PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR
HEADLINES
125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

David McCullough
Class of 1951

COMMENCEMENT 2009
DEAR SHADY SIDE ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

Pulitzer Prize-winner David McCullough, Shady Side Academy’s Class of 1951, quotes his friend Dan Royston, a front-rank historian and librarian of Congress, as having once said: “Attempting to plan the future without a sense of the past is like trying to plant cut flowers.” As Shady Side Academy concludes its 125th anniversary celebration, we are reminded how the future we anticipate has been informed by the history we celebrate. Throughout, we have been reminded of the gifts and traditions we have inherited and must preserve, as we commit ourselves to the ongoing responsibility to enhance and sustain that which we have been given such that we continue to “So Stand Throughout the Years.”

As promised in the winter issue of Shady Side Academy Magazine, we noted that “change was in the air” for our summer issue, and that you would be seeing a “new look” and design unveiled in this concluding 125th anniversary edition. Ta-da! Here it is. Preserving the best of the past, we feel that our new and enhanced look provides us the best of “something old and something new.” We hope you like it.

In this issue, walk to the beat of celebrating 125 years of Shady Side Academy, whether that be the actual May 2 anniversary celebration or that of 100 years of our Junior School or 50 years of our Middle School. What fun, what a history and what a Shady Side Academy! Also, be sure to take a look at the Shady Side Academy history book, Inspire Us Through the Years: The 125-Year History of Shady Side Academy. Anyone who has even an ounce of “blue and gold” in their veins, or is even a casual student of history, must possess this extraordinary coffee table edition of our history.

I encourage you to absorb yourselves into the ongoing accomplishments of today’s Shady Side Academy students, faculty and alumni as you note how our traditions continue to bind the Academy together in ongoing and meaningful celebrations, awards and testimonials. Notice as well how our commitment to preserving our historical inheritance is bolstered as we combine many new and enhanced experiences for those many members of our learning community.

Given the nature of schools, we are reminded that “next year is another year” and we have little time to rest upon the laurels of this year’s extraordinary accomplishments. As our 126th year unfolds, and although theoretically we have been in preparation for it for the past 125 years, I can share that there are many exciting things ahead and much work still to be done by all of us. We will continue to need your help as we “preserve and enhance” this coming year and in the years ahead; Shady Side Academy’s success remains our shared responsibility. To all who have shared in bringing us to this time in our history, I say “Thank you,” and as we share the years ahead, I say “Onward!”

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Southard
President
Shady Side Academy
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Class of 2002 graduate Christina Tsiatis’ name was misspelled in the Class Notes section.
The late Beatrice McKnight was the wife of the late Ray Herd McKnight, mother of Steve McKnight ’68 and grandmother of Stephen ’05 and Libby ’07.
Casey Mindlin’s ’06 name was misspelled in the Alumni Events section.
On April 7, 2009, Junior School students witnessed a rare presence during their North Pole Assembly: A giant, inflatable polar bear that seldom ventures outside of the Pittsburgh Zoo took the stage with Allen Marshall, a polar bear expert at the zoo. After a presentation about the North Pole and polar bears, students spoke on the phone with adventurer and expedition leader Doug Stoup, live from the North Pole.

On Friday, April 17, 2009, the Junior School welcomed grandparents and special friends to attend a morning of festivities, starting with an assembly in the gym where students sang, played instruments and danced. After the assembly, grandparents visited the classrooms for hands-on fun. The fifth graders performed a play; fourth graders created art; third graders presented stories and a slideshow about Pittsburgh; and pre-kindergarten students sang and played games. The festivities could be heard all over the school and were much enjoyed by the students’ special guests.
FOURTH GRADE HOSTS GREEK MUSEUM

Each fourth grade student assumed the role of an historical Greek figure, god/goddess or mythological character at the annual Greek Museum on April 23, 2009. The second floor hallway and fourth grade classrooms became a “museum” of living statues, and each student's desk became a decorated pedestal. To hear a statue's speech, students, parents and guests simply pushed the button on the statue's pedestal. Prior to the Museum, fourth-grade students researched their characters and each wrote a 150-word speech. A cast party was held afterward, where the food and drink of the gods was served.

THIRD GRADERS PRESENT “STATE FAIR”

Third graders welcomed parents and friends to a State Fair on April 2, 2009. Each student was assigned a different state and completed a brief presentation about the state history, famous landmarks and people. Each student also made up a new state motto and logo, which they ironed on to T-shirts and wore during the fair.

SIXTH GRADERS SHAKE THINGS UP AT ROBOT DANCE-OFF

Showcasing the latest technology offerings at the Middle School, Matthew Brunner’s sixth grade robotics class held the first-ever Robot Dance-Off on Feb. 25, 2009. Students built and programmed Lego mindstorm robots to perform a 30-second dance routine, which included spins, sounds and flashing lights.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ART TEACHER HAS ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN MAGAZINE

Junior School Art Teacher Christine Holt had an article entitled “Managing a Pro Bono Project” published in the November/December 2008 edition of the bimonthly magazine The Fabricator. She also had two other articles accepted for publication by School Arts, a national art education magazine. The articles will be published within the next two years.

On March 6, 2009, Holt gave a presentation on gardening at the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show as part of the event’s “Gardener’s Studio.” The presentation was titled “Quick and Easy Gardening Tips.” Holt has taught art at Shady Side for more than 25 years.
MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS BLACK HISTORY

The fourth annual Middle School African American Read-In took place Feb. 4, 2009. Each grade’s students and teachers gathered in a central location to read selected works side-by-side in silence, borrowing from Civil Rights-era sit-ins a sense of unity and common purpose. After the silent reading, pairs or trios of teachers took their advisees to classrooms for discussions. The Read-In was just one way the Middle School celebrated Black History Month; students also wrote letters to President Obama expressing their hopes for the future and attended a blues-themed musical performance by members of the Middle School community.

SPRING CONCERTS SHOWCASE MUSICAL TALENT

On May 6, 2009, the Spring Choral and Strings Concert was held in the Richard E. Rauh Theater with music performed by the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and String Orchestra. The concert, directed by Daniel Brill, featured French, Italian and Spanish ballads, along with the music of Bach, Brahms and Santana, among others.

The Spring Instrumental Concert, held May 14, was directed by Stanley Nevola and featured performances by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo. Music included the compositions of Anne Porter, John Philip Sousa, Mozart, Miles Davis and Gershwin, among others. Senior awards were distributed at the end of the program.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PLACES 20TH AT NATIONALS

Shady Side Academy placed 20th out of 60 teams at the 2009 National Science Olympiad Tournament, held May 15-16 at Augusta State University in Augusta, Ga. Students competing for SSA included Apoorva Annamraju, Shivum Bharill, Teddy Holthaus, Rohit Joshi, Peter Kann, Max Kaplan, Tara Lee, Chris Leech, Bruce Morrison, Krishna Patel, Dani Plung, Virat Reddy, Paul Steenkiste, Will Vincett and Athif Wulandana. Brendan Leech, Leah Liu and Ariel Raj were alternates. The team is coached by faculty members Bonnie Maxwell and John Matia.
ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS’ DAY HELD AT MIDDLE SCHOOL
On April 16, 2009, the grandparents of the sixth grade English students were greeted in the library with crazy hats and poetry. In preparation for the day, the students had read several well-known poets, studied figurative language and composed their own original pieces. The culmination of the project was to read their poems in front of the grandparents for the annual Grandparents’ Day. Grandparents also followed the student’s daily schedule and attended an assembly with President Thomas N. Southard and Head of School Amy Nixon Mindlin.

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY INDUCTS 24
The Shady Side Academy Cum Laude Society induction ceremony was held April 22, 2009, at the Richard E. Rauh Theater at The Hillman Center. Charlie Cheever ’99, one of the founders of Facebook and current technology business owner, was the keynote speaker. (See story on page 44)


STUDENT VOLUNTEER AT REBUILDING TOGETHER PITTSBURGH
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, held April 25, 2009, was a rewarding experience for nine Senior School students. They contributed their painting skills to the full-scale, “extreme makeover” of a house in Baldwin, painting the interior and exterior and doing whatever else was asked of them. The skilled crew, largely members of the carpenters union, and those from MSA were impressed with the students’ penchant for hard work. Thanks to Rob Belles, Jack King, Ruby Scalp, Annie Pooley, Lauren Myers, Shannon Kirk, Judd and Karl Bruch, Samir Abu-Hamad and Mr. Robert Belles for a great job!

GO GREEN!
Led by science teacher Sarah Cudney, Senior School students participated in the National Green Cup Challenge for four weeks in February 2009, reducing campus electricity usage by 9.73% and CO₂ emissions by 35,568 lbs.

The boys in Croft consolidated their room refrigerators and kept lights and computers off as much as they could. They wanted to beat the Morewood girls, who also were keeping their lights off. By the last week of the Challenge, Croft had a -29% usage compared with the average from the past three Februaries, and Morewood had a -26% reduction!
“THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH”

The Senior School hosted three performances of the musical production Barnum, March 6-8, 2009, in the Richard E. Rauh Theater at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts.

More than 100 SSA students participated in the cast, crew and pit band of Barnum, which was based on the book by Mark Bramble about the legendary showman P.T. Barnum. Feature roles included junior Mitch Mason as Phineas T. Barnum, senior Paige Kiliany as Charity, junior Nick Rossi as Ringmaster, senior Anna Sabo as Jenny Lind, senior Laura Allen as Joice Heth, senior Adnan Agha as Tom Thumb, senior Ali Mears as Blues Singer and junior Joe Tumolo as James A. Bailey.

SSA PLACES 12TH AT ACADEMIC WORLDQUEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shady Side Academy placed 12th of 41 teams at the Academic WorldQuest national championship, held April 4, 2009, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. SSA scored a total of 72 points out of a possible 100, answering questions on world affairs topics.

SSA’s team, which was made up of seniors Josh Kalla and Charlie Rosenthal, junior Patrick Brown and freshman Athif Wulandana, advanced to the nationals after winning the Pittsburgh regional competition Feb. 6. Assistant Director of College Counseling Tom Colt is the team’s faculty advisor, and history teacher Rachel McCool accompanied them to D.C.

HILLMAN CENTER RECEIVES “RADICAL” GRANT

Shady Side Academy’s Hillman Center for Performing Arts and the Richard E. Rauh Theater received a $10,000 literacy grant from the Verizon Foundation in January 2009 to support the center’s RADICAL (Real Art Develops in Community and Leadership) mentorship program. The RADICAL program, which launched in fall 2008, partners Shady Side Academy students with students from the Afro-American Music Institute and the Neighborhood Academy. In informal sessions, students discuss and write about issues such as art and diversity in Pittsburgh communities. The program promotes dialogue and understanding among students of different backgrounds, and encourages them to share their diverse experiences.

SCIENCE TEACHERS RECEIVE CARNEGIE SCIENCE AWARDS

Shady Side Academy Senior School science teachers Dr. Anita Schuchardt and William Diehl accepted the 2009 Carnegie Science Award for High School Educators at a ceremony on May 8, at Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh.

Diehl and Schuchardt were recognized for their leadership and research oversight in the development of a new biology curriculum based on an instructional modeling approach, rather than the traditional lecture-demonstration approach. Since the implementation of the new curriculum, SSA students have shown marked improvement in performance in the areas of scientific reasoning, energy and biology understanding.
SSA SHOOTS HOOPS WITH THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS

On April 2, 2009, a Shady Side Academy team of 16 players, including students, alumni, coaches and faculty, took on a team of six Pittsburgh Steelers for an exciting basketball game and fundraiser. A nearly sold-out crowd in the Mellon Gym watched as the courageous SSA team fell to the Steelers, 91-64. The event raised $5,000 for the Academy’s baseball team.

After the game, the Steelers players signed autographs and posed for photos. The Steeler roster consisted of Charlie Batch, Dennis Dixon, Rashard Mendenhall, Martin Nance, Justin Vincent and Brandon Williams.

THREE SENIORS NAMED FINALISTS IN NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Three seniors were named as finalists in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students had the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarship awards. There were 15,000 finalists nationwide. The students were Brooke Gladstone, Josh Kalla and Kevin Lemon.

Twelve additional students were named commended students in the program. These students competed against more than 1.5 million high school students by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Finalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school students.

A BOOKCASE FOR LITERACY

Seven Senior School students painted a bookcase, in a farm animal theme, to be auctioned off in support of the Beginning With Books Center for Early Literacy. The auction was part of the Open Book Gala on May 21, 2009, celebrating the organization’s 25th anniversary. Participating students included Raediah Lyles, Kayleigh Gregory, Kelsey Hickey, Christina Policastro, Shannon Achille, Andrew Kharma and Morgan Polley.

