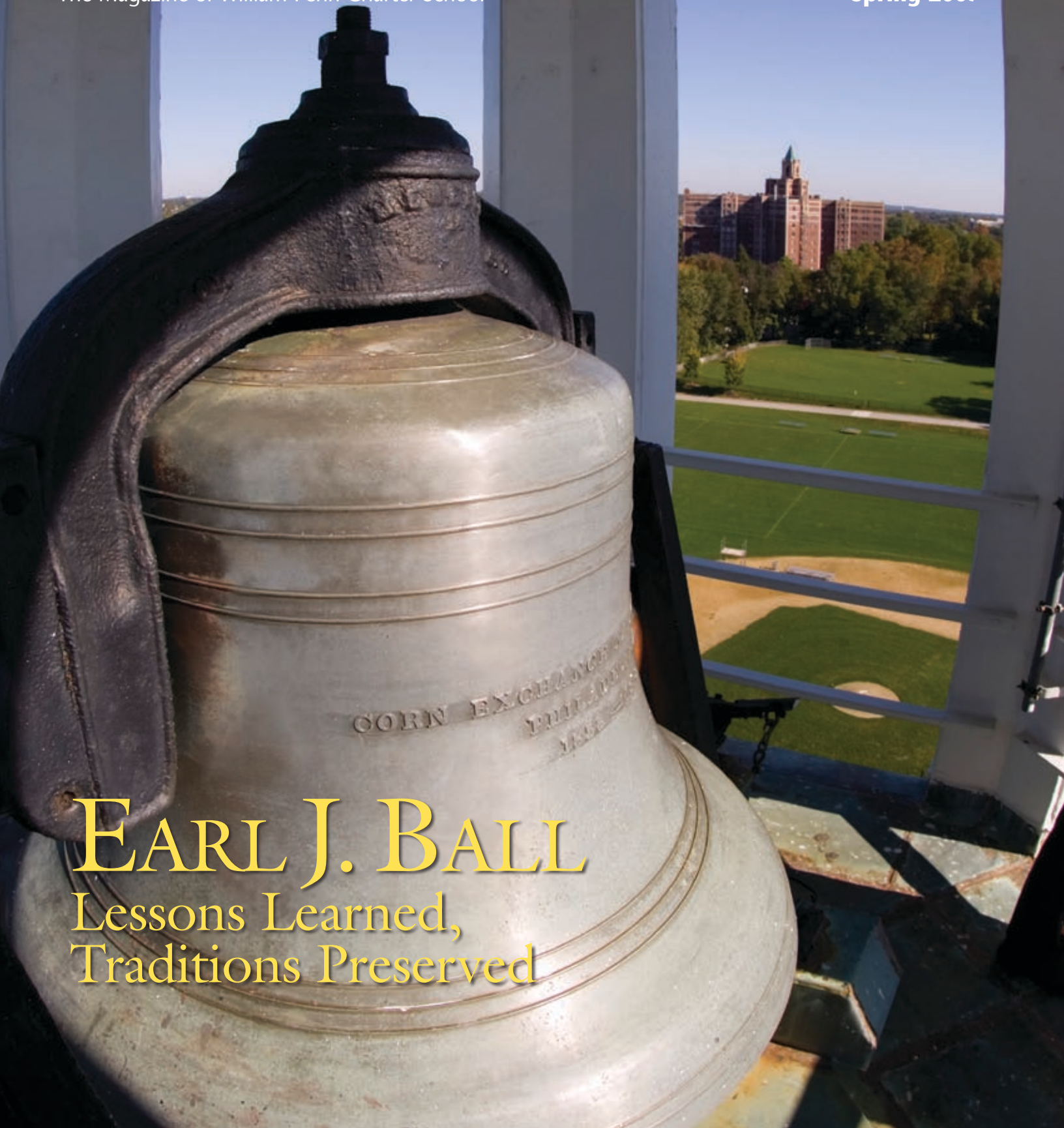


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EARL J. BALL
Lessons Learned,
Traditions Preserved



From the Head of School

Dear Friends,

As I greet you, there is a temptation to merely say Thank You in bold letters that fill the page and serve as my entire message. Those of you who have made your way through my prose over the years will realize it is easy for me to resist this temptation so that I may take one last opportunity to share a few observations with you.

First, I remain both supported and challenged by the enduring mission of the school as defined by William Penn. That mission forms a remarkable cornerstone for the school. For the last three decades, I have been writing about the important balance between continuity and change. The emphasis on teaching, the belief in academic challenge, the commitment to service, and the ideals of a diverse learning community are all examples of the continuity of the school. Maintaining and interpreting those foundational elements while embracing opportunities for change will be an ongoing characteristic of the school under Darryl Ford's leadership. A commitment to the mission of the school is very much on the minds of the school's overseers, the group originally charged by William Penn to carry out his educational dream. I am grateful to the board for its deeply felt allegiance to that mission.

In the humbling flurry of kind words that accompanies Pam's and my departure from Penn Charter, we are both aware of how fortunate we have been to work with so many outstanding faculty and staff members. That awareness is much more than the often seemingly empty rhetoric of the athlete who comments after a game that he could not have done it without his teammates. We are cognizant of the fact that the essential work of the school takes place in the classroom, on the playing fields and on the stage. It also takes place in the hallways and the offices, and we are especially aware of the contributions the non-teaching staff make to the education of students at Penn Charter. The mission of the school is visibly embraced by the office staff, the maintenance personnel, and all those who reach out to guide students in positive ways.

I am grateful to the graduates of the school for the unprecedented way in which they support the school through generous commitments of time and resources. In recent years, that involvement has become more direct through programs such as the Senior Comprehensive Program, which involves alumni as mentors and supervisors, and through expanded participation in the Alumni Annual Fund as well as great generosity to Frameworks for the Future. Personally, my life has been enriched by the many friendships with OPCs that have developed over the years.

The recent Community Auction reminded me of the dedication of so many parents to building a strong educational community. Within the economic, racial, religious and cultural diversity that describes Penn Charter, one absolute constant is the fact that parents turn to the school to share a precious part of their lives – their children – in the belief that the school will take that trust seriously and build a nurturing environment for those children. The friendships created during that process of shared focus are enduring.

Penn Charter students are the reason for the school's existence. The vitality that they bring and the talent that they share with one another and their teachers become a mutually experienced gift. It is the belief that each child has that of God within that motivates our actions on a daily basis. The sense of joy apparent in the kindergarten classroom or as the senior class joins for graduation is both palpable and affirming.

I have closed every graduation in recent decades with the parting words of St. Paul to the church at Philippi. Now, a slightly altered version of those words seems appropriate. The lessons that we have learned here, the tradition we have passed on, put into practice and go with the hope that the God of peace will be with us.

Thank you.

Earl J. Ball

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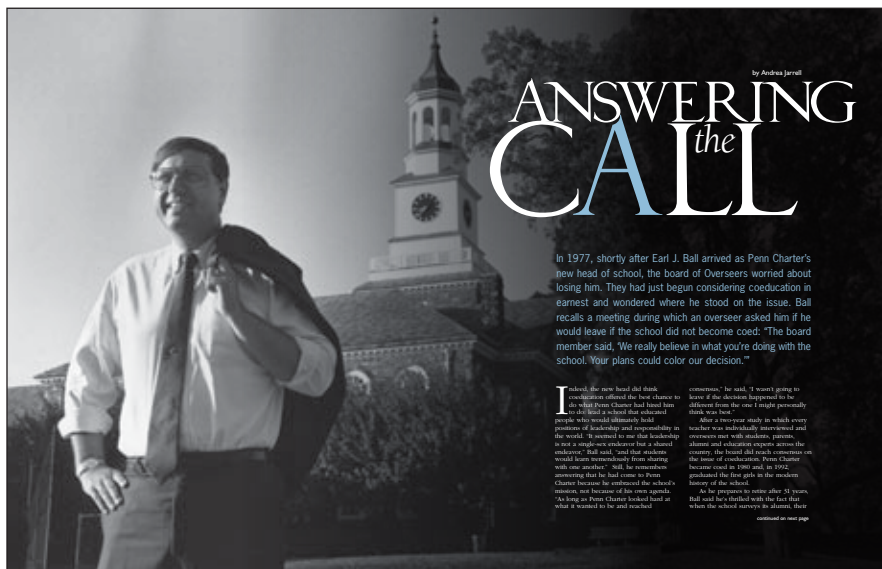
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ANSWERING the CALL

by Andrea Jarrell

In 1977, shortly after Earl J. Ball arrived as Penn Charter's new head of school, the board of Overseers worried about losing him. They had just begun considering coeducation in earnest and wondered where he stood on the issue. Ball recalls a meeting during which an overseer asked him if he would leave if the school did not become coed: "The board member said, 'We really believe in what you're doing with the school. Your plans could color our decision.'"

Indeed, the new head did think coeducation offered the best chance to do what Penn Charter had hired him to do: lead a school that educated people who would ultimately hold positions of leadership and responsibility in the world. "It seemed to me that leadership is not a single-sex endeavor but a shared endeavor," Ball said, "and that students would learn tremendously from sharing with one another." Still, he remembers answering that he had come to Penn Charter because he embraced the school's mission, not because of his own agenda. "As long as Penn Charter looked hard at what it wanted to be and reached

consensus," he said, "I wasn't going to leave if the decision happened to be different from the one I might personally think was best."

After a two-year study in which every teacher was individually interviewed and overseers met with students, parents, alumni and education experts across the country, the board did reach consensus on the issue of coeducation. Penn Charter made the decision to become coed in 1980 and, in 1992, graduated the first girls in the modern history of the school.

As he prepares to retire after 31 years, Ball said he's thrilled with the fact that when the school surveys its alumni, their

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comments don't divide along gender lines. "People are not without criticism," he says, "but it's not gender-based criticism. That's really important. When I meet one-on-one with each senior in the spring, there's equal enthusiasm from the young men and young women about their experience here. That's gratifying."

Given that the overseers felt so strongly about holding onto their new head of school, it's hard to believe that Ball himself was "astounded" to be selected for the position in the first place. A non-Quaker and 32 years old, Ball was half the age of the previous two heads of school. And Penn Charter's leadership had always been Quaker.

"Have you ever seen a race where the person who wins hangs around at the edges and all of a sudden the front-runners drop back?" he asked. "I think that's what happened. I just stayed in the race. I was very fortunate."

Earl Ball's good fortune has certainly been Penn Charter's. On his watch, the school not only became coedu-

secret of being at a place for a long time: you're allowed to develop who you are," he said. The operative word there is "develop." Throughout his three decades at Penn Charter's helm, Earl Ball has never considered laurel-resting an option.

A senior faculty member observed recently that Ball returns to school each September with an idea or theme he is excited to pursue. *How do you do that? the teacher asked him. How do you remain so engaged, so energized?* Ball believes he keeps going and going because there has always been a different challenge before him requiring a new kind of thinking and energy. And it is in his nature. "What really fascinates me is studying ideas and theories and then seeing how they work in a practical setting," he said. He admires people like Wendy Kopp, the founder of Teach for America, who had an idea and then made it work on a practical level. He feels fortunate that Penn Charter is a school that is always examining what it should be doing

When Earl arrived 30 years ago, Penn Charter was not coeducational and only modestly diverse. Community service and service learning opportunities were scant. The physical plant was adequate. Today, we offer state-of-the-art facilities and a rich and thoughtful program achieving the goals set forth in our long-range strategic plan. Our current \$40 million Frameworks for the Future capital campaign is a monumental success story. Earl has been at the center of each of those achievements. We are greatly indebted to Earl's vision and leadership, both of which have allowed Penn Charter to become a healthier and more vibrant institution.

William B. Carr Jr. 'OPC 69
Clerk of Overseers

cational but also became a much more diverse community socioeconomically, religiously and racially. Already known for academic rigor and championship athletics, Penn Charter began attracting students because of an intentionally more robust visual arts and music program. In the early 1990s, the school completed an important new educational strategic plan and, later, launched the largest capital campaign in its history. The Frameworks for the Future campaign, which included the Richard B. Fisher Middle School and the soon-to-be-built David L. Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts – among dozens of other accomplishments – will ultimately surpass its \$40 million goal by more than \$5 million.

Ball's modest explanation of his selection as head of school is typical of him. Colleagues describe Ball as "brilliant," "amazing," and someone who seems to have total recall of the interests and accomplishments of most students. A trustee once told him he was foolish not to take more credit for his accomplishments. It's simply not in his nature. But that's one of the things he appreciates most about Penn Charter: the school has allowed him to be the kind of leader he is rather than asking him to fit into a prescribed mold. "I think in some ways that is part of the

and constantly thinking of how to apply new ideas.

While Ball calls himself a "hands-on practitioner," those who know him well observe that *reflective* is also an apt description. One of the members of his senior staff said she has learned that he reflects on an issue long after she may have thought the conversation had moved on. When the topic is complex, or especially interesting to him, he will fold his arms and gaze out the window behind his desk, looking across the baseball field as he works on an idea.

Ball's capacity for both consensus and reflection may also be part of the secret to his success at the oldest Quaker school in the country. He remembers saying to his predecessor, Wilbert Braxton, "I'm not Quaker. What do I do with this?" Braxton responded, "It will come to you." And it has. During his first couple of years, he went to Meeting for Worship the way he would go to any other big school function. About three years into it, he said that changed. He still is aware of the behavior of the students in the room, but it has become a Meeting for Worship for him as well. In an interview for the new Middle School head position, a candidate asked Ball and others if there was one thing they absolutely would not change about Penn Charter. He said it was

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It is difficult for me to think of my father being anywhere other than Penn Charter. This is in part due to the fact that in the 31 years I've been alive, he's been at the helm of PC the entire time. However, this sentiment has much more to do with watching Dad pour so much of himself into PC over the past 31 years. This school, this community means everything to him. I've always been extremely proud of his tireless dedication to the mission of Penn Charter.

Garret Ball OPC '94
Director, Colorado Relay

Devoted to Penn Charter, mild-mannered, totally ethical, a thoughtful leader, caring parent, compassionate and firm disciplinarian, active participant and leader in organizations working for the good of many, blessed by a wonderful wife and children. A Quaker by action and deed. What a wonderful person to have had the privilege to work with for more than 30 years.

Lewis S. Somers 3rd OPC '44, P '73 '78
Overseer



I respect Earl's integrity – he uses his moral judgment to make tough and critical decisions even when those decisions are not popular – and I admire his ability to be consistent in his judgment and decision-making. He has been a mentor and a friend, and I am confident that he will continue to guide me.

Brian McCloskey OPC '82
Mathematics Faculty

My husband, Michael, and I have been involved as parents in the Penn Charter Community for over 12 years – our two children are “lifers.” Earl Ball has many qualities that we admire, but we are particularly impressed that he has had the wisdom and expertise to hire and maintain an exceptional staff and faculty. Together they have created an environment that is warm and conducive to learning.

