarah outlined how she would use the scholarship money to fund her airfares and accommodation in Indonesia and also purchase teaching materials and a laptop.

In 2004 Sarah will study a Bachelor of Arts (Indonesian) degree at Edith Cowan University and hopes eventually to become a teacher of Indonesian.

Sarah hopes to use the scholarship to travel to Indonesia during university breaks to live, study and work, teaching English and learning Indonesian, whilst at the same time learning more about Indonesian culture.

Lani Marcus’ first solo exhibition, Positive Aspects Aside, raised the question of whether it should matter if art is just a mistake or if it is a creative outpour of emotion?

The exhibition opened on Monday, 3 May, at the Tangent Gallery, Department of Art, Faculty of Built Environment, Art and Design at Curtin University of Technology.

To contact Lani about her work phone 0402 051 548.
CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2000

What are they doing now??

Leigh ALDRED
After leaving Helena College at the end of Year 10 I went on to Swan Christian College for Years 11 and 12. I then completed a one-year course at Midland TAFE in Aeronautics but it was difficult to gain employment in that industry. I did some work as a builder’s labourer before taking up an apprenticeship in small motor building. I am now in my third year of the apprenticeship and work with a specialist mower company, building heavy-duty mulchers. Outside of work I ride motocross at Noble Falls Club and play hockey as well.

James BARTLEY
I spent one year working and training in the Army Reserve. During the second year I went to Curtin to study Mechatronic Engineering. I’ve now deferred and plan to work and save this year. I’m enjoying the change of lifestyle and am living south of the river. I hope to return to study a science or engineering course in 2005.

Rhiannon BARTLEY
I studied Communication and Cultural Studies at Curtin for two years and then deferred and travelled to Los Angeles. I also was employed as an Art Director at a summer camp in the Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York. I had an incredible time there climbing mountains in Canada, seeing shows in New York, dancing in New Orleans, jet skiing in Miami, snorkelling in Key Largo, cycling the streets of Paris and walking the beaches of Spain before returning home to a riverside home which I share with my brother and a cat. I’m currently managing a retail store and plan to travel to Italy later in the year before returning to study psychology in 2005.

Tristan BATES
After I graduated from Helena College I commenced working with my father in our family saddlery business. I’m currently doing a saddlery apprenticeship. I’ve also travelled to the UK for work but combined it with a holiday to Switzerland and Norway.

Daniel BERGIN
After graduation I took a year off and worked part-time. I also travelled overseas to Switzerland for a month. I’m currently in my third year of studying to become a primary teacher at Edith Cowan.

Sebastian BUZYNISKI
I’ve managed to get some travelling done. I went to Poland for 2 months with my family in late 2002 and went to Sydney for two weeks early this year with a folk-dance group for a Polish Culture festival and performed at the Sydney Opera House! Apart from that nothing exciting has happened - I’m continuing to study at uni and am in my 4th year of med. I’m really enjoying having contact with patients and learning from their experience of disease. Uni is keeping me very very busy recently, but I’m still managing to see my mates from Helena regularly and am enjoying catching up with people at 21sts - I’m trying to have as much fun as time and money allow.

Rachel COWPER
I’m an Honours student in my final year of studying speech...
I'll be travelling to Austria & Video and Writing. I'm currently completing a three year double degree in Biomedical Science at Murdoch, which is a double bachelor course in Biomedical Science (Sport Management). I commenced university in 2004, and am currently doing a Diploma of Commerce at Curtin University. I'm now working for a national advertising company doing PR and marketing. I travelled to Vietnam at the end of the year and am currently in third year podiatry at Curtin but last year changed courses to my passion – Nutrition and Dietetics. I am currently in 2nd year and I love it. Not married, no children and no real wild adventures to explain, except for visiting Bali a couple of times with my older sister. I'm still very close with some girls from Helena who I hang out a lot with. I consider them my closest friends. I'm basically enjoying life.

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Kathleen KAKOSCHKE
In 2001 (first year out of school) I deferred from all studies and got a full time job in childcare. In 2002 I studied the hospitality degree at ECU. During that year I still worked at the well known restaurant named Smith Mill in Glen Forrest. Later in the year I got a job at the Novotel Langley. In 2003 and 2004 I moved from ECU to a private hospitality college (Australian School of Hotel and Tourism Management). In 2003 I achieved the Young Waitpersons Award of the Year and was a finalist in the AHA (Australian Hotels Association) Employee Excellence Awards. Currently I hold a senior position at the Hyatt Regency Perth, in Gershwin’s and Conservatory. I am on my way to management level. All is well and I am loving what I do as always.

