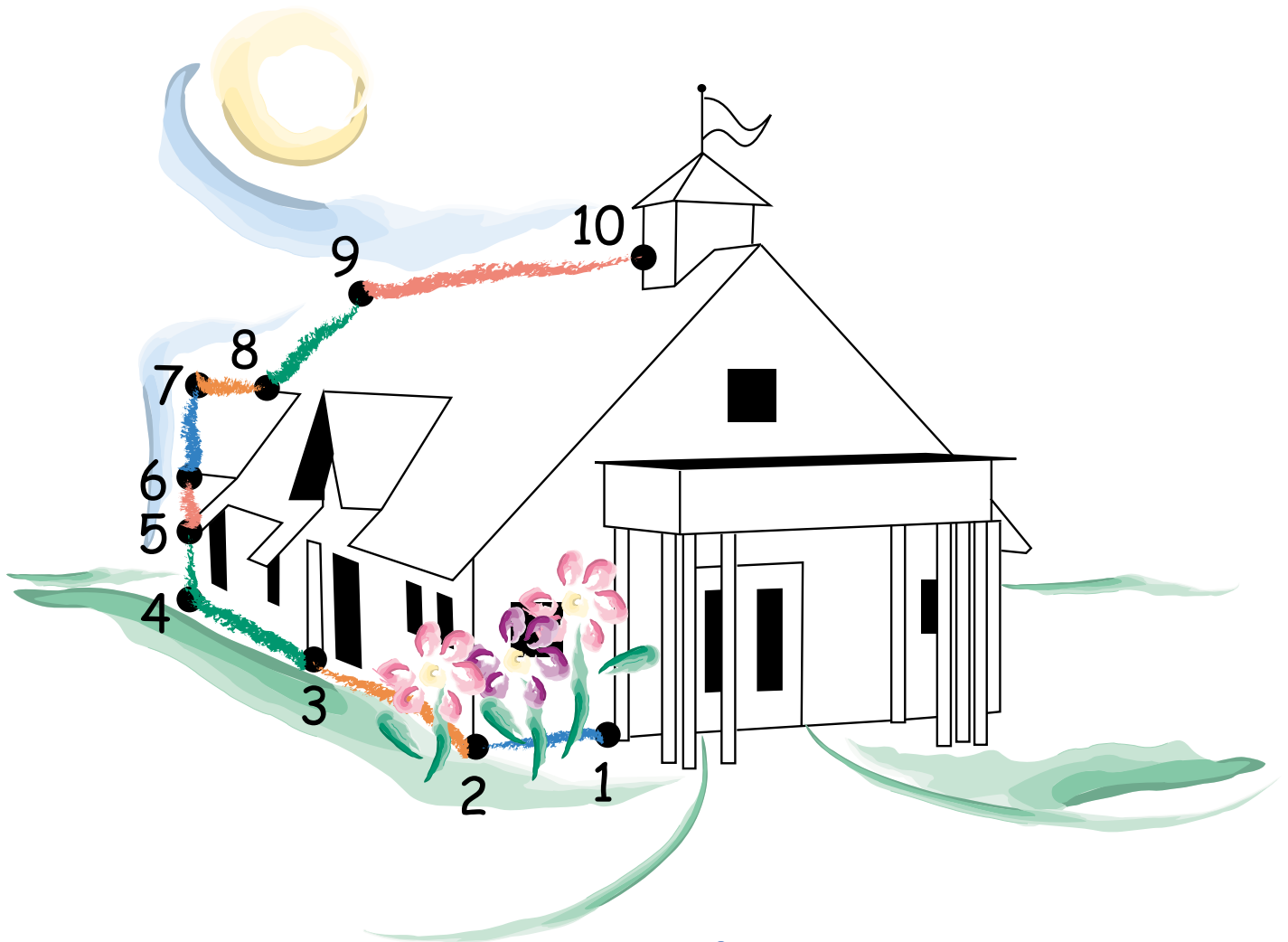


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President's Message



Dear Shady Side Academy Community:

Can you believe another school year, the Academy's 123rd, is winding itself so rapidly to yet another successful conclusion? With so much excitement and

accomplishment behind us since we opened the 2006-2007 academic year celebrating the

joy of the successes surrounding "This, Our Golden Opportunity"; it's time for us to once again focus not only upon the culmination of the current year, but create new strategies (more "opportunities") and plans which will sustain and enhance the experiences between our students, both current and future, and those of the Academy well into the 21st century. To this end, you will be reading much in the upcoming issues of the Magazine about the Academy's strategic response and vision regarding our programmatic, global, environmental, demographic and financially "sustainable" futures. Each is inextricably interrelated with the other.

In this issue of the Magazine you will learn more about our LEED certified, "green" ren-

ovated Rowe Hall classroom building and student reactions to "living and learning" in this new environmentally conscious and sustainable space.

Learn more about our new Senior School Head, Mr. Jeremy LaCasse, and his family as they prepare to make their transition to the Academy from the Fountain Valley School of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Read about the accomplishment of some of our alumni and their lives and careers in the Arts. Take a peek at our new Pre-K Building and read more about the genesis of this new program at Shady Side Academy. Enjoy!

In upcoming issues, I so look forward to sharing with you the many new, meaningful



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and exciting “futures” on the horizon at Shady Side Academy. What an exciting time for all of us to be a part of shaping and participating in the ongoing mission, journey and future of such a vital school and learning community.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Southard, President
Shady Side Academy

On our front cover: Construction progress on the new Pre-K building on the Junior School Campus and architect Paul Shea's '79 model of the new Pre-Kindergarten building.

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Academy Readies to Welcome the Class of 2021

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With a brand new building under construction and a new program developed especially for four-year-olds, Shady Side Academy will welcome the members of the Class of 2021 into our new Pre-K program on opening day in August 2007.

“Even just saying the class of 2021 can seem daunting,” said Academy President Tom Southard, “but as administrators and teachers in the year 2007 — now is the time to lay the best possible educational foundation for these future alumni. Part of what research shows us is that early childhood education, such as the program we have developed, will help children develop critical social skills and further strengthen the necessary foundation for lifelong learning.”

Indeed, the Pre-Kindergarten year encompasses a critical period of learning and development in a child’s life. Numerous research studies have demonstrated that stimulating experiences in a nurturing, high-quality program have enduring benefits for the student’s school career.

Parents are recognizing these benefits and more and more choose to enroll their children in a Pre-Kindergarten program. “Trends are definitely moving toward an early childhood education that begins with Pre-K,” said Cheryl Little, head of the Junior School. “In fact, a 2003 census report indicates that nearly 60% of all eligible children were enrolled in a Pre-K program. More importantly, however, is that appropriate early childhood education has benefits that can last a lifetime.”

Assisting in the development of Shady Side Academy’s Pre-Kindergarten program,

and helping facilitate a seamless transition into the fabric of the Junior School, is Carolyn Mericle. Mrs. Mericle joined the faculty of the Shady Side Academy Junior School in the Fall of 2006 as an interim replacement for a Kindergarten teacher. Carolyn is certified in both early childhood and elementary education. She has twenty years of experience in independent schools working with children in preschool through sixth grade.

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PRESIDENT TOM SOUTHARD

“Carolyn has been integral in developing our overarching Pre-Kindergarten plan into a program that will provide meaningful and appropriate learning experiences for our incoming Pre-K students. She also helped by attending our Pre-K Open Houses and screening days; she has even helped select furniture, flooring materials, color schemes and supplies for the Pre-K program. It has been wonderful to have her here this year! She’s been wearing two hats: 1) kindergarten teacher; and 2) next year’s Pre-K teacher. It’s also great for her to be involved from the

genesis of the program,” explained Mrs. Little. “And, because she served as an interim Kindergarten teacher, she really knows what will be expected of children entering Shady Side Academy’s Kindergarten.”

In addition to Mrs. Mericle, our Pre-K will be staffed by another teacher certified in early childhood education and a student intern from a local graduate program.

While planning where the Pre-K would be, it was decided that a new building on the grounds of the Junior School would best serve the programmatic and space requirements of students this age. The new building will incorporate spaces designed specifically for four-year-olds (many windows are installed at a height appropriate for four-year-olds, for example) while still providing access to the Junior School library, gym, computer lab and other facilities. “Chris Holt, our art teacher, has also been helpful to the planning process by lending her eye for design, her creative touch and her knowledge of children,” added Cheryl Little.

What guided the faculty and administration as we developed our program, designed our spaces and chose our materials? It was the developmental characteristics of four-year-olds as documented by reputable research. For example, children that age are: highly physically active, curious, concrete thinkers, interested in word play and big vocabulary, and socially ready to develop reciprocal friendships. Our understanding of children and their needs is based on the work of many theorists including, but not limited to Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotsky, Stanley Greenspan, Constance Kamii, Mel Levine and many more.

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The program is also guided by professional associations, policy groups and groups which provide school accreditations. For example, the National Association for the Education of Young Children or NAEYC is instrumental in defining developmentally appropriate practice. Another influential organization is the Northeast Foundation for Children which advocates what is called the Responsive Classroom approach, emphasizing the value of the social learning in a school, as well as the academic learning.

Additionally, best practices in the field of early childhood education, those methods and materials which have been proven to be most effective, influenced decisions as the program was designed. Faculty and administration visited other schools, read professional journals and books, attended conferences and participated in study groups with other professionals and will continue to do so. They will be constantly learning and refining their own craft knowledge for the benefit of our students.

Most importantly, Pre-K faculty will be guided by the interests and needs of the individual children and those of their families, working in close partnership with parents to, in the words of Cheryl Little, “develop the path for the child and not the child for the path.”

“The framework for Pre-Kindergarten, developed by Mrs. Little, reflects the best practices and research in the early childhood field. I am honored and excited to have a role in bringing these plans to life next year!” said Mrs. Mericle.

The result will be a dynamic, balanced, and eclectic program which is responsive to each individual child. Learning will be active. Each day will reflect a careful balance of child-initiated and teacher-initiated learning. There will be daily blocks of time devoted to play. Indoor play time will take place in classrooms with different learning areas for literacy, science, math, art, blocks, dramatic play, sand and water tables and the like. At outdoor playtimes the offerings will include playground equipment, a covered porch for inclement weather, learning gardens, sand and water play.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently released a report about the value of play. This report is the latest in a long line of overwhelming evidence that play provides irreplaceable opportunities to develop so many foundational skills for future health and academic success. When children play, they have their whole brain stimulated, not just specific areas related to formal academic skills. Play facilitates a child’s physical and sensorimotor development as he/she runs, jumps, digs, acts, paints, draws, and in other ways has direct contact with the culture and living earth around him/her. Play promotes social learning, supports emotional growth, supports cognitive development, and serves as a mediator between what is possible and what is actual. Play is the central developmental activity around which all other early childhood education activities must revolve. Our program values spontaneous, open-ended, imaginative play, multi-sensory and hands-on learning, natural environments (gardens, plants, the arts, animals), and a child-centered approach to learning. In an environment like this, children can be who they are and develop a strong sense of self that will be part of their core for life.

The role of teachers in Pre-K will be to support, extend and deepen play, as accomplished through planning and discussions with children. A teacher might query, “How can we change our dramatic play center into a post office? What do we need?” Teachers can then introduce relevant materials and experiences. Also, there will be daily show-and-tell periods related to children’s work. This will allow children to talk about what they have done and extend one another’s ideas further.

The Pre-K program will also feature teacher-initiated academic learning. Shady Side Academy has a strong reputation for academic excellence and the Pre-K will continue this tradition in a way perfectly tailored for four year old learners. One of the most important foundational areas for success in life is development of healthy social skills. Children will practice getting along, being kind, being friendly, expressing ideas effectively. This will be accomplished both

through teacher lessons, but also through play as students learn to resolve conflicts and share ideas together.

Mrs. Mericle explained, “We want our students to leave Pre-K with strong communication skills, solid phonemic awareness and alphabetic knowledge, an appreciation for many types of books and poetry and a solid grasp of concepts of print. This will be accomplished through circle time, read-alouds, story dictation, phonics lessons. It will also occur through play as students are guided in creating pretend scenarios, singing, sharing, talking and listening.”

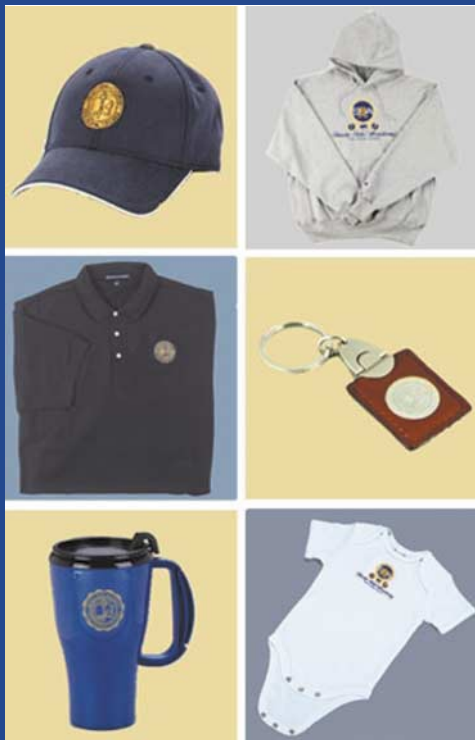
“We want children to move into Kindergarten with a strong knowledge base of number sense and math concepts developed through concrete, real experiences. Children will use hands-on math materials, play math games and apply math concepts to real life situations. They also learn through play as they count, measure, solve puzzles, or keep score.”

The same philosophy will be applied to the other areas of academic learning; science, social studies, technology, physical education and the arts.

Of course, the experiences of the Pre-K year will also serve to orient children for their many years of learning at Shady Side Academy. Pre-K students will have 4th grade “Buddies” who will come to read and do project work with them. They will attend school celebrations and assemblies. They will establish relationships with the specialists with whom they will work while they are at the Junior School. They will be a part of the great community of learning which is Shady Side Academy.

“Adding the Pre-Kindergarten program allows us to both provide a solid foundation for life-long learning, as well as meet the evolving needs of families in our region. Most importantly, however, we are enhancing our programming based on the latest research and trends in early childhood education. Nothing less is acceptable when providing an exceptional, leading, and significant education,” added Tom Southard. “We are absolutely excited and thrilled to welcome the Class of 2021.”