Susan Golden Jacobson P '07 '11
Executive Vice President, Tierney Communications

absolutely clear to him as soon as the question was asked that he would not change Meeting for Worship. "When I first started, we used to say, 'Quakerism isn't taught, it's caught.' I thought that was a really good idea, but I don't buy it anymore. If a school wants something to be an integral part of what it does, it has to be talked about. It has to be intentional."

Over the years, Ball's leadership style has been informed by concepts as varied as those found in *Good to Great* by Jim Collins; *Leading Quietly* by Joseph L. Badaracco; McKinsey & Company's report, *The War for Talent*; and the writings of Quaker educator Paul Lacey. Early on, somebody told him he had a John Wayne complex. "Meaning that I would be the guy to go down the dusty street to rid the town of whatever problems there were." He believes there was some truth to that. "During my second year, a student died tragically at the school. Someone put a note in my mailbox saying, 'Thank God you're here to lead us through this.' At the time, I didn't think I was capable of doing that, but I did think it was my job."

He would never think that now, he said. "Instead, I would think it was my job to work with teachers and other key people here to do that... all of us trying to figure it out." It's been a huge shift in the way he leads that he attributes to the complex tasks that schools face today and the talents of the people at Penn Charter. "One thing that is really clear to me," he said, "is that so much of what has been accomplished is because of other really talented people who made it happen. I've been involved in hiring and supporting them but it's been the collective talent." It's Jim Collins' idea in *Good to Great* that "great" requires getting the right people on your bus. "I smiled yesterday," he said, "when Darryl Ford, our new head and just a trusted friend, was talking to parents. He talked about the idea of who's on the bus and that it's also good to have a new bus driver every once in awhile."

And great bus drivers sometimes need new routes as well. One can sense the kind of perspective and drive Ball has brought to Penn Charter in the way he talks about what he may do post-Penn Charter: "I want to do more hands-on service, something that's professionally engaging and forces me to grow in different ways."

Throughout his career, Ball has come to reflect on jobs as vocations that allow people to act on their spiritual commitments – a philosophy he has imparted to many at Penn Charter. A few years ago as part of the capital campaign, students, parents, teachers and alumni were asked to define success. One teacher said, "Thinking of the word *success* makes me think about Earl Ball, who believes that teaching is a calling, not a profession. Part of success is knowing that you're doing the right thing with your life. It's knowing that you've answered the right call."

Thirty-one years ago, Earl Ball answered his call. The result has been a magnificent success. [PC](#)

In Brief

Born: Philadelphia

Married: Pamela Rentrop Ball

Children: Christopher and Garret

Education: Collingswood High School, Collingswood, NJ
Middlebury College, BA, 1965
Johns Hopkins University, MA, 1966
University of Pennsylvania, EdD, 1981

First Teaching Position: English, Winchester High School, Winchester, Mass., 1966-67

First Administrative Position: Director, Johns Hopkins University Pilot Project (Upward Bound-type program for inner-city students with college potential), Johns Hopkins University, 1967-69

Position Prior to Penn Charter: Assistant Headmaster, The Park School, Brooklandville, Md., 1972-76

Board Service and Memberships (partial list):

Country Day School Headmasters Association of the U.S.A., Past President; Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools, Past President; White-Williams Scholars, Past Board President; Phi Delta Kappa, University of Pennsylvania Chapter; National Association of Principals of Schools for Girls; Headmistresses of the East; Bricker/Baker Foundation, Trustee; National Association of Independent Schools, Past Board Member; Headmasters Association, Past President; Tower Hill School, Trustee



Earl has been a trusted friend and advisor to White-Williams Scholars for more than 30 years. He has been a confidant and mentor of mine for seven of those years. He lives by an abiding belief that all children are entitled to a high-quality education, including those from the most challenging financial circumstances. He leads through his quiet strength and intensity, always allowing others to grow and bloom in his presence. He is kind, encouraging, honest and dedicated to the causes that he believes in most. I am grateful for his leadership.

Amy Tress Holdsman P '15 '17

Executive Director, White-Williams Scholars

Earl is a modest man, someone who never put his own agenda or ego ahead of others. Earl knows himself, knows what he values, and never seems to be diverted from what is truly important. He exemplifies Jim Collins's "stage five" leadership qualities, having humility and obsessive commitment to a central goal. Penn Charter has been blessed in its history to have long-serving leaders who have transformed the school – Earl joins those others as a peer.

Jake Dresden Hon. 1689

Headmaster, Concord Academy
Penn Charter faculty, administrator 1969-1991



The attributes I remember about Earl were the same from the first day I met him as a second grader, throughout high school and as an alum. First, he is an active listener and calming influence: He always had the patience to listen and respond thoughtfully. This had a calming influence on a class of 82 fast-talking young men. Second, he is an approachable mentor who encourages appropriate risk-taking: He was amenable to many of my "out of the box" ideas ... and he even let me follow through on a couple of them.

Adam M. Koppel OPC '87

Director, Bain Capital

The first thing that comes to mind about EJB is integrity. I like and admire his generally diplomatic honesty, as well, among the many other qualities of leadership. Both appeared to me in one of his interviews before he was offered the headmastership. We had several questions that we asked of all candidates. I don't remember the questions, but I remember waiting for Earl's response to one. You could almost see the wheels turning as he reviewed his opinions, the problem, possible solutions, data... and finally spoke his answer with articulateness and humility. I have often noted similar responses over the years. A great quality!

Grace Wheeler
Senior Overseer



My Dad and I began our relationship with Penn Charter together, as I entered kindergarten in his first year as head of school. In the years that followed, he managed to provide unwavering love to our family while, through his achievements, setting a standard for my brother and me to follow. This ability to provide leadership in a house filled with love is what I admire most about my Dad. He took the moral compass that I know his father provided him, and passed it on to us with skill that I now strive daily to reflect with my own kids.

Christopher Ball OPC '89



Earl Ball is quite simply, a very good man. Earl was always available to listen to people with needs; he is definitely a person we all knew we could trust to be fair and open; and Earl did his job day to day, year after year, with no sign of ego or ambition. Quite an amazing achievement!

Nancy L. Kelley

Director of Academic Learning Communities,
Villanova University
Penn Charter Associate Head of School, 1991-2001



I sense it in the first sentences of the letter Earl writes to the faculty as he summers in Maine. I hear it in casual conversations as he leans back in his chair and speaks with a certain pride. And I see it as he opens his arms and his granddaughter jumps into them at the end of the school day. Earl Ball loves his family. And I've felt it when Earl wraps an arm around me and tells me to take care of myself and my family and not to worry. What I admire most about Earl Ball? He knows what is important.

Joan Rosen

Kindergarten Teacher

During my second year at Penn Charter, a house fire destroyed all of our possessions. Earl found us a place to live and helped us rebuild our lives. One day, Pam showed up with a box of wooden blocks that her boys once played with. Those blocks stayed with us for years and were a favorite plaything for all of my own children. Those blocks embodied the kindness and generosity that Earl and Pam showed me, not just in my time of crisis, but for the last 20 years. Recently, I returned the blocks to Earl and Pam to give to their grandchildren. I know they will use them to build lives full of kindness and generosity, too.

Charles Brown

Assistant Middle School Director

Before I came to Penn Charter, I knew for some time that Earl was an intelligent head of school who had a sense of humor and a dedication to Penn Charter and Quaker education. From working next door to him, I have come to know his deep caring about so many individuals in the Penn Charter community, his wisdom, his gifts in public speaking, and his remarkable institutional memory. Most of all, I have come to know the strong religious and spiritual faith that is at the core of his work and his life.

Stephanie Judson

Assistant Head of School



A vertical photograph on the left side of the page shows a young man with dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, looking down at a desk in a classroom. The background is slightly blurred, showing wooden cabinets and a red fire extinguisher.

THE WIND BENEATH HER WINGS

by Tom Ferrick Jr.

Maybe the most astonishing thing about Pam Ball is that she didn't want to be a teacher.

The woman whom colleagues, parents and students universally praise as a superb teacher – a “teacher’s teacher,” to use her husband’s phrase – resisted mightily the pull of the classroom.

It was a mother-daughter thing.

Her mother, Pauline Rentrop, was a teacher. A widow who was a child of the Depression, she insisted that Pam get a teaching certificate.

“My father died when I was 13,” Pam recalled. “My mother’s job teaching was our bread and butter. I was always getting a lecture about at least getting my teaching degree, as something to fall back on in bad times.”

When she left her hometown of Jackson, Mich., to attend the University of Michigan, the daughter did as she was told. “But,” she added, “I said I would never be a teacher.”

That resolve lasted until chance and circumstance put her before a classroom of students in suburban Detroit. She knew instantly that a teacher was what she was meant to be.

“It’s the kids,” she explained. “The kids are the wind beneath your wings. They either drive you out of the profession or suck you into it.”

Five decades later, Pam Ball is still teaching, though that is about to end, at least temporarily. Along with her husband, Head of School Earl J. Ball, Pam is retiring after 26 years at Penn Charter. At least that is the official story, though no one seems to believe it.

Pam herself said she is going to take a break but might consider being a substitute teacher. Earl said he thinks she would be a great addition to the school’s Math Center. Pam sees Penn Charter as “an extension of our family” and admits it will be hard to let go.

Recently, Pam, who is teaching only one algebra class this semester, had a day when she had no class scheduled.

As Earl recalled it: “I said: ‘You don’t have a class, so you don’t have to go in.’ She said: ‘I’ve got six appointments with students to help them.’ That is the type of teacher she is.”

There has been little friction over her being the wife of the head of school – which is another astonishing thing about Pam Ball. She is discreet. She does not blab about school gossip with her husband. “She has never used her position for anything,” said Linda Leube, a good friend and retired Penn Charter library assistant.

There seems to be only one person who had reservations about her joining the faculty at Penn Charter. Her husband.

Earl was named head of school in 1976. Pam stayed at home with their two boys, Christopher and Garret, for five years but substituted as a math teacher at Penn Charter.

Earl said that, in 1981, when there was an opening for a teacher, then math department chair Bert Linton came to him and declared: We want to hire your wife.

Earl said: I’m not so sure about that.

Linton replied: We thought you might say

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“The kids are the wind beneath your wings. They either drive you out of the profession or suck you into it.”

The Wind Wind Beneath Her Wings, continued from page 11

that, so I want you to know that every member of the department has voted to go directly to the board of Overseers to make this happen.

It's not a surprise that her colleagues would take that step, given Pam's gifts as a teacher. Her husband said it best: “You could write about Pam in one sentence. She loves teaching and loves kids and loves working with them to make them better.”

There is a body of stories that have grown over the years about Penn Charter people who are surprised to learn that Pam is Earl's wife. (Pam loves when that happens.)

There are also stories of how Earl ends up being her consort instead of the other way around.

Beth Glascott, director of the Upper School, remembers a senior prom where she and Earl and Pam were chaperoning and a student came up with his date, who was from another school.

As Beth related it: “He introduced his date to Pam and he talked about how Pam was his math teacher and how she was the first person who helped him understand math. Then, in an offhand way, he said: ‘This is Mrs. Ball's husband, Earl Ball, and he runs the school.’”

Yet a third astonishing thing about Pam Ball is how many people use the same words in describing her – words like empathetic, kind, loving, supportive.

An example: federal Judge Marjorie Rendell, whose son, Jesse OPC '98, had Pam for pre-calculus. “She was so comfortable with herself as a teacher,” Rendell said. “She had that wisdom about her and empathy about her that I found to be unique.”

Another example: Linda Leube, who has known Pam since they both had toddlers. “Truly, she does not see the bad in anyone. I'll go spouting off about someone, and she'll say: ‘Oh, you are so funny. You'll come around.’”

A final example: Bob Gordon, former math department

chair and currently head of the Math Center. “She can be demanding of the kids in an incredibly gentle way. She has a nice feel for the kids and tries to get to know them. She has a tremendous concern about how kids are doing, not only in the classroom, but as people.”

Added up, the word that best summarizes these testimonials is maternal.

It's a word that Thomas Vizza OPC '90 would embrace. Vizza had Pam as his adviser and states “flat out” that she inspired him to go into teaching.

“Education is a life-changing experience, and from Mrs. Ball I learned that leading kids to it is a magical thing,” Vizza said. “I decided I was going to do the same thing.”

Vizza recalls that Pam told him early on, when he was struggling at the school: “Tommy, you are going to be fine. The trick is for you to see in you what I see in you.”

Vizza said that in his senior year, he and two classmates, Jim Phillips and Pat McDonough, who now both teach at Penn Charter, took out an ad in the yearbook praising Mrs. Ball as their “Mom Away from Home.”

Today, he keeps a picture of Pam on his desk at North Penn High School – to inspire him to be the kind of teacher he seeks to be.

Vizza said that when he told Pam about the picture, “She said: ‘Oh, Tommy, why did you do that?’ I told her, ‘Mrs. Ball, if I have to explain, I will cry.’”

It is just like Pam Ball that she would be embarrassed by Vizza's homage. “There are probably more unassuming people,” her husband said, “but I haven't met any of them.”

In beginning an interview for this profile, Pam said: “This may be your toughest story ever. I can't imagine what you could write about me that would be interesting.”

And there is one final astonishing thing about Pam Ball. [PC](#)

DARRYL J. FORD

Head of School, July 2007

On Nov. 14, 2006, the Overseers of William Penn Charter School selected Darryl J. Ford to succeed Earl J. Ball as head of school. Ford, 42, has been director of Penn Charter's Middle School since 1997.

In making the announcement, William B. Carr Jr., Clerk of Overseers, praised Ford's educational leadership, his vision and his character: "We are confident that Darryl possesses the exceptional combination of personal and professional gifts that will enable him to lead Penn Charter with vision and inspiration, building upon the foundational traditions that have benefited the school for more than 300 years."

"During childhood days when others dreamt of becoming doctors or lawyers or firemen, I, believe it or not, always wanted to be head of a K through 12th grade Quaker school. I think this came from the absolute love that I had for my own time at a Friends school, the incredible teachers who not only taught me but also became my friends, and the love of learning that was instilled in me."

Darryl J. Ford, Comments to Faculty and Staff
Nov. 15, 2006

"New schools are open to new ideas and new ways of teaching and learning. However, no matter how forward-thinking a leader and institution might be, it is equally as important for schools to have 'anchors' in both their programs and people. It is essential for there to be people, events and traditions, among other 'anchors,' for students to recognize as they move through their school years and for alumni to recognize when they visit campus years after graduation."

