Cronin’s Antarctic Adventure
FIFTH-GRADE TAKES JUNIOR SCHOOL ON VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP
Dear Shady Side Academy Community:

Welcome one and all to this edition of the Shady Side Academy Magazine; what an extraordinary school year we are once again experiencing in this, our 2009-2010 academic year. The ongoing power and momentum of a 126-year tradition is at times indescribable as it compels us, drives us, informs us, and by virtue of its demand for excellence, sustains us. Such is who we are and what we do. The bar for excellence is set quite high at Shady Side Academy, and it is because of this momentum of tradition that we are incapable of ever accepting anything less. We all share in the common responsibility of assuring the ongoing sustainability of Shady Side for the sake of its current and future students, but also for students across our region whose schools measure their own excellence relative to that of SSA. Tradition requires a lot from all of us at Shady Side Academy, and being a part of that tradition remains an honor and privilege.

Read with pleasure of the many accomplishments and experiences of our students, alumni, faculty, as well as the artists, musicians, athletes and coaches of the Academy thus far this year. Meet our new faculty and new members of the Board of Trustees. Perhaps most important to all is the announcement of the next president of Shady Side Academy, Mr. Thomas M. Cangiano. Note the global impact and service of our Parkin Fellows, as well as that of another group of students and their journey to China. Homecoming 2009 was one of the best ever in terms of overall attendance, fun and fellowship; alumni engagement has never been stronger at SSA! Specifically, I bring to your attention a most special and meaningful article of tribute in memory of the legendary Mr. George L. Follansbee, headmaster from 1953 to 1965. Finally, and among many other things, please read about our highly successful Hillman Performing Arts Series, unique among independent (or public) schools nationwide. The Hillman Center for Performing Arts, along with its Richard E. Rauh and Peter J. Kountz Theaters, provide highly acclaimed performers not only for our students, but also for the broader arts communities of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia!

As the students will frequently say, "We've got it going on at SSA!"

Above all, please enjoy the continuity and journey of this very special tradition which began in a one-room schoolhouse in 1883 on Aiken Avenue in Shady side. Each and every year brings new challenges, but also presents new opportunities. Shady Side Academy remains that “old friend” with “new ideas” steeped in years of tradition with a seriousness of purpose. I thank you for all you have done to sustain and enhance that which is, and always will be, Shady Side Academy.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Southard, President
Shady Side Academy
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Elizabeth Rosenberger '09 is attending the University of Pittsburgh, not Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, as listed in the Commencement 2009 feature.
ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS’ DAY HELD AT SENIOR SCHOOL

Grandparents’ Day was celebrated at the Senior School on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. After a breakfast and an assembly, grandparents accompanied their students to morning classes and then lunch.

SENIOR SCHOOL DEBATERS ADVANCE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

The Senior School debate team has argued its way to the Sweet 16 round of an international debate competition entered by more than 200 schools from around the world. By advancing to the top 16 in the Bickel & Brewer/New York University International Public Policy Forum, the students remain eligible to win the $10,000 grand prize and an all-expenses-paid trip to the final competition in New York City in April 2010. Debate team participants include Jemila Adoki, Shivum Bharill, Anthony Costa, Frankie Costa, Yuval Ben-David, Margaret Fero, David Jimenez, Ayesha Shah, Priyanka Srinivasa, Niteesh Sundaram and Joseph Tumolo. Mathematics teacher Mary Krauland is the team’s faculty advisor.

THREE SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS SELECTED FOR HONORS ORCHESTRA

Three Senior School String Orchestra members were selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators District 1 Honors Orchestra. Dr. Dan Brill and other area music teachers heard 90 violinists play an excerpt from Mozart’s G Major Violin Concerto. From those performers, 46 were selected. Kelsey Broker made the second violin section, and Tara Lee and Lisha Gu made the first violin section. The festival was held Nov. 14-15 at Fox Chapel High School.
SHADY SIDE AND THE G-20

Pittsburgh played host to the G-20 Summit held Sept. 24-25, 2009, as President Barack Obama chaired the meeting of leaders from countries around the world that represent 85 percent of the world’s economy. The Summit provided Academy teachers a springboard to introduce international issues into the classroom.

At the Senior School, several history students participated in a roundtable discussion on brownfield reclamation and green jobs with county executives from around the nation on Sept. 18. The discussion concluded a daylong Pre-G-20 tour of the Pittsburgh region for nine elected leaders, hosted by Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato. Meanwhile, SSA art students assisted in painting a community mural, alongside students from Homewood YMCA Lighthouse Project and other local artists. The 200-foot long temporary mural was located on the former County Jail Annex site at the corner of Fourth Ave. and Ross St. in downtown Pittsburgh and represented the 22 countries participating in the Summit.

The Middle School held a “G-20 Day” on Sept. 17, with each sixth through eighth grade homeroom being assigned a specific G-20 topic. Students were given the responsibility of researching their topic and coming up with a creative 10-minute group presentation, which included PowerPoint, skits, songs and games. One homeroom conducted a video conference interview with VisitPittsburgh’s Vice President of Sales and Marketing Craig Davis to discuss the city’s preparations for the summit, another hosted a Jeopardy-style game show, while another acted as protesters.

The Junior School was closed for the two-day summit. The decision came after several days of discussion and consultation regarding transportation and safety issues surrounding the G-20.

SEVEN SENIORS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Seniors Frankie Costa, Christopher Hill-Junke, Ajay Kanakamedala, Lauren Rabe, Alison Rath, Pooja Tripathi and Nicole Wei were named semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. There are approximately 16,000 semifinalists nationwide, which represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Finalists compete for one of 2,500 National Merit $2,500 Scholarships, as well as 1,000 corporate-sponsored scholarships and 4,700 college-sponsored awards. Winners will be announced in May 2010.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

The Senior School presented its fall play, Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest, on Nov. 20-22, 2009, in the Peter J. Kountz Black Box Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. Under the direction of Claire DePalma, the eight-member cast told the story of young love, mischief and mistaken identity.
JUNIOR ORGANIZES BENEFIT WALK FOR AT-RISK GIRLS

For her 16th birthday, SSA junior Jatara McGee created “Her 16th Wish,” a walking fundraiser to benefit the Strong Women, Strong Girls organization, as well as patients at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, UPMC. The walk took place on the Senior School campus on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

GO! GO! GO-CARTS

On Oct. 30, 2009, juniors and seniors in Mark Skinner’s Physics II class tested homemade go-carts in a three-part challenge that included an obstacle course, odometer challenge and a timed race down the entranceway of the Senior School. The exercise applies the principles of kinematics (one-dimensional motion) and Newton’s Laws. Students participated in three- or four-person teams and were responsible for the construction of the go-cart, as well as the driving.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIRS TELL TALES OF SUCCESS

The Junior School held its annual Book Fair on Nov. 9-12, 2009. Hundreds of quality titles, chosen by the librarian, were available for purchase. The sales resulted in books donated back to the classrooms and will help defray the cost of the annual author and illustrator visit. The Middle School Book Fair, held Nov. 11-12, 2009, also was a great success. More than 500 books, from all different genres, were available for purchase.

SHADY SIDE COOKS GOES GREEN!

The Parents’ Association hosted Shady Side Cooks Goes Green, held Oct. 21, 2009, at the Pittsburgh Golf Course. The day proved to be a great success and provided the opportunity to learn about local eco-friendly ventures and enjoy some tasty samples.
MIDDLE SCHOOL GOES PINK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

For Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students in the Middle School homerooms of Lorraine Kiger and Audrey Ashworth sponsored a bake sale and dress-down day on Oct. 29, 2009, to raise funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The students promoted the bake sale by designing posters and making pink ribbon pins to sell at the event. The day was a huge success, with the homerooms raising $800.

FORGOTTEN PAINTING DISCOVERED AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over the summer, workers at Middle School uncovered a decades-old oil painting on the wall of a music classroom while removing a 1960s-era chalkboard to install a SMART board. The classroom was formerly the dining room of the stately mansion. The new SMART board was moved to the nearby spot to preserve the painting.

FIVE JUNIORS ACCEPTED TO WESTINGHOUSE SCIENCE HONORS INSTITUTE

Juniors Haley DeJulio, Natalie Domeisen, Madhav Iyengar, Frank Rocks and Rachel Tobin were accepted to the 2009-2010 Westinghouse Science Honors Institute, a program for scholastically talented high school juniors in Western Pennsylvania with a strong interest in science. On select Saturdays from October 2009 through February 2010, the students participated in lectures and hands-on exercises at the George Westinghouse Research and Technology Park in Churchill, Pa. Approximately 300 juniors are accepted into the program annually.

AUTUMN CONCERT SHOWCASES MUSICAL ABILITIES

On Oct. 21, 2009, the Senior School Autumn Choral, Strings and Instrumental Concert was held in the Richard E. Rauh Theater with musical performances by the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo. The choral portion of the concert, directed by Dr. Daniel Brill, featured eight selections, including one from Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire. The instrumental portion included compositions by Quincy Jones, Duke Ellington and John O’Reilly, and was directed by Stanley Nevola.
SENIOR SCHOOL RELIGIOUS SUMMIT

The World Religion class, led by Michele Greene, presented a Religious Summit on Nov. 4, 2009, in the Benedum Student Center on the Senior School campus. Attending the summit were religious leaders from various organizations around Pittsburgh, who spoke briefly about their specific beliefs and tenets before a discussion and debate, led by questions from the students.

SCHEHERAZADE

The Middle School staged the fall drama production, Scheherazade, for fellow students on Nov. 5, 2009, and took the stage the following evening for parents and guests. Eighteen students participated in the visually stunning production.

TWO SENIORS NAMED NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Seniors Jerome Barnes and Elizabeth Diggs were named semifinalists in the 46th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. The students have the opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth some $2.6 million. Finalists compete for 700 one-time National Achievement $2,500 Scholarships, which are awarded on a regional basis. Winners will be announced in early April 2010.

A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

Junior School and Middle School students were decked out in creative costumes for their Halloween parties on Oct. 30, 2009. The Junior School hosted a parade around the gymnasium, while the sixth graders enjoyed an afternoon of snacks and games.
CRONIN’S ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE
Fifth-grader takes Junior School on virtual field trip

When Cronin Wilkes, a fifth-grader at Shady Side Academy, had the chance to be a part of his second expedition to Antarctica, he decided to bring the entire Junior School along with him on a historic “virtual field trip.” While Cronin was exploring the frozen tundra and encountering penguins and whales in real life, his schoolmates were right there with him, following his journey via the Internet.

Cronin and his mother, Susan Wilkes, were part of the Ice Axe Foundation’s 2009 Antarctica Peninsula Expedition, led by world-class extreme athlete and explorer Doug Stoup. Through modern technology, the entire Junior School was able to virtually tag along with Cronin, creating a unique, interactive global learning experience.

During the expedition, which ran from Nov. 2-17, 2009, Cronin kept a daily web journal of his adventures on the Ice Axe Kids Web site, where his schoolmates and teachers could ask him questions via e-mail and view daily photos and video webcasts of the trip. A link to the Ice Axe Kids site from the Shady Side Web site made it easy for SSA students and families to follow along from home as well.

Cronin’s trip gave the first graders in particular the opportunity to bring their learning to life. The students were studying a unit on the Polar Regions and participated in a variety of classroom activities related to Antarctica, including:

• Studying the geography and wildlife of the North and South Poles
• Preparing a list of gear needed to explore Antarctica safely
• Completing a map of Antarctica that shows the continent’s common landforms and points of interest, and charting the route of Cronin’s travels
• Writing Antarctica poetry and listening to the classic novel *Mr. Popper’s Penguins*
• Learning penguin vocabulary

The first graders also sent an SSA teddy bear along with Cronin, requesting that the bear be photographed at various points throughout the trip. The kids were then able to see photos of the bear in Antarctica each day on the Ice Axe Kids Web site.

At a special school assembly on Nov. 11, Junior School students were able to see and speak to Cronin live in Antarctica via a Skype video feed. They asked him questions about Antarctica and watched video highlights of his trip, including some encounters with Antarctic wildlife.

Representatives from the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium attended the assembly and even brought a live penguin.