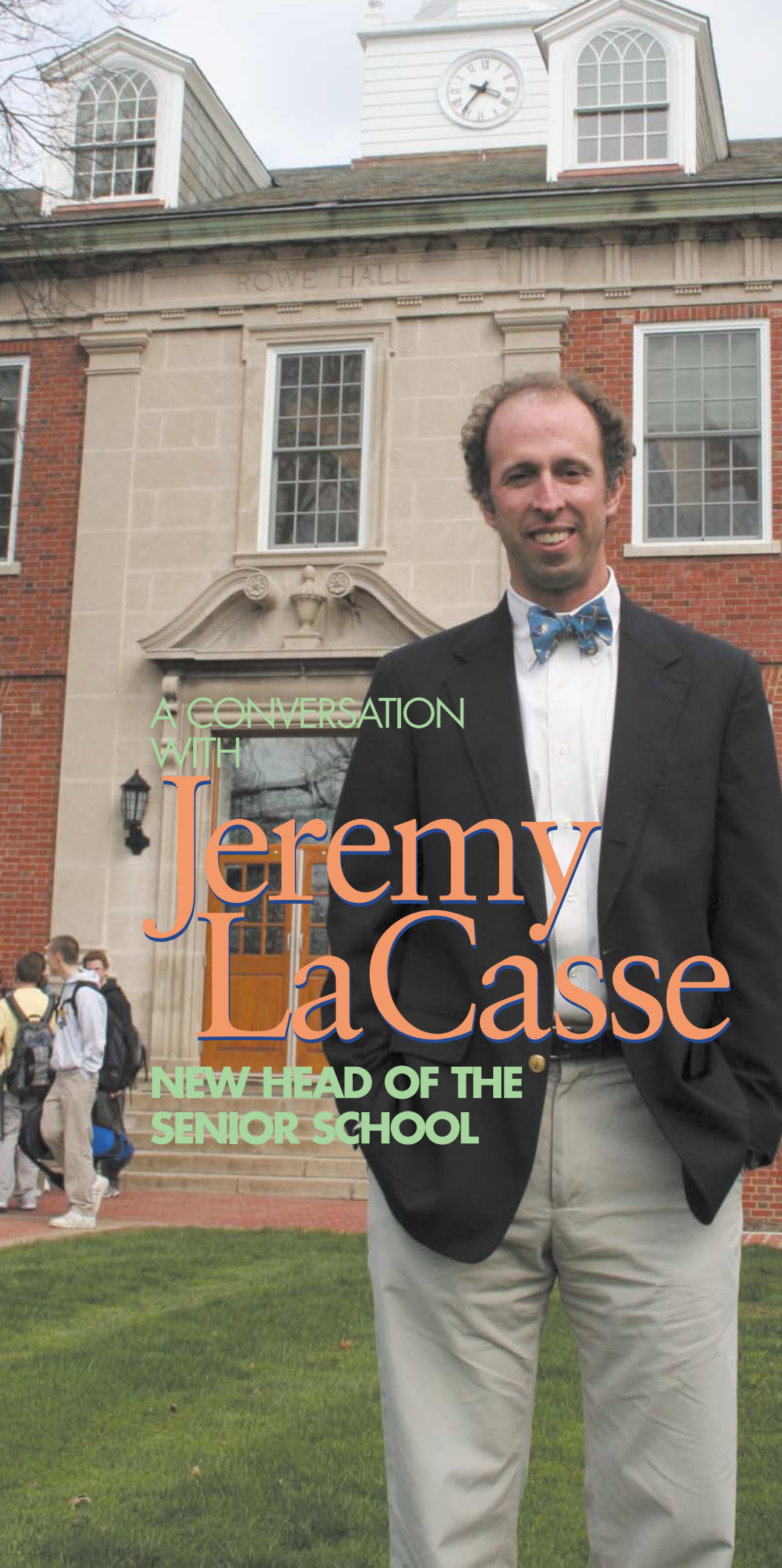
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A CONVERSATION
WITH

Jeremy LaCasse

NEW HEAD OF THE
SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr. David “Jeremy” LaCasse and his family will join the community of Shady Side Academy this summer. Mr. LaCasse will serve as Head of the Senior School and comes to us from the Fountain Valley School of Colorado in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he has been serving as Dean of Students since 2003. Married to Diana Fulford LaCasse, Diana and Jeremy have two children, six-year-old son, John “Jack”, and three-year-old (almost four) daughter Eleanor “Ellie”.

They will be living in a home on the Senior School campus when they relocate. Both have a great deal of experience in living and actively participating in the life of a residential learning community such as Shady Side Academy.

A product of an independent secondary school education, Mr. LaCasse graduated from the Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA, received his A.B. in History with a minor in Economics from Bowdoin College, and completed his M.A. in Educational Administration with a focus in Private School Leadership from Columbia University’s Klingenstein Center, Teachers College. Mr. LaCasse returned to the Berkshire School after graduating from Bowdoin. While there, Mr. LaCasse held such responsibilities as Dean of the Fourth Form, Dean of the Sixth Form, and Director of the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program (an endowed program with a mission to connect the school community to the natural environment), and Director of Leadership and Character Development. During his tenure at Fountain Valley, Mr. LaCasse was appointed Executive Director of the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute where he has created a one week curriculum to assist in helping teachers from across the country in educating student leaders.

As Dean of Students at Fountain Valley, part of Mr. LaCasse’s responsibility has been overseeing the athletic, health, and residential life departments. Students, faculty, administrators and parents alike commented upon the gift that Mr. LaCasse possesses in having developed healthy community norms throughout Fountain Valley. An administrator/Dean of Students, facilitator of community and leadership, teacher of history, coach of crew, alpine skiing, outdoor instructor, advisor, and schooled in independent school education, Mr. LaCasse brings a wonderful background of preparation and experience as he assumes the position of Head of the Senior School at Shady Side Academy.

Melinda Miller, Academy Director of Communications, spoke with Mr. LaCasse via email (shortly before he left with 16 students for a rafting trip down the San Juan River in Utah) about his first impressions of Shady Side Academy and his new role as Head of the Senior School.

What was your first impression of driving on to the campus of the Senior School?

I drove on to campus on a rainy day in November. I was a little nervous, as you might expect. The drive in was beautiful, along Fox Chapel Road, and I had a great conversation with Mr. Segal (Tracy Segal, member of the head search committee). He talked about his daughters, about their experience at Shady Side, and about Pittsburgh. That talk, coupled with the beautiful surroundings, caused me to be excited and intrigued about Shady Side Academy. The more I have learned about SSA, the more impressed I have become. I am excited to be joining such a thoughtful community.

Do you have ties in Pittsburgh/Pennsylvania/ mid-Atlantic and/or east coast? In other words, was geography part of your search?

Geography factored into our search only in so much as we wanted to be a bit closer to family on the East Coast. Since Shady Side Academy was the only school the LaCasses considered, our interest arose from what Diana and I knew of the school. If we were not joining the Academy, we would have remained in Colorado. Shady Side Academy is such a tremendous place that it could pull us away from the beautiful blue skies of Colorado.

What parallels do you see between your current school and Shady Side Academy?

Both Fountain Valley and Shady Side are great schools. Both schools think carefully about the experiences the students have and how we help students learn thoughtfully through those experiences. Both schools also have wonderful students and caring faculty members. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work both at Fountain Valley School and at Shady Side Academy.

How do you think your experiences as a Dean will enhance your abilities as a Head?

I think the skills I have used as Dean, being transparent in decision making, communi-

cating clearly and often, being consistent and predictable, and listening to feedback from students, faculty, and parents have helped me in my current position. I think those same skills work for leadership everywhere. As importantly, I have had the opportunity to have difficult conversations with students, parents, and faculty members, helping students to learn in difficult situations. Still, I know I have much to learn and look forward to learning a great deal about the Shady Side Academy community and about being the Senior School Head.

Each day I witness the profound commitment by our faculty to both the well being and education of our students. Can you speak to the importance of faculty in the culture of a school?

Faculty culture has much to do with the environment through which students learn. Like the student culture, the faculty culture needs careful attention. The schools best at helping their students to learn are ones where faculty members see each other as supports in this work, see their work connecting in meaningful ways with the work done by other teachers, and enjoy a collegial atmosphere.

What, in your opinion, are some of the challenges high school students face in the early 21st century?

The biggest challenge faced by adolescents in the 21st century is somewhat similar to the challenge faced by adolescents in the 20th, 19th, and 18th centuries, namely the challenge of learning how to make good decisions and develop into the people able to find success in the world in which they live. The nature of the 21st century requires students to live in a more complicated and interconnected world than previous generations and those levels of complication require schools to better help students sort through the many decisions and options they have.

What advantages do they have?

The students of Shady Side Academy have tremendous advantages considering their access to exceptional and dedicated teachers and in the experiences those teachers create for those students. Students everywhere have access to all sorts of information and a vast array of perspectives, much of that gleaned through the advent of the information age.

What is an initiative at your current school that you undertook that you might re-create here at Shady Side Academy?

I have spent much of my time at FVS paying attention to the healthy function of our community. If I replicate anything of my experience here, it will be to focus on the teaching we do through the experiences of being part of Shady Side's community.

What's the funniest thing that happened to you this week?

This is a tough week. We are all gearing up to leave on a week long experiential education trip. I have the great fortune of floating down the San Juan River in Utah with 16 wonderful students. These trips are great, but the build up takes a lot of time and energy. Still, the funniest thing that happened this week, let me see...the Athletic Director here is raising money for childhood cancer research. He asked people to donate money and whomever donated the most money would have the unique opportunity of shaving his head. A fellow teacher won the bidding contest and a bunch of students stood around and made bald jokes as Mr. Schar's head got shaved. Several people suggested I do the same. Thankfully, I still have the hair that hasn't fallen out. It was fun and funny. Still, I think you had to be there.

There's a rumor going around that you give yourself a deadline to learn every student by name. Care to comment?

Oh, it's true. I asked Mr. Trigg, Associate President of Shady Side Academy and Interim Head of the Senior School, how many members of the student community he knew. He gave me a number of almost 100%. Needless to say, Mr. Trigg has set a high standard. Thankfully, he has also provided the tools necessary to do this work, namely the Community Directory (a directory of student, faculty and administrator photos and names published for the Senior School in the Fall of 2006. Shady Side Academy also publishes a faculty and staff directory). I offer a challenge. I will do my best to learn the name of every student by the end of the first semester. I challenge anyone (and everyone) in the community to take this on. The test will be in an assembly, the last one in the month of December. If you are interested in taking on this challenge, let me know.

With the school-year coming to an end we thought you'd like to hear from some of our students about their experiences in the newly renovated 'green' Rowe Hall. Though some students miss the tradition of "the Pit" and "Rowe Commons" everyone seems to have found something special in what Rowe Hall has to offer.

ROWE HALL REFLECTIONS

Caroline Washburn *Class of 2008*

When Rowe was under construction last year where did you spend most of your free time?

I, as well as most members of my class, spent my time during Rowe renovation around Croft. Although Croft basement is somewhat small it was a great class bonding experience because it pushed us together in an unconventional way.



Where is your favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year? Why?

I like Scott Commons because the windows let in great light, it's always quiet enough so that you can do your homework, and the furniture is unbelievably comfortable.

What is your favorite classroom in Rowe? Why?

I love Ms. Garvey's English room on the first floor of Rowe because of the great round table; King Arthur style. It makes the class feel more united.

Where is the best place to have a locker in Rowe? Why?

I like having my locker in the bottom floor of Rowe because it's easy to access and the Tuck Shop is right there if you need something.

What is the biggest improvement in Rowe?

I think the technology of the Smart Boards is really the greatest improvement because it truly makes class more efficient, especially for visual courses like math.



Thaddaeus Hill *Class of 2007*

When Rowe was under construction last year where did you spend most of your free time?

I spent most of my free time in either the library or Morewood Commons, however when the weather was nice I just stayed outside.

Where is your favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year? Why?

The student center, because it is in the center of the main building, and that is where most of my friends spend their time as well.

What is your favorite classroom in Rowe? Why?

The English classrooms on the second floor are my favorite rooms. I like the large circular tables instead of the individual desks.

Where is the best place to have a locker in Rowe? Why?

Well, I have to say the second floor locker pod on the right side. I think that is the best location for me because a lot of my friends also have lockers there.

What is the biggest improvement in Rowe?

I think it looks nicer and is more spacious.

Ally Supowitz
Class of 2008

When Rowe was under construction last year where did you spend most of your free time?

When Rowe was under construction last year, I spent most of my time during the winter in Croft basement. As the weather improved, I spent most of my time outside on the Senior Quad.

Where is your favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year? Why?

My favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year is Scott Commons. It is a bright and cheerful atmosphere to gather with friends or to work on homework.



What is your favorite classroom in Rowe? Why?

My favorite classroom is Mr. Miller's Room. The room is spacious and contains a large table making it conducive to group discussions.

Where is the best place to have a locker in Rowe? Why?

The best place to have a locker in Rowe is the ground floor as it is very convenient in relation to various classes.

What is the biggest improvement in Rowe?

Overall, the biggest improvement in Rowe is "The Pit." Although it was the prime location to have a locker freshman year, it was a bit dreary.

Kyle O'Donovan
Class of 2007

When Rowe was under construction last year where did you spend most of your free time?

Last year during the renovation of Rowe, I spent most of my free time with the rest of the then junior class in Morewood Commons-which became a temporary "base" for the class.

Where is your favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year? Why?

This year I spend most of my free time between the Benedum Student Center (because most of my friends are there) and the college counseling center (because there are many computers there).

What is your favorite classroom in Rowe? Why?

Mr. Miller's English classroom on the second floor of Rowe is undoubtedly the best room in the building. First, it's the largest, and as a result, there's an enormous round table with matching chairs to fill the extra space.

Where is the best place to have a locker in Rowe? Why?

Although my locker is on the basement floor, those on the second floor of Rowe are definitely more convenient (at least for my schedule) because the majority of my classes are on the second floor. Since I don't have class on the basement floor too often, I usually leave my backpack and books in the college counseling center and exchange them between classes.

What is the biggest improvement in Rowe?

The best part of last year's construction project was the renovation of the second and third floor classrooms. Two years ago, the rooms were completely bare-with concrete floors and metal desks and chairs. The carpeting, Smart Boards, and wood tables and chairs are all great improvements.