SSA HOSTS PCIS COMMUNITY OF CONCERN EVENT

Pittsburgh’s independent schools came together on March 31, 2009, as a Community of Concern to help prevent alcohol and drug use among students. Joining students and parents for the evening was Mimi Fleury, president and co-founder of the Community of Concern, Marissa Silveri, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and Beth Kane Davidson, M.Ed., LCPC, director of the Addiction Treatment Center at Suburban Hospital in Maryland. There was discussion about current research on addiction and adolescent brain science, the challenges and resources shared as a community, and how together everyone can better support our children in making healthy decisions.
Junior School Celebrates Centennial Anniversary

There seemed to be 100 reasons to party at the Junior School on Friday, Feb. 13, 2009! Students in grades PK through 5, along with faculty and staff, celebrated the centennial anniversary of the Junior School’s 1909 founding, on the 100th day of school, with an enormous birthday party in the gymnasium. Colossal 1-2-5 balloons adorned the gym entrance, welcoming partygoers to a roomful of colorful decorations, excited students decked out in blue and gold, treats, giveaways and entertainment by Pittsburgh Puppet Works.

To begin the celebration, Junior School Head Cheryl Little read an official proclamation from the office of Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onaroto. The proclamation not only recognized the centennial anniversary, but complimented the Junior School on its merits and successes as they “benefit our entire community.” Students then laughed hysterically throughout an entertaining puppet show, sang “Happy Birthday” and presented the Academy with a birthday gift – a new Shady Side Academy flag. Pennies were collected and counted in groups of 100 for several months prior in order to raise funds for the gift.

“This was a highly anticipated day for us. We had counted the days of school until we reached our 100th since the beginning of the year,” said Little. “This was an historic year for not only the Junior School but for Shady Side Academy, which celebrated 125 years. Our Middle School celebrated 50 years, and the city of Pittsburgh celebrated 250 years; it was a year of celebrations!”

The Junior School division was added to Shady Side Academy in 1909, at the school’s original property on Ellsworth Ave. in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh. It became its own entity in 1922 when the Senior School moved to Fox Chapel. In 1940, the Junior School moved to its current location on Braddock Ave. after merging with the Arnold School. More than 230 students attended the Junior School in the 2008–2009 school year.
Donning poodle skirts, rolled jeans and leather jackets, the students, faculty and staff of the Middle School celebrated its 50th anniversary with a two-day celebration, April 23-24, 2009. An assembly for students on April 23 discussed the history of the Middle School and the evolution of the academic, athletic and arts programs. Guest panelists included longtime faculty members, such as Bill Sayles and Campbell Witherspoon, both of whom worked at the Middle School during the inaugural year, 1958–1959, as well as William McCabe, Dr. Michael O’Neil and Carl Walzer. The attentive audience enjoyed a slideshow of photos from 1958 to present and had the opportunity to ask the panel a series of questions.

The following day, students attended the school’s birthday party, which featured a 1950s dance demonstration and workshop. Under the direction of music teacher Ira Ross and art teacher Leslie Bodnarchuk, students learned the “Hand Jive” and the “Madison.” Students also cooled down at the sundae bar, shot some ‘granny shots’ on the basketball court, participated in a hula-hoop contest and enjoyed entertainment and giveaways. The celebration concluded with a ceremonial tree planting in front of the school.

Shady Side Academy opened the separate Middle School campus in Fox Chapel in 1958, becoming a pioneer in the region. “We are the first standalone middle school in Western Pennsylvania,” said Amy Nixon Mindlin, head of the Middle School, “and we are very proud to have started such an important trend in education here in Pittsburgh.”
Despite clouds in the morning sky and a chance of rain in the forecast, May 2, 2009, turned into a beautiful day for Shady Side Academy, as the community gathered for the long-awaited 125th Anniversary Celebration. The day’s festivities kicked off with a visit from one of Shady Side’s most celebrated alumni, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough ’51.

In the morning, a group of event sponsors gathered for breakfast in McCune Dining Hall to welcome McCullough and his wife, Rosalee. McCullough addressed the diners briefly over breakfast and posed for photos with sponsors and their guests.

After the breakfast, members of the community gathered at the entrance of the newly established David McCullough Archival Gallery at the lower level of the Hillman Center for Performing Arts. McCullough cut the ceremonial ribbon on the gallery, accompanied by President Tom Southard, Associate President Tom Trigg, Chairman of the Board of Trustees J. Stephen Lee ’77, and Faculty Emeritus Walter Jones, who was McCullough’s history teacher at SSA. McCullough thoroughly appreciated the gallery and read each panel carefully, reminiscing with tour guides about items from the photos and descriptions of earlier years at the Academy.

The crowd entered the Hillman Center and walked through the Archival Gallery on the way to the Richard E. Rauh Theater for McCullough’s public address. Introduced by Jones, McCullough shared many anecdotes of his days at Shady Side, highlighting the wisdom of several teachers whose advice has remained with him in the 50-plus years since his graduation. At the conclusion of the address, audience members had the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with McCullough, after which President Tom Southard and his wife, Donna, presented the McCulloughs with gifts commemorating their visit.

Afterward, the audience gathered on the Mary Hillman Jennings Plaza for an outdoor reception to mingle and get books signed by McCullough. A line formed early and McCullough, chatting with each person that passed, signed books until the line disappeared.

Visit the Shady Side Academy Web site, www.shadysideacademy.org/may2, to view video and slideshows from the day’s events.
I am only a junior at Shady Side Academy, fully aware of how much more there is to learn and grow beyond this school. However, rare will be the occasion to learn as much as I did on that Saturday dedicated to Shady Side Academy’s most notable alumnus.

The résumé of David McCullough can stand up to that of any of the prolific Renaissance artists or accomplished men from any generation, but I have not met any of them, and I cannot say how they would rate on a scale of charisma, or intelligent and inspiring rhetoric. But I had the experience of engaging with McCullough from early in the morning of May 2, 2009, until around 4 p.m., in a variety of forums, and he impressed on every level beyond anything that I have ever witnessed. He can sing on tune with enthusiasm and still remain in possession of that unmistakable machismo that belongs to an era of men that may never be repeated. When his classmate joined him from the well of the room on the second verse, I felt that same tug that I experience every year watching Bing Crosby sing to the General in *White Christmas*. This was a salute to Shady Side Academy, and for those of you who were unable to attend this event with a truly inspiring man, you missed something that may never be repeated with the same ethos and vigor.

McCullough is widely regarded as the foremost historian of our day. A two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, there is no doubt that McCullough claims the same learned manner of the men whose legacy he has dedicated his life to preserving, namely the handful that founded this nation. In having the opportunity to interact personally with McCullough, I discovered that this is only one of the ways in which he resonates with the great men of the past. His first words on campus were in reverence to his
history comes alive continued

wife. “Rosalee Barnes McCullough is my editor—in-chief and navigator in troubled waters. She is secretary of the treasury in our family, and chair of the ethics committee,” he stated with a lighthearted laugh. “She is the star I steer by.” The lasting love and respect that he and his wife have for each other reveal a deep partnership reminiscent of Abigail and John Adams, the focus of McCullough’s most famous work. McCullough insists that his subjects choose him — and at least for this one, I believe the reason is clear.

McCullough embodies the ultimate realization of the academic aspirations of Shady Side Academy, but he also personifies this school’s ideals of noble citizenship. McCullough not only has the mind and expression of a skillful professor, but he bears the heart and affection of a teacher as well. I recognized in his unflinching gaze the very familiar passion that I have seen countless times in the eyes of our esteemed faculty. Whether or not McCullough views himself as an educator at his core, he certainly believes in the importance of teachers in this community and in society as a whole. In speaking of his time at Shady Side, he said, “What mattered above all were the friendships and the teachers. As for teachers, I have come to the conclusion that there are no more important members of our society. That no ones work accounts

Donna and President Tom Southard with Rosalee and David McCullough
for more in the long run than that of our teachers. And their capacity to instill the love of learning is infinite."

Born in Pittsburgh at the heart of the Great Depression, McCullough entered Shady Side at the end of the Second World War. He recalls that his interests, his intellectual curiosity, and his character "all began here," within the gates of this community. As we celebrated the 125th anniversary of Shady Side, McCullough's words possessed the power to transport everyone in Rauh Theater back to the Shady Side of old. We soon realized that, while men like McCullough may have left half a century ago, their spirit has continued to live in the hallways of Rowe and the pathways of the Senior Quad.

The specificity of his experience, emanating from the bottom of his heart, made those that walked these grounds before us come alive.

He told stories of Walter Jones, his history teacher at Shady Side, faculty emeritus and close friend, referring to him as "a great coach on and off the field." He acknowledged classmates Porter Jones, Don Foster and, with a smile, his "crib pal" Bill Hill, and pointed to where they sat in McCune Dining Hall. He lauded how far Shady Side has come, reflecting, "The red brick buildings were no less handsome than today. The grounds were always superbly taken care of. The facilities for athletes were as good as any we'd ever seen. There was even a golf course. The swimming pool came later, and the hockey rink too. Nor was there anything at all even remotely close to the magnificent Hillman Center for Performing Arts." He then gently reminded us that no sports complex, no theater, no amount of land or wealth can compensate when an institution lacks at its core a soul of intellect and friendship. "I feel it is no exaggeration in saying that I loved my entire time at Shady Side. Although I could have never said so at the time, because you just didn't say that sort of thing," McCullough laughed. "I loved every day here, in all seasons. Every year in the last weeks of summer, I couldn't wait to go back."

McCullough mentioned that he often felt he was traveling between worlds when he took the day bus from the heart of the Steel City to the suburban Shady Side campus. Although he conceded that the students of his class were not always sufficiently aware of how the other half lived, he insisted that he never encountered a "certifiable snob" until he went east to college.

McCullough emphasized throughout the day that Shady Side was always "well-steeped in the importance of conduct and character," what I believe to be proof of continuity within Shady Side. Such integrity has remained sacred, as "well-steeped" may have fortunately evolved into what is now inherent to the school. While it was clear that McCullough respects such character as paramount in the development of good citizens, he felt protected at his alma mater from what he considered one of the least desirable of all human emotions, as he stated "I have seen no indifference" in Shady Side students over the years.

Just as was the case when he sat in the classroom, at a time when we did not have the full amenities of the campus and technology to which we now lay claim, he believes the foundation of education remains the "teacher, the book and the midnight oil." McCullough's emphasis was that Shady Side Academy has maintained and continually sought to a higher degree the Socratic tradition in education—that the most important elements are the encouraging and inspiring teachers, the appropriate and useful materials, and the work ethic of the student. These are indeed representative of some of the characteristics at the heart of Shady Side, a community that flourishes with a traditional respect for a liberal arts education as well as a deep connection to the hard-working, blue-collar roots of Pittsburgh. "I know how very lucky we were in so many ways as students then. It was at Shady Side that the love of learning took hold. And may it be so for all who are lucky enough to be part of this school — now and for a very long time to come."

McCullough stated that "we were brought up to count our blessings," and this was reflected with sincere humility in his acknowledgement of the new David McCullough Archival Gallery, as he stated, "This is one of the nicest, most gratifying experiences ever. And I could not be more grateful, could not be happier to be here, and I could not be prouder of this school."

Now that David McCullough has cut the ribbon on these historical archives, and we prepare to launch the next chapter in Academy history, McCullough has helped us identify who we are, who we have been and, most importantly, that the difference between the two is at best superficial. The Shady Side spirit only continues to strengthen with each passing generation, and the community that fostered the mind and character of America’s most prized historical author, is no doubt currently nurturing the next.
The David McCullough Archival Gallery was dedicated May 2 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks by two-time Pulitzer Prize–winner David McCullough.

The gallery begins just inside the lower level doors to the Hillman Center for the Performing Arts, outside the Wean Room, and extends down the hallway toward the entrances of the Peter J. Kountz Black Box Theater and the Richard E. Rauh Theater.

The first phase of the gallery is comprised of 24 large glass and wood panels presenting archival photos and narratives that evoke important aspects of the Academy story—the effect of a school master’s concern for character, the ways students and faculty have related with each other, the ebb and flow of traditions, and the role of athletics in the spirit of the school.

The panels are presented in something close to a chronology, but the gallery is not intended to be an exhaustive timeline or history. Rather, it attempts to capture the character or stamp of people, social eras and ideals that have shaped the Academy.

