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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"COME BACK, GIVE BACK"

David R. Kahn, 220
President, AACHS

Welcome to the first electronic version of your *Alumni Journal*. We've had some hiccups along the way, but we're ready to renew our commitment to publish at least semi-annually, hopefully even more frequently.

In this issue, besides the two items we all turn to first, Class Notes and In Memoriam, you'll find several items about what's happening in the School. **Michael Horowitz, 251**, a dynamic teacher in the Social Studies Department, along with two of his colleagues, has developed a program the last few years to encourage our students to participate in the political process. This culminated last year with a \$100,000 grant from the AARP Foundation, used to provide interactive electronic learning equipment for the department, and many other things as well. The proceeds also allowed them to send a contingent of 20 students to the historic Obama Inaugural festivities in Washington. The School, through Alumni auspices led by **Harvey Steinberg, 209**, was given a major collection of African art, which will be curated and put on display shortly. Our athletic and music programs continue to flourish, as do all our academic departments. It makes me proud every time I walk into the building and see the work our students perform. Come and visit, you'll be more than pleased by what you see happening on a daily basis.

On February 6 we held the Alumni annual mid-winter meeting and luncheon, a little earlier than usual to avoid conflicts with other events. Our guest of honor was **Robin Eubanks, 231**, the internationally acclaimed jazz trombonist. As the father of a jazz trombonist, I am personally thrilled that Robin is appearing. Upcoming is another major event at Central—International Day, the icing on the cake (no pun intended) of a major program celebrating our diversity. This includes ethnic decorating of the various halls, performances by many clubs and groups within the building, and best of all, I think, the International Day Café, where more than 600 different ethnic foods prepared by students and their families are available for our enjoyment. This will be held on Thursday, February 19, starting at 8 A.M. Alumni are always welcome to participate in this great event.

In May we expect to have a gathering of Alumni in Los Angeles, California. This marks the first time a formal meeting will be held on the west coast. For more details check out the link: <http://www.centralhighalumni.com> This is a chance to meet and greet old friends and make some new one, find out more about what's happening at school, and about our Capital and Endowment Campaign.

For thee we all will labor, for thee, oh, dear old High!

The other night, like the proverbial bolt out of the blue, this last line of the chorus of our beloved School Song spoke to me in a way it never had before. Not just a lyric anymore, but a call to all of us to "labor" for dear old High.

How to labor?, one might ask. There are so many ways, from volunteering to work in the Archives or the Library, to helping students with extra curricular activities such as Robotics, to raising awareness among your friends and classmates about the needs of the School, and the Alumni's Capital and Endowment Campaign.

Where would any of us be, but for the education and experience that Central provided? That experience was significantly enhanced by what Alumni of earlier days contributed. Now it is our turn. Now is the time. For more information as to how you can make a difference, contact us through the Alumni web site, <http://www.centralhighalumni.com> you can also make an online donation to the Campaign, by clicking on the link in the left side menu. To see a video about our work and plans, go to <http://www.donatechs.com/index.asp>.

As always, I am delighted to write to all of you again, and say, Come Back, Give Back, so the students of today will be able to give back to those in the future. Crimson and Gold forever! ☐ ☐

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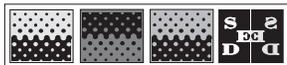
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Yvonne Dennis, 246

DREADED SOCIAL NETWORKING'S SURPRISE TREAT

Were you a reluctant Facebook/MySpace (Insert your own social-network site) user? Still are?

So was I and this is not going to be a column to try to persuade you otherwise. Like all Internet use it's about comfort level and I respect everyone's right to venture or not into whatever territory he/she chooses.

But one thing I would like to enlighten nonusers on (and invite you to email me with stories of your own) is an unexpected treat I have found even with my pretty conservative use of Facebook.

I can remember when I first joined, at the urging of some friend, actually calling it "glorified email." People put up pictures of themselves, send mass notes to friends, jamming personal updates down their throats whether they wanted them or not.

But when I started getting "friend" requests and messages from buddies I lost contact with *decades* ago I my opinion of Facebook shot up. Friends I grew up with, Central classmates I hadn't spoken to since we left school were finding me somehow on Facebook. I was amazed. I now trade stories with friends from fifth *grade* about the classic movies our teacher, Mr. Goddess, used to show us and the Frank Sinatra records he taught us to dance to. One of my very dearest friends from 247 moved to Hawaii shortly after high school and after a few letters we lost touch. Twenty long years passed and suddenly I got a friend request from her last year. I was thrilled.