Evin Jethroe
Class of 2008

When Rowe was under construction last year where did you spend most of your free time?

I spent most of my time in Croft, where the sophomore lockers were. We usually hung out in the hallways or in a room the math department let us use.

Where is your favorite place to hang out in Rowe this year? Why?

The Benedum Student Center, it's a very centralized location and that's where I can usually find most of my friends

What is your favorite classroom in Rowe? Why?

I like the English classrooms on the second floor. They are close to my locker and the setup of the one long table is very inviting and useful for class discussions.

Where is the best place to have a locker in Rowe? Why?

The second floor is a great location. It's close to mostly everything and most of my friends have their locker there as well.

What is the biggest improvement in Rowe?

The locker pods were a really good idea. They are a nice place to hang out and do work. The size of the lockers are pretty nice too.



Cultural Extravaganza



Spring Musical — Footloose



Winter Instrumental Concert





FOUNDERS SOCIETY EVENT

Celebrating Excellence, Building Community

BY KARYN VELLA, DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

Jessica (Montgomery) Green '95 and daughter Abi Green, Molly Montgomery, Don Montgomery, Thatcher Montgomery '88 and son, T.J. Montgomery.

The spring Founders Society Event was an outstanding success with over a hundred people in attendance at the Hartwood Restaurant to listen to Gregg Behr, Executive Director of the Grable Foundation, as he hosted an inspiring conversation with members of the Founders Society and invited guests. Following a welcome from President Tom Southard, Mr. Behr framed his remarks around the theme of “Celebrating Excellence, Building Community.” Mr. Behr reflected on philanthropy in the region and nationally and added that Shady Side Academy has the potential to certainly be leading and significant, not only as an institution, but also as a community of people committed to education and philanthropy.

Mr. Behr engaged panelists Cathy Ginsberg, P’08, Mike Hannon ’74, P’08, P’09, P’12, P’13 and Ozzy Samad P’12, P’13, with questions about why they give back tremendous amounts of time, talent and treasure to Shady Side Academy. The conversation that ensued was celebratory, heartfelt, humor-

ous and complimentary of both the students who graduate from Shady Side and the teachers who have taught them and continue to teach them.

Cathy Ginsberg reflected on the incredible character education her son is getting, “Beyond the academic excellence, I am continually impressed with the character building and I have seen it first-hand on the swim team; these kids are learning what it means to be a team member, to give back to others, to support their peers and to achieve personally and as a team.” Mike Hannon added, “It is rare that a day goes by when I don’t do business with, talk with, run into or travel with an alumnus/a of Shady Side Academy who is working to make this region better. We are producing the people who are shaping the business community in this region, and nationally.”

Ozzy Samad articulated the intangible aspect of the Shady Side experience for Shady Side students including his Junior School son and Middle School daughter; “We are all paying however much in tuition, but I don’t



Gayle Simpson and Laurie Moran.

think we should only equate dollars spent with quantifiable measurements such as higher SAT scores, there is an intangible aspect of their development, in a sense, that cannot be measured in the normal metrics; it is the growth in the children that we are seeing as people. I think the school provides a nurturing environment that enables all children — even those who don’t necessarily fit into the perfect box of being an excellent athlete and a model student — meet their potential and find what they really want to do and accomplish in life.” Mr. Behr invited guests to join the conversation and Karl Krieger ’49, P’73, P’78, Trustee Emeritus, echoed this idea by adding, “my experience at Shady Side

Academy has fueled a lifetime of curiosity and for that I can never give back enough.”

Vincent Schiavoni, P'07, shared his recent experience of driving his daughter and another friend to a French exam, of all things, down at Carnegie Mellon, on a Saturday morning. “I was expecting them to talk about their pop culture, or the latest gossip and I was surprised to hear the girls talk about their teachers and their classes. I was enthralled with what they had to say about how much they enjoy learning — and I have known these two since they were in grade school together. Listening to these 17 and 18-year olds talking about their teachers and classes was a testament to how valuable their day-to-day experience is to them — every parent should be able to sit and listen to that kind of feedback.” Gayle Simpson P'07, mother of twins who will graduate this year and past President of the Senior School Parents Association agreed, “it is the relationships with the teachers that has been extraordinary for our kids...”

We were fortunate enough to celebrate with some faculty emeriti in attendance, including: Dick Gregory, Walter Jones, Joe Pavlovich, Bill Sayles and Bob Stiffler. Rick Munroe, VP for Development, thanked each of these gentlemen for their enduring impact on the lives of all their students. As the conversation came to a close, after Mr. Behr had skillfully inspired others to laugh and share heartfelt thoughts, he added, “I am starting to feel like I missed something by not going to Shady Side as a student.”

Echoing the remarks shared by President Tom Southard, we wish to extend extraordinary thanks to the volunteer leadership provided by current Annual Fund Chairs, Slo and Mike Casey '70, P'03, P'04, '06, P'10 and the 2007-2008 Chairs, Judy and Mike Hannon. In addition, special thanks to Laurie and Paul Singer P'08, and Susie '78 and Mark Giallonardo '79, P'06, P'08, who served as the Founders Society Chairs this year. A warm welcome and thanks was extended to the 2007-2008 Annual Fund Chairs-Elect, Stacy and Keefe Ellis '74, P'10 and 2007-2008 Founders Society Chairs-Elect, Linda and Jim Rosenbloom P'10, P'12.

Finally, the evening wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Molly and Donald Montgomery, parents of Thatcher '88, Sean '92, and Jessica '95, who opened the entire Hartwood Restaurant to us and made it an evening to remember for the Shady Side Academy community.



F. Walter Jones and Bill Sayles



Cathy Ginsberg and Gregg Behr.



Mark Giallonardo '79, Laurie Singer, Malini Rao.



Spring Musical — Guys and Dolls



Winter Holiday Concert



Form I English Games

Form I students made their own board games inspired by their favorite books.





discover

summer programs

Shady Side Academy's Discovery Summer Programs welcome students to have a fun, enriching summer experience with us! Shady Side Academy's Discovery Summer Programs offer students from any school the chance to play with camp friends, get ahead in a school subject, try a new class for enrichment, perform on the stage of a world-class performing arts center, or learn and develop athletic skills.

The 71st year of **Day Camp Discovery** provides 5-12 year-old children a fun, balanced program of drama, swimming, tennis, soccer, basketball, arts & crafts, nature study, and games. Campers choose a major and minor area of focus each week. Day Camp Discovery is led this year by Daniel Stern, faculty member at the Junior School, who follows in the footsteps of camp directors Walter Jones, Bob Grandizio, Sr., Gene Deal, Robert Grandizio, Jr. and Kellie Grom.

The 85th year of **Summer School Discovery** offers academic courses for students, grades K-12. Students may elect to take a math, science, or language arts course for credit, enrichment, or review. Middle School

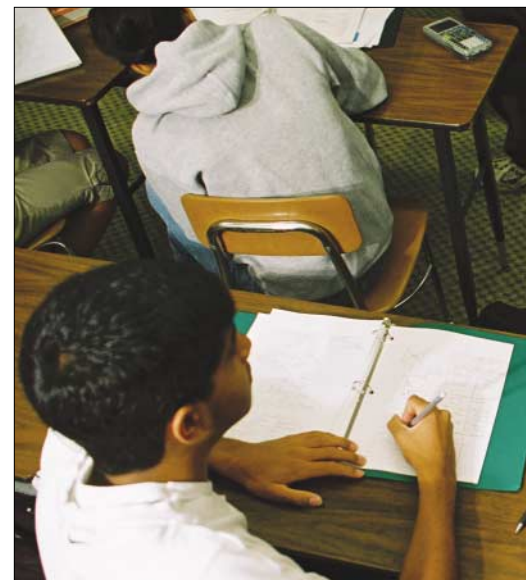
faculty member Dr. Mike O'Neil supervises this vital part of our summer program.

The 5th year of **Arts Discovery** brings together aspiring artists with professionals in programs designed to nurture developing talent. This summer, we are very pleased to host master violinist and teacher Sherry Kloss. Her "Music Institute For the Development of Personal Style," in memory of Jascha Heifetz, June 17-24, 2007 brings world-renowned musician-teachers to campus for a day and residential arts experience. Visual artists can study studio techniques in the Benedum Visual Arts Center on campus under expert guidance.

The 36th year of **Sports Discovery** allows students to try a new sport or develop skills under the guidance of outstanding coaches. Programs are available for athletes in grades K-12 in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, squash, and tennis.

We encourage alumni far and wide to visit our website, www.shadysideacademy.org/discovery for details about all our programs. Many offer a residential component,

so even if you live at a distance, your child or children of friends can share in the Shady Side Academy experience, if only for a short-term summer program. Many children with grandparents or other relatives in Pittsburgh have joined us in previous summers, so we encourage you to consider our Discovery Summer Programs!







Junior SCHOOL EVENTS



Lynne Voelp Reed Day Celebration

Senior School "Lifers" join students at the Junior School for an afternoon of carnival games and fun.

Grandparents' Day



Winter Festival of the Arts



WINTER SEASON 2006-2007



Girls' Prep Ice Hockey

by Stacey Mates '08

The Girls' Prep Ice Hockey Team had a phenomenal season this year. With the addition of a new coach and many new freshman, the team finished third in the WIHLMA league, which was a drastic improvement from not even making play-offs last year. The girls finished the regular season 12-4-4 and are looking to do even better next year. Since there were no seniors on the team this year, the entire team will be back for an even better season!

Boys' Ice Hockey

The Boys' Ice Hockey program consists of two competitive teams, Boys' Prep Hockey which plays a demanding schedule against other prep schools in the Midwest Prep Hockey League and Boys' Varsity Hockey which competes against local high schools in the WPIHL. This year's prep team fought through adversity, inexperience and a difficult schedule earning respect from their opponents along the way. Despite their record, this year's team always put forth a strong effort and played together as a unit. This season marked Coach Len Semplice's last season as Head Coach of the prep team.

After thirty years of coaching, Coach Semplice will continue in his role as rink manager and Midwest Prep League commissioner.

Girls' Basketball

by Kelsey Olander '08 and Katie Sheerer '07

The Varsity Girls' Basketball Team finished the season with a record of 19-8. The team earned their fourth consecutive section title. They advanced to the quarter finals of the WPIAL Playoffs and the first round of the PIAA State Tournament. The team was young and inexperienced, but overall, the season was a huge success! Like they always say...OWN IT!

Boys' Basketball

This year's Boys' Basketball Team overcame their inexperience and a couple of disappointing early season losses to finish third in their section, qualifying for the WPIAL playoffs. This year's team worked hard and became a more cohesive team as the year progressed. Led by Coach Terence Parham '94, the team finished the season with a strong effort in the playoffs, losing a close game to heavily favored Jeannette High School. The outlook for the future is bright

as Coach Parham has a more experienced core of players returning for next season.

Girls' Swimming

The SSA Girls' Swimming team had another outstanding year under Coach John Landreth. The team finished with a dual meet record of 9 wins and 4 losses en route to a Section Championship and a second place finish in the WPIAL. This year's team worked extremely hard to prepare themselves for the demanding end of the season schedule. This hard work was evident as senior Colby Capretto won the WPIAL gold medal in the 50 Free and the team of Katie Vincett, Margaux Georgiades, Alexis Georgiades and Colby Capretto won both the 200 Free Relay and the 400 Free Relay WPIAL gold medals.

Boys' Swimming

The Boys' Swimming team continued their dominance by winning another section and WPIAL team championship. Under Coach John Landreth the boys were fully prepared for the rigorous WPIAL and PIAA meets. As a result several boys earned gold medals. Junior Trevor Scheid won WPIAL gold in both the 100 and 200 Free. Junior Max Ginsberg won WPIAL gold in the 200

Individual Medley, and the team of Frank Brown, Basyl Stuyvesant, Max Ginsberg and Trevor Scheid won WPIAL gold in the 400 Free Relay. In addition, Trevor Scheid won the PIAA gold medal in both the 100 and 200 Free. Trevor broke both the WPIAL and PIAA records in the 200 Free en route to being named swimmer of the meet at the PIAA championships.

Squash

The squash program continues to make great strides under the direction of Coach Mike Smith. This year's prep squash team played a very difficult schedule loaded with powerhouse squash programs like Mercersburg and Brunswick to finish with a record of 5-8. The prep team continues to improve because of their challenging schedule and the dedication of the players, who work hard to develop their skills. In addition, the "C" League team qualified for the playoffs and eventually won the league tournament championship. Next year will mark another milestone in the program's history as Shady Side will offer a Girls' Squash Team, built around three girls who played for this year's boys' team.



Wrestling

The Wrestling Team continues to develop into a local power. This year's team finished third in the WPIAL Team Tournament and second in the PIAA Individual Tournament. Under the leadership of Coach Tim Giel, the team finished the regular season with a dual meet record of 15 wins and 3 losses. In addition, Freshmen Frank Martellotti and Matt Cunningham and sophomore Dane Johnson were WPIAL champions. Martellotti and Johnson were also PIAA state champions. Senior Zak Klinvex was a WPIAL runner-up and finished 4th in the PIAA State Tournament. Zak also finished his career as Shady Side's all-time career wins leader with 146.



2006-2007 Winter Sports Records

Varsity Sports	Win	Loss	Tie	PCT.	League Standing
Boys' Basketball	11	16	0	0.407	3rd Place in Section
Girls' Basketball	17	7	0	0.708	Section Co-Champions
Wrestling	15	3	0	0.833	Section Runner-up
Boys' Swimming	9	4	0	0.692	Section and WPIAL Champions
Girls' Swimming	9	4	0	0.692	Section Champions and WPIAL Runner-Up
Boys' Prep Ice Hockey	6	27	4	0.182	
Girls' Prep Ice Hockey	12	4	4	0.75	Third Place WIHLMA
Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey	9	13	3	0.409	
Prep Squash	5	8	0	0.385	"C" League Champions
Totals	93	86	11	0.551	
Junior Varsity and Freshman Sports					
JV Boys' Basketball	16	6	0	0.727	
JV Girls' Basketball	14	5	0	0.737	
Freshman Boys' Basketball	11	8	0	0.629	
JV Boys' Ice Hockey	3	7	2	0.303	
Totals	44	26	2	0.629	
Overall Totals	137	112	13	0.526	

FROM ANTARCTIC *to Broadway*

Shady Side Academy Alumni Work In Music, On Stage and Screen.