Junior School Head Cheryl Little was thrilled with the unique global learning opportunity the virtual field trip provided. “Education no longer happens within a school building, on a campus, or within four walls,” she said. “The world is our classroom!”

Shady Side Academy was one of about 15 schools nationwide selected to be part of this unique virtual field trip, although SSA was the only school with a student actually on the expedition. Cronin thus served as an ambassador to children across the country, providing them with a first-hand, kids-eye view of Antarctica.

This trip marked the fourth Ice Axe Expedition for kids. Stoup and his Ice Axe team worked in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium and Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Allan Marshall, the zoo’s former curator of aquatic life, was part of the expedition team, as well as scientists, historians, an ornithologist, world-class extreme snow skiers and snowboarders, and four film crews.

The Wilkes family (including father Ted) was also part of the Ice Axe Expedition to Antarctica in February 2006, when Cronin was 7. They also joined an Ice Axe Expedition to the Amazon in February 2007.

BY JENNIFER ROUPE
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WILKES FAMILY
Alumni artist Andrew Seguin ’99 (left) showcased his photos for the 2009 Alumni Art Show.

Members from the Class of ’89 were all smiles as they reunited Friday evening.

Gordy Fisher ’79, Bob Kramer ’49, Wally Jenkins ’84 and Paul Shea ’79 enjoyed the Friday evening reception.

Ryo Shiono ’84 and John Musgrave ’84 reminisce on their time at SSA.

Alumni Council President Eben Adams ’89 and Pigman Prize recipient Sloane Berrent ’97.

Academy President Tom Southard congratulates the Robert E. Walker Award recipients, Fred H. Parkin ’59 and John M. Duff ’59.
The all-day Friday downpour that left Western Pennsylvania nice and soggy could not dampen the spirit of more than a thousand alumni, faculty, students and parents who made their way back to campus for Homecoming on Oct. 2–3, 2009. Alumni began to arrive on campus early Friday morning. Some took campus tours, ate lunch in McCune Dining Hall and even sat in on classes at the Junior School. Simultaneously, a small but ambitious group was teeing off at the Pittsburgh Field Club at the annual golf outing on the most brisk morning the season had seen so far.

As the evening events began, alumni and faculty gathered in Memorial Hall to remember alumni who passed away in the past year. The presider of the ceremony, Rev. Dr. Arch Woodruff ’59, delivered a beautiful message and also added fond reflections on his time at Shady Side. From Memorial Hall, the wet trek across the quad ended at the Benedum Visual Arts Center, where a gathering was already underway for the opening reception for Alumni Artist Andrew Seguin ’99. If you missed his work, visit www.andrewseguin.com.

The main event of the evening commenced on the tented Mary Hillman Jennings Plaza, where alumni and faculty had their first formal chance to reconnect. Despite the rain outside, the tent was filled with the warmth of reuniting and reminiscing over cocktails, carving stations and hors d’oeuvres. Guests were then escorted into the Richard E. Rauh Theater in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts for a program of musical performances and alumni awards. The Senior School Jazz Combo and Chamber Choir displayed what great things can be accomplished when learning in a world-class facility like the Hillman. The Robert E. Walker Award for alumni service to the Academy was given to John Duff ’59 and Fred Parkin ’59, and the Paul R. Pigman Prize for alumni service to the community was awarded to Sloane Berrent ’97. The audience was also entertained by Bruce Hill ’59 and his reflections on his time at Shady Side on this, his 50th reunion.

Saturday morning came very quickly for some alumni who had been celebrating into the wee hours of Friday night. The good news was that the rain had stopped in time to kick off the morning with a jog in the Al Stewart Memorial Shady Stride. With a bang, Mrs. Janney Stewart sent the runners on their way. Matt Hall ’99 was the first to cross the finish line with the rest of the pack not far behind. The race finished on the far side of the newly constructed

Class of ’59 classmates Fred H. Parkin, Jeffrey Starz, Ed Byrnes and Jay Carson show off their new 50th reunion hats.

The Senior School Chamber Choir performed at the Friday evening program.

Vice President of Institutional Advancement Patrick Tevlin greets Bill ’54 and Nell Sutherland.

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BY JAMIE BRUSH ’98 / PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES KNOX AND ROY ENGLEBRECHT
The Shady Striders flank Mrs. Janney Stewart as she prepares to start the 2009 Al Stewart Memorial Shady Stride.

The football team is fired up as they take the field.

It took great determination to win the ring toss at the Kids Karnival.

Just fishing for prizes…

Matt Hall ’99 claimed first place in the Shady Stride.

2009 SSA football captains were escorted to the coin toss by the Class of 1959 football captains, Bing Beeson and Jeffrey Starz.

Faculty members Stan Nevola, Sue Whitney, Buddy Hendershot and Caswell Nilsen
ROBERT J. GRANDIZIO ATHLETIC COMPLEX DEDICATION

As part of the Homecoming festivities on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, students, parents, staff and alumni gathered on the Jones Family Plaza to officially dedicate the new Robert J. Grandizio Athletic Complex. Academy President Tom Southard and Assistant Athletic Director Dave Havern were on hand to introduce the man of the hour, Bob Grandizio Sr., and to thank all those present who contributed to the success of the project. Alongside his wife, Cindy, four children and 11 grandchildren, Grandizio spoke of his more than 40 years at Shady Side Academy, as well as the humbling effect of having the state-of-the-art complex being named in his honor. If you are interested in supporting the Grandizio Athletic Complex, visit www.shadysideacademy.org/grandizio or contact the Advancement Office at 412–968–3011.

Bob and Cindy Grandizio cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the Robert J. Grandizio Athletic Complex.

Bob and Cindy Grandizio shared the memorable day with their 11 grandchildren.

The Jones and Katarinic families gathered on the Jones Family Plaza to take part in the Grandizio Athletic Complex dedication ceremony.

Several members from the Class of ’59 caught up over lunch at the Alumni Tailgate. Front row: Bing Beeson, Bill Wycoff and Carl Srodes. Back row: George Cass, Bett Beeson and Jeffrey Starz.

Junior School students sing the Alma Mater.

Junior School students enjoyed the Kids Karnival.
Class of 1954: Peter Crane and Bill Treese

Class of 1959: Carl Srodes, Bing Beeson, Jeffrey Starz, Mike Lieberman, Ed Byrnes and John Duff

Class of 1979: Peter Mathieson, Steve Davis, Scott Aiken, Franny O’Connor, Grant Scott and Steve Cohen

Class of 1984: Lisa (Smith) Fisher, Paul Lucas, Dan Kennedy and Dan Haas

Class of 1994: Andy Braham, Mike Castillo, Kwame Williams, Omer Farukhi and Eugene Baker

Class of 1999: Danielle Bouchat-Friedman, Nate Succop, Ian Alexander, Adam Frederick, Beth Goldstein, Jimmy Wan, Quincy Curry, Ryan Indovina, Jarius Acie and Gretchen (Benford) Harrison
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Robert J. Grandizio Athletic Complex. On the opposite side of the complex, alumni, trustees, parents and students were gathering for the formal dedication of the new complex and the Jones Family Entrance Plaza. The man of the hour, Bob Grandizio Sr., was humbled and gave a speech filled with humor, stories and laughs, but also gratitude. It turned out to be a beautiful fall day. Alums continued to arrive on campus, and their children and SSA Junior School students enjoyed the Homecoming Play and the Kids’ Karnival, which raised money for Student Council.

As the afternoon continued, the boys’ and girls’ varsity soccer teams were victorious in their Homecoming matchups. The varsity football team fell to Burrell in a nail-biter, 17-14. Athletic captains from reunion classes were recognized during halftime of the football game.

By 5 p.m., the traffic on Fox Chapel Road was backed up onto campus with alumni eager to get to their reunion class gatherings, which were held in Fox Chapel and throughout the city at several venues. There were record numbers in turnout for class reunion gatherings this year.


Class of 1974 First row: Tim Mullins, Evan Thomas, Keefe Ellis, John Chesley. Second row: Glenn Miller, Chris Freeze, Peter Blume, Hugh McGough. Third row: Fred Harchelroad, Bruce Silverblatt

Class of 1989 First row: George Bolanis. Second row: Paige Gordon, Adam Lane, Staci Sarkin, David Close, Dave Gardner, Matt Ferrari. Third row: Heather (Poole) Royal, Tanya Kenkre, Amy Martell, Suzie (Lehman) Khalil, Kat (Havens) Whitten, Nick Stupakis. Fourth row: J.C. Dickson, Joel Rubin, Eben Adams, Wendy (Fruenhait) Fogg, Erica (Merkow) Strauss, Todd Green, Paul Ezjak, Jose Juyes. Fifth row: Chip Huss, Mike Snodes, John Carson, Julie (Lovett) Quard, Jason Kushner, Jason Leventon, Brian Kight, John Williams, Russell Westerberg, Scott Weissman, Brian Squires, Jason Greenwald

Class of 1994 First row: Mike Castillo, Avi Linganna, Jose Amaya, Jennifer (Dick) Braham, Mike Weisberg. Second row: Jake Stilley, Andy Braham, Amberson Bauer
As part of her Parkin Fellowship, senior Tory Bruch traveled to Malawi, Africa, to spread AIDS awareness.
Fred Parkin ’59 established a fund in 2006 awarding travel grant money for Senior School students to perform service or environmental projects outside of the United States. The summer of 2009 saw seven Parkin fellows participate in service projects, traveling to various locations around the globe and completing a wide array of tasks. While each fellow had an individual purpose, all returned with stories of growth, new perspectives and experiences that forever impacted their lives.

FOREVER IMPACTED

2009-2010 Parkin Fellows reflect on their journeys around the globe

BY LINDSAY KOVACH
women welcomed us by coming up to us, smiling and sharing hugs, so appreciative of the work that we were there to do. They ended up joining us every day, where they would help by carrying blocks, mixing cement and encouraging the community to show their support.”

Across the globe in Thailand, Jeff Shogan ’10 experienced a similar cordial reception. While volunteering for three weeks at an orphanage, Shogan said, “As soon as I climbed out of the van, I was immediately greeted by a mob of about 20 children. I was poked, prodded and climbed on. What a welcome!”

BREAKING DOWN CULTURAL BARRIERS

An impressive quality found in all of the Parkin Fellows was their willingness to immerse themselves in new cultural experiences. With an array of obstacles to overcome in the foreign lands, including language barriers, incomparable weather conditions and tremendous poverty, the fellows remained open-minded, absorbed their new surroundings and learned from the cultural differences.

Kurke elaborated, “Even apart from the language barrier, the culture of western Tanzania is about as foreign as I could have ever imagined; the people have values so different from our own, and live their lives with one pair of clothes, no electricity and even scarce water. Yet, that is what made me fall in love with my surroundings, because none of those material things made an impact on how strong their hearts were, or how open they were to anyone willing to listen.”

In the region of Malawi, Africa, Tory Bruch ’10 had a similar experience. While providing hospital assistance and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness, she stated, “It was during my stay in the village that my true cultural immersion began. We fetched our daily water supply at the break of dawn from either the village well or city water source, walking down the dirt road toward home, standing tall with both hands supporting the bucket balanced precariously on our heads, while friendly neighbors smiled in delight at our attempt to return with a full bucket of water.” She continued, “Yet, in spite of the issues and struggles I saw, I experienced the exuberant friendliness of the Malawians, whose relaxed sense of time can stretch a short walk into one that takes much longer as a result of lengthy conversations with friends encountered along the way. There is something about the beautiful country and its exuberant and joyful people that cast a strong hold on its visitors, myself included.”

Giovanni Zenati ’11 spent his fellowship volunteering for the Armenia Tree Project, working in tree nurseries and sharing his knowledge on environmental concerns.
His experience left him with a lasting impression of the Armenian people. He stated, “I received a warm welcome in Armenia. The national sentiment is one of overwhelming dignity and pride, and Armenians are always eager to assist any new voices that aim to chronicle the country’s struggles. No matter the level of poverty, or the degree of isolation, the thing that struck me most was the Armenians love for their country, their soil, the land that has given them so little and still asks for so much in return.”