Darryl J. Ford, Educational Philosophy, Excerpt
June 2006

In Brief

Darryl J. Ford, Head of School

Born: Philadelphia

Married: Gail Sullivan

Children: Jameson and Lucas

Education: Friends Select School, Philadelphia

Villanova University, BA, BS, 1987

University of Chicago, MA, 1989; PhD, 1996

Position Prior Penn Charter: Headmaster and Executive Director, St. Gregory Episcopal School, Chicago, 1992-1997

Board Service and Memberships (partial list): Friends Council on Education, Past Clerk; NAIS/E.E. Ford Fellow for Aspiring Heads; Educational Service Committee of NAIS; Steppingstone; Episcopal Community Services; Children's Literacy Initiative; Greater Philadelphia Area Independent School Consortium; St. George St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Vestry; Southern Home Services; Friends Select School Alumni Board



"Darryl Ford ... combines the very essence of what this school wants to stand for, the ideas of compassion and intellect and concern for others."

Head of School Earl J. Ball
"Charting the Future, Celebrating the Past" Video
March 2007

In the Next Issue

In the fall, Penn Charter will include a full-length feature about Darryl Ford, and penncharter.com will podcast selections of his interview with the magazine.

Charting THE FUTURE Celebrating THE PAST COMMUNITY AUCTION 2007

A monster ice storm that deadlocked the region was no match for the team of parents who organized the 2007 Community Auction. After 15 months of planning, soliciting donations and encouraging turnout, they went ahead with their auction on ice — and enjoyed spectacular results.

“Charting the Future, Celebrating the Past” — the auction theme honored incoming Head of School Darryl J. Ford and outgoing Head of School Earl J. Ball — made a profit of close to \$100,000. Community Co-Chair Diane Bass said the Community will use some of the proceeds to make a gift to the school later in the year, but the bulk of the auction profit will benefit the Earl and Pam Ball Theater in the new David L. Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts. (See page 16.)

In remarks before the evening’s live auction at Philadelphia University, Ball expressed his gratitude and his enthusiasm for the Kurtz center, which he called “my dream for all of the children in the school now and all those in generations to come.”

Despite the weather, or maybe because of it, a cheerful party atmosphere prevailed. More than 300 people attended — a record attendance that contributed to a record profit for the Community’s most important fund-raiser. **PC**



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1. Fifteen months after she started work on the event, Auction Chair Lisa Toll P '11 welcomed PC parents, faculty and friends.
2. Community Co-Chair Diane Bass P '14, shown with her husband, Robert, said most of the auction profits — which approached \$100,000 — will benefit the new Earl and Pam Ball Theater.
3. The 2007 Community Auction honored Earl Ball and Darryl Ford, shown here with Pam Ball and Gail Sullivan, Ford's wife.
4. Action News anchor Monica Malpass P '18 hosted the evening's live auction.
5. Auctioneer Robert Ward OPC '60 flew in from Florida, determined to work the crowd and send each item home with the highest bidder. *Sold!*
6. More than 300 people braved the weather to attend the auction at Philadelphia University's new Kanbar Campus Center.
7. Art, furniture, ceramics and textiles created by Lower School students and teachers were a hit at the auction.



CLOSING THE GAP

Head of School Earl J. Ball anticipates that wielding a shovel to break ground for the new performing arts center will be one of his last official acts before he retires on June 30 – and the school is edging ever closer to that ceremony.

The newly designed building has a newly projected cost of \$12,500,000 – and campaign leaders are working to raise additional funds. The school has collected \$8,500,000 in cash and pledges for the new center and hopes to raise at least another \$1,000,000 this spring with:

- Gifts to the Earl and Pam Ball Theater inside the new center, including approximately \$100,000 raised by the recent Community Auction. (*See page 14.*)
- Gifts from OPC classes attending Alumni Reunion Weekend in May. (*See sidebar.*)
- Individual gifts that are now being finalized.

Construction of the David L. Kurtz Center for the Performing Arts is the final goal in the school's Frameworks for the Future capital campaign. A remarkable success story, Frameworks now has raised more than \$45,000,000 from more than 1,200 donors. Those donors and their gifts have transformed our curriculum and our campus.

BE PART OF THE STORY

If you have not supported the campaign, it is not too late to join the 1,200 parents, alumni and friends of the school who have contributed to Frameworks for the Future. Be part of the story. Be part of the success.

Contribute online at www.penncharter.com or contact Jack Rogers, interim chief development officer, at jarogers@penncharter.com or 215-844-3460 ext. 111.



REUNION SPIRIT

Penn Charter's Alumni Reunion Weekend has been reborn in recent years, and the 2007 reunion in May promises to be one of the most spirited ever.

Anticipating record attendance to honor retiring Head of School Earl J. Ball, the 115th Alumni Reunion Banquet moves from the Meeting Room to the much larger Dooney Field House. And, honoring Ball's desire to break ground on the new performing arts center before he leaves, class agents and their reunion volunteers are working on reunion gifts that could be the finale of the Frameworks for the Future campaign.

The 25th reunion of the class of 1982 will reunite old friends for the banquet and a variety of other events, including a tour of the revitalized campus. David Kurtz OPC '82 and his family have made a lead gift of \$3,000,000 to the performing arts center, and members of the class plan to make a gift approaching \$100,000, to be divided between the Annual Fund and the campaign.

The Class of 1957 expects "huge attendance" – perhaps two-thirds of its graduates – to celebrate its 50th reunion. These OPCs will present a gift to the school to name a Class of 1957 balcony box in the new Earl and Pam Ball Theater. The Class of 1951 is working on a gift to fund the first balcony of the new theater. And members of the Class of 1961 have purchased naming rights for the center's lobby with gifts generated by the spirit of goodwill from last year's 40th reunion.

"Alumni are motivated to give back for a variety of reasons – because they were given support when they were students, or because of a particular academic or extra-curricular interest, or to honor their teachers," said Jack Rogers, interim chief development officer. "Reunion giving has grown tremendously in recent years and makes a very important contribution to the school's financial well-being."

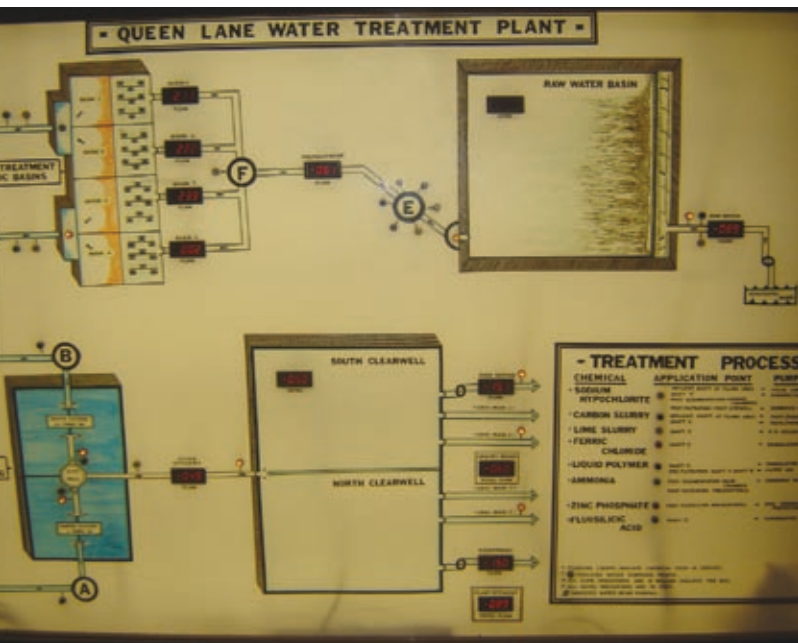


Several Penn Charter Middle School students regularly spent Fridays after school, from September through April, in social studies teacher Alice Bateman's classroom discussing social, political and environmental issues affecting water.

The group participated in Challenge 20/20, an exciting project in global education created by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). The concept, based on *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them* by Jean Francois Rischard, pairs schools from around the globe to collaborate on solutions to one of Rischard's 20 stated global problems. "In an increasingly interconnected world, it is imperative that schools begin to educate students now to be global citizens," according to NAIS. "Skills that will help students lead and succeed in the 21st century are based on an understanding of global relations."

Penn Charter's team was paired with "sister" school Sanjan Nagar Public Education Trust Girls High School in Lahore, Pakistan, and the teams chose to find a solution to the global problem of water deficits. The teams communicated via the Internet, discussing their research and ideas for solutions to water scarcity and pollution. Though communication proved difficult because of inconsistent Internet access in Pakistan, the Penn Charter students were upbeat about the project that took them to Philadelphia's Waterworks, to the Queen Lane water treatment plant, and to the Schuylkill River and Wissahickon Creek.

Bateman admitted she didn't know a lot about water issues before she began the project but was excited anyway. "I wanted this to be child-centered," she said. "I didn't want to dictate what we did. Students were curious and interested and willing to explore the topic of water issues. I knew the project was going to be different because the students were



learning but not in a classroom setting. The project could take any shape we wanted.”

The group has prepared an interactive Lower School program for the first grade on water conservation, the water cycle and world water facts.

Students expressed many different reasons for participating in the volunteer program. Seventh grader Zoe Smith liked the idea of international cooperation: “Communicating with a school from 5,000 miles away, we could learn more about them and about the water system. And I got to learn about Philadelphia’s water issues.” Eighth grader MacKenzie Kramer appreciated how the project “makes you feel good because we’re learning and we are going to teach the younger kids. They are the future. Maybe our step can make a difference and they can clean up the water system.” MacKenzie’s classmate Joya Ahmad came to the meetings each Friday for one simple reason: “I want to change the world. When I’m in 20/20 and I’m giving suggestions, I feel like I’m getting a chance to make the world a better place.”

Penn Charter’s 20/20 team learned about issues affecting Philadelphia’s water supply through research and field trips. The group realized that Philadelphia doesn’t have a big problem with water deficits, particularly in comparison to Pakistan. But Philadelphia does face a serious issue with water pollution, and students focused their suggestions on conservation, pollution prevention and stewardship of the watershed through education. Penn Charter students plan to focus on education and raising awareness about water issues. One student said that early on, “I didn’t know how much water I was using, and that it *mattered*.”

Students at PC’s sister school in Pakistan evolved a water conservation poster campaign that encourages the use of technology such as rain catchments. At Penn Charter, students brainstormed ideas to facilitate or encourage conservation, including setting up a foundation to buy toilets with smaller tanks and low-flow fixtures for public restrooms. The team was also excited by another suggestion: create an Environmental Corps, modeled after the Peace Corps, to facilitate internships or volunteer activities for people to participate in cleanup efforts, or education and stewardship activities. Students, including sixth grader Kevin Kelly, were inspired by a bumper sticker in Bateman’s classroom that reads, “If the people will lead, the leaders will follow.” They thought a political action campaign could focus on changing the American mindset about water. “If people and Congress take action,” said seventh grader Joel Prushan, “it will press en masse on higher levels.” **PC**

Rebecca Tatum to Head Middle School

Rebecca Tatum, an innovative and experienced educator with an exceptional background in Quaker education and community service, will replace Darryl J. Ford as director of the Richard B. Fisher Middle School. Tatum will visit school in the spring and assume her new role in early summer.

In a joint letter announcing her appointment, Ford and Head of School Earl J. Ball said they are “excited about this appointment because of the leadership, ideas and energy Becca will bring to the Middle School.”

Tatum has worked for the past two years as director of education for Children’s Progress, an education assessment company in New York City that uses expert research in education, child psychology and technology to develop educational tools for the classroom. The depth and breadth of Tatum’s commitment to education and to social justice are evident in the mix of schools in which she has worked since her graduation from Amherst College. She has been an administrator and teacher (of science and music) at: De LaSalle Academy, a Catholic middle school in New York City serving 135 academically talented, low-income students; North Star Academy Charter School, an innovative school in inner-city Newark, N.J.; and Moses Brown School, a Quaker college preparatory school in Providence, R.I., founded in 1784.

A practicing Friend, Tatum has spent many summers pursuing her interest in human rights and service. She has worked as a grant writer for Action Against Hunger USA, and she has lived and worked in Brazil and in Quaker communities in Kenya and Uganda. She holds a master’s in theology and ethics from Union Theological Seminary and an M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College.

Tatum is learning Portuguese and Spanish, and has traveled in Costa Rica, Australia, Europe and the U.S. A field hockey and lacrosse coach at Moses Brown and an enthusiastic runner, she competed in the New York City Marathon in 2002 and 2003.

Although the search committee did not realize it during the interview process, she has a remarkable connection to Penn Charter: her grandfather Charles Maris Tatum was a graduate of Penn Charter’s class of 1924. Tatum graduated from Westtown School, a Quaker boarding school in suburban Philadelphia.

Her selection marked the end of a national search that yielded more than 60 candidates. The process brought five finalists to campus for daylong visits that included classroom observation, as well as meetings with teachers, administrators, students and parents. One of those parents, in written comments following the meeting, noted that Tatum “wants kids to know who they are, what their strengths and weaknesses are, how to be self-confident, and how to take on leadership roles. This vision resonates with parents.” **PC**



Friendly Voices

Upper School students at Penn Charter and Germantown Friends School hosted members of the Beijing Huiwen School Choir in February during the choir's tour of the United States. Intelligent, curious and talented, the Chinese students toured Philadelphia with their PC and GFS hosts – Chinatown was a favorite stop, as was Independence Hall, which one student referred to as "your Freedom Palace."

Students attended class at PC and GFS for one day; at Penn Charter, their visit coincided with Friends/Multicultural Day, an Upper School celebration of the Quaker values of diversity. The 41-member choir capped its Philadelphia tour with a concert at GFS that featured Chinese folk-songs and dances.



Portraits of Leadership

The East Falls mural on Ridge Avenue began as a question. What could be done in a positive way to bring some of the various corners of East Falls together in a visible, shared experience of community? Twenty eighth grade students in Ruth McGee-Barrett and Hanne Gradinger's art class, along with students from Thomas Mifflin School, Wissahickon Charter School and St. Bridget's School, joined in the answer. The students were asked to think about what leadership meant to them and to choose a person in their world who exemplified leadership qualities. With the word "leader" itself as the basis of the design, the images and ideas of the students were unified into an overall concept and brought to life in partnership with the city's Mural Arts Program. Within the 8-by-80-foot design are the portraits of 67 individual students who worked on the mural and the four leaders the individual schools chose. Penn Charter selected Wayne Walker, former director of international relations for Habitat for Humanity and neighbor of eighth grader David Durst.



Conquering the Wall

Fourth graders, and their classroom and science teachers, spent two nights and three days at the Outdoor School in Horsham learning about the environment and each other. The annual camping trip features group challenges that require a half-dozen students to complete a task that no individual could accomplish without help. Pictured here, Alisha Edwards, Isabel Hirshberg and Rebecca John pull William White up and over The Wall, a wooden wall that must be climbed with the help of the group.