Christopher KERR
I began work at Noblewood Park Holsteiner stud full-time. The work involved breaking and training young horses, exercising the experienced show jumpers and also being involved in the stud-breeding programme. During my time at Noblewood Park I have travelled to the Eastern States driving the horse truck to Melbourne and Sydney for elite competitions, usually spending three months away at a time. I've also gained a scuba-diving certificate and completed the Avon Descent in 2003 with Tristan Bates. I commenced university in 2004, studying a Bachelor of Social Science (Sport Management).

Alex LEE
I have recently completed a degree in Mass Communications at Murdoch University. The degree incorporated journalism, public relations and marketing. In 2003 I travelled throughout Melbourne and Tasmania with long time boyfriend. At the moment I am working three waitressing jobs whilst saving for a round-the-world trip at the end of the year. I want to explore Canada, Peru and the UK with my best mate Gemma.

Tim LONGLEY

THE HELENA CONNECTION

Kate de BOER
I'm currently studying 3rd year of a degree in Mechantronics / Financial Accounting at University of WA.

Boyd CROOK
I'm currently studying the 4th year of a degree in Biomedical Science at Murdoch, which is a double bachelor course of five years. I'm currently in third year. In 2002 and 2003 I was actively involved in establishing the MCSA (Murdoch Chiropractic Students’ Association). Throughout 2003, and this year, I have also been working at the top shop, corner of Hardy Rd and Great Eastern Highway. Last summer I went with my boyfriend on a two-month driving holiday to Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Tasmania and Adelaide.

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2001 and 2002 I studied Human Movement at UWA.

2003 and 2004 I have been studying Wine Making (Oenology) at UWA and have 2 more years to go.

I will go to University of Adelaide to do some units there. I’ve also been doing some part-time work at the brewery. I compete in water polo and touch rugby at university.

Ross MACDONALD

1999-2002 I did computer technical work for SE computers and then started a store across the road in Vic Park called PC Extreme. I was there for 14 months but left the partnership to work at Evolution Extreme in Myaree. My career path changed to serviceman with an earth moving company. In 2003 I sold new cars - Nissans, Fords - and now in 2004 I’m selling Mitsubishi. So if you want a new car I’m the man to see at DVG Morley City Mitsubishi. I still play squash for fun.

Bailey NEWTON-PALMER

I’m now in my fourth year of a Bachelor of Psychology at UWA. To support myself I’ve also worked part-time in clothes stores and am currently working behind the bar at Hartfield Country Club. But now for something completely different I plan to pursue a career in Fashion Design. At the end of the year I’ll be off travelling to Europe and New Zealand.

Andrew QUARLES

I worked for three years in fast food, retail and computer tuition, while running and pack marching in my spare time. I joined the army as a missile Number as part of Ground Based Air Defence, I’m currently posted to 16AQQ Regiment in Adelaide.

Alex ROBERTSON


I’ve also worked as a security guard (crowd control).

Ben ROBINSON

I’m currently studying an International Business and Commerce Degree at Curtin University. I hope to travel to Europe in the near future.

Mandy SHADE

After leaving Helena College I spent a year away on a Rotary student exchange program in Marion, Wisconsin, USA. Since coming back to Perth I’ve been working in IT and I hope to travel overseas.

Elisa SIIPOLA

In 2001 I enrolled at WAAPA to study classical music (violin). In 2002 I studied jazz and violin. In 2003 I transferred to study Fine Arts at Central TAFE. I also worked part-time at Dorrington’s Bookshop in Midland.

Anthony SLAVEN

January 2001 - June 2002

I Started a Bachelor of Science (Aviation) at Edith Cowan University.


February 2003 – August 2003 Basic flying training at Tamworth.

September 2003 – June 2004 Advanced flight training RAAF at Bullsbrook

Shane SMITH

I spent two years managing a Tandy store, followed by work as a Security Guard and as a Bouncer. I’m currently training to enter the Armed Forces in January and my long-term plan is to join the SAS.

Cailean SOUTAR-DAWSON

My life has changed greatly since I left school and I believe a lot of it has to do with being a student at Helena. After all those years of ‘yeah rights’ and ‘as if’ something must have leeched its way into my unsuspecting brain. On leaving school I started a job at Flatout Karts, a local kart racing shop, and started racing under their banner. Also at this time I enrolled in an advanced diploma of mechanical engineering at TAFE. Over the past few years I have progressed with my job, purchased a house and am now chief engine builder. This entails blueprinting, dyno work and general servicing. I have an enormous national client base and spend a lot of time travelling Australia wide working with drivers on engine / chassis tuning and driver development. I’m also racing with huge success on a national level myself, such as setting pole at the national titles in Qld, only to have bad luck in the final. I also won the state titles in Geraldton. I am now in the process of setting myself up to move onto the professional racing scene with a friend of mine who is based in Singapore. So at this stage I am just looking for more sponsors to come on board and join me this year. I have trips to Melbourne, regional Victoria and NSW already planned for early in the year, with possible trips to Singapore, Malaysia and America for later in the year, but these are only pencilled in at this stage.

