

1987 C.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



L to R, Ohn Park, Cuong D. Vu, and Francis McGrath meet with Mary Louise A. Wolf, Chairman of the CHSAA Scholarship Committee

Three Cheltenham High School Alumni Association Scholarships have traditionally been announced at Commencement. Last June, in a departure from the usual procedure, the recipients were named at a special awards ceremony to which parents were invited on Monday, June 1st.

Criteria for selection of these Alumni Association Scholarship winners include academic performance, community involvement, financial need and school citizenship. Applications are sent to Beaver College to be forwarded to Princeton University for evaluation in much the same way that applications for financial aid by students applying for admission to college are handled.

The 1987 winners were Francis McGrath of Melrose Park, who planned to attend Tulane University and major in Liberal Arts; Ohn Park, a resident of Elkins Park who planned to pursue a course in Liberal Arts at Dartmouth; and Cuong D. Vu of Melrose Park who planned to major in Business at Temple University. All three of our winners are to be commended because in addition to their studies and extra-curricular activities, all three of them worked at part-time jobs.

Francis McGrath was a National Merit Scholarship finalist and recognized for Outstanding Academic Achievement. He also received a C.H.S. School Service and Citizenship Award named in honor of Robert Mackler Iskin. (These awards are named in honor of former teachers and administrators, distinguished people in the community or former students at Cheltenham.) In addition to these honors, Frank participated in the 1987 musical, "Pirates of Penzance," and also the 1984, 1985 and 1986 productions. He was a member of the Math Team, President of the World Affairs Council and was selected to attend the Glenside Rotary Club's Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C. last summer. He worked at United Instrument Company.

Ohn Park was a National Merit Scholarship winner, elected to the National Honor Society and also recognized for Outstanding Academic Achievement. He received a C.H.S. School Service and Citizenship Award named in honor of Edwin J. Davis. His activities at Cheltenham include being Student Council Treasurer, a World Affairs Council Officer, member of the Math Team and Science Seminar and Captain of a Bowling Team that won both First and Second Place in Intramural Competition. He was also selected to attend the Glenside Rotary's Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C. last summer. Ohn worked for three years as a lab assistant at the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Cuong D. Vu was a student at Cheltenham from February, 1985 and didn't speak any English when he arrived from Vietnam. In addition to his school work and learning our language, he worked as a cook and dishwasher at the Dominican Retreat House in Elkins Park.

The Alumni Association extends congratulations to all three winners and best wishes for their success and happiness as they continue their education.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1938 . . . Scheduled for April 23, 1988 at Old York Road Country Club. Bill Fleming is organizing things.

Class of 1958 . . . Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, 1988, will be their 30th reunion. Duane Sonneborn is the contact person.

Class of 1963 . . . April 23, 1988 at LuLu Temple Country Club. Sue Wolf Trichon is in charge, 215-886-2046.

Class of 1968 . . . Plans are underway. Contact Keith Bridgeforth Payne.

Class of 1969 . . . Bob Sklaroff is getting things started.

Class of 1978 . . . Steve Meyers and David Wisch (215) 236-4021 have started planning.

Class of 1937 . . . The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1937 was held October 31, 1987 at Manufacturer's Country Club. Carolyn Ancker coordinated the evening and reports she was overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response of everyone involved. Dr. Wessel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. William Saltzman also attended. Awards were given to those attending for various categories. Ken Littlepage won for traveling the farthest distance. He came in from Germany! Kathryn Burness Moran won for the most children (6); most grandchildren award was given to John Cunnane, who boasts of 16! Attendees received wine goblets engraved with "CHS 50th Anniversary" as keepsakes. 136 people had a marvelous time!

Class of 1947 . . . This reunion was organized using modern technology — the committee met via conference calls! Dr. E. Noble Wagner, Danny Beren, Nancy Munn Lambert, Edna Braunig Smyrl, Tony Pileggi and Pat Sisler Weinstein planned the entire event using the phone! About 90 people, including 55 graduates, joined in the festivities held on October 31, 1987 at the William Penn Inn (no one came in costume!) A disc jockey played "their kind of music" so well his time was extended an extra hour! Classmates came from California, Connecticut, South Carolina, Florida and Massachusetts. A very large number still reside in the local area. Dick Blaess received the award for having the youngest child, age 15!

Class of 1957 . . . Reunion held at LuLu Country Club, August 15, 1987. About 60 classmates attended. The night was so enjoyed that several met for breakfast the next morning at the nearby Ramada Inn.

Class of 1932 . . . Herbert Fleisher's 1932 Class Reunion gathered for an enjoyable lunch at the Yorktown Inn on Saturday, May 16. Forty people were present, thirty being graduates of Cheltenham. They came from as far away as Olympia, Washington. After pictures were taken, everyone left, eager to see each other again in three years when their next daytime reunion will take place.

BLUE AND GOLD CLUB

Welcome to new member The Class of 1987!