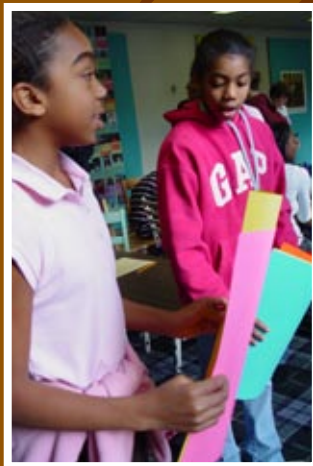




Spilling Coffee Is a Good Omen

Cross-divisional and globally minded learning are important to Penn Charter. Sarah Sharp, a social studies teacher in Upper School, visited Harvey Rentschler's fifth grade class to talk about life and culture in Saudi Arabia, where she traveled in February 2006. After her talk, students from Rentschler's fifth grade and from Sharp's Modern Middle East class came together in the Lower School to create artistic renditions of several Arabic proverbs taken from the book *The Son of a Duck Is a Floater*, by

Primrose Arnander. Basheir Ahmed P '11 wrote the Arabic calligraphy for the proverbs, and the students worked from English translations of these sayings. Lower School art teacher Carol Spadaro helped students think about the color and construction of their artwork, which included illustrations of "spilling coffee is a good omen," "like father, like son" and "if speech is silver, silence is golden."



When Life Throws You a Curve

Elizabeth Golden, a senior and Penn Charter "lifer," has turned her recovery from a scoliosis operation into a book. "So many people that get [scoliosis] are looking for something to read about it," Elizabeth said. While out of school for a month after the surgery in eighth grade, Elizabeth began writing a memoir. Then, she said, "I met with an agent who wanted to help me realize what I wanted to do with it because I wanted other people to have access to it." She thought her manuscript might help other young people deal with major surgery and scoliosis. Elizabeth spent summers editing it, turning memoir into novel, with a little help from English teacher Rachel Malhotra. Knowing that the title, "When Life Throws You a Curve," and even the fiction format may change during the publishing process, Elizabeth is busy editing the manuscript as part of her Senior Comprehensive Project. Lobster Press expects to release the book in 2008.



The Sense of the Meeting

Arthur Larrabee, general secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and a consultant to Quaker schools, last fall spoke to the faculty about the Friends decision-making process. With interactive activities and humor, he engaged faculty in a refresher on the methods of consensus, unity and determining the sense of the meeting. Faculty also compared *sense of the meeting* to *consensus*, and looked at the differences in unity and unanimity. Larrabee, who visited as part of the school's Distinguished Speaker series, is currently writing a book on Quaker governance and decision-making to be published later this year.



GUIDING HANDS

by Julia Judson-Rea

IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, PENN CHARTER HAS NAMED SIX NEW OVERSEERS. THESE SIX JOIN 16 OTHER OVERSEERS AND A LONG LINE OF MEN AND WOMEN — STRETCHING BACK TO WILLIAM PENN'S EARLIEST FRIENDS — WHO HAVE HELPED GOVERN THE SCHOOL. THIS ISSUE OF PENN CHARTER PROFILES THREE OF THESE NEW OVERSEERS; READ ABOUT OVERSEERS HEATHER GARRISON, DAVID EVANS AND KAREN HALLOWELL IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF PENN CHARTER.

ANNE MARBLE CARAMANICO

CURIOSITIES AND STATISTICS

Age: 56

Education: Public high school in Saginaw, Mich.; Earlham College, BA; University of Pennsylvania, Master of Regional Planning

Professional Background: Started AD Marble & Co. in 1985 and recently sold the transportation and infrastructure consulting firm to her employees.

Passions: Her family is her first passion, education her second passion. Her father, sister and mother all were in the field; she still enjoys discussing the philosophy and implementation of educational practices. Caramanico is also an artist and has a studio where she makes print monotypes, works with acrylic paints and does some collage work. Travel is her fourth passion because it can change the way she thinks about the world and about her own life. Her family shares a passion for Habitat for Humanity and travels every other year to Mexico to work on a Habitat project.

Family: Caramanico and her husband, Tom, have one son, Tom, Penn Charter Class of 2007. Diana Caramanico, coach of Penn Charter's girls basketball team, is their niece.

Overseers Committee Appointments: Religious Life & Value Committee and Development Committee

CONNECTIONS AND THOUGHTS ON PENN CHARTER

Caramanico was introduced to Penn Charter when Tom chose to attend after finishing at Friends School Haverford and became involved with the school because "a lot of what Penn Charter is doing, has done, and will do is extraordinary." Caramanico said she continues to be "impressed by staff, administrators and by *teachers*. The real heart of it is what happens in the classroom." As an overseer, Caramanico is guided in her decision-making by Quaker consensus, and by the school's history and traditions.

She pursues her passion for education a continent away, as well. On a trip to Cambodia, she was struck by the "almost unbearable poverty," and decided, "we can't go back home and be as comfortable as Americans are and not do something." She and her husband have funded the Caramanico School, or School 299, in a rural village in Cambodia. The four-room schoolhouse is made of cinderblock and tin and has a solar panel on the roof that powers computers provided by a Japanese organization. Students eat two meals a day from food grown in a small, nearby garden.

GRACE SHARPLES COOKE

CURIOSITIES AND STATISTICS

Age: 48

Education: The Agnes Irwin School; Cornell University, BA

Family: Grace and her husband, Merritt, have two sons, Todd, Penn Charter Class of 2008 and Phillip, Class of 2011. Her mother, Grace Wheeler, is a senior overseer.

Professional Background: Cooke began her career in the fashion publishing industry at Glamour magazine. As her husband's career with the foreign service took the family abroad to Japan, she became involved with the embassy preschool; since then, she has served on the boards of schools in Taipei and Berlin. Cooke now works for Family Support Services, Inc. in addition to serving on the boards of Agnes Irwin and Penn Charter.

Passions: Education and school development are strong passions. She has nurtured her passion for writing by authoring a comfort book for children coping with cancer. After years of work and extensive travel abroad, Cooke is excited to explore the United States.

Committee Assignments: Education Committee and Religious Life Committee

CONNECTIONS AND THOUGHTS ON PENN CHARTER

Cooke observed the respect and love that both her mother and her brother, Russell Sharples OPC '78, had for the school. She recognized differences between PC and Agnes Irwin and noted particularly the responsibility Penn Charter put on its students. Cooke remains connected and involved because the school is unique and rigorous. "There is a feeling of making students own their own lives." Cooke believes the board has a broad yet appropriate focus of its oversight and activities. As a board member, her thinking is guided by "the original article of the school. That is my template. Are we meeting the school's goals? How can we do better? I take my first direction from the school."

Cooke is also energized by her work with Family Support Services (FSS), which was founded in 1976 to create a parenting school that worked with both parents and children. It now serves more than 1,700 children each year. Cooke works part-time at FSS, writing grants, running the annual giving campaign, and publishing printed materials and Web content. Eventually she hopes to guide FSS through the process of creating a strategic plan and perhaps an endowment.

Are we meeting
the school's goals?
How can we
do better?



Anne Caramanico and Rob Kurz joined the Overseers in 2004, and Grace Cooke in 2005.

ROBERT K. KURZ OPC '74

CURIOSITIES AND STATISTICS

Age: 56

Education: William Penn Charter School; Lafayette College, BA; SUNY Maritime College: MS, Coast Guard cadet

Professional Background: After spending most of his career working for Keystone Shipping, a family-owned and operated company started by his grandfather, Kurz recently left to explore new ventures, including starting a company to provide technical and business management support to small, start-up companies.

Passions: Penn Charter is one of Kurz's passions, rekindled when his older son, Rob, entered Penn Charter in 2001.

Family: Rob and his wife, Carol, have three children: Robert OPC '04, a junior at Notre Dame; Laura, Germantown Academy 2004, a junior at Villanova; Christopher, Penn Charter Class of 2008.

Overseers Committee Assignments: Finance & Budget Committee

CONNECTIONS AND THOUGHTS ON PENN CHARTER

"Coming to Penn Charter [in seventh grade] was great. It was the best time of my life." When his son arrived at Penn Charter in the 10th grade, Kurz reconnected with the school. "With my kids here, I saw again what a great place this is. I saw the process of education and the progress of the school."

Kurz was at PC during the Vietnam War, when society, music, fashion and politics were all changing in the U.S. He witnessed important changes within Penn Charter, too, especially the change in leadership when Wilbert Braxton replaced retiring headmaster John F. Gummere. Noting that Earl Ball leaves "the ship" in good shape, Kurz said he looks forward to working with Darryl Ford to keep the academic, athletic and arts programs strong. "If you're on the board of a school or a company, your responsibility is to ask the difficult questions ... to engage in constructive debate on [pressing] issues." Kurz said the overseers bring a set of unique experiences to the task. "All have the ability to use their own life experiences to better serve the school and must figure out how to do that."



Renee Gunning, a two-time All-American in the women's 5,000-meter run, is coaching at Penn Charter this year. Gunning, who ran cross country and track for North Carolina State University's Division I program and is currently pursuing a professional running career, was recruited on Penn Charter's track. "I was working out at the PC track, and Coach Ballengee and Coach Yaffe saw me and walked up to me," she said. "They were impressed with the times I was hitting." In addition to assistant coaching the cross country and track teams, Gunning, who has a B.S. in science education, has been substitute teaching in the Lower School and Upper School.



Alice Bateman, Middle School social studies teacher, has been awarded a grant from the Robert R. Cryer Fund for Teaching Excellence. The award is given to someone in her/his early years at Penn Charter who is making an outstanding contribution in the classroom and to the overall life of the school. The award was established by Robert R. Cryer OPC '56 because he recognized the exceptional contributions of young faculty members to Penn Charter and wanted to

encourage a long-term commitment to the school. In addition to her work in the classroom and as a coach, Bateman has been an active participant and leader with the Committee on Teaching and Learning, and she has directed the school's effort to be part of Challenge 20/20, the international global awareness program of NAIS. Recipients hold the Cryer award for three years.



Mary Schilling, first grade teacher, has been awarded the Aaron E. Carpenter OPC 1902 Chair for Elementary Education. The chair was established in memory of Aaron Carpenter, and at the time of its creation was the only endowed chair for elementary education in the country. The honorary chair is awarded to someone in recognition of outstanding classroom work, efforts in curriculum development, and commitment to active participation in the discussion of educational issues within the professional community. Schilling has developed a strong interest in curriculum issues regarding mathematics. She has had a number of curriculum leadership positions in independent schools and has previously taught at the Bank Street College of Education.

Eric Jiménez has received the First-Time Attendee Award of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Jiménez, who came to Penn Charter in September to teach Spanish in the Upper School, will be recognized at the 2007 AATSP conference in San Diego in August.

Elizabeth Crockett Jones, Middle School English teacher, has landed a publishing contract for her first novel, *Three Blocks from Heaven*. PublishAmerica expects to release the novel in late 2007.

Brian McCloskey, Penn Charter's varsity football coach, was named Coach of the Week for a second time by the Philadelphia Eagles and the NFL for his outstanding football coaching performance and dedication.

Tom Rickards' article, "Religious Toleration: From Indifference to Engagement in Teaching Comparative Religions in a Post 9-11 World," has been published in an online journal titled Theological Review of the Episcopal Academy. Rickards also received the Excellence in Teaching Award for his teaching in the Adult Programs at Saint Joseph's University, where he teaches one evening course in the religion department. Rickards is head of Penn Charter's religion department.

Jason Yaffe, head of the social studies department, has been inducted into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers, established to provide recognition to educators who have been identified by their students as having had great influence on their lives.



Summer Camp Open House

Sunday, April 29, 2-4 p.m.

For more information on the open house or Penn Charter Summer Camps, contact Director Charlie Kaesshaefer at ckaesshaefer@penncharter.com or the Summer Camps office at 215-844-3460 ext. 364.

Summer Camps **EXPAND** to include varsity sports, academic enrichment

Now in its 39th year, Penn Charter Summer Camps has expanded dramatically to offer a summer experience for kids of all interests from ages 3 to 18. Director of Summer Camps Charlie Kaesshaefer will keep the focus on fun and friendship, but the expanded program offers students opportunities to explore new interests or focus on current passions in academics, athletics or the arts. Visit www.penncharter.com and click on our new **Penn Charter Summer Camps** logo for details.

Day Camp, June 18 to Aug. 3

The best in old-fashioned fun using the newest facilities for kids ages 3-14. Campers will enjoy a daily swim in the newly renovated pool, plus tennis, art, archery, music, computer, sports, games, summer theme, trips, guest performers and color team contents.

Sports Camps, June 18 to Aug. 3

For ages 7-13, expert instruction in eight sports: basketball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball/softball, flag football, floor hockey, team handball and ultimate Frisbee.

Varsity Camps, June 11 to July 23

For ages 8-15, advanced instruction by varsity coaches: boys and girls basketball, field hockey, football, girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys soccer, softball, squash and water polo.

Enrichment Camp, June 11-15

Fun learning, hands-on expert instruction. Campers ages 7-12 specialize in three activities for the week: chess, dance, cooking, drama, computer, knitting, art, music, sports & games, engineering & design (explore with K'NEX and Legos).

CHAMPS!

Penn Charter's eight-player boys squash team won the National High School Team Championship of the U.S. Squash Racquets Association at a three-day tournament held at Yale University. The PC girls team took third place in the girls division.

"Both our teams represented PC very well on and off the court in terms of their level of play and sportsmanship," said Geoff Shields, boys coach and a member of the Penn Charter team that captured the 1975 Inter-Academic League title.

The 2006-2007 boys team entered the tournament at Yale undefeated (14-0) and, for the second year in a row, as Inter-Ac champs. The roster for the PC boys included: Chris Callis, Alex Domenick, Matt Domenick, Steve Harrington, David Hilton, Ross Harrow, Pat Brady and Hunter Beck.

The team looks forward to opening the 2007-2008 season in the new Kline and Specter Squash Center. The new center on the Strawbridge fields will have seven state-of-the-art international courts, three of them exhibition courts.



KUDOS



Junior Kashif Smith defeated a number of nationally ranked sprinters in the 60-meter dash to claim the state title at the Pennsylvania Indoor Track and Field State Championships with a time of 6.96. In the 4x200, Dareem David, Shawn David, Je'Ron Stokes and Smith raced to a seasonal best and school record of 1:30.6. – strong enough for a fourth place overall finish in the relay.

Sam Zeglinski was honored by the William H. Markward Memorial Basketball Club as player of the year in the Inter-Academic League. Markward also honored Leland O'Connor as a Ferguson Scholar Athlete and Drew Fullen as an "unsung hero."

