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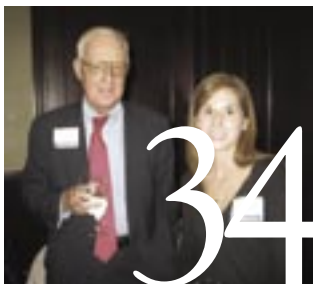
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A LETTER FROM THE HEADMASTER

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Dear Members of the Pingry Community,

In this issue of *The Pingry Review*, we celebrate the wonderful generosity of the Pingry community and one of the transformative tangible results of that generosity, The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School.

Our dedication of the new Middle School on November 15 was a highlight of a full and exciting autumn. When we returned to school after the winter break, much to the envy of the rest of us on the Martinsville Campus, the students in Forms I and II joined their teachers in their new quarters. Already, the promise of the vision that became the new Middle School is beginning to be delivered. Middle School students and faculty alike are discovering what it is to have their own space, and what exciting resources that space contains. The classrooms have fully integrated technology and are

opening the door to possibilities that were previously inconvenient, if not impossible. The spacious and comfortably furnished Wilf Family Commons is a hive of industry every conference period as students read, study, or work together on projects and homework. Casual and impromptu conversations among students, among faculty, or between students and faculty are commonplace.

In short, The Carol and Park B. Smith '50 Middle School is everything we imagined it would be and more.

And how remarkable that this extraordinary addition to our campus adds nearly 30,000 square feet of space without increasing our energy consumption and, thanks to the foresight of a generous, anonymous donor, has a three million dollar endowment for maintenance!

As we continue to seek ways to better steward the resources that generations of generous donors have given to Pingry, we have posted our Annual Report online. You can find it at <http://www.pingry.org/development>. Not only does this reduce our use of paper and ink, with all the attendant environmental benefits, it also enables us to direct the printing and postage costs—roughly equivalent to the tuition of an Upper School student—toward making a Pingry education better and more accessible. Not surprisingly, the donors with whom we have spoken heartily support this reallocation of resources.

I hope that you enjoy the Middle School focus of this issue of *The Review*, and that your plans will bring you to campus soon so that you can see the facility firsthand—we would love to give you a tour!

Sincerely,

Nathaniel E. Conard



FROM THE EDITOR

from the editor

In every issue of *The Pingry Review* we strive to be as accurate as possible with every detail. However, mistakes on occasion reach print. Please note the following corrections from our last issue.

Noted Corrections

The story which ran in the Spring/Summer 2006 issue of *The Pingry Review* contained incorrect information about English teacher Dean Sluyter's faculty fellowship. For his summer sabbatical, Dean spent three weeks in northern India and Nepal, visiting important Buddhist and Hindu pilgrimage sites. He writes, "My experiences included a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, three days under the Bodhi Tree where the Buddha attained enlightenment, and a couple of twelve-hour bus rides on highways with potholes the size of sofas. One of the high points (literally) was climbing the beggar-lined road to Vulture Peak, where the Buddha gave some of his key teachings. This photo was taken on the last day of the trip, in Nepal, where I climbed up the long, long stone steps to the so-called Monkey Temple overlooking the Kathmandu Valley."



Dean Sluyter

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In Harry Schmidt's caricatures, former Headmaster E. Laurence (not Lawrence) Springer is depicted as image 9.

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Coach John Raby reports that in 2005, the boys' cross-country team finished 14th, not 16th, in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions.

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In the write-up for Ari Marciscano, we accidentally referred to Ari as "she" when mentioning that "he" was a Howard Scholar.



PARK B. SMITH '50

profiles in excellence

The Man Behind Pingry's New Middle School

Alumnus, donor, and trustee. Park B. Smith's affiliation with Pingry is immeasurable. His tireless efforts to support his alma mater are most recently demonstrated with a lead gift of \$2,500,000 for the construction of Pingry's new Middle School. With the completion of The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School, students in grades 6-8 now have a place dedicated to their needs.

It goes without saying that Park's generosity stems from his kind spirit, but it is also rooted in his appreciation for his days as a Pingry student. During this time, Park participated in a range of activities—from football and baseball to the Glee Club and writing for *The Pingry Record*. Regarding his parents' decision to send him to Pingry, Park says, "In their wisdom, they wanted me to have not just a life of happiness but one of goodness. As a result, they chose that I begin my education at Pingry. It was a choice I never regretted they made. Sixty years later, I am here trying in a very small way to help a school that I love so very much and that I owe so much to."

After graduating from Pingry, Park attended the College of the Holy Cross, graduating in 1954 with a degree in business administration. He served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He says, "The Pingry School, the College of the Holy Cross, and the United States Marine Corps — while at first view

one would assume these are indeed three very different institutions, they are in fact similar in that their missions share an adherence to the same three calls to action: to pursue excellence in all one does, to respectfully serve others, and to behave honorably."

Park continues, "The pursuit of excellence is a phrase used so frequently in marketing that its meaning has been diluted. The fact is that while most boast of excellence, few attain or maintain it. To truly pursue excellence one must be tireless in that pursuit. Complacency is mediocrity, and standing still is tantamount to moving backwards."

In his own pursuit of excellence, Park founded Dakotah in the 1970s. Once the largest textile company in South Dakota, Dakotah helped to drastically lower the unemployment rate in South Dakota by providing jobs for Native Americans in the

state. Likewise, he founded a textile company that became one of the largest employers in India, providing jobs for more than 25,000 weavers and sewers.

Following these operations, in 1972, Park and Carol built what today is the multi-million dollar company, Park B. Smith, Inc., Home Fashions Corporation. The company's accounts include Bed Bath & Beyond, Linens-N-Things, JC Penny, Kohl's, and Sears. It sells to every major retail store in the U.S. Park is quoted as saying, "Every step of the process is eco-friendly...naturally grown cotton to pesticide-free and bleach-free products. We don't pollute the environment."

Park's clout as a businessman has benefited his pursuits as a wine connoisseur. In 1999, he and a partner opened Veritas, a New York City restaurant that boasts more



Park B. Smith '50 with Board Chair Vicki Brooks and Headmaster Nathaniel Conard

than 3,600 different selections of wine, each from his own private collection. Park's passion for wine has earned him the titles "America's Most Passionate Wine Collector" (*Food and Wine* 1999), "Wine Collector of the Year" (Copia, the American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts in Napa 2003), and Honorary Mayor of Châteauneuf du Pape in France.

Nevertheless, it is Park's philanthropic nature that is his hallmark. He created The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 SEEDS Scholarship Fund in 1999 and was a lead donor to the building campaign for Pingry's Hosteretter Arts Center. Park is a member of Pingry's Board of Trustees and the 2001 recipient of the prestigious Pingry Alumni Association Letter-in-Life Award. The new Middle School is yet another example of his willingness to give back to Pingry. He says, "Quite simply, I like being associated with a building or



At the dedication, Anne DeLaney '79 with her children Sean '14 and Reeve Carver '14, and Linda and Park B. Smith '50

what some people affectionately refer to as bricks and mortar ... I have spent a life designing things that are beautiful to look at and yet highly functional. I have always believed that beauty and functionality should have a synergistic relationship in the everyday things we use."

He adds, "I am proud to be a Pingry graduate. It is a great institution that can only be made greater with your help. Give that help and, like me, you will not regret it." 🍷



Middle School students celebrate during their "Sneak Peak" of the new Middle School on November 14, 2006.



THE KELLOGG FAMILY

Continuing the Pingry Tradition

The Kellogg family enjoys a long affiliation with The Pingry School—in fact, they have the longest known affiliation in school history, dating from 1891 to the present! The first member of the Kellogg family associated with Pingry was The Honorable John C. Rankin, Jr., one of twenty-five members to sign the school's Certificate of Incorporation in 1891. Mr. Rankin was a member of the Pingry Board of Trustees at the time, working with Dr. John F. Pingry to ensure the future and mission of The Pingry School. Known as a generous, charitable, and loyal man, Mr. Rankin's concern for others was prompted by his desire to not only help people, but also to promote good causes. He did not seek recognition for his charitable deeds—he sought only the knowledge that his actions could and did improve the lives of others. Mr. Rankin was deeply involved with his community and was elected mayor of Elizabeth, NJ, in 1880. He was devoted to public improvement of the city and the betterment of life for its residents. Mr. Rankin was an important figure in the history and development of the city of Elizabeth and The Pingry School.

The Rankin/Kellogg connection to Pingry was renewed decades later when John C. Rankin, Jr.'s granddaughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Irwin, married James C. Kellogg III, Pingry Class of 1933. Mr. James C. Kellogg III '33 was the first Kellogg to attend Pingry, setting



THE LATE JOHN C. RANKIN.
Courtesy of Elizabeth Daily Journal, 1903

a tradition for years to come. Since 1933, thirteen members of the Kellogg family have attended Pingry, including current students, Caroline and Charlie Kellogg '16. Although only a few Kellogg children graduated from Pingry due to the family custom of attending boarding school in high school, each member of the family who has attended has helped to maintain the Kellogg tradition at Pingry, resulting in a family legacy that has continued for more than 115 years.

Mr. Rankin's dedication to philanthropy and community service has been passed down through the generations of family members, mirroring Pingry's mission to foster a lifelong commitment to social responsibility. James C. Kellogg III '33 articulated that commitment in his personal history, stating that "contributing [...] to community organizations was the duty of every man and woman. Charitable work

was not only a way to 'repay some of the enormous debt we have to others,' but it was a path to personal growth." (Diane Galusha, *The Life, Times and Family of James C. Kellogg III*). Miller Bugliari '52, senior Pingry faculty member, recalls that the Kelloggs "were a great Elizabeth family, important at Pingry and other institutions not only for their thoughtfulness, but also for their generosity."

Current grade three students, Caroline and Charlie Kellogg, are the fourth generation to attend The Pingry School, continuing the century-old tradition of Kelloggs at The Pingry School. The John C. Rankin III Courtyard at Pingry's new Middle School is named in honor of their great, great, great, great grandfather! For their parents, Megan and Kirk Kellogg '87, it is not only about giving back, but it is also about legacy. Kirk, his father, grandfather, uncles, aunts, and cousins all attended Pingry. Like many graduates, Kirk maintains his Pingry connections. To this day, his core group of friends is from Pingry. Megan also plays an active role, volunteering for the Pingry School Parents' Association and serving as a current member of the Board of Trustees.

Megan and Kirk's decision to support the Middle School Initiative is an extension of their interest in Pingry; their children, and scores of others, will be able to take advantage of the new middle school experience. The Kellogg family's support represents "an



The Kellogg clan: Cole, Charlie (top), Caroline, and Cooper

opportunity for the family to honor the school” in this important mission. Megan recognizes the significance of the need for a dedicated space to support middle school students and to help them “make the right choices.” For Megan, the middle school years represent a time when it is important for children to have positive role models to guide them to develop a sense of self. When surrounded by students who are also motivated to do well in a smaller, more self-contained environment, students can learn, explore, and develop special talents.

“Since this is a big emotional growth time, students can be guided by middle school faculty and staff who both understand and are passionate about this age group, and who will lead them in the

right path to become the best possible students they can be,” admits Megan. In addition, she feels that the self-contained environment protects children from the influence of outside trends and inappropriate peer pressure.

The Kellogg family envisions the middle school experience as a building process, where students will learn to become leaders by the time they reach the eighth grade. “There is a clearly defined movement to next steps,” states Megan, with sixth grade students looking up to the older middle school students as the leaders of the school. In addition, “the middle school experience will allow faculty and staff to solely focus on the middle school student” and prepare them for their high school experience by instilling confidence and support,

and setting up realistic goals without unnecessary outside influence. Caroline and Charlie Kellogg will most certainly benefit from the self-contained environment and carry on the family tradition and legacy at Pingry, knowing that they, too, contributed to this important mission. 🍀



TONY & DOROTHY BUTLER

Supporting the Middle School Experience

When approached for a gift to the new Middle School a few years ago, the Butler family discussed the mission of the new building with the school's administration and, hearing how it would change and enhance the Pingry experience for countless Pingry middle school students, they enthusiastically supported the initiative. Tony and Dorothy immediately understood the need for middle school students to have their own dedicated space, especially "during such a crucial time of student growth and development." According to Tony, this crucial time period represents a stage of cognitive development and a time when students gain a sense of independence and develop self-esteem. The Butlers believe that "young adults learn better in an atmosphere created specifically for them."

Tony's vision stems partially from his own educational background (both he and Dorothy attended private schools) and from his experience as a Pingry parent. The Butlers have two sons who attend Pingry — Chad is a current Form III student who plays golf and tennis, and Parker, a hockey, lacrosse, and baseball enthusiast, is in grade 6. Tony admits, "Dorothy and I chose to send our sons to Pingry because we knew it would be the best school for them. It has small class sizes and a variety of courses. We also believe in Pingry's philosophy and execution." Tony believes that the middle school "philosophy" addresses both the social and emotional needs of students, while

building academic skills. The "execution" of this philosophy is the single most important factor, according to Tony, in student development and is integral to the middle school experience. For Tony, "Pingry is comprised of a wonderful group of students. The kids interact in a great way, both amongst themselves and with adults. Chad has successfully gone through the Middle School, and next year, Parker will be able to benefit from the new middle school experience." Tony adds, "The students will have an easier time integrating into a larger environment with a space of their own. The new Middle School bridges the gap between the lower and upper campuses and provides added academic resources for students, such as science labs and a central meeting area. It also capitalizes on offering interdisciplinary themes and maintains the warm and insulated environment necessary for this experience."

In addition to their dedication and commitment to Pingry, the Butlers are involved in other charitable causes and in their local community. The Butlers now call Summit their home after having lived in Memphis, Tennessee, New York City, and St. Petersburg, Florida. Tony works at Lehman Brothers, where he is active on their medical philanthropy board. He also serves on Summit's Beacon Hill Club Board of Trustees. Dorothy volunteers for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and is particularly active in its Pink Tie

Ball. She is also a dedicated Summit Junior Baseball Board member and an active Pingry School Parents' Association volunteer, always willing to help out on various committees.



Parker and Chad Butler with Shelby

The Butlers believe that the new Middle School will provide additional benefits to students who often need extra support during a time when they are "extraordinarily fragile, and when they experience emotional and social demands. There will now be more resources available to students, and their experiences will be even more enriching." Tony and Dorothy are excited that their son, Parker, and future Pingry students will be able to take advantage of the academic and emotional resources that are offered in The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School. They add, "The transition into high school will be that much easier, and looking back, we'll know that we helped build a solid foundation for Pingry students." 🐾



MIDDLE SCHOOL DEDICATION



Donors and community members celebrate the Middle School grand opening.



Park B. Smith '50 and William S. Beinecke '31



Artist and Pingry staff member Chris DeHart and his Middle School rendering

"I am very enthusiastic about making the transition up to Martinsville. It's thrilling to be part of the first sixth grade class to move up to the Martinsville Campus. I have worked on various committees regarding the middle school transition, and the prospect of providing a true middle school experience to our students is fantastic. **Our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have their own unique issues and energy, and this new building will help us deliver that middle school experience.** While the years I have had working with Ted Corvino and Carolyn Gibson will be irreplaceable, I am very excited about being on the



ground floor of this transition and helping to shape the culture of the new Middle School."
Mark Facciani
 Grade 6
 History Teacher

I am so excited to be going to the Pingry Middle School next year. I will miss the Lower Campus, but I can't wait for the time to come when I will be in the Middle School. When we came to visit, I was excited because I had never seen it before and I knew it was going to be great! **I thought the new school was amazing!** I doubt it was like any other Middle School because it was so comfortable and cozy. It was not too big, which is great because I won't have to walk far when I am switching classes, and I will not get lost!! In the center of the school there is a little space which is like a small lounge, because there are cozy chairs and it is a place you can hang



out in which is fun! Altogether I am really looking forward to going to the Pingry Middle School!!
Drew Topor
 Grade 5
 Student

"As a science teacher, **I feel extremely fortunate to be moving into a brand new state-of-the-art facility.** The four science labs in the new Middle School are designed and laid out with the specific needs of middle school students in mind. They are extremely well-equipped and much larger than any of the existing 6th, 7th, or 8th grade labs on either campus. **Any science teacher would be thrilled to have such a resource at his or her disposal, but the most important thing is the quality of the experience that the new labs will enable those of us in**



the science department to provide for our students. Thanks!"
Ramsay Vehslage
 Grade 6
 Science Teacher



“I AM EXCITED TO BE IN A LARGER ENVIRONMENT AND TO MEET ALL THE NEW KIDS FROM MY GRADE.”

Amanda Hulse, Grade 6 Student

“I have been a member of the Middle School Dedication Committee, and this has allowed me the opportunity to tour the new building. I almost couldn’t bear to leave the new science rooms; these spacious rooms have large windows which make such a pleasant contrast to our current, windowless lab facilities. The new science rooms have been designed to accommodate lab tables that may be moved into new layouts depending on the activity planned for the students. Mike Virzi, Director of Facilities, was incredibly helpful in finding a setup for the power supply to the lab tables that would allow us the maximum flexibility in the arrangement of the room. **The state-of-the-art technology, with ceiling mounted projectors, and computer and SMART Board connections, will allow us to access all the resources of the Internet.** The counter space will accommodate displays, aquaria, and ongoing experiments. Maybe even a plant or two, now that the science rooms have windows! **Did I mention**



how excited I am to move into the new building?”

Patricia A. Lowery, PhD
Forms I and II
Science Teacher

“I think that the new building is great! It is designed well and the stairs are wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic! **The classrooms look terrific, and I am excited about all the new SMART Boards.** The lockers are cavernous, and some kids are planning to have a “people fitting” contest next year. I am very eager to move into the new facility, and one sixth grader told me at the



dedication, **“This place is soooo cool! I wanna move here right now!”**”

Dylan Sun
Form I
Student

“**I am very excited about the new Middle School.** I think it will be a great experience for the middle schoolers to have a place to themselves, and I think it will make them feel a little bit more important in the community. I think it will also be better for the faculty because they will have their own space with all the latest technology to add to their classes. **I am looking forward to spending half a year there and I wish it could be longer.**”



Lilly Holman
Form II
Student

“**I’m very excited about the new Carol & Park B. Smith ’50 Middle School. I like the feeling of spaciousness and the calm colors that have been chosen.** The wooden decorations on the balcony railing remind me of the ends of the pews that were in the Chapel at Hillside. **The classrooms surround the open space giving a feeling of community that the old spread-out building just couldn’t give.** I think the students who inhabit this building will love the quiet, noise-insulated classrooms, all of which have excellent views. The use of technology will become much easier with all the built-in equipment that graces each and every classroom. **The care taken to make the building eco-friendly is impressive to me. But the very best will be having our own space for the all-important middle school years.** We’ll still be a part of Pingry because we will share the cafeteria, the library, and the gyms, but at the same



time we’ll have our own safe space in which to experiment, blossom, and grow.”

Jane Roxbury
Foreign Language
Teacher





ISABEL ROACH

By Judy Lebowitz, English Teacher

Bringing a Bit of Magic to the Middle School

In one of my favorite movie scenes from childhood, Mary Poppins arrives to assume her new role as governess for the Banks family, reaches into her carpet bag and from the small interior magically produces a tall coat rack, full-grown plant, large floor lamp, and ornate wall mirror. The Banks children watch with wonder and amazement because it is immediately clear to them that there is something extraordinary about this woman, this teacher, whose pockets are full of miracles.

Five years ago, Isabel Roach arrived at Pingry. She swept into the Middle School with her own carpet bag (with phenomenal matching shoes, of course!) and filled the school with her overwhelming spirit, generosity, and warmth, and the children here looked to her with awe and reverence because, indeed, she was like no other teacher they had ever met before. It is not just what Isabel does but rather how she does it, with vitality, passion, and flair. Education for Isabel is an opportunity for celebration; she celebrates her students' accomplishments, their ideas, their initiative, their growth, and their defining moments throughout their middle school years, and it is most fitting, then, that she was honored with the 2006 Herbert F. Hahn Faculty Award for outstanding teaching and dedication to the school.

After doing some advocacy work in New Jersey and being nominated to both the Governor's Child Care



Isabel Roach: Parent, Teacher, Friend

Council and the Board at Montclair State, Isabel turned her focus to teaching and began doing some substitute work in both Spanish and English at Pingry. Finally, in the fall of 2001, Isabel began teaching full-time in the Pingry English department, and, over the past five years, she has been a teacher of middle school English, served as a faculty mentor, established and advised the Middle School Student Government, been elected to and served on several faculty committees, and been instrumental in building a unique and separate identity for the Middle School, an especially important task as the students prepare to move into their own defined space in the newly completed Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School. "Because middle school is a time of discovery and self awareness for young people," says Isabel, "it's important that our twelve and thirteen-year-olds feel like they belong to a community. Having their own identity not

only helps them understand who they are, but it encourages real leadership as well."

