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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### "IT'S A NEW WORLD FOR US"

David R. Kahn, 220  
President, AACHS

I'm a traditionalist. I hate artificial turf and the designated hitter. Text messaging and other means of communication that don't apply the rules of spelling, grammar and rhetoric irk me. So do people who appear to be talking to themselves in public, at least until you notice the earpiece (reminding me of Capt. Picard and the Borg), elaborate ringtones on mobile phones that never seem to finish, and pickup trucks and SUVs on steroids jacked up so high in the air that you can't see the traffic in the intersection. I could go on, but I've already been more politically incorrect than I should.

I'm a traditionalist, but I'm not a Luddite. I welcome technological advances. And so, your *Alumni Journal* is moving into a new era, the era of electronic transmission of publications. **Beginning with the Summer '08 issue we will publish the *Alumni Journal* in .pdf (Portable Document Format). It will be sent by e-mail to all alumni and friends for whom we have a valid e-mail address. If you have not sent us your e-mail address, or have changed it since 2000, please send it to us at: [newaddress@sed.com](mailto:newaddress@sed.com)**

In other *Alumni Journal* news, I'm pleased to announce a "changing of the guard." With this issue, **Yvonne Dennis, 246** has come aboard as our Managing Editor. **Jerry Kates, 194** has decided that 22 years of ramrodding these pages to completion is enough. With our Fall 2008 issue, he will become Editor Emeritus and Yvonne will step up to Editor. Read Jerry's final column as Editor on page 4.

As I finish my second 1-year term as your President, I still have goals to achieve. One of the main ones is to visit Alumni groups in DC/Maryland/Virginia, South Florida, and Northern and Southern California. If you reside in one of these 4 regions, please e-mail me at [chsalumniphl@aol.com](mailto:chsalumniphl@aol.com), and let me know what format you'd like for a local event, including when and where.

It gives me a thrill every time I walk into the halls of Central. Whenever I speak with an administrator, faculty member, or student it brings back memories of my time at Ogontz and Olney. I urge you to come and visit; I urge you to ask Dr. Pavel, "What can I do, with my knowledge, experience, and contacts, to help you continue Central as the great school it is." Times may not be the same, but traditions, old and new, stay alive. My favorite tradition is that those who came before us helped us become who we are; it is now our responsibility to give back by helping the students of today prepare for tomorrow.

Giving back can be achieved in many ways: spending time with students in the building; mentoring students; offering internships; using your networking capabilities to help place a student; and, of course, financial support to your school through the Associated Alumni. I strongly urge you to support our programs. I've written on this before; you know what is needed, you know what we do, you know what to do. Make a contribution today using the envelope in the center of this issue. You'll be glad you did. ☐☐

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**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**



**M**ichael A. Nutter was sworn-in as the 98th Mayor of Philadelphia on January 7th, 2008.

Mayor Nutter is a native Philadelphian with an accomplished career in public service, business and financial administration. He served as a Philadelphia City Councilman for nearly 15 years representing the city's Fourth District encompassing

the communities of Wynnefield, Overbrook, Roxborough, Manayunk, East Falls, Mt. Airy, and parts of North and West Philadelphia.

During his time in Council, Michael Nutter engineered groundbreaking ethics reform legislation and led successful efforts to pass a citywide smoking ban. He worked to lower taxes for Philadelphians and to reform the city's tax structure, to increase the number of Philadelphia police officers patrolling the streets and to create a Police Advisory Board to provide a forum for discussion between citizens and the Police Department.

In June 2006, Michael Nutter resigned his City Council seat and in July 2006 he announced his intention to run in Philadelphia's mayoral election. His campaign focused on four key areas: crime, education, job creation and ethics reform. He won the Democratic nomination in a five-way primary election with 37% of the vote and on November 6th, 2007, was overwhelmingly elected Mayor of the City of Philadelphia with 83% of the vote.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* wrote that Michael Nutter "is easy to imagine on the national stage as the fresh voice of a resurgent Philadelphia" and that "Nutter can lead Philadelphia to a brighter day." The *Philadelphia Daily News* wrote that "Nutter has the intelligence, the vision and the experience necessary to take this city into its rightful future."

Mayor Nutter grew up in West Philadelphia at 55th and Larchwood Avenue, where he lived with his parents, sister

and grandmother. He received an academic scholarship to St. Joseph's Preparatory High School, where he graduated in 1975. He enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from the Wharton School of Business in 1979.

After working for the campaigns of Mayor Ed Rendell and City Council members John Anderson and Angel Ortiz, he was elected as a Committee Person in the 52nd Ward in 1986, 52nd Democratic Ward Leader in 1990 and City Councilman in 1992.

From 2003 to 2007, Mayor Nutter served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board. There he crafted a groundbreaking labor-management agreement, and helped to bring about the Center's current \$700 million expansion project.

Mayor Nutter serves on the Board of City Trusts, managing the City's charitable assets, supporting institutions such as Girard College and Wills Eye Hospital, as well as administering public school scholarship funds. Before pursuing his career in public service, Mayor Nutter worked as an investment manager at one of the nation's leading minority-owned investment banking and brokerage firms.

He resides in Wynnefield with his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Olivia, who attends a Philadelphia Public School. His son, Christian, lives and works in New Jersey. Mayor Nutter is a member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia. ☐☐

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## MESSAGE TO THE ALUMNI

*Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel*  
President, Central High School

As I write this we have just completed our 11<sup>th</sup> annual International Day. On this day, students decorated eight different hallways, organized the program of speakers for almost 100 classes, created "Country of Origin Maps", maintained bazaars, and contributed almost 700 "dishes" of food to our International Café.

Staff and students alike dressed in a manner which reflected their cultural heritage and helped to create a day where learning and involvement took place in and out of the classroom. This day and the feeling of pride and responsibility that it helps to create illustrates the reality of Central in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are a complex, diversified, multicultural school of learning where the mandate is to teach both curriculum and the skills/attitudes necessary to apply those skills in society. As our young people grow and increasingly function in a world which is inter-connected and whose boundaries are only limited by one's imagination, it is absolutely necessary to help them understand that we are all part of one world and we all need to learn from each other.