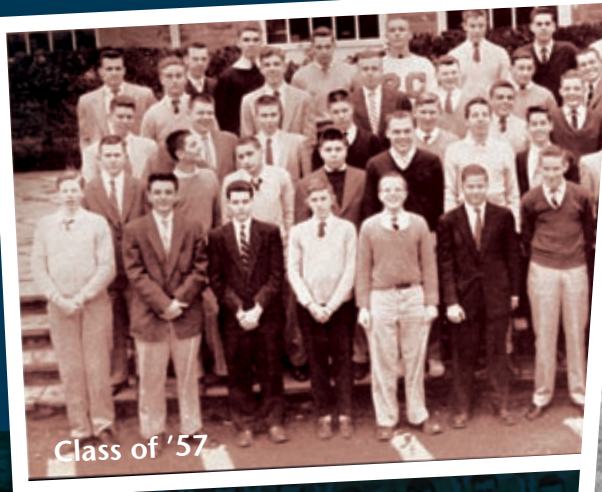
Sean Singletary OPC '04 wowed the national press and the crowds with his performance this season. The University of Virginia junior earned All-America honors from three media and coaches organizations and was named a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection for the second consecutive year.



Diana Caramanico, head coach of Penn Charter's varsity girls basketball team and an all-time record holder in the Big 5, was inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame.

The Kenny Caldwell Memorial Basketball Tournament, a regional competition for players in 5th through 8th grades, has grown in size and stature in recent years. The boys and girls tournaments – a varsity competition for 7th and 8th graders in December and a JV tournament in March – are considered by many area coaches as the post-season matchups. Congratulations to all the 2006-2007 winners – and see you next year! Proceeds benefit a scholarship honoring Kenneth Caldwell OPC '89, who died in the World Trade Center bombings.





Class of '57



Class of '82



Penn Charter ALUMNI REUNION

MAY 4 & 5 2007

Alumni Award of Merit

"To a graduate of the William Penn Charter School whose character and outstanding achievement have reflected lasting credit upon this old school."

Donald M. Kerr OPC '57



Donald Kerr has enjoyed an exceptional career both in public service and in the private sector. As the director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Kerr is responsible to the secretary of defense and the director of national intelligence for all national space and assigned airborne reconnaissance activities. Headquartered in Chantilly, Va., the NRO develops and operates unique and innovative space reconnaissance systems and conducts intelligence-related activities essential for U.S. national security. Kerr also serves as assistant to the secretary of the Air Force (intelligence space technology).

Kerr also has worked for the CIA and FBI. In 2001, Kerr was appointed deputy director for science and technology at the CIA. He received the CIA Distinguished Intelligence Medal in 2005. From 1997 to 2001, he was an

assistant director of the FBI, responsible for the laboratory division.

Kerr's prior government service was with the Department of Energy from 1976 through 1979, where he served as deputy manager of Nevada operations, and subsequently as deputy assistant secretary and acting assistant secretary for defense programs and later for energy technology. He received the Department of Energy Outstanding Service Award in 1979.

Before that, Kerr held several key executive positions in private industry. From 1996 to 1997, he was executive vice president and director at Information Systems Laboratories, Inc. From 1993 to 1996, he was corporate executive vice president and director at Science Applications International Corporation. Kerr was president and director of EG&G, Inc., from 1989 to 1992. He also served as senior vice president and executive vice president at EG&G from 1985 to 1989.

Kerr was the director of the University of California's Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1979 to 1985. He was also employed at Los Alamos from 1966 until 1976, conducting and leading research in high altitude weapons effects, nuclear test detection and analysis, weapons diagnostics, ionospheric physics and alternative energy programs.

At Penn Charter, Kerr excelled athletically and academically, receiving numerous scholarship awards and prizes. He served as editor-in-chief of Penn Charter Magazine during his senior year. Kerr went on to earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University in 1963, followed by an M.S. in microwave electronics and a Ph.D. in plasma physics and microwave electronics, also at Cornell. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Kerr has published frequently on nuclear weapons efforts, national security and arms control, energy technology and ionospheric research.

UPCOMING PENN CHARTER ALUMNI EVENTS:

Monday, May 14

Executive Roundtable
Peter S. Linton OPC '66
7:30 a.m. Overseers Room,
Main Building
Bert Linton Golf Outing
Gulph Mills Golf Club

Saturday, June 2

Peter K. Ortale Alumni Lacrosse
Game and Barbeque
Varsity Lacrosse Fields
Barbeque at Timmons House
immediately following the game.

Friday, Nov. 9

2007 Athletic Honor Society
Union League of Philadelphia

Saturday, Nov. 10

121st PC/GA Day
Penn Charter

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Look for updates and
photos online at
www.penncharter.com
and in the fall issue of
Penn Charter magazine.

SHOWTIME!

Judy Goose, once a Penn Charter Senior Comprehensive Project, will be sharing the big screen this spring with films by Robert Altman, the Coen brothers and filmmakers from around the world.

Gus Sacks OPC '06 and Justin Dillard OPC '06 will show their feature-length film on May 3 and 7 at Cinematheque Spring Series, a screening series of the Bryn Mawr Film Institute, the Ambler Theater and the County Theater. Showtime: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$8.75. May 3 at Ambler; May 7 at County in Doylestown.

Sacks, a student at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan (and keeping busy as a cinematographer and producer on many films outside of class), and Dillard, at Syracuse University (and honing his writing skills), will be available for Q&A after each screening.

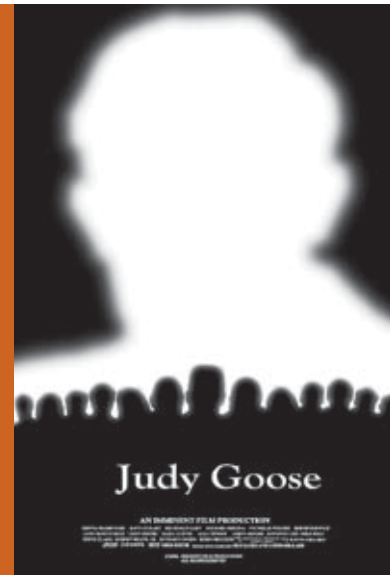
Judy Goose

Runtime: 83 minutes

Synopsis: A successful advertising firm must continue to produce high quality despite the loss of its founder and creative spark. The ensemble cast features two lifelong, mismatched friends, a quarreling husband and wife team, a disaffected industry stalwart, and a romance between a Southern belle and a delivery boy.

Crew (Notable): Co-Writer/Director/Producers: Gus Sacks and Justin Dillard; Cinematographer: Gus Sacks; Editor: Justin Dillard; Associate Producer: Michael Roche; Assistant Director: Ryan Romkema; Production Assistant: Ray Bailey OPC '09; Meredith Slifkin OPC '06; Original Score: Marisa Sacks OPC '06.

Cast (Notable): Michael Molina, Nicholas Wilder, Donna Marie Earl, Katy O'Leary, Bob Senkewicz, Lynn Mastio, Reggie Gary, Gary Gustin, Ally Iseman.



A Spirit of Resilience

When his family thought about remembering Peter K. Ortale OPC '83 on the fifth anniversary of his death in the 9/11 tragedy, the symbolism of the National Constitution Center fit their message and their memories.

"It was an appropriate site for what it stands for — the spirit of the American people, and the spirit of resilience," said Catherine Ortale Grimes, one of Peter's sisters. "I think Peter was a very resilient person and, as a family, I believe that that's what we're about as well. Doing something in his honor has helped us be more resilient and reminds us of the gift we have that he lost — which is life. We honor that gift as we know he would want us to do, and we cherish it."

The Ortale family and friends established a scholarship in his name at Penn Charter and, at the Constitution Center benefit this

fall, made it about \$85,000 stronger; the fund now totals close to \$300,000 and benefits an Upper School student who represents the best qualities of the scholar-athlete. "Peter attended Penn Charter on a scholarship and knew what it was like to struggle to achieve something," Grimes said.

Anthony McDevitt OPC '03, recipient of a similar scholarship the family established at Duke University, spoke at the Ortale benefit and talked of the impact the award has had on his life. "Our family is just thrilled that Tony has had this opportunity and that he's done so much with it," Grimes said. "It's one thing to talk about it in the abstract, but it's another thing to see your efforts alive — and in a person who clearly has been touched, whose life has been changed, and who also recognizes that out of something that was profound and tragic for this country an opportunity was presented to him."



Anthony E. McDevitt OPC '03, recipient of an Ortale scholarship at Duke University, spoke about the impact the award has had on his life.



Joseph Perrott, Carol Perrott and Earl Ball chat at the National Constitution Center.



Elsie Goss-Caldwell with Phil Martelli, Saint Joseph's basketball coach and host for the Ortale benefit. Kenneth Caldwell OPC '89 died in the World Trade Center; his mother and the Ortale siblings have worked together on a Run for Peace, an annual event that benefits scholarship funds established to honor both Caldwell and Ortale.

National Organization Honors Somers



Elizabeth and Lew Somers OPC '44 with two of their children, Scott Somers OPC '73 and Elizabeth Somers Stutzman, at the CASE conference in Philadelphia.

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) awarded Lewis S. Somers 3rd OPC '44 the Seymour Preston Award, which honors a trustee who has provided exceptional leadership to his or her institution.

Somers received the award at the January 2007 CASE conference, which was held this year in Philadelphia. The award is the only formal recognition made to a trustee by this national development organization.

From the podium at the opening session of the conference attended by 1,300 educators from across the nation, CASE President John Lippincott honored Somers and read from materials submitted by Penn Charter for the award competition:

"The contributions that Lewis S. Somers 3rd has made to our school are unique in terms of the duration of his service, the impact of his leadership in educational endeavors, and the profoundly inspirational and visionary focus of his own voluntary support," William B. Carr Jr. OPC '69, Penn Charter's clerk of Overseers, wrote in his nomination of Somers.

A Slice of HOLLYWOOD

Television producer and director Robert J. Levy OPC '69 addressed alumni, parents and faculty at the Alumni Society Downtown Reception on Feb. 16. Over the years, Levy has received 11 Emmy Awards and 40 nominations, and his work includes FOX NFL Sunday and the 1988 Summer Olympics. Best known for his sports programming, he has also directed reality series and game shows. Levy entertained the audience with his experiences working in the television industry and his road to success.



Members of the Class of 1969 turned out at the Union League to hear classmate Bob Levy address the crowd. Pictured, left to right: Jonathan H. Sprogel OPC '70, Thomas C. Robinson Jr., Thomas C. Murphy, Thomas H. Lee II, Bob Levy, James P. Harbison, William B Carr Jr. and James M. Manning.



Vintage Penn Charter championship trophies were presented to five alumni classes in recognition of their leadership in 2005-06 Annual Giving. Accepting the alumni cups were, left to right: H. Leonard Brown OPC '45 (post-25th class with the highest percent participation); Edward A. Foley OPC '81 (middle years class with the highest percent participation as well as largest total gift); Charles (Perry) Canfield OPC '74 (post-25th class with largest total dollar gift); Mary C. Rogers OPC 2000 (youngest class with the highest percent participation); and Mark D. Hecker OPC '99 (youngest class with the largest total dollar gift). The championship cups are on display in Timmons House.

1689

Jane Evans spent three weeks in January on a garden tour in New Zealand, visiting both public and private gardens with a group from the Morris Arboretum. "It was amazing," she said. "I highly recommend it." She learned that there are more sheep than people in New Zealand. Jane also reports that her daughter Alison OPC '93 will marry Ed Cooper in April at the Morris Arboretum. And her granddaughter, Maia, will spend her first birthday with Jane and Wally in Hilton Head, S.C.



Wally and Jane Evans OPC 1689 took a helicopter ride around Mt. Cook, the highest point in New Zealand, where they landed on a glacier.

1931

Wesley E. O'Neill Jr. writes, "I'm in reasonably good mental and physical condition. I'm keeping active and interested in what is going on."

1932



Raymond G. Frick Jr. OPC '32
See death notices.

1935



Linn P. Brown Jr. OPC '35
See death notices.

1936

James R. Bell writes, "I am relaxed and enjoying an ongoing retired life after 40 years of service as a Presbyterian minister. My wife, Betty, and I are keeping well and happily enjoying our ever-growing family. We are both World War II veterans, she as a nurse and I as a chaplain. We have known each other since OPC days and have been married for 58 years. God is good!"

1937

Class Agent
Edmond H. (Ted) Heisler

John C. (Jack) Good still works at Bartlett Tree Experts and serves as executive director of the Bartlett Foundation, which provides scholarships to 27 schools that have forestry, horticulture and other related programs, including Penn State University. John graduated from Penn State in 1941 with a B.S. in forestry. His alma mater recently dedicated a classroom to him in the new Forest Resources Building. The technology-driven classroom seats 80. "I feel so humbled and honored," Good said. "It is a wonderful room, and I'm very pleased and very honored to have it named after me and my company." The room was realized thanks to a donation from Bartlett Tree Experts.

1938

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1939

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1943

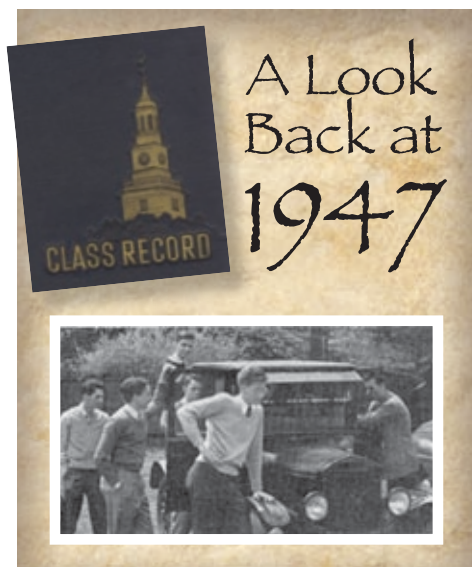
Class Agent
Sevill (Bud) Schofield Jr.



Charles MacFarland OPC '43
See death notices.

1944

Donald L. Barstow (See 1951.)
Richard Hegel has been honored by the establishment of the Richard Hegel Senior Essay Prize at



Yale College. This is an endowed prize that will be given each year.

1945

Class Agent
H. Leonard Brown



Edward P. Gubb OPC '45
See death notices.



Donald B. Martin OPC '45
See death notices.