Above all, Isabel makes things happen. When Isabel became involved in student government at Pingry, she immediately saw the need to establish a separate middle school student government with its own bylaws that would specifically represent middle school interests and needs. With her elected student officials, Isabel organizes several middle school dances each year, which are among the most popular, well-attended events in the Middle School; she plans middle school spirit days that range from Crazy Sock Day to Toga Day; and she organizes community service events to benefit local families in need. Moreover, Isabel helps plan the annual middle school trip to Washington, DC, and sets up extraordinary opportunities for our students, from a behind-the-scenes meeting with Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, to a meeting with Senator Frank Lautenberg's staff, to a morning of adventure at the Spy Museum. "When people ask what I do," says Isabel, "I am so proud to say I work at Pingry and more so to say that I'm a teacher. There is nothing in my mind as important as teaching. It brings me such joy. I love being in the classroom, I love being there with the kids, and the kids know that." Isabel's work in the classroom is infinitely creative and personal. Through the literature, she instills in her students respect for people, indignation at injustice, strength in confronting hardships, and a celebration of life. "Our discussion in the classroom

has the power to really shape how one lives and thinks about people. How does Helen Keller find the strength to overcome all of her hardships and obstacles? How does Anne Frank find joy in the midst of such horror? I don't shy away about bringing reality, bringing real life, into the classroom in a very personal way." On September 11, 2001, Isabel lost her husband, Stephen L. Roach, and this tragedy has played a defining role in the way that Isabel approaches her work and her life. She says, "People are uncomfortable talking about grief, but

through the literature and through my own experiences, I want to teach children about compassion and empathy. When they see suffering, I want to teach them to reach out instead of pulling back." Indeed, these are life lessons that Isabel shares with her own three children, Stephen '08, Eileen '09, and Mackenzie '11. "I am so in love with my children," says Isabel. "They are a great source of inspiration and strength for me, and they all carry with them unbelievable gifts from their father." Like their mother, the Roach children are

filled with tireless passion, determination, and energy for helping others. This year, they initiated a fundraiser for Camp Haze, a tremendously successful and supportive summer camp for children who have been directly affected by 9/11; each year at Christmas, they adopt a family in need and provide clothing, gifts, food, and other necessities for that family; and, with their mother, they have worked to raise nearly a million dollars to fund research for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (a degenerative disease in which healthy muscle ossifies into bone) through an annual fundraiser that was established in their father's name. Before he passed away, Stephen Roach was determined to help, in any way he could, to find the gene that caused FOP, and now, five years after his death, through a research fellowship set up in his name and through the fundraising efforts of his family, the gene has been isolated and progress is being made. "The most important thing I learned from Stephen is to give back" says Isabel. "No matter how much or little you have, you give back. That was such an important part of Stephen, and I want to instill that in my kids." To Isabel, Pingry has given her and her family so much over the years, so, in turn, Isabel felt that it was so important for her family to have a part in the building of the new Middle School. "This place has felt like a second home to me, and, again, I wanted to give back through our family's donation to new Middle School. This school has been very good to my family and me, and I owe a great deal to the people and students here." Yet, anyone who knows Isabel and knows her work would agree that it is we who owe a great deal to her. 🍀



With vitality, passion, and flair, Isabel Roach engages students.



from the DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

philanthropy



As I reflect on the last year, I am overwhelmed by our community's outstanding generosity toward The Pingry School. Once again our Annual Fund, which provides unrestricted support for our current students and faculty, exceeded our 2006 goal for total dollars raised

with more than \$1.8 million. In the process, we increased participation in the Annual Fund by both parents and alumni. This support—in terms of both the number of donors and the dollars raised—is the philanthropic bedrock of our community, enabling our administration to spend more on educating our students and developing our faculty than tuition alone can. Credit for the Annual Fund's success goes to our Annual Fund Chair, Jeff Edwards '78, to the many dedicated parent and alumni volunteers, and to the professional staff at the school.

All great schools derive their competitive advantage from the resources they can bring to bear beyond current tuition, including not only the Annual Fund's current support, but the inter-generational benefits provided by endowment and facilities. Pingry is no exception. Our \$56 million endowment may not be visible in everyday life at the school, but the \$1.8 million it contributed to our 2007 annual budget in a variety of ways certainly is. That endowment is a product of the cumulative generosity of the Pingry community, and particularly of the generous gifts of visionary members of our community who heed the call for support at pivotal moments in our history. Their donations built our endowment, and contributed both of our campuses and all of the buildings and facilities on them. Imagine, for example, the combination of vision and generosity that motivated our Trustees to acquire land in Martinsville when it was still farms and neither I-78 nor I-287 were complete, and to build a campus there in advance of a wave of suburban development.

In this way and many others, our community's willingness to volunteer capital and to make gifts from our personal balance sheets to Pingry's has enabled us to be among the strongest day schools in the country.

That sort of extraordinary generosity is not just a part of Pingry's past. In November, we opened The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School. As its name suggests, and as anyone who attended the opening can attest, it is the product of both the vision and the generosity of one of the most remarkable members of our extended community. Park Smith has spent decades building a great business and a great reputation, with the two inextricably intertwined. And he chose to do something else that he didn't have to do; he chose to share both the financial fruits of that success and the character that built it with our current students and generations to come by providing the lead gift for our state-of-the-art Middle School. It is a further testament to the strength of our community that Park proved not to be alone in his convictions and generosity. An anonymous individual donated the entire \$3 million endowment for the building. The Wilf family once again lent their outstanding support, with a leadership gift commemorated in the central Commons. And more than 80 other donors stepped forward, to also do something that they didn't have to do, for the benefit of much more than our current students.

The breadth and depth of generosity reflected in our Annual Fund results and the Middle School capital project are essential to who we are at Pingry. Walk in the front door and you step onto the shoulders of donors past and present who gave us our land, our buildings, and our endowment resources, and who may be sitting next to you at the next recital, game, or seminar. We are not a community of folded arms but of outstretched hands. We are not resting on our laurels but restless in our vision. Because the world is always changing, a school that does simply what is necessary is always slightly behind. It is those who instead do what they ought to do who lead and succeed.

John W. Holman III '79
Development Committee Chair



MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE

We are grateful to those whose generosity made The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School possible. With your financial support, we are able to offer our students a self-contained state-of-the-art space with a dedicated faculty specifically suited to middle school needs. Our students will directly benefit from your philanthropy and we are proud to thank you for your participation in our Middle School Initiative.

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C.B. NEWTON SOCIETY



Jay Woolsey '56

An avid athlete, beloved Hebron Academy teacher and administrator, and active volunteer, the late Jay Woolsey '56 touched countless people along the way. Woolsey enjoyed weekly bike rides, averaging 120 miles per week. It was during one of his much-loved bike rides that he suffered an unfortunate accident. His brother, Tom Woolsey '52, reported that "although he was wearing a helmet, MRI and CAT scans showed severe brain damage with little chance of his ever regaining consciousness." Tom continued to add that "Jay had a high regard for his Pingry experience and was looking forward to attending the 50th reunion."

After attending Pingry, Mr. Woolsey earned a BA from Williams College and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He served in the US Army from 1961-1964 before arriving at Hebron Academy in 1965, where he remained until his 1997 retirement. He wore many hats while at Hebron, teaching languages, acting as Director of Studies, college counselor, and outing club advisor. In 1996 Jay received Hebron Academy's highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award. This was one of his many accomplishments. Former Hebron Headmaster,

Richard Davidson, said that "he had a tremendous impact on the lives of his students. A man with an ironic, wry sense of humor and a taskmaster in the classroom ... kids unfailingly think of him as one of the greatest people and influences in their lives."

Mr. Woolsey passed away on July 5, 2006. He selflessly requested that his body be used for medical advancement and that there be no memorial service. He also designated Pingry as a beneficiary for a portion of his TIAA-CREF Retirement Annuity Fund. This was another example of Mr. Woolsey's thoughtful and generous demeanor, which resulted in a meaningful gift to Pingry while also providing him and his estate with significant tax benefits.

Former Hebron Headmaster, David W. Stonebraker, published a series of Jay's tongue-in-cheek "gems," one of which Tom Woolsey highlights:

***The 175th is a task.
It duns those getting close to
their casket
Before they expire
We must all conspire
To put all our bags in one basket.***

We celebrate and remember Mr. Woolsey's zest for life, integrity, wealth of knowledge, and compassion. ❖

Please Let Us Know

If you are considering making a bequest or have already included Pingry in your will, please let us know of your intentions. We want to ensure that your wishes are followed and can assist you with the wording in your will that will allow your gift to fulfill your intended purpose. Your bequest information assists the school in planning its future programs.

Thank you for your forethought and generosity in providing future students the opportunity to obtain a Pingry education.

The Pension Protection Act:

A Special Giving Opportunity

Last year, President Bush signed the Pension Protection Act into law, a new tax incentive for charitable gifts from donors 70½ years or older. This law allows donors to make a gift using funds from their individual retirement accounts (IRA) without undesirable tax effects. Previously, one had to report any amount taken from an IRA as taxable income and then take a charitable deduction for the gift — but only up to 50 percent of one's adjusted gross income. In effect, this resulted in some donors paying more in income taxes than they would have if they had not made a gift at all.

This new law allows donors to make an IRA gift now and witness the benefits of their generosity, without tax implications.

You may contribute funds via your IRA if:

- you are 70½ years or older
- your gift is \$100,000 or less each year
- you make the gift on or before December 31, 2007
- you transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA
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- you do not receive benefits from us in exchange for the gift

How to Make a Gift

Please consult your tax advisor and IRA custodian to review your intentions prior to transferring a gift. Please contact Jane Hoffman, Pingry's Director of Major Gifts, at (908) 647-7058 or jhoffman@pingry.org to discuss your donation.

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HAUSER AUDITORIUM ORGAN

By Jane Hoffman '94, Director of Major Gifts

Refurbishing Pingry's Crown Jewel

It has been said that no other form of music acts so powerfully as an instrument of meditation and celebration. This could not ring more true for Pingry's pipe organ. For fifty years, this organ has raised our spirits, lifted our minds, and inspired us as a community. From providing the ceremonial cadence for numerous graduations and convocations to the emotive accompaniment for countless choral and orchestral recitals, the school's organ is considered to be the crown jewel of Pingry's music program and an integral piece of the school's history.

The organ's rich history reflects Pingry's longstanding commitment to the arts and to the school's dedicated faculty who embrace teachable moments in order to enhance the Pingry experience. Under the direction of Antoine duBourg, former physics and music faculty member, the organ was built by MP Möller in Hagerstown, Maryland. It was given to the school in 1956 by the family of Archibald Smith, a member of the class of 1876. During the 1960s, Mr. duBourg, with assistance from members of his physics class, continued to expand the organ by adding additional pipes. In 1983, the organ was moved from the Hillside Campus to the Martinsville Campus where the organ was re-assembled by Mr. duBourg and members of his physics class. Mr. duBourg dedicated

the organ pipes to the memory of Casimir France, a Pingry faculty member from 1924-1964.

In 2008, Pingry's pipe organ will be completely refurbished including the restoration of the organ reservoirs, windchests, and related components, as well as cleaning and voicing of the pipework. A new console will be purchased that will employ digital technology to significantly enhance performance, allowing for unparalleled customization of the instrument. Each player will be able to program individual settings and the console will allow students to digitally record and play back their work. Due to electric code requirements, the entire unit will be rewired, replacing the cotton covered wire used throughout the organ with the requisite plastic covered wire. Once the refurbishment is complete, the organ will be a more reliable, functional instrument with better tuning and a more cohesive sound.

Through support from Pingry alumni, parents, graduated parents, and friends, we plan to raise \$250,000 to restore the organ, as well as an additional \$100,000 to endow future annual maintenance costs. If you are interested in supporting this project or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew Moore, Music Department Chair, at amoore@pingry.org, or Jane Hoffman, Director of Major Gifts, at 908-647-7058 or jhoffman@pingry.org. ♡



Dr. Andrew P. Moore, Music Department Chair, with Pingry's historic pipe organ.





THE NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Pingry welcomes its newest members of the Board of Trustees.

E. Lori Halivopoulos '78

E. Lori Halivopoulos joins the Board of Trustees as president of the Pingry Alumni Association (PAA), serving a two-year term. Not only was Ms. Halivopoulos one of the first girls to attend The Pingry School at the Hillside Campus, she also makes history as the first woman to be named PAA president. "It is, indeed, an honor to be selected as president and I will strive hard to fill the shoes of previous PAA presidents. As the first female in this role, I hope to bring a new and different perspective to our alumni association," adds Lori.

Lori has been an active Alumni Association member for the past seven years. During her tenure as Alumni Association Vice President, she became involved with organizing and running Career Day. Like other alums, Lori is passionate about reaching out to students so that they stay in touch, share their experiences, explore different opportunities, and are there to support each other. It's no surprise that she wished Pingry had a Career Day before her graduation in '78!

"Pingry helped set the stage for who I became as a person," states Lori, "and the school continues to play a very important role in my life today." To this day, Ms. Halivopoulos' closest friends are Pingry graduates. What matters most for Lori is what she took away from Pingry and, "looking back, Pingry was, without a doubt, the most challenging and rewarding academic experience of my life, even when compared to the fine universities I attended later on."



E. Lori Halivopoulos '78

She participated in a number of activities offered by the school including soccer, softball, swimming, French club, initiating the publicity committee, and assisting with direction of various theatre productions. Most importantly, Lori valued the emphasis placed on excellence and the Honor Code, and realized that the school was instrumental in allowing her to pursue her diverse passions.

After graduating from Pingry, Lori pursued an undergraduate degree in economics and French at Tufts University. She also earned an MBA in marketing from The Stern School at New York University. Lori began her career in retail at Macy's and then held marketing and strategic planning positions at Kraft and Nabisco. She then led the global branding practice for Frank N. Magid Associates, a research and consulting firm specializing in media and entertainment. Currently a partner at The Sage Network, a strategic marketing consulting firm, Lori continues to pursue her passion for building businesses and brands.

She serves on the advisory boards of the Nabisco Alumni Association and the Grocery Manufacturers Alumni Association. Married to Brian Szepekouski, president of Szepek International, Inc., an intercultural management consulting firm, Lori and Brian reside in Bernardsville, New Jersey, and have a twenty-one-month old son, Stephen, and a fourteen-year-old daughter, Hannah.

Ms. Halivopoulos looks forward to giving back to Pingry in appreciation for the opportunities afforded her and her classmates. She wants to help alums of all ages stay connected to the school. The challenge for Lori will be to foster communication and strong ties to the community at large, and especially to those who live outside the tri-state area. In her short reign as PAA president, Lori has already taken the initial steps to achieve this mission. ♣

Henry Stifel III '83

As a new member of the Board of Trustees, Henry Stifel III '83 looks forward to plunging into the issues of a country day school in order to help shape the future vision of The Pingry School. Mr. Stifel began his schooling at Pingry as a kindergartner when the lower campus was the Short Hills Country Day School. In essence, he is a "lifer" – someone who completed all 13 years of schooling at Pingry. He has many warm memories of fine teachers and a supportive environment. His experience was unique, due to a spinal injury he suffered during his junior year. According to Stifel, the community could not have been more supportive. Pingry provided the comfort and encouragement necessary for him to continue his



Henry Stifel III '83

education and play severe catch up, after having missed six months of classes. Teachers were willing “to help me achieve what I needed to accomplish in order to be in a position to graduate with the senior class after being away for six months.” Dr. Michael Richardson and Susan Hollister made frequent house visits to help Stifel get caught up. Stifel goes on to add that “the supportive environment of Pingry allowed me to reach outside my comfort zone in order to continue with my education.” Henry maintains close ties to Pingry, preserving friendships with Pingry classmates, and being actively involved with the Annual Fund. He is thrilled with the new middle school building and for students to have a space of their own which will enhance their Pingry experience.

After graduating from Pingry, Stifel attended The College of William & Mary and received a degree in finance. Currently a Private Wealth Management Vice President at Morgan Stanley, Stifel has also supported the Christopher Reeve Foundation, acting as its Vice Chair. He is humbled by The Henry Stifel Award, which for 21 years has recognized Pingry students who best exemplify courage, optimism, compassion, and spirit in the face of adversity. Although the award does not have to be related to academics or the result of tragedy, it is in

honor of exemplary behavior that is exhibited under adverse conditions. Stifel credits the school’s environment for giving him the strength to face his challenges. As he stated, “the pursuit of happiness and meaning doesn’t have to be something ‘out there.’ Pingry creates the proper environment for resilience and determinism.” Stifel looks forward to giving back to Pingry, in appreciation for his well-rounded education and for the support he received, which helped shape him into who he is today. 🍀

Tzu-Lin Toner

Tzu-Lin Toner has been an active Pingry School Parents’ Association (PSPA) volunteer for many years, having served on their Executive Board as Treasurer, Grade Representative, and First Vice President. She joined the Board as the PSPA President and served a one year term. As she became more involved with the PSPA, she was “amazed by the efficiency of its members and its organizational structure.” The main reason she accepted her new position as president stems from “the strong support structure of advice and help from its members.” What Tzu-Lin likes most about Pingry is “how its dedication to excellence permeates throughout all aspects of the school – beyond just academic excellence by its faculty and students.”

Tzu-Lin holds an MBA in finance from Columbia University and a BA in East Asian studies from Wesleyan University. She has worked in marketing and finance at Proctor & Gamble Company. Her husband, Patrick, works as Vice President of e-Media at Source Media, Inc., managing their Internet e-Business. Two of her three children attend Pingry. Erin is a Pingry senior and quite an accomplished runner, having just been named 3rd Team All-State. She captains both the Cross Country and Track & Field Teams. Also a member of the Glee Club, Erin makes time during the winter

season to participate in musicals. Brian is a grade 6 student at Pingry, and is also musically inclined. He plays the cello with the New Jersey Youth Symphony. A boy scout, Brian also enjoys football, basketball, and baseball. He will have the opportunity to experience and benefit from the new Middle School, which for Tzu-Lin, “looks like a dream school in both form and function.” Her daughter, Caitlin, attends New Providence Middle School. Caitlin’s eighth grade activities include soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She is also a talented violinist and enjoys giving back to the community. Like her daughter, Tzu-Lin is a strong believer in giving back to the community. Before attending business school, she worked in non-profit management at The Asia Society. She recently returned to non-profit management, as part-time Director of Community Activities at the Borough of New Providence. “As a native of Washington, DC, I enjoy getting back into politics, albeit on the local level, and learning about public administration.”

As a new member of the Board, Tzu-Lin hopes to help in any way she can. She looks forward to gaining a “deeper understanding of the school’s goals and thus a better alignment of PSPA’s goals with those of the school.” 🍀



Tzu-Lin Toner



EVAN JU '09

By Sam Mackoff, Form IV Student

school news

Chess Phenom Teaches Young Players

As the #1 ranked chess player in New Jersey and #2 ranked in the nation for kids 16 years old and younger, chess has been a major part of sophomore Evan Ju's life since he was young. Ju has been playing chess competitively in tournaments all around the world since he was five years old.

When Ju was five, he saw his babysitter playing chess on a computer and was fascinated by it. "I was interested in the way the pieces moved," he said. The next day, his parents bought him his first chess set and taught him how to play. As a child, Ju was so enthusiastic about the game that he was able to beat his father only one month after learning to play. Following that, his parents started entering him in tournaments to play competitively.

Becoming the chess player that he is today took dedication and commitment to the game. Ju has been taking lessons since he was six years old. He has also spent many hours studying strategies by reading books and learning them from coaches. "I think I have a good sense of logic," explained Ju, regarding his natural talent at chess.

On October 16, during a day off from school, Ju spent time at an elementary school in Roxbury working with the students. He was invited by the school to come and talk to the students in the 4th grade chess club. He accepted the invitation because he thought it would be a great experience for him to teach young kids who are interested in chess.

He spent the first part of his time talking to the students about his background in chess and how he started playing. The kids then began to ask him questions about strate-

gies and more about his background. After that, several chessboards were set up and Ju proceeded to play every student in the club. During each game, he provided them with pointers on how to improve.

"My time at the Roxbury School was a great experience for me. The atmosphere just had an exciting feel and the kids reminded me so much of when I was young," commented Ju on his overall experience. He enjoyed getting to work with kids who were so enthusiastic and interested in learning more. The students at the school were so grateful for Ju's visit that one of them sent him a letter thanking him for coming.

His enjoyment of the game has been part of the reason that he has been able to become so successful. "I enjoy the thrill of competition, and I enjoy getting to play a game for which I can use my logic," noted Ju.



Pingry sophomore Evan Ju '09 fascinates young friends with his chess expertise.

He has also gotten to travel to places such as France, Crete, Greece, and many different parts of the US to play in tournaments.