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Upon returning to the United States, the Parkin Fellows found themselves changed from their encounters in the foreign lands. Their unique experiences drew some thoughtful reflections.

David Jimenez ’11 spent one month in Peru assisting with the building of a local school. He shared, “Looking back, the trip profoundly impacted my world view and personal values. It reminded me of the importance of leading a productive, meaningful life. It helped me reshape my priorities for the remainder of my high school years.”

Shogun thought about his time in Thailand, stating, “I do not miss the heat or the long days. I do not miss the incredibly spicy food. I do not miss finding scorpions in my sheets. But I do miss the kids, the teachers and the country as a whole. It was so different than my life here. It made me appreciate what I have, and more importantly, it opened my eyes to what is out there in the world. I know that I can’t stay here forever, and I don’t want to anymore.”

PARKIN FELLOWS 2009-2010

Shannon Achille ’11 traveled with a group called Rustic Pathways to their rice fields base in Udon Thani, a city in northwest Thailand. She focused on teaching the Thai children English, math and sports, as well as giving them swimming lessons. Achille also shared information about organic family practices and techniques to eliminate the use of pesticides.

Tory Bruch ’10 participated in the Putney Student Travel’s Malawi Global Awareness in Action program, traveling throughout villages in Malawi, Africa, to help spread AIDS awareness and provide hospital assistance. The last destination was the Luwawa Forest Reserve, where students prepared for their conference at Yale with other Putney Global Actions groups and shared their experiences.

Kelly Casey-Latterman ’10 traveled with the Crossroads Foundation to the Banareng region in Africa, where she was part of the new village community. She helped the Sekororo African tribe to build a pre-primary school, which was the first school for the village. It gave young children who were previously unable to attend school the opportunity to be educated.

David Jimenez ’11 began his program in the village of Ollantaytambo in Peru with Putney Community Service. The group spent a few days getting acquainted with Peruvian culture and geography, then spent the remainder of the time working in small groups alongside locals and skilled craftsmen to complete the construction of classroom space. He also made adobe bricks, taught in the local school, assisted at the trucha fish farm and prepared meals for local school children.

Jamie Kurke ’11 traveled to Tanzania through the Global Routes program. The program was broken up into three basic parts: in-country orientation, community service/cultural exchange and travel adventures. The program’s contribution to the village was the construction of a school and helping teach English to natives. She learned about the ancient culture of the Bantu tribes on the remote island of Zanzibar, Africa, the birthplace of Swahili.

Jeffrey Shogun ’10 participated in the Global Routes program, traveling to the Chiang Mai province of Thailand. Shogun spent his time teaching local children and involving himself in various building projects. He took away a great understanding of the Thai culture by living with a Thai host family.

Giovanni Zenati ’11 joined the Armenia Tree project in the mountains of Caucasus, located in the country of Armenia. He learned that the lack of natural resources, coupled with poverty and the effects of a devastating earthquake in 1998, have led to extensive loss of forests in the region. Zenati worked in tree nurseries and was very instrumental in sharing his knowledge regarding environmental concerns.
BOOKIN’ IT!

Two Juniors travel to China to deliver donated books

On the afternoon of May 12, 2008, the violent shock of a 7.9-magnitude earthquake rattled the Sichuan province of China for two straight minutes. The screams of frightened citizens filled the air, as buildings ferociously cracked, sending large portions tumbling to the ground. A loud thunder could be heard as far away as Beijing, as homes, hospitals and highways crumbled into tiny fragments of their previous forms. More than 70,000 people lost their lives to the Great Sichuan Earthquake, and another five million were left homeless. The government estimated that 7,000 classrooms were destroyed, leaving many children not only without a school, but the materials to continue to educate themselves outside of the classroom.

BY LINDSAY KOVACH
Lisha Gu ’11 knew something had to be done. “My friend and I were watching a news report on the devastating earthquake,” explained Gu. “Seeing such a tragic scene made me realize how fortunate I am and that I should do my best to help.”

So, help is what she did, as she set out to aid the Chinese children rebuild their school libraries. With the assistance of her mother, she formed Freshlink Education and Cultural Exchange (FECE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to building bridges and lifelong relationships between children of different cultures and languages. She told her friends, including SSA classmate Robert Stokes ’11, about FECE, and they began contacting local schools and asking for their used books, actually picking up student volunteers along the way.

“Together we collected more than 17,000 books and raised more than $2,000 for shipment expenses,” exclaimed Gu. “We sorted the books into groups depending on the level of reading intensity,” said Stokes. “The sorting and fundraising processes were the hardest parts of the project.” Gu added, “The response was truly incredible.”

United by the success of their fundraising efforts, the FECE team, consisting of six students from the Pittsburgh region, traveled to China from July 24 through Aug. 1, 2009. They spent the first week in a dormitory with Chinese students at the Xian Bodi School. At the Bodi School and the Xian University of Arts and Sciences, they presented a sample of the textbooks collected and were honored at a book donation ceremony. They also completed presentations for the Chinese students on current topics, including life as an American teenager, fashion, music and sports, which included the distribution of the infamous Pittsburgh Steelers “Terrible Towels,” which were waved enthusiastically by all. “It was an absolute honor to have the opportunity to teach the children about two major parts of my own life, being the Pittsburgh Steelers and jazz music,” said Stokes. Gu absorbed every moment that she was able to spend with the students, stating “We played sports with them every day, and they taught us Chinese and about their culture. We developed lifelong friendships with the students of the Bodi School and learned a great deal about Chinese culture.”

In their down time, the FECE team had the opportunity to visit various landmarks throughout the region, including the Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Olympic Village and The Great Wall. “I have been to the Great Wall many times throughout my life, but it is still breathtaking every time that I see it,” said Gu. They finished up the trip with a two-day visit to Shanghai, shopping and touring the sites.

“Looking back, this trip made me feel accomplished; like I had done something to help the world. It really opened my eyes in the way that there is always something you can do to help others. Being a Chinese-born American, this trip made me feel closer to my culture and heritage,” Gu explained. “It opened my eyes to the horrible misfortunes that occur around the world, but it also inspired me because I know now that even though I am just a high school kid from the other side of the world, I truly made a difference in the lives of the earthquake victims.”

On the afternoon of Aug. 1, 2009, the group of six students returned to Pittsburgh, recognizing the effect they had on the Chinese students. Their teamwork, synergy and unprecedented spirit of giving made a lasting impact on the lives of the victims — and on their own lives as well. “When I finally had the chance to sit back and reflect on the experience, I realize that I had just as much influence on the citizens of China, as they had on me, “ Stokes reflected. “It is a trip that I will never forget.”
It was a Christmas that William Sayles will never forget. Sayles and his wife, Nancy, had rented a new apartment in the summer of 1959, soon after the arrival of their firstborn daughter.

Yet no one told the second-year teacher at Shady Side Academy Middle School that he was required to make a deposit for utilities upon moving and then pay a monthly bill. Just two weeks before the Christmas holiday, the couple received a notice from Duquesne Light Company demanding immediate remuneration for the overdue expenses — totaling nearly $60 — and threatening to cut off their service in the cold of winter.

“That was a significant amount of money at the time for a young teacher,” recalls Sayles, who retired from Shady Side as faculty emeritus in 1998. “I was probably making $4,000 a year.”

In a panic, Sayles mentioned his financial jam to his boss, Alan McMillen, the Middle School’s headmaster.

Two days later, a Christmas card arrived from George Follansbee, who was appointed headmaster of Shady Side in 1953 and later named the first president of the Academy. Inside was a personal check from Follansbee, and his wife, Julianne, along with a hand-scripted note: “We hope this will help, and that there’s enough left over to take Nancy out for dinner,” Follansbee wrote.

Almost everyone who had the privilege of knowing George Follansbee has a similar story about an act of kindness by the compassionate and dedicated educator, who above all, was committed to the well-being of his faculty and to inspiring generations of young people to succeed.

“What I want people to remember most was his total love of humanity — he really cared for people and for their problems,” says Julie Follansbee about her husband of 62 years, who died in June 2008 at age 96 after a period of failing health.

Shady Side Academy played a pivotal role in the life of George Little Follansbee, who was “the classic Pittsburgher,” notes former Academy president and friend Dr. A. Emerson Johnson III. Born in 1911 and raised in Pittsburgh’s Shadyside neighborhood, Follansbee was the son of William Uhler and Ruth Ann Harper Follansbee. His father was the president of Follansbee Steel, and the prominent industrial family was well-known throughout the city.

Follansbee attended the Whiteman School in Squirrel Hill until he enrolled at Shady Side in eighth grade. He graduated in 1930, when the Academian immortalized him as “the most elected man on campus.” That year Follansbee was a three-sport varsity athlete, baseball team captain and class president. He also presided over Student Council, the Sargon Society and the Athletic Council. He ranked at the top of his graduating class of 40 students.

His athletic achievements are especially remarkable considering that Follansbee was born with a deformed leg, and doctors said he would probably never walk. “His mom rubbed him twice a day with hot oils,” Julie Follansbee says. “I don’t know if it did any good, but he never let his handicap stand in his way. He would’ve been crushed if he couldn’t have played sports.”

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GEORGE FOLLANSEBEE
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After graduating in 1934 from Princeton University, where he was catcher and captain of the baseball team, Follansbee came home briefly to work at the Union Trust Company. But he discovered his calling for education while tutoring a college preparatory student during his off-hours. He then began a 17-year career as a biology master at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., where he also coached varsity baseball. His first baseman in 1942 was future President George H.W. Bush, who remained in touch with Follansbee for years afterward.

As much as he enjoyed Andover, Follansbee couldn’t resist the invitation to return to his Pittsburgh roots when Shady Side offered him a position as headmaster in 1953, according to his son, Geof Follansbee, who spent his first 13 years growing up on the Senior School campus. “My father took great pride in what he accomplished at Shady Side — he was truly committed to the boys at the school and his faculty,” he says.

At Shady Side, Follansbee brought to bear his philosophy that character building, academics and athletics were the three pillars of the college preparatory school mission to transform boys into gentlemen. That came as a particular challenge in the early 60s, a turbulent era when students began to question the school’s tradition and authority.

But Follansbee relished his role as an affable (but stern when necessary) father figure, taking every meal in McCune Dining Hall along with his wife and two children, catching batting practice for the baseball team after school and opening his Eastover home to the students whenever they needed it.

“He was a great all-around school man,” explains faculty emeritus Robert J. Grandizio Sr., who was hired by Follansbee in 1965. “He’d sit and eat with the boys and show them manners and teach them character. Teachers like that are hard to come by these days.”

In a commencement address, Follansbee related the story of a student who came to Eastover at 9 p.m. one Saturday after being kicked out of his home for talking back to his parents.

“My first remark then was ‘let’s get one thing straight: you have a bed for the night right here — and there will be no argument,’” Follansbee told the audience. After talking with the student for a couple hours, Follansbee called the boy’s mother and said, “I’ve got a mighty fine boy out here.” “The finest in the world, Mr. Follansbee,” she answered. “You know the rest,” he said. “It was just another Saturday night off that couldn’t have been better spent.”

Follansbee’s nickname in high school and at Phillips was “Flop.” Everyone else knew him as “Shorty,” which suited him well, as he stood no taller than 5 feet 4 inches.

“Short in height, but not short in stature,” says former trustee John Kramer ’57. Kramer remembers breaking his leg playing soccer freshman year. “Mr. Follansbee would call my house to check in, and my parents were very touched by that,” Kramer says. “He really pursued the education of the whole person — and tried to deal with the whole family if he could.”

By the mid-50s, attitudes about the exclusivity of private schools began to relax, and Follansbee sought to recruit more scholarship students to Shady Side, says longtime friend and faculty emeritus F. Walter Jones Jr. Follansbee nearly doubled the amount of tuition assistance available during his tenure, demonstrating his commitment to improving the lives of young people. “He got close to the kids because he was just a part of them and a part of their spirit,” Jones says.

Follansbee also fought to improve faculty salaries and benefits during a decade marked by high teacher turnover. “To make the teaching profession what it should be, we must continue to do all we can to make it attractive and worthwhile, so that is can be looked upon with respect,” he explained to the Board of Trustees. The

George Follansbee’s 1930 senior portrait

The Follansbee family with the presidential portrait of George Follansbee, which is currently displayed in the Wean Room.
Board responded by raising faculty salaries by 63 percent on average during Follansbee’s first five years—and by an additional 20 percent in the five years after the opening of the Middle School.