Who doesn't remember Gargoyle productions in Mem Hall (and more recently in the fabulous Richard E. Rauh Theater)? Concert Choir rehearsals? The Performing Arts Club? In addition to academics and athletics, visual and performing arts are an integral element in a Shady Side Academy education. Many of our graduates have gone on to write, work in film, music, and the performing arts.



TICA



BABATUNDE ADEBIMPE '93

and his band TV on the Radio premiered the video for their song on MTV on January 30th. You can view the video on www.mtv.com. The band's album *Return to Cookie Mountain* came out in December of 2006. The band is touring the US through April. (information from www.tvontheradio.com)

JON BECKERMAN '87

co-created a new show with Rob Burnett that aired on ABC called *Knights of Prosperity* about a group of friends who scheme to rob Mick Jagger. Beckerman and Burnett also co-created the hit NBC series *Ed*. Jon is an Emmy winning writer for his work on the *Late Show with David Letterman*. (information from www.tv.yahoo.com, www.tvguide.com and www.wikipedia.com)

CHRISTIAN BORLE '91

is performing in the new musical *Legally Blonde* which opened on Broadway in late April. Christian's Broadway credits also include *Spamalot*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Amour*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and Willard in *Footloose*. Lookout Christian — Kevin Doubleday '07 — who played Willard in the Gargoyle Society's production of *Footloose* (and who brought the house down with *Mamma Says*) might give you some stiff competition in a few years! Christian was also featured on an Ebay commercial. (information compiled from www.broadway.com)

GARY CHANG '71

is a composer with numerous television and film score credits to his name including *English As a Second Language* (2005), *Left Behind: World at War* (2005); *The Crossing* (2000), *The Island of Dr. Moreau* and a credit for additional music on the *Breakfast Club* (1985) to name just a few. (information compiled from www.imdb.com and www.garychang.net).

MELANIE CRAFT '87

is the author of three books *Man Trouble* (Warner, 2004), *Trust Me* (Warner, 2003) and her first book *A Hard Hearted Man* (Silhouette Books).

LLOYD FALES '84

(pictured) is a documentary film maker who returned from Antarctica in February of 2007 where he was filming Adélie penguins for a new science education program. *Penguin Science* aims to inspire and involve young people in the world's climate crisis via the

lives and studies of penguins. Lloyd and colleagues are creating a television film, classroom DVD, and website based on the ongoing research of scientists in Antarctica who are discovering how penguins are coping with rapid climate change. The project, funded by the National Science Foundation and private donations, will be available fall 2007. More information can be found at penguinscience.com. Lloyd has worked on projects for *National Geographic*, the Discovery Channel and other independent production companies. (information from www.ithaca.edu and Mr. Fayles).

CARL KURLANDER '78

— Film writer and producer Carl Kurlander is working on documentary film entitled *A Tale of Two Cities* which “tells the affectionate, thought-provoking story of Pittsburgh... struggling to reinvent itself.” Kurlander is perhaps best known for writing *St. Elmo's Fire* and for writing and producing the television series *Saved by the Bell*. In addition to working on his documentary film, Kurlander is working as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh (information compiled from www.thepittsburghmovie.com, www.wikipedia.com, and www.popcitymedia.com).

MELANIE MILLER '93

founded Junction Dance Theatre in 1998. Miller's work as a choreographer combines many different dance disciplines performed as dance installations and interactive performances, in addition to stage performances. The company's mission is to “create and perform innovative interdisciplinary performance works, including site-specific and portable performances, which integrate contemporary dance, theater, text, original and live music, mobile installation art, and film.” (information from www.junctiondancetheatre.org).

CLARK SLATER '87

has just released his debut solo CD *Long Way From Home*. According to Chris' website, the release has “...the feel, imagery, and hook-filled melodies of a movie soundtrack.” (information from www.clarkslater.com).

Read more about our alumni/ae in Class News.

Are you working on stage or screen? Have you recently published a book? Riding the airwaves of drive-time radio? Are you planning a gallery exhibit of your work or releasing a new CD? Let us know what you are doing by emailing bgrandizio@shadysideacademy.org.



New York Alumni/ae Reception

Jason Kushner '89, Leena Ahmad '97, Sara Gelman '97, Lauren Pinsker '96, Josh Swedarsky '95 and Ryan Kushner '96.

Alumni Receptions

Several cities across the U.S. have provided venues for Shady Side Academy's Alumni Receptions. These receptions, extremely successful events for keeping alumni not living in Pittsburgh connected and engaged, have been held in six different cities.

President Thomas Southard and his wife Donna, one or two members of the Alumni/Development Staff, and, occasionally, a current member of the faculty travel to cities where SSA has a high concentration of alums. President Southard has spoken at receptions in Philadelphia, Phoenix, Tucson, Denver, New York City, and Naples, FL. Always festive affairs and always well-attended, these receptions give our out-of-town alums a chance to hear, first-hand, what is taking place at their alma mater, what the future holds for SSA and how they can stay connected to the Academy.

Special thanks is graciously given to those alumni who hosted these events: Mr. and Mrs. George Graham '55 (at the Union League in Philadelphia), Mr. and Mrs. Jack Singer '61 (University Club, Phoenix), Mr. and Mrs. Ned Heppenstall '51 (The Brown Palace, Denver), James Finkel '78 and Thomas Drelles '76 (University Club, NYC), and Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer '57 (Collier's Reserve Country Club, Naples, FL).

If you are interested in hosting a reception in your city, please contact Bob Grandizio at bgrandizio@shadysideacademy.org or at 412-968-3072.



Tia Grzymkowski '94, Kate Braham '87, Hunter Smith '86 and Elizabeth Taaffe '87.



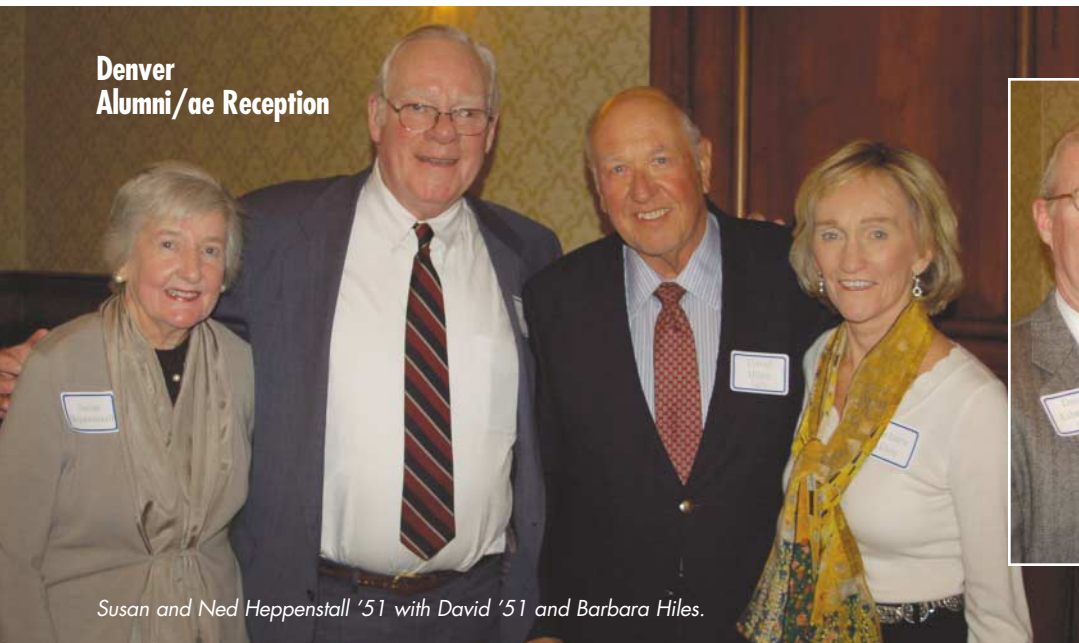
Tom Drelles '76 and Abhishek Mehta '01.



Philadelphia Alumni/ae Reception

Hosts of the Philadelphia Alumni Reception, George '55 and Sally Graham with Tom and Donna Southard.

Greg '88 and Kelly Ott, Linda and Denny Fincke '56 and Woody Rosenbach '78 with wife, Brooke Smith.



Denver Alumni/ae Reception

Susan and Ned Heppenstall '51 with David '51 and Barbara Hiles.



David Edwards '67 and Harvey Allon '67.



Phoenix Alumni/ae Reception

Shirley and Peter '54 Crane.



Tom Southard with the hosts of the Phoenix Alumni Reception, Sue Ann and Jack '61 Singer.



Naples Alumni/ae Reception

Top: Academy President Tom Southard, Brooke McMorrow, Charlie Beares '55 and Hank Bergstrom '61.

Right: Bill '46 and Marylou Cook with Dick Cuda '50.



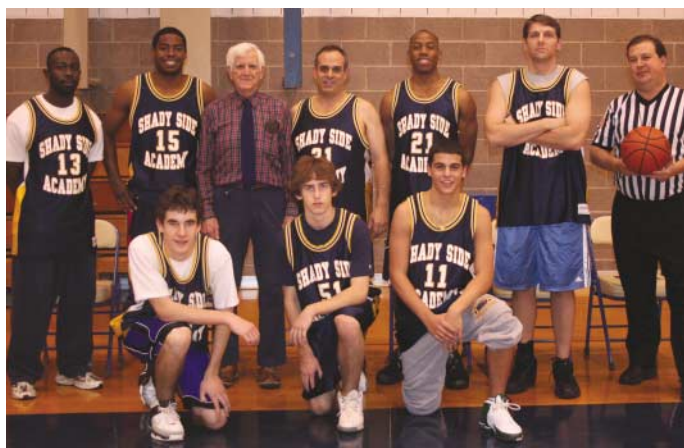
Top: Penny and John Kramer '57 with Diane Fisher.



Lynda Robinson '98, Gavin McCollum '98, Eva Rebek '98 and Julia Love '98.

Young Alumni Holiday Party

Once again Richard Rattner '80 hosted the Young Alumni Holiday Party at his William Penn Tavern in Shadyside. Held the day after Christmas and now an annual event, it has become a nostalgic and fun gathering of SSA alums (between the ages of 21 and 33) in the Pittsburgh area. About 30-35 young alums attended this year.



Alumni Basketball

Front row, from left: Craig Pentrack '09, Andrew Zinn '09 and Nick Rossi '10. Back row, from left: Terence Parham '94, Will King '04, Walter Jones, Andrew Rossi '79, Tekky Andrew-Jaja '00, Scott Markovitz '90 and Nelson Person '81.

Alumnae Basketball

On December 22, a team of twelve alumnae took on Coach Amy Szlachetka's Conference Co-Champions Girls' Varsity Basketball Team in the First Annual Alumnae Basketball Game. The quality of play and the surprising outcome had spectators and participants alike cheering wildly at the end. In a tight, back and forth, well-played contest, the SSA alumnae team prevailed by one point as Carli Siger '03 hit a 3-point shot as the final buzzer sounded. The reception following the game found the alumnae chattering loudly about the fun they had and the Varsity players mumbling something about "next year".



Front row, from left: Annie Succop '01, Ali Harris '06, Kelsey Olander '07, Stephanie Woelfel '06, Noelle DiGioia '05, Katie Sheerer '07, Abby Bodenlos '04, Carli Siger '03, Kate Bauer '08. Middle row, from left: Maria Macpherson '09, Kelly Busch '01. Back row, from left: Lynn Nguyen '10, Yanna Cox-Taylor '10, Maria Natoli '10, Taylor Glenn '09, Jenny Briston '09, Hannah Foster '08, Alex Caritis '06, Erica Headlee '04, Sara Brown '06, Laura Daigneau '07, Maggie Bodenlos '06, Meghan Orié '03, Charity Glass '01, Emily Perrone '02.



R.J. Casey '04, Sarah Casey '03 and Elizabeth Casey '06.



Sara Wagoner '06, Kim Nederlof '07 and Caitlin Ament '05.

In-College Brunch

The annual In-College Brunch was attended by over 120 alums and members of the Class of 2006 of Shady Side Academy. It featured holiday music, tours of the Hillman Center for Performing Arts and the newly renovated Rowe Hall, and lots of great food, but those weren't the reasons so many of SSA's young alums packed McCune Dining Hall on the morning of December 21, 2006. They came to see their former classmates, teammates, coaches and teachers. This joyous occasion gives them a great opportunity to once again see the people who played such a tremendous role in their lives before college. It gives them the chance to say thanks, share experiences and stories, and re-ignite those friendships that are most likely being put on hold while each alum tries to succeed and be happy at some distant college or university.

JOIN THE SHADY SIDE ACADEMY RACE FOR THE CURE TEAM

As a part of an Alumni/ae Council initiative, this year Shady Side Academy is sponsoring the 15th Annual Susan G. Komen Pittsburgh Race for the Cure. Along with our sponsorship the Alumni/ae Council and Parents Associations are putting together a team made up of Shady Side Academy students, alumni/ae, parents, faculty and friends. The Race is on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2007 in Schenley Park at Flagstaff Hill.

There are many Shady Side Academy families who participate in the Race every year. We encourage you to join our team and help Shady Side Academy show its support for the fight against breast cancer and this long-running Pittsburgh event.

Please register today online at <http://www.pittsburghracefortheure.org> and join the Shady Side Academy race team. Click on 'register' on the left side of the home page. Then select 'join an existing team' on the right side of the page. Follow the instructions to complete registration. Our team name is Shady Side Academy. Registration costs vary. However, there is a youth rate of \$10.00 available for participants age 14 and under.

More details regarding race day meeting place and time to come. Please join the SSA community and help support the Race for the Cure.

JOIN OUR SEMPER SOCIETY TODAY

and Leave a Legacy for Future Generations

A **Charitable Bequest** is the easiest way to make sure what you care about at the Academy will be provided for in the future. Bequests leave you in control of your assets and can provide valuable tax benefits to your estate. You can provide a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets to be given to Shady Side Academy.

Retirement Plan Gifts such as an Individual Retirement Account can shield those assets from a substantial loss of value to income and estate taxes. If you are 70½ or older, you can easily make an outright gift from your IRA up to \$100,000 in the 2007 tax year, free of tax obligations, to Shady Side Academy under the new Pension Protection Act signed into law in 2006.