We have expanded our horizons. Central always accepted as one of its missions that it must train leadership in the city of Philadelphia and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As this 21<sup>st</sup> Century progresses our commitment must be expanded to not only our country but other countries throughout the world.

This is who we are and it is wonderful! ☐☐

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## FROM WHERE I SIT

*Jerry Kates, 194, Editor*

### THIRTY

This will be our last article as Editor of the *Alumni Journal*. We have blue penciled enough articles.

We first became active with the *Bulletin* (as it was then called) in the Spring of 1986. **Sid Gold, 167** was Executive Director and Editor; **Charles Steinberg, 221** was President and **Bill Curry, 125** was Corresponding Secretary.

Our good friend: the notorious and candid **Bruce Yasgur, 216** became Editor in the Spring of 1991. We spend many pleasurable nights on his kitchen table laying out the rag with his terrific wife Janice plying us with tea. Thank you Bruce for your continued dedication even 17 years later.

We became Editor for the Fall 1994 issue and Bruce wrote his widely read Columns A and B.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many Presidents with whom we have had the pleasure of working. **Charles Steinberg, 221; Alan Budman, 229; Dr. Michael Zal, 210; Jay Gottlieb, 205; Hon. James Roebuck, 219; Big Ted Rothman, 205; Stephen Green, 214; Richard Prinz, 212** and of course my very good friend **David Kahn, 220**.

We are indeed very fortunate to have as our new Editor the very capable and professional **Yvonne Dennis, 246**. Yvonne is an Assistant News Editor at *The Wall Street Journal*.

Yvonne has been working with David and ye ol' Editor for many months. The next issue will be an up-to-date computer-age issue, as you have read throughout this *Journal*.

Oh yes—What about "Thirty" at the head of the article? "Thirty" signifies to a print editor the end of a reporter's story. Telegraphers used three x's, also the Roman numeral for 30. Press dispatches from Civil War battlefields also ended with 30. Enough minutia . . . are you not glad you asked? ☐☐

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# JOURNAL GOES DIGITAL

## WE ARE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY NOW

Yvonne Dennis, 246

Remember when you—or you parents—had rows and rows of big record albums? They were cool to look through but a nice collection could take up half your living room. So in the 1980s they gave way to compact discs. But even those were too big and impractical for an impatient society so we started carrying around all our music in our pockets via mp3 players and do-it-all cellphones.

Those bulky family photo albums? Replaced by the computer and tiny flash drives.

Personal communication has gone from the well-thought, beautifully penned letter to email and short-hand texting.

And so it is time for the Central High School *Alumni Journal*, which has deftly adapted to the needs of its audience for more than 100 years, to take its news to where its readers function most—their computers. After this issue the *Alumni Journal* will be emailed to its readers and posted on the AACHS Web site. Copies will be mailed only to Alumni who request printed copies and who are paid up in their Alumni dues.

“We had feedback from younger graduates, and I’m talking graduates who graduated in the last 20 years, who are very much in the electronic world. Many of whom no longer have landline telephones. They don’t want mail. They want to have email or they want to go to Web sites,” said Alumni Association President **David Kahn, 220**. “So these people if they are interested in the *Journal* are going to be just as interested and more likely to notice it if it comes as an email attachment to them. It will also be available on our Web site to view as a pdf document. So it is going to look page for page just like the printed piece.”

Another major factor in the decision to take the *Alumni Journal* paperless, frankly, was cost. “The cost of printing the *Journal*, preparing the copies for mailing and then paying postage have been about \$20,000 a year recently, and we were mailing about 16,000 copies,” said Kahn. “The *Journal* is funded by two sources. One is the advertising revenue from the *Journal*. The other is operating funds, Alumni Association operating funds, which come from our dues that are paid by our members.”

Though Central has about 20,000 living Alumni, the Alumni Association only has about 6600 life members, said Kahn. “The rest of our Alums we call Annual Members but the vast majority of them are not paying annual membership dues and it’s been a shrinking number.”

The Alumni Association has been working hard to invigorate as many Alums as possible and making the primary means of communication with them, the *Journal*, as useful and interesting as it can be. News for Central Alumni first appeared as part of the *Mirror* literary magazine, which was established by the 86th class in 1885. After 1953 Alumni news was omitted, said Central Archivist **Bob Sanders, 180**. The *Alumni Journal* was soon born.

The Fall 1973 *Journal* celebrated the 100th year of the Associated Alumni of Central High School. The two-page publication featured a story on planned festivities for the 100th anniversary and an impassioned column by Alumni

Association President **Hyman Lovitz, 187**. Some may not know that in 1845 there was actually an effort in 1845 to abolish Central “in the interest of the economy,” wrote Lovitz. “A committee on appropriation of the County Board felt that too much money was being spent on public education and suggested that a grammar school education was sufficient for the sons of Philadelphia. Their voices were soon stifled by vigilant voices.”

“We must maintain the crown of the Philadelphia Public School System as prescribed in 1836. This is the mandate for the Associated Alumni as we enter the second hundred years of service,” wrote Lovitz, who continues to serve on the Alumni Board. A column by the president of the Alumni Association continues today. Soon a column by the President of the school was added. Under the stewardship of Honorary Life Member **Jerry Kates, 194**, who has been working on the *Journal* for the last 20 years, other columns were born, like From the Archives, by **Bob Sanders**, and Column B by **Bruce Yasgur, 216**. Graduates began sending in more information about what they were doing and also craving more information on things like reunions and news on their classmates so Class Notes became more expansive.

“The biggest interest to the readerships is the Class Notes information about the various members of classes and, sadly, the death notices,” said Kahn, who began working with the *Journal* when he joined the Alumni Board in 1998. “The *Journal* as I see it is a vehicle to keep Alumni interest in the school at a high level and hopefully tie them together with loyalty and contributions to our worthy parlances,” including funding scholarships and improvements to the school. But Kahn and others see room for the *Journal* to do more. He said he has been trying to interest young faculty who are also Central graduates to write pieces for the *Journal* on interesting things they are doing with students that Alumni otherwise wouldn’t hear about.