Future phases of the Archival Gallery will include display cases outside the Rauh Theater for thematic exhibitions of archival artifacts and an interactive video display outside the Kountz Theater where visitors can see interviews with alumni and faculty, as well as current photos and news about the Academy community today. Examples of possible thematic exhibits include:

- Ol’ Sports: Artifacts from different eras of athletics, such as an old leather football helmet, the first letter jacket awarded to a girl, menus from the “Smoker” tradition
- Dedicated Service: Celebrations of those faculty who served the Academy for more than 25 years — the awards named for them, the plaques commemorating their tenures
- Different Times: Traditions, clubs and teams evocative of different eras — secret societies, synchronized swimming, roller derby, mandolin club, ivy planting
- Rivalries: Artifacts and celebrations of rivalries that defined the competitive athletic spirit of certain eras
- Civic Leadership: The role of Academy alumni in sustaining and shaping Pittsburgh
- Educational Ideals: The evolution of Academy curriculum from a singular focus on classical college preparation
- The Junior School: Tracing the arc of elementary education
- Profiles of distinguished alumni

The hope is that the gallery will instill in students a sense that they are part of something larger than themselves — the institution of the Academy and all it has been to previous generations and the city of Pittsburgh — even as they are told that the future course and qualities of the Academy will be defined by their actions and the values they choose to uphold, challenge or adopt anew. Shady Side Academy gives them this gallery in the hope they will be inspired by the examples of those who came before them.
Shady Side Academy’s McKnight Hockey Center came alive the evening of Saturday, May 2, as the school culminated its 125th Anniversary Celebration with an unprecedented Untucked carnival and concert. More than 2,000 people joined the festivities in support of the school’s birthday and Global Links, a local nonprofit organization that sends excess medical supplies to developing nations around the world. The event began with a group of Junior School students, the Senior School Jazz Combo and President Tom Southard singing a rousing “Happy Birthday” to the school. Cake and ice cream sundaes followed for those in attendance, coupled with a picnic-style dinner and a performance by the Zany Umbrella Circus.

As has been the case for the past seven years, Untucked is a Senior School student organization that fundraises, publicizes and executes a major festival and concert each spring for local nonprofit institutions. Yet, what made this concert stand out from others was how so many different constituencies of the school community came together to make it a success. Parents Karen Ross ’83 and Mary Beth Leech acted as co-chairs of the committee, assisting the student group with planning and organizational logistics. Alumni Council members Eben Adams ’89 and Rob Ferguson ’92 pulled together the alumni community to create an “alumni zone” of games, arts, crafts and inflatables. Junior School students were invited to perform on stage in a trivia game show hosted by Student Council President Sean Hannon ’09. Coupled with the wealth of faculty, administrators and staff that kept the event safe and family-friendly, Untucked was able to bring together all of Shady Side’s diverse population under one roof for one memorable event.

Yet, throughout the entire process, the school did not forget the humble origins of this event. Since 2002, Untucked has donated more than $75,000 to local nonprofit organizations, and was able to give a $15,000 donation to Global Links this year. Considering the entire event was free to the members of the Shady Side community, it was with the generous support of families, alumni, faculty and staff that this huge amount of money was raised.

As usual, the evening ended with a bang. The older kids and some brave parents and alumni stuck around until 10 p.m., to finish watching what many considered the finest Untucked concert ever. State Radio, a Boston–based alternative rock group, played a raucous set in celebration of Shady Side and Global Links. The band members stuck around afterwards to take photographs, sign T-shirts and encourage donations to the worthy cause.

BY DAVID CHOTTINER ’98
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JACK WOLF
A member of the Zany Umbrella Family Circus performs.

The student staff of Untuckied and Director of Programs David Chottiner ‘98.

Junior School students lead the crowd in singing “Happy Birthday” to SSA.
On April 18, the Hillman Performing Arts Series welcomed Squonk Opera’s *Shady Side Academy: The Opera* in the Richard E. Rauh Theater of The Hillman Center for Performing Arts. This idiosyncratic blend of technology, music, dance and Shady Side lore was a true collaboration between Squonk Opera’s talented artists and SSA’s varied communities.

Pittsburgh-based Squonk Opera revels in the intersection of high and low culture. Originally staged in a junkyard, it has always been a little eccentric. Artistic Directors Jackie Dempsey and Steve O’Hearn were intent on creating theater from sound and photo, film and movement. They have since travelled internationally, earning substantial praise for their original shows. The *New York Times* deemed their imaginative style “amazing, hallucinatory, hypnotic…”

 emission included video footage of all three campuses, as well as archival photos of our sports teams. Interspersed throughout the opera were many videotaped interviews of students, parents and alumni of our dogs teams. This original, multi-sensory, exciting show was in every facet a group effort. From the Junior School, the *Little Flowers* dancers included Sabrina Gulati, Haley Raphael, Sarah Anania, Julia Johnson and Shelby Latterman. The *Open Twinkle* ballroom dancers were Katie Mihm, Henry Mihm, Haley Raphael, John Raphael, J. Brendan McLaughlin, Jamie Brush, John Rhoades and Meredith Benedict. Video interviewees included Tom Southard, Sofia Germinaro, Tyler Gorse, Albert Ho, Noah McDaniel, Weezie McVeagh, Chad Scott, Naomi Shimada, Noah Strauss, Cheryl Little, Celeste Janosko, John Matia, Claudia Mihm, Audrey Ashworth, Jeremy LaCasse, Tom Rossi, Carol-Jean Mgreevy-Morales, Lucy Turner, Shannon Kirk, Raediah Lyles, Gauri Joshi, Francisca Bermudez, Carl Kurlander, Floyd Cephas, Chuck Scales, Brendan McLaughlin, Bob Grandizio Jr., Sean Hannon, Pooja Tripathi, Rich Skowronski, “Fritz” Fenner and Richard E. Rauh.

Thanks to all who contributed to this marvelous production, as well as everyone in the audience who came out to celebrate!

One week later, on April 24, the Hillman Performing Arts Series welcomed the Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra, as they performed for the first time in the Richard E. Rauh Theater. This auspicious event featured violinists Andres Cardenese, Lou Lev and Lorien Hart, pianist Jon Kimura Parker and cellist Anne Martindale Williams. It was a special evening for all, marked by the attendance of Henry and Elsie Hillman, for whom the Center is named, as well as several SSA music students.

BY SARAH RUBIN / PHOTOGRAPHY BY JACK WOLF
The program included Chausson’s *Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Quartet*, Beethoven’s *Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15* and a special piece that Cardenes commissioned from the PSO’s own Evan Premo. Premo’s composition was based on the poems of acclaimed naturalist poet Mary Oliver, and highlighted beautiful possibilities for the avant-garde, modern connection between poetry and music.

It was a beautiful finale for the 2008-2009 Hillman Performing Arts Series and a great complement to the vast array of activities celebrating the Academy’s 125th anniversary.
Shady Side Academy officially launched the Class of 2009 on Friday, June 5, 2009. The 115 members of the graduating class were honored by faculty, family and friends during the traditional outdoor ceremony on the Senior Quad. Logan Handelsman delivered the senior speech, reminding seniors of the challenges they have overcome during their four years at the Senior School, and taking what they have learned to make a positive impact in the future. Jonathan Zittrain ’87, Harvard Law School professor and co-founder of Harvard’s Berkman Center for Internet and Society, delivered the commencement address. Four distinguished faculty emeriti were also named and honored with certificates. Visit www.shadysideacademy.org/commencement for photo and video highlights from the day’s events, including Zittrain’s commencement speech.
2009 SENIOR SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST HONOR STUDENT IN SENIOR CLASS  Joshua Ko-Lun Lee '09

SECOND HONOR STUDENT IN SENIOR CLASS  Joshua Louis Kalla '09

RAYMOND F. ARNHEIM MEMORIAL AWARD  Brooke Whitchill Gladstone '09

THE ALFRED C. DICKEY MEMORIAL PRIZE  Yuval Ben-David '12

THE RICHARD S. ‘39 AND KENNETH L. ‘41 SIMON AWARD  Paige Ruth Kiliany '09

THE PRINCETON ALUMNI AWARDS  Elizabeth Rae Diggs ’10
                                Haley Elizabeth DeJulio ’11
                                Yuval Ben-David ’12

THE JOHN H. COHEN FAMILY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS  Donald Tanner Jones ’10
                                               Michelle Eunmin Park ’10
                                               Niteesh Sundaram ’11
                                               Tess Leah Rosenbloom ’12

THE JOSEPH BOLE HARE STEFFEY MEMORIAL AWARD  Logan Seth Handelsman ’09

THE EDWARD ERNEST EBBERT MEMORIAL AWARD  Anna Brill ’09
                                               Sean Patrick Hannon ’09

THE RUTH AND F. WALTER JONES SERVICE PRIZE  Jennifer Riscili

THE ALL-ROUND CUP  Sean Patrick Hannon ’09

THE TODD DRELLES MEMORIAL PRIZE  Aurelia Janet Henderson ’09

THE LOWELL INNES AWARD  Raediah Mikala Shakira Lyles ’09

THE PRESIDENT’S PRIZE  Sean Patrick Hannon ’09
COLLEGE CHOICES

The students and their college choices listed here are those for whom Shady Side Academy Magazine received parental permission to print.

Megan Achille
University of Pittsburgh

Adnan Agha
New York University

Umbreen Ahmad
George Washington University

Laura Allen
University of Richmond

Daniel Ament
University of Pittsburgh

Brittany Andrews
University of New Mexico

Anthony Balouris
Drexel University

Laura Baran
Bates College

Joseph Bartolacci
University of Chicago

Saxon Baum
Miami University of Ohio

Beau Bergman
University of Denver

Sonum Bharill
Villanova University

Daisy Block
Syracuse University

Genevieve Bradford Tume
Lehigh University

Anna Brill
Claremont McKenna College

Jennifer Briston
DePaul University

Martel Brooks
St. John’s University

Seated from left: Sara Tisherman ’09 and Becky Tisherman ’09. Standing from left: Dr. Samuel A. Tisherman ’77, Robert Tisherman ’08, Dr. Susan Dunmire and Lester Dunmire ’42

Seated from left: Sam Leff ’09 and Mara Leff ’07. Standing from left: Louis Leff ’77 and Susan Leff

Seated from left: Eric Zentgraf, Erik Zentgraf ’09 and Michele Zentgraf. Standing from left: Gregor ‘12 and Grant Zentgraf’ 12
COLLEGE CHOICES

Eric Bucklew
Ohio State University Honors College

Jonathan Chu
Vassar College

Vincent Ciampaglia
University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

Samuel Colletts
Lebanon Valley College

Meredith Crimmins
George Washington University

Alice Curry
Denison University

Meaghan Cutrell
Duquesne University

Jason Deal
Ohio University

Alex Dowd
Allegheny College

Andrew Ellis
Wake Forest University

Emily Farber
Mount Saint Mary College

Michael Fisher
College of the Holy Cross

Alexis Georgiadis
Carnegie Mellon University

Timothy Giel
Columbia University

Matthew Gilson
Allegheny College

Brooke Gladstone
Carnegie Mellon University

Taylor Glenn
Duquesne University

Matthew Goldstein
University of Michigan

Seated from left: David Egan ’74, Timothy Egan ’09 and Delia Egan. Standing from left: CiCi Egan, Marney Egan ’03, Murray Egan ’44, Lisa Egan, Jamie Egan ’08, D.J. Egan ’07 and Kathryn Egan ’05

Seated from left: Diane Fisher, Mike Fisher ’09 and John Fisher. Standing from left: Kathleen Sawyer, Richard Fisher and Barbara Fisher

Seated from left: Eugene Deal, Jay Deal ’09 and Cheryl Deal. Standing from left: David Deal ’01 and Brian Deal ’04
COLLEGE CHOICES

Shivam Gosai
George Washington University

Kelly Grote
Trinity College

Logan Handelsman
Vanderbilt University

Sean Hannon
University of Notre Dame

Bushra Hashmi
Allegheny College

Aurelia Henderson
Carnegie Mellon University

Jessica Hirsh
Capital University

Dane Johnson
University of Pittsburgh

Nancy Jones
University of Vermont

Zachary Jones
University of Delaware

Joshua Kalla
Yale University

Paige Kiliany
Carnegie Mellon University

Justine Kim
Carnegie Mellon University

Ian Knepshield
Augustana College

Melanie Labate
University of Notre Dame

Meredith Lackey
Franklin & Marshall College

Benjamin Lawrence
Colorado College

Joshua Lee
Harvard University

Samuel Leff
Colgate University

Kevin Lemon
Carnegie Mellon University

Seated from left: Alexandra ‘09 and Christian Petredis ’09. Standing from left: Charles J. Petredis, Athena Petredis ’13, Charles W. Petredis ’06 and Jane Petredis

Seated from left: Aubrey Gladstone ’64, Brooke Gladstone ’09 and Marianne Gladstone

Seated from left: John Curry, Alice Curry ’09 and Diane Curry. Middle row, from left: Caitlin Curry ’07, Emily Curry ’15, Laura Wiggins, Sandy Curry, Daisy Braunstein. Back row, from left: Michael Braunstein, Jonathan Sweeney, Hope Wiggins, Dale Wiggins, Mary Ann Sweeney, Robert Sweeney and Graham Sweeney
COLLEGE CHOICES