Charitable Remainder Trusts and other income-producing gifts such as Charitable Gift Annuities and Pooled Income Funds make it possible to achieve the dual objective of making a gift to Shady Side and satisfying a continuing need of income from your assets. Charitable Remainder Trusts are frequently used as tax-effective means of providing retirement income, college tuition for children or grandchildren, or current cash for other planning objectives.

If you are interested in exploring the potential of a life-income gift, bequests, or other deferred gifts as a new or existing member of our Semper Society, get in touch with Rick Munroe, Vice President for Development, to request a no-obligation illustration of how these gifts could work for you!

You can reach him at (412) 968-3044 or rmunroe@shadysideacademy.org

"The most faithful and generous use of the gifts life has given us is to make, in our turn, a gift to the future,"

— ANONYMOUS

Included in this section are news items received through March 31, 2007.

1933

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

Donald Kerr writes: "At age 91, I am still chaplain of the Ivy League Club and Secretary of Class of 1937 of Princeton University. How many of SSA Class of '33 are still with us?"

1942

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Maxfield Gibbons writes: "Busy as Co-President of Greenwich Branch of The English-Speaking Union, and producer of a Yale Class Reunion in Hilton Head next May 2007."

Henry L. McGrath, Jr. writes: "We have sold our house here in St. Simons Island, GA and will move to a retirement community in Atlantic Beach, FL. As with many others of our maturity, we wanted a smaller residence and the medical backup of a continuing care facility. Dot and I remain in good health — mainly overcoming arthritis. Our new address is: 115 Fleet Landing Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233."

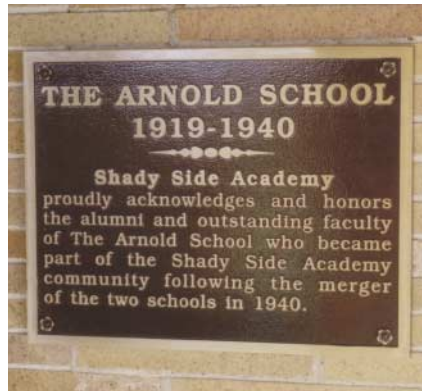
1946

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Don Blenko writes: "Our ninth grandchild and sixth granddaughter arrived in July, a 54th anniversary present."

Bill Cook writes: "Now living at Lake Delavan, WI in the summer and Naples, FL in the winter. Also still traveling the world and enjoying six grandchildren."

John T. Fownes writes: "I still live next door to the Academy and I have a grandson in the 8th grade at the Middle School. Ben is a very good student and athlete. He is on the 8th grade soccer, hockey and lacrosse teams. Ben is the fifth generation of our family and should graduate in the Class of 2011. His



1946

Patrick McCurdy writes:

"Hello to all! Eight of us '46ers — **Don Blenko, Henry Hunter, Ed Jew,**

Scotti Mulert, Dom Navarro, Ed Rieck, Bill Rodewald and Yours Truly — enjoyed our 60th Reunion and look forward to our 65th. Please join us. Note of interest to all who attended the Arnold School before the 1940 merger: Thanks to Tom Southard, Bob Grandizio and others, there is now a beautiful bronze plaque affixed to the wall at the entrance door to the Braddock Avenue Junior School. As an Arnold Schooler (1936-1940) and son of Mrs. Joseph A. (de Boisferon) McCurdy, who taught French at Arnold, I have been pushing for recognition of the disappearing Arnold name and am most grateful for this fine tribute. I urge all Arnold Schoolers and other interested folks to stop by the Braddock Avenue School and have a look."

great-great-grandfather was in the Class of 1894. Was very sad to miss our reunion, but I was out of town. Saw **Ed Rieck** and he said everyone had a good time."

1951

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

John McKee writes: "We took two big trips this year: in January to Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand (which is summer then) to see Sidney Opera House, gardens, fiords, sheep, rail trip, fruit farm, beaches, but no swimming; and in May down the Rhine from Basel to Antwerp by river boat past villages, castles, cities, cathedrals, and to see again the Dutch bulbs in bloom. In February we took a short cruise from Tampa in the Caribbean with Rita's brother Bruno and his wife which featured the norovirus for Rita for three days. A big event was daughter Mary's wedding July 15 to John Barber.

Weather was beautiful for country church wedding with her dog as ring bearer. Mary was happy and beautiful in her gown."

1955

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Arthur Forbes writes: "TURM Oil, Inc., the company I formed 28 years ago, obtained oil and gas leases on the Middle and Senior School campuses and, in October of 2006, we drilled a well on the old golf course to a total depth of 3750 feet. We were not successful in encountering the primary target formation as well developed as we had hoped it would be. However, we did find enough zones of interest to attempt a completion on the SSA #1. We were able to complete this well as a small gas producer and are currently (mid-December) waiting for a pipeline tap by Equitable Gas Company so that we can go to market. The Academy will receive royalties from any production that we are able to market. **Paul G. "Benny" Benedum, Jr.,** and **Edwin F. "Ted" Scheetz, Jr.,** both of the Class of 1950, participated in this project with me."

1957

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John Kramer writes: "Getting ready for our 50th with **Bill Meyer, Murray Rust, Ken Squires** and Yours Truly."

1958

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Jack McCredie writes: "Am now officially emeritus from CAL Berkeley. Remain an active participant on several national boards. Welcomed newest grandchild, Lucy, on September 2, 2006 and acquired a new Portuguese Water dog in October. Busier than ever!"

1961

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Jim Hackett writes: "Recently retired to Charlottesville, VA area. Encourage all former classmates, footballers and wrestlers to stop by if in the area."

Tim Lynch writes: "Fellow classmates. At our 45th reunion last fall many of the classmates who returned for the event, mostly local graduates who never left Pittsburgh, thought it might be a good idea to have annual reunions, classmates and families, at resort type destinations in different parts of the country. This way for those of you who have left the 'Burgh, it might be easier and more affordable to attend. Chicky, Jack Singer, and I volunteered. You all know how that goes. Our thoughts were to set it up for late September or October or another time that would be more suitable in January or February when it is really cold in the 'Burgh. The first location, as suggested by Chicky who arranges group travel from his agency in Dallas, is Palm Springs. As this venture is currently in the earliest phase of development, suggestions from all are welcome. Input as to your desire to be involved or to revisit with the young studs we were once is also needed. Please respond with your interest or lack thereof to Jack Singer at realest8dr@cs.com or myself at Tlynch@jmonline.com."

1962

Class Correspondent — Kirk Baird

Kirk Baird writes: "I recently joined Prudential Connecticut Realty in the New Haven, Connecticut office. My wife, Sandra, and I are the proud grandparents of three and we are looking forward to next year's reunion. We are now planning for our daughter's wedding in June. Hope to see you in October."

Leo Crip reports that he retired from the practice of internal medicine in 1999, is married and spends most of his professional time doing disaster relief and mission work in Africa and Asia.

Fred Half and his wife are enjoying life in Palo Alto, CA where Fred is an engineering manager and Cherie is a professional volunteer. They have grandchildren in Chapel Hill, NC and Pittsburgh, and with web-cam technology, can watch them grow. Fred is the first to commit to attend the 45th Reunion on October 5 and 6. After all, what a wonderful excuse to see the family.

Bill Hurtt and Stephanie (his wife of almost 40 years) are retired and live in Vero Beach, FL. They summer in Rumson, NJ and

Green Harbor, Nova Scotia. Bill and Stephanie have two kids and a couple of grandchildren. Can you imagine the red hair at a Hurtt family reunion? Bill has been a bit under the weather lately, but he'll prevail with his inimitable style and positive attitude.

Harley Trice continues to live and work in the Pittsburgh area and has been very helpful finding emails of our classmates.

1963

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Tim Oppenheimer writes: "My wife and I continue to enjoy Western Massachusetts, having been here since 1976, and raised four children. All are out of school except the fourth, Rachel, who is in her first year at Kenyon. After teaching and practicing law for about 20 years, I went back to school for a Masters in Labor Studies, and since then have been a Union Representative, first for SEIU in Massachusetts, and presently for AFSCME in Connecticut. Joanne and I will welcome our first two grandchildren in 2007. Please come and see us if you are out our way."

1964

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

John (Barrie) McGowan writes: "We retired from corporate jobs at Agilent Technologies this year, and began a consulting practice involving negotiation coaching and training."

1966

Class Correspondent — Jeff Varadi

Jim Dechter writes: "I teach chemistry and inorganic chemistry at Central Oklahoma State University. And it was mainly my experience with the chemistry course I took at SSA that led me into chemistry as a career."

David Guy's new book entitled *Jake Fades* was published on April 10. Here is a synopsis from his publishing house: "Jake is a Zen master and expert bicycle repairman who fixes flats and teaches meditation out of a shop in Bar Harbor, Maine. Hank is his longtime student. The aging Jake wants

Hank to take over teaching for him. But the bumbling Hank doesn't feel up to the job, and Jake is beginning to exhibit behavior that looks suspiciously like Alzheimer's disease. Is a guy with as many 'issues' as Hank even capable of taking on the teaching job? And are those paradoxical things Jake keeps saying koan-like wisdom...or just dementia? These are just a couple of the questions that confront the quirky characters of as their story unfolds during a week-long trip to Cambridge, MA. As Jake and Hank trek from bar to restaurant to YMCA to Zen center to coffee shop, we learn the greater arc of their lives, we meet an assortment of odd and endearing friends, both old and new, and we savor the culinary delights of the funky neighborhood known as Central Square. In the course of these intense few days, secrets are revealed that alter our perceptions not only of Jake and Hank, but of many of the people around them. *Jake Fades* is a compellingly readable and entertaining story about love, death, relationships, mentoring, and the joy that can be found in really fine baked goods."

After commuting for ten years between DC and Westfield, NJ, **Bill** and Kathy **Hughes** recently downsized and settled in Arlington, VA. A helicopter pilot during the Vietnam era, Bill retired from the Naval Reserve in 2000 and now works as a public relations director at BAE Systems, a global defense contractor. Two grown sons have settled nearby and a third son practices law in NYC. Bill attended the 40th reunion and also took the opportunity to visit family in the Pittsburgh area.

The big news from **Lance Labun** is that "our son will be graduating from Dartmouth College in June. I would like to be able to combine that with news of where he will be going to grad school, but he won't know that until after your deadline."

Richard C. LaMagna writes: "Spent a wonderful evening with Jeff and Laura Varadi and Paul and Bella Zugates November 25 at our house."

Word from **Tom Siciliano** is: "I'm married with four daughters and have been living and practicing law in Boca Raton, FL since 1977. I'd very much like to get together with any alums who are traveling in or living here in South Florida."

1966 *(continued)*

Your class correspondent, **Jeff Varadi**, has lived in Southern Nevada for over 26 years and for longer than that, has been a professional recruiter. “I have had my own private practice for nearly 14 years. Laura Cyr, my wife and the love of my life, is an Officer and Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending for a business bank in Las Vegas. Las Vegas has been very good to us both and we would love to share that with any of you who venture to the Entertainment Capital of the World. Speaking of Las Vegas... Celebrate with the Class of 1966 over Columbus Day Weekend! Go to www.blahblahblah.com for information about the activities planned for this gathering of our classmates. Check for rooms at The Mirage at <https://secure.rhg.com/housing/forms/L7-10-05-SSAR.html>. It has been a real pleasure reconnecting and staying in touch with so many of you. If you are not getting the word electronically, please send your email address to me at cvandassociates@aol.com.”

Chuck and Joan **Whitehill** live in the Cleveland area and Chuck writes: “Talk about the best of both worlds — only two hours away from my hometown, bragging rights about the Steelers, and a life in Cleveland that has been rewarding for the last 25 years.”

Paul Zugates reports: “I am currently a senior partner with Ellerbe Becket, an architectural-engineering firm headquartered in Minneapolis and I am the Managing Partner for the DC Office. I have been responsible for the programming, planning, and design of many major healthcare facilities around the world including: hospitals for the Samsung Medical Center in Seoul, Korea; the Weill Cornell Specialty Teaching Hospital in Doha, UAE; the Grand Cayman Island Hospital; the Orthopaedic Hospital for the Asian Games in Doha; the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest University; and numerous projects at the University of Virginia’s Health Science Center. This has kept me out of trouble...but on the road. I am married to a fantastic woman, Bella, who puts up with my travel and late nights at the office. I have two children: Patrick who lives in Baltimore and is the owner of a venting company and my second child is Bella’s daughter, Elena. She is really my stepdaughter, but I could not be closer to any other young lady. Elena has just married and is living in NYC. We will be in

Vegas this fall for fun with our classmates and their spouses. Bella has had a great time with my friends and classmates, who have all been very kind to me and her. These past 12 years have been very challenging and one of the best things to have happen (outside of Elena’s wedding) was our 40th reunion at SSA last October. I had a GREAT time. Look forward to more of the same...”

1969

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Bernkopf Goodman LLP is proud to announce that **Eric Allon** was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer in the November 2006 issue of *Boston Magazine*. Only 5% of attorneys in Massachusetts achieve the Super Lawyer designation. For many years now, Martindale Hubbell has assigned Eric an AV rating, which also recognizes Eric as one of the finest attorneys in Massachusetts.

1970

Class Correspondent — Mike Casey

Michael Abernethy recently accepted a position at Handy & Harman located in Dover, DE as Controller. Michael recently was employed at Air Products & Chemicals as Division Controller. “The last 2 and a half years have brought several changes. My career at Air Products ended a few years earlier than I would have preferred, but after several months of looking I was happy to land with a much smaller company as their Controller. I missed the 35th reunion last year because we implemented a new computer system the same weekend. This year we closed one site and I have relocated from Allentown, PA to Dover, DE. All the kids are grown and out on their own, so the move was a little easier. I enjoy my annual call for donations as a chance to catch up on SSA since my trips to Pittsburgh are typically packed with family visits.”

Doug Day writes: “Although living in Ojai, California, my family, Diana, Jackson (9) and Juliana (4), are spending the year (winter as well) in Maine where we ski every day, and where I’m working on a musical theater project about a schooner captain and his eclectic crew who resemble the cast of the Sweet Chariot Music Festival which I have directed for, now, 20 years. The standing invitation to the Tom Tom Club has

been officially extended anew. Happy to report that **Andy Hollinger** joined the cast onstage in Boston.