Chess has had a very positive influence on Ju's life since he was five, and he hopes to continue being actively involved with the game for years to come. He has enjoyed traveling and getting an opportunity to play the game he loves. Ju explained, "I've had many great experiences and met many new people." ♣



BIG BLUE GOES GREEN

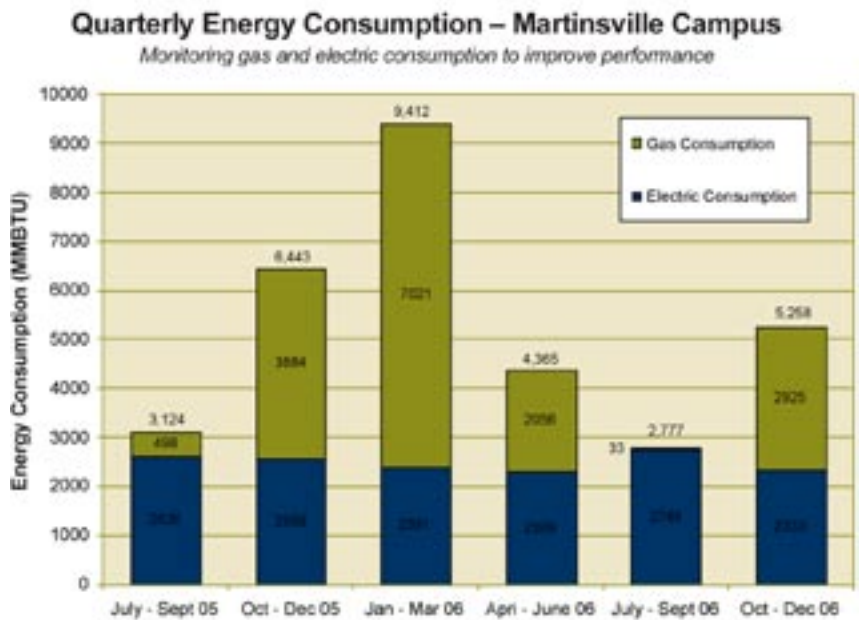
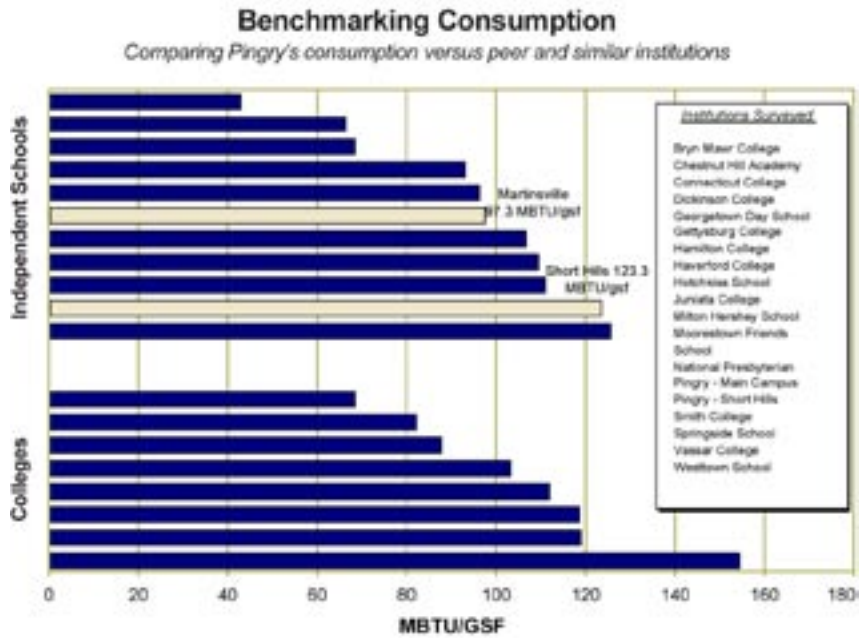
Pingry Aims for Energy Efficiency

According to Director of Facilities Mike Virzi, Pingry has been “green” for quite some time. In fact, it has been on Pingry’s agenda since the mid-1990s. Early initiatives included the school’s conversion to natural gas from oil, and the establishment of a central chilled water plant in 1999 to provide cooling for the Hauser Auditorium when the Board of Trustees approved air conditioning for the space. This cooling system has since been expanded into the Hostetter Arts Center and, most recently, updated to serve The Carol & Park B. Smith ’50 Middle School. During the spring of 2006, an Energy Study was conducted to identify further energy opportunities on the Martinsville Campus, as well as to provide “benchmarks” comparing Pingry’s energy use to that of similar peer institutions. These benchmarks will allow Pingry to gauge the performance of energy initiatives over time, ideally showing that we are making reductions in (or, at a minimum, stabilizing) our energy consumption even as our physical plant grows. Monthly tracking of gas and electric consumption and cost, combined with new building controls systems, allows active management of the building systems to take advantage of curtailment opportunities (e.g., Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks, and summertime periods) when building systems can be scheduled to run at minimums or turned off, as appropriate, to reduce consumption and save money and resources.

Projects supported at Pingry via the New Jersey Smart Start Program have provided equipment to retrofit the lighting throughout both campuses. Energy efficient ballasts and lamps reduce electric

consumption and provide better lighting for classrooms and offices.

“The Carol and Park B. Smith ’50 Middle School has been our largest recognizable step in the



Charts provided by The Stone House Group

Pingry community towards energy efficiency. Even though we have increased total square footage at the Martinsville Campus, we are using less energy than we used before the new building,” states Virzi. A small seasonal boiler, which runs close to 98 percent efficiency, has replaced the operation of the original building’s heating system, which now remains off for up to seven months a year, reducing both fuel consumption and emissions output. Heat recovery systems have been put into place to capture excess heat from our heating and cooling plants, which then provides heating to the pool and domestic water systems and reduces our overall generation requirements. Additional consumption-saving additions to the new Middle School include waterless urinals (to reduce sewer discharge) and occupancy lighting sensors (to reduce electric consumption).

On the electric front, the goal is to “load shed,” which is a reduction in building electric demand from peak periods to periods with lowest consumption, so utilities do not have to produce as much power and, as a result, Pingry will benefit from lower rates. Demand Response Programs are also being considered; in this case, Pingry would voluntarily reduce electric demands when requested by the utility company during peak periods, in exchange for rate reductions and lower demand charges.

The initiatives in the Middle School have provided a baseline for expectations of the future performance of buildings and operations at Pingry. Planning discussions that include addressing such issues as storm water reclamation, sanitary or gray water options, solar

or green roofing, geothermal systems, and thermal storage systems are already beginning as Pingry looks at future building projects.

On the horizon for Mike and his buildings and grounds staff are more energy initiatives, researching improvements for purchasing gas and electric power, and implementing a school-wide recycling program.

This “green” thinking has also moved outside the building to the campus landscape. One of Mike’s priorities has been to reduce the acreage of turf that is mowed, which saves energy consumption and also reduces maintenance man hours. Significant reductions in chemical use on the campus field areas have also been accomplished over the past five years, with the implementation of an aggressive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan, which targets mechanical or biological controls before pesticides or chemicals are used. Plans for the development of a campus arboretum are also in very early stages – an effort to expand and further diversify the hundreds of trees planted with the new Middle School, while also providing an area of reflection and learning. With over 200 acres on the Martinsville Campus alone, most of which are still wooded or wetlands, the Pingry administration is researching opportunities for creating an outdoor learning environment—as Headmaster Nat Conard states, “There are a multitude of learning opportunities for our students to expand their base of knowledge and understanding of the environment and natural sciences.”

The Pingry community appears to be ready for the school to turn over a new environmentally-friendly leaf. Alumni and current parents Anne

DeLaney ’79 and Chip Carver ’77 enthusiastically support the greening of Pingry, and are the first to make a gift that will help the school research various environmental and energy consumption initiatives. According to Chip, “Anne and I hope this initiative will have a lasting, positive impact on the environment and the economics of the school and that the program will be designed to include the students—so that they begin to appreciate the impact their activities can have on the wider community.” Headmaster Conard adds, “We are very excited about Anne and Chip’s commitment to fund a study that will allow us to thoroughly research our options and refine our sustainability plan, and we sincerely hope that others in the community will join them as we develop our plans for future sustainable buildings and operations.” All of these initiatives will help ensure Pingry’s transition toward an energy efficient campus and will aid in essential conservation of resources.

For more information about Pingry’s sustainability efforts, please visit our web site, www.pingry.org. To support this initiative, please contact Melanie Hoffmann, Director of Development, at (908) 647-7058 or email mhoffmann@pingry.org.

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BIG BLUE: STATE CHAMPS

2006: Big Blue Earns Four Fall and Two Spring NJSIAA State Championship Titles



Girls' Varsity Tennis 1st Doubles team Aly Kerr and Jackie Reef won the New Jersey State Tennis Championship.



Girls' Varsity Soccer Team defeated Red Bank Catholic in overtime (2-1) to capture the State Championship title.



Boys' Varsity Soccer Team edged Christian Brothers Academy (1-0) to win their first State Championship since 2001.



Boys' Cross Country successfully defended their State Championship.



Boys' Lacrosse Team won the State Championship title and Coach Mike Webster was named *Star Ledger* Coach of the Year.



Girls' Track & Field Team won the State Championship for the sixth year in a row with an outstanding season record of 8-0.

The 2007 Pingry Hall of Fame

Purpose:

To honor those alumni athletes, coaches, or athletic staff members who have demonstrated leadership and whose athletic accomplishments have been of the highest caliber while at The Pingry School and, as a result, have brought credit to Pingry.

The 2007 Pingry Hall of Fame Inductees

- William D. Prevost '67
- Stephen Gianis '76
- Rebecca Nazario '90
- Christopher K. Lear '92
- Timothy P. Lear '92
- Daniel Kellner '94
- The 1996 Boys' Soccer Team



SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

pingryathletics

A Winter issue of *The Review* was not published so we begin our **Spotlight on Sports** recognizing our Spring 2006 teams and athletes.

Spring 2006 Season Results



Baseball: 12-8

- SCIAA Finalist
- NJSIAA Finalist

All Colonial Hills Conference

- 2nd team: Park Smith



- Honorable Mention: Peter Cipriano, Anthony Feenick

Star Ledger Somerset County

- Ranked 4th overall

Star Ledger All Star/All Non-Public

- 3rd team: Park Smith

Star Ledger All Somerset

- 1st team: Park Smith
- 2nd team: Kevin Miiicke

Courier News

- Ranked 9th overall

Courier News All Area

- 2nd team: Park Smith

- Honorable Mention: Peter Cipriano, Chris Cummins, Anthony Feenick, Kevin Miiicke, Rob Tilson

Golf: 16-4-1



- Somerset County Tournament Team: 4th place
Individual: 1st place – Robert Cronheim

- Cherry Valley Tournament: Team: 10th place

Individual: 4th place – Robert Cronheim

- State Non-Public B Finals:

Individual: 2nd place – Robert Cronheim,

- NJISAA B Tournament Champion:

Individual: 3rd place – Robert Cronheim

- Prep B Individual Champion: Robert Cronheim

- Non-Public PGA All-State team: 1st team – Robert Cronheim

Star Ledger All-State

- Boys 3rd team: Robert Cronheim

Star Ledger All-Non-Public/Prep

- 2nd team: Robert Cronheim
- Girls 1st team: Kate Durnan

Courier News All-Area

- 1st team: Robert Cronheim

Colonial Hills All-Conference

Most Valuable Player

- Robert Cronheim

Colonial Hills All-Conference

- 1st team: Robert Cronheim
- 2nd team: Ryan Sellinger
- Honorable Mention: John Guiffre, Scott Davimos

Colonial Hills Coach of the Year

- Joe Forte

Boys' Lacrosse: 17-3



- 1st in Conference/Waterman division

- SCIAA tournament: 1st place

Star Ledger All-Conference/All-Waterman State Coaches Association

Coach of the Year

- Mike Webster

Star Ledger All-Conference/All-Waterman

- 1st team: Logan Bartlett, Richard Bradley, Brian Combias,

- 2nd team: Alexander Buteux, Morgan Griff, Kim Kimber, Robert Ventura

- Honorable Mention: Jason Leeds

All-State Coaches Association

- 2nd team: Robert Ventura

- Honorable Mention:

Logan Bartlett, Richard Bradley, Brian Combias

Star Ledger

- Final Top 20: Ranked 4th

Star Ledger Non-Public Division

- Ranked 2nd

Courier News

- Final Top 5: Ranked 1st

Waterman Division

- Ranked 1st

All-Area

- 1st team: Richard Bradley

- 2nd team: Graham Hone

- 3rd team: Robert Ventura

- Honorable Mention:

Logan Bartlett, Alexander Buteux, Brian Combias, Morgan Griff, Kim Kimber

Girls' Lacrosse: 11-6



- Central Jersey Women's Lacrosse League (Logan Division): tied for 2nd place

- SCIA: lost in the semi-finals to Ridge High School

- NJSIAA: lost in 2nd round to West Essex, 13-7



Central Jersey Women's Lacrosse League (Logan Division) All-Star Team:

- 1st team: Frances Callaghan, Julie Hamilton
- 2nd team: Liz Lan
- Honorable Mention: Charlie Wagner

All-County

- 2nd team: Sandra Hough

Star Ledger All-Conference selections: Logan Division

- Frances Callaghan, Julie Hamilton

Courier News

- Final Top 5: Ranked 4th

Courier News All-Area

- 1st team: Frances Callaghan, Julie Hamilton
- Honorable Mention: Liz Lan, Sandra Hough, Charlie Wagner



Softball: 10-7

All-Conference

- 1st team: Arielle Grapstein, Kristin Maletsky
- 2nd team: Caitlin Fitzgerald, Maja Feenick
- Honorable Mention: Lindsay Pounder, Alexandra Budd

Courier News All-Area

- 3rd team: Arielle Grapstein
- Honorable Mention: Caitlin Fitzgerald, Kristin Maletsky

Star Ledger

- 8th place in Somerset County

Star Ledger All-Somerset

- 1st team: Caitlin Fitzgerald
- 2nd team: Arielle Grapstein, Kristin Maletsky

Boys' Tennis: 18-4

- Colonial Conference: 1st place (record: 10-0)
- SCIAA: 3rd place
- States: 11th place



Colonial Hills Conference/All-Colonial Hills

- 1st team: Austin Conti, Jonathan Reef, Sanders Bernstein, Jeff Tanenbaum
- Honorable Mention: Suraj Sethi

Colonial Hills Conference/All-Colonial Hills Player of the Year

- Garrett Schuman

Star Ledger

- Final Top 20: Ranked 13th
- Final Group and Area Team Leaders: Ranked 3rd, Somerset County

Star Ledger All-State/All-Non-Public

- 1st team: Garrett Schuman
- 2nd team: Sanders Bernstein, Jeff Tanenbaum

Star Ledger All-Star/All-Somerset

- 2nd team: Sanders Bernstein, Garrett Schuman, Jeff Tanenbaum

Courier News

- Final Top Ten: Ranked 3rd

All-Area

- 3rd team: Sanders Bernstein, Jeff Tanenbaum

All-Area by Flight

- 3rd team: Sam Adriance, Chris Black

■ Honorable Mention:

- Austin Conti, Jonathan Reef, Garrett Schuman



Boys' Track & Field: 4-4

- Colonial Hills Conference Relay: 10th place
 - SCIAA Championship Meet: 10th place
 - Prep B: Prep Champions
 - States/Parochial B: 4th place
- Courier News All-Area*
- 2nd team: Chris Scavone
 - Honorable Mention: Jon Bregman



Girls' Track & Field: 8-0

- SCIAA Championship Meet: 5th place
- Pingry received two 1st place victories: Cathryn Stanley won both the 100m and 200m
- Colonial Hills Conference Champions
- Prep A: 2nd place
- States: Champions for the 6th year in a row
- Colonial Hills Conference Relays: 1st place
- Pingry received three 1st place victories:
 - 3,200 Relay team: Hope Scott, Ashley Walker, Olivia Delia, Marisa Stock
 - Sprint Medley Relay team: Kate Sowinski, Cathryn Stanley, Martha Gross, Erin Toner
 - Distance Medley Relay team: Sara Mouradian, Sarah Strackhouse, Courtney Jackson, Erin Toner



- Colonial Hill Conference Champions

Courier News All-Area

- 1st team: Cathryn Stanley
- 3rd team: Erin Toner
- Honorable Mention: Amy Birkenstock, Olivia Delia, Ije Eboh, Martha Gross, Marisa Stock

Fall 2006 Season Results

Boys' Cross Country: 14-0



- Colonial Hills Conference Champions/Hills Division
- Somerset County Meet: 5th place
- Prep B State Champions
- NJSIAA Non-Public B Group Champions

All-State, Non-Public B

- Matt LaForgia, Chris Scavone

All-State, Prep B

- Dan Davidson, Matt LaForgia, Chris Scavone, Dan Schuchinsky

All-Conference

- Dan Davidson, Matt LaForgia, Chris Scavone, Dan Schuchinsky



Star-Ledger All-State/All-Non-Public

- 1st team: Matt LaForgia, Chris Scavone

All-Somerset

- 1st team: Chris Scavone
- 2nd team: Matt LaForgia
- 3rd team: Dan Davidson

Courier News All-Area

- 2nd team: Chris Scavone
- 3rd team: Matt LaForgia
- Honorable Mention: Dan Davidson, Dan Schuchinsky

Girls' Cross Country: 14-0



- Colonial Hills Conference Champions/Hills Division
- Somerset County Meet: 5th place
- Newark Academy Invitational: 1st place
- Shore Coaches Invitational: 1st place

- Prep A Meet Champions
- NJSIAA Non-Public B: 2nd place Girls' Cross Country

Star Ledger All-Somerset

- 2nd team: Erin Toner, Liz Zoidis

Star Ledger All-State/All-Non-Public

- 3rd team: Erin Toner

Courier News All-Area

- 3rd team: Liz Zoidis
- Honorable Mention: Olivia Delia



Field Hockey: 20-2



- Colonial Hills Conference Champions
- SCIAA: 2nd place
- NJSIAA: played in Sectional Finals (lost, 2-0)

Colonial Conference Player of the Year

- Marissa Waldemore

Colonial All-Conference Honors

- 1st team: Brittany Gildea, Taylor Sankovich, Leslie Springmeyer
- 2nd team: Charlie Wagner
- Honorable Mention: Genevieve Haverstick, Beth Homan, Liz Moore

North Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association

- 1st team: Brittany Gildea, Taylor Sankovich, Leslie Springmeyer, Marissa Waldemore



Star Ledger All-Somerset

- 1st team: Brittany Gildea, Taylor Sankovich, Leslie Springmeyer, Marissa Waldemore
- 2nd team: Liz Moore, Charlie Wagner
- 3rd team: Genevieve Haverstick

Star Ledger All-Group

- 1st team: Leslie Springmeyer, Marissa Waldemore
- 2nd team: Brittany Gilmore
- 3rd team: Taylor Sankovich

Courier News Player of the Year

- Marissa Waldemore

Courier News All-Area

- 1st team: Brittany Gildea, Taylor Sankovich, Marissa Waldemore
- 2nd team: Genevieve Haverstick, Liz Moore, Charlie Wagner
- Honorable Mention: Fatima Rakla, Beth Homan

Football: 2-7

Colonial Hills Conference

- 2nd team offense: Cary Corrigan, Chris Cummins
- Honorable Mention: Peter Corrigan, Tyler Reichert, Russell Simpson



Boys' Soccer: 16-2-2



- Somerset County SCIAA Co-Champions
- State Non-Public A North Champions
- Colonial Hills Conference/Hills Division All-Conference Honors
- 1st team: Austin Lan, Jeff Zimering
- 2nd team: Richard Bradley, Nick Devers, Eric Hynes



- Honorable Mention:
Matt Fechter, Grant Schonberg
- Star Ledger All-State/All-Groups*
- 2nd team: Grant Schonberg
- Star Ledger All-Star/All-Non-Public*
- 1st team: Grant Schonberg,
Jeff Zimering
- 2nd team: Austin Lan
- 3rd team: Eric Hynes
- Star Ledger All-Star/All-Somerset*
- 1st team: Austin Lan,
Grant Schonberg, Jeff Zimering
- 2nd team: Eric Hynes
- 3rd team: Richard Bradley,
Nick Devers

- Final Area Rankings*
- #1 in Somerset County
 - Named "Team of the Year"

- Courier News*
- Ranked #1

- Courier News All-Area*
- 1st team: Austin Lan, Jeff Zimering
 - 2nd team: Grant Schonberg
 - 3rd team: Richard Bradley
 - Honorable Mention: Nick Devers,
Eric Hynes, Kim Kimber

Girls' Soccer: 21-2-1



- Colonial Hills Conference
Champions /Hills Division
- SCIAA: 2nd place
- NJSIAA Non-Public A
Champions
- NJGSCA: Andrew Egginton,
North 11 Coach of the Year
- NJSIAA Special Award recipient
for Soccer: Head Coach
Andrew Egginton

- Colonial Hills Conference Honors/
Hills Division*
- Player of the Year:
Katherine Sheeleigh

- 1st team: Caroline Albanese,
Michelle Aueron, Kim Kroll,
Casey Rupon, Sarah Strackhouse
- 2nd team: Adrienne Spiegel,
Alyssa Zupon
- Honorable Mention:
Nicole Gayda, Liz Lan

Star Ledger All-Star/All-State

- 1st team: Katherine Sheeleigh

Star Ledger All-Non-Public Honors

- 1st team: Michelle Aueron,
Kim Kroll
- 2nd team: Sarah Strackhouse

Star Ledger All-Somerset Honors

- 1st team: Michelle Aueron,
Katherine Sheeleigh
- 2nd team: Sarah Strackhouse,
Kim Kroll
- 3rd team: Caroline Albanese



Somerset County Player of the Year

- Katherine Sheeleigh

*National Soccer Coaches Association
of America All-East Region Team
and All-America*

- Katherine Sheeleigh

Final Area Rankings

- #2 in Somerset County

Courier News

- Andrew Egginton named
Coach of the Year

All-Area

- 1st team: Kim Kroll,
Katherine Sheeleigh
- 2nd team: Michelle Aueron
- 3rd team: Caroline Albanese,
Sarah Strackhouse
- Honorable Mention:
Casey Rupon

Girls' Tennis: 19-4-0



- Colonial Hills Conference
Co-Champions
- SCIAA: 3rd place
- Colonial Hill Conference
Coach of the Year: Gary Miller
- Aly Kerr and Jackie Reef captured
NJ State Doubles Championship
- Player of the Year: Robin Moore
- Colonial Hill Conference*
- 1st team: Chelsea Garber,
2nd singles
- 1st team: Aly Kerr and
Jackie Reef, 1st doubles
- 2nd team: Sandra Hough,
3rd singles
- Honorable Mention:
Natalie Battista, Hadley Johnson

Star Ledger All-State Selections

- 1st team: Aly Kerr and
Jackie Reef, All-State Doubles

Courier News All-Area

- 1st team: Aly Kerr, Jackie Reef
- 3rd team: Chelsea Garber,
Robin Moore

All-Area by Flight

- 1st team/1st doubles: Aly Kerr,
Jackie Reef
- 3rd team/2nd doubles:
Natalie Battista, Meghan Finlayson
- Honorable Mention:
Sandra Hough



Water Polo: 7-11



- Garden State Invitational*
- Varsity: 2nd place
 - Junior Varsity: 1st place
 - Girls: 3rd place



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Faculty Summer Enrichment

Teachers at The Pingry School take every opportunity to expand their knowledge, to discover cultures, and to challenge their physical as well as their intellectual abilities. I would like to highlight a sampling of what our teachers choose to do with their summers. It is obvious that the desire to be a life-long learner is a strong motivating factor as teachers plan their time away from the school schedule.