Andrew Lewis
University of Vermont

Raediah Lyles
Shippensburg University

Maria Macpherson
Villanova University

Scott Majesky
California University of Pennsylvania

Sara Mangold
Furman University

Michael McDonald
Loyola College of Maryland

Alison Mears
Fairfield University

Michael Mitrakos
Miami University of Ohio

Sara Murali
George Washington University

William Nickel
Johns Hopkins University

Craig Pentrack
Swarthmore College

Piper Person
University of Richmond

Garrett Peternel
Franklin & Marshall College

Alexandra Petredis
Vanderbilt University

Christian Petredis
Penn State Schreyer Honors College

Brett Provance
Providence College

Luke Racek
Carnegie Mellon University

Eva Raimondi
Fordham University

Elizabeth Rosenberger
Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

Seated from left: Jay R. Mangold, Sr., Sara Mangold ’09 and Carol Mangold. Standing: Jay R. Mangold, Jr. ’06

Seated from left: James Wolf ’70, David Wolf ’09 and John Wolf ’38

COLLEGE CHOICES

Charles Rosenthal
Carleton College

William Royston
Vanderbilt University

Robert Ruffner
Case Western Reserve University

Mollie Russo-Parrish
Rollins College

Patrick Ryan
Case Western Reserve University

Anna Sabo
University of Pennsylvania

Amanda Saenz
Syracuse University

Roman SanDoval
College of the Holy Cross

Kristina Santiesteban
Syracuse University

Mary Sasinoski
Duquesne University Honors College

Jared Scheck
Denison University

Ethan Schneider
Tufts University

Brendan Scott
Furman University

Edward Sheerer
Kent State University, School of Architecture

Sarah Shelby
George Washington University

Mark Simon
George Washington University

Peter Sinnott
McGill University

Madison Snow
Vanderbilt University

Marina Soffer
George Washington University

Alexandra Spence
King’s College London

Seated from left: Richard Majesky, Scott Majesky ’09 and Bonnie Maxwell. Standing from left: Phyllis Majesky, Lisa Majesky, Chris Majesky, Chris Erler, Dorothy Maxwell and Howard Maxwell

Seated from left: Judy Hannon, Sean Hannon ’09 and Mike Hannon ’74. Standing from left: Brendan Hannon ’08, Conor Hannon ’12 and Brian Hannon ’13

Shady Side Academy lifers
Several members of the Class of 2009

Seated from left: George L. Stewart II, Carter Stewart ’09 and Susan Stewart. Standing from left: Doug Robinson, Janny Stewart, Betty Robinson, Emily Stewart, Will Stewart, Holly Stewart, Carolyn Stewart and Rob Robinson

Seated from left: Steven Ament, Daniel Ament ’09 and Michelle Ament. Standing from left: Caitlin Ament ’05 and Jesse Ament ’07

Several members of the Class of 2009

Phillip Stahlfeld
Lehigh University

Alexandra Stevens
Michigan State University

Carter Stewart
Vanderbilt University

Gregory Stofman
Northeastern University

Basyl Stuyvesant
Bowdoin College

Craig Timoney
Bentley University

Rebecca Tisherman
Connecticut College

Sara Tisherman
Connecticut College

Rekha Toshok
Carnegie Mellon University

Victoria Vercellotti
University of Pittsburgh Honors College

Andrew Viehe
St. Lawrence University

Brinda Vijaykumar
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kathryn Vincett
Amherst College

Christopher Wei
Kimball Union Academy – Post Graduate Program

Bella Wholey
Duquesne University

Abigail Wilson
Johns Hopkins University

Caleb Wilson
The Kiski School – Post Graduate Program

Katherine Winokur
University of Miami

David Wolf
Indiana University – Bloomington

Erik Von Zentgraf
Clarion University
Middle School Closing Exercises were held Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 9 a.m., in the McKnight Hockey Center. The 80 members of the Class of 2013 were officially promoted to the Senior School and welcomed by Head of School Jeremy LaCasse. Fondly recalling memories of the Middle School and looking forward to the future, Form II President Athena Petredis delivered remarks on behalf of her class.
Form II graduates
2009 MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION PRIZE WINNERS

SIXTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARD
Krishna H. Patel

THE BETTY C. LABUN CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Gabrielle K. Harchelroad

BLANCHE C. WICK AWARD
Krishna H. Patel

ERWIN W. COLE AWARD
Shaun V. Gohel

FORM I IMPROVEMENT AWARD
Dennis A. Briggs

DAVID MCNAUGHER MARSH AWARD
Madison L. Taylor

ILDRA H. ELLER AWARD
Samantha H. Goodman
Francesco A. Zenati
2009 MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADUATION PRIZE WINNERS

WILLARD E. MEAD ENGLISH AWARD
Danielle L. Plung

CHARLES P. SHIVER MATHEMATICS AWARD
Eric D. Brill

ROBERT B. STIFFLER ATHLETIC AWARD
Justin F. Barnes
Lia L. Winter

BETSY H. WATKINS FORM II IMPROVEMENT AWARD
Danielle L. Plung

FORM II ETHICS AWARD
Elizabeth C. Rocks

E. BRUCE HILL MEMORIAL AWARD
Thaddeus S. Ellis

DAVID A. MANCOSH AWARD
Hibiki Sakai
On Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 10 a.m., the 41 members of Shady Side Academy’s Class of 2016 were officially promoted to the Middle School and presented with diplomas by Academy President Thomas N. Southard. In addition to the formal program, fifth-grade students performed a play entitled “La Tour de Shady Side Academy Junior School,” which included musical interludes and dancing. Observing tradition, Sarah Anania ’16 passed the gavel to Dante King ’17. A Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Service was presented to fourth grade teacher Lisa Budd, while kindergarten teacher Jennifer Riscili was awarded the Ruth and F. Walter Jones Service Prize.
Junior School Moving Up Day took place Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Junior School gymnasium. Tour guides, the safety patrol, library assistants and animal care assistants were recognized for their hard work throughout the school year, and book prizes were presented by Junior School Head Cheryl Little to honor exemplary achievements. The event also included a 2008–2009 slide retrospective and presentation of medallions by fifth grade students to fourth-graders, followed by the moving-up song. Five distinguished faculty emeriti were also named and honored with certificates.

Five distinguished faculty emeriti were named and honored with certificates. New faculty emeriti are Harry Fleishman, Betty Jean Highlands, Susan Wolfe, Nancy Sayles and Mary Goodwin. They are joined by current faculty emeriti William Sayles and Carley MacDonald, as well as Academy President Tom Southard. Not pictured is Elaine Olds.

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To recognize outstanding faculty, an award lifting up the excellence of instruction from all who teach at Shady Side Academy through the celebration of accomplishments of one or two faculty each given year, there has been established, through endowed funds, The Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Performance at Shady Side Academy. With the utmost appreciation to Henry ’37 and Helen Posner and the Posner family, the purpose of the award is to recognize, inspire and reward those faculty members at Shady Side Academy who, through their special “gift of teaching” and mentoring, have made a significant impact in the learning, development and lives of their students. This award assumes quality teaching, but is also designed to celebrate all teachers through a faculty member who had had a uniquely beneficial and enduring impact on the academic and personal lives of students. Nominations are submitted by students, parents, alumni and administrators of Shady Side Academy. Traditionally there are one or two recipients each year among pre-kindergarten through 12th grade faculty. This year, there is one recipient of this award, which includes a cash stipend.

**LISA BUDD**
Junior School Fourth Grade
14 years

Known for her utmost professionalism and deep degree of compassion for students, parents and colleagues alike, Lisa Budd, Junior School fourth grade teacher, was presented the 2008–2009 Posner Award for Meritorious Faculty Performance at Shady Side Academy.

Budd is known as a wonderful communicator with parents and has shown a deep commitment to the success of her students, whether it be in the morning before school, in the classroom, at recess or after school. One parent stated, “My child was thrilled that the first few nights of homework for the new school year were devoted to developing an individual plan for organizing, studying and completing homework. My son could not wait to get started! He organized his own plan with the help of this teacher. This skill has carried my son through the Junior School; I attribute my child’s continued success because of the organization this teacher provided for him.”

Another parent noted, “Mrs. Budd inspired a new love of writing in my child; from a book report outline to the creation of a two-page paper, my child enjoys the art of writing.”

Budd is also known for her strong curricular skills in mathematics at the Junior School and serves as learning area coordinator of mathematics, leader of the Junior School mentor program, and organizer and participant in the PK buddy program.

“It is difficult to put on paper the significance we feel Mrs. Budd has had on the attitude and accomplishment of our son. We know that since fourth grade, he is a happy, content and confident student,” said a parent. “He loves school and looks forward to the challenges ahead. Although it has only been a short amount of time, we believe this teacher’s influence and inspiration will continue to have a lasting effect upon our son.”
The annual meeting of the Board of Visitors occurred May 1, 2009, with 16 members in attendance. The day kicked off with breakfast with heads of school and administration. Board of Visitors co-chair John Duff ’59 introduced the new members of the board, which included Jumoke Adebimpe ’96, Alex Howson ’82, Kim Ayers Shariff ’89, Hunter Smith ’86 and Annie Mulock Westbrook ’96. The agenda for the day was packed with reviews and updates, group discussion items and a tour of the Grandizio Athletic Complex.

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“I grew up fascinated by computers. When I was young, I would visit the library and only check out books that dealt with computers and computer games... It wasn’t long before I was completely absorbed into the world of technology.”

After a week of beautiful spring weather in Pittsburgh, it was surprisingly chilly the morning of April 22, 2009. But on the Senior School campus, inside the Richard E. Rauh Theater at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts, Charlie Cheever ’99 was just getting warmed up. He had been speaking to a rapt audience of students, faculty and parents for almost half an hour. As the keynote speaker at the Cum Laude Society induction ceremony, Cheever spoke mostly of his greatest passion – technology.

“I grew up fascinated by computers. When I was young, I would visit the library and only check out books that dealt with computers and computer games,” said Cheever. “It wasn’t long before I was completely absorbed into the world of technology.”

His fascination carried over into his schoolwork, and as a fourth grader at the Junior School, he began writing his own computer programs in Basic. At the Middle School, he became quite popular when he mastered the art of transferring games from one graphing calculator to another. By the time he entered the Senior School, he was excelling with his schoolwork, and outside of the classroom he enjoyed running on the SSA cross country team. “Some of my greatest memories of Shady Side were with the cross country team. When we won the WPIAL title my senior year, I placed first in the mile. I even got my picture in the “Pittsburgh North” section of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. It was the highlight of my athletic career,” Cheever said with a smile. It was also during his senior year that he developed and maintained a cross country team Web site. He joked, “It was probably my biggest contribution to the team. It was the best high school cross country Web site in the nation at that time though.”

Cheever graduated cum laude in 1999, and attended Harvard University majoring in computer science. It was during dreaded finals week of his freshman year that he was surprisingly summoned to the office of the dean. They spoke of a computer program that he had designed that allowed his friends to cross-reference the campus student directory. The program had the capability of not only locating students’ dorm rooms, but also accessing information on who their roommates and dorm neighbors were.

“I attended Harvard with six other SSA graduates. The program was definitely helpful and used pretty regularly,” said Cheever. “At least used regularly enough for the dean of the school to become aware!” But while the program was being used consistently, it also broke school policy by ‘tampering’ with personal information. He was informed that no one should have any further access, and in return, would be
permitted to complete his final exams. It did not take long for Cheever to shut down the program and focus on his degree, which he obtained three years later. But while the program may have been long gone, it was far from forgotten.

Upon graduation, Cheever obtained a job as a software engineer for Amazon. It was the stable, well-paying job that recent college graduates dream of. He enjoyed the work and built a solid reputation at the company over his two years of employment. “I definitely enjoyed my time at Amazon. But everything changed when I received a confidential e-mail in my work inbox,” stated Cheever. The confidential e-mail was from Mark Zuckerberg. He told Cheever that he had also attended Harvard, where he started a campus-wide social networking program, which, with the help of his friends, was now spreading across the country. He was planning on starting a business in Palo Alto, Calif., and was curious if Cheever would be interested in a software development position.

While Zuckerberg had never formally met Cheever, he had heard tales of his cross-referencing directory at Harvard and was impressed, and he wanted to know more about his capabilities. Cheever wanted to learn more as well. He accessed the new Web site that Zuckerberg had described and was content with the groundwork and concept, but recognized that it also needed some fine-tuning. “It was actually similar to the site I created for the cross country team,” he joked. “But I was inspired by the directory that he (Zuckerberg) had put together. It was one of those moments when you think to yourself, ‘Why didn’t I think of this?’” In June 2004, Cheever took a chance and accepted a brand new position with a completely unknown social networking Web site. Today, we know that site as Facebook. Facebook is a free-access social networking site that is operated and privately owned by Facebook Inc. It is intended to connect friends, family and business associates around the world, as users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school and region. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves.