“I think we need a little more information about the school,” Kahn said. “The interesting and fun things that happen during each semester—I think we need to find a way to connect the Alums with that and encourage them . . . you know for old time’s sake, come back to school, take that walk up the hill.” “Without Alumni participation the school does not thrive as it would,” he continued. “The Home and School Association performs a similar function on a little bit of a different level; and then our faculty and staff and the student body themselves. The student body is active and bright and alert and participatory and constructively critical.”

Dr. Sanders, who taught in Philadelphia public schools for about 40 years, ending at Central in 1986, said he understands the need to save money but is concerned that many Alumni may not go to the Web to read the *Journal*. But he admits Alumni can be “stodgy” and part of countering that is to put them in better touch with today’s students.

“I think there ought to be pictures of students in classes and in hallways and in lunchrooms,” he said. “I think the Alumni needs to see them in informal situations. Not only dressed up in a suit and necktie. That is not real.” ■■

Bruce Yasgur, 216

## MY LUNCH WITH THE HERRING KING

Just had lunch with a classmate I hadn't seen since the day before graduation, i.e. June 13, 1961. But that's not the only story in this story. Coupla months ago I'm taking a stress test under the watchful eye of a knockout brunette who introduced herself as Dr. Lipson. Is she related to my classmate **David Lipson, 261**? "That's him," she says. Lucky guy! Now that we're related through Central, we talk family, kids and work as I huff and puff. On my way out, I hand her my card to pass on to Hubby with my regards.

Five weeks and one angioplasty later, I'm back on the treadmill under Dr. Anita's supervision. David plans to get in touch, she says. A few days later he calls: "Let's have lunch." Time stood still for 46+ years. "Love to!" I reply. David now runs, among other enterprises, the nation's premier herring producer. I'm impressed. (I'm a pickled herring with sour cream and onions fan). I dig out my dusty yearbook. David looks pretty much as I remember, only younger. We all seem younger; better looking, too. I guess it's about getting older.

We meet at the local Asian-fusion. David is handsome, mature, sporting a gently-receding silver hairline and looking like his much older twin. I must look similarly prime plus to him. Anecdotes and exotic dishes. Features meld with high school pics. Talk about classmates, cardiologists, family. Kids: he has a few. His 30ish son, a Marine, survived combat in Iraq; my 12-year-old is surviving the challenges of a demanding new middle school. Both dads are relieved, for the moment.

We wend our way through the appetizers to the meat (or fish) of our meeting. After a brief teaching stint, MBA in hand, David joined IBM's sales team; then on to info tech management. After 32 years in IT, David tried retiring in 2005. Didn't last. In '07, his son drafted him to help run a new IT venture; then an old friend twisted his other arm to run guess which seafood processing company.\* David now chairs three boards, including that of Vita Foods\* (THE herring folks!) and serves as CEO of MODA Technology Partners, a software firm facilitating pharma manufacturing and sales. David's other hobbies include traveling, skiing, hanging out with wife and kids, and taking old classmates out to lunch. Thanks, David, for hosting a fun and flavorful mini-reunion. Next one's on me. I know a Chinese diner . . .

Look for upcoming exclusives on fellow Alumni like Sugarhouse Casino spokeswoman **Leigh Whitaker, 251**, South Philly attorney and sit-down comic **Vinnie DeFino, 241**, California cardiologist to the stars **Eddie Anderson, 216**, and maybe you. E me at [byasgur@snip.net](mailto:byasgur@snip.net). ☐☐

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Each year during the winter break in December the team participates in a tournament. In December 2008 they will travel to Miami to participate in the prestigious Junior Orange Bowl Tournament. In addition, we will also travel to Harrisburg and New York to participate in other tournaments. The cost for the team to attend the Junior Orange Bowl Tournament is \$20,000. However, this is more than the families and school can afford. The School District has limited the kinds of fund raising activities we are allowed to do.

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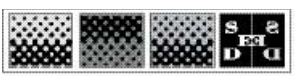
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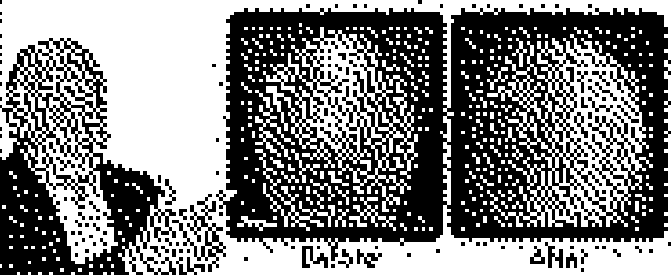
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**139** — **Alex Rosenthal**, who discovered his gift for accounting while a student at Central when he started helping his uncle keep the books for loan associations, died Jan. 30, 2008, of pneumonia at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood. Alex continued working with clients until his 96th birthday. He had served on the finance and budget committee of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park and was active with the Allied Jewish Appeal. His wife of 63 years, Edythe, died in 1990 and a son, Bernard, died in 1970. Alex is survived by son Robert and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**145** — **Amor Gosfield** died at his Santa Barbara, California home on October 13, at age 97. Central was very dear in Amor's heart, demonstrated by the economics scholarship he funded that is given annually to a graduate of Central. Amor earned a philosophy and science degree at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa. He later earned his Ph.D. from Penn in economics and taught economics at several universities. During his career he served as a physicist for the Navy and a consultant in input-output to the Air Force and the International Cooperation Administration. Amor was married for more than 43 years to the former Margaret Wayne. He was an avid tennis player and at one time coached a college tennis team. Other graduates of Central in Amor's family are his brother **Edward Jr. (164)**, nephews Edward III and Gregory, great-nephews **William (264)** and soon to be graduated **James (267)**.

**151** — **Henry J. Magaziner**, at the age of 96, has published a children's book (his first), *Our Liberty Bell*. The book can be found at Borders, Barnes & Noble and other stores around the country.

