



The Anderson Private School NEWSLETTER

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"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (Hannah Moor)

PERSPECTIVES

of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

Many years ago, while attending an evening class at a University, I listened in disbelief as a visiting teacher counseled the prospective, neophyte teachers. She advised us to not make friends with students and to maintain a certain "distance". They would, after all, be difficult enough to control without the complexity of coming to "like" them.

Toward the end of the session I stood up to tell of my belief that the finest and most effective teachers I had encountered in my academic career were those that I felt genuinely loved me and that I came to love. These teachers went beyond friendship to that point in my life where I came to adore them, cherish my few moments with them and wanted to learn from them because of their affection for me and so many others.

I found myself truly inspired by what these teachers had to say not merely because they spoke, but because I knew in my heart that they offered me knowledge that I would need to survive, to empower me and enable me to love others - to pass on the legacy of affection that I felt as a child. (continued on page 2)

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that I felt as a child. "**

- Love is a metaphysical gravity. -
(R. Buckminster Fuller)

McDONALD OBSERVATORY VISITED

Our Spring trip proved to be exciting and adventuresome. The weather was perfect for travel, fun, and fellowship.

In route to the Davis Mountains we were provided with a memorable guided tour of historic **Fort Stockton**, home of the Buffalo Soldiers and treated to Mexican food at Sarah's Cafe. Our delightful host, Mrs. Cleo, was truly charming.

Then it was on to the **Indian Lodge** high in the mountains. And, along the way, we were thrilled to encounter numerous "Dust Devils," some of them quite large and foreboding. These mini-tornadoes were a first for most of us, and they entertained us as we scurried along the highway beside them, wanting desperately to drive through one. (But we have already been to Kansas, Dorothy.)

The Indian Lodge was beautiful. Many memories were made by our students. They will forever hear the call of the wild (replete with late night rendezvous with those rascal raccoons), midnight hikes to highest peaks - without even a flashlight. Help!!! (At the Anderson School we teach children to think ahead. Well, at least it's an objective.)

Swimming was our favorite activity and the pool was splendid. Rumor has it that Chris Hall is still splashing around. We could never get him out of the water.

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- Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. -

(Thomas Edison)

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 3	First Day of Fall Semester
Oct. 7 - 11	Fall Break Holiday
Oct. 21 - 25	Fall Adventure Trip
Nov. 14 - 16	T. A. G. T. Conference
Nov. 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 20	Last Day of Fall Semester
Dec. 23 - Jan. 6	Winter Break Holiday

- Statistically, the probability of any one of us being here is so small that you'd think the mere fact of existing would keep us all in a contented dazzlement of surprise. -

(Lewis Thomas)

STUDY TRIPS

One of our last ventures included a fascinating tour of the **Audie Murphy Museum** in Hill College. Murphy became the most highly decorated soldier of World War II, winning every award for valor offered by the United States Army, including the Medal of Honor - at 19 years of age.

We were provided with an informative and detailed tour of the WWII gallery, the weapons gallery, history of the John Bell Hood brigade and a theatrical presentation on the life of Audie Murphy by the Dean of History, Dr. Patterson. What a delight to find this marvelous resource so close to home.

Another surprising find was **Bat World** in Mineral Wells. Our docent was captivating. Her expertise and love of these beautiful little creatures was infectious. The presentation and the facility that provides for the care and rehabilitation of bats was impressive to all.

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- I have found the best way
to give advice to your children
is to find out what they want
and then advise them to do it. -

(Harry S. Truman)

PERSPECTIVES, continued

Another student-teacher approached me following the class and thanked me for my comments. She, too, felt that her decision to enter teaching was for the purpose of sharing her life and her love for children and not simply to exercise control for the purpose of instruction.

Sadly, we still find teachers instilled with this old autocratic philosophy. And we witness the slow erosion of self-esteem and ultimately the devastation of sensitive and highly intelligent young minds.

So what is the real legacy that we leave behind? What are our children going to remember and truly value from our having shared with them our lives, our values and our vision for their future?

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This is what I reflected upon recently while our students were thrashing around in the swimming pool at the Indian Lodge. To see so many children, so in the throes of pure joy, was heartening.

But more importantly, it helped answer this relentless question. If our children could take nothing else with them other than the happiness and joy they felt, then it was enough.

The contentment with life that such joyful experience brings enables children to balance their perspective of this life and, thus, empowers them to brave the difficult times that surely will follow.

Without the armor of love, laughter, happiness and pure joy, our precious children simply cannot win the numerous battles they will wage on so many fronts.

The real solution to the ills of their times will have less to do with attaining knowledge, than with feeling deep inside their souls that their life is worth living.

**“ The real solution . . .
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- There are only two ways
to live your life. One is as though
nothing is a miracle. The other is as
though everything is a miracle. -

(Albert Einstein)

OBSERVATORY continued

Fabulous activities were planned for us by our dear friend, Mark Wetzel, now Director of Education. These included a Star Party, Solar Observation, Guided Tour of several large telescopes and classroom instruction.

The Feather of Courage Award went to the inimitable Elsie Hally, grandmother of Steve and Godmother to us all, who unwaveringly traversed the pathway between observatories on two mountain peaks, with Dr. Anderson in tow. (who thanks her for the C. P. R.)

Our special thanks to the patient and diligent chaperones and parent guests: Frank Adams, Raymond Schultz, Julie Kline, Angela Smith and Matt and Lee Ann Yancey. You were all wonderful!

STUDY TRIPS continued

Next it was on the fabulous Fort Worth Zoo to visit with creatures unknown (and some we did not want to know). There were, of course, many old friends. And our visit to the Herpatarium was enchanting. This annual sojourn is always a relaxing and delightful day.

Our older scholars ventured to the well-guarded Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, as part of the Junior Achievement program, taught by our own Rick Zapata. We were most impressed by the huge bundles of cash. And, no one could believe the mountains of checks processed each day.

Who was the only First Lady to appear on United States Currency? (Hint: her husband's picture is there now.) Who appears on the \$100,000.00 dollar bill? Ask our students! They learned so much. And guess what? Our unabashed scholars asked for samples - and got them!! The money, however, was shredded.

A special thanks to Julie Kline for taking the entire class to see the latest Star Wars movie, on opening day, to celebrate birthday no. 11 for Josh. What a treat!

The last weekly study trip of the year was to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. We started the day with a breathtaking Omni Theater film that took us on a hike up the volcanic mountain of Kilimanjaro.

Then we were thrilled with the planetarium presentation, "Welcome to Outer Space", which helped prepare us for our trip to the Observatory. And the special Exhibit on Magic was really appealing.

- Andy, you get up at noon, then you rushes to get dressed, then you rushes to the restaurant for breakfast. After you eat, you rushes to the park to take a nap, after you take your nap then you rushes back to eat again; then you rushes home, rushes to get undressed and then you rushes to bed. I tell you Andy, there's just so much a body can stand! -

(Kingfish in Amos N' Andy)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Parents or Guardians interested in visiting the Anderson Private School for the Gifted, Talented and Creative are asked to call 817-448-8484 for an appointment.