The profile typically includes the following information: status, friends, photos, notes, groups and “the wall.” The site’s name refers to the paper facebooks that depict members of a campus community that some colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus. The site currently boasts over 200 million active users worldwide and is the largest of the social networking sites.

As an engineer, Cheever worked on Facebook video and the Facebook Platform, as well as designed and implemented Facebook Markup. “I also developed the ‘wall-to-wall’ messaging capability,” claimed Cheever. “It allows a conversation to occur between one user and a friend, and hides all of the conversations in between.” The feature is useful when attempting to piece together an online conversation that may take place over the course of a few days or weeks.

Cheever’s list of achievements while at Facebook was implausible, but he reached his greatest accomplishment in April 2009 when he left Facebook to found his own technology start-up company in Palo Alto, Calif. The business, which has yet to be named at press time, is in the early stages of development and should be up and running by the end of the year.

“The area that I work in is technology, which is something that changes inevitably,” said Cheever. “If you don’t invent something, someone else will. My goal is to invent something that is accessible to the masses and, right now, I am just getting warmed up.”

“If you don’t invent something, someone else will. My goal is to invent something that is accessible to the masses and, right now, I am just getting warmed up.”
UNIVERSE OF DREAMS
Saturday, September 12, 2009
NPR’s Talk of the Nation host Neil Conan and acclaimed orchestra Ensemble Galelei perform in front of footage from the Hubble Spacecraft! Imagine BBC’s Earth, performed with a live narrator and musicians in front of a movie screen.
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Saturday, February 20, 2010
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GIRLS’ ROWING
by Lauren Laufe ’10

The 2009 season marked the second year of Shady Side Academy’s girls’ rowing team. This year, the team doubled in size and consisted of 18 girls. The team also gained the interest of few girls who are members of the Class of 2014, giving the girls’ depth and longevity. This winter, the team worked very hard on the ergo meters in the SSA gymnasium. By the first spring thaw, the team moved over to Verona and were able to get on the water. The girls competed in three races, consisting of the Mercer Sprints in New Jersey, Pittsburgh Scholastic Sprints at Lake Arthur and the Midwest Rowing Championship. At all the races, the team did very well, with some members of the team earning their first medals. The team was incredibly grateful to be able to purchase eight concept 2 sweep oars through parent donations.

COED SQUASH
by Mahima Chablani ’10

The Shady Side Academy coed squash team competed throughout the season with pride, desire, teamwork, attention to detail and follow-through – the team’s standard of excellence. The team ended with a record of 6-6 under the direction of senior captain David Wolf and junior co-captains Peter Ellis and Yoni Krupski. During the season, the team had notable victories against the Gow School, McDonough School, St. Anne’s – Belfield, St. Christopher’s and the University School. To conclude the season, the team came in sixth out of 12 teams at the Mid-Atlantic Tournament held at Mercersburg Academy in Chambersburg, Pa. Additionally, Shady Side clinched the Pittsburgh City Championship title for the third year in a row. The team of juniors Krupski and Ben Ross and sophomore Adam Petraglia defeated the Pittsburgh Golf Club in the semifinals and Oxford North in the finals. After a season of unity, improvement and success, the coed prep squash team is looking forward to another great year.
GIRLS’ LACROSSE
by Maria Macpherson ’09 and Piper Person ’09

This season for girls’ lacrosse was a surprising one to say the least. After a rough season last year, the girls never expected to have the amount of success they did. The team started the season by taking a trip to Baltimore, where they lived and breathed lacrosse. While the Baltimore schools beat SSA by more than 10 in both games, the losses just made the team more determined. Captains Maria Macpherson and Piper Person said, “Playing in Baltimore made us realize how much more work was needed to be a successful team. Although those two games were painful, they helped install a sense of hard work in the girls.”

Back at home, the team turned the tables and began a dominating season. The team went 11-0 in section play, with the biggest victory over local rival Fox Chapel. But the true test of the season came when the WPIAL playoffs started. Easily winning the first game over Yough High School, the girls’ moved on to the second round against Seton La Salle, barely managing a 14-11 victory. The WPIAL championship game against Quaker Valley was a thriller, as the Quakers came out with a substantial five-goal lead. Led by Person, who had seven goals, Shady Side fought back tying the score at 11 with five minutes remaining. Unfortunately, a lucky bounce into the goal gave the Quakers the win, but the team still went home with a WPIAL runner-up trophy and an overall record of 15-3.

GIRLS’ SWIMMING
by Alexis Georgiadis ’09

The girls’ swim team finished the season as WPIAL runners-up for the eighth time in the past decade, rounding out another great year. Led by senior co-captains Alexis Georgiadis and Katie Vincett, the team earned the title of section champions and finished with a dual meet record of 14-1. At the WPIAL championships, the 200-free relay team of Natalie Domeisen, Alexis Georgiadis, Katie Vincett and Margaux Georgiadis took first place, breaking a 12-year WPIAL record, while the 400-free relay team of Domeisen, Vincett, Anne Marie Bilott and Margaux Georgiadis also took home a first-place finish. These two wins, along with individual honors earned by Bilott in the 100-breaststroke, helped the girls capture the PIAA runner-up title for the first time in 11 years. The team had an amazing season, and although they will say goodbye to 12 seniors, there are already high expectations for next year.

GIRLS’ SQUASH
by Mahima Chablani ’10

This year marked the inception of the first all-girls’ competitive squash team. Led by senior captain Kelly Grote and junior captain Mahima Chablani, the team of eight rapidly improved throughout the season. At the start of the year, half of the team had never even picked up a squash racket; however, the girls’ passion spurred their quick growth of skill and ability. The team played one match against the junior varsity girls’ team at Mercersburg Academy in Chambersburg, Pa. Although the team lost 5-4, it was a great opportunity for the girls to gain competitive playing experience in what was a first match for most on the squad. This season was a stepping stone for the inevitable competitive squash program for girls at SSA.
BOYS' SWIMMING
by Sean Hannon '09

The Shady Side Academy boys’ swim team had another successful season, finishing undefeated with a 14-0 record and completing only the third undefeated dual meet season in school history. The boys continued to dominate at the WPIAL meet, taking home their eighth straight championship title, which is their ninth championship in the past 10 years. Bringing home individual WPIAL honors were the 200-medley relay team of Basyl Stuyvesant, David Paulk, Broderick Kelley and Frank Brown, which also set a new WPIAL record with a time of 1:38.30; Paulk in the 200-individual medley (IM); Jared Scheck in the one-meter dive; and the 400-free relay team of Kelley, Stuyvesant, Brown and Erik Zentgraf. The boys finished their season at the PIAA meet taking third in the state, which is quite an accomplishment. Great performances at the meet were turned in by Scheck, who took a third-place finish in diving; Paulk in the 200 IM 500-free; Kelley took second in the 100-fly; Brown took 11th in the 100-free; and Stuyvesant took sixth in the 100-backstroke and 13th in the 200 IM. It was a disappointing finish for the 200-medley relay team of Stuyvesant, Paulk, Kelley and Brown, because after they won their race, they were disqualified on a false start call. The 200-free relay team of Paulk, Brendan Scott, Zentgraf and Brown took fifth, while the 400-free relay team of Kelley, Stuyvesant, Zentgraf and Brown earned a fourth-place finish. Coach John Landreth continues to get the best out of his swimmers every year, and with Landreth at the helm, the team will carry on the Shady Side Academy boys’ swimming tradition of success.

GIRLS’ TRACK
by Nick Ciesielski '10

The girls’ track team had a very successful season finishing 11-3 overall, going undefeated in the section and qualifying for the WPIAL Championships. Led by senior captains Raediah Lyles, Taylor Glenn and Sara Mangold, the team advanced to the WPIAL finals and took fourth place. The team individually had great success also. In shot put, Lyles threw a school record of 37 feet, 11.5 inches, breaking the previous record of 35 feet, 10 inches, and qualifying her for a trip to PIAA Championships. Other state competitors were Glenn and two relay teams. There were also strong performances by underclassmen as well, notably Katrina Jueng, who won the WPIAL two-mile, and Tory Bruch, also a state qualifier in that event. The girl’s team is looking to continue their regular season streak next season and proving their dominance in WPIAL competition.
BOYS’ TRACK
by Nick Ciesielski '10
The boys’ track team had a season marked by improvement of every member on the team. The team had a record of 1-7 with the only win coming against Springdale. The young team consisted of only two seniors and was led by junior captains Jake Bajada, Nick Rossi and Vivek Sharma. Much potential was shown by the underclassmen, such as freshman Jack Bagamery, who ran a four-minute, 52-second mile, narrowly missing the WPIAL finals, as well as sophomore David Currie, who participated in the jumping events and the javelin, winning the team MVP award for being the leading point producer. The four-person relay team of junior Karl Bruch, Sharma, sophomore Andrew Black and Bagamery surprised everybody with a very competitive race at the WPIAL qualifiers, but unfortunately failed to advance to the finals. The team is looking to continue to develop both individually and as a team, so that their record may improve next season.

2009 SPRING SPORTS RECORDS

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| Overall Totals       | 105| 66| 2 | 0.614|

BOYS’ BASEBALL
by Sean Hannon ’09, Tim Giel ’09 and Matt Giel ’10
The Shady Side Academy baseball team re-announced its presence as one of the best teams in the area. After two quick first round exits in the WPIAL playoffs and a season without postseason play the past three years, the Indians got back on track this year. Led by a strong group of nine seniors, seven of whom were returning starters, the team recorded one of the best seasons in Shady Side history. SSA won its section for the first time in six years, won the WPIAL championship, qualified for the state playoffs for the third time in school history, and set a school record for the most wins in a season. After a hard-fought game, the team was eliminated in the first round of the PIAA playoffs, finishing 22-2 overall.

The team was paced by the deep and strong pitching staff, consisting of Tim and Matt Giel. Senior Tim will pitch at Columbia University next year, while junior Matt maintained an undefeated record. They combined for a no-hitter earlier in the season and Tim had another no-no to his credit this year. Tim also set the school records for strikeouts and wins in a season, led the WPIAL in strikeouts this year, was named to the WPIAL all-star team, and was named the WPIAL AA Pitcher of the Year. However, the Indians’ pitching staff went far beyond the Giel brothers, as six different pitchers made appearances and recorded wins for the Indians this year.

Hitting was also a strong point, with SSA scoring an average of over 10 runs a game. Senior Billy Nickel was one of the top hitters in the WPIAL, while his younger brother Brian Nickel led the WPIAL in runs scored.

Senior Sean Hannon was also among the elite in the WPIAL for batting average and RBIs. Seniors Zach Jones, Giel, Bo Stewart and Scott Royston also stepped up big for the Indians in the postseason. Additionally, Head Coach Bob Grandizio was named the WPIAL AA Coach of the Year and coached the WPIAL all-star game June 14, 2009.
GIRLS’ ICE HOCKEY  
**by Sara Tisherman ’09**

This season was the most competitive so far for the girls’ prep hockey team. The team played a 22-game season, 10 of which were at Shady Side. Outside of the league, the team traveled to Loyola Academy, Culver Academy and Appleby College. With a bit of a rocky start, the girls pulled together and played one of their best seasons yet, finishing with a 13-7-1 record and taking third in the WIHLMA with a league record of 6-3. The team had a strong season and a great amount of fun!

BOYS’ ICE HOCKEY  
**by Zach Jones ’09**

The boys’ prep hockey team finished with an 18-19-3 record, tripling its wins from the prior season. The team returned all but three players from last year’s team, finishing the last month with a 9-4-1 record and capping off their season with a fifth-place finish in the playoffs. Goalie Grant Hebrank and forward Zach Jones were also named to the league all-star team. Highlights of the season included taking second place in the Pittsburgh Vipers tournament, going 2-0 against powerhouse St. Andrews College, and beating the Lawrenceville School from New Jersey. Next year’s team will be led by a strong group of returning and incoming players.

GIRLS’ SOFTBALL  
**by Head Coach Matt Fisher**

The spring was a tale of two seasons for the girls’ softball team. With a very young core of talented players and led by a group of dedicated seniors, the team improved day by day, with the team becoming more confident each game. The highlight of the season was a 6-2 section three victory, resulting in a four-game winning streak and 56 runs to complete the season with a 4-13 record. With a strong core of young and talented players, next year’s team can capitalize on this momentum.

