



# PANTHER'S TALE

Cheltenham  
High School  
Alumni Association

Winter, 1984

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 3 SENIORS CENTENNIAL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Scholarship winners . . . 2 of our 1984 scholarship winners are shown receiving their \$500. checks from Alumni Directors. L to R: Joan David Sundheim, '52; Johnna Corbett, '84; Rachel Webber, '84; and Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf, '32. Betty Cataldi, '62 looks on.



Third Scholarship Winner . . . Jeanne Scanlon, '84, was the recipient of a \$500. scholarship from the Alumni Association in June.

### IN MEMORIAM

Charles "Chuck" Mehelich passed away on December 2nd, at the age of 62. Mehelich came to CHS as a Driver Education teacher in 1956. He always displayed great enthusiasm and genuine concern for driver safety.

Chuck also coached many successful baseball teams and served as an assistant football coach.

When we think of Chuck, we will always remember his rapport with his colleagues and his willingness to go out of his way to help the next person. But we will most remember Chuck for his intense interest in all of his students.



For the sixth consecutive year, the CHSAA has contributed to the continuing education of three members of the graduating class. The 1984 recipients of a \$500. scholarship are Johnna Corbett, Cheltenham; Jeanne Scanlon, Elkins Park and Rachel Webber, Elkins Park.

Johnna Corbett is attending Manor Junior College where she is majoring in the Administrative/Secretarial program. While at CHS Johnna was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. She also worked part-time in the Administration Building of the Cheltenham School District.

Jeanne Scanlon is now attending Lehigh University and will pursue the Arts and Science course. Jeanne played on the Lacrosse team at CHS and also served on the yearbook staff for three years.

Rachel Webber is majoring in International Business at American University in Washington, D.C. Rachel was involved in many activities at CHS. She served as Treasurer of the Senior Class, scorekeeper for the Wrestling team, and she was a member of the Centennial Planning Committee.

Criteria for selection include academic performance, community involvement, financial need and school citizenship. Actual selection is performed by a joint committee of Beaver College representatives and the CHS Scholarship Selection Committee.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# • REUNION ROUNDUP •

In planning stages...

## CLASS OF 1960

25th Reunion — November 30, 1985  
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Cheltenham, PA 19012  
215-635-2735

## CLASS OF 1975

10th Reunion  
We have not heard from any members of this class. Please contact our office if you are interested in starting plans for this reunion.

## CLASS OF 1934

June 2nd was the date when the local committee hosted the 50th anniversary of the class of '34. It was a late afternoon and early evening affair at the Old York Road Country Club in Ambler. Everybody agreed it was a huge success and this has been due to careful planning, many meetings and hard work over two years. Out of the original class of 180+ members, some 75 graduates and 35 spouses attended and they came from far and wide: 4 each from California and Florida, one from the Virgin Islands, and folks from Georgia, Michigan, Tennessee, Maine and elsewhere. Buffet, bar, music, dancing and souvenirs rounded out the evening.

## CLASS OF 1951

After a thirteen year hiatus, the Class of '51 celebrated their 33rd reunion on Saturday, October 27th, at the Cedarbrook Hill Country Club. Committee members had decided not to wait for a 35th reunion since the interest was THERE NOW! In fact, they have decided to continue their new tradition of being different by having a 38th reunion in five years instead of a traditional 40th like every other class! About one-third of the class showed up from places including California, South Carolina and Florida. A terrific time was had by all, including those spouses who hadn't even attended CHS! People were so busy talking and catching up they didn't really spend too much time dancing! Everyone agreed it was a super reunion and they can't wait for the next one! The Committee included: *Harriet Barlow D'Alonzo, Beryl Cohen Halpern, Richard Dalsemer, Elsa-Lu Greenblatt Berkowitz, Ivan M. Hamberg, Marylou Hawkins Platt, Sylvia Henry Wells, Edward J. McHugh, Barry Raynor, Ellen Rosenau Lawrence.*