As a matter of fact I'm in touch again with several members of the track team I used to run with at Central. Facebook is like the class reunion you get to go to at your own pace, with none of the awkwardness. You can ignore whomever you want. You don't have to remember individual email addresses. You don't have to chase the people you do care about for updated pictures of themselves and you can comment on any little thing in life that comes up and reminds you of them.

My class, 246, has a pretty good size friends group on Facebook. So do a lot of classes. But I have to give props to 262, whose huge membership dwarfs all known other Central groups. Leave it to Central grads to conquer yet another frontier to keep our special camaraderie. One thing I would like to see us do more of in these sites is link old (say, 245 and earlier ☺) with young. Shoot me a note at yd246@yahoo.com (and specify if it's OK to share with the rest of the class) on how you think we can do this and/or how you use one of the social-networking sites to stay in touch with schoolmates. We'll publish some of the better responses in the next *Journal*. ☐☐

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"A Recent Grad Writes*"

Dear Dr. Pavel,

As I embark on this new journey, I cannot help but reminisce on my high school experience. It always seems to bring tears to my eyes (as it is doing now), whenever I think about my time at Central. Do you remember in Roni's graduation speech when he said that Central was "our home away from home?" Well, for me it is a different story. While I was talking to my mother back in the summer, I told her that Central was my *first* home. And I just tried to explain to her exactly how much the school meant to me, but then I realized that I could not put something like that into words.

Central — and every one and thing about it — was by far the most influential experience of my life. And I refer to Central as not just a school, but an experience because that is what it was to me. It was not merely an institution, but it was a journey. It was love. It was sadness. It was education and it was athletics; but, probably most of all, it was friendship. I am not sure if you know this, but at Central, I devel-

oped some of the most loving, dedicated, and trustworthy friendships of my life. The bonds created through the school are unbreakable. They mean the world to me.

As you can see, I am currently in London. I just wanted to give you an update of everything.

It is absolutely wonderful here. The culture and atmosphere is so different than that back home. I am glad I made the decision that I did, because I have gained so much from being here. I have earned and experienced so many new things. I love London. I do miss home though. Only four short weeks and I shall be back.

See you soon.

Love always,
Your favorite gripper (aka Ashley)

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Ashley Gripper, 267, represents what young Central graduates are all about. While at Central, she was a leader on the basketball court and in her class. Ashley also was the recipient of the 2008 William Disharoon Alumni Award. We look forward to her return to CHS in the years ahead, knowing she is an example for Central's young women of tomorrow.

TO THE ALUMNI

Dr. Sheldon S. Pavel
President, Central High School

At commencement each year, student speakers issue challenges to the class, reflect upon the growth they have undergone, and muse about what the future will bring to the members of the class in the future. They also, without fail, stop to reflect upon their experiences in our multicultural environment.

Society tends to quantify when it seeks measuring points of success or failure. How many of "X" did you get? Did your company surpass last year's profits? Was the budget balanced? What was the gross of the movie? Did the candidate project more votes in a given ward than another? But... experience in a multicultural environment and what it then means for the future is not a quantifiable phenomenon. Our young people learn by doing, feeling, and living that our world is not monochromatic. They learn to value the quality of another person's character and not judge that person by his/her skin color, gender, religion, income level, or sexual preference. We create a laboratory where our students often learn more outside of the classroom than inside by living the art of becoming a better person. So when the question is asked by the parent/alumnus/teacher/school district official of the student, "What did you learn at Central today?" The answer, projected into the future, is that "I learned how to be more human." The full measure of what we do and how it comes to pass will emerge in the skills, but perhaps most important, the value structure our students have when they become leaders. My hopes and prayers are that they have learned well and because of Central, the world will become a more equitable and humane place.

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needed improvements must come from private sources, in particular, us.

In 2005, we unveiled a state-of-the-art renovation of the former library, which now houses a conference center, alumni archives, cutting edge research technology and the Barnwell library collection. The library renovation involved the expenditure of more than \$5 million in alumni-raised dollars.