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
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REUNION NOTE

It has been agreed upon by the Alumni Association that a "package deal" of envelopes, computerized list and computerized labels will be available to reunion committees at a cost of \$50. Separately, the list and labels will cost \$35 and the envelopes \$25.

TODAY'S CHS

CHS ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Joseph Rodgers, Assistant Principal at the high school, is now serving as Acting Principal. James R. Tufano has been named Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs. Dr. Charles F. Stefanski, formerly Superintendent of the Holidaysburg, PA school district, has been named new Cheltenham Superintendent of Schools.

'87 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM UNDEFEATED

Congratulations to the CHS Girls Tennis Team for their undefeated 1987 season!

1986-87 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM SUBURBAN ONE CHAMPS!

The Lady Panthers of CHS finished last season as the Suburban One Champions! This despite attendance that could be called less than enthusiastic at the girls' games. Their record was 20-6 and in the course of compiling that record, there was some exciting basketball played! This is the first time ever that the Lady Panthers have brought the title home! Congratulations!

TWO CHS SENIORS WIN AT SCIENCE FAIR

1986-87 Seniors **Anthony Goncalves** and **Jonah Erlebacher** were chosen for recognition for excellent scientific research in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Goncalves' project on "Raman Spectroscopy of an Alpha Olefin/Maleic Anhydride Copolymer" and Erlebacher's project, "Model for the Inhibition of Polycyclic Hydrocarbons: The Crystal Structure of Ellagic Acid" both placed in the top 40. The contest is considered the country's top science competition and is sponsored by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Science Service, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. Erlebacher attended a six-day all-expenses-paid session in Washington, D.C., where he was awarded \$1000 in scholarships. CHS ranks sixth in the nation among schools with the most Top 40 winners in the 46 year history of the Search.

MERIT FINALISTS

Cheltenham High School ranks in the top 5 high schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (tying for second place) in students named in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship Program. CHS had 17 finalists in the program.

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THE PANTHER'S SPOTLIGHT

Ronald P. Spark, M.D., '59, is a Tucson Medical Center pathologist and associate faculty member in pathology in the UA College of Medicine. He is co-founder and moderator of the Pima County Medical Society weekly radio program and cable television series, both called "Prescription for Health." Recently selected as a charter member of the National Association of Physician Broadcasters. Serves as chairman of the Tucson Fund Raising Review Board; was 1985 President of the Pima County Medical Society; received a Distinguished Citizen Award during College of Medicine convocation in May 1987.

Franz Lidz, '69, recently profiled Boston Bruins defenseman Ray Bourque in *Sports Illustrated*. Lidz is a Staff Writer for SI and has written about various people from artist LeRoy Neiman to Charles Schulz to fighters Jeff Chandler and David Bey. He recently signed a contract with Simon and Schuster to write a book about his unique family. Lidz, his wife and daughter recently moved back to Philadelphia from New York.

Larry Greene, '71. Greene is in his first season as the head football coach for Central Bucks East in the Suburban One League's National Conference.

Larry Cohen, '81. Founder of year-old business called Premier Parking. Started working for local valet parking firm while in high school; 1985 graduate of Kutztown State University. Cohen saw the need for an additional local valet parking service in the Philadelphia area, which is the fifth largest market in the country. In its first year, the business grossed "about a quarter of a million dollars."

Ellen Wolf Schrecker, '56. Author of recently published book, *No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities*, which received a full-page review in the *New York Times Book Review*. Book reveals that colleges and universities caved in before Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Schrecker is a 1960 Radcliffe graduate and was the recipient of a 1977 Bunting Fellowship at Radcliffe, where her findings led her to narrow the scope of her study resulting in the recent publication. Schrecker is presently at work on a general study of the McCarthy era. She is a lecturer in the Department of History at Princeton University and plans to use both books for student assignments.

Amy Blum, '80. Starting in October, 1987, Blum will be teaching acting classes at the Cheltenham Playhouse. The 47-year old theater recently received a professional contract from the Actor's Equity Association in New York, which will enable it to use professional as well as semi-professional and amateur actors.

Alan Jay Schwartz, '64. Appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Hahnemann University School of Medicine. Responsibilities for Schwartz will include admissions, medical student advising, curriculum and evaluations. Schwartz serves on the faculty of the School of Medicine.

Barbara Ball Portner, '52, was recently honored with the Bill Reed Memorial Community Service Award by the Elkins Park Rotary Club. Portner was a unanimous choice for the honor, having given more than 25 years of service to Cheltenham Township in various capacities, including a term as school board director.

Betty Adair Gottschalk, '35. Recently retired after serving Cheltenham Township for 37 years. Gottschalk started in the township's Building and Zoning inspector's office, then became secretary to township manager Harold Pike. At some time during her long career, Gottschalk became Assistant Township Manager. Her last boss was CHS '54 graduate Nicholas Melair.