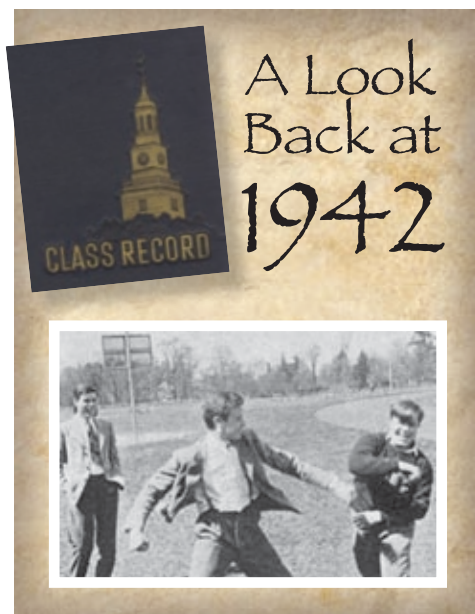
1946

Irwin L. (Bro) Park Jr. writes, "I am pleased to report that Dee and I bumped into classmate Harry A. Alsentzer on Holland America's Zaandam as we cruised the Pacific from San Diego to Hawaii (and back again) in early January 2007. We enjoyed several meals together and had a good mini-reunion."

1947

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Guy L. Schless writes, "Following 35 summers as honorary visiting consultant in metabolic medicine (diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism) to Guy's Hospital in the University of London, the National Health Service has granted me the new title of emeritus, which gives me lifelong academic and teaching privileges. On July 7, 2004, for services to U.K. medicine, I had the immense honor to have a royal presentation to Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace during a royal garden party for fellows of the Royal Society of Arts. I am still very busy here being the only endocrinologist for the University of Pennsylvania Health System."



Edward A. Woolley writes, "I have written and published a history of Princeton Prospect Cooperative Club, which existed on the Princeton campus from 1941 to 1960. It was a cooperative, a form of organization that I first ran into during a weeklong Quaker work camp while I was at Penn Charter. Its members waited on tables, washed dishes and took out the garbage. The tables in the book show that it always had more Democrats than Republicans, and its members predominantly attended public high schools rather than private secondary schools. Prospect was the antithesis of the F. Scott Fitzgerald world."

1948

Class Agent

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Jack Van Baalen is retired from teaching law and lives in Laramie, Wyo., and Durango, Colo. He enjoys the outdoors and travel.

1949

Class Agent

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Bruce R. Barstow recently collected updates on his classmates, which follow. He writes, "I hope the communication we have begun does indeed stimulate you to be thinking about the 60th reunion and at least one mini-reunion before that, which I am in the process of arranging."



John T. Bennett OPC '49

See death notices.

Peter A. Benoliel elaborates on the class's Philadelphia luncheons. "We meet in a Mexican restaurant called the Coyote Crossing and refer to ourselves as the 'coyotes.' Among the usual attendees are Greene, Rumpp, Hauptfuhrer, Hargesheimer, Smith, Fuller and Thomas when in town. We meet every six to eight weeks; and, of course, the lunches are open to other classmates who may be in the area." A widower in 2000, Pete married a friend of some 20 years in 2002. "I am fully retired but very active in several Philadelphia organizations including the Free Library, Philadelphia Orchestra and the National Humanities Center." He still practices the violin and plays chamber music gigs.

Jean-Loup M. Dhease, in very good health, lives between residences in Paris and "a big old house in the woods" near St. Tropez. "I have always been very fond of Penn Charter," he writes, "and I vividly remember Dr. Gummere. He taught chemistry, and he was very friendly indeed." Jean-Loup was vice president of energy and industry with the World Bank in Washington, D.C., 1983-1986. Following that, he was executive vice president of the Channel Tunnel project and did the first financing for that project. Now, he and Nelly, his wife of almost 50 years, are very active in the Catholic Church, where they are in charge of a non-governmental organization that sends young people to assist in impoverished countries.

George C. Fuller writes, "Until our 50th anniversary dinner, I had not seen a PC classmate during those 50 years. Since then, I have shared in the local luncheon several times. It is interesting to learn how much contact has continued among many of you. My prime current interest is promoting 'senior sensitivity' among churches in the Presbyterian Church in America."

G. Davis Greene Jr. is planning a trip to New Zealand for three weeks to visit his son, who is there with his family on a sabbatical year.

Howard W. Hanson III and Anne live in Sarasota, Fla., where they moved after selling his insurance business in North Carolina. Their five daughters are now further away but still a close family! Howard had a nice visit with Joseph L. Jones IV in Maine last summer.

Robert P. Hauptfuhrer splits his time between Vero Beach, Fla., and Wayne. "I am still involved as a corporate board member of two organizations and as a trustee of two foundations; retirement policies have caught up with me in the other organizations I was active in. I am looking forward to my 50th reunion from Harvard Business School, my 55th next June from Princeton, my 60th from PC the next year, and my wife's 50th college reunion the following year."



Albert W. Hibbert OPC '49

See death notices.

M. Bruce Hirshorn retired from the Foreign Service in 1986 and has been practicing law (taxation, estate planning and probate) in Vienna, Va., a Washington, D.C. suburb, since then. "I don't plan to retire voluntarily. I still play squash, but I don't have to worry about my game deteriorating as I never was much good."

Peter J. Meehan, one of the class's more faithful attendees at alumni gatherings, has lived in Naples, Fla., for 20 years. He and Carole have a son in Glenside, and he coaxes them to Philadelphia on occasion.

Mark L. Myers writes, "Having had a valve replacement last September, I am now within 5 lbs. of my PC weight. I have a software company that caters to the printing industry, and have developed and written a system for estimating printing jobs. I am also actively involved as chairman of a company called Protexx, which has developed the only 100 percent secure technology for transmitting data on the Internet. I remarried five years ago to a very talented author who's first full-length novel *Seducing Harry, An Epicurean Affair*, was released in January."

Richard F. Neff spent his Philadelphia life running his own advertising agencies, from Manyunk to Jenkintown to Huntingdon Valley. He then moved south to Southport, N.C., where his wife, Pat, had a brain aneurysm and died almost two years later. Dick then met Sally Dudley on the Internet. "What we had in common was that we both shared a recent loss of a loved one for whom we had been the principal caregiver," Dick said.

Thomas B. MacCabe Jr. shuffles between homes in Sarasota, Fla., Philadelphia and Wolfeboro, N.H. Wherever they are, he and Gale spend a great deal of time in many volunteer activities. Tom has had a rough time with diabetes over the years, but so far he's been the winner of each round.

Jack C. M. Ogelsby retired from academic life and moved from London to Barry's Bay, Ontario, four years ago. Jack and Nancy's home is on an island linked to the village by a causeway, and the fishing is good in the summer. They share their neighborhood with bear, moose and lots of deer. Their daughters live nearby in the Ottawa Valley.

Tom M. Perot, who lives in Belvedere, Calif., writes, "Greetings from the left coast! We are on a lagoon off San Francisco Bay. Sailboat racing on the lagoon and San Francisco Bay keeps me going, and I have taken up bocce ball in the last few years." Tom moved to the area with Bank of America when he was 40. He and his wife have their two daughters, son and seven grandchildren all in the area, "which makes for good-sized holiday gatherings."

Harry E. Richter writes, "I spent some time in the OSS after I graduated from Haverford College. I had the East German desk until the CIA finally told us to sign up with them or get out. I worked for IBM for 37 years in manufacturing and development. I was general manager of the division that produced 'terminals and communication' equipment." Harry followed his two sons to Sebastian, Fla., and they now have three homes in a row. Harry is heavily involved in protecting the right whale and travels the world in pursuit of this interest.

Paul C. Schmidt, writing from Union St. in San Francisco, says he and his wife haven't made it east of Colorado in some time but he "feels much closer to our Penn Charter classmates than I do to just about anyone from my college days." He invites his classmates to visit them in San Francisco.

Ed A. Snape III lives with wife Pam in Easley, S.C. Now that Pam, a family practice doctor, has retired, they spend more time in their mountaintop cabin in North Carolina. They are also catching up on their international travel with trips to Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and Peru.

Lowell S. (Tim) Thomas Jr. writes "Judy and I have bought a cottage in a retirement community in Blue Hill, Maine, and will be selling our house in Sedgwick, Maine. When we moved here six-plus years ago, we planned to return to Philadelphia but have said the heck with that. We are spending eternity in Maine." Tim does return to Philadelphia for board meetings with the Barra Foundation. The couple usually stays with Dave Green and sees Carl F. Rumpp Jr., Peter Benoliel and others. Tim wants to get together with Joe Jones in Bath, Maine, and to see Howard Hanson during his Maine trip this summer.

Glenn L. Van Hest Sr. says he is a converted Southern Californian but has a lot of family in Florida and would love to meet his classmates in Savannah. He has a daughter married to a Kuwaiti sheik and so has been to Kuwait on a few occasions.

William M. Welch III had a serious bacterial infection, enduring a year in the hospital and a 50

lb. weight loss. He then fell victim to a circulation problem in his foot, left with no choice but amputation below the knee. Inspired by Barbara, he is on his way to full recovery, experimenting with prosthesis and working out at the gym!

1950

Class Agent

William J. Wall

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Wallace P. (Wally) Cooney and his wife have 21 grandchildren, ranging from newborn to college-age. One attends the University of Notre Dame and another Georgetown University.

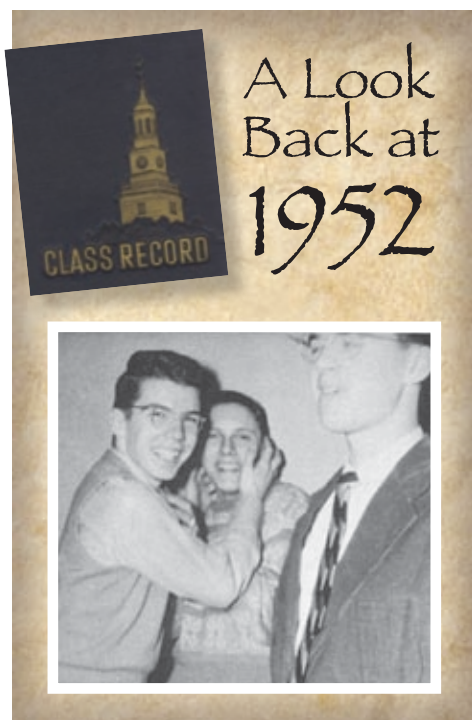
1951

Class Agent

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Allen Barstow writes, "Jo and I recently had a three-day visit with Nonnie and Bob Barnes in Mount Dora, Fla. They are both in great shape, although Bob is slowed a bit with chemo. Nonnie still plays vigorous tennis daily. The tornado hit within 10 miles of them, but they were unscathed. We also stayed with Dee and Bruce Barstow OPC '49 in Savannah. Bruce is enthusiastically taking over as class agent for '49, and is hoping for a mini-reunion in Savannah ASAP. Both are thriving with winter at the Landings and summer in Durham, N.H. In December we celebrated the 80th birthday of my brother Don OPC '44 in Jamison. Attending were his three OPC sons: my nephews, Scott OPC '71, Peter OPC '81 and Allen OPC '85. I must be the only OPC '51 still working, unless George (Chuck) Henrich is still at it. I plan to hang up the cleats soon, maybe at the end of 2007. Thanks to Dave Weinman for his wonderfully written letter.



Doing for Others

James A. Lehman Jr. OPC '54, a plastic surgeon known for his pediatric work, visited Penn Charter in December to speak with students about his volunteer efforts to provide reconstructive facial surgery for children in developing countries. "I think if you're going to have a fulfilling life and find happiness, doing for others is an important part of that," Lehman told Middle School students.

Lehman's volunteer work had its origins in Vietnam. During the war, he worked as a general surgeon in an Army hospital and often treated children suffering from medical conditions that were not war-related. Since the 1990s, working with five volunteer organizations, Lehman has regularly traveled to developing countries to treat children with birth defects such as cleft lips and palettes. He also treats burn victims and has reconstructed ears and hands. Lehman helped establish the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Ohio, as a nationally recognized center for pediatric plastic surgery.

As part of a team of volunteer doctors and medical personnel, Lehman spends two weeks in a developing country, returning regularly to see some of the same patients for numerous follow-up procedures. Lehman has traveled to Guatemala, Romania, Chile and Bolivia to operate clinics for people who have often traveled far themselves

for medical treatment. "Eighty-five percent of the world does not have access to regular healthcare," he told students.

He described the rudimentary operating rooms and equipment that had to suffice. The anesthesia machines were outdated, the suction often didn't work and sometimes even light bulbs were in short supply. "You've got to adapt

"I think if you're going to have a fulfilling life and find happiness, doing for others is an important part of that."

to the situation you're in, so be flexible," he advised.

The most common surgery Lehman performs is on cleft lips and palettes. Fixing a cleft palette isn't just cosmetic, Lehman told students. It's a critical economic issue because people can't get more than a menial job if they can't speak properly.

Students wanted to know if there were children Lehman could not help. He explained that if a child came to the clinic too sick or malnourished to undergo surgery, he or she would have to get well first. Biology students asked about the mechanics of cleft palette surgery.

Lehman, who received Penn Charter's Alumni Award of Merit in 2004, is looking forward to increasing his number of volunteer trips a year from two to four. "When you love what you do, you never go to work," he told students.

Lehman spoke at Penn Charter, and lectured biology and anatomy classes, as part of the school's Distinguished Speaker Series. See the News & Events section of www.penncharter.com for more on the series.

1952

Class Agents

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Bruce Waechter writes, "To the Class of '52: It was a great reunion. The weather was superb, the accommodations were outstanding, and the Demings organized and hosted a great time. The attendees included the Demings, of course, the Ayreses, Cromptons, Davises, Hilliers, McGuckins, Simons, Twitmyers, Van Scivers, Waechters, Yannessas and Skip Corson. A mechanical problem on a West Palm Beach plane caused the Wagners to miss the reunion at the last minute. We missed them, and in a 'class gesture' they provided wine for one of our dinners. Activities included golf, tennis, riding, nature hikes, museum visits, a cowboy cookout in the desert, relaxing by the pool and just genuine good fellowship. The accommodations were like small apartments, the meals were scrumptious. We wish more could have been there. For the 56th reunion, the Demings and Simons offered Jackson Hole, Wyo., around Sept. 14, 2008, and everyone accepted unanimously. Details later. Many thanks to the Demings for hosting an absolutely superb reunion."

1953

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Sidney B. Barnes Jr. OPC '55

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1956

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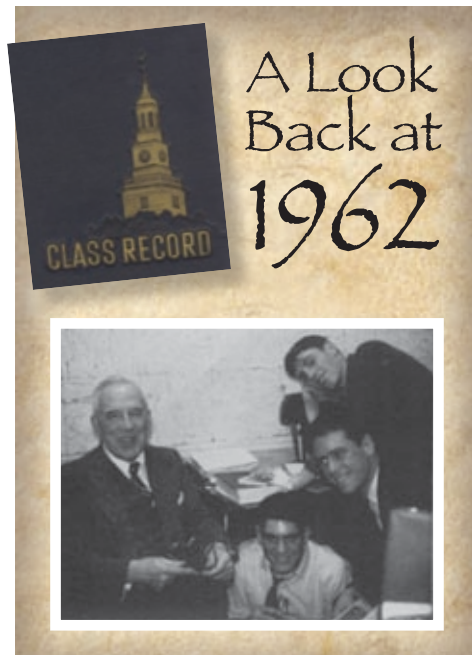
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1960

Class Agent

Alvin A. Swenson III

Our First "Mature" Friends' Meeting

After it was over, one classmate confessed, "All I could think when I first heard the plan was: What do we want to do that for? This is supposed to be a fun time!" Then he added, "You know, being older and wiser changes everything. That silence together was incredible."