When Follansbee first met with Grandizio about a job at Shady Side, he offered the rookie teacher an annual salary of $3,800 a year, along with a free apartment and meals on campus. “Then I told him I would be getting married that summer,” Grandizio recounts. Follansbee immediately upped the starting offer to $4,000. “He thought I was asking for more money, but I just didn’t want him to think there was a strange woman living with me,” Grandizio says. “I’ve joked with my wife ever since that I know what she’s worth on the academic market!”

Under Follansbee’s steadfast leadership, the Shady Side campus underwent dramatic transformation, beginning with the completion of Memorial Hall in 1954. For the first time since moving to Fox Chapel, the Academy had a proper chapel to seat the entire student body and faculty. The building was physically connected to Rowe Hall through a new Science Hall completed the following year. New faculty houses also were built.

The most lasting change was the establishment of a separate middle school campus for grades six through eight—the first of its kind in western Pennsylvania—made possible through a gift from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The Middle School opened in a stone mansion a quarter-mile from the Senior School in September 1958, and with three divisions to oversee, Follansbee was named the first president of Shady Side Academy.

Enrollment steadily increased to more than 600 students during Follansbee’s time as president, and the endowment rose from $41,000 in 1953 to nearly $1 million in 1965. And with Jones directing the athletic department, Shady Side became an athletic powerhouse locally and in the Interstate Prep School League throughout the 1950s, which greatly pleased the diehard sports enthusiast in Follansbee.

Geof Follansbee attended Game 7 of the World Series in 1960 with his father, who excused his 8-year-old son from classes to watch the legendary matchup between the Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees in Oakland. “Being taken out of school was not something that happened causally for the headmaster’s son,” he says. “But as it usually did in our household, baseball won out.”

Throughout Follansbee’s life—including his years at Shady Side—summers were spent at Chautauqua Institution, the venerable summer colony in New York known for its arts and intellectualism. Follansbee spent 94 of his 96 summers at Chautauqua, where he met his wife along the beach as a young man and later became known as “Mr. Chautauqua,” says neighbor and former Shady Side alumni director Laura Dawson.

“George Follansbee was one of the last true gentlemen,” says Dawson, who knew Follansbee as “Uncle Shorty.” “He was very, very generous with his resources, money and time, and if he cared about something, he gave all of those things.”

On Jan. 8, 1965, Follansbee surprised the Shady Side community by announcing his resignation after a disagreement with several trustees who wanted him to act more as a public figure to raise funds than as a hands-on educator. Two years later, Follansbee accepted a job as head of the Junior School at Albuquerque Academy in New Mexico, where he stayed until finally retiring from teaching in 1975.

“Leaving Shady Side was such a grievous occasion for Shorty Follansbee because he had an enormous affection for the school,” says Johnson, adding that Follansbee didn’t return to the Academy until his 50th class reunion in May 1980, when a garden off the dining hall was named in his honor and “he held forth on all the great stories of his time.”

Today, a portrait of George Follansbee hangs in the Wean Room in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts alongside other notable headmasters, a tribute to the man who dedicated himself to the school he loved and whose legacy is embodied by a call to action that still resonates loudly at Shady Side today, says Academy President Thomas N. Southard.

During the summer of his second year at Shady Side, Southard and his wife made it a point to visit the Follansbee family in Chautauqua.

“When one met Shorty, one knew he or she was in the presence of a person of greatness and unyielding tradition,” Southard recalls. “It became my every goal thereafter to follow the sage advice I received that day, especially regarding the importance of faculty salaries, the imperative of growing our endowment for the Academy’s sustainability and the critical nature of preserving the guiding principles of the Academy.

“As with others, the impact upon me by George Follansbee was significant,” Southard adds. “Like any great coach, I never wanted to let him down.”

Academy President Tom Southard welcomed Julie Follansbee to a tour of campus in September 2009.
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NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Aaron Ashworth ’03 joined the Senior School Science Department as a sabbatical replacement for one year. Ashworth earned his B.S. in molecular biology from Grove City College, an M.A. in health care ethics from Duquesne University and is currently completing a post-baccalaureate premedical program at Duquesne. Ashworth is teaching the Concepts of Physics course.

Claire DePalma joined the Senior School as a teacher of theater and English. DePalma is a graduate of Northwestern University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in communications, and of Emerson College, where she earned an M.F.A. in creative writing. DePalma completed work for Arts Alliance Productions and the Chicago Symphony prior to her arrival in Pittsburgh. She is also a published poet, with “American Sonnet” and “Prudence” appearing in Beeswax Magazine in 2009.

Melanie Ericson joined the Junior School as part-time school nurse. Holding her B.S. in nursing and school nurse certification from LaRoche College, Ericson is currently enrolled in the master’s degree program in child psychology at Duquesne University. She joins SSA from Highmark Caring Foundation, where she worked as a nurse care coordinator. She has more than 20 years experience in various settings, including schools, hospitals and pediatric offices.

Ann Lewis-Hemeon joined the Middle School as a sixth grade social studies teacher and advisor. She was previously employed at St. Michael’s Country Day School in Newport, R.I., where she taught sixth grade language arts and math for five years. She also has taught middle school social studies at public schools in Newton and Westwood, Mass. Lewis-Hemeon received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts.

Claudia Henry, Ph.D., joined the Middle School in April 2009 as school counselor. She is a licensed clinical psychologist who currently has a private practice in Fox Chapel, Pa. Prior to coming to the Pittsburgh area, Henry worked in a number of capacities for the County of Santa Barbara, Calif., including the department of alcohol, drugs and mental health services, the children’s mental health clinic and the emergency response child abuse unit. Henry completed her undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame and received her Ph.D. from Duquesne University.

Lynda Herman joined the Middle School library staff as the new part-time assistant. Herman received her B.A. in social studies, with an emphasis in history and secondary education, at Juniata College. She has taught fifth grade and volunteered as education coordinator at the Heinz History Center and Carnegie Science Center.

Amy Katz joined the Middle School in April 2009 as a part-time contracted learning specialist. Katz has been a private educational consultant in the Pittsburgh area for more than 20 years and has worked as an educational diagnostician at the Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh. She also has worked in both the public and independent school settings. Katz received her bachelor’s degree from Antioch College and her master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Kristin Litster joined the pre-kindergarten program at the Junior School. Lister attended the University of Victoria, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and her master’s degree in special education. Litster has nine years of experience in the field of education and substituted at the Junior School during the 2008-2009 school year.

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SPOTLIGHT CONTINUES TO SHINE ON HILLMAN PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

As the Hillman Performing Arts Series moved into its fourth season of professional programming, the goal was to be “the best in Pittsburgh and the world.” Thanks largely to the pioneering support of the Shady Side Academy community, we have been successful in establishing a wonderful series, providing art to myriad communities in the process. From China’s Golden Dragon acrobats to Cirque du Soleil’s MASS Ensemble to the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, The Hillman Center for Performing Arts and Richard E. Rauh Theater have become “cultural gems” in western Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 12, 2009, the first performance, Ensemble Galilei’s Universe of Dreams, epitomized the maxim behind the Hillman Series: entertainment, enrichment and education. Offering a multisensory experience, the performance featured National Public Radio legend Neal Conan’s rich narration, stunning visuals from the Hubble Space Telescope and Ensemble Galilei’s evocative instrumentation. At any point in the evening’s performance, there really was something for everybody.

Prior to the performance, patrons, as well as some curious Junior School families, visited a planetarium in the Peter J. Kountz Black Box Theater. It guided them through the Pittsburgh cosmos, showing the various constellations and planets that can be seen from local backyards. Universe of Dreams was the first show in the Family Mini-Series, a subset of three all-ages shows that include an optional hands-on activity approximately one hour beforehand. Chicago City Limits, on Jan. 23, 2010, offered an improv comedy workshop, and Spencers Theatre of Illusion, on March 20, 2010, will host a Carnegie Science Center physics lab, where participants make their own liquid nitrogen ice cream.

The second performance of the series, Champions of the Dance, was held Oct. 24, 2009, and provided the opportunity to witness the talents of professional world dance champions. Combining participants from Dancing

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The Champions of the Dance lit up the stage at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts.
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With the Stars and BBC’s Strictly Come Dancing, it showcased award-winning choreography of the waltz, foxtrot, tango and more. This was a first for The Hillman, as never before had the Richard E. Rauh stage presented a cast that also stars on live television! These champions represented four nationalities, with their music and choreography extending even further. The audience members found themselves mesmerized by the passion and impeccable technique of the talented performers.

Champions of the Dance was the first installment in the Dance Mini-Series, which also includes performances by Parallel Exit: Vaudevillian Tap Theater and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.

The third guest in the series line-up, Parallel Exit, has garnered top reviews from arts critics worldwide. The New York Times noted that these performers create “the kind of wordless yet lucid physical comedy that offers theatrical communication of the most accessible kind.” On Nov. 14, 2009, they certainly accomplished that with the Hillman audience. Everybody loved traveling back to the days of vaudeville — a time of variety shows, silent movies and slapstick comedy. Parallel Exit captured this movement in their unique style of physical theatre that transcended age, language and cultural barriers.

The Academy’s goal is to make this series a highlight of the Pittsburgh region’s cultural calendar and demonstrate a commitment to the community by offering patrons the opportunity to enjoy performing artists from around the world.

The Hillman Center for Performing Arts welcomes new and returning patrons to join us for the second half of the 2009-2010 series. On Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, Chicago City Limits, Broadway’s longest running comedy revue, made its Pittsburgh debut at 7 p.m. Then, on Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre presented the jazzy, swingy Company B. The series will conclude on March 20 with Spencers Theatre of Illusion, voted by the International Magicians’ Guild as this year’s best illusionists. For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.thehillman.org.
Academy Names
Thomas M. Cangiano Next President

Shady Side Academy has announced the appointment of Thomas M. Cangiano as the next president of the Academy, effective July 1, 2010. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Cangiano’s appointment in a vote on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009. Cangiano will succeed Thomas N. Southard, who will conclude his nine-year term as president at the end of the 2009–2010 school year.

“Tom Cangiano brings to Shady Side Academy a rich background of teaching, boarding life and successful leadership of a prominent, high-caliber international school,” said J. Stephen Lee ’77, chair of the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee. “The Search Committee and Board believe Tom can lead the Academy at this challenging time in a continuation of the tradition of excellence that Shady Side is known for, and also serve to move our community of learners to even greater achievements. We are excited to welcome Tom and his family to Pittsburgh.”

“I am delighted to be joining a school with such a wonderful tradition and such great promise for the future,” said Cangiano. “And I know that my wife and I are most happy about becoming Shady Side parents ourselves when my three children enroll at the school in September. We are all very excited to be a part of such a welcoming, supportive and dedicated community.”

Since July 2007, Cangiano has served as president of the American College of Sofia (ACS) in Sofia, Bulgaria, a private, highly selective day and boarding school of 700 students in grades 8 through 12. The school provides a rigorous academic program in English, offers the International Baccalaureate program, and awards Bulgarian and American secondary school diplomas. Its graduates go on to some of the best colleges and universities in the United States and Europe.

Cangiano’s accomplishments at ACS include: standardizing expectations for faculty and restructuring the salary scale for teachers; improving the quality of international teaching hires; enhancing professional development opportunities for teachers; introducing the “house” model to create a more close-knit student body and promote faculty–student relationships; establishing a faculty–student advisory system, interscholastic and intramural athletic programs; revising the school’s entrance exam to place greater emphasis on writing and critical thinking; overseeing the renovation of four buildings and developing a scheduled program for facilities renovation and expansion; restructuring tuition and financial aid policies; expanding and systematizing alumni relations efforts; initiating an annual giving program; and soliciting and receiving a $1 million unrestricted bequest to the school’s endowment.