John Edwards writes: My father, **Richard D. Edwards ‘37**, died last July and then my wife’s step-father died a month later. We are now helping my mother-in-law get settled financially and in a new living set up. Once all that is done, my wife, Debbie, and I would like to move permanently to our second home in Hilton Head, SC. Life will continue as is from there — much travel and lots of Board responsibilities that keep us busy. I hope all of the Class of ’70 is doing well and that the Internet can help us get back in touch with one another.

Eric Epstein writes, “Still riding as much as possible, bicycling has become a HUGE part of my life, averaging 3 or 4,000 miles a year. Three kids out of college and one back in for 4 more years for her OD at OSU College of Optometry, makes a daddy really proud. My oldest is teaching high school Spanish, and my son is living in Madison, educated and under-employed. He is searching for perfection even if it is the perfect party. The baby is a long legged 16 year old red-head with a will as fiery as her hair. I’m still not rich or famous but I have time yet, after all I am only 54. I’m still on the school board here, apparently it is a life sentence. I’m still a master jeweler and fix the stuff no one else will touch, apparently I am still a fool. I guess not much has changed except I got really gray about the muzzle and bald up top...stuff happens. Just looked at the picture...I got wrinkled too.”

Gary Walk writes: “I ran the Chicago Marathon in October in 3:19:56, my personal best. I’d enjoy meeting any alumni running Boston in April over a beer.”

1972

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

James Kwalwasser has co-authored (with famous handwriting expert Michelle Dresbold) a very interesting and timely book titled *Sex, Lies, and Handwriting*. This book delves into the amazing field of handwriting analysis and its use by the FBI, CIA, and Secret Service to solve and prevent crimes. It also contains scholarly insight, based on the handwriting of such infamous figures as Adolph Hitler, Jack the Ripper,

Lizzie Bordon, O.J. Simpson, Osama bin Laden, and Tim McVeigh. Jim is currently the co-creator and editor of *The Handwriting Doctor* syndicated column. He has enjoyed a varied career as an editor, writer, publisher, marketing manager, and architectural designer. He is an alumnus of Princeton, the UVA School of Architecture, the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business, and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

1976

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Jim Fagan wants all his classmates to know he and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of four children (James, Jr., Jackson, Daniel, and Elle) and live in Morrisville, PA. Jackson, a senior in high school, was one of the top football players in the state and ended his senior year as the third leading rusher in PA with well over 2,000 yards and 26 TDs. The family is doing well and Jim wants to say hi to all his former teammates and classmates.

1977

Class Correspondent — Randy Struk

Derek Minno writes: “I am now living in Palo Alto, CA, having traveled here on business for the past 20 years. My wife and children are enjoying the CA sunshine but still miss “home.” If any classmates come out this way, please say hello.”

1978

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Carl Kurlander writes: “We are finishing up a feature documentary film, *A Tale of Two Cities*, about Pittsburgh which built America with its steel, cured polio and invented everything from aluminum to the Big Mac, which is now, like many cities across America, struggling to redefine itself in a new age. The film features Franco Harris, Teresa Heinz Kerry, Paul O’Neill and Bob Grandizio. See www.thepittsburghmovie.com.”

1979

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Peter Mathieson writes: “Peter was recent-

ly elected President of Guyasuta Investment Advisors. Peter is currently a Trustee of The Pittsburgh Foundation, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, The Buhl Foundation, The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission and The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA. In addition, he is chairing a \$6.2 million capital campaign for Family Resources.”

1980

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

Greg Gerlach writes: “Saw Ted Jenkins, Ralph Demmler and Mark Heppenstall for Turkey Bowl game. No broken bones!!”

Jill Klein writes, “My husband and I are vintners in the Napa Valley. Last year we released our first vintage of 2003 MATTHIASON Napa Valley Red Wine and a 2005 Napa Valley White Wine. We’re about to release the 2004 vintage. We are also in the process of renovating an old Victorian on a vineyard property and will be moving shortly. Come visit us in Napa! www.matthiason.com.”

Michael Noel writes: “Was great fun spending a couple days in New York City with my good friend, Chip Hitesheew earlier this year. A lovely dinner with SSA President Tom Southard more recently in Portland, Oregon...my happy home for the past 18 years. Our family is developing a small vineyard property in Oregon Wine Country about a mile from Adelsheim Vineyards, **Jimmy Adelsheim’s** uncle and Oregon wine pioneer. Hope to supply the Pinot Noir at our 30th Reunion in 2010. Cheers!”

1981

Class Correspondent — Catherine Vodrey

Yvonne Federowicz writes, “I’m doing more American Chestnut Foundation work. We’re getting another orchard going down in southern Rhode Island. I’m also taking another Environmental History class and am beginning to work on some writing.”

Mike Frankovich works as a Designer and Project Manager for Custom Granite and Marble Fabrication Company in Gibsonia. He and his wife Dana attended the SSA prom together in May of ’81. They have two sons, Joshua (age 16) and Ethan (age 12). In his spare time, Mike says he likes to “stand in a fast-running stream with hip waders on

and fly rod in hand, pretending to fish.”

David Gilpatrick sends his regrets for having missed the 25th class reunion in October 2006. He adds, “we have a great life with two wonderful kids (Ben and Manon). Amy and I built a home in Pine Township, north of Pittsburgh, four years ago. I am Chief Operating Officer of Gemini Holdings, Inc. My two partners and I own and manage three companies: the Circulatory Centers (in PA and OH), Steelcraft Industries (Oklahoma), and Thiele Manufacturing (in Johnstown, PA).” David also does work through the Downtown Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, for which he served as President from 2003 to 2004.

David Porter and his wife Carol have lived in Kansas City for the last fifteen years. “We have two kids: Sophia (10) and Joseph (7). Professionally, both Carol and I worked in the corporate world for over a decade — me with Pepsi, Mobil Oil, and Lever Brothers and Carol at Hallmark and State Street Corporation. We both freed ourselves from the chains and I currently own or partner in a variety of ventures including a residential real estate franchise called BUY OWNER in Kansas City and St. Louis, a commercial real estate investment company, and day-to-day I’m involved with an import headwear company for the advertising specialty industry. I still play plenty of sports (continue to be not much good at any of them) and try to get outdoors and into the Rockies as often as possible.” David’s family’s 40th birthday gift to him was attending Pirates Fantasy Camp, which he says “was as much fun as anything I’ve ever done.”

Alece Schreiber (mother of **Dan Schreiber**) writes: “Dan Schreiber, ’81, became engaged to Laurie Mittenthal. They both reside in the Washington, DC area. They will be married in June 2007 in Jackson, WY.”

1983

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

William F. B. Vodrey was recently elected vice president of the Northeast Ohio chapter of the American Constitution Society, a progressive law and public policy group, and was also inducted as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He and his wife, Susan, and their sons, John, Than and Thomas, still live in Cleveland, where he serves as a magistrate of the Cleveland Municipal Court.

1984

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

David Catlin is the adaptor and director of *Lookingglass Alice*, a unique performance of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Working with five acrobatic actors from Chicago's Lookingglass Theatre, David has crafted an exciting, visually stimulating retelling of the old tale. His play spent the month of January in New York's New Victory Theater, before moving to Philadelphia and the Arden Theater for February.

1986

Class Correspondent — Karen Craig

Darrin Datemasch reports he and his wife, Amanda, are living outside Columbus, OH and are expecting identical twin boys this spring. He writes, "we will be parents for the first time and look forward to the incredible changes these children will bring to our lives."

Darrin recently accepted a position at the corporate headquarters of Limited Brands.

Megan (Messner) Kraai and her husband, **Eric Kraai '85**, are living in the Baltimore area with their three children, Andrew, Ellen, and Walter. She joined Fannie Mae last June to head their compliance group. Megan says she truly enjoyed seeing her classmates at the reunion last fall and would love to hear from SSA alums living in the DC or Baltimore region

Ann Magovern serves as the Executive Director of the Ignatian Solidarity Network. The ISN (www.ignatiansolidarity.net) is a national network based in San Francisco that serves to encourage action, communication, education, and social justice awareness among Jesuit-affiliated universities, high schools, parishes, and individuals. This spring, the ISN is organizing a service and advocacy event in New Orleans where students from 36 Jesuit-affiliated schools will come together for a three day conference on

racism and poverty. The conference is followed by five days of volunteer work to support the rebuilding efforts in New Orleans.

David Roscow and his wife, Rachel, recently welcomed a baby girl named Amelia. David lives and works in the Washington, DC area.

1987

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

On December 8, 2006, Anderson James was born into the family of WTAE-TV newscaster **Jake Ploeger** and his wife, Abbey. Anderson weighed in at 8lbs, 14 oz. at the time of birth and joins brother Brody and sister Serena in keeping the Ploegers hopping.

1988

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

Curt Beckwith writes: "I am an attending physician in Infectious Diseases in Providence, RI." He has three daughters, Isabelle (7), Lila (4) and Posey (1).

Greg Ott writes: "Cassidy Margarete Ott was born on November 9, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. My wife, Kelly, daughter, Madeline (3) and I have been enjoying the new addition to the family. We still reside in the Philadelphia area and I continue to work at Cephalon, Inc. in the Oncology Chemistry Group of Cephalon's Drug Discovery Unit."

1989

Class Correspondent — David Close

David Close writes: "My oldest daughter Phoebe recently turned four prompting me to spend hours in front of a mirror repeating 'I have a 4 year old. I have a 4 year old.' over and over...I'm constantly amazed how fast children grow up. Other news...my beloved Newcastle United smoked **Dave Gardner's** Tottenham Hotspur twice since the last update — so I got that going for me. And finally, The Police are back together!! No news, however, if Phil Huss is the drum tech on their current tour. Cheers. Please keep your news coming (shadyside1989@gmail.com) — an email once every three months isn't so hard, is it?"



1985

Deidre Byrne writes: "A lot has happened since I wrote last. First of all, I was finally motivated to write in at last after having received a lovely birth announcement from **Christian Wedemeyer '86** on the recent birth of his daughter, Isolde. Congratulations, Weeds! She is beautiful. Now, my own news: In the fall of 2003 I started a sabbatical year at the Department of Oceanography, University of Cape Town, South Africa and during that year ended up getting engaged. I arranged to stay on an extra year at UCT and was married in October of 2004 to Christopher Duncombe Rae (an oceanographer like me). After our honeymoon we spent a harried 8 months applying for Chris's green card. We moved to the US in July 2005 and our son, Jacob Rae, was born this past October just a couple weeks

before our second anniversary. We all live in Maine where Chris and I are on the faculty of the School of Marine Sciences at the University of Maine. Although based in Maine, we have kept our house in Cape Town as well and plan to spend a couple of months every year there collaborating with colleagues and visiting family. Our trip this year will be Jacob's first where he'll meet his paternal grandparents, aunt, uncle, and cousins. Maybe we'll even take him to see the elephants and giraffes! Because of my work commitments he is also going to see a bit of Australia on the way there and South America on the way home — wish me luck! We have eleven flights in our itinerary, four of which are over 10 hours long. He'll be a well-traveled baby by the end of the trip. I'm thinking I should write a bestselling travel guide about it: "Long-Haul Baby". Thankfully, he is not walking (yet). Using the on-line alumni directory (a wonderful source) I counted no fewer than 34 SSA-ers in Maine, a few that I know and many more that I don't. Maybe we should throw a party. I did not find any in South Africa, more's the pity; despite its problems, it's a wonderful place since the end of apartheid, full of hope and the implementation of truly progressive ideas."

Kent May writes: “With stints in Japan, California, and the Pacific Northwest, I’ve been working for the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer since 1998. My wife Melanie, our son Jarrah (8), daughter Liana (5), and I recently took up our latest diplomatic assignment in Australia where I’m posted to the U.S. Consulate General in Sydney. Previous assignments have taken us to Madras, Saigon, and Washington. We’re here until 2009, so if you’re ever down under, look us up!” ckentmay@yahoo.com.

Maren (Jolliffe) Roush and Nicholas Roush are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Anders. He was born on December 1, 2006 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and weighed 8 lb., 12 oz. We’re delighted to have a baby in the house again. Our other son, James, is setting in well to his new role as the big brother. We couldn’t ask for more (sleepless nights and all).

Joel Rubin has been quite busy: “I am married to a wonderful woman, Nilmini, and we have a delightful little daughter, Renuka (which means “spicy pepper” in Sinhalese), who was born this September. We live just outside of DC in Chevy Chase, MD and I work on Capitol Hill as the Foreign Policy Advisor to Democratic Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of NJ. I also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Costa Rica in the mid-90s, got a Masters degree in Public Policy from CMU, and am on the Board of Directors of the National Peace Corps Association.” Joel can be reached at joelinshaw@aol.com

1993

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

April Castro Dinh is a dentist practicing in Maryland and has a six-month-old baby boy named Miles Oliver Dinh.

1994

Class Correspondent — Sameer Kapoor

Amberson Bauer III and his wife Anne welcomed a new addition to the Bauer family. The new playmate for Amberson IV is a beautiful little sister named Lily.

Michelle (Myer) Cohen writes: “Michelle (Myer) Cohen and her husband, **Ross**, who now reside in Roslyn, NY, are proud to



Miles Oliver Castro Dinh, son of April Castro Dinh.

announce the birth of their daughter, Emerson Davie, on October 21, 2006. They have remained close with **Amy (Gross) Aronovitz** and her husband, Abel, who also welcomed a daughter, Leigh Shayna, on October 17, 2006, in Chicago, IL.”

1995

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

Roland J. Criswell and his wife, Bethany, have a new addition to their family. Roland A. was born on Dec. 12, 2006 and came into the world weighing 8lbs, 3oz.

Vince Ponder writes: “Working in local California political scene for lobbying organization. A dedicated Democrat and Activist.”

1996

Class Correspondent — Lara Grandizio, Anne Mulock, Courtney (Chesin) Vadnais

Kimberly Castro is a managing editor for the equity research group at Standard & Poor’s. She is in the middle of her M.S. in Publishing at New York University.

Lisa Bhadsavle Dharwadkar and husband, Rohit, had a baby boy, Shaan Rohit, on February 10th, 2007. He was 4lbs, 13oz and 18in long at birth. Lisa currently lives in Pittsburgh and works at Mellon Financial Corporation.



From Cpt. Simeon Ashworth:

“I delivered this baby Iraqi girl...Sihad is her name. There is always life amongst death.” My address is: CPT. Simeon W. Ashworth DO MC USA, C co 296 BSB 3-2 SBCT, Unit 43322, FOB Striker, APO AE 09322-3322

Geoffrey Melada writes: “Shortly after passing the PA Bar and starting my second career as a lawyer in Pittsburgh, I became the newest Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County.”