WRESTLING  
**by Tim Giel ’09**

The wrestling team experienced tremendous success this season as the Indians finished with a 22-4 record and earned runner-up finishes at the WPIAL and PIAA team tournaments. The team took home its second straight team title at the PIAA individual tournament, and five wrestlers won individual WPIAL titles. They were Geoff Alexander, Frank Martellotti, Dane Johnson, Matthew Cunningham and Roman San Doval. Also placing were Matt Tadich, Tim Giel, Jr., Nick Ciesielksi and Philip Elias. Johnson won his fourth WPIAL title, becoming only the 18th wrestler to do so, and Cunningham won his third title and is on pace to match Johnson next year. In the PIAA individual tournament, Johnson won his third PIAA title, while Cunningham placed second, San Doval and Martellotti third, and Alexander sixth. Johnson was also named the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. San Doval was named to the WPIAL Dapper Dan team and was an honorable mention member of the ASICS All-American Team, while Johnson wrestled for the Pennsylvania Dapper Dan team and was a first team member of the ASICS All-American team. Coach Tim Giel was named WPIAL Coach of the Year, PIAA Coach of the Year and Region 2 Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.
BOYS’ TENNIS

The 2009 boys’ varsity tennis team finished with an overall record of 13-3 and a third place finish in the section. Despite the fact that this year’s team was very young, with the top five players being freshmen and sophomores, they qualified for the WPIAL team tournament. Sophomore Justin Hunt was named the team’s MVP and freshman Vivek Nimgaonkar won the Stuart Goodman Award for sportsmanship and dedication. The duo of Hunt and Nimgaonkar also won the section doubles championship and advanced to the semifinal round of the WPIAL championships. The future is bright for SSA boys’ tennis!

2008–2009 WINTER SPORTS RECORDS

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Junior Varsity

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| Girls’ Basketball| 2 | 11 | 0 | 0.154 |
| Boys’ Basketball | 14| 9  | 0 | 0.609 |
| Boys’ Ice Hockey | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0.000 |
| **Totals**       | 25| 42| 0 | 0.373 |

Overall Totals 161 98 4 0.634

BOYS’ LACROSSE

by Jason Deal ’09

The boys’ lacrosse team had a tremendous year, finishing 12-11 overall and coming on strong in the playoffs for a WPIAL runner-up finish. Defense was the key to success, as 50 percent of the games were determined by one goal. The team played the toughest schedule in recent history, taking on traditional powers Detroit Brother Rice, Birmingham Seaholm, Seneca Valley and North Allegheny High Schools. In the first-ever WPIAL Championship Tournament, the team upset No. 2 seed Franklin Regional and No. 3 seed North Allegheny in overtime to reach the championship game with Mount Lebanon. Although the team was upset 3-2, they played a great game in front of a huge crowd at North Hills Stadium.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL

by Assistant Coach Tom Sochacki

The boys’ basketball team enjoyed another successful season on the hard court. The varsity returned eight letterwinners, including three starters from the 2007-2008 playoff squad that advanced to the second round of the WPIAL playoffs. This year’s team qualified for the playoffs, winning their first-round game against Charleroi before bowing out in the second round to Aliquippa. The team finished the regular season with a record of 14-0, a section record of 9-3, and a second-place finish in the tough Quad AA section, behind WPIAL finalist and perennial powerhouse Jeannette. Jerome Barnes was named team MVP, while seniors Billy Nickel, Tim Egan and Eddie Sheerer finished their careers. The 2009-2010 team returns three starters and a wealth of experience, as the boys look to continue Shady Side’s strong basketball tradition.

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

by Maria Macpherson ’09 and Raediah Lyles ’09

The girls’ basketball team continued its history of success with an overall record of 18-5 and a section record of 12-2. The Indians won their sixth straight section championship under the guidance of Head Coach Amy Szlachetka, as well as the strong leadership of a talented senior class consisting of Raediah Lyles, Maria Macpherson, Jenny Briston and Taylor Glenn. The team suffered a disappointing loss to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in the WPIAL playoffs. The team looks forward to next season and stepping up to the challenge of continuing the winning tradition.

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Academy President Tom Southard with Rick Siger '98

Nate Succop '99, Ed Levicoff '98 and Director of Programs David Chottiner '98

Jackie Wolfert '02, Alexander King '03 and Christy Langston '02

Rick Siger '98 with his parents, Pat and Alan Siger

**SPRING DOWNTOWN LUNCH**

Rick Siger '98 addressed an enthusiastic crowd of alumni on April 15, 2009, at the Allegheny HYP Club in downtown Pittsburgh. Siger is currently the director of the Office of White House Liaison for the U.S. Department of Commerce and was formerly the national trip director for Vice President Joe Biden. Siger shared stories about life on the campaign trail, as well as what a typical day is like in his role with the Obama administration. He also graciously took a fury of questions from the audience. Thanks to Rick for his time and effort in making a quick trip up from D.C. to spend his lunch hour with fellow SSA alums.
CHICAGO – REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENT
On Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009, Shady Side Academy visited alumni in the Chicago area. The gathering was hosted by David Yaccino ‘86, member of the Board of Visitors, in the offices of Goldman Sachs in the Hyatt Center.

IN-COLLEGE BRUNCH
The 2008 In-College Brunch was held Monday, Dec. 22, 2008, in McCune Dining Hall. Alumni from the classes of 2005-2008 were invited to join the Alumni Office and the Class of 2009 for a gathering to reconnect and reminisce. More than 150 alumni, faculty and students were in attendance again, making this event one of the best attended alumni functions throughout the year.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME
First row, from left: Bart Brush ’93, Jeff Pollock ’80, Jordan Foley ’07, Chris Kane ’95. Back row, from left: Dave Fawcett ’76, Scott Markovitz ’90, Damien McGill ’96, Jay Mangold ’06, Charles Anderson ’97, Matt Diehl ’06, Hunter McKain ’06, Matt Vidić ’85 and D.J. Egan ’07

ALUMNAE BASKETBALL GAME
From left: Laura Daigneau ’07, Noelle DiGioia ’05, Abby Bodenlos ’04, Beth Goldstein ’99, Sara MacLeod, Hannah Foster ’08, Maggie Bodelnos ’06, Kelsey Olander ’08.
Included in this section are news items received through May 1, 2009.

1936
Arthur Murphy Jr. writes that he has a son, Donald, who is a geologist in Yukon Territory, Canada; a son, Craig, who is a credit analyst in Boston; and a son, Kent, who is a corporate lawyer in Philadelphia.

Robert McEldowney reports: “The class and friends may be interested to know that my wife, Mary Kinter McEldowney, graduate of The Ellis School and Chatham College ‘41, passed away Oct. 28, 2008, of long-term dementia, after 65 years as my wife.”

1942
Those of us who jumped on the Internet wagon and survived, may live far apart but have an active, but weakening Web site, exchanging bad jokes and news. We are Ed Crump, Huff Humphreys, Mac Gibbons, Sandy Reed, David Bennett, Bud McGrath and John Davis. We recommend this to any SSA class.

Maxfield Gibbons reports: “I am still spending four months in Delray Beach, Fla., when I am not home in Greenwich or traveling. Last summer, I rented in northwest England, then a week in Edinburgh at the English-speaking Union’s World Conference. It’s so sad about the recent deaths of close Pittsburgh and SSA friends, Tom Gillespie and George Wilson.”

1943
Charles Cox writes: “I moved to Vero Beach, Fla., from Pittsburgh this past summer. I hated to miss Homecoming, but it’s a long trip.”

1944
Murray Egan writes: “Our fifth grandchild graduated from SSA in June 2009!”

1946
Scotti Mulert reports: “Bored with retirement, I joined the August Wilson Center for African American Culture in June 2008. As a development specialist, I raise funds for the capital campaign goal of $39 million, for the two-story building at 10th St. and Liberty Ave. in downtown Pittsburgh, which opened in May 2009.”

Bill Cook writes: “My wife and I are still traveling the world. We took six of our grandchildren to China and Thailand last summer.”

1947
Jack Kintner writes: “In November 2008, eight members of the Class of 1947 met at the Pike Run Country Club for libation, lunch, lies and war stories. They were Pete Bolanis, Steve Cohen, Joe Coney, Jim Hardie, Jack Kintner, George McCullough and Bill Overly. To this writer’s eyes, not one of these fellas has changed in 61 years, except for their waist size and hair color (or lack of it). We recalled with humor our fellow classmates, plus our teachers, like Messers Sample, Meade, Innes, Vorce, Lehman, Erdman Harris, Cap Palmer, Walter Jones and others. Though the weather was foul, the language and dialogue was spirited. The food, drinks and lies were more than enough, at least for one day. As usual, Bill Patterson, with his brand of humor, kept us laughing, as did George McCullough and Jim Hardie. Class agent Joe Coney is to be thanked for putting the event together. Joe and Rita will be moving to Cleveland around the middle of 2009. Our best to both of them! Best wishes to 1947 for the coming year.”

1950
Fred Malvin was named a “Super CPA” by Virginia Business Magazine. Malvin is a retired Navy commander with more than 5,000 flight hours logged. He earned his undergraduate degree from The College of William and Mary and master’s degrees from George Washington University and the Naval War College. He attended graduate school at American University and completed Master of Taxation courses at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. He is past president of the Virginia Peninsula Boys and Girls Clubs, as well as past chairman of the club’s foundation. He is past chairman of the Peninsula Drug Rehabilitation Services and the Friends of the Homeless. He serves on the board of the William and Mary Tribe Club, is past chair of the William and Mary Olde Guarde Council, past treasurer of the William and Mary Alumni Society, Williamsburg Chapter, past treasurer of the William and Mary Alumni Society, Williamsburg Chapter, past treasurer of the St. Stephen Episcopal Church Foundation, and is a member of the order of the White Jacket and the Quarterback Club. He is currently treasurer of American Legion Post 39, Virginia Peninsula Military Officers Association and the Waterman’s Museum. Fred is married to the former Donna Wright, and they live in Williamsburg, Va.
1951

Jim Feldman writes: “I celebrated my 75th birthday with a cycling century (100 miles) in New Hampshire. It was a gentleman’s century with stops for a second breakfast and lunch. I am sure that I was making a point, but I can’t remember what it was.”

John McKee writes: “This has been a good year and a bad year. In brief, we went to Galapagos/Ecuador in late February/early March; celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary March 15, 2009, at the Rockville City mansion with our College Gardens Civic Association and relatives; and then Rita was felled by a botched colonoscopy March 30 and was in the hospital for 100 days, eight operating room sessions and then a nursing home for 104 days.

“Our cruise was with Bucknell University participants and first went to Quito, where we spent several days sightseeing, including standing over the equator. Then we flew to the islands and boarded a small cruise boat for five days. Sea lions were numerous and we saw the giant tortoises on a farm preserve and breeding center, and also saw lots of blue-footed boobies and a few sea turtles. We did one hike, which I barely completed, so we took boat tours for the other trips. We also got to swim each day! We ended by visiting Guayaquil for a city tour and to fly home.

“On March 15, 2009, we rented the Rockville City mansion in conjunction with our civic association. We had food and music for neighbors and relatives on the exact date of our 50th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed the company of Rita’s sister, Kira; nephew, Fred; brother, Bruno and his wife, Inge; our daughters, Sue, Mary and Lisa and their husbands; our grandkids, Shelby, Zack and Brooke; and my brother, Jim, came along, as well.”

1952

Philip Boggs writes: “In 1998, we moved from Michigan to Savannah. We are living in The Landings, which is a gated community. Last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary (married Patty McClay in 1958). I had lung surgery in October 2007. All is well now!”

Lou Friedman writes: “I am on the board of directors of Beyond Nuclear, located in Takoma Park, Md., which aims to educate and activate the public about the connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, and the need to abandon both to safeguard our future.”

1954

Jim Benford writes: “My daughter, Gretchen ’99, and son-in-law, Brad Harrison ’98, are expecting their first child in the summer of 2009. That will be our ninth grandchild.”

1957

Jim Watson writes: “I remembered George Follansbee and Lowell Innes in my December 2008 commencement address at the University of Tulsa. I will be retiring in June 2010 after 41 years.”

1959

Charles Taylor writes: “Hello to all! With three children and five grandchildren, I have done my part. While I’m still working on the memoir, I have published approximately five poems.”

1960


1961

Jim Haber was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Paul Woodruff writes: “I now have two granddaughters. My latest book, *Necessity of Theater*, was reviewed in the *New York Times* on June 1, 2008.”

1962

Class Correspondent Kirk Baird

Kent Rockwell writes that he has purchased 19 companies and travels the world actively investing in technology-based organizations that are in later development stages. His son, Kristofer, and his wife are expecting in June 2009, and will be Kent’s first grandchild. Kent now has a home less than a mile from the Senior School and would love to hear from you. If you’re in the area, Kent invites you to stop by.

Tom Benghauser is back in the states.

Brian Whitaker is still married to his high school sweetheart. After data processing for 25 years, and 10 years with his own firm, he has partnered with another attorney as Lifeline Legal LLP (www.lifelinelegal.com). He’s a private pilot, snow skier, tennis player, singer and guitar player — very active!

Kirk Baird is still in the New Haven, Conn., area, selling (some) real estate. He just turned 65 and reports that signing up for Medicare isn’t so bad...it’s hitting 65 that takes some getting used to!