When we speak about professional and personal growth and development in relation to our faculty, this is only the beginning. Our students are fortunate to have a faculty passionate about living, learning, and experiencing - which they willingly bring back to the classroom and to their students!

Lydia Geacintov
Director of Studies



Susan C. Forrester
*Latin Teacher
Martinsville Campus*

Susan C. Forrester, a veteran teacher of Latin, attended the American Classical League Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. The workshops and lectures go from very technical discussions about AP grading to using "Seinfeld" as a 21st century connection to ancient Rome. Susan is constantly inspired and reinvigorated as a teacher when she comes in contact with other instructors and learns about what is happening in Latin classrooms across the country. While the workshops are invaluable, it is the educators whom she meets that she praises for having made her the teacher she is and becomes every year. These professionals share not only great discussions in Latin about

a culture that left such an imprint on western civilization, but also offer generous tips, ideas, PowerPoint presentations, and worksheets that transform and enrich teaching style and instructional skills. Thus, the teacher becomes the student, who then, in turn, becomes the teacher.



Ted Li
*English Teacher
and Fencing Coach
Martinsville Campus*

English teacher and fencing coach Ted Li combined a bit of sightseeing with working at the World Veterans Fencing Championships in western England. Ted indulged his fascination with Gothic architecture by visiting the churches and cathedrals of Wells, Bath, and Bristol. The two days prior to the beginning of the World Veterans Championships were spent within the antique walls of Wells, the smallest city in England, and its cathedral's precinct, immersed in the mixture of the medieval and the modern. Before returning home, a final day was spent wandering the neighborhoods of Bristol, where a year-long celebration of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's 200th birthday took place.



Deirdre O'Mara
*Biology Teacher
Martinsville Campus*

Biology teacher Deirdre O'Mara has participated for the past several years in a genomics group project at Rutgers University. The group is sequencing the genome of brine shrimp, otherwise known as sea monkeys. She

takes two students from Pingry for the month of July to the Waksman Institute. There, students and teachers are mentored by the Waksman faculty in molecular techniques and bioinformatics to complete the summer project. Then, they finish the analysis of the clones during the academic year under the guidance of Ms. O'Mara. Pingry students have used this program to do independent research on finding bacteriophage that infect different strains of Bacillus. In addition to such a demanding scientific program, Deirdre trains for swim meets, such as the Masters Swim Meet, along with colleagues Judy Lee and Bill Reichle.



John Raby
*History Teacher
Martinsville Campus*

John Raby, a Magistri teacher in history, traveled to the Baltic countries on a cruise that included five eastern European specialists and guaranteed a meeting with Lech Walesa. During his travels, John Raby saw the scars of torture and punishment in eastern Europe. He found that if hope were fully alive anywhere in the Baltic area, it was in Tallinn, the beautiful medieval capital of Estonia. All around Raby was evidence that, despite progress, life for three generations had been an exercise in doing without. Only in the last 15 years have the wounds begun to slowly heal; there is still more necessary healing ahead. As the cruise continued, John was able to intellectually understand the meaning of multiculturalism: the samovar comes from central Asia; the word for tea is Chinese; the religion and alphabet are Byzantine Greek;

St. Petersburg is Italian baroque; many of the German rulers were Swedes; and the idea of government came from Byzantine, Viking, Mongol, and German Jewish thinking. It is the richness of this journey that John wants to bring back to his students.

Sue Ortner
Spanish Teacher
Martinsville Campus



Keiko Fujimori, Sue Ortner, Eric Ortner, and Mark Villanella '94

Sue Ortner, a dynamo of a woman and Spanish teacher, joined a tour to visit Peru. In the ancient Incan areas, they learned about the life of the Incas at the time of the Spanish Conquest. They visited the well-preserved village of Ollantaytumbo by taking a breathtaking train ride through the Andes to the ruins of Machu Picchu. After a week of acclimating themselves to the altitude, they were ready to tackle hikes around Lake Titicaca, the world's most navigable lake at an elevation of 14,000 feet. One of the highlights of their trip was the visit to Lima, where they spent a memorable afternoon with Mark Villanella '94 and his wife, Keiko Fujimori. Keiko is the daughter of Peru's former president, Alberto Fujimori. Keiko had just been elected to serve as a representative of Lima to Congress and Mark had been instrumental in campaigning for Keiko. Needless to say, Mark and Keiko gave an invaluable lesson on recent Peruvian politics.

Faculty and Staff New to Pingry in 2006 – 2007

MARTINSVILLE:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	ACADEMIC DEGREE
Bartsch, Jeffrey M.	History	BA Trinity College MA Tufts University
Brown, Alice	History	BA Williams College
Busnack, Pat	Middle School Office	
Crowley-Delman, John P.	History	BA Williams College
Davlin, Alisha S.	English	BA Tulane University
De, Lucas A.	Science	BS Washington Univ. in St. Louis
Ferland, Jill	English	BA Bennington College MA New York University
Flynn, Elisa M.	Foreign Language	BS Georgetown University
Frye, William J.	Athletic Trainer	BS Lock Haven University
Fung-Kee-Fung, Lisa	Science	BS Lafayette College
Hancock, Ira	Director of Student Academic Services	BA Mount St. Mary College
Harle, Alison	Development Office	BS Vanderbilt University
Kicenuik, Kimberly A.	English/Perm. Substitute	BA Harvard University
Kline, Stacy	Admission Office	BA Rutgers University
Livak, Joyce M.	Health/Registered Nurse	Gregory School of Nursing
Morris, Ron	Admission Office	BA Florida State University
Newman, Ronalee K.	Science	BS SUNY, Buffalo MS Rutgers University MBA DePaul University
Parsons, Beth	Development Office	BA Gettysburg College
Reef, Barbara J.	Director of Strategic Communications	BEd University of Toronto BA University of Toronto MBA The Stern School at NYU
Roesing, Kim	Development Office	
Stanfield, Alan	History	BA Whitworth College MEd Eastern Oregon University
Tinson, Kristen	Development Office	BA Arizona State University
Zueger, Leah L.	Development Office	BA Macalester College

SHORT HILLS:

Atchison, Sean T.	Permanent Substitute	BA Rutgers University MA Montclair State University
Bratek, Tara	Administration Office	BA Montclair State University
Szelingowski, David	Science	BA Princeton University

Departing Staff: MARTINSVILLE

Petrigliano, Christina	Development Office	Destination Harvard Business School Alumni Relations Office
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Sara Boisvert*Director of Admission*

As the plane touched down in Kilimanjaro International Airport, I experienced some of the same feelings I had when I first visited Tanzania thirteen years ago: excitement and nervous anticipation. It had all begun innocently enough over a dinner conversation in November with a friend and colleague - three weeks later I was scheduled to volunteer for one month at the Rift Valley Children's Village Orphanage - back in the country I had longed to visit since I left from my study abroad in 1993.

Many would expect to see abject poverty, starving and warring people; however, those of us who know

Tanzania, find a country that while poor, is rich in its tourism and character. While AIDS has created its own devastation, the country has made great strides over the past few years.

It was shocking to step out into the African night to find the airport abuzz with Tanzanians on their simus (cell phones). This I had not expected. Even with new technology and the addition of paved highways, much of the landscape was unchanged. My eyes feasted on the beautiful views I had remembered—land as far as one could see, much of it undeveloped except for huts that dotted the rolling hillside, and young boys tending to cattle by the roadside.

When my driver turned off the pavement onto a rutted dirty road he welcomed me to the “real Tanzania.” When we arrived at the orphanage, I was immediately swarmed with children wanting to be picked up and hugged. As a single woman who spends a lot of her time alone, this was something that I needed to adjust to immediately - the constant sounds and needs of the children.

India Howell arrived in Tanzania in the late 1990s and quickly discovered

that she could not turn away from the needs of the children she witnessed begging on the streets, without parents or families. Everything in Tanzania has an associated cost—public education, uniforms, and books—and India decided to sponsor a few children so that they could attend public school. She soon recognized the growing need to help more children. She started the Rift Valley Children's Village (RVCV) in 2003 in a rented house on a coffee plantation in the Oldeani Mountains. Over the next three years, fifteen children came to live with India. By 2005, the Tanzanian government granted her an additional twenty acres of land. Construction began in 2005, and by the time I arrived at the RVCV, they had completed four of the anticipated fifteen houses and had added twelve additional children. It was these children with whom I would spend the majority of my four weeks.

The days had a routine and life got into a rhythm. I realized that kids are kids wherever you are on the planet - we played a lot of soccer, trucks, and jump rope, colored, did puzzles, and built many Lego castles. Each day was a learning experience as I stumbled through my own limited Swahili knowledge and the children stumbled through theirs. I spent other parts of my day at the local village school teaching a standard seven (seventh grade) English class. It was here that the true poverty of the region was most evident. Few of the children had textbooks and many of them did not even have notebook paper to write on. For many of these children, seventh grade would be the end of their formal education, as their parents did not have the money to send them to secondary school with fees up to \$1,400 per year. This was one of the hardest things to comprehend - children who deserved to carry on their education but did not have the resources to do so. They were destined to begin work at the age of thirteen.

The RVCV is not an orphanage in the traditional sense. Children

who live there are not available for adoption. Instead, they live at the RVCV until they are old enough to move on to secondary school (eighth grade). Once they reach secondary school, they attend boarding school and return to RVCV for vacations. It is India's hope that these children will always consider the RVCV their home, a place they can bring their own children back to one day. It is also India's intention to support these children through college or trade school. Her hopes are that they will remain in Tanzania and be the leaders of tomorrow.

In the three years since India began the RVCV, she has had a tremendous impact on the local community. Most of her funding is provided by Americans through her non-profit organization, the Tanzanian Children's Fund (www.tanzanianchildrensfund.org), based in Portland, Maine. Through the generosity of others, India has been able to fund a hot lunch program at the local village school for the many children who walk an hour to get to school each day. For some, this is the only food they consume all day. India also sponsors and supports other programs in the local villages and provides food, medicine, and other necessities to needy families.

There are so many stories and experiences that I could share - too many to relay here. What I can say is that I spent four weeks falling head over heels in love with the children, the people, and the country that will be with me forever. I still long to hear the children's voices and their calls - “Habari asubuhi?” which became, “Good morning, Sara, how are you?” by the end of my stay. 🐾



Photo courtesy of Lindsey Wagner.



scene around campus



▲ From left, Form III students Simon Green, John Brenner, and Eddie Mele observe the biological macromolecular structures displayed in the Art of Science Exhibition. This was the first time the exhibit was featured at a secondary school.



▲ Carrying an uplifting tune, The Buttondowns perform during the annual Holiday Festival. In front row, from left is Jeff Michels, Form IV; Matt Laud, Form VI; Sam Waterbury, Form VI; and Russell Simpson, Form VI. In second row looking forward, from left is Austin Conti, Form VI; James White, Form IV; and Michael Doliner, Form IV.



◀ Third graders Kathryn Abbott, Julie Axtel, and Maggie Cassidy are always a treat, especially on Halloween, when they donned their best dress.



▲ On Community Service Day, Form V student Kathleen Soo Hoo joined fellow members of the student body in planting bulbs on campus.

▼ From left, Meghan Finlayson; Morgan Wahby, Grade 5; Taylor Demkin, Form IV; Kyra Walker, Grade 5; Rosa Floyd, founder of Lift for Learning; third graders Gillian LaGorce and Emily Jin; and Maddy Popkin, Form IV; gather among the school's donation of canned goods for Lift for Learning, which collects food and clothing for disadvantaged families.

▼ Guest speaker and war veteran James Finn speaks with students about his life experiences during the Veterans' Day assembly.





◀ Headmaster Conard ushers in a new year with Convocation. During the event, he provoked students' thoughts with the rhetorical question, "Why are you here?"



▶ Charles Fishman, author of *The Wal-Mart Effect*, speaks at this year's Finance Café. Fishman explained how the business leader is synonymous with American culture and has changed consumer thought.



▶ A masked student joins Master of Ceremonies Miller Bugliari '52 during Rufus Gunther Day. The fun-filled day allowed students to parade on stage in an assortment of costumes.



◀ During the Lower School Holiday Concert, kindergarten students Jessica Hu and Damian Artis raise a picture of a partridge in a pear tree while students sing along to "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

▼ New faculty and staff members take a moment to pose for the camera.





▲ Helping others is a fundamental principle of Peer Leadership. From left, Erin James, Form III; Glenn Friedman, Form III; and Dan Ambrosia, Form VI look on as Form III student John Westerhold is given a lift.

▼ From left, Talia Hughes, Form IV, and Shannon Hughes, Form II, help their younger brother, Tripp, glide effortlessly on ice during the All-Skate Party.



▲ Artist Waylande DeSantis' "Jazz Singer" is one of many masterful creations featured during the Multicultural Art Exhibition. The exhibit was held in effort to embrace all forms of diversity.



▲ Skillfully beating drums, Form III student David Martin, entertains students during the Lower School Musical Demonstration.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PAA PRESIDENT

alumni news

The Pingry Alumni Association has experienced a flurry of activity this past fall. We held a board meeting on September 9, 2006, with special guest speakers Jon Leef, Upper School Director; Phil Cox, Middle School Director; and Form IV student Connor Sheehan. One of the highlights of the meeting was a tour of the new Middle School. While walking through the school, my first thought was how lucky the students are to be going to a school in such incredible surroundings. And then I started thinking of how I'd love to see my 21-month-old son, Stephen, walk the halls as an entering grade 6 student!

The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School has changed the face of the Martinsville Campus. It is an impressive, 30,000 square foot structure, with fine architectural detail and wireless capabilities. It houses eighteen state-of-the-art classrooms and four science labs, a commanding all-glass atrium, a welcoming entrance hall, and even boasts environmentally-friendly bathrooms which utilize less water. The focal point of the Middle School is the common area, where students gather for meetings or meet to catch up with their friends. Unparalleled to other middle schools, this new learning environment will serve to enhance the middle school experience.

Our school has certainly come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1861, when John F. Pingry acquired a lot located at 1186 East Grand Street in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The buildings on the lot included a small schoolhouse with a large yard that acted as the playground for the boys and a barn



E. Lori Halivopoulos '78

that was remodeled into a "gymnasium." Rent for the first year was \$300, with only a \$50 increase the second and third years. As building prices have risen exponentially since the 1860s, we now need to rely on financial support from the Pingry community to provide our students with the best possible physical surroundings in order to match the outstanding academic experience that Pingry offers.

Thanks to the generosity of Park B. Smith '50 and many other kind and dedicated individuals, the new Middle School is now a reality. I would encourage all alums to take a tour of the school when they are in the Martinsville area. I promise you, you won't leave disappointed. I believe Dr. Pingry would be proud to see his legacy continue in this new building. It is a true testament to the many ways we are flourishing as an academic community.

Other events of note have included the Alumni Soccer Game with over 100 people in

attendance, followed by a special lunch celebrating Miller Bugliari's '52 induction into the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA). Congratulations to Coach on that honor!

Homecoming on October 14, 2006, was a big success with more than 140 attendees. That same day we held a board meeting, paid special tribute to Harold Thomson '39, and invited Harold's wife, Ginny, to become an honorary PAA member. We also heard from Gerry Vanasse, Athletic Director, and current Pingry athletes Liz Moore '07 and Dan Davidson '07.

On November 13, 2006, we hosted a theater night in Manhattan at the New World Stages, featuring the Off-Broadway debut *How to Save the World and Find True Love in 90 Minutes*, by Jonathan Karp '82. This is a must-see play for all – my husband and I loved it!

The Alumni Ice Hockey Game was held over Thanksgiving weekend and we had an excellent turnout of approximately 49 attendees, 38 of them skaters.

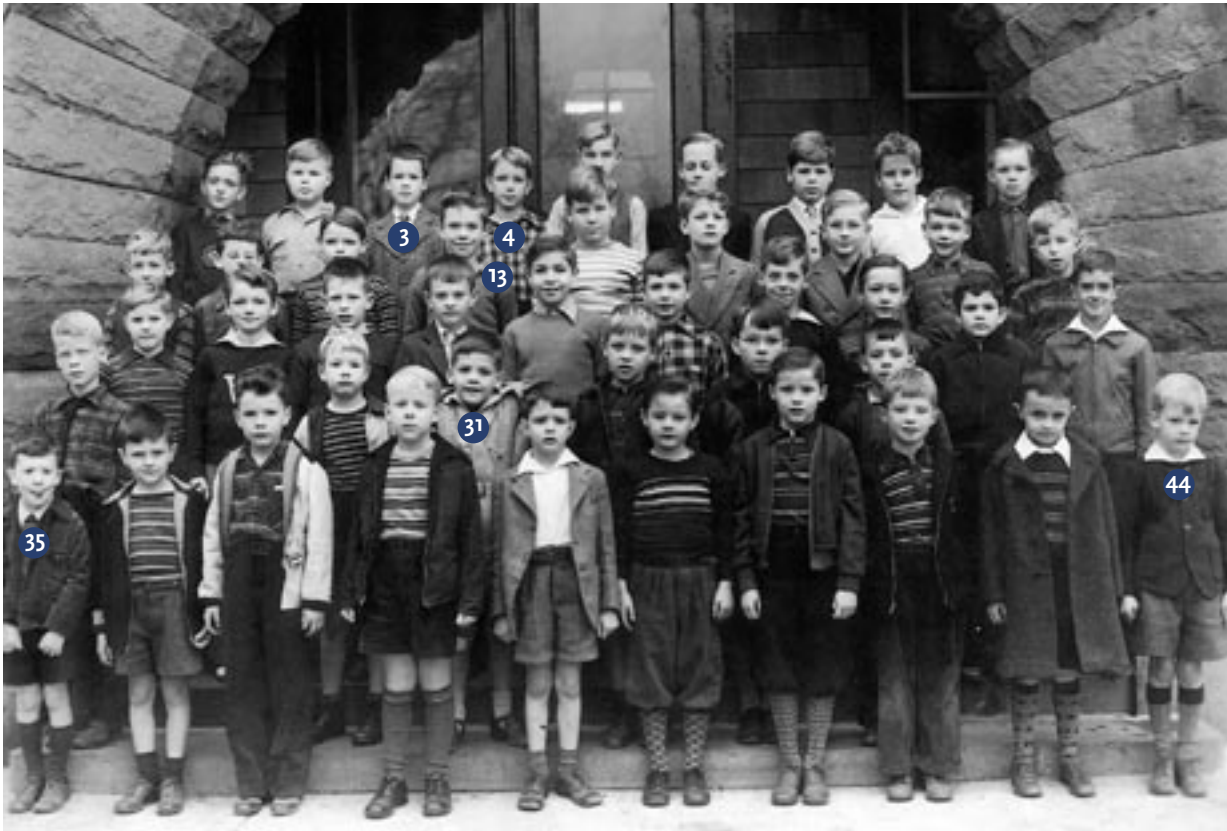
Finally, the PAA board is hard at work finalizing our mission statement and developing our plans for the next 3 to 5 years. Stay tuned for more details over the next few months. ♡

E. Lori Halivopoulos '78
President,
Pingry Alumni Association



ASK THE ARCHIVIST

Lower School circa 1942



While dusting off his files, Miller Bugliari '52 came across this photo from Dick Corbet '52. Please help us by identifying the missing students. Send your answers to breef@pingry.org. Thank you!