Lauren Pinsker writes: “Lauren ran the Boston Marathon in April. She finished in 3:29:32, which is in the top 10% of all women. She trains with Team in Training which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Through this team, she has reunited with a few SSA alums.”

Emily Towbin moved back to Pittsburgh in November 2006 and began working at UPMC in December. She recently got engaged to Mike Levenson on the steps of her parents’ home on Dunmoyle Street.

1998

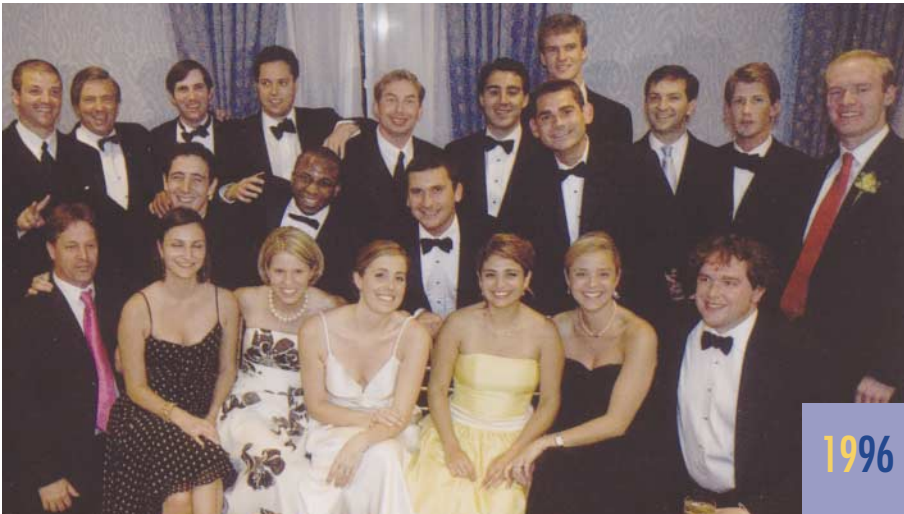
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Candace Otto MacDonald writes: “I am excited to announce that I will be performing a concert on May 12th at Minnesota’s Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. A *Musical Soiree* will be a cabaret-style performance of opera arias and selections from

1996



Mark Kramer and Victoria Hatch wed on October 7th, 2006 in West Hartford, CT. Shady Side Academy alumni/ae, current and future, in attendance from front to back: **David Griffith '98, Anne Mulock, Courtney Chesin Vadnais, Stacey Succop '97, Andrew Allen, Peter Hurh, Matt Henderson, Cullen Griffith, Bart Griffith '93, Aaron Adler '95, Raquel Gonzalez Kramer '92, Bill Meyer '57, Susan Sphar, Doug Kramer '88, John Kramer '57, Mark Kramer.** Missing from photo: **Bob Kramer '49, Bill Succop '65, Jamie Succop, Katie Vincett '09, Will Vincett '13.**



On July 8, 2006, **Courtney Chesin** married David Vadnais in a wedding attended by several Side Academy alumni/ae and teachers. First row, from left: **Jeff Miller**, faculty member, **Veronica Placci '97, Valerie Henderson, Courtney (Chesin) Vadnais, Roxana Bruno, Katie (Dick) Zorub, Blake Stanton.** Second row, from left: **Dave Kamin '95, Jimil Wilson, Scott Seltman.** Third row, from left: **Mr. John Allen '61, Andy Allen, Mr. James Ferguson '61, Bill Ferguson, Matt Henderson, Richard Feldman '95, David Zorub '93, Fred Caminos '95, Doug Spear '91, Alex Seed '98, Mark Kramer.** Back row, from left: **Charlie Gailliot.** Courtney is a guidance counselor and coach (tennis, of course) in the North Allegheny School District.

1998 *(continued)*

American musical theatre. The performance will take place in the McKnight Theater and all proceeds will benefit the Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance. If you have ever wanted to visit Minnesota, this is a pretty good excuse. Please check out my website — www.candaceotto.com.”

Benjamin Ragheb recently accepted a position at TransactTools, Inc. located in New York City, New York as a Software Engineer. Benjamin recently was employed at General Dynamics (formerly MAYA Viz) in Pittsburgh. “I was feeling restless so I moved to NYC in September. I’m enjoying the ubiquitous public transit. If you’re in town, look me up!”

1999

Class Correspondent — Jessica Strelec

Charlie Cheever emailed his update to us from an internet cafe in Goa, India. He is currently working at Facebook, and enjoying the good life while living in Palo Alto, CA.

Patrick Dickinson is heading to Boston where he will attend Harvard Business School.

Anisha Dua just took her medical boards and will graduate from the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Services this spring. Her upcoming residency may take her to California or Chicago.

Nandu Machiraju writes: “I graduated in June of 2006 from the University of Chicago with a Masters of Public Policy. I am currently working as an Economic Research Analyst with the Federal Trade Commission in DC. This fall, I will begin law school at Georgetown Law Center as a student in their part-time program.”

Meera Nair will graduate this May from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and looks forward to specializing in Internal Medicine.

Jim Ruggiero proudly announces that he is a father! Jim has a 16 month old son, John James Ruggiero, who was born on October 4, 2005. Another baby is on the way — the new bundle of joy is expected in October of 2007. Also, Jim keeps in touch with Jarius Acie and will update their good times on the West Coast in the next issue.

Jessica Strelec is currently attending Northwestern University School of Law. She recently became engaged and is having fun planning a Pittsburgh wedding for August 2008. She is living with Leona Somani '00 and they both encourage SSA grads to drop by when in town.

2000

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Henry Martone writes: “In 2004 I graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in theatre and political science. Since then, I have been living in NYC pursuing a career as an actor while working as an ana-



1996

Chris Ward and fiancé Elizabeth Kusturiss at their engagement party. Front row, from the left: **Blake Stanton**, **Brendan Lupetin**, **Jessie Burkhardt**, Elizabeth Kusturiss, **Chris Ward**. Back row from the left: **Dave Pettet '97**, **Emily Ward '99**, **Jimil Wilson**, **Chris Kane**, **Fran Wymard**, **Emily Towbin**, **Steve Ward '97**, **Nick Hartner** and wife, **Ana Hartner**. The wedding is set for December 29, 2007 in Pittsburgh. Chris is currently in his pediatric anesthesia fellowship at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

lyst in municipal bond insurance. I am hoping to continue my education, pursuing an MFA in acting. While living and working in New York, I became involved with an educational NPO called Project Explorer that is an online multi-media education program. It provides FREE global travel adventures and world cultural education for children of all ages. For more information, go to www.projectexplorer.org.”

2001

We are looking for a Class Correspondent for this year.

Mac Lynch has been named Head Baseball Coach of the St. Thomas More School of Oakdale, CT. Mac has been teaching Junior and Postgraduate English and coaching the defensive backs on St. Thomas More's football squad. He was a former catcher at SSA and Colby College.

2004

Class Correspondent — Missy Fleck

2005

Class Correspondent — Noelle DiGioia

George Aivaliotis writes: “I transferred to Duquesne University (from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago) and I have yet to declare a major. On the side, I'm starting a photography studio and I'm going to start

shooting senior portraits, family portraits — anything really. I'm hoping to do that on the days I don't have class.”

Alex Avakian emails: “I dropped my original major of Psychology with a minor in Business Administration and have shifted my focus to Journalism. Shortly after this change, I was selected to be WVU's school paper sports journalist and will get to travel with the basketball and football teams to write about them. SOMEDAY you're going to see me on Sports Center (knock on wood). I want to be a sports journalist or perhaps something to do with pop culture, like write for Rolling Stone maybe. I'm pledging a fraternity as well, and that is going well. Overall, things are good.”

Bernie Balbot writes: “I'm writing and directing a one-act that is going to be per-

formed at the CMU Playground Festival. CMU is without a doubt a workaholic school. The program is great, but training is intense and sometimes I feel like I'm in an insane asylum. What can ya do, right? Today, it was almost 10 below. The weather is quite nice.”

Jen Boyle writes: “I am going to school at Fordham University. Recently, the only thing that is exciting for me is Diane Von Furstenberg. I've been working with their technical design team and in the recent weeks with sales and PR teams (because that is more where my interest is). I really love it and I'm learning a great deal about the industry. Of course, it isn't exactly the most well paying lifestyle. So I don't know what I'm doing with my life or if DVF/fashion is what I ultimately want to end up doing.”

Dave Brodell writes: “My sophomore year at Washington University has been incredibly challenging, busy, and fun. I have become involved with the Relay for Life on campus and have taken on the challenge of leading the Academic Programming for the 2007 Freshman Orientation. I am also pledging Beta Theta Pi this semester. I have only had the chance to visit SSA once since graduating but hope to return soon and reunite with former teachers and friends.”

Kellen Dorsch writes: “Now that I'm settled at the University of Miami, it's my pleasure to share the news that on May 18, I'm traveling to Thailand for a month to do volunteer work with the international student volunteers program. I haven't received the info package yet, but I'm pretty sure I'm either building something for an impoverished community or teaching Thai children to speak English (I hope it's the latter).



Ben Dillon was married to Anna Pellicoli at her family's home near Saint Rémy de Provence last July. In attendance were, from left, **Jon Daily '98**, **Pat Smith**, **Ben Dillon**, **Ken Wilson** and **Rick Krauland**.

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Other than that, nothing else is new, except I'm starting to miss the snow and all my cold weather clothes."

Evan J. Frye writes: "I am living the dream as an environmental science major and resident archaeo astronomer at Franklin and Marshall College (located in the bustling Amish metropolis of Lancaster, Pennsylvania). I'm enjoying my academic experience as well as a multi-faceted extra-curricular schedule that involves spending time wearing pants, acting as the Community Service Chair for the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, and learning the Danish culture. For thirteen consecutive weeks, my residents have voted me House Advisor of the Century. I would like to say hello to all of my people and I hope Ben Roethlisberger has a restful off-season."

Dylan R. Guyer writes: "I ran the Houston half-marathon early this semester in 1:43.34. I am pursuing a BS in Mechanical Engineering at Rice University and am living in Texas this summer."

Grant Hrabovsky writes: "I'm at Slippery Rock University. I'm enrolled in the Biology/Pre-Chiropractic Major. I'm doing well. I started this year as a true sophomore at left offensive guard; we played our school rivals Indiana University of Pennsylvania on national television. It was broadcasted nationally on CSTV and locally on Fox Sports Pittsburgh."

Neil Patel writes: "I am enrolled in the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University studying biomedical engineering. I will be applying some of what I've learned this summer, when I'll be performing cancer research at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. At the conclusion of the 10-week program, I will be presenting my findings at a final colloquium along with several other laboratories in the Pittsburgh area. As well, I am currently serving as president of the Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity, and will be until December 2007."

Tyler Scheid writes: "I am a history major at Yale with an intensity on the History of Science and History of Medicine and I am a pre med. I am still swimming. A lot! Between juggling the 20 hours of swimming and school I haven't found much time for other extra-curriculars but I still find time for my friends and my girlfriend. I am still



Christina Davides married Dr. Thanasi Tsiatis in Pittsburgh on July 29, 2006, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The reception was held at Fox Chapel Golf Club. The couple met while Christina was attending Vanderbilt University and Thanasi was attending Vanderbilt University Medical School. The couple resides in Nashville, while Thanasi finishes his residency in Pathology. In attendance were front row, from left: **Connie Stamoolis '04**, **Christina Stamoolis '00**, **Stacey Duryea '01**, **Meredith Boyle**, Dr. Thanasi Tsiatis, **Christina (Davides) Tsiatis**, **Wendy (Fruehauf) Fogg '89** and **Vanessa Amore '04**. Back row, from left: **Nick Beldecos '84**, **Beth Kappakas '95**, **Faye (Kappakas) Finaldi '97**, **Catina Stamoolis '03**, **Constantine Davides '91**, **Patrick Amore**, **Dean DeLuca**, **Sarah Steinfeld**, **Natalie Boyd**, **Adrienne Genovese** and **Beth Martin**. Missing from the picture is her cousin, **Jason Georgiades '04**.

improving both in the pool and on history papers and doing well so things can't really get much better. I currently have a 3.5 GPA and my plans for this summer are to stay up at school and take classes and train with my coach up here."

Dave Scott writes: "I am currently a sophomore at Bucknell and I am involved with the Community Judicial Board, as well as the University Ski Team. I am having a blast here at school and am majoring in Accounting. I look forward to going into business when I graduate in 2009."

Reid van Lehn writes: "Here's what up with me recently: I'm entering my 4th term at MIT. I've become intimately involved with many aspects of campus life. I am majoring in Materials Science and Engineering and currently hold a research position in an organic chemistry lab. We're studying the effects of functionalizing carbon nano tubes with various derivatives of a molecule called aziridine. I'm also maintaining my jazz roots by playing lead alto saxophone in the MIT Jazz Ensemble. My musical tastes have also expanded to include dance: I am the Vice President of the MIT Dance Troupe, which specializes in hip-hop and annually draws over 1,200 people to our shows. Additionally, I am now living in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, where I serve the house as both Food

Steward and Rush Chair. As you can imagine, my life at MIT is completely packed with all these commitments, but I've always enjoyed pushing myself to the limit. I look forward to finding an internship this summer, hopefully in the Boston area."

Caitlin Wampler writes: "This year I have been working as a Resident Assistant in Hecht Residential College at the University of Miami. I have a floor of 42 girls (mostly freshman), so I'm constantly planning programs for them and making sure that they're all adjusting well to college life. It's very time consuming, but I love the people I work with and it's such a rewarding job. I was also elected Vice President of Academic Excellence in my sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, for 2007. As the Vice President of Academic Excellence, I give out GPA awards, plan study hours, and generally encourage academic excellence."

Renee Welker writes: "Well nothing too exciting going on here. Deciding on a major and it looks like that's going to be English. I'm not so sure what I'm going to do with it yet, but I'm thinking about journalism or looking into the editing career. Who knows, maybe work at a library! Outside of the academics I'm playing lacrosse for Dickinson College which is awesome. We made it to the NCAA's last year and we're hoping to get further than the sweet 16 this year."

