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Amy Baker grew up in South Pasadena, California, and graduated this year from BYU as a communications major with Spanish and English minors. When she was little, her mom had her write before she was allowed to go out to play in the summer. Her stories ended up being short descriptions of friends, siblings, and surprise toys that came in cereal boxes. Every story ended with the same sentence: "I hope you like your (insert subject of story, be it friend, doll, or sticky clinging wall hand toy) as much as I like mine." Apparently she was concerned that you better like whatever you had as much as she liked her toy from Rice Krispies. Thus, eighteen years later, despite her mom making her sit and write impatiently before going out to play in the blow-up pool, she enjoys writing. She also likes hiking, camping, the mountains, the beach, traveling, and, of course, cereal.

Ken Bishop is a senior illustration student originally from Hawaii. He lives in Provo with his beautiful wife Kjersti, who is pursuing a degree in sculpture. He plans to graduate from BYU in April and continue a freelance career in illustration. His illustration portfolio can be found online at www.kenbishop.homepage.com

Alma Christl Call works and writes in Provo, Utah, although she would prefer to be in Seattle most times of the year. She, her husband, Ryan, and their toddler, McKenna, enjoy seafood and playing in the snow, which McKenna just discovered this year. Christl climbs trees and buildings, loves jetted tubs, and guts her own fish. She is interested in all things literary and hopes to expand her writing efforts to novels this year.

Nicole M. Christensen is a senior from Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, majoring in international law and diplomacy and minoring in French Studies. To her family, she dedicates her first published play, *Spaces Between Us: The Dialogues of Il and Elle*, which was performed February 2000 at BYU as a Mask Club presentation. Ms. Christensen will graduate in April 2000 and will continue pursuing her education. She almost caught it, once.

Stephen Craig lives with his wife, Emily, and their son, Elliot, in Tucson, Arizona, where Stephen attends law school. He graduated from BYU with a major in English.

Spencer Dunford graduated from BYU in August with a B.A. in English and a minor in psychology. He has been happily married for over a year and enjoys his two-month-old son. Poetry and medieval recreation are his passions, and soon he will have completed a life-size suit of armor. His goal is “to strive to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

Christine Guerra If most Georgia girls are peaches, Christine Guerra would be a peanut. She believes in Braves baseball, watermelon seed spitting contests, and *Steel Magnolias*. She comes from a long line of Southerners fit to populate a Flannery O'Connor short story, from her tobacco chewing, Italian farmer grandfather to her own floral printed mother. She's been a missionary, a filmmaker, and since the age of three, a tennis player.

Krista Halverson received her BA in English from BYU in December 1999. Originally from Troutdale, Oregon, she currently works in Utah. Krista hopes to begin graduate study in poetry writing in the fall of 2000. She wins contests and flies spaceships.

Joseph Anthony Hunt (R–Oregon) is founder and acting president of "Funkalicious," BYU's poetry and chalk-drawing club. He presently resides in Provo, Utah, and will graduate in April with a bachelor's in English teaching. His book, "The Temptations of Louis Pasteur," is available at the BYU Bookstore.

Brian Jackson currently lives in Sandy, Utah, with his first wife Amy, a hot and saucy betty from Stockton, California. He has been published several times in the Jackson Family Newsletter and on several bathroom walls at Beehive Elementary. He enjoys cross-stitching, playing the glockenspiel, and helping people. He's currently working on a BS in general studies and hopes to go into field research in the seismographic surveillance of cow flatulence in the Dakotas.

Patrick Madden, a former Cougar, lives with his wife and two children in Athens, Ohio, where he studies English and plays volleyball at Ohio University. In his spare time he likes to sleep.

Shannon Murdock is from Idaho. She is currently serving a mission in the Portugal Lisbon South Mission. There she is eating cod-fish and oranges, but not at the same time.

Jared Pearce (1973–)

N. Andrew Spackman and his wife, Emily, spend their time teasing George Orwell and playing with their bread maker. They hope to return to Panguitch, Utah, for a second honeymoon.

James Richards received his MA in English from BYU last year and is currently pursuing a PhD in literature and creative writing at the University of Houston. His work has recently appeared in *Literature and Belief* and *BYU Studies*.

Q. Woodward graduated from BYU in 1999 and shortly thereafter decided to stop using a pseudonym. He and his wife, Hepzibah (also a pseudonym), live under a bridge in the nation's capitol.

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