Back Row	Fourth Row	Third Row	Second Row	Front Row
1. Brennen	10. Crighton	19. Burks	30. Knoke	35. ???
2. Davidson	11. J. Corbet	20. Sinclair	31. ???	36. Phares
3. ???	12. Waterbury	21. Hnat	32. Bradshaw	37. Green
4. ???	13. ???	22. MacKay	33. Bull	38. Sitar
5. Frick	14. Martin	23. West	34. Buchanan	39. M. Bugliari
6. Reed	15. J. Bugliari	24. Kramer		40. Hirsh
7. Siegel	16. Hersh	25. Lewis		41. Embree
8. Bristol	17. Gray	26. Vilet		42. D. Corbet
9. Breckenridge	18. Wood	27. Roth		43. Gugleman
		28. Jasper		44. ???
		29. Mountcastle		

An Archive Classic



This photo, taken at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, pictures from left, Mac Bristol '39, Elliot Drake '36, and Harry Wheller '39. The trip was coordinated by Pingry faculty member Harvey Reid.



REUNION WEEKEND

May 18-19, 2007



Class of '56 gathers for their 50th class reunion.

This has been a truly exciting year at Pingry. The school is embarking on developing a new strategic plan that will outline our priorities. Alumni, parents, students, faculty, and staff were given the opportunity to report back about what they believe Pingry's strengths and weaknesses are both through an online survey and in focus groups held on campus. This information is being compiled and used to develop Pingry's Strategic Plan.

In addition, this past fall we dedicated The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School. This 30,000 square foot building includes the latest technology and will provide an opportunity to reshape the environment, the curriculum, and even the daily schedule for the benefit of our middle schoolers. This opportunity will be enhanced with a dedicated middle school faculty. Form I & II students moved into the building after Thanksgiving break and the sixth grade will join them in the fall of 2007.

friendships will be renewed and dreams rekindled and then passed on to the next generation. New friends will be made, too, as you reconnect with classmates.

The class of 1957 will be celebrating a benchmark reunion — their 50th. As part of their festivities, classmates will be able to sit in on classes and enjoy the 50 Year Club Luncheon, where the class of 1957 will receive their club certificate and a newly designed striped Pingry



Dick Deyo '56 and Larry Jasper '56

We are excited about our progress and many of the traditions that you helped build are still present today such as rigorous classes taught by master teachers, strong athletic programs, and, of course, the Honor Code. Many of the faculty you remember from your time here still form the essence of the Pingry learning experience.

Reunion Weekend is a great opportunity for you to come back to campus and experience the excitement of what is new as well as remember those traditions that bind all Pingry alumni to this great school. Throughout the weekend,



Pingry and Princeton alums Dick Dzina '52, Peter Buchanan '52, and Jerry Graham '52



Class of '66

tie. Any alumni from the class of 1957 and earlier, who are already members of the 50 Year Club, will also be in attendance.

On Friday afternoon, the Buttondowns will gather for a wine and cheese reception to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this a capella group. The Buttondowns will perform and we hope alumni will join them in a tune!

On Friday evening in The Carol & Park B. Smith '50 Middle School, we will host the Headmaster's Reception and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction. We are pleased to have the following individuals and team being inducted this year: **William Prevost '67, Stephen Gianis '76, Rebecca Nazario '90, Christopher Lear '92, Timothy Lear '92, Daniel Kellner '94, and the 1996 Boys' Soccer Team.**

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is followed by "Reminisce Under The Big Top" which will feature fine food, drink, a live band, and an opportunity to mingle and celebrate the accomplishments of some of our faculty.

We begin Saturday morning with the Headmaster's Breakfast followed

by the Annual Meeting of Alumni. Breakfast will feature Headmaster Nat Conard who will give the "State of the School" address, the presentation of the Nelson Carr Service Award, and the election of Alumni Association Officers and Directors.

During lunch you will have the opportunity to view classic automobiles owned by Pingry community members. We will present a "People's Choice" award to the most popular vehicle, as voted on by Reunion attendees. The owner of the winning vehicle will receive a Pingry chair.

American BBQ Company will present our ever popular reunion clam bake. We will provide children's entertainment during most of the day, including arts and crafts and an oversized inflatable slide.

The Class of 1982, celebrating their 25th reunion, will take on the Class of 1957 in a friendly game of lawn bowling at the Martinsville Campus. In addition, Alumni Lacrosse will be played. Spectators are welcome.

The weekend will conclude with class-specific events held around

the tri-state area. For specific details on your class activities, please visit your class page on our web site.

If you need overnight accommodations in the area, we have reserved a block of rooms at the following area hotels: Somerset Hills Hotel, Inn at Somerset Hills, The Morristown Inn, and Basking Ridge Courtyard Marriott.

Please contact Jackie Sullivan, Director of Alumni/Parent Relations, at jsullivan@pingry.org or call 908-647-7058 if you have additional questions. 🍷



E. Lori Halivopoulos '78, her husband Brian Szepkowski, daughter Hannah, and son, Stephen



ALUMNI EVENTS



From left, Fermo Jaeckle '69, William Maass '70, and Thomas Gustafson '71 attend the soccer alumni event.



Corby Thomas '92, left, and Lauren Koeneke '97 at the New York City young alumni event.



Brenda Hamm; former faculty member David Allan; Gibson Knott '93; and David's wife, Connie, former faculty member, pose together at the New York City Broadway event.



From left, Miller Bugliari '52 catches up with Wyatt Kasserman '99, Anthony Bowes '96, Colin Bennett '96, and Kevin Schmidt '98 at the New York City young alumni event.



From left, Adam Plotkin '94 joins faculty member Susan Dineen and Justin Ring '94 at the New York City event.



Todd Hirsch '92 and Woody Weldon '91 enjoy their time at the New York City event.



From left, soccer coach Miller Bugliari '52 and faculty members Vic Nazario and Ted Li share Pingry stories.



During Miller's Enshrinement, from left, Miller Bugliari '52, Doug Macrae '77, Julie Macrae, and David Allan



Mike Roberts '98, John White, Jonathan Shelby '74, and Stuart Lederman '78 at Miller's Enshrinement



Alumni ice hockey, basketball, and lacrosse games





ALUMNI RECEPTIONS



Los Angeles (above), San Francisco (below left), Carl Haines '60 and Bob Popper '61 (below right) in Bay Head, NJ, and the Shore Party in Manasquan, NJ (bottom)





LEADERSHIP RECEPTIONS



Second Century Leadership Council members met at Todd Hirsch's apartment to discuss fundraising strategies for young alumni.



Tom Boyer, Deborah and Rory Corrigan



Andy and Elliot Berndt



Gary and Naila Busacca



FALL/WINTER 2006

class notes

'42 REUNION YEAR

Thomas J. Mullen, Jr. writes, "My wife Joan and I are happy to announce that our son, **James '81**, has been given tenure by Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he teaches art. James has had his paintings featured in several exhibitions around the country. Now we can say, 'my son, the professor.' He has been supported in his work by his wife, Elise, and their youngsters Ingrid and Joseph."

'51

Robin Porter writes, "I certainly enjoyed our 55th reunion. We had time to enjoy each other's company. I particularly liked the 'Literature of Enlightenment' class and the varsity lacrosse win!"

'53

After 15 years as a member of the Mendham, NJ, Township Committee, four of which were spent as mayor, **Robert Pierson** will complete his fifth three-year term on December 31. The former mayor is quoted in the *Observer-Tribune* as saying, "It's been a wonderful experience being able to lay hands on and make progress on a lot of goals. My wife (Virginia) and I are both active in the community, but it is time to start getting out of governing bodies. I plan to stay active on the planning board, if they'll have me."

'59

John Connor, Jr. was ranked #1 on Barron's/Value Line survey of the top 100 fund managers in 2006. The survey is designed to identify the

best equity mutual-fund managers by investment objective. John is described as having "sharpened his stock-picking skills by tapping into his knowledge of all things Russian."

Kelley Hale writes, "Sherry and I are really enjoying our life in Alamos, Mexico, after seven years cruising in the Sea of Cortez. I am eager for contact with '59 classmates!"

After 43 years of teaching (11 of them at Pingry), **Dan Phillips** has finally decided on what he wants to be when he grows up. He writes, "As of July 1, I am no longer the coordinator of student activities/Spanish teacher/soccer coach at the Breck School in Minnesota. I have embarked on my new career as a full-time grandfather. Six grandchildren ages 0-11 should keep me busy!"

'60

John W. Green writes, "In September, I will be celebrating our second wedding anniversary and begin my second year teaching sixth grade at the National Presbyterian School in Washington. I have also recovered from a hip fracture in November 2005."

Peter Johannsen writes, "My son, Peter, married Julia Lloyd of Boston, MA, in the fall of 2007. My son, Rem, and his wife, Robin, will present us with our first grandchild in April."

'62 REUNION YEAR

On May 13, **Dr. William Tansey III** was honored with an Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations

(NECO). These medals are presented annually to American citizens of diverse origins for their outstanding contributions and distinguished service to humanity in any field, profession, or occupation.

'63



Miller Bugliari '52 and Bronson Van Wyck '63 in San Francisco.

'64

Bill Logan, pictured below, dipped his bicycle wheel into the Potomac River in Washington, DC, at the end of his 40-day cross-country bicycle trip from Seattle, WA. He writes, "I did the 3,500 mile ride with 40 other cyclists as part of a fully-supported trip organized by Adventure Cycling. Hope to see some other members of our great class on the road soon."



Bill Logan '64

Photo credit: Nancy Pelosi's husband



From left, Nat Conard, Miller Bugliari '52, Betsy and Don Dixon '65

'65

During their visit to California, Headmaster Conard and **Miller Bugliari '52** visited **Don Dixon '65** and his wife Betsy.

like to recall Dr. Herbert Hahn, who made me love some of the greatest American poets, and Dr. Steve Ginsberg, who led me to discover American democracy.”

'66

Francois des Noyers writes, “A few words about the past few years: after serving in the Navy, I spent thirteen years in Paris with Andersen Consulting which eventually became Accenture. Twenty years ago I switched full time to finance and became CFO of Coface, which is the French equivalent of Eximbank. For the last 10 years, I have been leading the French-based holding companies of the Rothschild family and of another family which owns among other things the Chateau Margaux vineyard (definitely better than Gallo liquid hydrocarbon). I married Catherine in 1983. She is a biology professor in Paris. I have two children—Dorothee, who is a medical student, and Antoine, who is studying towards an MBA. Pingry was definitely one of the crucial experiences that shaped my life. I am deeply indebted to the marvelous teachers I had. If I may state a few names, I would

Last month, **Bruce Schundler** and his wife, Sara, started working their “retirement jobs” as park rangers at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in Buxton, NC. Bruce writes, “Unfortunately, I won’t be able to go to the class of 1966s gathering on the 20th. The problem is that Sara and I have just started our ‘retirement jobs.’ We retired last year and slowly worked towards becoming seasonal Park Rangers for the National Park Service, and we were successful! We have just started as Park Rangers (Interpretation) at Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in Buxton, NC! You can see us in our “not so new” uniforms at www.schundler.net. Needless to say, we are having fun, enjoying every day, and happy to be here! The only problem is that we can’t get back for the class reunion. Greetings and best wishes to all.”

William Stevens writes, “Last weekend, I visited the Beaufort Arsenal Museum in Beaufort, SC, where one of the exhibits was ‘Camera Man’s Journey: Julian Dimock’s South.’ The exhibit consists of about 20

photographs of African-American residents of Beaufort, taken by Mr. Dimock on a visit in 1904. The photographs in the exhibit are just some of those that appear in a 2002 book, *Camera Man’s Journey: Julian Dimock’s South*. They are on loan from the American Museum of Natural History Library and are very good. More interesting is that the introductory panel to the exhibit mentions that Mr. Dimock received a ‘classical education’ at The Pingry School in Elizabeth, NJ. According to the Vermont Historical Society web site, **Julian Anthony Dimock** (August 9, 1873 – September 21, 1945) son of Helen Weston and A.W. Dimock was born in Elizabeth, NJ. He was educated at The Pingry School. After his graduation, he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange. Because of ill health, he gave up on his career in business and became a photographer and bought a farm in Topsham, VT. During his life, he was a photographer, a writer of books and articles on farming and photography, and an orchardist in Topsham, VT.’ My guess is that Julian Dimock studied at Pingry while Dr. Pingry was still alive, and I suspect that he is related to **George E. Dimock '35**, who taught at the school for many years, long before I arrived in 1959, and **Edward Dimock '46**, who received the Letter-in-Life Award in 1967. The interval between Julian Dimock’s attending Pingry and my seeing an exhibit of his photographs spans well over 110 years, a not insignificant portion of the school’s history.”

'67 REUNION YEAR

Roger Hurlburt writes, “I was compelled to dash off some words after seeing a photo of my dear and long-time friend **Vic Pfeiffer** in *The Pingry Review* class notes section. Vic and I went through

grade school together in Chatham Township and both entered Form I together. Great, great guy. But for one who just left journalism after more than two decades, I'm a lousy correspondent, and I suppose living in South Florida since the mid-70s is no excuse for not keeping in touch. Now I'm jotting a few things down and hope to catch up at a 2007 reunion. After Pingry, I went to Florida (Rollins College) then off to both Penn State and Florida State for graduate work. I also lived in Italy for a long spell. Then, in one of those bizarre, concurrent moments, I went to work both for the *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* newspaper as a staff writer and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as a fine arts editor, columnist, and film critic. As to the latter, I wrote features and reviews and screened more than 185 motion pictures a year. Do the math; my brain is just beginning to firm up again, but a real bonus during my tenure were the many, many opportunities to sit down with actors, actresses, and filmmakers and conduct an interview—Steven Spielberg, Gregory Peck, Orson Welles, Sophia Loren, Michael J. Fox, Cesar Romero, Robert Englund, Chuck Norris, Holly Hunter, etc. It's a long list that proved to be much fun. I'm also finished with many years of teaching nights at the university and have pushed on since 2001 as a full-timer. I now teach three courses per semester, as well as lecturing all over the place, and I freelance for several cinema and arts journals when time permits. Summers I spend lecturing in Florence, Italy, usually 30 students or so from FAU and elsewhere. Tuscany is a special place and everything Italian appeals to me. More important is my dear wife (and interior decorator), 21-year-old daughter, 26-year-old son, and my 11-year-old daughter, still at home and a fine violinist and piano player. Life is good. My very

best to everyone at Pingry. Mr. **Miller Bugliari '52** still stands out as a man who impressed me with the importance of 'character.' I try to keep that notion always in sight ..."

Peter Kurz transferred from London to Cairo in August for what will probably be his last overseas assignment before leaving the federal service. Other assignments have included Bonn, Berlin, Singapore, and Bangkok. He writes, "I hope to make it to our 40th reunion next year. Recently, I have met both of our Pingry class of 1967 AFS students: **Carlos Monroy**, who is dean of a business school in Madrid, and **Shigeru Nakamura**, who is the Japanese ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

Vic Pfeiffer's daughter, Alex, graduated from Wesleyan University in May 2006. Vic is renovating a house in Chestertown, MD, where he has gotten to know two other Pingry alumni—**Kevin Walsh '77** and **Steve Elmendorf '78**. He also ran into **Jubb Corbet '50** on New Year's Day at the Green Turtle (Bahamas) Junkanoo.

WEDDINGS

Warren Leiden is happy to announce his marriage to Tiana G. Wimmer in 2005. The couple is residing happily in Mill Valley, CA. Warren writes, "I continue to travel to my law firm's offices in Washington, DC (Tysons) every month, so I get the best of the East and the West.

'69

Brian Bristol was the featured speaker for this year's Finance Café Lecture Series. He is currently the managing director in investment banking for WR Hambrecht & Co. Brian joined WR Hambrecht from the SoundView Technology Group, where he was head of investment banking.

Prior to SoundView, he headed the technology banking effort at Salomon Brothers, Inc. Brian has a BA cum laude in English literature from Yale University, a PhD and MA in English literature from Princeton University, and an MBA in finance and accounting from Columbia University. He served as a Pingry trustee from 1985-1991 and currently lives in New York City with his family.

Paul Simson writes, "It's been a good golf year. Victories at the British Senior Open Amateur, North South Senior Amateur, and North Carolina Senior Amateur helped my senior ranking to 3rd in the country."

In addition to his pastoral duties at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Columbus, OH, where he serves as associate rector, **Bruce Smith** continues to serve on the board of the Interfaith Center for Peace and as a member of the Stewardship Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. (ERH is based in Cincinnati). His wife, Susan, is in her 11th year as associate pastor of Indianola Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Bruce and Susan have three wonderful grandchildren—two in New Jersey and one in Ohio.

'70

David Wilder received the Marion L. Huit Faculty Award during the University of Iowa's annual Hancher-Finkbine dinner held on April 18, 2006. The prestigious event honors campus leaders and gives them an opportunity to meet administrators, faculty, fellow students, and alumni. David's hands-on approach to teaching has made him a popular presenter at local schools and a well-liked professor. He attributes his teaching methods to insight he gained from his grandfather, **Henry Bayard Clark** (Pingry 1901-1911, *Bluebook* editor-in-chief,

and varsity football manager). He writes, “This begins to answer Mr. Fayen’s challenge, ‘What are you going to do with it?’—that he asked me years ago when I told him I had earned an MS in engineering.” David is an associate professor in biomedical engineering at the College of Engineering and Occupational and Environmental Health in the College of Public Health. He received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees from the University of Vermont and joined the faculty in orthopedic surgery in the fall of 1985.

'72 REUNION YEAR

John Boffa bought a historic home in Georgetown last year. “The neighbors make up a noteworthy cluster of individuals, and the former owners renovated the house, making it even more appealing,” he writes.

Steve Holland writes, “After five years in Nevada, I’m ready to build green. Next stop is likely Bend, OR. Flying a pressurized Cessna allows us to live anywhere and easily visit clients all over the west coast.”

'73

Charles “Chip” Swicker '73 was at Pingry for “four crucial years in [his] academic life,” beginning in fifth grade, under the leadership of Headmaster Atwood. Chip has always credited Pingry with squaring away his study skills and giving him a lifelong passion for Shakespeare under Linda Larson’s guidance. Chip graduated from Dartmouth College in 1977 and went to sea for five years. He received a master’s degree in scientific and technical intelligence from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1990, where his classified thesis won the United States Naval Institute Award and was used operationally



Hootie Warren '77, Headmaster Conard, Miller Bugliari '52, and Ralph Warren '72 on Bainbridge Island, WA

during Desert Storm. Currently director of the command at sea department at the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, RI, Chip has recently been selected as the next commanding officer of the AEGIS missile cruiser USS VICKSBURG (CG 69). He and his wife, Barbara, make their home in South Dartmouth, MA. For additional information on Chip, go to www.thedartmouth.com/photo.php?aid=2006030801020&pn=1



Charles “Chip” Swicker '73

'74

Guy Cipriano writes, “My son, **Peter '06**, is a freshman at Bowdoin College and is on the squash and baseball teams. My daughter **Julia, Form V**, is a Pingry cheerleader and on the swim team.”

'75

Peter Hiscano writes, “As you might know, I am videotaping a history of The Pingry School. The first chapter is the ‘Soccer Chapter—The Bugliari Years.’ Call if you want a copy. Also, my offer still stands. Anyone with a good story to tell and who is not camera shy is welcome to contribute.”

'76

John Youngdahl lives in Summit, NJ, with his wife of 21 years, Cathy, and is a consultant specializing in economic and financial market analysis with a business office in Union. His son, Erik, is a freshman at Wesleyan University; and his two daughters, **Elisabeth, Form VI**, and **Rebecca, Form II**, currently attend Pingry’s Martinsville Campus.



On September 22, Peter Hiscano and fellow alumni attended a memorial at The Short Hills Club for Connor Seabrook's '76 father. From left, Peter, Douglas Martin '76, Rick Bosland '76, Chas Cliffe, Connor, Ken Robson '76, Tom Ward '76, and Richard McGeehan '76

a bicycle and skated for the first time, now he has turned into an expert cyclist and is crazy about ice-skating! And he is talking all the time, asking possible and impossible questions or memorizing children's rhymes in all variations. And when he is exhausted, he loves to cuddle with mommy. Both kids love popcorn on the big sofa! Mommy's La-Z-Boy is where the day starts and ends. So, generally, we expect the next year to be easy and very laid-back—it can only get slower. We hope that Trixy's condition will get more stable again. Though no longer doing really big trips to faraway places, we always enjoy when the world comes and visits us! Please start using my French email (samuel.ludwig@uha.fr) in the future."