Prior to ACS, Cangiano spent nine years (1998–2007) at The Lawrenceville School, a coeducational secondary school in Lawrenceville, N.J., with 800 boarding and day students. There he served as history master and dormitory housemaster and also coached lacrosse and football. Before Lawrenceville, he served as history department chair at the Trevor Day School in New York, N.Y., from 1995 to 1998, as a history and English teacher at the American International School of Budapest in Hungary from 1991 to 1994, and as an English teacher at Stratton Mountain School in Stratton Mountain, Vt., from 1990 to 1991.

A native of Massachusetts, Cangiano earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American literature with a minor in American history from Middlebury College, a Master of Arts in teaching from Tufts University, and a Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy in history from Columbia University. He and his wife, Linda, have three children: George, 10, Grace, 8, and Celia, 6.

The search for Shady Side Academy’s next president began in March 2008, when Southard announced his intention to step down at the end of the 2008–2009 school year. The Board of Trustees then convened a search committee of 10 current and past trustees and selected the consulting firm of Educators’ Collaborative to launch a comprehensive national and international search.

An advisory committee, consisting of faculty, parents, alumni and students, was also formed to assist in this effort. In January 2009, Southard graciously agreed to extend his tenure at Shady Side for an additional year at the Board’s request, as the exhaustive search for his successor continued.
Director of Annual and Corporate Giving Rick Munroe ’84 said a few words of thanks to Dr. Frank and Mary Ellen Costa at the Blue & Gold kick-off party.

The new Blue & Gold Fund premiered in September 2009, replacing the Annual Fund as one of the Academy’s largest sources of funding for operations and program enhancements. Unique to the new program is the option to designate a contribution to one of eight funds, which include Arts, Athletics, Building and Grounds, Faculty, Financial Aid, General Support, Library, and Science and Technology. Individually, each fund focuses on an essential aspect of a SSA education, but, altogether, the Family of Funds fosters the development of the whole person. The overall goal is to raise $1.1 million in the 2009-2010 academic year.

To mark the official start of the fundraising program, more than 65 people attended a Blue & Gold kick-off party on Sept. 22, 2009, at the residence of current parents Dr. Frank and Mary Ellen Costa. Vice President of Institutional Advancement Patrick Tevlin welcomed guests and recognized the efforts of the Costas, as well as chairs of the gold team, Kara ’87 and Dean Comomikes, and the blue team, Slo and Mike ’70 Casey.

President Tom Southard was also in attendance and discussed the importance of the community’s efforts in ensuring the future success that the funds will bring to Shady Side. “For many years to come, we can all look back and say we were part of this new Blue & Gold Family effort, and that it started with us, right here, right now. The leadership and commitment here today, and surrounding the Academy, will lead us to the ‘higher ground’ of opportunities to explore, engage and excel, and ultimately serve as a superb example of excellence in education in our region.”

Continuing to raise awareness, more than 30 parent, alumni and staff volunteers hit the phones to introduce the new Blue & Gold Family of Funds to the community and ask for support. The phoneathons occurred in three-day spans over three months, raising approximately $127,000. Two direct mail pieces were sent in the fall of 2009, as well as two interactive e-appeals. The e-appeals showcased the three SSA campuses using music, photography, movement and mood.

“We also had a strong presence at Homecoming 2009,” explained Mary Ellen Costa, vice chair for development of the Board of Trustees. “We were able to hand out blue and gold stickers, pins and spirit towels. It was a great way to build awareness of the new Family of Funds, while promoting school spirit.”

Future events include phoneathons, new e-appeals and a Founders Society reception after the Hillman Performing Arts Series presents Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre’s Company B.

To obtain more information about the Blue & Gold Fund, please contact Director of Annual and Corporate Giving Rick Munroe ’84 at 412-968-3044 or rmunroe@shadysideacademy.org. To designate your gift to the Family of Funds, visit www.shadysideacademy.org/blueandgold.

Guests of the kick-off party were greeted by (left to right) Gold Team chair Kara Comomikes, Mary Ellen Costa and Blue Team chair Slo Casey.

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CHAMPIONS OF SUPPORT


President Tom Southard and his wife, Donna, welcomed more than 50 guests, including Chair of the Board of Trustees J. Stephen Lee ’77 and Founders Society Chairs Franny ’79 and Desmond O’Connor. Guests enjoyed appetizers and the festively decorated Eastover, complete with dance costumes.

In a continued effort to recognize the Founders Society and their loyal support of the Blue & Gold Fund, members were invited to attend a post-event reception at the Peter J. Kountz Theater in the Hillman Center after the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre’s Company B on Feb. 20, 2010.

Members of the Founders Society contribute more than 75 percent of the total dollars raised for the Blue & Gold Fund each year through their leadership gifts of $1,250 or more. Thank you to the more than 350 members who continue to provide the philanthropic leadership upon which Shady Side Academy relies for continued advancement in all areas of school life.

The Blue & Gold Fund team is encouraging members of the Shady Side community to take a photograph of their family waving a Blue & Gold spirit towel and posting it on the wall of the SSA Facebook page. Start the wave today!

Fifth grader Cronin Wilkes shows his Blue & Gold spirit in Antarctica. (See full story on page 7)

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The girls’ golf team had a spectacular season as they maintained a perfect record of 16-0, resulting in the team winning its section for the fifth year in a row. This is quite a feat considering the program has only been in existence for five years. But the team did not stop there, going on to claim the WPIAL title and the PIAA regional tournament title and setting them up to compete in the state championships. The girls’ traveled to York, Pa., where they played in the two-day tournament, earning the state championship title for the second straight year. After day one, the team was only ahead by a mere five strokes, but the girls stepped up on day two, shooting 33 strokes under the other teams. Sophomore Kendall Allen medaled at the PIAA Championship, finishing in a tie for 9th place with a two-day score of 163 (85 + 78). Freshman Shannon Gramley also shot a 163 (76 + 87), while sophomore Michelle Bucklew shot a 182 (93 + 89) and senior Lauren Laufe shot a 199 (97 + 102). Allen and Gramley both medaled in the WPIAL Championship as well, finishing 6th (83) and tied for 10th (92), respectively. The team is looking forward to another successful season next year.
BOYS’ CROSS COUNTRY
by Jacob Bajada ’10

Under the guidance of captains Jacob Bajada and Asher Saperstein, as well as top runner Jack Bagamery, the Shady Side Academy boys’ cross country squad experienced great success this season, finishing with an 8-1 record. Despite an early loss to the top-ranked Penn Hills team, the boys collected victory after victory as they went on to defeat Freeport, Sewickley and last year’s WPIAL runner-up, Riverview. With a few wins under its belt, the team was ready for tough competition, participating in larger races such as the PIAA Foundation and Pittsburgh Central Catholic Invitationalals. The team came out strong, setting personal records that included a 10th place finish by Bagamery at the PIAA Foundation race. All of this success led up to the highlight of the season, qualifying for the PIAA state meet. Despite running a team that had been plagued by injuries and sickness, the boys were able to pull out a fourth-place finish at the WPIAL Championships, earning them a trip to Hershey for the first time in eight years. At the PIAA Championships, the team placed 23rd and Bagamery finished 35th. Although they will lose three seniors next year, the boys believe that they will be able to use this end-of-the-season momentum and carry them into another great season next year.

BOYS’ GOLF
by Lauren Laufe ’10

The Shady Side Academy boys’ golf team had quite a roller coaster season. Led by four seniors, Robbie Denove, Todd Berglund, Jon Halpern and Brian Gross, the team quickly discovered that depth was an issue, with half of the team roster being filled by first-year players. The boys finished with an overall record of 10-6 and claimed a second-place finish in the section. Although making it to WPIAL playoffs, the team was unable to move on from the first round. There were some strong individual accomplishments however, with Denove winning the individual section tournament for the third straight year. Despite the ups and downs, the team had a very positive experience and is looking forward to regrouping for next year.

FOOTBALL
by Billy Rutherford ’10

After shutting out seven opponents en route to an undefeated regular season in 2008, the SSA football team had to battle its way to the top this year. The team finished at 8-2 overall and earned the Allegheny Conference championship title. The sturdy defensive squad carried on the Academy tradition by leading the conference for the third year in a row. Brian Nickel led the charge on offense with 1,389 yards and 19 touchdowns in the regular season. His 180-yard game against Ford City, which was televised on Fox Sports Pittsburgh, put him over 3,000 yards on his career and carried the team to a 24-0 victory. Nickel ran behind an offensive line that brought back four starters from last year and controlled the line of scrimmage. A strong core of young and promising players combined with the great leadership of this year’s senior class propelled the SSA football team into the WPIAL playoffs, where they hosted a first-round game for the third straight year. The team took a tough loss to Sto-Rox, as the Vikings upset Shady Side, 32-20, ending the season.
GIRLS’ TENNIS
by Jen Cozen ’10 and Alli Rath ’10

It was another successful year for the Shady Side Academy girls’ tennis team. The team finished with an overall record of 18-1 and a trip to the WPIAL semifinals. Season highlights included placing first in the section, winning the Peters Township tournament and claiming first place in both the section individual singles and doubles tournaments. Coach Jeff Miller brought a focused atmosphere to the team, which proved critical in the team’s achievements. Sara Perelma anchored the team at No. 1 singles, followed by Alexa Miller and senior co-captain Alli Rath. Lisha Gu and senior co-captain Jen Cozen teamed up at No. 1 doubles, while Lindsay Cozen and Rachel Diehl rounded out the starting lineup at No. 2 doubles. The two captains leave the team with a cumulative record of 93-3 throughout their four years. With a solid group of five juniors and seven sophomores, the team has a positive outlook for years to come.

GIRLS’ FIELD HOCKEY – WPIAL CHAMPIONS
by Karen Dawson ’10

The Shady Side Academy girls’ field hockey team experienced tremendous success this fall thanks to their strong senior leadership and some very talented younger players. The team finished the regular season with a 12-3 record, earning them a section championship and a trip to the WPIAL playoffs. Regional play concluded with an exciting overtime victory against The Ellis School in the WPIAL championship game, with a final score of 2-1. The team also qualified for the state championships, falling to Indian Valley, 4-0, in the PIAA first round.

GIRLS’ SOCCER
by Molly Marous ’10

This year the Shady Side Academy girls’ soccer team finished the season with a 13-3-1 record, including 13 shutouts, and coming in second place in the section. They entered the WPIAL playoffs as the eighth seed, beating Greensburg Central Catholic in the first round in a hard-fought 1-0 overtime win. They advanced to the quarterfinals, taking on top seed South Park. They battled the entire game, but succumbed in a 2-1 loss. Senior captains Elsa Hellberg and Molly Marous commented on the team’s success, stating “We are so proud of how far our team has come. Half of our starters are underclassmen and we still posted shutout after shutout and made a great run in the playoffs.” The team definitely had a great season to look back on and has a promising future to look forward to.
GIRLS’ CROSS COUNTRY

by Katrina Jueng ’10 and Lynn Nguyen ’10

The Shady Side Academy girls’ cross country team had a record-breaking year, rousing out the season with a 10-0 overall record. With a large number of returning runners, the squad came out strong as they started the season with a second-place finish at the Red, White and Blue Invitational. As the season progressed, they continued to gain valuable experience as they competed in larger invitational, including the PIAA Foundational Invitational in Hershey, Pa., and the Central Catholic Invitational at Schenley Park. The team also excelled at the WPIAL Championships, where they finished strong second, thanks in part to solid performances by Katrina Jueng (3rd), Tony Bruch (5th) and Emily Lamm (8th). The team also qualified for the PIAA championships in Hershey, where they earned a 13th-place finish, scoring a total of 333 team points. Individually, Jueng finished 8th with a time of 19:41, while Bruch placed 20th at 20:10.

2009 FALL SPORTS RECORDS

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BOYS’ SOCCER

by Sam Swarts ’11

The boys’ soccer team had a solid year, finishing the season with a respectable 13-6 record, including an 8-2 section record. This was a rebuilding season, with six new starters taking the field. While there is room for improvement, the team can be proud of the fact that they challenged every opponent that they played. Next season, the squad will welcome back nine returning starters and definitely have the potential to reclaim the section title.
Cyrus Raji stands at the lectern, surveying all of the reporters jotting down his every word. It’s surreal, all of this attention. After all, he is just 26, an M.D./Ph.D. student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The other presenters at the annual Radiological Society of North America meeting are all established doctors with decades of experience on him. How often do the Wall Street Journal, ABC News and Reuters cover the work of a medical student? And yet, the press is everywhere, eating up the young researcher’s study linking hypertension to Alzheimer’s disease.