**156** — **Elmer Kaplan**, the founder of the House of Bargains discount children's clothing stores, died December 3 at age 94. With his son Ned Kaplin he grew the House of Bargains chain to 54 stores in the Philadelphia area. At Central, Elmer the Great, as he was known, served as Chief Justice of the school. He started United Hat, a millinery business, before he left to serve in the Army as a supply sergeant. He served for five years and witnessed the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Back home he was a supporter of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life, the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service, the Anti-Defamation League of Philadelphia and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, the former Gertrude Crown, sons Marc and Ned, a brother, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**159** — **Henry A. Shenkin** died in Haverford on December 8, at age 92. At Central he had been captain of the tennis team. He was awarded an academic scholarship, which he

used to attend the University of Pennsylvania. The fourth neurosurgeon to practice in Philadelphia, he achieved world wide fame for his accomplishments. Dr. Shenkin established the first neurological laboratory at Penn and received the first National Institutes of Health grant ever received at the university. An early leader in the surgical approach to herniated discs, he performed the first arteriogram to identify intercranial aneurysm. He was also the first neurosurgeon to attack the basal ganglion nuclei to treat Parkinson's disease. Dr. Shenkin is survived by daughters Kathy Seal and Emily Simon; sons Budd and Bob; 11 grandchildren and his companion, Anne Glanz. His wife of 50 years, Renee, died in 1989.

**163** — **Abe Sonstein** passed away February 4, 2007 and is very much missed. Abe loved people and loved life. He was a life member of the Associated Alumni of Central High School.

**169** — Classmates **James Reaves, Barney Vellutello, Bill Winderman and Edgar Wolf Jr.** don't need formal reunions to stay in touch. The four men meet bimonthly in Cherry Hill, N.J., and welcome other classmates to join them. Call Barney at 856-662-9253. Also, in conjunction with the showing of Ken Burns, "The War" on NJN, following episode #4 the station aired an interview with Edgar Wolf about his service during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operation. You can view this segment of the mini-documentary online at: <http://www.njn.net/television/specials/war/oralhistories>

**174** — **Marvin R. Halbert** proudly notes the three generations of Central graduates that his family has produced: **Samuel Halbert, Esq, 123; Judge Marvin R. Halbert (Ret.) 174; and Andrew M. Halbert, D.D.S. 231.** Judge Halbert also notes there must be many other families with multiple generations of Central graduates readers would love to know about. We agree so send in your stories.

**177** — **Edwin Gordy** is still practicing medicine. He is an aeromedical examiner who examines pilots to ensure they are healthy enough to serve as pilots-in-command. We all appreciate that, Edwin. **Fred Lehman** can be found enjoying retired life in Spring Mount, Pennsylvania, near Collegeville and a lot of cornfields.

**179** — Nuclear medicine pioneer **Bernard Shapiro** passed away apparently of a heart attack Dec. 2, 2007. Dr. Shapiro retired in 1998 after a 40-year career at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Dr. Shapiro was another Central graduate who attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he also interned and completed a residency in internal medicine. In 1953 he was awarded an American Cancer Society fellowship to study for a year in Norway. During his career he received support for his research on radiation protective agents from the National Institutes of Health, The American Cancer Society, the Army and the Air Force. He authored many scientific papers and was past president of the Pennsylvania College of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Shapiro is survived by his wife, Norma Levy Shapiro, and his sons Finley, Neil and Aaron, a brother, a sister and seven grandchildren.

**181** — **Dr. D. Walter Cohen**, chancellor emeritus of the Drexel University College of Medicine and dean emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, was honored in January with the American Friends of the Hebrew

University Etz Shalom (Tree of Peace) Award. **Russell Miller Jr., 194**, whose father, **Russell Miller**, was also a Central graduate, died on June 18, 2007, of metastasized prostate cancer. He was 80 years old. Dr. Miller honorably served in the Army during World War II and returned to Philadelphia to earn his bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. After earning a Ph.D. from Drexel and his medical degree from Yale, Dr. Miller served his medical obligation in the Navy. He practiced internal medicine in the Walnut Creek, Calif. Area for many years. Dr. Miller is survived by his wife, Ruth, daughter Karen Kiley and sons Paul, Scott and Tom Miller.

**189 — Dr. Isadore Brodsky**, a hematologist and oncologist who performed the first stem-cell transplant in the Philadelphia area more than 30 years ago, died October 6 at his Penn Valley home of progressive supranuclear palsy, a neurological disease. He was 77. He was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Feb. 8, 1995. Dr. Brodsky was also involved with the annual Flyers Wives Fight for Lives Carnival. He retired in January 2007 as chief of the hematology and oncology department at the Drexel University College of Medicine. He had also been medical director of the college's Isadore Brodsky Institute for Blood Diseases and Cancer and managing partner in an oncology and hematology practice at Hahnemann University Hospital. Dr. Brodsky is survived by wife, Estelle, whom he met on a blind date; sons Robert, David and Jeffrey, and five grandchildren.

**192—Roy Ruiman**, who left Central and became a real-estate developer and car enthusiast, died January 26 at age 77. Among Roy's favorite cars in his collection were a 1936 Cord convertible Phaeton, a 1936 Lincoln LeBaron all-weather Phaeton, a 1924 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost touring car and a 1956 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.. He is survived by his wife, Betsy, daughters Heidi Geffen and Tracey Rizen , and two grandchildren. **Dr. Herman Friedman**, 75, of Tampa, Florida., died August 25 after an extended illness. Dr. Friedman had been a professor at Temple University School of Medicine and director of the Clinical Microbiology/Immunology Department at the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He moved to Tampa in 1978 and at the time of his passing was a distinguished professor emeritus and former chairman of the Department of Medical Microbiology at the University of South Florida School of Medicine. A lifelong scholar, professor and scientist, Dr. Friedman received numerous national and international awards and authored or edited more than 70 books and more than 800 scientific abstracts and articles. Married for 49 years to Ilona, he had four children: Frank, Michelle, Suzy and Andie.

**195 —Herbert Keyser** expresses a sentiment we hear over and over again: how he continues to realize even more than entering Central in 1955 how lucky he was to attend the school and be where he is today. Herbert, now in San Antonio, Texas, is completing his fifth book and continues to practice obstetrics-gynecology as a high-risk OB Hospitalist around the country. He has two published books on America's health-care system, a humorous travelogue and a cookbook (All available on Amazon.com). *Geniuses of the*

*American Musical Theatre* is expected to be published this year and is the basis for Herbert's regular appearances as a lecturer/singer on the Crystal Cruise Line. Herbert has also appeared on all of the networks, including three appearances with Ted Koppel on "Nightline" and two with Regis Philbin. Herbert hopes good fortune is following his classmates as well. **J.Ronald Klenk** and **Robert McCann**, a retired teacher, are in their 77<sup>th</sup> year as a Compeer match, a program for persons in recovery process from mental illness.