Tom Celli writes: “Our son, Michelangelo Celli ’91, founded his firm, The Cornucopia Group, which is based in Pittsburgh. He travels nationally with clients, and is as an invited speaker to CEO forums in major cities. Our daughter, Delta, is a vice president of JP Morgan Chase Bank. Architecture is great fun — one of the largest and most challenging projects was the addition to the Pennsylvania state capitol complex. Today my business is national, with architecture and planning assignments for colleges and universities, with specific expertise in master campus planning for university and college buildings, libraries, high schools, churches, cathedrals and religious structures. Two notable local projects are the new Mt. Lebanon High School and the restoration of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. I am also an academic seminar speaker at conferences here and abroad. Presently I am traveling to Bulgaria, in Blagoevgrad. My academic roots of architecture run deep in liberal arts colleges. AUBG is a huge success, educating very bright students from 34 countries, which makes the campus a true ‘global village.’ It is internationally recognized as the best university in Bulgaria, founded and modeled after American liberal arts universities. The entrance application uses the U.S. standard exam of SAT scores among its diverse student enrollment. Imagine the fact that many students enrolled at AUBG have SAT scores of 1300-1500, then add in that they take the SAT exam in English as a second language! The point is to teach democracy in a liberal arts landscape, in an
1962 continued

area of the world that has had no democratic history. The AUBG is now independent; however retains close ties with our American universities that provided the startup curriculum. It is a privilege to serve. The other balance to my architectural work is volunteer work, which is a combination triad of local, national and international. And in summary, as I am not retired, there is no time on the clock for vacation, only vocation. As Michelangelo said years ago, ‘Make your vocation your vacation.’ That is exactly what I have done, as did my architect father before me.”

1963

Hans Kellner writes: “We’ve been in Raleigh for five years, teaching at North Carolina State University. Twice a year we go to Europe in search of opera in the winter, and sun in the summer. And I’m now the same age as my class year!”

John Neely writes: “Noting with sadness of the passing of Bo Didley, who entertained us and inspired our class. I was recently given the passing of Bo Didley, who entertained and inspired our class. I was recently given

1964

Chris Pruszynski reports: “I teach media communication at SUNY Geneseo and am still inspired by SSA’s most excellent English teacher, Richard Gregory. I was recently selected by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences to be an Emmy foundation fellow.”

1966

Lance Labun reports: “I am busy wrapping up two projects. I have eight lectures to give in Brisbane, Australia, the second week of May. The lectures are on aircraft crashworthiness. Crashworthiness is the engineering of making aircraft crashes more survivable. The lectures will be on both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. The other project consists of studying the data from a helicopter crash database to gather information for a revision of the military aircraft crash design criteria.”

Rich LaMagna writes: “Our son, Daniel, is graduating from Georgetown Prep next month and we are delighted that he will attend Georgetown University in the fall. Our adopted Chinese daughter, Rachel, will turn eight in May and is blossoming. We remain grateful for all of our blessings! It has been nice to reconnect with some SSA alumni regarding fundraising for the Grandizio Athletic Complex. So many have been very generous!”

Casey Wolff reports: “Renee and I just survived a visit from our 16-year-old grandson and his girlfriend, both from Toronto. Every bone in my body aches from four days of beach football, swimming, bicycling, tennis and bowling. Plus they sleep 12 hours a day to my five, so the deck is stacked. Finally, once they found out the Olsen twins have a house in the neighborhood, they forced us to stalk the house day and night! It is nice to have the house back.”

1968

S. John Whitehill writes: “Congratulations to our 125-year-old alma mater from the class of 1968. We, who graduated 85 years after the school’s founding, add to the Academy’s glory through the works of our class members. I am a visiting scholar at the School of Computer Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University, working on Internet and computer access with rural and isolated populations, and am currently working with Catholic charities to help acculturate Pittsburgh political refugee populations. We note with sadness the passing of our classmate, Rick Jackson, who was a standout athlete during his school days.”

Tom Vilsack writes: “Work at the ‘Every Day, Every Way USDA’ continues. I have been traveling to all parts of the country in a series of community forums. I listen and learn what is on people’s minds. I outline the three-pronged approach of the Recovery Act as we manage this very tough economy. We are helping people through tough times with tax relief, extended unemployment benefits and additional food assistance. We are helping to invest in key infrastructure in rural areas – water is a key focus. We build water treatment plants and waste water treatment plants that small communities cannot afford. These communities ought to have clean drinking water, and these projects are job creators. Finally, we are working on building the new 21st century economy based on green collar jobs. We will moveaway from an economy that is based on pollution and waste to one that is based on clean energy. The work is exciting and challenging.”

Ted Cmarada writes: “After more than 40 years, I’m coming home to Pittsburgh! After two years of flirting with our beloved city, I have been wooed to return, leaving behind my thriving health care center and psychotherapy practice in Frederick, Md. The opportunity to compose a new stanza at this point in my life is absolutely thrilling and irresistible. I intend to continue my work in psychotherapy, as well as my human affairs and executive consulting. I just bought a new home and will be making the transition with my partner, Susan, over the next couple of months. I would love to hear from SSA friends, old and new! cmarada@gmail.com”

Erik Buell, founder of Buell Motor Cycles, has spent his entire adult life building and racing motorcycles. Tiny Buell Motorcycle Co. has made some noise on the national sport bike racing circuit, as a Wisconsin-made Buell sport bike won a national road race. The victory came against Japanese and European competitors that have dominated the field for decades. Erik writes, “We have 200 people at Buell, 170,000 at Honda. Man, I love beating them!” The victories were the first for an American motorcycle manufacturer, in this bike category, in 37 years. The business is based in East Troy, Wis., and owned by Harley-Davidson Inc.

Jennifer Hochschild is the Henry LaBarre Jayne professor of government at Harvard University, with a joint appointment in the department of African and African American Studies. Hochschild studies the intersection of American politics and political philosophy, particularly in the areas of race, ethnicity, immigration and educational policy. She is the founding editor of Perspectives on Politics, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, former vice president of the American Political Science Association, a former member of the Board.
of Trustees of the Russell Sage Foundation, and a former member of the Board of Overseers of the General Social Survey. Hochschild was one of the girls selected to see what it would be like to have girls at the Middle School, prior to it becoming coed in 1997. Had she continued at Shady Side, she would have graduated in 1968.

William W. Mullins writes: “I’m in medical practice as managing partner of a rheumatology group in Bethesda, Md. I am very busy during the day but usually home by 5 p.m., or so, therefore the pace is just fine. The practice is enjoyable and after all these years, many patients are friends as well. My wife of 23 years, Pat Petrick, is a very busy endocrinologist, and managing partner of her group. Our daughter is finishing her first year at Wesleyan in Connecticut, studying biology and English, and our son will be a high school junior next year, most interested in math and robotics. My hobbies include running, piano, and more recently, family genealogy, which interest is a sure sign of aging. We love the D.C. area, but much enjoy trips back to Pittsburgh to visit my brother, Tim ’74, and family. Best to all, and thanks to Sig for keeping our class in such good e-mail contact!”

Doug Campbell writes: “My entry under the ‘class notes’ in the last edition of the magazine was not submitted by me for publication. It was an incoherent excerpt from an e-mail exchange between some classmates and myself. My three children are grown, and after a lifetime in the 14th ward of the city of Pittsburgh, Shelley and I have moved into a house we’ve built in the country, not far from SSA. I am still practicing law and active in politics.”

1970

Class Correspondent Mike Casey

Chris Frantz writes: “Tina and I continue to tour and record with our band, Tom Tom Club. They performed in Pittsburgh last September, at the Heinz History Center, benefitting the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti.”

Gary Walk reports: “I’ve been running marathons for several years and enjoy it immensely. Last October, I ran the Marine Corps Marathon in 3:16:00, my personal best. I got my start in running track at Shady Side with Mr. Jones.”

1973

Thomas Davis writes: “Well, no ‘news,’ really. Life rolls on rather uneventfully here in Vermont. The oncology practice at Dartmouth’s Cancer Center is, unfortunately, very busy. The fun parts include directing the fellowship program for young cancer physicians-in-training, as well as completing clinical research. My wife, Robin, now works in the office next to mine, so every day is a date. I am sorry that I couldn’t make it to our 35th reunion. Are we that old?”

1976

Lisa J. Austin reports: “I’ve been kind of out of touch with life getting in the way, but I guess that happens to everyone now and then. I was married in 1985 and divorced in 2001, and I have two sons. Ryan, age 21, is working for our company (James Austin Company…the bleach in the yellow bottle, unless you don’t remember). He’s the first of the fifth generation of our business. He’s also going to night school for electrical engineering so he can be a part of our maintenance department. He will be traveling to our other plants once he gets a little more experience. Robbie will be 20 in March and is a sophomore at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. He’s a communication arts major with a political science minor. He does volunteer work at a community center when he’s home from school and was very active in the Obama campaign this past year. I’m the corporate secretary for our business, as well as being manager of our accounts receivable. I took some time off from work when my sons were little, but came back full-time about 15 years ago. I was on the road for a few years, and then came into the office at my present position in 2000. We have been very fortunate in that most family businesses don’t last through the third generation. My brother, John ’78, myself, and our two cousins, one of whom is our president, are fourth generation. My father is 83 now and comes in the office almost every day for three or four hours (unless he’s in Florida, where they have a winter home). Our corporate office is in Mars, Pa., and we have other plants in Deland, Fla., Statesville, N.C., and Ludlow, Mass. It keeps us on our toes, especially with the economy as it is.”

1978

Sarah Vodrey writes: “I celebrated my 26th anniversary last year. I am still singing with the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, and I still live next to magical little Beaver Creek. I also continue to be in charge of the Museum of Ceramics in East Liverpool, Ohio. You can visit us online at www.themuseumofceramics.org or stop by in person.”

1979

Jim Werbaneth reports: “It’s been a busy year for me. Last summer, my war gaming magazine, Line of Departure, won the Charles S. Roberts Award for the second year in a row. For my day job, I’m still selling Aflac, but as the economy went south, I ended up making some adjustments. I began a terrific new career as a college instructor, a move that I didn’t expect! I received an offer to be an adjunct professor in political science and American history at La Roche College, north of Pittsburgh. Subsequently, I got a similar offer to teach political science, especially American government and the Constitution, for Community College of Allegheny County. Both are great opportunities. Finally, in March 2009, I started teaching political science online for American Military University. It’s a wonderful experience, and I have students from all of the services, plus first responders, from Seattle to Baghdad. So after 24 years, I’m finally working in the field in which I got my master’s degree. Feel free to contact me at jwerbaneth@ccac.edu or james.werbaneth@laroche.edu.”

1980

Carrie Casey-Leemhuis writes: “I’ve been recently spending time at SSA, as my daughter, Kelly, started as a freshman in 2006. It is a lot of fun to visit the campus and see all of the improvements. The school continues to attract talented faculty and improve year after year.”

1981

Class Correspondent Catherine Vodrey

Dan Wecht reports: “Our oldest daughter, Sophie, has finished seventh grade at the Shady Side Academy Middle School and loves it!”
1981 continued

Patricia Foxen writes: “I've moved to D.C. and am now working as associate director of research at the National Council of La Raza. It's the largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. It's a very interesting time to be here!” Foxen’s book, In Search of Providence: Transnational Mayan Identities, is available at Amazon.com.

Gregg Franklin is a partner in his medical firm/cancer center. He and his wife, Mara, have two sons, Beck, age 7, and Avi, 5.

John Goldblum writes: “Asmita and I are happy and living in Beachwood, Ohio, with our four children, Drew, 17, Ryan, 15, Janavi, 12, and Raedan, 9. Drew took a gap year and is going to Emory, where he'll be playing soccer as a goalie. Ryan and Raedan go to University School — a great school! Janavi is a budding superstar swimmer and a seventh-grader at Hathaway Brown. Asmita is busy with three-day breast cancer walks and a seventh-grader at Hathaway Brown. Janavi has been named managing partner of Reed Smith’s Pittsburgh office, which employs 650 attorneys and other staff. He just finished serving his seventh year as a trustee of SSA. He writes, “Our eldest, Bo ’09, is following in our footsteps and heading to Vanderbilt University. One of his Vanderbilt classmates will be the son of our SSA classmate, Amy Berk!” George and Sue Stewart are also parents to Emily, who is about to begin her senior year at Ellis, Holly ’13 and “our two little kids, who are already asking to spend their high school years at SSA.”

John Tadler and his wife, Mary, are expecting their first child in September 2009.

Catherine Vodrey’s third book, Leap to Track, is now available on Amazon.com.

1983

Bob Kanterman reports: “Caryn and I enjoyed meeting up with my SSA classmates at the recent 25th reunion. It was a lot of fun. I won’t wait another 25 years to see those fine folks again!”