Brent SULLIVAN

I am starting fourth year at University, studying Minerals Engineering and Chemistry at the WA School of Mines. I spent the summer working as a mill operator at Bronzewing Gold Mine. I’m enjoying Kalgoorlie and its various pubs too much and too often!

Nicole THEOBALD

I left Helena College after Year 10 to study for a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery. I’ve been working at the Burswood Casino for the past three years. This year I plan to study something completely different at Notre Dame University - a six-month course to become a Teacher Assistant - and I hope eventually to become a teacher.

Stephanie THOMPSON

I’ve been studying Engineering at Curtin University and will do my final year in 2005. I currently work part-time at Ace Cinemas and have done some travelling through Europe.

Toby THORN

I worked as a plant mechanic for one and a half years, then as a hydraulic plant mechanic fitter for six months. I worked as a sales consultant for Lax vacuum cleaners for nine months. I studied for one and half years and achieved a Diploma of Business (Marketing). My current employment is with Pedders Suspension as the State Sales and Marketing Representative. This requires me to have daily meetings with managers of large corporate companies e.g. Midas, Beaurepaires and Tyrepower. I also conduct training seminars on a regular basis. Every six months I am flown to the Gold Coast for a business conference with the national managers.

Michelle TREW

After Helena College I studied for an Advanced Diploma in Hospitality (Food & Beverage) at Bentley TAFE. I’m currently working as a waiter at Burswood Casino. This week I’m off to compete in the National Work Skills Competition in Brisbane.

Alyssa VANDERLAAN (Married name POOJARA)

After I left Helena College I moved to the UK. It was only temporary at first, but I ended up getting married and I stayed in the UK. I have just finished co-managing a pub in central England. It was a fantastic experience and I met a lot of people. At the moment I still live in the UK but I’m planning to come back home soon, after more travelling of course.

Mike YOUNG

Since graduating from Helena College I went on to uni and am now in my 4th and final year studying for a degree in Interactive Multimedia. I am already working on a number of website contracts. During my time at university I spent two years working at the Atrium Buffet at Intercontinental Burswood Resort and currently I am employed at ECU working as a media support officer and lab technician. Next semester I will be working as the sole support technician for WAPPA at ECU and in 2005 I am hoping to save up and find work overseas whilst travelling around and seeing parts of Europe.

I attempted to contact every student from the Class of 2000 but some were not contactable at their previous addresses or phone numbers or did not reply. If you are still in touch with others not listed here please ask them to contact the Development Office to update their details OR log on to the Old Helenians Discussion Forum. Thank you.

Julie Carlton
Class of 1994

There’s a ten-year reunion planned for this year for you to catch up with old friends…. See back page for details.

Robina BROWN

1995-1997 I studied for a Bachelor of Arts in Education at Edith Cowan University. 1998-2002 I taught Science and English at various schools, both city and country.

2000 I travelled overseas to the UK and Europe for 8 weeks.

2002 (December) I moved to the UK to travel and teach. I’m currently living in Slough, not far from Mary Scott (also 1994 Grad) in Reading. I am still singing and had the opportunity to perform at Eton College and at St George’s Chapel in Windsor Castle in 2003.

Jonathan DUTTON

I completed Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Government and Religion and Philosophy at ECU. I joined the Golden Key International Honour Society after achieving course results in the top 15% of undergraduates. I worked as a program promoter for Oxfam Community Aid Abroad and also did volunteer work at Oxfam’s Perth Gift Shop. I will be working in Jersey for approximately one year and then plan to return to Australia to complete my Honours. I will consider seeking a graduate position in the Public Service.

Tido EGER

Upon return to Germany, I spent 2 more years in German school, graduating in 1996. A year of conscription in the German Army followed, before I commenced a Master degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Bristol, UK, graduating in 2001. Since then I have been doing a PhD degree in Engineering Design at Cambridge University, UK, on the topic of Engineering Change Management. And although it seems (to me) that I have been studying forever, I probably have another 2 years of study in Cambridge. At the moment, my plan is to return to Germany after completion of the PhD and get a job in the German aerospace or automotive industry. But with an English girlfriend and 8 years of study in the United Kingdom the transition back to Germany may not be easy. We’ll see.