**196 — Charley Bergdoll** tells us how he was moved by these words from **CHS President Dr. Sheldon Pavel** in the Fall 2007 *Alumni Journal*: "What has remained constant is the feeling of being part of something special." Charley says "CHS is special and I feel it 56 years later. It was good for us to use this path. It lamped our future. Thanks **Dr. Pavel** and Charley. In September **Bertam Greenspan** ran the Philadelphia Distance Run — a half-marathon of 13.1 miles — in two hours and 33 minutes. "Sometimes I felt like I was going backwards as younger people passed me." Don't worry, Bert. Slow and steady wins the race. Good job.

**198 — Sigmund Balka** has been awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa by Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion, which was to be presented April 30, 2008 in New York. **Bernard Gross** recently presented the Philadelphia Police Department with a check for \$50,000 for the department's motorcycle replacement program for new Harley Davidson Police Motorcycles. **Arthur E. Helfand, DPM**, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging.

**199 —** The 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the 199<sup>th</sup> Class will be held on April 2, 2008 at Smith & Wollensky restaurant, 210 West Rittenhouse Square (The Rittenhouse Hotel), for more information, contact **Bob Rosenstein** at: 215-947-2159, or email: rsfin@comcast.net.

**202 —** Developer **Robert Brasler**, a guiding force in the early development of the National Constitution Center, has been named one of the 25 most influential Dickinsonians at his alma mater, Dickinson College. Robert, who graduated from Dickinson in 1958, was nominated by readers of Dickinson Magazine. Robert is chairman of Brasler Properties, a third-generation, family owned organization that redevelops and recycles major industrial buildings for modern use. In 1986 Congress authorized the creation of the Constitution Center but it wasn't until Robert took the reins in 1994 that the project became a reality. An avid tennis player since age 7, Robert also co-chaired the 10-year effort for the \$12 million Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis and Education Center, which recently opened in Fairmount Park. **Rev. Phillip Goldfedder** is retired from neurosurgery and enjoying full-time ministry in healing and deliverance. He has written *Healing is Yours* and *Lean God's Way*. Check out his works at healingisyours.com (See his ad on page 6).

**203 — Dr. Robert S. White** (R-West Goshen) has been elected for a third term as a supervisor in this Chester County, Pennsylvania township. He is still trying to figure out, when campaigning, if one is supposed to hug the women and kiss the babies or the other way around.

**204 — Johnny Dabrow** was recently inducted into the Kansas Collegiate Officials Hall of Fame. **Karl Harris** is going

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strong in his 49th year working in the apparel business. **Dr. Richie Josephs** has retired and moved to Center City and says he's loving it. Well deserved, Richie. **Van Joyce's** original American musical "*Phantom of the Opera*" is still touring world-wide, currently in Eastern Europe. **Chick King** has retired and closed the offices of Charles King, AIA. His firm was responsible for the design of more than 500 Talbot, Mothers Work Maternity and Reading China stores. **Dr. Arthur D. Magilner** is still practicing part-time at Fox Chase Cancer Center. **Elbert Marsh**, professor of engineering at the University of Buffalo, is teaching this spring in Troyes, France. Bon Voyage! **Bob Peck** has retired from radiology practice, **Jerry Rosenthal** has retired from accounting and **Mal Weinberger** has retired from pediatric surgery. **Martin May, DDS**, died in January 2006 and **Jerry I. Cohen, MD**, died in January 2007. The most recent Florida-based mini-reunion, in December 2007, included **Frank Benasutti, Mal Weinberger, Jerry Rosenthal, Karl Harris** and **Richard Levine** and spouses, well-arranged by Frank. Great job of reporting Art!

**205 — Arnie Shiffrin** is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> year of coaching track, 27 at Central. During this time the team has won four indoor Pennsylvania track & field championships, finished second twice and third once. On a national level the team has won the 4 x 400 meter relay championship in 1986 and finished second in 1987. **William Reed, 247** set national records in three events in 1986: 400 meters at 46.84 second, broken in 2006; 300 meters in 33.19 seconds and 300 yards at 30.15 seconds, both still standing.

**206 —** He may have been a great student at Central but **John A. Gilmore** notes that he continues to flunk retirement. After the past 10 years in executive service with a presbytery of 55 churches, John has transitioned into being chaplain at Westminster Village, Dover, Delaware~a CCRC.

**208 —** More than 80 of the original 250 graduates of the 208th class turned out for their 50th high school reunion last June at the Union League in downtown Philadelphia. The reunion also featured a tour of the largely refurbished school. This was an impressive response as 40 classmates have passed away and about 40 could not be located. Among those who made the weekend a great success were **Merrill Paletz, Joel Wasserman, Merrill Freedman, Ed Gross, Harry Weinheimer, Joel Myers** (Alumni Hall of Famer), **Steve Myers, Steve Berger** (**David Kahn's** neighbor next door in the old days), **Steve Abrams, Warren Gross, Fred Chary, Matt Bennett and Yale Richmond**. There was a general consensus among the attendees that the 208 was one of the greatest classes ever to graduate from Central. Maybe, gentlemen. Maybe.

**209 — Harvey Steinberg** reports that the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Class will be held on the weekend of April 11, 2008. Activities include a visit to the school on Friday, dinner at the Union League Saturday night and a Sunday getaway brunch. Harvey reports a big turnout, with classmates returning from all around the country, including California, Ohio and Missouri.