If that experience is heady, it’s mild compared to the media splash Raji makes two years later with a study published in August 2009. Obesity increases your risk of getting Alzheimer’s disease, he discovers. That news travels around the world through such outlets as U.S. News & World Report, WebMD.com and NBC News. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette runs a front-page article on his study showing obese persons have eight percent less brain tissue than those with normal weight, making them more vulnerable to dementia. The attention doesn’t let up with another article in Men’s Health. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts his study on its Web site, a prestigious stamp of approval.

“It was a shock and very humbling,” he says. “The type of media attention I received, you don’t typically get it until you have been doing this for decades. But I have a lot of support from my family, friends and mentors.”

Then again the scientist who received the President’s Prize before graduating from Shady Side Academy in 2000 has always stood out. Raji recently completed his Ph.D. in cellular and molecular pathology in three years at Pitt, instead of the usual five or six years. “He is a man on the go,” says his mentor Dr. Oscar Lopez, Pitt professor of neurology and psychiatry. “It is rare to find people with what we call natural curiosity. He is asking the questions that are relevant for human health. He wants to answer the questions.”

Raji’s curiosity has fueled research grants from the American Heart Association and the Radiological Society of North America, an award from the American Academy of Neurology, and publication in such prestigious medical journals as Neurology, Human Brain Mapping and the American Journal of Neuroradiology.

That burning curiosity about the brain aging is rooted in his family history. His beloved maternal grandmother developed dementia after a stroke, and she died in 1994 when Raji was 13. She lived with his family the last years of her life, and it pained him to see the shocking decline of the retired high school mathematics and language teacher. His mother, Gissou, remembers how even as a young boy, Raji would go to his grandmother’s room and bring her his teddy bear and read her his favorite book, The Little Engine That Could. He missed her terribly after she passed on.

“Everyone else has grandparents. Why don’t we?” his mother recalls him asking her.

“She had a formidable mind. She was very intellectual,” he says. “She knew several languages, but at the end of the day, she couldn’t even speak coherently because of the dementia...One of the reasons I wanted to study it is because it robs us of a fundamental aspect of who we are.”

Her decline is the reason he decided to become a doctor and to study the aging brain. At SSA, he loaded up on science classes and also took a course that would prove very useful in press conferences in medical school — public speaking, taught by Mary Beth Gray, the drama teacher.

Raji graduated Phi Beta Kappa in neuroscience and history at Pitt in 2004, before going on to med school. The M.D./Ph.D. program lets him split his time, seeing patients at the hospital and doing research about the aging brain.

A well-spoken and polite man, Raji delves into a topic...One of the reasons I wanted to study [dementia] is because it robs us of a fundamental aspect of who we are.”
that is an increasingly relevant public health concern as people live longer. “Fifty percent of people are likely to have Alzheimer’s by the time they are 85. This is a growing epidemic both in the United States and worldwide.”

Raji does his work with the Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS), with 20 years worth of clinical data on people 65 and older. He also collaborates with researchers at the Laboratory of Neuro Imaging at University of California Los Angeles, the most advanced brain-imaging center in the world.

It was during a summer at UCLA that Raji studied normal people from the CHS age 70 to 90 and looked at the relationship between Body Mass Index (BMI) and brain volume, especially the hippocampus, the brain’s memory center, and the frontal lobes, which function in attention and planning. The results were startling. Compared to a person of normal weight, an overweight person (BMI 25-30) lost four percent of their brain tissue. The brain deterioration was even scarier, eight percent, for an obese person (BMI greater than 30). “Once we controlled for BMI, age didn’t matter. That is a pretty powerful idea. One of the biggest misconceptions about aging is that it is an inevitable decline. But there are factors that you can control such as diet and exercise that can help your brain as you age.”

The media thought it was a powerful idea too.

Raji has mixed emotions about the limelight. “Celebrity and scientist are mutually exclusive terms to me. The work is the star of the show.”

He is happy that his work reached so many people, more than he would ever be able to reach as a doctor in the clinic.

Dr. Lopez says Raji is on track to have three major studies accompanied by a press release this year, a feat he has never seen in 20 years of mentoring students. “It is unusual even for a physician. It is amazing.”

Raji isn’t one to rest on those early accolades. “I am just beginning,” he says.
ALUMNI COUNCIL:
Focuses on reconnecting alumni with alma mater

The Shady Side Academy Alumni Council is a group of loyal, committed graduates who help promote the interests and welfare of the Academy in order to provide for a continuity of alumni activity and interest.

The 2009-2010 Alumni Council consists of 33 individuals who work to the best of their ability to represent 6,000 alumni worldwide. In an effort to add a broader alumni perspective, this year the council added new members from Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Idaho, to help represent graduates who do not live in the Pittsburgh area.

Alumni Council President Eben Adams ’89 leads the group, which meets five times a year. Additionally, the Alumni Engagement Committee, led by Rob Ferguson ’92, is responsible for increasing alumni participation and involvement. Kambra McConnel ’92 heads the Student Engagement Committee, which focuses on increasing interaction between students and alumni. The Community Engagement Committee, headed by Matt Henderson ’96, is responsible for raising the profile of the Academy and its alumni in the Pittsburgh community. The Council Development Committee oversees the selection of new council members and is under the direction of Amit Grover ’01.

Academic President Tom Southard notes: “In my nearly nine years here, I have never seen the Alumni Council more proactively and strategically engaged in the future of the Academy than they are now. Such involvement not only provides greater voice for all alumni, but it allows the Academy to tap the breadth and depth of their knowledge, influence and support.”

At the Council’s first meeting of 2008, members decided that the only way to know what alumni want is to ask them. An online survey was sent out in December 2008 to 3,000 alumni with more than 350 alumni responding.

Survey results included:

- 90% of respondents rated their SSA experience as good or excellent
- Academic program and faculty members were two things respondents valued most about their SSA education.
- Respondents asked for more out-of-town events. In response, the Alumni Office traveled to New York City in January 2010, and will visit San Francisco in February and Washington, D.C., in March.
- The open-ended questions provided inspiring anecdotes from alumni regarding teachers and their SSA experience, which the Alumni Office will make use of in publications.

Alumni Council and the Alumni Office will continue to communicate with alumni, either one-on-one or through a survey. Please share your feedback with your classmates on Alumni Council or contact the Alumni Office.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Alumni Council or would like more information on upcoming events, contact Coordinator of Alumni Engagement Jamie Brush at jbrush@shadysideacademy.org

ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBERS
First row: Beth Maher ’01, Megan (Dardanelli) Olsen ’90, Amit Grover ’01, Sam Tisherman ’77, Bill Houston ’83. Second row: Josh Farber ’98, Brendan McLaughlin ’86, Alex Moser ’90, James Gutman ’68, Don Shaw ’70. Third row: Anne (Mulock) Westbrook ’96 and Alumni Council President Eben Adams ’89 Fourth row: Alumni Council President-Elect Rob Ferguson ’92, Joe Natoli ’79, Henry Watson ’02.
DOWNTOWN LUNCHEON

Chris Briem ’86 spoke to fellow alumni at the fall 2009 Downtown Luncheon at the Allegheny HYP Club in downtown Pittsburgh. Briem is currently a regional economist at the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Social and Urban Research. Introduced by classmate Eben Adams, Briem shared facts about the Pittsburgh economy and answered questions regarding what the future holds for the region.

BRUCE McKELVY VISITS

Bruce McKelvy, grandson of William McKelvy, for whom McKelvy Field in the Grandizio Athletic Complex is named, visited campus in fall 2009. He made time to chat with Bob Grandizio and Gene Deal and share stories of his grandfather and the great role he played in the history of the Academy.

ALUMS HIT THE ICE

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the day to start your holiday shopping. However, the tradition at Shady Side Academy is to host the annual Alumni Hockey Game in the Roy McKnight Hockey Center. Hockey alums came out to lace up their ice skates and join their former teammates for a friendly game on the ice. Despite the fact that only one goalie was present, the players enjoyed the opportunity to re-engage with friends and their alma mater.
Included in this section are news items received through Nov. 1, 2009.

1936

Robert McEldowney writes: “I struggle along at 90 years old, at which time my doctor indicated he doubted I'll make it to 100, which is my desire (We'll see!). I wonder how many 1936 students are still alive? My wife, Mary, died in October 2008 after five years of suffering from dementia. It was a big loss! She came from Braddock, and attended The Ellis School and Chatham College.”

1939

John (Jack) Cole writes: “Still hanging in there, enjoying life in a leisurely fashion.”

1940

Ben Dangerfield writes: “I wonder how many of us from the class of 1940 are still around. My wife and I are enjoying our six great-grandchildren, especially the two that live with us.”

1950

Jack McElravey was inducted into the Washington & Jefferson College Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 30, 2009, for his track accomplishments.

1953

Sherman Skinner writes: “I am enjoying retirement here in the Adirondack Mountains – hiking, snowshoeing, boating, swimming and cross country skiing. I am doing quite a bit of traveling, overseas and to visit our seven children and 15 grandchildren.”

1954

Bill Sutherland reports: “I just attended my 55th Class Reunion. The eight of us that were there had a wonderful time. Sorry there were not more of you there to enjoy the experience. After 45 years in the securities business, I retired at the end of 2007!”

1955

Gerald Fincke reports: “I am now a professor of political science at Bethune-Cookman University, as well as a semi-retired lawyer.”

1957

John Kramer '57 (wearing the yellow jacket and No. 39 jersey, and standing alongside his wife, Penny) had a front-row seat for the incredible catch by Santonio Holmes that gave the Steelers a 27-23 victory against Arizona in Super Bowl XLIII.
1958
Bill Warrick reports: “I am enjoying living Jack McCredie’s life vicariously through Facebook! He is still sailing while I’ve migrated to power. Four grandchildren keep me smiling. All the best.”

1962
Kirk Baird notes that a fourth grandchild was born in Miami in July 2009. He and Sandra keep very busy with travel to Vermont, Florida and Maine to see the kids and grandchildren. Another son lives in Branford, Conn., so the travel is easy from New Haven.

Tom Benghauser reports that he is lurching towards completion of The Thinking Man’s Animal House: A Mammor, and that well-known critic Hugh Chardon has already said, “The inevitable movie will make the original Animal House look like a petting zoo for children.” Benghauser says that a number of episodes from SSA are featured, including the reign of terror that the “Mad Bomber” inflicted on SSA’s peaceful (and peace-loving!) campus his senior year. He also wants to reassure everyone that all the names have been changed to protect the guilty. Read excerpts at www.thethinkingmansanimalhouse.com.

Fred Half writes that he has officially retired and is exceedingly busy working with nonprofits, exercising, travel and family history. He and Cherie are enjoying traveling to Pennsylvania and North Carolina to see their children and four grandchildren. If you are in the San Francisco Bay area, he encourages you to stop by. His e-mail is fredhalf@stanfordalumni.com.

1966
John Harrison writes: “After spending almost all of 2008 in the United Kingdom directing my latest film, Book of Blood, the film was released this past fall. It had a U.S. television premiere on the SciFi network and is available on DVD and Blu-ray. It’s a supernatural thriller and a little bloody at times, but hopefully very scary in the classic sense. It’s definitely not for the kiddies! It’s been featured at a lot of international film festivals, and I’ve been doing a lot of travel to introduce it, including visits to Canada, Spain and France. I’ve spent most of 2009 writing and developing new projects. I’m about to start a new dramatic series set in the world of future medical technologies, which I’ve created for the Sundance Channel. It will be their first original scripted dramatic programming. My son, Ian, is a sophomore at Lehigh, and my daughter, Sydney, is a junior in the honors program at Taft High School. We’ll be doing college tours with her this spring. Leslie and I are thinking about where we might settle after our long odyssey to Los Angeles. But with both kids going to be in college, retirement is not in the cards anytime soon.”