Twenty-six of us, including a half dozen wives, had just sat for 45 minutes on rows of folding chairs in our hosts' garage in Stone Harbor, N.J. This was the fifth year we were coming together for a "shorefest," just to hang together. Head of

“You know, being older and wiser changes everything. That silence together was incredible.”

School Earl Ball and Chief Development Officer Bruce Begin had considered the phenomenon of our Meeting for Worship worth driving down from Philadelphia to witness.

Holding a Meeting was a new wrinkle for us. Someone had proposed the idea on our Development e-mail list. A bunch of

others ratified it. So it happened, before happy hour Saturday afternoon. One classmate, having heard the worries of a few wives who did not know what to expect, downloaded a paragraph to read at the outset, explaining that Meeting is a form of worship whose point is to allow silence, interrupted if someone is moved, and then only with a brief, spiritually uplifting message. This time, the school officials sat in the body of the group.

How did it go? One wife reflected, "I have never sat so still for so long in my life." Others, during the Meeting itself and still more afterward, said more or less, "That was wonderful!" What were they talking about? Nothing written here can come close to saying.

For five years, a communal feeling had been evolving among us, changing us from a bunch of guys (and their mates) who had just happened to attend the same school. A handful of guys had kept together after graduation to vacation and occasionally to party. Then they decided to grow the party with as many classmates as they could cajole to come. So it has gone these last five years.

One classmate had died years ago. But we were not mobilized then. The big change came when another became stricken with cancer a couple of years back. A number of us called or visited regularly through the long months until he died. Then our class president got the same disease and

1961

Class Agents

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1962

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1964

Class Agent

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Wayne Partenheimer writes, "I'm sad to say, my wife of almost 37 years, Louise Harbach, died Dec. 11, 2006, while visiting her cousin in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. She had undergone an aortic valve replacement in July 2004, but had been doing great and had a clean bill of health from her cardiologist just two weeks before her trip. Since the surgery, she went to the Caribbean twice, and she and I had been to Minnesota and New England several times, as well as Utah, Sweden and Paris. Louise had been a reporter at the Philadelphia Inquirer for 22 years."

1965

Harry S. Stout III, who wrote *Upon the Altar of the Nation: A Moral History of the Civil War*, is a finalist for the Lincoln Prize to be announced in April 2007.



John White OPC '65, CEO of Public Financial Management, which advises cities such as Philadelphia on financial matters, visited Penn Charter to speak with students in a class titled Art of Caring: Urban Issues. White spoke about the complexity of Philadelphia's budget and how difficult it is to get out of a financial crisis, which the city did after a 1992 budget deficit. "If somebody's not really sitting on top of it all the time, you're going to see deficits," White told students.

1966

Class Agent

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John M. Wilson Jr. assumed command of the California State Military Reserve's 40th Infantry Division Support Brigade in December 2006. John, a colonel and a decorated helicopter pilot, flew frequent search and rescue missions looking for downed pilots in the Vietnam War. He has

been awarded 14 Air Medals, a Combat Medical Badge, a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart, among others.

1968

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1969

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1970

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Russell R. Dickhart is moving back to the Philadelphia area. He is still with Aetna after 32 years. He has two sons: Russ Jr. is with Exxon Mobile in Northern Virginia, and Charlie is in the U.S. Army airborne.

went even faster. His wife was in the Meeting and began by saying, "Topper would have..." and switched in mid-sentence, "Topper is so happy we're doing this."

A fourth classmate died this spring, another had to undergo a coronary bypass, and yet another has been battling metastases in his leg. No wonder that several speakers mentioned mortality, and how, in the face of the inevitable, they were finding themselves counting blessings, including our newfound and genuine friendship with people who had been only classmates in our youth.

As happens when a group deliberately falls silent together, each person's offering spoke for something in us all. One recounted: "I never stood up in all my years at PC, so I'm doing it now, since this might be my last chance, even though I don't know what to say or how, except, I'm so grateful for all I have and I just hope I can keep on giving, giving."

And another: "I can't remember a thing from those years of math class, but I recall those benches every other Wednesday, counting the minutes until we could go back to normal." Then, he spoke for what was blossoming in that room. After invoking the souls of those who were with us not in body but so powerfully in spirit, he praised our coming together with enough openness to feel the blessing that every one of us is in each other's life.



We, who had grown up together, finally, after decades, were able to get so real together that more than a few left with moist eyes. Many murmured how much they were looking forward to Meeting again. It's in the plan for our official 45th reunion in May, and at every shorefest in years to come, as long as at least two of us are still around.

—Class of '62 Shorefest Committee



Ronald W. Henry OPC '70
See death notices.

1971

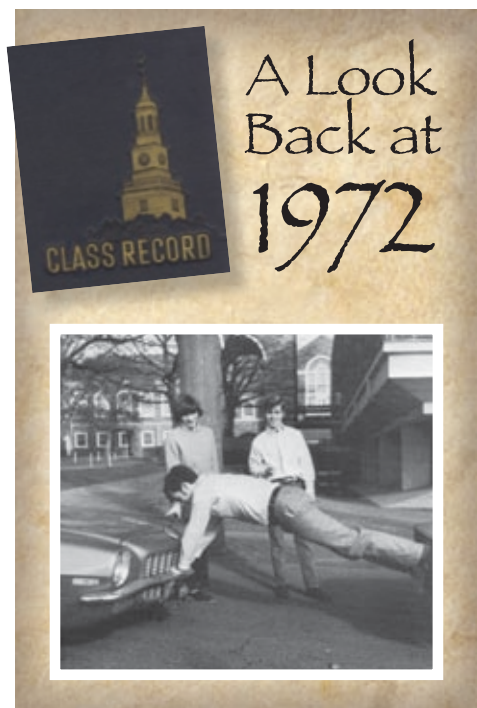
Class Agent
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R. Keith Helmetag (pictured), Mark A. Bryce and David H. Kinley III reconnected for another annual surfing trip to Rincon, Puerto Rico, last winter. The inaugural trip was taken by Mark and Keith as Penn Charter sophomores.

1972

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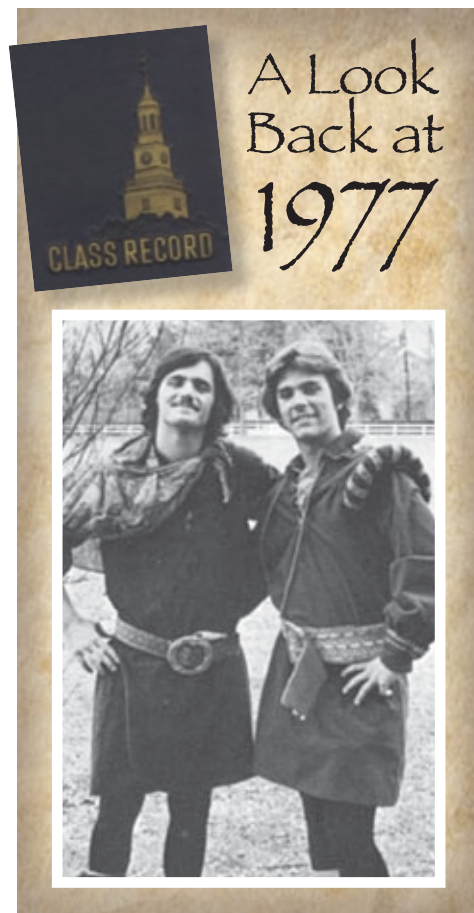
Alexander S. M. Gibson writes, "I am pleased to say that with my marriage to Beth I now have three daughters: MacKenzie (age 19) and Audrey (age 15) Gibson, and Corinne Anderson (age 13). All are wonderful. And MacKenzie will attend Ohio Wesleyan (my other alma mater) in the fall. As our wedding date is April 29, Beth and I are excited that we will be celebrating our first anniversary at the OPC '77 gathering on May 4 and 5!" (See marriages.)



Alex and Beth Gibson's daughters, MacKenzie, Audrey and Corinne.

1978

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Paul B. DiMarco has written a novel titled *Journey Home*, under the pen name Paul Burke. He invites his classmates to read the reviews on Amazon.com.

1979

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Terrence P. (Terry) Dowling has completed his master's degree in counselor education and now works as a career counselor at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

1980

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Jeffrey S. Klein was named track coach of the year in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 for northeast Ohio. His team also won state championships in 2005 and 2006.

1981

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1982

Class Agent

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Bradley L. Noble has been living in Philadelphia since 1987 after leaving Cincinnati. He has been married to his wife, Candace, since 2005. They have three daughters, Cheyenne, Taylor and Amber. He is currently working at Independence Blue Cross in Center City. He hopes to see everyone at the 25th reunion this year.

George L. Justice writes, "I've lived for the past five years in Columbia, Mo., where my wife, Devoney Loose, and I are both professors of English at the University of Missouri. It's nice to be settled in — in the past 10 years we've lived in Indiana, Wisconsin, Arizona, Louisiana and now Missouri. I'm now assistant dean of the graduate school and enjoying that administrative work. We're the proud parents of two boys, Carl (age 3) and Lowell (age 1). I won't be able to make it to the reunion, but I look forward to hearing about it."

Antonio A. Bentivoglio writes, "After 25 years away from Philadelphia, I am back with a few additions: wife Naomi, son Alexander, dog Casey and cat Nugget. Over the last 25 years I have been all over; one year in Wales, two years in Alabama, five years in L.A., seven years in Portland, Ore., and most recently five years in Hawaii. I just keep moving further west. Looking forward to the 25th reunion in May."

1983

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Jeffrey S. Brown writes, "Sorry to miss reunions, but it's always a bad time as I coach Ultimate at Tufts University in the spring. I'm still in Boston, working at Harvard Medical School for about a year as a pharmacoepidemiologist. Really. I have three kids: a 4-year-old boy and twin 2-year-old girls. Life is busy and fun. Let me know if you're in town."

Tony Hollinger OPC '83 on Ethics and Business

Tony Hollinger OPC '83 visited Penn Charter last fall to discuss ethical decision-making in the business world. Hollinger, who has served in the armed forces and as a business executive, credits both Penn Charter and the U.S. Naval Academy with his growth as an individual and as a leader.

After attending the Naval Academy, Hollinger became a Marine, serving as an officer in Desert Storm. Harvard Business School followed, then the Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Fla., and today

Hollinger is vice president and general manager for operations at Comcast's Washington, D.C. office.

Hollinger talked with several OPCs about his path to Penn Charter and beyond. He grew up in the Tioga neighborhood of North Philadelphia. "I didn't know Penn Charter existed, even though it was next door," he said. "The campus was so close and yet so far away from what I was used to." In eighth grade, Hollinger earned an

academic scholarship from the Quaker Chemical Company to attend Penn Charter, typically riding his bicycle to school.

"I became a very well-rounded person at Penn Charter," Hollinger recalled. The day before the start of his junior year, Hollinger had a freak injury during football practice that left him in a half-body cast and forced him to miss the first six weeks of school. "I had to think hard about who I was and where my life was going," he said. "Meanwhile, my teachers were bringing me homework so I could keep up in my classes, and as soon as I was back, Jack Rogers and others suggested I dive into Alice Davis' AP Chemistry class!"

Hollinger spoke fondly of Meeting for Worship. "I would think about how I was doing, about things I wanted to do — it was really a time I could focus on myself. Having that time was so important, because now, when things are so rushed, you don't always have the time to step back and think about how a decision will affect your life or the lives of others."

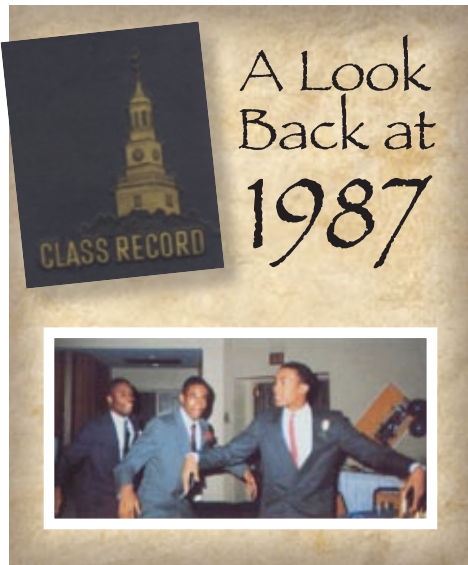
While Hollinger was speaking to students in Everyday Ethics about making responsible decisions, a student asked him how a Quaker institution like Penn Charter, which focuses on nonviolence and the growth of the individual, could be similar to the U.S. Naval Academy, which emphasizes the importance of the team and eventually led Hollinger to the Marine Corps and military action in Desert Storm. Appreciating the question, Hollinger explained, "First, when I was headed to the Academy, many of my friends said, 'Hey, you'll be brainwashed,' but really, the Academy isn't about that. And more importantly, Penn Charter had helped me become such a strong person, and so confident in the decisions I made because I knew myself, that I couldn't have been brainwashed."

"I became a very well-rounded person at Penn Charter"

"When you are a part of a team," he added, "whether it is the workplace or something as extreme as the Marines, it is important to be a strong individual. The team is its best if all the members are strong. And in the military, you want people to be thoughtful; you want them to make good decisions. You sometimes are responsible for the lives of others, so every person has to be confident in their individuality and in their ability to make a decision."



Tony Hollinger OPC '83 reminisced with Alice Davis Hon. 1689 about her challenging AP Chemistry class. Hollinger returned to Penn Charter last fall to speak with students and alumni about responsible decision-making in the business world.



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Charles S. (Chip) Finney and his wife had their bathroom made over by HGTV's *Save My Bath* last summer.

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Timothy J. Fullerton has left his job at Momenee & Associates. He is now working in the technology field for CRB Engineering, one of the leading engineering firms that serve the biotech, pharmaceutical and other high-tech industries. He has also received his professional engineering license for civil engineering. (See births.)

1996

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Rachel Sigman, who joined development and alumni relations at the University of Pennsylvania two years ago as the assistant director, was appointed director of the parents program in January 2006. In her role as director, Rachel is responsible for parent programming and fundraising for the parents fund.