'77 REUNION YEAR

Jane Sarkin O'Connor recently made the rounds on the media circuit, including a stop at *Larry King Live*, where she spoke about her interview with Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes for *Vanity Fair*. While speaking with King, she is quoted as saying, "I had been in touch with his [Tom Cruise's] people for quite a while and finally they called me and said, 'Tom and Katie decided to do the pictures of Suri for *Vanity Fair*,' and Annie Leibovitz and I showed up in Telluride a couple days later, and we spent five days there, and we had unprecedented access to their home ... It was absolutely something that we were so excited to be a part of."

Sämi Ludwig is still working as an English professor in Mulhouse (France) and Fribourg (CH). In December 2006, he wrote, "This has been a very busy year. We from Kappel send all the best wishes for another intense year! In December, I organized a tri-national graduate student conference in Mulhouse; it was a fantastic event with MA students from Freiburg, Basel, and Strasbourg and us giving papers—one of the exciting things about teaching in Alsace! Julia can already work very independently. In school she gave fantastic presentations on hammerhead sharks (in English) and on tigers (in German). She reads C.S. Lewis and writes her summaries, tutored by her ex-teacher mommy! She still does ballet and is a very balanced girl who gets along with all of her different classmates. She still has her two frogs and plays the trumpet with Mr. Kompare—slowly moving into Christmas songs, sometimes even learning to play them by ear. Jonathan relishes kindergarten. It's the company he has been hungering for years! He is a physical boy and loves kicking the ball outdoors! If last year he learned how to use



Sämi Ludwig '78 and family

'78

Gordon Bloom and his family of four—wife Sara Singer, 7-year-old daughter Audrey, and 4-year-old son Jason—live in Massachusetts. Gordon is a professor at Harvard Kennedy School, where he teaches about the creation and development of US and international social change organizations.

'80

Dorothy Harbeck was recently sworn in as a judge for the US Immigration Court in Elizabeth, NJ. Her court is about a mile from the old Pingry campus on North Avenue. Her father, **Jay C. Harbeck '52**, a former Pingry swimming

captain, was just awarded the Princeton University Swimming Team's 250 Award, which is given to the Princeton alum who has done the most for Princeton swimming. Jay continues to win medals in backstroke for his US Masters Team at Parris Island, SC.

In 2005, **Charles James Schaefer IV** was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor, Office of Public Affairs. In August 2006, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, US Air Force Reserve.

'81

Karen Schatman Benton is living in Randolph, NJ, with her husband and three children—8-year-old Hannah, 3-year-old Max, and 21-month-old Sam. She is at home with her children and enjoys volunteering at their school. She writes, "I look forward to our 25th reunion this spring and hope to see lots of old friends."

Michael Rowland writes, "Hey, I'm not lost! While we've moved our business from Chicago to the Washington, DC area, I've still been getting my Pingry mail. I'm looking forward to our reunion to catch up with those who survived Mr. Keane's economics and Mr. Russell's statistics classes (I'm still a lousy gambler despite the great instruction). I am the president of Impact Interactions, a marketing and strategy consulting firm focused on providing large organizations with creative solutions to improve their online marketing results. My wife Rachel and I live on the Chesapeake Bay on the eastern shore of Maryland with our three boys."

'82 REUNION YEAR

Gail Chwazik writes, "I was/am truly disheartened by **George D's [Donohue '83]** passing. I regret that

I was not informed (through no fault of anyone's), and I have been so upset as of late. Although it was a long time ago, I was with **George, Rob [Brown], and Henry [Stifel III '83]** through some really great times ... and bad. I feel honored to have been with George, Rob, and Henry on our Grateful Dead trip to Saratoga, NY. What a great time. George was my date to my senior prom. We just had a lot of fun ... for a while ... going to the Capitol Theatre in Passaic (It is no longer), but man, the memories. George was such a kind soul, and I know he loved everyone in his life as much as anyone could have. His wife is a very lucky woman."

Dr. Marc S. Feldstein, assistant professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University Medical School, was elected to the board of directors of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. He has served for the past 10 years as the zoo's OB/GYN consultant on its medical advisory committee. He lives in a Chicago suburb with his wife, Susie, and kids, Kayla, Drew, and Josh.



In November 2006, **Jonathan Karp's** musical, *How to Save the World and Find True Love in 90 Minutes*, opened off-Broadway.

The 90-minute-long play is a romantic comedy set at the United Nations. In the October 12, 2006 issue of *The Item of Millburn and Short Hills*, Jon described the story as being "about how to prevent your love life from becoming a global disaster. It's about how difficult it is to choose love over fear." For more information on Jon's play, go to howtosavetheworldandfindtrulove.com.

BIRTHS

Tom Jaffe and his wife, Amanda, welcomed their first child, Tucker Kenneth "Tiki" Jaffe, on July 25, 2006. The family recently moved from the Lower East Side of Manhattan to Essex Fells, NJ. Tom writes, "My email is tomjaffe@comcast.net, and I would love to hear from anyone who feels like re-connecting."

'84

The Board of Overseers at the University of Pennsylvania Law School welcomes **Derek Pew** as its newest member. Derek is the former CEO of, and now consultant to, Wireless Philadelphia, a nonprofit charged with creating a wireless network that will provide citywide Internet access for Philadelphia. Derek, who began his career as an investment banker, is a Penn Law graduate. Among several multibillion dollar projects, Pew participated in the historic \$33 billion merger of Bell Atlantic and NYNEX in 1997. He is also the cofounder of Boathouse Communications Partners and Remi Communications. For more information on Derek, go to <http://www.wirelessphiladelphia.org/boardmembers.html>

'85

Steve Mentz teaches Shakespeare and English Literature at St. John's University in Queens, NY. He's published two books: *Rogues and Early Modern English Culture*, which is about Elizabethan "true crime," and *Romance for Sale in Early Modern England*, which is about the book market in the age of Shakespeare. Steve lives in Branford, CT, with his wife, Alinor Sterling, and two kids, 5-year-old Ian and 4-year-old Olivia.

'87 REUNION YEAR

Robert Mack says hello to all from Portland, OR, where he lives with his wife, Joy, and their two children: 3 ½-year-old Stella and 1 ½-year-old Cyril. Rob is an instrumentation and controls engineer and is currently starting up a biodiesel equipment company. He is attending the 20th Reunion this spring and is looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Melanie "Missy" Urick was recently promoted to managing director at Dominick & Dominick LLC in New York, continuing her role as head of equity & alternative products and global investment strategy, where she has worked for the past year and a half.

'88

Ravi Jhaveri is on the pediatrics faculty at Duke University. He and his wife, Caren, have a daughter, Malini, who just turned 2 years old. They have another child on the way. He invites anyone to send an email to say hello.

WEDDINGS

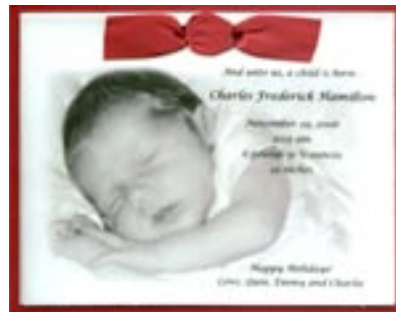


J. Glenn Pew married Tracy Vuong on November 4, 2006. In attendance were Marc Lionetti, Greg Thomas, David Gibson, Wendy Goldberg '84, Derek Pew '84, and faculty members Patricia Lionetti and Lydia Geacintov, the groom's mother. From left, Pete (Glenn's college roommate), Marc, Greg, David, and Glenn (kneeling).

Philip Thomas is married, lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, and is an attorney for a group of hedge funds.

BIRTHS

Emmy Hamilton and her husband, Quin, are excited to announce the birth of their son, Charles Frederick Hamilton, aka Charlie, on November 29, 2006 in Burlington, VT. Charlie weighed in at 6 lbs, 11.5 oz. and was 19 inches. She writes, "He's a wonderful baby and a fabulous early Christmas present! Everyone is doing well. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2007 to everyone."



Alan Tamarelli and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of their son, Alan Wayne Tamarelli III, on Monday, August 22, 2005 at Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Alan weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 22 inches long. He joins sisters Catherine and Elizabeth, who are 4 and 2 years old, respectively. The maternal grandparents are Winne and John Schano of Pittsburgh. The paternal grandparents are Carol and Wayne Tamarelli of the Basking Ridge section of Bernards Township.

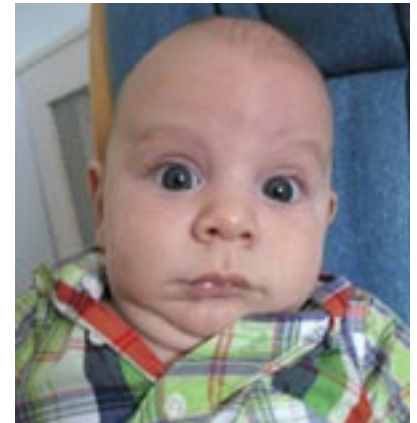


Alan Wayne Tamarelli III

'89

Kirsten Bennett has announced her engagement to Giles Andrew Horner. Giles has a bachelor's degree in economics from Durham University and a master's degree in finance from Instituto De Empresa in Madrid, Spain. He is a manager of corporate treasury accounting with British Petroleum in London. Kirsten, who received her bachelor's degree in economics from The University of Virginia, is a vice president in the prime brokerage division of Morgan Stanley International in London. A July wedding is planned.

BIRTHS



Rocco Egan

Tom Egan and his wife, Julie (sister of **Michael Sabatino '89**), announce the birth of their son, Rocco, on May 11. He joins his big brothers, Charlie, who is 5 years old and George, who is 4 years old. They recently moved to Chestnut Hill, MA, from New York City.

Heather L. (Stier) Leibowitz and her husband, David, announce the birth of Samuel Max on February 28, 2006. Samuel joins big brother Isaac. Heather, a former deputy attorney general for the state of New Jersey, has joined the law firm of White and Williams in their Philadelphia, PA office.



Michelle Jarney '89 and her husband, Howard Jacobs, were thrilled to have so many of their Pingry friends and family celebrate their wedding in November 2005. Standing from left are Katie (Barlett) Schneider, Jenn (Gates) Earle '89, Chuck Earle, Miguel Gutierrez, Catherine (Kolacy) Becker, Michelle, Howard, Chandra (Cain) Davis, George Davis, Michelle Friedland '90, and Alice (Popp) Casey. Seated from left are Steve Becker, Dan Kelly, and Stuart Lederman '78. Tanya (Fickenscher) Leonard is not shown but was also present.



Alumni children from the class of '89 feasted on watermelons during the Memorial Day weekend. From left are Quinn Hilgendorff, Peter Korn, Bennett Crosby, Ellie Hilgendorff, Caroline Korn, and Elsa Korn.

'90

Diane Elizabeth Dubovy recently announced her engagement to Blake Donald Benke. Blake is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and served in the US Marine Corps. He is a full-time student at New York University's Stern School of Business. Following his graduation in May 2007, he will pursue a career in the financial services industry.

Diane, who received her BS degree from Cornell University and MBA from Columbia University, is president of her own consulting company, Dubovy Consulting LLC, which specializes in strategic marketing in New York City. A June 2007 wedding is planned in New York City.

After attending UVA law school, **Michael Levine** worked at Baker Botts LLP in Houston for seven

years but quit this past year to go in a different direction. He is now a defensive coordinator/outside linebacker's coach and geometry teacher at Westbury High School in Houston, an inner-city 5A school that boasts four alums in the NFL, including Giants player Michael Strahan. He writes, "It is incredibly rewarding. Hard to believe I know, but helping kids below the poverty line master math and football is actually more rewarding than helping a multi-billion dollar company save a few million dollars. Please send my regards to Boyer, Trem, Katie Cassidy, and all my many other friends."

WEDDINGS

On October 29, 2006, **Jackie Schlosberg** married Charles Pick at the Chicago Cultural Center. The couple lives downtown by a candy factory, so the air is chocolate-scented! Jackie teaches middle school in Highland Park, IL, and has been at the same school for nine amazing years. Life doesn't get any better than this!

BIRTHS

Anthony S. Bugliari and his wife, Katie, welcomed their son, Anthony Joseph Bugliari, on October 28, 2005. Baby Anthony joins his 4-year-old brother William and 2-year-old sister Claire.

Scott Gerhardt and his wife, **Nicole (Fargnoli) '92**, recently welcomed their first son, Jack Leary Gerhardt, into the world.

Jonathan Robustelli and his wife, Rita, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Louis, on Sunday, September 10, 2006. Baby Jonathan weighed 8 lbs and was 20 inches and is doing great! He joins big sister Ava, who is 19 months and loves having a new baby brother. While at the hospital, Jonathan also met his first friend, Brady Walsh, born

on the same day to parents Drew Walsh and his wife **Melissa (Tong) '90**. Jon writes, "Melissa and I had a great time catching up and congratulating one another."

'91

Mara Baydin writes, "Hi! All is well. Recently got engaged to Mr. Jason Kanner and will be married at the New York Botanical Gardens in May 2007. Enjoying my new job at Fortress Investment Group, LLC and looking forward to celebrating **Blythe Henwood's** wedding with **Jill Griffinger Herbert** and **Alexandra Walsh O'Brian**, in Mexico this coming December."



Mara Baydin and fiancé Jason Kanner

Hunter Hulshizer and **Peter "Corby" Thomas '92** enjoy the experience of owning Session 73 for the past eight years, with business remaining as strong as ever. Over the years, they have been visited by many Pingry alumni, including numerous class reunions and semi-annual surprise visits from **Miller Bugliari '52** and his soccer crew. Hunter and Corby appreciate the loyalty and enthusiasm for continued private party bookings.

While being restaurateurs in New York City is no simple task (1 out of 10 establishments survive the first three years), it has been rewarding for them. Particularly special has been the ability to work well as business partners and remain close friends with a Pingry history they both share. They've both learned so much about so many things, managing a terrific staff of approximately 30 people, and for the most part, having been able to hang on to many of their "key players." Session 73 just finished another successful NYC Marathon Day, which has become something of a tradition on the Upper East Side. The race runs past the establishment, and if you're able to move your way through the crowd, you're likely to bump into several Pingry faces. The live music angle continues to set Session 73 apart from the competition, offering an alternative to your typical nightclub atmosphere. Corby is often seen playing harmonica with the local bands. Over the years the two have had the pleasure of meeting several celebrities who have either popped in to sing on stage or just stopped by to enjoy the lounge-like vibe. The late Tito Puente, John Popper, and Jimmy Fallon have all performed on stage. Hunter and Corby would welcome an appearance of **Adam Gardner's** band, Guster. They've had numerous athletes and movie stars stop by over the years, including Derek Jeter, Roger Clemens, Tiki Barber, Mike Ditka, Tara Reid, Jerry O'Connell, Will Ferrell, and Vin Diesel, to name a few. The cast of Saturday Night Live became such regulars at Session 73 that they have had several after-show parties at Session and even filmed a scene for one of their skits with Kate Hudson. Hunter and Corby have brought different talents of their own to the mix. While Corby, a talented musician himself, has been



Hunter Hulshizer and Peter "Corby" Thomas '92

responsible for shaping the music scene at Session, as well as booking unflinching NYC acts night after night, Hunter has devoted a great deal of time working closely with their publicists in gaining media attention, as well as helping promote the club in various other ways. The feel of Session 73 has remained much the same, and this has made Session a recognizable icon on the Upper East Side and beyond. The long, dark wood bar is moodily lit by hanging blue lights and adorned with a canopy of shimmering hand-worked copper, and candle-lit "wave" tables surround the carpeted stage. The warm, tangerine-colored walls and midnight-blue, velvet banquets lend a comforting lounge-like feel to the dining room. The atmosphere at Session is all about food and mood. The small, shareable and international varied dishes encourage cross pollinating and casual sociable dining, while the live music fuses the bustling bar and separate lounge dining room into one scene. *New York Magazine* recently rated Session "Best Bar/Restaurant on the Upper East Side" in its annual "Best of New York" issue. Session has been mentioned many times in *The New York Post's* Page Six, as well as in various other newspapers and magazines. Its original executive chef even appeared on Eyewitness News for a live cooking segment. At Session 73, tango and salsa nights continue to do

well, and the trio burgers continue to be their biggest hit. Hunter and Corby appreciate all the support from the Pingry community and hope alumni will stop by and see them in the near future. Please visit www.session73.com.

BIRTHS

Stephanie Morrow Bushell and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Kate, who was born on August 3, 2005. Natalie joins big brother James, who is 3 years old.

Laura Cromarty and her husband, Michael Mogilewski, are proud and thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Braeden, born on October 4, 2006.



Braeden Cromarty

Elizabeth Blanchard Field and her husband, Richard, welcomed their son, Frederick, on October 21, 2006. “Freddie” was 8 lbs., 13 oz. and 20 inches. He joins big sister LuLu, who is 2 years old and was very excited about his long-awaited arrival!

'92 REUNION YEAR

Constantine K. “Dean” Christakos writes, “I finished my PhD (finally!) at the MIT Media Laboratory in January 2006 and then went on vacation for several months, traveling though Europe and Turkey. I recently accepted a research position at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and have moved down to Washington, DC.”

WEDDINGS

Elizabeth Moore was married on April 30, 2005 to Arthur Valdes III. The couple welcomed Cameron Julia Valdes on April 30, 2006. The family currently lives in Jersey City and spends weekends at their home in Westhampton Beach, NY. Elizabeth writes, “Hope everything is well!”

Sam Partidge married Heather Darreff in Pittsfield, VT, on August 19, 2006. **Michael Zigmont** was a groomsman. Also in attendance were **Steve Weinreich, Sara Farber, Natalie Suhl, Leslie Tuttle,** and **Jay Crosby '96.**

BIRTHS

Josh Connor and his wife, Patricia, welcomed their son, John August “Jack” Connor, in January. Their daughter, Lily, is almost 2 ½ years old. The family loves living in New Jersey again and reside in Short Hills, down the street from **Kathy Iacuzzo Sartorius.**

Stephanie Jacobson and her husband, Eric, welcomed their second daughter, Ainsley Elise, into the world on July 18, 2006. She joins big sister, Libby. The family currently lives outside Philadelphia.

'93

Phyllis Chen writes, “It has taken me much too long to finally write in with an update! 2006 has been a year filled with changes for me. After three years of going to school part-time, I completed my MBA degree at UC Berkeley this past summer. This fall, I left Gap after 7 years in their headquarter offices here in San Francisco, and I am now working from home for a HK-based firm. I am now looking forward to planning my wedding, which will take place in Woodside, CA at the beginning of September! And, we are, of course, hoping to see some familiar Pingry faces there!”

WEDDINGS

Chris Boraski married Katherine Mack in Toms River, NJ, on August 13, 2005. Kathy and Chris met at the insistence of Kathy’s cousin, who works with Chris at a division of Intercall Corporation in Wayne, NJ. **Jason Rossi** was the best man, and **Michael Plocek** was a groomsman. **Jordana Drell Rosen '95** also attended with her husband, Daniel. Chris is a Java Web Development Manager. Kathy teaches special education at Angelo L. Tomaso Elementary School in Warren, NJ. They are now living in Skillman, (Montgomery Township) NJ.

Steven Engler married Lisa Berry on Cape Cod in June 2004. After spending some time in Durham, NC, the couple is back in Watertown, MA. Steven is working for Sasaki Associates as a civil engineer, and Lisa is a regional planner with the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation.

BIRTHS

Stephanie Lim Capello and her husband, Charlie, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Maximillian Ethan Capello, on April 30, 2006. Maximillian was born in Wynnewood, PA, and the whole family recently bought a new house in Havertown, PA.

Byron Wong recently welcomed his first child, Egan. You can read about Byron’s take on current events at www.newexcursion.blogspot.com.



Egan Wong

'94

In September 2006, **Michael Corcoran** and his wife, Theresa, moved from Chicago to Los Angeles, where Michael now works as the corporate development senior manager at Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Mark Franklin is enjoying living in New Hampshire, where he's doing a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine (ICU) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He writes, "I have tons of opportunities to hike, ski, camp, and kayak. However, I do miss the Jersey Shore."

After finishing her Ob/Gyn residency at Duke, **Radhika (Dasmahapatra) Rible** and her husband, Fred, packed up and moved cross country to Los Angeles, where she started a fellowship in family planning at the University of Southern California. In September, they welcomed the birth of their son, Ethan, who is "wonderful and makes every day an adventure."

Catherine (Roberts) Somers is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom with her 5-year-old son, Matthew, and 3-year-old daughter, Dillon. She just saw **Stephanie (Alpert) Klingsberg** and her new daughter, Shayna. Also, she saw **Jane (Shivers) Hoffman** at the PSPA fashion show."

Mark Vito Villanella was featured in the April 6, 2006 issue of *The Star-Ledger*. The article chronicled his decision to leave Columbia Business School to join his wife, Keiko Fujimori, a fellow MBA student, in Peru. Keiko is a congressional candidate for, and leader of, the Alliance for the Future (AF). She will stand-in for her father, Alberto Fujimori, the self-exiled president of Peru, in his run for Congress. Mark has taken a leave from his job and studies in order to support his wife. As he is quoted as

saying, "I loved my job, and I loved my home. But I love my wife, and I love Peru. I had to be with her ... I know it was the right decision."