Anisa LEWIS

At present I am working in Bogota, Colombia, where I have been for the last two and a half years. I am working in an International School as the Head of Lower Primary and the Year Two class teacher. I will be moving on from South America in July of 2004, to where I don’t know! Before living in Colombia I lived and worked in London and Madrid, in Spain.

My brother Jamie got married in 2002. He is also a graduate of Helena College. Sadly my mother passed away in 2000. Currently my father, brother and sister-in-law live in Sydney.

I am very happy and content with the choices I have made and the achievements I have obtained in my career.

Heidi MAKAROV

I worked as a dancer and barmaid as first job out of school. I attempted University four times - once in Perth and three times in Victoria. (Psychology, Advertising, Marketing and Business Law) I had an accident in 1998, which ended all physical career paths. I moved back to WA in 2002 after six years in Victoria and bought my own place. I had a serious motor vehicle accident at 34 weeks pregnant and gave birth to daughter Molly (born 4th September 2003). I’m now at home and happy being a mum! I still see Joanne Parry/Williams and James Barfield.

Michelle McPHAIL (Married name DOWNER)

I went to ECU and studied a double degree in business and hospitality and tourism. I worked at the Duxton Hotel in Perth as a Restaurant and Banquets Supervisor.

I won a scholarship to do Dip. Ed. at ECU and became a Home Economics teacher. I worked at Forrestfield SHS and am now permanent at the new middle school at Kinross College. I’m looking to work abroad in 2004 and 2005. I married Paul (university first love) and have no children yet. We own our own home in Craigie.

I’m preparing for a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. I caught up with Amanda Tett in Rome this year. I’ve done a lot of travel throughout the world in past few years. I’m looking forward to the reunion.

Mary SCOTT

After Year 12 I completed a B (Sc) Psychology with Honours at Curtin University. I then travelled to America where I taught horse riding for two summers. In-between working in the states I lived in England. I briefly returned to Perth four years ago but decided I wanted to settle in the UK and have been there ever since. I passed my Masters in Audiological Science last September at UCL in London and am now working at the local hospital training to be an Audiological Scientist. My boyfriend David and I are currently living in Reading, not too far from Robina (Brown).

Lyndsey WHITE


2000 Graduate Diploma in Education at UWA, with a major in mathematics teaching.

2001-2004 Teaching maths at St Mary’s Anglican Girls School in Karrinyup. I’m currently living in Beechboro with my partner in a house I built two years ago.

Year of Built Environment

You are a product of your environment. So choose the environment that will best develop you toward your objective. Analyze your life in terms of its environment. Are the things around you helping you toward success - or are they holding you back? Clement Stone
STRONG PERFORMANCE BY 2003 LEAVERS

Once again our students performed strongly in the Tertiary Entrance Examinations with Nick Randell (TER of 99.45) and Conor Bush (TER of 97.1) heading a strong group of students with rank scores in the high 90s. Over 94 per cent of students enrolled in Year 12 last year gained Secondary Graduation, Helena was amongst the top ranked schools for this requirement.

The College was also ranked in the top 10 schools in Food Production for the third consecutive year – well done to Mrs Sue French.

It was particularly pleasing to note that the strong performance was reflected in both the university bound students and the wholly school assessed students.

Over seventy five percent of the students who sat for the TEE were eligible for university places with the majority receiving an offer for their first preference.

This performance is particularly pleasing in the light of Helena’s policies where students are not selected on academic ability and are encouraged to enrol in subjects of their choice.

Financial resources are available for all students and not directed to academic scholarships for the elite few. Congratulations go to all students and their families.

Certificate of Excellence
Nicholas Randell

Points to note:
* Over 78 per cent qualified for entry into a university faculty in Western Australia
* 8 per cent gained a TER above 96
* Approximately 21 per cent were above a TER of 91
* More than 44 per cent were above a TER of 80
* Over 94 per cent gained Secondary Graduation

Ian Lyons, Deputy Principal

Conor Bush and Nick Randell
Old Helenians are welcome at any of the following events....

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 25 and 26
Art Exhibition, Performing Arts Centre

NOVEMBER 6 and 7
Darlington Arts Festival

DECEMBER 10
Awards Night at Belvoir Homestead

DECEMBER - Date to be confirmed
Class of 1994 Reunion

TERM 1, 2005
Gymnasium Opening? Yes! With your support!

CLASS of 1994
10 Year Reunion

Plans are already underway for a 10 year reunion for the Class of 1994 in December 2004.
Join us for a tour of the College and find out how things have changed.
Wouldn’t it be great to catch up with everyone and find out what they’ve been doing over the past decade?

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