1997

Class Agent

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Benjamin J. Cake II writes, "In 2003, I quit my job and made a deal with myself: give yourself five years to get established in publishing and get a job at Esquire. It wasn't much of a plan, because at the

end of those five years, there was no safety net. I would have just given up and become a stockbroker or a dentist or one of those guys with lots of tattoos that runs the roller coasters at a theme park. Esquire offered me a job as a copy editor last October, which is lucky because I don't like stocks or drills or tattoos all that much."

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Newly minted Philadelphia police officer Lisa Christy OPC '99, assigned to the 35th district.

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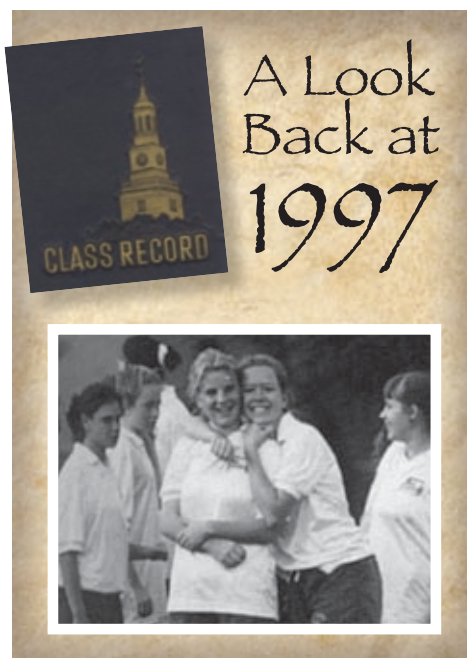
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Naomi Weiss is a junior vocal major at the Jacob's School of Music at Indiana University. She has been a member of the Singing Hoosiers since her freshman year and has appeared in the school's production of *Tommy* and played Andrea in *Once on this Island*.

Last fall she was John Mellencamp's backup singer for an IU pre-game show. Locally, she gave a solo vocal performance for an event at Lankenau Hospital.

2005

Class Agents

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Nate Campbell, a sophomore at Brandeis University, placed second in the National Collegiate Cycling Association's 2006 Collegiate National Championship held last October. "Placing second was the highlight of my 2006 season," Nate said. Nate qualified for the national championships by placing in the top five in a number of races this season. He won first place in the Wompatuck Whatchamacallit Race in Hingham, Mass., fourth place at the University of Vermont, and fourth place at the University of New Hampshire. In the New Hampshire race, Nate was in first place until the last half-mile, when he crashed and broke his bike. He ran and pushed the bike the rest of the way to cross the finish line to capture fourth.

2006

Class Agents

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Michael G. Weick, making his first-ever collegiate start for the NCAA Division III McDaniel College Green Terror football team, had six tackles and a quarterback sack vs. Randolph-Macon College on Oct. 21, 2006, earning Centennial Conference defensive team honor roll accolades. Mike is majoring in exercise science and hopes to return to Penn Charter in the future as a football coach.

Catching Up with Dean Drizin OPC '02

Penn Charter talked with the Dartmouth salutarian while he took a break from his job at Banc of America Securities, where he works as a health care analyst in the investment bank. Drizin recalls his times at Penn Charter and at Dartmouth, and shares his thoughts on his future.

PC: It's been nearly five years since you graduated from Penn Charter. Did you expect to be where you are now, graduated from Dartmouth and working in New York City?

Drizin: I might not have expected to be where I am now, but Penn Charter definitely prepared me very well. My PC experience is something I am very grateful for. Dartmouth students are really talented, but I felt comfortable thanks to my Penn Charter education. I was able to take advantage of great opportunities available at Dartmouth. I lived and worked internationally, and I studied at Oxford. It was actually my friends at Oxford who got me interested in investment banking.



I might not have expected to be where I am now, but Penn Charter definitely prepared me very well.

PC: You worked for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Switzerland; tell us about that.

Drizin: I worked as an intern in the World Health Organization's International Program on Chemical Safety (IPCS). The internship was great because it combined my interest in science and public policy. I helped manage a project to establish international guidelines for tolerable upper-levels of nutrients in food. Consider, for example, your morning orange juice, which may contain 110 percent of your daily advised Vitamin C. IPCS hosted a workshop to advise governments on whether the addition of excessive nutrients to food could have an adverse impact on health. The goal was not to create rules but to establish principles that each country could apply to its particular environment. In managing the project, I had the opportunity to work with scientists and policy-makers at the FDA and in the U.K., E.U., Africa and Asia. More generally, the internship gave me the opportunity to live in Switzerland. I moved to Geneva all on

my own without knowing any French. I took an evening class to learn some of the language, and I befriended other interns from all over the world.

PC: What were some highlights about your time at Dartmouth?

Drizin: I developed a close relationship with my thesis advisor, Professor Deborah Stone. We worked together for two years on my thesis, which was focused on hospice care and the Medicare hospice benefit. My international experiences were another highlight. Dartmouth is amazing at making its students world citizens. And, third, the Dartmouth students in general. Dartmouth embraces diversity, and I had the chance to become friends with classmates from really different backgrounds with really different interests.

PC: Can you explain more about what you do for Bank of America?

Drizin: Bank of America's investment bank [Banc of America Securities] is organized by industry sector. I am an analyst in the health care group. I am responsible for developing and maintaining financial models, performing company and industry research, preparing presentation and other materials for clients, participating in due diligence sessions, and communicating and interacting with team members and clients. I prepare PowerPoint presentations, and I use Excel to model various financial scenarios, like what it would look like if two companies merged. I did not have a finance background, but you learn quickly. I have always been interested in health care, and the job is a great way to learn about the health care industry.

PC: How has the transition from college to the workforce been for you? What are you thinking about for the future?

Drizin: I work really long hours. It's really a seven-day-a-week job, and I often go home well after 11 p.m. I'm definitely being kept busy! The analyst position is a two-year program. Some analysts will stay, and others will go on to other jobs in finance, or even medical or law school. I am still considering becoming a doctor, but I would want to combine medical school with a degree in public policy.

PC: Have you remained connected with your Penn Charter classmates?

Drizin: The long work hours have made it more difficult to stay connected with people. But over Christmas I went skiing in Utah with Andy Goldberger, Jason Harrow, David Krupnick and Ben Rosenblum. And I now play tennis in the city with Matt Greenberg.

MARRIAGES

- 1977** Alexander S. M. Gibson to Beth Anderson on April 29, 2006.
- 1993** Gwo-Ing Lee to Mark Dreyer in September 2006.



Sarah LaVan OPC '92, Anne Dodson Chen, Melissa Levin, Bimal Desai OPC '92, Alison Evans, Gwo-Ing Lee, Mark Dreyer and Carrie Kogan.

- 1995** Ariel T. Gordon to Scott Bernstein on Oct. 22, 2006.



Several Penn Charter teachers enjoyed the wedding of Ariel Gordon OPC '95. Pictured: Bob Gordon (father of the bride), Jean Taraborelli, Ariel Gordon Bernstein, Bill Goulding, Debi Gordon (sister of the bride), Sandy Portnoy and Cheryl Irving.

Matthew Marquess to Danielle B. Rosanova OPC '98 on October 13, 2006.



Matthew Marquess OPC '95 and Danielle B. Rosanova OPC '98 returned to Penn Charter for wedding pictures.

- 1998** Andrew F. Evans to Katherine Goldfeder on Oct. 14, 2006.

BIRTHS

- 1962** Kristiana, to Barb and George F. Bauer, in May 2006.



George F. Bauer with new daughter Kristiana.

- 1982** Samuel Blake, to Tina and Laurence S. Hirshland, on Dec. 18, 2006.



Samuel Blake Hirshland, with big sister Haley.

- 1985** Brendan Alexander, to Karen and Sean P. McGowan, on Aug. 18, 2006.

Bridget Miller, to Mary and Brian J. Duffy OPC '85, on Aug. 22, 2006.

- 1987** Charlotte Zita Elizabeth, to Jane and Graham E. Michener, on Oct. 21, 2006.



Graham Michener with new daughter Charlotte Zita Elizabeth.

- 1995** Gabriel Joseph, to Nancy and Timothy J. Fullerton, on Sept. 13, 2006.

DEATHS

- 1932** Raymond G. Frick Jr., on Dec. 1, 2006.

- 1935** Linn P. Brown Jr., on June 1, 2006.

- 1943** Charles H. MacFarland, on Oct. 25, 2006.

- 1945** Edward P. Gubb, on Jan. 18, 2007.

Donald B. Martin, on Dec. 12, 2006.

- 1949** Albert W. Hibbert, on June 29, 2006.

John T. Bennett, on Nov. 6, 2006.

- 1952** Albert W. Schopfer, on March 11, 2007.

- 1955** Sidney B. Barnes Jr., on Oct. 22, 2006.

- 1970** Ronald W. Henry, on July 20, 2006.

- 1972** George D. Aitken, on Jan. 5, 2007.

Former Faculty and Staff

John Arts, French teacher 1984-98, on Oct. 27, 2006.

Walter F. (Bucky) Harris, basketball coach 1967-69, on Dec. 6, 2006.

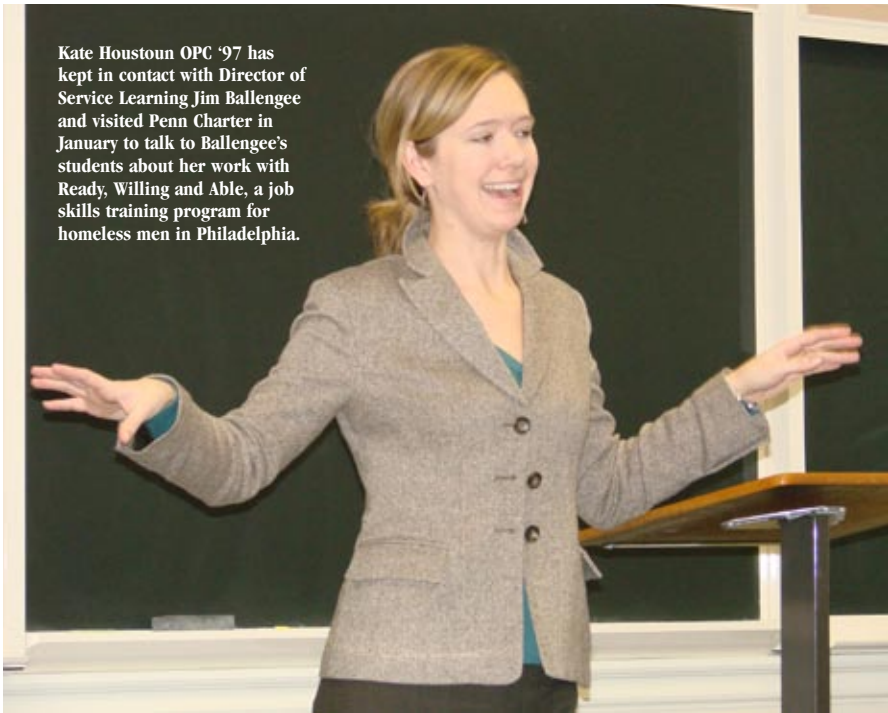


Kate Houston OPC '97 by Rebecca Luzi

Kate Houston OPC '97 declares she wasn't as diligent a student at Penn Charter as she might have been because she didn't care for sitting in a classroom. Houston hasn't sat still for long since graduating from Penn Charter. She has embarked on one civic-minded project after another, from Mexico to South Philly.






After graduating from the University of Delaware, she spent three months in rural Mexico working with 30 other young people as part of an American Friends Service Committee volunteer project called *Semilleros de Futuros*, or Sowers of Futures. Houston built economical and environmentally

work-oriented program because we believe that [people] won't keep their housing if they don't keep their jobs," she said. For 10 to 12 months, trainees work in custodial, landscaping, park maintenance, street cleaning, culinary arts and security positions. They are drug-tested twice a week and take job preparation and life skills classes. According to Houston, the objectives of Ready, Willing and Able appeal to both ends of the political spectrum. From a liberal perspective, Houston said, "Don't you think this person deserves a chance?" From a conservative viewpoint, she said, "Wouldn't you rather this person have a job rather than eating up your tax dollars?"



Kate Houston OPC '97 has kept in contact with Director of Service Learning Jim Ballengee and visited Penn Charter in January to talk to Ballengee's students about her work with Ready, Willing and Able, a job skills training program for homeless men in Philadelphia.

Kate Houston Service In Philadelphia

-  **Ready, Willing and Able**
Deputy Director for
Community Affairs
-  **Young Involved Philadelphia**
board member
-  **Passyunk Square Civic
Association**
-  **Philadelphia Green**
advisory board member
-  **Young Friends
of Pennsylvania
Horticultural Society**

friendly stoves and taught people in indigenous communities how to build them themselves. "Families were stripping the land to feed their stoves," she said. And the stoves they were using in their homes didn't have any chimneys. "It was a really sensitive thing," she said, "because people were doing it for so long, and then along come these gringos teaching [them] how to make a stove." Reflecting on her work with Sowers of Futures, Houston said, "It turned out it was our futures [we were sowing]." Houston believes that no matter how meaningful the gift to the community, volunteers always have more to learn than recipients. The project helped her determine that she wanted to pursue service, combined with writing, as a career. "It was probably the most rewarding experience of my life," she said.

For the last four years, Houston has been deputy director for community affairs at Ready, Willing and Able, a job skills training program for homeless men in Philadelphia. "We're a

Houston is a board member of Young Involved Philadelphia, a civic education and advocacy group for young people. The group also holds social events with a mission, including a "happier hour" coat drive to benefit homeless Philadelphians. And civic education forums raise awareness and inspire action on issues of interest or concern, such as city-wide wireless Internet access, tax reform and recycling.

Houston also belongs to three civic associations in her neighborhood. "South Philadelphia is the least green part of the city, and Passyunk Square Civic Association is trying to change that," Houston said, by partnering neighborhood manpower, government dollars and Philadelphia Green, a program of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Houston is on the advisory board of Philadelphia Green, to boot. And as soon as she helps establish the budding Young Friends of Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, she'll be a member of that, as well. [PC](#)



Save the Date

May 4 & 5

Alumni Reunion Weekend

Class Reunions: '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97

May 5

All-School Carnival, noon

May 14

Bert Linton Alumni/Parent Golf Outing, 11 a.m.

Gulph Mills Golf Club

May 25

Color Day, 1 p.m.

May 29

Senior/Alumni Society BBQ, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Peter K. Ortale Alumni Lacrosse Game and Barbeque

Boys Varsity Lacrosse Field

Barbeque at Timmons House following the game.

June 9

Commencement, 10:30 a.m.

November 9

2007 Athletic Honor Society Banquet

Union League of Philadelphia

November 10

121st PC/GA Day at Penn Charter

For details, visit the Alumni pages at www.penncharter.com.

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