WEDDINGS

Daniel Kellner married Sasha Stumacher on July 30, 2006 at Tribeca Rooftop in Manhattan.

Kirsten "Kiri" Vincentsen married Deron J. Wolfe on September 16, 2006 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ. A reception followed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an ivory Vera Wang silk gown and her mother's French lace veil. She carried mini calla lilies and big fun roses. Kiri's brother, David, served as an usher. Kiri, a Bucknell University graduate like her parents, is an account director with the advertising agency TBWA\Chiat\Day in Manhattan. The bridegroom, a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, is a senior vice president with Keefe, Bruyette, and Woods in New York. The couple first met at a friend's wedding in 1993 and began dating in 2003. They became engaged two nights before Thanksgiving 2005. The couple resides in New York City.

Diana Blake Wiss married Nelson William Tebbe on June 10, 2006. Diana, who has an MBA from Columbia Business School, is a fixed income derivatives salesperson at Deutsche Bank Securities in New York City. Nelson, a Brown University, Yale Law School, and University of Chicago graduate, teaches law at St. John's University School of Law. The couple resides in Brooklyn.

BIRTHS

Owen Tully and his wife, Amber, became the proud parents of Sophia Rae Tully, who was born on



Owen Tully and his daughter Sophia Rae

December 11, 2006. Sophia weighed 9 lbs, 8 oz. and was 21.25 inches long. Both Sophia and Amber are doing great, and they look forward to speaking with everyone soon.

Brad Wright is living in Colorado with his wife, Aminta. The couple recently welcomed their baby boy, Kody. Brad writes, "It is a really good experience. I actually started playing box lacrosse again this past summer. The league runs every season except spring, and there is a huge outdoor spring league here. It is a lot of fun being back in the game. Previous to that I was really into rock climbing, but I dislocated my wrist, of all things, so I had to give that up. I have been working for GE as a senior account manager for over a year now."



Kody Wright

'95



Kitty Scheuerman Fowler's children, Jack and Lilly

Kimberly Havens and her husband, Will Heidel, have returned to San Francisco after four years in Los Angeles. Kimberly is working at Wilson Meany Sullivan, an urban infill real estate developer based in San Francisco.

Blake Jarrell has recently become engaged to Danielle Diaz. Danielle, a Boston University graduate, is employed by Bare Escentuals and works in product development. Blake, a Fairleigh Dickinson University graduate, is employed by Physicians Sales and Services and works in medical device sales. An October 28, 2006 wedding is planned in Naples, FL. The couple will reside in San Francisco.

Erin Leone recently became engaged to Ryan Blute. The couple met when they were both members of an '80s cover band at the University of Chicago's business school and live in Newport Beach, CA. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

Gwyneth Murray-Nolan works as a civil litigation attorney in Livingston. She is engaged to John A. Forsman III, and they are planning a June 2007 wedding. She recently enjoyed an African safari complete with a tour of Victoria Falls, Cape Town, Zambia, and Kruger National Park. She writes, "Life has been very good!"

Hillary Shaw writes, "John Flack recently reminded me it has almost been a year since our class reunion in NYC! Catching up with classmates was a wonderful experience,

and I look forward to our next reunion. I recently finished a rigorous program through the Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, a non-profit organization that trains entrepreneurs, which resulted in a complete business plan for Single Chair Creative Studio (www.single-chair.com). I'm thrilled to finally have my own business—thanks to the support of amazing family and friends. **Sharad Sharma** may be one of my early clients! If you find yourself in or near Annapolis, please contact me. I'm happy to meet up with Pingry alums."

Jen Taylor writes, "I will be making my Broadway debut this fall in the Roundabout Theatre Company's production of *The Apple Tree* at Studio 54. The show opened December 14 and runs through March. I keep in touch regularly with **Meri Sulcer**, who was at my wedding in May. We even live in the same neighborhood!"

Jennifer F. Weinstein received her doctoral degree in clinical psychology in August 2006 from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco, CA. She is presently completing her post-doctoral year at the Ann Martin Center in Piedmont, CA, providing psychotherapy to adults, children, and families.

WEDDINGS

Christine Iacuzzo married Louis Dickler on May 13, 2006 at the New York Botanical Garden.

Chuck Iacuzzo '89, Kathy Iacuzzo Sartorius '92, and Kitty Scheuerman Fowler were in the wedding party. Pingry alumni in attendance include **Erin Leone, Emily Leonard, Leigh Greico Cascarilla, Jody Weiss Sargent, and Allan Donnelly '92.**

The couple met in their freshman year biology class at Bucknell University, from which they graduated. Louis is a certified public accountant and associate director

of corporate accounting at Warner Music Group in Manhattan. Christine, who will continue to use her name professionally, works in New York for Gucci as its director of advertising and marketing.



From left, Kitty Scheuerman Fowler, Emily Leonard, Christine Iacuzzo Dickler, Jody Weiss Sargent, Erin Leone, and Leigh Greico Cascarilla

Jennifer Taylor married Joseph Farrell on May 27, 2006 at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in New York. Both Jennifer and Joseph work as actors. Joseph, a magna cum laude graduate from Yale, hosted the Learning Channel show *Trading Spaces: Family* from 2003 through 2005. Last year he had the lead role in the national tour of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Jennifer will continue to use her name professionally. Last year, she has had roles in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *The Full Monty* at the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly, MA. She also has performed at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT, where she met Joseph during a production of Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*. Jennifer also works as an administrative assistant at Centerbridge Partners, an investment firm in New York.

'96

Paul Asavabhokhin is currently working with a securities firm in Bangkok and would be happy to provide any information if anyone in the Pingry community is looking to visit Thailand.

Michael Occhipinti drove the halfbakedschemes.com Plymouth Neon to a 5th place finish in the Street Touring class at the Sports Car Club of America Solo National Championships in Topeka, KS. This was his third trophy in four years at the annual event, and it capped off an undefeated regular season that included both national and divisional level victories. Michael also recently celebrated his one year wedding anniversary to Lindsay, a veterinary medicine student at Michigan State University.

Leslie Plumeri recently became engaged to Jay Levasseur of Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The couple met while working at Outward Bound in Boston and are now living and working in Northampton, MA. They are planning a September wedding at Leslie's parents' home in Bedminster, NJ.

Adam Segal got engaged to Patty Friel on October 1, 2006. In January 2006, he started a new business, Specialized Vehicle Installations, LLC. He is also assistant fire chief at the Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department.

Ooana Trien is working as a producer in film and TV at a New York City production company. She attended the '96 reunion at Session 73 and writes, "It was wonderful to see so many people. What a turn out! I'm happy to say that I've reconnected with quite a few old classmates and faculty and just wanted to add a note of warmth and thanks to my Pingry family!"

WEDDINGS

After relocating to Fort Worth, TX, Rev. **Mike Baughman** married Rev. Rachel Griffin and became the proud stepfather of two children, Bekah and Griffin Shoemaker. Mike is thrilled to announce the birth of a new daughter, Sylvia Rose, in April

2006. He is the associate pastor of youth and worship at Richland Hills United Methodist Church.

Wendy Beth Tepperman married John James Griffin on March 4, 2006 at the Plaza Athénée in New York. **Lindsay Tasher, Catherine Yatrakis, and Paul Varjan '94** were in attendance. John, a Princeton graduate, is a producer in Manhattan for ABC News Now, a 24-hour news service for users of computers, cell phones, and other wireless devices. He is a former actor who played a lead role in the Tom Stoppard play, *Arcadia*, at Lincoln Center in 1995 and a featured role in the 1996 Woody Allen film, *Everyone Says I Love You*. Wendy, a University of Pennsylvania cum laude graduate and graduate from Columbia Law School, works in New York as a senior counsel in the enforcement division of the Securities and Exchange Commission. She was a law clerk in Judge Preska's office in 2003 and 2004.

'97 REUNION YEAR

On September 12, 2006, **Micah Kellner** won reelection to the New York State Democratic Committee. In his duties as Democratic State Committeeman for the 65th Assembly District, Micah represents the 50,000 plus Democrats of the Upper East Side, Yorkville, and Roosevelt Island. Micha was originally elected in 2004 and is one of the youngest persons to serve on the New York State Democratic Committee in its history.

WEDDINGS

Haley Joel married Matthew Satnick on April 8, 2006. Matthew is an associate at Odyssey Investment Partners in New York. He is part of a team that helps analyze companies the firm might acquire and then manages those it does purchase. He

is also a chairman of the volunteer leadership council of the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Metro New York. He graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania. Haley, a magna cum laude Harvard graduate, will continue to use her name professionally. As a television and film actress, she has had roles on ABC's *Port Charles*, NBC's *Days of Our Lives*, WB's *Summerland*, and NBC's *American Dreams*. She also has a lead role in the horror film, *Abominable*.

Catherine Pfaffenroth just moved to the Boston area for graduate school. She's pursuing an MALD at the Fletcher School, focusing on public diplomacy through educational exchanges. She writes, "Looking forward to our 10th reunion!"

BIRTHS

Frank Morano and his wife, Kristie, welcomed their first child, Frank Joseph Ashley, on November 22, 2006. Baby Frank weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mother and baby are doing great. The couple has a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. In addition to the beautiful son, Frank graduated from Seton Hall Law in May and passed both the New Jersey and New York bar exams. He is currently clerking for the Honorable N. Peter Conforti, J.S.C., in Morris County. Kristie received her master's degree in special education from Rutgers University and works as a teacher in Warren. The family resides in Bridgewater.



Frank Joseph Ashley Morano

'98

Abby Corcoran, Gideon Lewis-Krauss, Richie Zevin, and Micah Lewis-Krauss '01 met for dinner and a carafe of wine while Abby was in San Francisco in July. The night went smoothly until Abby lit the table on fire in an incident involving a candle and a napkin. Abby and Richie both tried to douse the roaring blaze with water from their drinking glasses, but much to their dismay found that their glasses were empty. Thanks to the quick reaction of a non-Pingry alum who poured a pitcher of ice water on the tabletop fire, disaster was averted. Gideon missed the entire incident, as he had raced out of the restaurant moments earlier to recover a credit card that he left elsewhere the previous evening.

WEDDINGS

Meredith Wepner married Judd Benjamin Grossman at Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange, NJ. The couple met at the University of Pennsylvania, from which she graduated magna cum laude and he graduated cum laude. He also received a law degree from the school. Meredith has a medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine and is a first-year pediatric resident at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Judd is a litigation associate at the New York office of O'Melveny & Myers.



Kimberly Christine Barbieri married Marshall McLean on May 20, 2006, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown, NJ. The McLeans, who have been dating since their sophomore year at Pingry, are now living in Bedminster with their dog "Beans." Kimberly is a first grade teacher at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains and Marshall is a corporate attorney in the Morristown office of Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C. The couple was lucky enough to have a large group of Pingry alumni at their wedding, including, from back left, Michael Ames, David Greig, Peter Ryan, Kevin Schmidt, Lauren (Gruel) Diemar '96, Thomas Diemar '96, Reidy Dubuque, Todd Boylan, Amanda (Walsh) McNamara, Conor Dowley (honorary), Sam Wilson '96, Vanessa Chandis, Nina (Renda) Liborio, Christina Barba, Andrew Leonard, Shari Siadat, Kimbely McLean, Marshall McLean, and Edward McLean Sr. '30. Dave, Peter, Reidy, and Andrew were all groomsmen.



Laura Yorke's '98 wedding

'99

Robert C. Bonelli graduated from Bucknell University in 2003 and has gone on to graduate from Pace Law School in May 2006. He has passed the New York State Bar Exam, and he is an associate at the firm of Gusrae, Kaplan, Bruno, and Nusbaum on Wall Street in New York City, where he is specializing in securities industry litigation. He continues to run and has become an accomplished and avid rock climber.

Adam Schayowitz is in his third year of graduate school at the University of Maryland Cancer Center in Baltimore doing breast and prostate cancer research.

Lowell Schiller graduated in June from Harvard Law School and is currently working as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Jane R. Roth on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In August 2007, he will marry Julia Stahl in Princeton, NJ. Julia, who graduated from Princeton with Lowell in 2003, is in her last year of law school at NYU.

'00

Shilpa Cheela is beginning her first year of medical school at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY.

Rebecca Mozo just closed the show *The Cherry Orchard*, playing Anya opposite Annette Bening and Alfred Molina, and is currently starring in the movie, *Zerophilia*. Rebecca was also nominated for lead actress in the play *I Capture the Castle* at the Ovation Awards. She lives in L.A. and is engaged to her boyfriend of five years, Joshua Ansley, bass player for the band Hurt.



Class of 2000 alumni at Allie Manly and Bif Brunhouse's home.

Allie Manly and **Bif Brunhouse** are engaged and plan to marry next June in New York City. In May, the couple had a bar-b-q/get together at their new home, where fellow classmates joined them.

Jacob Wolowitz recently became engaged to Cody Ward, his college sweetheart. He writes, "I simply can't wait to marry her! We're living in Minneapolis now, so if you're in town send me an email because I'd love to catch up. We plan to get married in 2008 and are hoping Phish will come out of retirement to play at our wedding. Best wishes to the class of 2000!"

'01

Lindsay Moyer recently moved to Boston, which she loves, and is working for Harvard Law School's Annual Fund.

'02 REUNION YEAR

Elizabeth Cuneo was voted Best Defensive Player of the Year in DI Women's Lacrosse, National Division I Defensive Player of the Year, first team All-American, and first team All-Ivy.

Lauren Kathleen Fackelman has recently become engaged to Brendan Coffey. Lauren is currently attending Boston University, where she is pursuing a master's degree in education. Brendan graduated from Dublin Institute of Technology and Athlone Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in engineering with first class honor. He is now working on a master's in project management at Brandeis University.

Sara Hamilton received a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College on May 21, 2006. A psychology major, Sara graduated cum laude with departmental honors and was elected to the Psi Chi and Phi Sigma Lota honor societies. She is currently working in the human resources department at BlackRock in New York City.

Catherine Anne "Katie" Monticchio graduated from Harvard University in June with a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in history and literature. She plans to begin a job with Microsoft Corporation in New York City, where she will work in online marketing.

'03

Ian Deeks has been named to the Emory College Deans List for the spring 2006 semester.

Stephanie DeVos graduated from Georgetown University in December 2006 with a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in Spanish with a minor in Italian. She is continuing her studies at Georgetown University and plans to complete her master's degree in December 2007.

Allison T. Lewis has just finished her junior year at Miami University in Oxford, OH, and took classes at NYU this summer. She is majoring in political science and minoring in French.

Ari Marciscano is a junior at Georgetown University and a Howard Hughes Scholar in the school's pre-med program. She is also a finalist in the school's 20th Annual Student Research Competition and Expedition for 2006.

Jennifer Zoepfel moved to Brooklyn this past June with a "crazy kitten" named Banana and loves it there. Jennifer is continuing to pursue her BFA in Technical Theater at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She will be graduating in May 2008 because of a year's medical leave. She has switched to a concentration in costume design from her days as the Pingry stage manager and immensely enjoys working at the Jim Henson Workshop, dressing and making Muppets for *Sesame Street* as well as various other projects. She constantly has to take into account how the items will look on camera, so her photography training has also been of use. She recently attended the Pingry production of *A Winter's Tale*, where her sister, **Melinda**, a Form V Pingry student, is still work-

ing hard behind the scenes. Jennifer regularly sees **Abby Buurma**, **Elan DiMaio**, **Mikasha Edwards-White**, and **Lauren Miller**. She writes, "If anyone graduating needs advice about finding an apartment in New York, please feel free to email."

'04

On November 5, 2006, **Nicole Green** ran the New York City Marathon with Fred's Team. Fred's Team, a marathon program whose members participate in marathons around the globe, supported The Aubrey Fund for Pediatric Cancer Research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Nicole will be running in memory of **Lisa Malchow '03**, who passed away in 2005 of Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare and fatal pediatric cancer. On her web page (on the Fred's Team web site), Nicole writes, "Lisa was truly a great person as well as a friend and inspiration to everyone she knew." To read more about Nicole's run, go to <http://fredsteam.mskcc.org/fundraising/Controller>.

From Oct. 9 to Dec. 9, **Halley Wegryn Gross** is performing in the off-Broadway production of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* at the Acorn Theatre. Cynthia Nixon plays the title role. Halley, who plays the role of "Jenny," has been having a wonderful time and

loves the cast and play. The play is adapted from Muriel Spark's novel, which was named by *Time* magazine as one of the top 100 books of the century. The story takes place in a 1930s conservative Scottish girls' school, where the students idolize their scandalously outspoken teacher, Miss Brodie, who preaches the value of art and passion. Halley is a junior at NYU's Gallatin School, where she is studying script writing and computer programming, with an eye to merge the two degrees in her career.

'05


Jess Meyer made the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis and is now a member of Pi Beta Phi, where she was on the executive board for her pledge class. She says, "To the class of '05 – congrats on finishing freshman year!"

Michael Rosenman has been accepted into Cornell University's prestigious Research Experience for Undergraduates. He will be spending ten weeks during the upcoming summer on Cornell's campus at the Laboratory for Elementary-Particle Physics, working with mentors on research projects, attending lectures, and participating in discussion groups. Last year's program was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

'06

Marissa Bialecki had a main role in a student production of "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" by Alan Ball. She's currently the Greek beat reporter for George Washington University's newspaper, *The Hatchet*.

In an article on ESPN.com, **Sara Murphy** spoke about her experiences playing soccer for Duke and her idolization of World Cup soccer players. In 2005, Sara was ranked as one of the top 25 recruits in the nation by *Soccer Buzz*.



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The drawing will be held on September 29, 2007, during Homecoming.



IN MEMORIAM

in memoriam

Our sympathies are extended to the friends and family of the following alumni and community members:

'29

Robert C. Thomson, Jr. died on September 18, 2006. After graduating from Pingry, Robert graduated from Haverford College and Fordham School of Law.

'30

William A. Conway died on March 31, 2006. Although William didn't finish high school and started work as an errand boy on Wall Street, he later began what turned out to be an illustrious banking career. He worked as a clerk at the Hudson County National Bank in Jersey City, NJ and became president of the bank, leading it through a period of technological change and mergers. His institution was subsumed first into Garden State National Bank and later into Fidelity National, now part of Wachovia. William retired in the early 1980's. He is survived by his daughter, Mary, and son, William.

'37

John H. Notman, a veteran newspaper man and former general manager of the *Clinton (NJ) Herald* and *Trenton (NJ) Times*, died after a brief lung infection. A 1941 Harvard University graduate, John spent 16 years working at the *Herald*. He rose from reporter to general manager, serving in that capacity until 1965. During

his tenure, he was president of the Inland Daily Press Association and the Iowa Daily Press Association. He was an advisor to American Newspapers in Panama from 1965 to 1966. After a seven year stint with the *Trenton Times*, he retired to Clinton in 1975. Active in the community, John was a past president of the Clinton Rotary Club and an active member of the Clinton Development Corporation, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and the Clinton Country Club. John was a member of Harvard's Mountaineer Club and an enthusiastic climber, skier, tennis, and squash player. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gertrud; sons, Dirk Hayo and Derek Notman; and grandchildren, Derek, John, Alexandra, and Scott.

'38

Frederick C. Sutro, Jr. died on May 17, 2006 after a long illness. Frederick was a Yale University graduate and served in the US Army Aircorp Intelligence in World War II. He retired from U.S. Steel Chemicals in 1982 and had a worldwide consulting firm from 1982 to 1994. He was a former director of the Society of Plastic Industry and former president of the Society of Plastic Engineers. He was also a member of the Allegheny Country Club. A memorial service was held on May 27, 2006 in the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley. Frederick was the beloved husband of Sheila (Kelley) Sutro for 63 years and loving father of Tracy Whitman and Tina Marsh. He leaves behind three grandchildren.

William Runyon Vanderbilt died peacefully on September 21, 2006 after a long illness. He was at his home in Chatham, MA. A Wesleyan University graduate, William served as a 1st lieutenant with the 104th Infantry Division in France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany during World War II. He graduated from New York University School of Law and was then recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean War. He also serves in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington, DC. William was admitted to practice in New Jersey as an attorney of law and counselor of law. He practiced law until his retirement in 1986 with offices in Newark and Livingston. In 1953 he was elected to the New Jersey Legislature and served as an assemblyman from Union County. He was a trustee of New York University Law Center Foundation and Kent Place School in Summit (NJ). He was a director of C.F. Mueller Company and a trustee of the Mueller Scholarship Foundation. William served on the boards of New Jersey Mental & Health Association, the Frost Valley Association, the Summit Y.M.C.A., and the Central Committee of the Summit United Fund. He was trustee and chairman of the board of trustees of Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. In Chatham, MA, he served on the board of trustees of the Creative Arts Center and the Monomoy Yacht Club and was a member of the Chatham Conservation Foundation. He was also a trustee and chairman of the Board of the First Congregational Church in

Chatham. Mr. Vanderbilt was a member of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society. He was a member of Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ; Eastward Ho Country Club in Chatham; Monomoy Yacht Club; and the Hyannis Yacht Club. He was also a member of the Monday Night Club in Summit. William is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean White Vanderbilt; daughter, Marjorie White Vanderbilt; and son, Arthur T. Vanderbilt II.