1984

Class Correspondent Wally Jenkins

Leigh Grandizio Boyer and her husband, Ken, would like to announce the birth of their seventh child, Blaise Kenneth, on Nov. 25, 2008. Blaise was welcomed home by siblings, Sonny, Cullen, Emma, Callie, Briana and Dillon. The family resides in O’Hara Township, where Ken is an entrepreneur working toward a Ph.D., and Leigh is a homemaker.

Kerry Izard writes: “Bailey and I are thrilled to announce the arrival of baby boy number four. James Patrick Izard was born on election night, Nov. 4, 2008. He joins his brothers David, age 10, Mack, 8, and George, 5.”

Ed Harrison writes: “Mary Lou and I, along with our boys, Ben, Eli and Thomas, continue to enjoy our life in Pittsburgh. Ice skating and swimming at SSA contributes to our fun!”

1985

Carolyn Havens Whitten reports: “We are happily settled back on the East Coast for the past year. I am a midwife in private practice with Princeton Midwifery Care and my husband, Mike, is a pilot for Continental Airlines. Our three boys are ages 15, 11 and 9. I am happy to have reconnected with so many SSA friends over the past year thanks to Facebook.”

1990

Class Correspondent Mike Lee

Christina Lobes Dorrell writes: “I am still in Manhattan and now have two daughters, Claire, who is 19 months, and brand new Louisa, who is a month old. Happy times!”

Alex Moser has been hired as director of marketing for Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Pennsylvania’s largest four-season resort. Alex is a 1994 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and comes to Seven Springs with an extensive background in marketing including advertising, sales, graphic design, event production and media relations. Prior to joining the Seven Springs team,
he served as creative services manager for the Pittsburgh Pirates for more than eight years. During his time with the Pirates, Moser directed all creative material designed by their in-house design team, created and edited all commercials for television and radio broadcast, produced all game day entertainment for the PNC Park video board including all music videos, player interviews, player highlights and promotional commercials. Alex's professional background includes marketing positions with the Washington Wizards, Washington Capitals, Buffalo Bison Baseball, Inc. and the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club. Before his career in sports, Moser was a financial consultant at PNC Bank in Pittsburgh.

Class Correspondent Jennifer Gress

Alissa Shields writes: "Jeff and I welcomed our new son, Theodore, on Jan. 17, 2009. Our daughter, Lilly, is enjoying being a big sister!"

Class Correspondent Aya Andrew-Jaja

Jessica Montgomery Green reports: "My husband, Greg, and I welcomed our second child last December. James, age 11 months, and Abigail, 3, are keeping me busy. I am still teaching English at Fox Chapel Area High School."

David Michalak received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 2005, after graduating with honors and chemistry department awards from Vassar College in 1999.

Class Correspondents Courtney Chesin Vadnais and Anne Mulock Westbrook


Adam Gurson writes: "We bought a house in Centreville, Va., in September 2008 and are expecting our first child, a baby boy, in June 2009."

Class Correspondent Eileen Bautista Nehira

Doug Spear writes: "On Nov. 3, 2008, we welcomed our daughter, Marni, to the world. She joins big sister, Natalie, age 3, with us in Atlanta. Although we've lived down south for a while, we still get back to Pittsburgh often to see family and friends."

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2001

Lisa M. Guglielmi and Mark C. Hofmann Jr. were married Oct. 25, 2008, in The Immaculate Conception Cathedral in St. Kitts, B.W.I. A reception on the beach at the St. Kitts Marriott followed. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Guglielmi of Wallace, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hofmann, Sr. of Hampton Township, Pa. Both 2005 graduates of the University of Richmond Business School, Mark is employed by Armada Supply Chain Solutions and Lisa is employed by Computer Enterprises Inc. After a honeymoon in Antigua, the couple is residing on the South Side. Photo: (Left to right) Rob Istone, Ric Sandoval ’01, Matt Krebs ’01, Lisa Hofmann, Mark Hofmann ’01, Mac Lynch ’01, Brian Harrigan ’01 and Max Hofmann ’05.

2002

Reid Rosenberg is engaged to Emma Adickman of Montclair, N.J. Both graduated with distinction from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 2006; Reid, Phi Beta Kappa, and Emma, Beta Gamma Sigma. Reid is manager of events programming at InDemand, New York City, and Emma is a revenue management analyst at JetBlue, New York City. A summer 2010 wedding is planned.

2003

Jonathan Hines graduated from Robert Morris University on May 10, 2008, and is currently completing an internship for the University of Pittsburgh’s athletics department in media relations.

2004

Class Correspondent Missy Fleck

James Monaco reports: “I am a first-year medical student at Penn State Hershey College of Medicine.”

Ronalee Balog graduated West Point in 2008, and is serving in Afghanistan as a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division.

Jeremy Gordon is living in New York City, working for J.P. Morgan.

2005

Anne Lieberman was elected to Alpha Sigma Nu, an honor society for Jesuit colleges and universities, at Fordham University. She also received a Fulbright Scholarship to complete grant work in Thailand for one year, studying women in Muay Thai boxing, Thailand’s national sport. She will spend one semester based at Chulalongkorn University’s Thai studies center in Bangkok, and the second semester visiting Muay Thai boxing camps. Her final month will be spent transcribing oral histories and interviews, compiling a volume on women in Muay Thai.

1999

Abby Bodenlos ’04, Beth Goldstein ’99, Annie Succop ’01 and Lauren Halloran ’02 after a Pittsburgh Sports League co-ed intramural basketball game.
ALUMNI
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Allan George Elphick ’66
Thomas Gillespie III ’42
Dr. John P. Griffith, Jr. ’34
Howard E. Half ’28
George Cloyd Wilson III ’42
Charles Winschel ’71
Harry K. Zeil ’49

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS
Helen Stabile, mother-in-law of Dr. Miroya Stabile ’77
Doris Ifft, former Junior School faculty member, 1958–1977
Elizabeth “Betsy” Byerly, mother of Mary Louise (Byerly) Walter ’83 and Richard Byerly ’93
Ruth Rothenberg, mother of Jon Rothenberg ’59 and Jim Rothenberg ’64
Albert A. Hilton, father of Stanley Hilton ’74, Charles Hilton ’77 and Heidi (Hilton) Cacciabaudo ’80
Mary Struk, mother of Randy Struk ’77 and Lisa (Struk) Tourek ’76
Richard K. Cuttell, father of Meaghan Cuttell ’09
Mark Vincent Cromie, former Academy director of development
Marion Ek, former Middle School librarian
Harriet “Happy” Friday, former Senior School librarian
Yvonne M. Szlachetka, mother of Senior School Dean of Students Dave Szlachetka, mother-in-law of Business Office staff member Amy Szlachetka and grandmother of Donald (Doc) ’16 and Josephine (Josie) ’19
John Fedusa, father of Advancement Office staff member Betty Herrington, father-in-law of current parent Karen Fedusa and grandfather of Natalie ’08 and Elizabeth ’14 Herrington and Zachary ’11 and Nicholas ’13 Fedusa
Francesco Fratalia, father-in-law of Director of College Counseling Tom Rossi and grandfather of Samantha ’08, Nicholas ’10 and Olivia ’16

RICHARD F. ALLEN ’68
Richard F. “Rick” Allen, 59, passed away March 31, 2009. He was the son of Joan Windhorst Jackson and the late Robert W. Allen. He is survived by his daughter, Via Allen, and siblings, Kim (Peggy) Jackson, Jill (Rob) Allison, Joy (Joseph) Paradise, Karl Jackson, Kelly (David) Barosh, Marlene Price, Cheryl Ann Allen, Robert Allen and Thomas Allen, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

THOMAS GILLESPIE III ’42
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[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review]

DR. JOHN P. GRIFFITH, JR. ’34
Dr. John Perry Griffith Jr., 92, passed away at his home Dec. 26, 2008. Born July 22, 1916, in Pittsburgh, to the late Dr. John Perry Griffith and Alice Caroline Mickel Griffith, he graduated from Shady Side Academy and Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. He earned his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1943. Following his internship at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Griffith enlisted into the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served in both World War II and the Korean War. His 10 years of military service included tours of duty in England, France, Germany, Denmark, Korea and Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1955 with the rank of Major. Dr. Griffith practiced at Ohio Valley Medical Center, Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Wheeling Hospital, where he was president of the medical staff in 1965. He was also a member of the West Virginia State Medical Association and a past president of its orthopedic section. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mercy; his six children, John Perry Griffith III, Martin Griffith, Jeffrey Griffith, Suzanne (Jim) Higgins, James (Linda) Griffith and Mark (Summer) Griffith; six grandchildren, two nephews and a niece.

[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]
HOWARD E. HALF ’28
Howard Half, 98, passed away Oct. 23, 2008. After graduating from Shady Side Academy, he served during WWII with the USAF in North Africa and Italy. He was part owner of Half Brothers Furniture in Homestead and at his retirement, he was operations manager of the Ethan Allen Furniture Galleries in the Pittsburgh area. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Feeney) Half, father of Marc L. (Ellen) Half and grandfather of Shayna and Hannah.

[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

JOHN SWAYZE THORPE
John “Jack” Swayze Thorpe passed away May 19, 2009, at the age of 84. Thorpe, a brilliant mathematics teacher, taught more than 40 years at the Shady Side Academy Senior School and loved surrounding himself with students and tutoring them. He began at the Academy in 1947, after serving in the Army in World War II and graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, where he also earned a master’s degree. Thorpe stayed at Shady Side until 1991, and he was committed to the school in other ways, such as purchasing the school’s first computer with his own money and starting a backpacking club that went on trips to the Appalachian Mountains. He also served as dean of students for several years. Ultimately, it was teaching that was Mr. Thorpe’s passion and during his time at Shady Side Academy, he taught at least one class every year. He did leave the school from October 1950 to July 1951 to serve a military tour in Korea during the Korean War. He also taught night classes at the University of Pittsburgh. Thorpe was born in Perryopolis, to Ethel D. Thorpe, a math teacher, and John S. Thorpe Jr., the manager of the only supermarket in the small town. When he and his wife, Elaine, moved to Andrews, N.C., in 1991 for retirement, Thorpe continued to teach adults in many subjects including carving and English as a second language. Thorpe is survived by two daughters, Linda McCormick and Margaret Thorpe, as well as a brother and sister. He was preceeded in death by his wife, Elaine, in 2003.

[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

GEORGE CLOYD WILSON III ’42
George Cloyd Wilson III passed away Jan. 14, 2009. He was 85. Wilson served in the U.S. 8th Infantry Division from 1943-1946 and was in combat in the ETO in Normandy and the Rhineland, Hurtgen Forest. He was the former vice president of sales for Valley Barge Line and spent most of his free time on his family farm in Mifflin, Pa. He was the beloved former husband of Marilyn Muse Wilson. He is survived by his children, Marguerite (Mimi) of New York, N.Y., and Dorothy (Tad) Scheri of Fox Chapel, and and two grandchildren.

[Information excerpted from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette]

CHARLES WINSCHEL ’71
Charles Winschel, 55, of the Point Breeze section of Pittsburgh, passed away Nov. 27, 2008. Winschel, a Smith Barney stockbroker, grew up in Churchill. After graduating from Shady Side Academy and Kalamazoo College in Michigan, he studied French in Paris and then worked in sales in Canada for two years. When the traveling got old, he decided to become a stockbroker. He entered the field in his mid-20s and spent the rest of his career as a broker in Pittsburgh, first at Legg Mason and then at Smith Barney. He is survived by his wife, Kate Stainton, son, Nathaniel, and brother, Paul Winschel.

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<td>6-7 p.m.</td>
<td>Residential Life Welcome Back Picnic</td>
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<td>Academy Opening Day, All Three Schools (Senior School – Modified Day 1 Schedule; Junior School – PK and K dismissal at noon)</td>
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<td>Parents’ Night, Junior School</td>
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<td>Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Universe of Dreams, Richard E. Rauh Theater</td>
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<td>Parents’ Night, Middle School, Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Blue &amp; Gold Fund Kick-off</td>
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<td>Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Senior School</td>
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<td>Columbus Day – Faculty In-Service, No Classes, All Three Schools</td>
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<td>Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Champions of the Dance, Richard E. Rauh Theater</td>
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<td>Junior School Evaluation Day – No Classes, Junior School</td>
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<td>Middle School Fall Drama Production for Parents, Middle School Cafetorium</td>
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<td>Winter Athletics Begin, Middle and Senior Schools</td>
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<td>Conference/Evaluation Day – No Classes, All Three Schools</td>
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<td>Hillman Performing Arts Series Presents Parallel Exit, Richard E. Rauh Theater</td>
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<td>Gargoyle Fall Play, Rauh Theater, Hillman Center</td>
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<td>Admissions Information Night for Prospective Families, Senior School</td>
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<td>Senior School Holiday Concert for Parents and Guests, Hillman Center</td>
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