**212 —** Plans for the 50th reunion are under way. Save the date of Oct. 3, 2009 at the Hyatt Penn's Landing Hotel in Philadelphia. **Fred Goldstein** recently completed serving as coordinating editor of the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association for four-supplement series on pain management. It was the first time the JAOA disseminated such information solely as an online production. **Bob Hurwitz** and his wife, Marci, are both retired now and enjoying a new condo at The Enclave on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. After a number of years with a civilian agency of the Department of Defense Bob joined defense contractors RCA and GE. Bob later moved to Computer Sciences Corp. retiring as director. **Otto Mills** presented a research paper at the American Academy of Dermatologists Annual Meeting. Otto is a professor of dermatology at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. After 35 years as a businessman, **Mel Rothbard** changed careers. He graduated law school and is now a solo practitioner in Philadelphia concentrating in business, real estate, and trusts and estates. **Marv Pollock** reports that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. For years Marv has been a supporter of the Little Wonders Center, which provides services for children with special needs. Marv's son, Eric, was recently selected as citizen of the month by the Ambler Gazette for his work at the same center. **Mike Spoll** was named chairman of the Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's Committee on Health Care. **Don Soslow** has been designated compliance officer for Global Capital Management, a Conshohocken, Pennsylvania financial company. After a 44-year career at Purdue University, **Phil Swain** recently retired and was named professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering. He and his wife now live in New Bern, North Carolina. **Bob Wachter**, a long-time board member and trustee at the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Philadelphia, was at a recent benefit when he heard his name called. When informed that he had won a raffle for a week's vacation to Sedona, Arizona, Bob replied, "It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

**213 — Steven R. Shore**, who rose to become a prominent electrical engineer who designed the power and lighting for many of Philadelphia's finest restaurants and hospitals, died November 26 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital while undergoing treatment for leukemia. He was 65. Steven designed the electrical and systems and lighting for many of Stephen Starr's restaurants in Philadelphia as well as for Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Rita's Water Ice, Five Guys, Burgers and Fries and other retail stores throughout the country. He designed electrical and lighting plans for the skyboxes at Veteran's Stadium and parts of the Pittsburgh Steelers PNC Park. He is survived by his wife, Flora, his mother, Kay Shore; daughter, Lisa Fogul; son, Paul Shore; brother, Larry; and four grandchildren. After 43 years of distinguished service as a certified public accountant, **Sheldon H. Eveloff** has retired but remains committed to another passion: volunteering. Sheldon has served as a volunteer for the United Cerebral Palsy Association for more than 25 years, the Anti-Defamation League for 20 years and the Committee of Seventy for 15 years. Sheldon received the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 1997; served on the American Institute of CPAs Executive Committee for Consulting Services; as contributing editor for the Journal of Accountancy

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and as chair of consulting and technology committees for the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs. He is also the recipient of numerous awards for volunteerism for his contributions to the accounting profession and community organizations. He is a life member of the Associated Alumni of Central High School and is a member of the Temple University School of Business Department's Accounting Alumni's Hall of Fame.

**215 — Jerry Edelstein** is feeling fine in Vero Beach, Florida, residing with his wife of 36 years, Marian, and their two dogs. Jerry continues to practice full-time as medical director at Atlantis Diagnostics. **Steve Goldston** and **David Grunfeld**, along with wives Judy and Sandy, joined in November to cruise and explore cities and ancient sites in Italy, Greece and Turkey. Steve has lived in Phoenix for almost 30 years and is now retired from his printing business. David continues to live in the Philadelphia area and is of counsel at the law firm Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel. David also presides over the Board of Family Services of Montgomery County. **Paul Rappoport** passed away in the fall of 2007. He was a pharmacist in California, originally from Berks Street in Strawberry Mansion.

**216 —** On Jan. 1 **Martin H. Belsky** became the Dean and Randolph Baxter Professor of Law at University of Akron School of Law. He has also been recently elected vice president of the [National] Jewish Council on Public Affairs and the secretary of the American Judicature Society.

**220 — Bruce Malkin**, now living in Virginia, recently spent a terrific 17 days on a tour of China. Bruce saw the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City and took a rickshaw ride around the Hutang (Beijing Old City) area, a Yangtze River cruise for three nights and a Li River day cruise. Bruce is keeping busy teaching ESL and performing community service

projects through Kiwanis. Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell has appointed **Clifford N. Steinig, D.O.**, to State Board of Examiners in Speech Language and Hearing. The nomination is currently awaiting Senate confirmation. Cliff lives in Harrisburg, where he practices Otolaryngology (ye editor translates this as Ear, Nose and Throat).

**221 —** 2007 was a big year for **Ira Yermish**. Ira completed his fifth Ironman event in Florida in November as part of his Sexy at Sixty World Tour to raise money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation. (Sexy and selfless) Ira completed two Ironman events, three marathons and many Half-Ironman and other athletic events. In August 2008, he will compete on Team USA of the USA Triathlon for the ITU World Championships in Almere, Holland. Good luck, Ira.

**224 —** After 24 years in private practice as an OB/GYN **Larry Seidman** is now running pharmaceutical research studies in women's health care as a principal investigator.

**229 — Andrew Gottlieb** has published his fifth book, *On the Meaning of Friendship Between Gay Men 2008*, Harrington Park Press. Check out all of Dr. Gottlieb's works at [www.andrewgottlieb.com](http://www.andrewgottlieb.com).

**232 —**A new book by **Reuven Amitai (Kahn)**, *"The Mongols in the Islamic Lands: Studies in the History of the Il Khanate,"* has just been published by Ashgate Publishing. The book is a collection of Reuven's articles and papers from the last 20 years. Having moved to Israel more than 30 years ago, Reuven is now a professor of Middle Eastern History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Anyone passing through Jerusalem is invited to look him up. **Ephi Dardashti** reports that he, along with the following Central graduates honored the school by sponsoring a kiddish at a Lower Merion Synagogue on Saturday March 1, 2008 in honor of their beloved school.

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**223, Morton Klein, 224, Barry Pransky, 225, Harold Rhode, 225, Arnold Kallman, 225, Jack Dembowitz, 226, Leon Wertheimer (226), Scott Gould, 228, Eph Dardashti, 232, Sherman Frager, 232, Joel Pomerantz, 235, Jay Weinstein, 238, Sarah Fleischman, 263 and Jerry Stern in honor of his father Harry Stern.** A large banner in the social hall announced the event and it read: *Let others sing of college days their Alma Mater true, But when we raise our voices it is only high for you. In honor and in memory of our teachers and mentors, in celebration of our classmates and peers.*

**234 — Vincent Hill** was recently inducted into Temple University's School of Communication and Theater's Hall of Fame. The KYW Newsradio Business & Finance editor/anchor was recognized with the Lew Klein Alumni in the Media Award for his more than 32 years in broadcasting and having introduced more than 100 students into the broadcast industry as an adjunct professor at Temple's Department of Journalism. After 13 years in the Army and 14 as an employed physician, **John W. Spurlock** has opened a private practice of urogynecology in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He still enjoys flying his Cessna every Tuesday whether he needs to or not. He is a life member of the AACHS.