1971
Jake Turner writes: “I was recently in Pittsburgh to shoot scenes for the television show As The World Turns. It brought back many fond memories. I am still directing and teaching in New York City and just celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary with my beautiful wife, Sean. Hello to all!”

1973
Michael Dattilo reports: “I remember back in 1971 sitting in the lobby of Elsworth with Chip Manning and Bill Oppenheimer (Blop) enjoying a roaring fire in the fireplace and listening to Bill Oppenheimer espouse his ‘theory of fire.’ Glory days will pass you by, glory days in the wink of an eye.”

1975
Dave Bartley reports: “I attended the Steelers’ Super Bowl win in Tampa, Fla., and enjoyed a visit with SSA classmate, Bob Reichblum, before the game.”

1977
Jayne McIntyre Gudmundsson reports: “I have two kids in college and a nice, new fiancé (well, as of four years). I also have a busted portfolio, but several rental properties. SSA was my Hogwarts! Love to all.”

1981
Laura Rumble O’Connell reports: “My daughter, Caitlin O’Connell ’12, and I are enjoying living in Rural Ridge, Pa. We had a fine time at Deer Valley YMCA Camp and a trip to the beach. Look me up when you’re in town.”

1982
Mary Ellen Lederer writes: “I still enjoy teaching after more than 20 years. One of my faculty neighbors, Craig Stifler, lives close to me in New Hope, Pa. What a small world!”

1985
Amy Bair Johnson writes: “My husband, Scott, and I are still in St. Petersburg, Fla. Our oldest, Brie, graduated from high school in 2009. Paige is in 10th grade and Kai is in 8th grade. We spend most of our spare time on the soccer fields with Paige and Kai. Outdoor soccer is year-round here! The rest of the time we are at the ice hockey rink with Kai. Look me up on Facebook, AmyBairJohnson@gmail.com.”

1989
David Close writes: “The 20th Class Reunion, thanks to the hard work of some caring and diligent ‘classmates,’ (you know who you are, but in lieu of leaving a name out, I’m sticking with ‘classmates’) was a huge success. I hope I speak for everyone who came back, as we were all surprised not only by how many people attended, but by how much fun we had. The Internet played a huge role! If you haven’t joined Facebook, please do. It has been pivotal in getting a lot of us back in touch. Here are some photos from the reunion, thanks to...”
Staci Sarkin, (http://ssa89.blogspot.com) As for me, I am still at CNN in Atlanta. I recently received my 15-year paperweight. Seriously, they still give these things out! My wife, Cathy, and daughters, Phoebe, 6, and Darby, 4, loved being back in Pittsburgh for Homecoming weekend. You all look fantastic and smell terrific. I am already looking forward to a return trip. Contact me at shadyrots1899@gmail.com, david.close@cnnc.com or http://twitter.com/sportsdeskCN. Thank you all who wrote in with news.”

Jason Kushner reports: “I recently got married to Lauren Pinsker ’96. The wedding was Oct. 17, 2009. The Sunday brunch was a tailgate held at Heinz Field for the Cleveland Browns game. Scott Weisman and Eric Gehl attended the wedding from our class.”

Amy Martell reports: “Although bracing for New England winter, I’m continuing to enjoy life on the south shore of Massachusetts with Jay, and our two children, Lilja, 4, and Theo, 2. Having recently changed careers from music therapy to law, I’m currently serving as a judicial law clerk in the probate and family courts while setting the groundwork for solo practice specializing in collaborative family law, special education advocacy and mediation. I loved seeing everyone who could make it to the reunion and hope it’s not another 20 years before we get together again. Anyone in or passing through the Boston area should look us up. We make a mean brunch with eggs fresh from our backyard chickens!”

Kent May writes: “Sorry to have missed the reunion, as my family and I were in London en route to our posting here in Johannesburg. The pictures were fantastic and really took me back. So many people still looking just as great as they did 20 years ago (or even better)! Here is the latest from the May family: In October 2009, my wife, Melanie, son Jarrah, 11, and daughter Liana, 8, arrived in South Africa, where I began my most recent state department assignment as regional consular officer for southern Africa, based at the U.S. Consulate in Johannesburg. We’ll be here for three years, so if anyone plans to be in this part of the world, look us up! I still have my hopes set on making it to the 25th reunion in 2014.”

David Nothmann reports: “I am sorry to have missed the reunion. I moved just north of Los Angeles about a year ago with my wife, Jessica, and two boys, Isaac, 3, and Solomon, 1. I am now working in the area of vegetable seeds (product management) for Monsanto, where I’ve been employed for 12 years. We hosted Robin Craft ’90 and her family back in May 2009 for a long weekend. It was great to catch up! I also reconnected briefly via e-mail with Class of ’89 classmates Heather Thomas and Ben Pfeiffer, both of who are in the Southern California area. Maybe we’ll even get together one of these days!”

Julie Rost writes: “I ran the Pittsburgh and New York City marathons in 2009. Other than that, it’s been selling houses and coaching soccer. My kids are ages 3, 5 and 7. It was great to have everyone over for the reunion!”

Maren Roush reports: “I am settled in Ann Arbor, Mich., where I relocated 14 years ago for a position with NSF International, a not-for-profit standards developer/testing organization with a focus on public health and the environment. I still work at NSF, and my husband, Nick, and I live just a few miles east of Hell (Michigan, that is) in a small town called Pinckney. We have two sons, James, 8, and Anders, 2, who rock our world every day and make us want to go to bed earlier than we ever wanted to in our pre-children years. We had a great time at the reunion! However, afterwards, I was left with a pervasive sadness that I don’t get to see my SSA friends more often. I have wonderful memories of our time together. If ever anyone is visiting the Ann Arbor/Metro Detroit area, I hope they’ll look me up."

Ann Stachowicz writes: “Hey there! I am glad the reunion was so much fun. I was so bummed to have missed it but was glad to see all the pictures. I’m still living outside of Boston with my husband, Mark, and kids, William, 4, and Katie, 2. I stay home full-time and love it – so much, in fact, that we are expecting our third child on Jan. 3, 2010. I don’t know what we are having, so the suspense is exciting! I was so sorry to have missed our 20th Class Reunion and I hope to make it to the next one!”

Teddy Stoecklein writes: “I never thought I would love a city as much as I did Pittsburgh, but it didn’t take long for me to love New York City. And then, in the blink of an eye, I had been living there for over 13 years. While I never became bored of New York, I did wonder what it’d be like to live elsewhere. In 2007, my wife, JoElle, and I had a baby girl named Lulu, and last year we decided to move north to Portland, Maine. I’m now a creative director at a much smaller agency than in New York, doing much more inventive and creative work, all while managing to get home and spend time with JoElle, Lulu and the most recent addition to our family, my daughter, Wylie. I still love Pittsburgh. I still love New York City. And now I love Portland, Maine. Long winters, but killer summers.”

Lee (Schroeder) Theobald writes: “I am one of those low-down, non-attenders of our 20th Class Reunion. I feel like I missed out,”

Erica Strauss reports: “My son, Noah, is in first grade and is good friends with other children of alumni, such as Selma Kamin (Jon Kamin ’91) and Gabi Jegasothy (Mano Jegasothy ’90). My daughter, Dani, is in pre-kindergarten and good friends with some children of alumni as well, such as Elizabeth Kamin (Jon Kamin) and Elle Ruttenberg (Lance Ruttenberg ’86). It is the first time our whole family has an SSA connection: me, Aaron ’91, Noah ’21 and Dani ’23.”
1989 continued

but also like I was there without being there. It looked like all had had a good time. Cheers to that! I live in Sandia Park, N.M., with my husband, Greg, and our son, Jackson, 9. I teach art in the Albuquerque public schools and dabble in painting as well. While all of this keeps me pretty busy, we always find time to play! New Mexico is a great place, but we spend many of our weekends in southwestern Colorado. Greg, Jackson and I can often be found skiing at Wolf Creek and Purgatory in the winter and playing on Navajo Lake in the summer. We live in a great part of the country. Come visit!

Heather Thomas writes: “In post on a documentary, trying to get my band, Mangez Merde, some gigs now that we have a new awesome drummer. My soccer team, Loser Buys, is in the finals.”

1993

Kate and Tom Evans welcomed their daughter, Jordan Mary, on Jan. 6, 2009. Tim and Lauren Shuman Floyd welcomed their son, Shane Phillips, on Feb. 18, 2009. The two families have tentatively planned a fall 2035 wedding for Jordan and Shane to be held at Heinz Field.

Jenny (Kline) Fisher and her husband, Gregg, welcomed Sarah Elizabeth on April 8, 2009. She joins big brothers, Jacob and Jesse.


S. Vijay Sekaran writes: “My wife and I are enjoying life in San Francisco. My son, Kiran, arrived May 2, 2009, and continues to be happy and healthy. To our delight, my brother, Anand Sekaran ’86 is also a new father. His son, Dhruv, arrived 12 days later in New York. Also in New York, my sister, Sumitra (Sekaran) Kilambi ’90, and her daughter, Sandhya, 12, love the growth of the Sekaran family.”

1993

Alison Fragale had a baby in April 2009. Her son was named Jordan after his father’s love of Chicago sports. She lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and teaches at the University of North Carolina.

Graham Westerberg writes: “All is well in D.C.! My daughter, Grace, will be a big sister in January 2010.”

Chris Williams was married on May 9, 2009, to Kelly Geer.

1995


2001

Marisa Muscari writes: “I am looking forward to graduating from HBS in May 2010, along with fellow Shady Siders, Shawn Badlani and Shawn Anthony. Also representing SSA at HBS this year is Ruoxi Chen ’01.”

2002

Walt McGough writes: “I co-founded Sideshow Theatre Company in Chicago in 2006. I am attending Boston University in the fall and pursuing an M.F.A. in playwriting and an M.A. in education.”

2004

Julia Hendrickson writes: “I have been living in Chicago since fall 2008, and am finally getting adjusted to ‘real life’ after college. I work at the vegetarian Chicago Diner (stop by and visit!) and am a freelance artist, focusing on printmaking and illustration.”
2005

Evan Frye will be studying petroleum engineering at Pennsylvania State University next year, where he will focus on carbon dioxide sequestration for improved reservoir yield. He plans to rock the work for the better.

Reid van Lehn writes: “I have decided to stay at MIT to get my Ph.D. in computational materials science. I am currently working on modeling the physical interactions that govern the penetration of cellular membranes by nanoscale materials, research that has potential applications in drug delivery. I’ll be around Boston for another 4-6 years, so if anyone is in the area, look me up!”

Sharan Kumar reports: “I am currently doing a M.Sc. in economics at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom, which will conclude in the autumn of next year.”

Neil Patel writes: “I’m an M1 at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Urbana-Champaign, Ill. Other than basic science coursework, I am beginning a preceptorship with a local ENT this month to practice patient interviews, measure vital signs, etc. I have been applying for internships in Boston, New York and Cleveland for next summer, but I’m also considering traveling to Kenya on a medical mission with a group of medical students here.”