Students in the photo (left to right): Chloe Gulati '13, Becky Fisherman '09, Zachary Seemakula '11



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The Academy expresses deepest sympathy to the families of the following Shady Side Academy alumni/ae and friends. Although we are unable to include remembrances of all, we sincerely value their special involvement in and contributions to the Shady Side Academy community during their lives. These listings are current through March 6, 2007.

Alumni

William Miller Davis '45
William Robert Duff '34
James A. Magovern Jr. '72
John M. McCague '50
Richard R. Pivrotto '48
Walter E. Reineman, Jr. '47
Wallace A. Shelby III '60
Robert William Swinston '43

Family and Friends

Nicholas Broker, father of Randy Broker, Middle School music teacher.

David D'Appolonia, father of Carrie (D'Appolonia) Barmen '89 and Anne (D'Appolonia) Dickson '99.

Eleanor (Sis) Douglass, mother-in-law of Academy Director of Communications, Melinda Miller.

Anthony Nicolette, father Anthony Nicolette, Jr. '59.

Clarence B. Nixon, Jr., father of Amy Mindlin, Head of the Middle School and The Reverend Clancy Nixon '75, and grandfather of Sam, Luke '05, and Casey '06.

Celia L. Rocks, mother of Elizabeth Rocks '13.

WILLIAM MILLER DAVIS '45

William Miller Davis, 79, of Pittsburgh died on Tuesday, January 23. Husband of the late Louise Eddy Davis; father of Jean Davis Taft of East Falmouth, MA, Laura Douglass Davis and Helen Thaw Davis, both of Pittsburgh; brother of John Phillips Davis, Jr. of Pittsburgh, Richard Grosvenor Davis of Littleton, CO, George Humphries Davis of East Hampton, NY and Jean Davis Falk of Pittsburgh; grandfather of Robert Davis Taft and Elizabeth Reed Taft.

[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

WILLIAM ROBERT DUFF '34

William R. Duff, 89, an attorney in Washington D.C. for 35 years, died of complications of lung cancer on February 28, at home in Columbia, Maryland. He was born in Pittsburgh to John T. Duff, Jr. and Katherine O'Neil Duff, the middle of three brothers. He attended Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, graduating in 1934. He received a bachelor's degree in 1938 from Yale University in history where he was a member of the glee club and played varsity basketball. He then attended the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where his father was a long time faculty member. After graduating and passing the bar, he served in WWII in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945. He was trained as an intelligence officer in Fort Benning, GA. He became part of the 81st Infantry Division, and was in the Pacific theater in locations including Guadalcanal, Palau, Leyte Island, and Tokyo at the end of the war. After the war, he returned to Pittsburgh to begin a law practice. In 1950, he moved to Washington, where he developed a specialty in energy regulation, both at the Federal Power Commission in the fifties and then with the law firm of Chapman, Duff and Paul among others. He maintained a lifelong interest in music, singing with the National Cathedral Choral Society, the St.

Albans choir and later the Linthicum Methodist Church Choir. He also participated in musical theater. He was an avid reader in history, science and current affairs. He was a lifelong bridge player, and loved to discuss politics. His first marriage to Eve McCormick Duff ended in divorce. His second wife, Mary Jean Patterson Duff died in 1978. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Bernadine Gregory Duff; two daughters, Katherine Patton Erickson of Ojai, California; Virginia Duff McConnell of College Park, Maryland, and 4 grandchildren.

[Information received from family]

JAMES A. MAGOVERN JR. '72

One of Pittsburgh's foremost surgeons and a nationally known expert in the field of cardiothoracic surgery died of kidney cancer on March 17 at his home in Fox Chapel. Dr. James Anthony Magovern, 52, was the chief of cardiac surgery at Allegheny General Hospital. He also served as the director of cardiac surgery research at the hospital and was surgical director of the Gerald R. McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute at AGH. Dr. Magovern was born at a military hospital in San Antonio, Texas, when his father was serving as a doctor at Fort Sam Houston during the Korean War. He graduated from Harvard University in 1976. He received his medical degree in 1980 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Magovern had post-graduate training as an intern and a resident in general surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, then as a resident and later chief resident and instructor in general surgery in the College of Medicine at Pennsylvania State University. He then served a residency in cardiothoracic surgery at Penn State, where he had been honored as a post-doctoral research fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. In addition to his work in the hospital, he shared his expertise with others as a professor of cardiothoracic surgery at the Allegheny

campus of Drexel University College of Medicine; by training more than 30 resident physicians in cardiothoracic surgery; by authoring more than 120 medical articles, 11 book chapters and 92 abstracts; and by delivering more than 100 oral presentations. In 2003, he was honored by AGH cardiothoracic surgery residents with a "best teacher" award. Dr. Magovern was a noted researcher, as well. He had been serving as the principal investigator since 2000 on a National Institutes of Health grant studying the cardiomyoplasty left ventricular device. He participated in more than 20 national and regional medical trials and held 17 patents in devices related to cardiothoracic surgery. His concern for good health carried over into his personal life. He was active with the Walk to Win program at Allegheny Traditional Academy, the Hearts in the Park community walks on the North Side and the American Heart Association. Dr. Magovern held membership in a number of professional societies, including the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the Society for Thoracic Surgeons, and the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation. He spent vacation time with his family in Stone Harbor, N.J., was a member of the Fox Chapel Golf Club and the Rolling Rock Club, and enjoyed tending his vegetable garden. He golfed when he could, enjoyed running and was an accomplished fly fisherman. Dr. Magovern received numerous awards, distinctions and honors over the years. He was particularly proud of having served as president of Alpha Omega Alpha at Pitt's School of Medicine. He is survived by his parents, Dr. George J. Magovern and Ann Magovern, his wife, Betsy R. Magovern; children Paul, Megan, Charlie and Molly Magovern, all at home in Fox Chapel; one brother, Dr. George J. Magovern Jr. of Sewickley and four sisters, Mary M. Scott of Fox Chapel, Susan Magovern of Millbrook, NY, Frances O'Connor of Hampton, and Ann Magovern of Oakland, CA.

[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]

JOHN M. MCCAGUE '50

John M. McCague, 75, of Springdale Township, PA, died January 31 at his residence. John and his wife, Eileen (McCauley) McCague, lived in Oakmont before moving to Springdale Township. He was born Dec. 13, 1931, in Pittsburgh, to the late Dr. Edward J. and Margaret (McCook) McCague. He was retired from sales and was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Springdale Township. John was a former member of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church in Oakmont. He graduated from Georgetown University and volunteered at Presbyterian Senior Care Oakmont and RCAC, also in Oakmont. He served in the U.S. Army with the rank of second lieutenant during peacetime. Besides his wife Eileen of 53 years, he is the father of Margi (Tony) Mator, of Cheswick, Michael (Hope) McCague, of Upper St. Clair, Kevin (Shelly) McCague, of Brighton, MI, Missy (Charlie) Brooks, of Palm Harbor, FL, Stephanie Hughes, of New Castle, and Mark (Lisa) McCague, of Colledgeville Park; brother of Edward J. McCague Jr., of Fox Chapel. Also survived by 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Peggy Walter, Miney Anderson, Suzie Walker, and a brother, Willis McCague.

[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*]

RICHARD R. PIVIROTTO '48

Richard Pivirotto, long-time resident of Greenwich, CT died on January 8, surrounded by his family at Greenwich Hospital. Dick Pivirotto will be remembered for his dedicated service to educational and community organizations, his deep faith and stewardship of the church, and most importantly, his love and support for his family and friends. Dick's love of his life and spouse of 53 years is Mary Burchfield Pivirotto. He is Dad to six children and their spouses: Robert and Mary Pivirotto Murley, Richard

RICHARD R. PIVIROTTO '48

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and Jennifer McClellan Pivirotto, John and Susie Pivirotto Kern, Nancy Pivirotto Barbe, David and Brenda Brophy Pivirotto, and Steve and Jennifer Pivirotto Altieri. He is brother to Arthur M. Pivirotto, Jr., Ruth V. Pivirotto and Justine Pivirotto Flanagan and "Boppy" to his 14 grandchildren. Dick was born in Youngstown, OH to Arthur Michael and Ruth Erhardt Pivirotto. He grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, attended Shady Side Academy and graduated from Princeton University in 1952. He played for the undefeated 1950 and 1951 nationally ranked Princeton football teams. Upon graduation, Dick turned down an offer to play professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers to attend the Harvard Business School. Following graduation, he served in the United States Army. Dick's long and distinguished career in the retail industry began at The Joseph Horne Company of Pittsburgh where he was President from 1961 to 1970. Following the acquisition of Horne's, he held positions as Vice Chairman, President and Chairman and CEO of Associated Dry Goods from 1970 to 1981. Dick was a director of New York Life Insurance, CBS Corporation, Infinity Broadcasting Corporation, General American Investors Co, Inc., The Gillette Company, Immunomedics, Inc., Greenwich Bank and Trust Company, Chemical Banking Corporation and Chemical Bank, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Jerrico, Inc., Bowers Savings Bank, and Turner Equity Investors, Inc. He was a charter trustee of Princeton University, a trustee of the Princeton University Investment Company and was actively involved with his beloved Class of 1952 and numerous university committees. He was chairman of the board of St. Edmund's Academy and a trustee of Shady Side Academy and the Brunswick School. Dick served over 31

years as a Trustee of Greenwich Hospital including two terms as its Chairman. An active member of Christ Church of Greenwich, Dick served on the vestry and was junior and then senior warden of the church. He was a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, the oldest Seminary of the Episcopal Church that was founded in 1817 and has been a New York City landmark since 1826.

[Information excerpted from the
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

WALTER E. REINEMAN, JR. '47

Walter E. Reineman, Jr. died on December 2, 2006. He is survived by his wife Shirley Follansbee Reineman; father of Lisa Reineman Ayres (Rev. Stephen Ayres) and Walter E. Reineman III (Mary VanBuskirk Reineman); brother of Virginia Reineman Johnston, Joseph Vilsack Reineman and the late Dorothy Reineman McKenna and Stella Reineman McKennan; grandfather of Matthew Ayres, Katharine Reineman and Evan Reineman. Mr. Reineman was the founder of the Freeport Steel Company.

[Information excerpted from the
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

WALLACE A. SHELBY III '60

Wallace (Bud) Shelby died on June 18, 2006. He was beloved husband of Francine Shelby; brother of Carolyn Shelby Peel, James C. Shelby (Kerry), Lydia Shelby Coyle (Norton) and Christopher M. Shelby (Judy). He was son of the late Wallace A. Jr. and Carolyn Curry Shelby; son-in-law of Frank W. and Jean Veltri; brother-in-law of Thomas F. Veltri (Elizabeth) and George W. Veltri (Lee); also survived by eleven nieces and five nephews. Bud was a 1960 graduate of Shady Side Academy, a 1964 graduate of Penn State University and was a

Veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. He was deeply loved and will be missed by his family & friends.

[Information excerpted from the
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

ROBERT WILLIAM SWINSTON '43

Robert William Swinston was known to family and friends as a golfer and a gentleman. His passion for the game led him to be elected president of the Pennsylvania Golf Association in 1986 and the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association in 1987. Mr. Swinston, of Aspinwall, died Friday of emphysema. He was 82. Mr. Swinston was a member of Long Vue Club for 57 years and was given an honorary lifetime membership in 2006 for his years of service on the club's board and various committees. He also held a membership at Pine Valley Golf Club in Pine Valley, NJ, which is almost always at the top of Golf Digest's list of the best courses in America. Mr. Swinston met his second wife, Carol Campbell Swinston, at Long Vue in the summer of 1968. The two were married the next year. Mr. Swinston grew up in Squirrel Hill. He graduated from Shady Side Academy in 1943 and joined the Navy. Mr. Swinston graduated from the Navy's Aerographer School in 1945 and earned a degree from Franklin and Marshall College three years later. After spending a year as a trainee at U.S. Steel, he joined the family business, Swinston Company, as a sales representative. Mr. Swinston served as a vice president of the company, an advertising and sales promotion firm, until 2001. Besides his wife, Mr. Swinston is survived by a sister, Margaret Kittle of Tucson, AZ, two sons, Robert W. Swinston Jr. of Chestnut, NY, and Brook Campbell Swinston of Detroit; and one grandchild.

[Information excerpted from the
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Important Dates to Remember



Date and Time	Event	Location
April 28, 5:00 PM	Gala	Heinz Field
May 2	Budda Day	
May 2, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Spring Annual Fund Phonathon	Bayard Hall
May 3, 9:50 AM	Prize Day Ceremony	Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 9, 8:00 PM	Choral and Strings Honors Concert	Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 12, 4:00 PM	Untucked Benefit Concert	Roy McKnight Hockey Center
May 14	Junior School Evaluation Day	No Classes at Junior School
May 15, 8:00 PM	Instrumental Honors Concert	Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 17, 2:05 PM	Athletic Awards Ceremony	Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 18, 8:00 AM	Sixth Grade Energy Quest Town Meeting	The Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 18, 6:00 PM	Residential Life Program Celebration Dinner	McCune Dining Hall
May 21 – 24, 3:15 PM and/or 7:15 PM	Senior One-Act Plays and Film Festival Week	Peter J. Kountz Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 24, 7:30 PM	Middle School Spring Concert	Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts
May 28	Memorial Day	Academy Closed
June 1	Exam Day at Middle School, Early Dismissal from Senior School at 12:30 PM	Middle School
June 3, 11:30 AM	Junior School Graduation Picnic	Eastover
June 4	Middle School Evaluation Day — No Classes at Middle School	Middle School
June 4	Junior School Field and Picnic Day	Junior School
June 4, 6:00 PM	Senior School Prom	Phipps Conservatory
June 5, 9:00 AM	Middle School Academic Awards/Kennywood Day — Early Dismissal from Senior School at 12:30 PM	Middle School
June 5, 10:00 AM	Junior School Moving Up Day/Kennywood Day — Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM	Junior School
June 6, 9:00 AM	Middle School Athletic Awards/Practice for Closing Exercises — Early Dismissal from Senior School at 12:30 PM	Middle School
June 6, 10:00 AM	Junior School Closing Exercises — Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM	Junior School
June 7, 9:00 AM	Middle School Closing Exercises — Early Dismissal at 11:00 AM	Roy McKnight Hockey Center
June 8, 10:00 AM	Senior School Commencement	Senior School Quad (weather permitting) or Roy McKnight Hockey Center



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