**236 — Steve Safer** has opened Hershel's New York Deli in Philadelphia's historic Reading Terminal Market. We're told he makes his own pastrami and corned beef.

**238 — Mark Urquhart** was recently honored as part of Who's Who in Black Chicago and Chicago United's Business Leader of Color 2007. Mark says he reflected on his motivation and realized it started with educational and athletic excellence at Central.

**238 — George Williams (Godfrey)**, senior vice president with ComEd Exelon Corp. and **Brian Beard** of the 237, now senior adviser for Merrill Lynch.

**239 — Carl D. Lowman** is a Vice President and Director of Global Financial Planning & Analysis for MWH Global, Inc. MWH Global is a Denver-based civil engineering firm that provides consulting, program management and construction services to industrial, municipal and government clients in the Americas, Europe, Middle East, India, Asia, and the Pacific Rim.

**240 — Edward J. Bonett Jr.** is serving as the Philadelphia County co-chair for The John McCain for President campaign. Way to go, Edward. Contact him at: Ejb240@verizon.net

**241 —** The class is planning a reunion for the fall of 2008. Contact **Gary Miller** at 215 572 2468 or millerg@lancertextiles.com. **Chris O'Donnell** is still leading the best Realtor team in University City. He and wife Marita welcomed new daughter Carolina. Carolina's big sister is Federica.

**246 —** Two worthy campaigns of note from the best class ever. **Dennis Barnes**, a board member of the Christian Street YMCA, notes that the Y is in the midst of its annual "Strong Kids" fund raising campaign. The money raised in the campaign is used to provide scholarships to neighborhood children so they can attend camp during the most vulnerable time of the year for them, summer. Visit [www.christianstymca.org](http://www.christianstymca.org) for more information. Having worked for years advocating for the educational needs of young people, **James S. Lander** is running for a seat on the Arlington County School Board in Virginia. Visit his Web site at [jameslander.org](http://jameslander.org)

**247 — Larry Kaplan** recently opened Varsity Fitness, a gym for kids, athletes and anyone who wants to be fit, in Penn Valley, Pennsylvania. Larry says all of the gym's equipment is unique. You may have seen the gym recently featured in the press or on TV. Check it out at [www.varsityfitnessclub.com](http://www.varsityfitnessclub.com)

**253—** Classmates **Megan Louise Heckert** and **Allen Joseph Rue Jr.** got married in style last October "green style." The two had originally planned to marry in October 2008 but when they heard about a contest being offered by the Urban Green Partnership for an environmentally friendly wedding they decided to enter. Lo and behold, they won. The wedding featured all-organic food and was thrown at Zagar's Magic Mosaic Garden on South Street. **Michael Schleigh** has been appointed as the Borough of Lansdowne's representative to the Darby Creek Joint Sewer Authority.

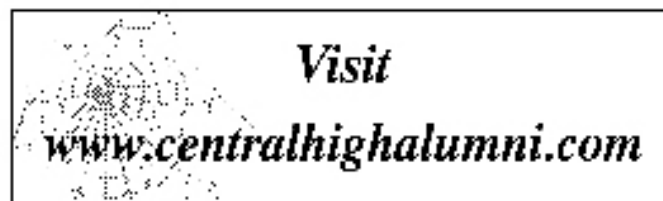
**257 — 10-Year Reunion, November 28, 2008** Romano's Catering — \$50 per person. Go to website [www.chs257.com](http://www.chs257.com) for more information.

**258 —** After several years, **Eliza Pfeil** and **Patrick Savage** reunited in the spring of 2007 and married December 1, 2007 in small ceremony in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. The two will host a reception for family and friends late this fall. More information to follow. Congratulations Eliza and Patrick. We knew Central was great for more than just academics.

**259 — Nicole Sestito** recently received her Masters Degree in Clinical Neuropsychology from Drexel University and expects to get her PhD. in 2010. Nicole sends best wishes to her classmates and the entire Central family.

**263 — Danielle Williams** will be the commencement speaker at the Howard University School of Education's ceremony.

**266 — Jay Kaufmann** is concluding his freshman year at Widener University, where he received a four-year Army ROTC scholarship. Jay is also on the football team at Widener. ☐☐



## HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT

Hy Lovitz, 187, Chairman

The Hall of Fame Committee has decided to hold the next Induction Ceremonies in April of 2009. This will give us ample time to plan another major induction ceremony event.


Those who attended the last induction ceremony at the Constitution Center in 2006, surely will agree that it was a very moving ceremony. It was attended by Governor Ed Rendell and every inductee was admirably worthy of the induction; and each acceptance speech was indeed, memorable. We are challenged now to equal that success and, if we can, to surpass it to perpetuate the association of the name "Central High School of Philadelphia" with excellence in education.

Soon, we will be engaged in the process of reviewing the resumes that were considered for the last induction, but not chosen. And in addition, we will be reviewing new resumes that we anticipate receiving in the near future. If you know of anyone who you believe would qualify for admission, you are invited to submit their name to the Chair for consideration by the committee.

However, before proposing a nominee, you must first think objectively about whether that person would meet the standard for admission. The level of our admission standard is relatively high and requires that the inductee is living and has attained a world-wide or national reputation and is recognized by his or her peers to have achieved the highest degree of success in a chosen field of endeavor. Names alone will not be enough. You should do some investigation and research and then send us a complete Curriculum Vitae plus whatever supporting documents that you obtain to further the chances for admission—this could include newspaper clippings, articles in trade journals, pictures, bibliography, Internet items, etc. . . . Please send the material to the Alumni office at the school, to my attention.

The requisite that the nominee be living has been in effect since the inception of the Hall of Fame in 1971. But, this matter will be reconsidered so that distinguished graduates of the past will also be honored and recognized in the Hall of Fame.