Judy Epstein Braha, '70. Active in theater in Boston as a director and actor. Latest show was "Hedda Gabler" at the Nickerson Theater in Norwell, MA.

Deborah Epstein, '73. Practicing architect in Boston, MA.

Charles Epstein, '75. A French hornist, recently joined the Cleveland Orchestra after performing for seven years with the Rochester, NY Philharmonic Orchestra.

Robert H. Kieserman, '69. Recently named President of The Meadowbrook Consulting Group. Kieserman is an adjunct lecturer in small business management at the Temple University School of Business Administration.

Neil Sklaroff, '65. Just elected to serve 4 year term as member of Cheltenham Township Board of School Directors.

Daniel C. Donat, Jr., '33 and **Amy Schneider Donat '35** became members of a very special group of Cheltenham sweethearts by reaching their Golden Anniversary last spring. Congratulations!

Lydia Rugel Zappacosta '58 recently received an award as a semifinalist in the Philadelphia school district's "Celebration of Excellence." Teachers are nominated for these awards by their peers, principals and parents. Money for the awards is donated by the Atlantic Richfield Foundation.

Robert Gerhard, Jr. '65 has been reelected Commissioner of Cheltenham Township.

Amy Forst, '82, recently won the "Scholar of the Year" award given by the American Consulting Engineers Council. Forst is in the final year of a five-year engineering program at Pennsylvania State University and carries a 3.9 average.

A TRADITION DIES

We all mourn the recent loss of Albert "Doc" Farber, age 87. Those of us who attended the building on High School Road will fondly recall Farber's Drug Store, which "Doc" ran until 1969. He'll be missed.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN?

Over the years, many Cheltenham graduates have found their way to the other side of the desk as members of the faculty of Cheltenham Township schools. While many classes have representatives on the staff, one class dominates this area. The Class of 1967 has seven graduates now teaching throughout the district. These include: **Susan Hoover Boner, Lynn Kay Geller, Larry Lieberher, Charlie Stamm, Sam Stern, Betsy Zindel Henderson** and the newest member, **Merle Kolker**.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

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NEW CENTURY MEMBERS

Neil H. Spiegel '86
 Michelle Weiller Lapautre '49
 Donald Beggs '35

PANTHER'S TALE ON THE AIR!

Lights . . . Camera . . . Action! A new Alumni Association project, *Panther's Tale*, had its television premiere on Cheltenham's own cable television station last Spring. The brainchild of **Richard Weinstock '76**, *Panther's Tale* attempts to highlight in a video format the best and the brightest that Cheltenham has to offer. In the inaugural one-hour episode, three diverse stories were presented in a snappy, clean format with Richard serving as the on-air host supported by an all-alumni technical crew.

The first segment included an interview with two of Cheltenham's best wrestlers, **Perry Lederman '87** and **Bennett Myer '71**. During the past two years, Bennett helped Perry prepare for the end of the season tournaments. This resulted in Perry's winning an opportunity to represent Cheltenham in the PIAA State Wrestling Championships, the first time for a Cheltenham wrestler since Bennett accomplished this back in 1971.

The second story was the beautiful dedication ceremony of the Netanyahu Memorial in Philadelphia. The inspiring marble piece symbolizes the heroic actions of **Jonathan Netanyahu '64**, who tragically lost his life while leading the Israeli commando raid on Entebbe, Uganda in 1976. The memorial project was directed by **Steven Friedman**, a classmate of "Yoni's". The main speaker at the ceremony was **Benjamin Netanyahu '67**, "Yoni's" brother, and currently the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.

The final story was an interview with the cast of last year's CHS musical, "The Pirates of Penzance." The story included film clips of the cast and crew in their final dress rehearsal.

Work has already begun on this year's programs which should be on the air in December. The first show will include a video look at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held last Spring and filmed by the *Panther's Tale* ace mobile cameraman **Raymond Scott '87**. Other hardworking alumni include: **Johnna Corbett '84** and **Jackie Myers '81** on the studio cameras and **Charles Stamm '67** who serves as the show's director and who, along with Richard Weinstock, edit the programs.

If your home is serviced by Comcast Cablevision, look for *Panther's Tale* on Channel 35, 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

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Remember to include your year of graduation, maiden name (if applicable), or better yet, a mailing label from us!

REUNION TIP

Some classes have had difficulty getting money out of their class fund for a reunion, so for your protection and convenience we recommend that you deposit this money into our C.H.S. escrow account.

CORRECTION

The last several issues of the *Panther's Tale* have incorrectly listed Blue and Gold Club contribution categories as Membership categories.

The CHS Alumni Association has two Membership categories, \$25 for Life Member and \$100 for Century Member. Scholarship Fund contribution categories are: **Patron, \$250 minimum; Friend of Cheltenham, \$500 minimum; Blue and Gold Club, \$1000 minimum.**

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