## CLASS OF 1959

The Class of 1959 celebrated their 25th Reunion on Saturday evening May 19th at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington. Entertainment was hosted by *Bob Bronstein* as *Michael Solow* pranced as the CHS panther and *Sande Lichtenstein Boas* and *Didi Adshead Owens* donned cheerleading outfits. The evening got very nostalgic as six class members recalled favorite memories of high school days gone by. Sunday morning found class members returning to the "new" CHS cafeteria for Sunday brunch. Committee chairwoman was *Joanne Feld Madorno*. Committee members included — *Bob Bronstein, Carl Marbach, Peter Stern, Julian Rackow, Tom Madorno, Michael Solow, Tom Garlin, Eleanor Seltzer Gross, Star Klinger Weiss, Jane Johnson Algard, Barbara Fella Shepherd, Leslie Fried Compter, Carolyn Jaffe Smith, Ellen Kaufman Kaffrisen, and Ken Lieberman*. Classmates came from as far away as Paris, California and Florida. Faculty members who came back to share in this delightful evening were: *William Saltzman, David Harr, Joseph Nejman, Aurora Malitano, Paul LaMorgia* and Warren "Reds" Jordan.

## BRAGGING

Of the 353 graduating seniors in the CHS Class of 1984, 74% are attending 4-year colleges and 4% are attending 2-year colleges. Phenomenal! Over ninety colleges and universities now have members of the Class of '84 as part of their student population. Included in these numbers are three National Merit Scholarship Winners; thirteen National Merit Scholarship Finalists; 14 Semi-finalists and 18 Letters of Commendation. We also had one Finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students and four Letters of Commendation. Five seniors in the Class of '84 was graduated with 4.0 averages!

## ATTENTION FORMER CHS BASKETBALL PLAYERS

The CHS Alumni Association and the 1985 boys and girls basketball teams cordially invite you to attend a special game on Friday, February 8, 1985, at 8:00 P.M. CHS will play Plymouth Whitmarsh High. During half-time ceremonies, all former players present (men and women) will be acknowledged. A "Sock Hop" will be held immediately after the game — all are invited. Please contact Barbara Ball Portner - 215-635-3985.



'31 *Edgar Seymour*—director of a Glider Pilot ground school in Rochester, N.Y.

'34 *Larry Blumenthal*—owns a frame shop in Elkins Park, which he started at the age of 53. Larry is a former President of the Cheltenham Art Centre.

'34 *Dorothy Sudlow*—former Kindergarten teacher in Cheltenham Schools for 38 years. Dorothy is now retired and volunteers for "Meals on wheels."

'37 *Carolyn Ancker*—newly elected president of the Phila. Federation of Women's Clubs & Allied Organizations, Inc., whose purpose is to unite groups of women for their mutual benefit, to promote interest in civic & moral measures & to improve the individual & the community.

'48 *Joan Reiner Plumly*—recently appointed a member of the Pa. Fish Commission by Governor Thornburgh. Joan is active in the Delaware River Power Squadron & U.S. Power Squadron.

'53 *Fred Wetherbee*—currently a detective on the Cheltenham Township Police Force.

'55 *Sam Rizzo*—owner/operator of "An Italian Market" in Glenside.

'61 *Sue Edelman Levy*—third year student at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, Pa. Serving as religious leader of Bristol Jewish Center.

'67 *Benjamin Netanyahu*—recently appointed Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations.

'75 *Robert White*—recently received his M.D. degree from the University of Pa. School of Medicine. Robert is serving his internship at the Presbyterian University of Pa. Medical Center. He is the fifth physician who was born and raised in Historic LaMott.