Note: Class Notes are submitted by alumni and friends and are not verified by the editor. Shady Side Academy is not responsible for the information contained in Class Notes.
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**FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS**

Frank Allegra, father of Christopher Allegra ’91  
Cynthia Ayers, mother of Kim Ayers Shariff ’89 and Byron Ayers ’97  
Herman Braunstein, father of Facilities Department staff member Diane Curry, father-in-law of Assistant Head of Middle School John Curry, and grandfather of Alice ’09, Caitlin ’07 and Emily ’15 Curry  
Anne Fedusa, mother of Advancement Office staff member Betty Herrington and grandfather of Natalie ’08 and Elizabeth ’14 Herrington and Zachary ’11 and Nicholas ’13 Fedusa  
Laverne Hermes, mother-in-law of John King, Academy security guard  
Scott Herrington, brother-in-law of Advancement Office staff member Betty Herrington and uncle of Natalie ’08 and Elizabeth ’14 Herrington and Zachary ’11 and Nicholas ’13 Fedusa  
Celia Mallet, grandmother of Matthew Mallet ’99  
Arlene Spiegel, mother of Amy Katz, Middle School learning specialist  
Thomas Vavra, father-in-law of John Wazzard, Senior School faculty member  

**Joanne Vey**, mother of Paul ’70, Scott ’74, T. Mark ’76 and Eric ’78 Vey  
**James E. Zona**, father of Angela Zona Carr ’01, Christina Zona Cummings ’02 and Jimmy Zona ’06

**EUSTACE W. BUCHANAN ’46**

Eustace W. “Pete” Buchanan, 79, passed away Feb. 9, 2009, in Beverly, Mass. Born in Pittsburgh on April 29, 1929, he was the son of the late Edwin and Marion Buchanan. He attended Shady Side Academy and Princeton University, where he graduated with a degree in economics in 1950. After two years as an officer in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, stationed in Japan during the Korean War, Buchanan entered Harvard Law School, where he served as president of the Lincoln’s Inn Society. He earned his degree in 1956, practiced law for four years at the Boston firm of Warner & Stackpole, and served as counsel to the Quincy Market Urban Renewal Project in Boston from 1962 to 1964. He and his wife, Joan Gardner, settled in Manchester, Mass., before moving to Beverly Farms, Mass., in 1968. During this time, Buchanan joined the State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston and served as vice president in charge of personal trust business development for 12 of his 14 years at the firm. He was elected president of the Boston Estate and Business Planning Council in 1976. That year he also became a director of the National Association of Estate Planning Councils, a federation of more than 285 councils across the country, in which capacity he served for eight years. In 1994, the Boston Estate Planning Council named him its “Estate Planner of the Year.” Other leadership positions included president of the Union Club in Boston, trustee of Forsyth Dental Center, board member for the Trustees of Reservation, and vestryman at St. John’s Church. In addition to his wife, Joan Gardner Buchanan, he is survived by his children, David Buchanan of Portland, Maine, Emily (Brendan) O’Connell of West Cornwall, Conn., and John (Kate) Buchanan of Bethesda, Md.; and three siblings, Bayley (Agnes) Buchanan of Pittsburgh, Lucia Livingston of Delray Beach, Fla., and Ellen (Craig) Heberton of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nephews and nieces, and five beloved grandchildren, Isabel and Matthew O’Connell, and Bayley, Graham and Peter Buchanan.  
[Information excerpted from the *Boston Globe*]

**SANFORD H. GOLDSTEIN ’48**

Sanford “Sandy” Goldstein passed away July 13, 2009, at the age of 79. He was the son of the late Ida and Harold Goldstein and a resident of New York City and Highland Beach, Fla. Goldstein attended Shady Side Academy and Yale University, where he served as the president of its Phi Beta Kappa chapter. He also attended the Harvard Business School and served his country in the U.S. Army. Professionally, real estate development became his primary focus, working for both Macy’s and Mc Coy’s in that capacity. Subsequently, he struck out on his own and developed shopping centers in the Midwest and Northeast. In later years, he developed an interest in American art and spent time assembling a noteworthy collection of paintings and sculpture. In addition to the arts, he supported a number of charitable organizations, including ones supporting research on Crohn’s disease, from which he suffered for nearly 50 years. He is survived by a daughter, Jeanne R. Bennett; longtime business partner and friend, Jay Wertheimer; and godson, Addison Bennett. Also surviving are relatives, Carol, Barden, Catherine and Tucker Velocity Prisant, of New York City, and Mrs. Edwin Gluck, Pittsburgh.  
[Information excerpted from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*]
HENRY WILLIAM KIPP ’49

Henry “Hank” Kipp passed away June 29, 2009, in Olympia, Wash. He was born Dec. 14, 1930, in Pittsburgh, to Dr. Harold A. Kipp, who was a pioneering thoracic surgeon, and Margarita Boetger Kipp. He was educated at Shady Side Academy, Trinity College, University of Idaho in Moscow and the University of Montana. In 1960, working on summer trail crews in Glacier National Park sparked a passionate interest in pursuing forestry as his profession. He began formal study at Duke University and received his degree from Idaho in 1960. He completed additional studies in range management there during 1961-1962, at which time he met Elaine Maki, then working as a librarian at the University of Idaho. They were married and following a honeymoon trip to Banff, Alberta, he began a 32-year professional forestry career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Browning, Mont. In May 1983, Kipp was transferred to the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Dulce, New Mexico, and in November 1985, he was promoted to his final assignment at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Between 1985 and 1994 he researched and published *Indians in Agriculture: An Historical Sketch (1583-1987)* and *A Short History of Irrigation on Indian Agricultural Lands of the United States (1988)*, and also served as BIA’s sole representative on an early government task force studying global climate change. He was an accomplished artist, particularly with pen and ink, as well as oil paints, and an avid musician who played both acoustic guitar and boogie woogie piano. He is survived by his wife, Elaine J. (Maki) Kipp of Olympia, Wash.; their children, Thomas Kipp and Laurie Kipp Haili, both of Seattle, Wash.; his sister, Catherine Devereux of Louisville, Colo.; nieces, Lisa (Ed) Karms, Karen (Daniel) Strawn and Juliana Hagel; nephews, Peter (Yeo Ok) Kipp, David (Paulissa) Kipp, Matt Kipp, George (Juliet) Kipp and William Kipp. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harold “Dick” Kipp.

[Information excerpted from the *The Olympian*]

DONALD MASTERS ’64

Donald Masters, 63, of Denver, Colo., passed away Aug. 31, 2009. He was born Feb. 9, 1946, in New York City, son of Donald and Mary Lee Masters. He attended Shady Side Academy, Trinity Pawling prep school in New York, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he graduated in 1976. He served as a First Lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1969, receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, as well as other medals. He practiced law at the firm of Rogers & Wells in New York City and at Holme Roberts & Owen in Denver. He was general counsel of United Cable Television and a founder of United Global Communications. Masters was an entrepreneur, involved in a number of business ventures, including Access Television, The Recovery Network and Hart Exploration. He was active in the recovery community and heavily involved in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Contemplative Outreach. He loved the outdoors and touring the open road on his motorcycle. Masters is survived by his son, Noah Masters, currently of London, England; stepson, Justin Spicer, Denver, Colo.; stepdaughter, Ashley (John) Turner Harrington, Golden, Colo.; granddaughter, Ella Caroline Harrington, Golden, Colo.; former wife of 24 years, Caroline Turner, Denver, Colo.; sisters, Lee (Joe) Eichert, Orofino, Idaho, and Lynne Masters (David Grossman), Walla Walla, Wash., as well as several nieces and nephews.

GRANT McCARGO II ’48

Grant McCargo passed away July 9, 2009, in Edgartown, Mass., at the age of 80. He founded Graham Realty Co. while in his early 20s and built it into a major commercial development company. McCargo attended Shady Side Academy, the Choate School and Brown University. He was active in the Pittsburgh community, serving on the boards of Shadyside Hospital and Sewickley Heights Borough Council and Planning Commission. He was a member of the Rolling Rock Club, Duquesne Club and Allegheny Country Club. He also enjoyed yachting and was a member of the New York Yacht Club, Edgartown Yacht Club and Edgartown Reading Room. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Holding McCargo of West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughters, Diana McCargo Swift of Charlotte, Vt., and Heather McCargo McNiff of Bucks Harbor, Maine; sons, Grant McCargo III of Telluride, Colo., and Thomas McCargo of Sewickley, Pa.; stepchildren, Robert McLean and Clare McLean Cross, both of Philadelphia, and Betsy McLean Woodruff of Duxbury, Mass.; along with 20 grandchildren.

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

HAROLD E. MEYER JR. ’67

Harold E. Meyer, 59, of Madeira Beach, Fla., died Aug. 29, 2009. Born in Pittsburgh, he
in memoriam

HAROLD E. MEYER JR. ’67
(Continued)
was a graduate of Shady Side Academy and Colgate University, Phi Beta Kappa, and post-grad of Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. He managed many successes in years of commercial real estate and management with the William Walters Company, the FDIC and the Resolution Trust Corporation. Survivors include wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Julia, in addition to many cousins and friends.
[Information excerpted from the St. Petersburg Times]

VERT MOONEY ’49
Dr. Vert Mooney passed away Oct. 13, 2009. He received his orthopedic surgery training at the University of Pittsburgh between 1960 and 1964, after earning his medical doctorate in 1957 from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in 1967 and was a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. He was also named one of the 20 most distinguished orthopedic surgeons by Town & Country Magazine in 1989. Mooney served an appointment by Governor Pete Wilson to the California Industrial Medical Council and was integral in developing the functional capacity evaluation standards for the state. An internationally recognized leader in clinical work and medical research related to orthopedics, he conducted groundbreaking studies in many areas of orthopedics, restorative exercise and physical medicine. He wrote more than 200 articles and abstracts in peer reviewed scientific journals, more than 30 chapters for medical texts, and was invited to speak at more than 150 medical conferences throughout the world. Mooney was also the recipient of the 2008 Wiltse Lifetime Achievement Award in Lumbar Spine Research from the International Society for the Study of Lumbar Spine (ISSLS). He worked as the medical director and one of the founders of MDRS/ Spine and Sport, and served as president of the Spine and Sport Foundation.

GEORGE S. OLIVER ’35
George S. Oliver, age 92, of Sewickley, Pa., passed away Sept. 27, 2009. He was born Aug. 1, 1917, son of Augustus K. and Margareta Wood Oliver of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a graduate of Shady Side Academy and Yale University and served his country as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in WWII. He married Eleanor Garrison in 1947 at St. Stephen’s Church, where he served as treasurer and senior warden, and was a devoted member for over 50 years. He was a trust officer at PNC until he took early retirement to serve as volunteer treasurer of Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and did so for more than 20 years. He is survived by Eleanor, his loving wife of 62 years; his three children, Connie Swanson, Margareta Caesar and Charles Oliver; grandchildren, Brooke, Tyler, and Lauren Caesar, George, Sarah and Lilly Oliver, and Christopher and Mariah Swanson. He is also survived by a sister, Margaretta Schroeder, and a brother, Jack Oliver.
[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

RAYMOND SWOISH ’47
Raymond Francis “Ray” Swoish, 78, passed away Aug. 20, 2008. He was born Dec. 8, 1929, in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of Nell Graham and William R. Swoish. He attended Shady Side Academy and spent his formative years at Muhlenburg College in Allentown, Pa., and graduated from Alfred University, with a physics degree in 1952. He recently celebrated his 54th wedding anniversary to the love of his life, Janet Renee (Derse) Swoish on Aug. 7, 2008. Swoish spent 50 years in the electrical industry at GE, Allis Chalmers, ITEI and Westinghouse. In 1984, he formed his own utility products marketing company and was active in the company until his last day. He formed a lifelong bond with his Muhlenberg ATO fraternity brothers and achieved the status of life member through his loyal membership and support for the IEEE. He was also presented the Mitsubishi Electronic Power Products Inc. Shogun, Daimyo and Sannaurai One Million Dollar Sales Awards from 1996 to 1999; joined the Marion Pythagorean Lodge, A.F. & A.M.; and maintained his faith to the Episcopal church during his many relocations and travels over the years. He is survived by his wife, Janet Renee (Derse) Swoish; by his children, Capt. USN (retired) Douglas (Evie) Swoish of St. James, N.Y., Nell Elizabeth (Beth) Lorenz of Greenfield, Wisc.; Scott (Nancy) Swoish of Mareetta, Ga., Christopher (Susan) Swoish of Marion, Wis.; his seven grandchildren, David, Paul, Kerry, Alison, Hannah, Sydney and Taylor Swoish. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, William Graham Swoish.
[Information excerpted from the Marion County Recorder]

RUSSELL H. TOBE ’62
Russell H. Tobe passed away July 24, 2009, in Cave Creek, Ariz. He was born July 7, 1944 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and attended Shady Side Academy and Franklin & Marshall College. He earned a J.D. from Duquesne University of Law, a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and a D.O. the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. Tobe was an unusually well-educated man spanning three different professions as a lawyer, engineer and physician. He became a board-certified radiologist and practiced radiology in Wisconsin, Michigan and Arizona. Tobe is survived by his brother, Edward H. Tobe, a board certified adult and child psychiatrist and classical psychoanalyst, as well as his sons, Dr. Brian Tobe, an emergency room physician, and Dr. Russell Tobe, a fellow in child psychiatry.
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