Christopher Jon Van Wagenen died on September 7. After graduating from Monmouth College, Chris went on to become a cosmetologist working in Fair Haven, Little Silver, and Red Bank (NJ). In Red Bank, he owned and operated the Cote Rouge Salon. During his years at the Jersey Shore, he was active in many community organizations including the Monmouth County Arts Council and the Monmouth Day Care Center. In addition, he was the social columnist for the *Asbury Park Press*. Christopher moved to Daytona Beach, FL in 1994, continuing in cosmetology until joining the Adams Cameron and Co. Real Estate Agency. He also provided services to Lohman's Funeral Homes. Christopher continued with his love of the arts and helping numerous charities. He was famous for his gourmet dinner parties, his love of foreign travel, gardening, and architecture. Christopher has numerous friends and family in our area. His customers were many and became devoted friends. Surviving are his parents, Elizabeth and Julius Van Wagenen; siblings, Candance Fitzpatrick, Jeffrey Van Wagenen, and Victoria Heidorn; nieces and nephews; cousins; and dear friend, Jim Wojciechowski.

'50

Richard Beglin died on July 26, 2006, three days shy of his 74th birthday and after a lengthy illness. After graduating from Pingry, Richard earned a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and a master's degree from Cornell University. From 1956 to 1960, Richard taught at Sweet Briar College in Lynchburg, VA, a tenure interrupted by two years service in the United States Army. In 1960, he joined the faculty of the English Department of Pace University in New York City, where he remained until retiring in 1997. While at Pace, he was recognized by both students and faculty members for his mastery of the writers of 20th century fiction, poetry, and drama, subjects he most enjoyed teaching. Upon retirement, he moved to Searsport, ME, where he joined an active and hospitable community and also spent considerable time in Nassau, the Bahamas. Richard is survived by his life partner, David Berg; his brother and sister-in-law, the Reverend Helen M. Beglin; nephew, Dr. Peter A. Beglin and his wife, Elizabeth; and his niece, Julie Beglin, and her husband Daniel Horan.

Dr. Richard F. Hnat died on July 16, 2006 at Cedars Medical Center in Miami, FL. Richard graduated from Princeton University in 1954 and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1958. He served as a senior assistant surgeon in the Army from 1959 to 1961, after which he worked as a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City from 1961 to 1966. He served there as a chief resident from 1964 to 1966. In 1969

he took leave from Morristown Memorial Hospital to work as an attending physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, where he was an assistant chief of the department of gynecology under Dr. John Lewis until 1971. Following his tenure at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, he returned to Morristown Memorial Hospital. Richard was chief of the department of obstetrics and gynecology from 1977 to 1979. He practiced at the hospital for 23 years. He also was an associate professor at Cornell Medical School from 1969 to 1979 and a member of the New York Obstetrical Society, the New York Gynecological Society, the New Jersey Obstetric and Gynecological Society, the American Medical Association, and the Morris County Medical Society. Richard was recently inducted into Pingry's Athletic Hall of Fame. In his retirement, he moved to Key West, FL, and later to Naples, FL, where he became an avid saltwater fly fisherman. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Sylvia Cookman Hnat; son, **Frederick Barton Hnat '80**; daughters, Nancy Hnat Finn and Katherine Hnat Joubran; and nine grandchildren.



RICHARD F. HNAT REMEMBERED

Pingry lost a great friend and loyal alumnus

By Bert Lesneski '54

Richard F. Hnat, M.D. '50:
1932 – 2006

Dick Hnat passed away last July. He loved the school, its history, and the legacy of its traditions, and never missed the opportunity to attend Pingry gatherings, whether in New Jersey, New York, or Florida.

While at Pingry, he achieved a stellar athletic career, consistently lettering in football, basketball, and baseball, and was eventually elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

During his years at Princeton, he played on a team led by Richard Kazmaier, winner of the Heisman Trophy. It was an era in Princeton football history that produced four All-Americans. His parents and mine, along with his future wife Sylvia, and I, were at Palmer Stadium one Saturday afternoon when Dick scored a memorable 60-yard touchdown against Rutgers.

Dick practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in Morristown for many years, during which time he took a leave of absence to become Assistant Chief of the Department

of Gynecology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute in New York from 1969 to 1971.

Following his return to private practice, he later retired and he and Sylvia moved briefly to Princeton, and then to Key West for what Dick characterized as having “world-class fishing.” He fished with and learned from a number of the most renowned guides throughout the Keys and became an accomplished saltwater fly fisherman.

Dick was also an author. He wrote several short stories and two unpublished books. The first is titled “Fathers,” a highly personal account of his relationship with his father, with my father, and several others with whom he felt profoundly influenced his life. The second book, “The Legend,” was co-authored with his favorite fishing guide and mentor, Gil Drake, considered by his peers to be a legend in the close-knit fraternity of sport fishing.

Dick had an unbounded love for his family, an intense devotion to his patients, and the gift of inspiring

lasting friendships. He was my closest and oldest friend for some sixty years. As we were both only children, we each regarded the other as the brother we never had.

Although separated in age by a few years, our lives ran a remarkably parallel course. We both went to Pingry, graduated from Princeton, received our medical degrees at Columbia P&S, and were residents in OB-GYN at NY Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, where Dick was my Chief Resident. We both spent time together in the service during the Vietnam conflict.

Last May, I was in Naples for eight days with Dick and Sylvia, his wife of fifty years, reliving so many happy memories of Pingry friendships, faculty, and events that characterized the unique essence and heritage of the school.

I am certain that all of us who have known Dick during his lifetime feel that we will miss him more than words can say – but it is heartening to realize that his days were filled with an unbridled enthusiasm and zest for life with all it has to offer.

The Richard F. Hnat '50 Memorial Football Scholarship Fund

At the request of **Mr. and Mrs. H. James Toffey, Jr. '48**, The Pingry School has created a scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Hnat to provide financial assistance to a needy Pingry student who plays football. The fund has been named The Richard F. Hnat '50 Memorial Football Scholarship Fund and will be awarded to a student in the 2007-08 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the Hnat Memorial Scholarship Fund and how to make a donation, please contact Jane Hoffman, Director of Major Gifts, at (908) 647-7058 or jhoffman@pingry.org.



'54

William Jewett died on January 1, 2006 due to heart failure.

'56

Lawrence “Larry” Jasper died on November 27, 2006 surrounded by his family. After graduating from Pingry, Larry earned a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University in 1960. After college he served in the United States Navy for two years. He then moved to St. Louis, MO, where he earned his master’s degree in chemical engineering in 1968 from Washington University. He spent his career working for The Monsanto Chemical Company, retiring in 1993 after 31 years. Larry’s intelligence, spirit for life, and sense of humor will be remembered by family and friends. In regards to Larry’s passing, **Bob Burks** writes, “This was not unexpected as he had been for some time diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Although he did not graduate with our class (having gone for his final two or three years of high school to the Hill School), it would be difficult to imagine anyone with more class loyalty than he. As a classmate, he was terrific—known for his candor, intelligence, and honesty. On the athletic side, he was not the swiftest of foot, but his reflexes and coordination were so superior to most that he often made the rest of us look slow by comparison. And, I know from unfortunate personal experience that he was also a good boxer. Our class will miss him.” Larry is survived by his wife and great friend, Kathleen Osborn; three children, Kathleen Cameron, David Jasper, and Elizabeth Stewart; stepson, James Osborn; brother, **Peter Jasper** '51; and four grandchildren.

Coach **Miller Bugliari** fondly remembers Larry: “I first met Larry when he was a ten year old camper. It was great to keep in touch with him throughout the years and reminisce about his days as a Pingry student. Although Larry graduated from The Hill School, we saw each other at his Pingry Class Reunion just a year ago. His brother’s grandchildren now attend The Pingry School.”

'57

John H. “Tex” Crawford III died on May 16, 2006 of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Tex, a Lehigh graduate, received an MBA from NYU. He was an officer in the Marine Corps., serving in Vietnam, and an enthusiastic member of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. **Bob Pyle** '56 writes, “Tex and I grew up two blocks from each other in Orange, NJ, played together often as boys, attended the Orange Heywood and Tremont Ave. grammar schools together, and later rode the Orange Pingry bus almost an hour each way (on a very circuitous route) every day for three plus years until we could drive at age 17. We were, as I recall, about the same age and originally in the same class in grammar school, but somewhere along the way, he stayed back a year and ended up one year behind at Pingry. His classmate and good friend **John Leathers** recalls attending a pre-wedding party at Tex’s family house in Orange when Tex was 29 or 30 years old (John was an usher in the wedding). I mention all of this in part because the obituary notice in The Times strangely states that Tex was ‘originally from Short Hills, NJ ...’ John and I got quite a kick out of that piece of revisionism! Tex was a very friendly, happy-go-lucky, good Joe,

hail fellow well met type of guy. He will be very sorely missed by his Pingry classmates and everyone else who knew him.” Tex is survived by his beloved wife, Jane Matilda Pflug; children, John H. Crawford IV and Lynne Adair Crawford; and sister, Allyson Crawford Louthan.

'66

William North Bertsche died on June 28, 2006 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center after a seven-year struggle with multiple myeloma. Bertsche grew up in Montclair, NJ and was a Mets fan from the age of 14. He graduated from the University of Rochester and received an MBA from the University of Chicago. He started at Ethical Culture Fieldston School (ECFS) in 1988 as dean and assistant principal before becoming middle school principal in 1994. Before that he was the college counselor and upper school head for nine years at Woodmere Academy on Long Island. He previously worked as a history teacher and college guidance counselor at The Latin School of Chicago, where he met his wife, Harriet. The couple would have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this past summer. He was known to colleagues and students alike for his fairness, honesty, humor, and compassion. The new Fieldston Middle School, set to open in the fall of 2007, has been guided by his vision. He was an enthusiastic proponent of the educational philosophy that adolescents in grades six through eight have developmental needs sufficiently different from those of high school students and should be taught in a different space with a separate curriculum. Bertsche’s vision for the middle school was to create an environment that

embraced every child emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually. In his honor, the board of trustees is naming this concept and these spaces the William N. Bertsche Academic Center. An ECFS tribute to Bertsche is in the planning stages and will take place later this fall. Survivors include his wife, Harriet; son, Alex; and daughter, Rachel. He is also survived by his mother, two brothers, and a sister, in addition to many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

'83

George Thomas Donohue passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 6, 2006. As a young man, George moved to California and eventually settled on the Monterey Peninsula. He is survived by his wife, Timi Walker Donohue; his parents, George Joseph and Barbara Garvie Donohue; and his brothers, **Christian Garvie '86** and **Mark Joseph '90**. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Buffy Cave writes, "On Saturday, April 29, 2006, friends and family filled, to standing room only, The Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bay Head, NJ, to celebrate the life of **George Donohue**. **Rob Brown '82**, **Henry Stifel '83**, **Jimmy Kellogg '57**, **Dudley Ryan '83**, **Martha Ryan '84**, **Betsy Lucas '84**, Jay Noyes, Chris Devine, Chris McClanahan, Dede Brown, Billy Woods, **Elizabeth Kellogg '87**, myself, and

soccer coach **Miller Bugliari '52** gathered, as well as many, many of the Donohue's friends and family. As we all wiped our tears, Mark and Christian read a poem, told us stories, and expressed their deep love for their big brother, George. Jimmy Kellogg presented a wonderful tribute with a look into George's life from grade school through college and into the past few years. Jimmy gave us an amazing picture of the depth of George's character and what a kind and loving person George always was. We are all blessed to have had George in our lives, and I feel privileged to have been able to call him 'friend.' He will be missed by many."

'91

Kelsey Burr died unexpectedly on April 12, 2006. She had a blood clot believed to be related to immobility after a recent sprained ankle. Kelsey worked as a product manager at Classroom Connect, a division of Harcourt Education. She is survived by her husband, Doug Roberts, whom she met while earning an EdM in teaching and curriculum at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Kelsey is also survived by her mother, Brigit Burr; father, Donald Burr; brothers, Cameron, Whitney, and Andrew Burr; and many nieces and nephews. For further information go to friendsofdougandkelsey@gmail.com.

'08

Katheryn Schalamon Werner, the beloved daughter of Kenneth and Lorraine Schalamon Werner, died suddenly on October 2, 2006. Katheryn attended Pingry from 2000-2003. She had many interests and talents and was a home-schooled straight "A" student. She enjoyed taking photographs, playing the guitar and piano, singing, karate, and volunteering and doing community service. She was a joy and inspiration to all who knew her. Katheryn leaves behind her parents; maternal grandparents, Barbara and Wasley Schalamon; her god-mother, Bernadette Simmons, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The Pingry Community

Health department chair **Susan Marotto's grandmother, Ella Barrett**, died over the March 4, 2006 weekend.

Martinsville Campus librarian **Mary Fuch's father, Bartholomew Codd**, died on May 1, 2006.

Trustee and current parent **Dr. Cynthia Cuffie-Jackson's mother, Lutrell Cuffie** died on October 10, 2006.

Former athletic director **JoAnn DeMartini's mother, Pat**, died in July 2006.

Brian W. Fahey Sr., father of David M. Fahey '99 (former staff member and current boys' soccer coach), died May 28, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. Brian spent almost 38 years as a lawyer and his last few years working in Far Hills at Fahey & Fahey, a respected law firm that he established. He served on the Westfield Town Council and went on to become the chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders. He was also heavily involved in local athletics, especially Pingry's soccer program. Brian is survived by his wife of 41 years, Catherine; six children, Maura Haviland, Brian Jr., Dr. Christian, Jonathan, Noel, and David; seven grandchildren; his mother, Jacqueline; and three brothers, Bud, Dennis, and Kevin.

Former Pingry teacher **Dr. John P. Ferguson** died at home on October

14, 2006, after battling lymphoma and more recently melanoma cancer. John was devoted to scholarship and hard work. His writings on Mark Twain, the nature of man, Burmese monkhood, and the Scholarie Mohawk revealed his broad interest in life. John had a bachelor's degree from Williams College, master's degree in American Literature from Columbia University, and a doctorate in anthropology. From 1950 to 1964, he was Pingry's guidance director and English teacher. He was instrumental in the founding and development of the Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave, NY, and wrote articles about the museum's archeological fieldwork.

Trustee **Allie Rooke's mother, Carolyn L. Ferrigni**, died on November 20, 2006, after a lengthy battle with a rare form of cancer.

Staff member **Joanne Childs' mother, Joan Garrabrant**, died on December 4, 2006.

Margaret Hiscano, mother of Peter '75, Doug '77, and Dwight Hiscano '80, died on November 16, 2006, at her home in Short Hills. Margaret was a teacher and board member at Orange Day Nursery in Orange, NJ. She also founded the Hillside Nursery School.

Joseph J. Iaione Sr., father of faculty member Liliana Torres' partner, Cheryl, recently died at the age of 78.

Sharon Kalb-Komarin, mother of Form V student Wyatt Komarin, and wife of artist Gary Komarin, died on March 6, 2006, after a short battle with ovarian cancer.

Emma MacFarlane, former assistant to headmasters at Pingry, died on September 23, 2006, at Cranford Health & Extended Care. She was 98 years old. Emma assisted three Pingry headmasters, serving the school for 30 years before retiring in 1980. She is predeceased by her husband, John H. MacFarlane Jr., and survived by a daughter, Alberta Matyas; granddaughter, Cheryl Danyus; grandson, Robert Matyas; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Faculty member **Barbara Martin's father-in-law** died in September 2006.

Maintenance staff member **Peter Parenti's brother** died of complications stemming from a heart problem.

Athletic director **Gerry Vanasse's mother, Therese Boucher Vanasse**, died on April 22, 2006.

Anne Carroll Wheeler died on May 21, 2006. She was 102 years old. Anne died on the 79th anniversary of her marriage to Henry Lamont Wheeler, who predeceased her. Their wedding occurred on May 21, 1927, the date of Charles Lindbergh's arrival in Paris, concluding his historic transatlantic flight. Anne is the daughter of **Alexander Winchester Carroll**. In addition to her husband, she is predeceased by her sister, Janet Halsey Asbury and brother, **Henry Hill Carroll '33**. She is survived by her two daughters, Anne Buchanan and Elizabeth L'Hommedieu; son, **Henry Lamont Wheeler Jr. '48**; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



DIVIDE AND PROSPER

Philip S. Cox, Middle School Director

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Coming so late in the planning of the new middle school building was a mixed blessing. So much work had been done by John Neiswender, Rob Macrae, and others that there was little left to do. Or so I thought. Within weeks of being here, Director of Facilities Mike Virzi was including me in meetings with USA Architects and Allie Rooke, Board of Trustees Secretary. “Okay, Phil – What would you like to do with the lockers?” The classrooms seem a little cold with tiling. What about warming up the space with carpeting? “You got it.” “How many rooms would you like to outfit with SMART Boards?” Any reason we’re not doing all of them so all the teachers have access to the technology? “Done.” ... “The common space in the middle – how would you like that furnished?” The list goes on. It has been a gratifying experience to be a part of. What I would come to understand is that this is how Pingry works at its best, collaborating on ideas, and pushing to “get it right” not simply to “get it done.” This philosophy has gone into the changes we will be making in the curriculum for “year one” in the new building. Teachers from the Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School have been working together to take a fresh look at the scope and sequence of our curriculum, and we are finding there are ways that the middle school program is allowing us to better articulate the academic experiences of the students, particularly in the disciplines of English and history, where we are finding new adventures to map for the students.

What impressed me was the affirmative spirit the architects, the School,



Philip S. Cox enjoying his new office

and the Board had in working with me to make sure the new middle school building had everything we wanted. Even though the project was well underway, everyone was willing to make changes. I think this speaks so well about Pingry on two levels: first, the openness to someone new. Here I was, new to Pingry, and there they were, willing to make changes to something already well underway, on budget, and so on. The words Mike Virzi said then and continues saying to this day, “Phil, we want to get this right.” This meant changes to what was already on the table, but the School was willing to do it. The other thing this says about Pingry is it cares deeply about the bricks, the mortar, and the program it offers its students. Schools as well-established as Pingry – as successful as Pingry – do not often feel the need to change. “If it isn’t broken ...”

And it – the middle school program – isn’t broken. It has just been hidden by the long, formidable reputation of the Upper School. Our partnership with the Upper School has had some great advantages to a few of our students. Rare is the middle school that has students taking Honors Physics, AB Calculus, Math 6, Physics ... we have two! This is a great advantage for students especially gifted in math, science, or foreign language. We will still permit students with special talents to accelerate in their area but the majority of the Middle School will take advantage of our “independence” by exploring schedules that are more appropriate to the middle school-aged student. We will be able to explore schedule variations to suit a middle school program. Spending more time truly on our own will allow students to develop their own sense of place. Out of the shadow of the Upper School, they will come to stand on their own.

We have the space – a beautiful space, thanks to the kindness of generous families. The great work is ahead, and it will take years to complete. It is a tremendous gift to the students and faculty, and we’re excited to make history with Pingry. We have had middle schoolers for some time now, but this is our first opportunity to articulate and forge something that takes on the middle schooler as a unique age and transition. We have known for years that middle schoolers are different. Now we can treat them as middle schoolers rather than as young high schoolers. What an exciting time for everyone! ♣



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 Classic Car Show at
 Pingry Reunion Weekend 2007.
 If you are interested in participating
 please contact Jackie Sullivan.

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**REUNION
 WEEKEND**

May 18-19, 2007

Classes ending in 2 and 7 are
 celebrating benchmark reunions.
 Please check out the web for detailed
 information on Reunion Weekend
 and your class specific activities at
www.pingry.org/alumni/reunion.html

Please Note: Reunion is not on Mother's Day weekend this year.

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50th Reunion of the
BUTTONDOWNS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of
 the Buttondowns. Join us Reunion Weekend
 for a Wine & Cheese Reception including
 a performance by the Buttondowns
 (past & present)!

If you were a Buttondown
 please email Jackie Sullivan.

 **PINGRYnotes**

EMAIL COMMUNICATION: We are interested in collecting more
 email addresses for our alumni in order to keep them up-to-date on a more
 regular basis. We continue to send the *Pingry Wire*, an e-newsletter. We would
 like to share this great communication vehicle with more of our alumni.
 Please send your email address to Jackie Sullivan.

CLASS NOTES: Alumni frequently tell us this is the first thing they
 read when they receive *The Pingry Review*. In addition, we are happy to print
 photos along with your note. Please send all pictures either electronically
 to jsullivan@pingry.org or in the mail. We will return all photos.

HAVE YOU PUBLISHED A BOOK? Please email Jackie Sullivan so
 it can be posted on our summer alumni reading list.

Save The Date

June 10

Graduation and
 presentation of
 Letter-in-Life Award
 4 p.m., Marinville Campus

Save The Date

June 11
**Pingry
 Golf Outing**

Morris County Golf Club

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