## 80 + YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHS



### Emmanuel M. Kramer

"He helped me enjoy history." "His was a class to look forward to." "He is an enlightening and refreshing teacher who makes the class a very worthwhile place to be." These are comments taken from a survey of seniors (1984) about Manny Kramer, who served on the CHS social studies faculty for twenty-eight years. Manny is an outstanding teacher and archeologist. He was a recipient of a grant from the William Penn Foundation for archeological study. His goal of translating his archeological findings into instructional materials has been achieved. During the school year it was not unusual to see Kramer and his students armed with trowels and buckets walking off to a "dig".

Manny, his wife, and three sons live in Glenside. Enjoy your retirement Manny, but do return back to the classroom every once in a while.

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### Joseph F. Guarneri

Known as a "nuts and bolts" type of person, Joseph Guarneri recently retired after serving CHS for thirty-two years.

Guarneri's duties as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs were to plan, organize and implement all of the varied elements of the master student schedules. Guarneri began teaching various math courses in 1952 and was appointed part-time administrator in 1958—full time in 1962. He has also served as sponsor of Student Council.

During his tenure, he served as acting principal three times and gained the respect of students, staff and parents.

Guarneri, who enjoys reading and is an avid baseball fan, has our best wishes as he starts another phase of life.



### Lawrence F. Jones

After twenty-five years of service to CHS "Lonnie" has decided to retire. Lonnie was born and raised in the LaMott section of Cheltenham Township and attended CHS.

After working at various jobs, he returned to CHS where he has worked as assistant head custodian. Although his schedule was hectic, he always managed to find a few spare moments to help students and staff. Lonnie seemed at times to be in two different places at the same time. Enjoy your retirement, Lonnie!

### NEW BOARD MEMBER

*Claire Sadler Geiger, '58*, was recently elected to the Alumni Board of Directors. Claire is a teachers aide at Wyncote Elem. School in Cheltenham Township. Welcome aboard Claire!

### CLASS OF '85 TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTER

This issue of the *Panther's Tale* is being sent to all members of the CHS senior class. It is our hope that these students will become members of the Alumni Association and share in our commitments to do something more and something better for CHS and its graduates.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

*Linton S. Thorn, '47*, for his contribution to our scholarship fund in memory of Margaret Kershaw, former Cheltenham Township teacher who passed away this year.

*Myron Waxman, '48*, for donating many old issues of "The Cheltonian" from '46, '47, '48.

### '79 (ALUMNI FIRST) SCHOLARSHIP FOLLOWUP

*Ellen Greenberg*—graduated Cum Laude from University of Rochester. Presently living in Boulder, Colorado and working as an office administrator, she is interested in city planning and is applying to Temple University for graduate work.

*Karen Lewis*—received BFA from Beaver College in 1983. For her senior thesis she designed three large panels on the courtyard of the Art Department at Beaver with a Shakespearian theme to coordinate with the festival being held by the college. Presently holding two jobs—Supervisor of Marketing Research at TCI in Southampton, PA and a spotlight operator at Lily Langtry, a local nightclub. Karen wants to design theatre sets eventually.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**COMMENCEMENT FIRST**

Three graduates of Cheltenham spoke at the 1984 Commencement Exercises—the first time (to our knowledge) that graduates have returned to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Pictured are (l to r) *Craig Littlepage, '69*; *Ronald M. Shapiro, '60*; and *Frances Fenkel Freedman, '59*. Littlepage is currently the head basketball coach at the University of Pennsylvania. Shapiro is an attorney whose specialty is financial and life management for professional athletes, media personalities and other professionals. Freedman is publisher of *Atlantic City Magazine*. The three are wearing gold medals which were presented to them and each CHS graduating senior in commemoration of the Centennial.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Charles D. Conklin, Jr.*, class of 1903 valedictorian, passed away August 2, 1984, just shy of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Conklin was a Cheltenham Township Commissioner for forty-eight years—thirty-eight years as President of the Board. He was called the “patriarch” of Cheltenham Township.

Conklin was a successful businessman and was involved in a variety of community activities and organizations.

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