The Committee is aware that there may be people who should have been inducted by now, but regrettably, were not. This would be primarily due to the fact that we are not aware of their accomplishments. We therefore rely on you to be our reporters in the field to bring such persons to our attention now. ☐☐



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### MAGIC AND HARD WORK MAKE HIM A STAR IN HIS OWN WRITE

Yvonne Dennis, 246

When **William Feldman, 269** wants to know something about politics, he doesn't just Google it or forget about it after a while. He asks to interview the Vice President's wife or the former Secretary of State. When he sees someone do a cool trick, like a Harlem Globetrotter spin a basketball on his fingertip, he doesn't just say 'Oh, that's cool.' He practices the movement himself until he has it down and even takes it a bit further.

William Feldman is a dynamic sophomore at Central High School in the mold of so many other accomplished Central students and graduates but yet incredibly unique. He has been a straight-A student all of his life, including through this year with several advanced-placement classes at Central. He loves science, and paradoxically, magic. He plays basketball and other sports (for fun only) despite a problem he's had since birth with his right hand, works in Central's main office in the morning before classes – and, oh: he has a weekly column in the 122,000-circulation Northeast Times.

Though it was the initiative of William's mother, Sherry, that sent him to the newspaper's offices in 2002, it was William who convinced the Managing Editor that he had something valuable to contribute to the newspaper. Sherry Feldman liked the picture the Times ran of William for winning second place in an Academy of Natural Sciences fair so she and her only child went over to see if they could get a copy. The secretary happened to be out sick that day, William recalls, so the Managing Editor came out to speak to them. They started talking about why many kids don't read newspapers.

"He told me to write ideas, if I had a newspaper what I would like to write about," says William, who turns 16 on April 17. "And I went home and did it. I told him my ideas and he liked them. So the last six years I've been a volunteer writer." William quickly adds, "Also, every year after that I did get a gold medal in the science fair except for 2007. I was going against professional scientists."

William says he mostly writes about things that interest him and pretty much sticks to positive themes. He has written about the Philadelphia Kixx soccer team, the donation of a high-powered microscope to Central by FEI Company., interviewed original Batman Adam West (he wants to interview all of the actors who have portrayed Batman on film) and Vice President Dick Cheney's wife, Lynne Cheney, twice.

For the first interview William pursued Mrs. Cheney. After many emails and phone calls he was invited to interview her at home in Washington. Mom Sherry took William to the interview, as she or William's father, Robert Feldman, happily do for all of his interviews that require travel.

How did he get the second interview with Mrs. Cheney? "Last year her people emailed me when she was in Philadelphia to see if I wanted to interview her. I guess they liked the interview the first time," William says. He says he has met President Bush three times and interviewed former Secretary of State Colin Powell. He would also like to interview Mr. Bush.

Though William's parents drive him to his interviews out of necessity, there are some perks for them. Sherry Feldman got her son to get Barry Manilow to autograph an album when he interviewed the singer a few years ago and Robert

Feldman got to see Linda Carter when William interviewed the former "Wonder Woman" star on a trip to Philadelphia.

William gets other ideas for his "Kids Stuff" column from press releases sent to him or emails from readers.

"A lot of people who read my column send me things about their family," he says. "Plus I have contests." Prizes for the contests come from places he writes about. William says he believes over the six years he has been writing the column he has learned to ask better questions and he does better research. After seeing the Globetrotters at the Liacouras Center and interviewing former player Mannie Jackson, William wanted to learn how to spin a basketball on his fingertip. Now he can.

"I spin a basketball, throw it up in the air and catch it spinning. I saw a lot of the Harlem Globetrotters. At first I could only just spin and I said I want to do this longer so I kept practicing."

Though his journalistic pursuits take up so much of his time right now, William says he is interested in a career in either law or science. When he's not studying he often times is tutoring other students in algebra or chemistry, or is working as an SA representative, class representative or with the student faculty. He has been a guest speaker at Calvary Christian Academy and the Enchanted Theatre Company.

With all this activity one wonders if William ever gets stressed. But very cheerily he says only really during testing time. Even though he'll be doing SAT preparation this summer and completing his Central summer work, he will take plenty of time to chill.

Send suggestions for other Central students to be profiled in the *Alumni Journal* to [yv246@yahoo.com](mailto:yv246@yahoo.com). Be sure to include the student's full name, age, contact information and a short summary on why he or she deserves to be profiled.

*In November, all eyes were focused on Central High School, located right here in Philadelphia, when it was honored as the first high school in the country to receive a new Phenom Scanning Electron Microscope donated by FEI. The \$72,000 microscope provides magnification up to 20,000 with a resolution of 30nm. This is 20 times that of most high-end microscopes. Dr. Sheldon Pavel, president of Central High School, joyfully addressed the audience by stating, "FEI donated a Phenom-enal gift, Phenom-enal microscope."*



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*Dr. Robert A. Sanders, 180*

So many wonderful reunion programs and souvenirs continue to arrive for our archival files. They reflect the vitality, enthusiasm, and affection for our alma mater. These occasions follow, for the most part, a traditional pattern consisting of speakers, a meal, entertainment, and the school song. Let me tell you about a decidedly different one that took place a hundred and ten years ago. The 79th Class held its sixteenth reunion at the Hotel Walton at Broad and Locust Streets on February 18, 1898. The event was organized around a special theme—Scotland and its traditions. Thirty men and some of their friends attended the grand meal. Several large oil paintings were brought in to set the mood. One of Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen" and the other of Arduin's "Highland Laddie." Yards of tartan bunting were draped everywhere. A Scottish piper was hired to accompany the arrival of the haggis, a pudding made of

oatmeal, suet, onions, and raisins—all cooked in a sheep's stomach. This delicacy was carried around the room on a silver server. All the boys were given some of this treat. There was also a hugh flag of Scotland on the wall behind the podium. **William Bird** of the **79th** and a member of the Caledonian Club of Philadelphia enacted in full Scottish kilts a scene from Sir Walter Scott's poem "Lady of the Lake." Among the guests are also many of Central's "professors," as they were then designated. The bagpipes played a lively medley of tunes including "Laird of the Glen" and "Jock of Hazeldine." You may be quite sure that many toasts were drunk in Glenfiddich and Dewar's Scotch to Bobby Burns (Scotland's national poet) and to our "dear auld high." Those old boys knew how to enjoy themselves in those days of "Auld Lang Syne." ❏

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