We invite you to visit. Contact Debbie Zarwin Rose, Alumni Affairs Coordinator, in the alumni office at 215-927-9550 to arrange a personal tour, or visit our website at <http://www.donatechs.com>. You will see that much has been accomplished because of the dedication of loyal alumni like you.

As we look to build on the momentum of our achievements, we are turning to a second phase of the capital campaign. This includes establishment of a new Music Conservatory, creation of an Information Technology Center and an Endowment to support ongoing operations of these facilities.

As with the library phase of the project, this phase of the capital campaign is ambitious.

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Barry Rosenberg, 229

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Dr. Robert A. Sanders, 180

On my desk in the Central High archives lies a large old scrapbook with a picture on its cover of the Civil War Union General Joseph Hooker. Inside its pages we meet a fellow-alumnus from the 46th Class (June 1865), Samuel Anderson McKeever. A large selection of his articles written for the New York Telegraph in his capacity as a "correspondent" are pasted on the pages of the old scrapbook. Because the young man had been graduated in 1865, the compiler must have felt an affinity to those post-war years and had assembled those articles in the book. Rarely are we able to get insights into the thinking of Central Alumni from those early classes; therefore, this is an opportunity to meet an unexpected personality from Central of long ago. Unfortunately this fellow lived only until age thirty, but he had acquired a very large following as attested by the fondness and genuine esteem shown by the many obits in this memorial collection.

An examination of the accounts we have from his visits to the South reveal a deep vein of humor mixed with acerbic commentary. For example, we learn that General Grant encountered wild enthusiasm on his visit to St. Augustine, Florida, but was heard to mutter that he didn't know whether he was in St. Augustine or Constantinople. The fiddler who was to play the square dances was forbidden to perform at the "General Grant Hop" that evening because he worked for the rival hotel which had lost the contract for the event. We also learn that the sweltering travelers on the river boat "Water Lily" from Palatka, Florida were shooting alligators from the railing of the boat and found that they had shot only at logs; conversely, the logs that had been shot by the marksmen turned out to be alligators. McKeever likewise informs us that he had spent a bad night in the same shabby hotel room that formerly had been used by Harriet Beecher Stowe of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame. In Jacksonville, Florida our correspondent wryly tells us that the millionaire Mr. Astor's daily events are chronicled in a similar manner to those of the Royal Family in London. McKeever informs us that the "Yankees" are buying up all the orange groves they can secure, for the fragrant fruits are coining themselves into money while one sleeps."

I do invite you to come to the Alumni Archives and read for yourself the many delightful New York Telegram vignettes delineated by this fine "correspondent" of our 46th Class. I guarantee you will be both entertained and pleased to have returned to those fascinating days of the 19th century. ■■

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We apologize that we are unable to list contributors to the Associated Alumni's General and Scholarship Funds in this issue. Look for an updated list of contributions in the Spring Issue of the *Alumni Journal*. Alumni who have pledged or made gifts to the Capital and Endowment Campaign since the Spring 2008 issue will be acknowledged at a later date.

EXHIBIT OPENING

On February 26, 2009

The Opening of the David and Karina Rilling (209)
African and Oceanic Art Exhibit will be held.

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YVONNE DENNIS, 246; DAVID KAHN, 220

149 — Dr. Emanuel Chat died May 12, 2008, at age 98. A graduate of Temple University Medical School, he worked for many years at Philadelphia State Hospital and spoke often of his great regard for his time at Central.

162 — That's right, from the 162nd class's **Irwin Black** we share reflections on how his Central education shaped the rest of his 91 years of living. Irwin's father had an accident just as Irwin entered high school so life then was tough. Irwin worked after school and weekends at a department store to pay the bills. He says, "I can still hear French Professor Raska say, "Mr. Bleck, you do not stody, for that I flonk you." But Irwin was grateful for the French he had learned when he served three years during World War II in North Africa. Another subject that served Irwin well in later life was math. After the war he took a college-level test to work for the government and passed. And after retirement that Central education in writing helped as Irwin submitted articles to the Philadelphia Inquirer magazines and other newspapers. Irwin says his fondest instructional memory from retirement is of the 125 slow-learning fourth grade children in the public school system whom he taught how to read, write cursive, spell and do elementary punctuation through a system he developed. The children were at class level in six weeks, he reports. Irwin and his wife, also 91, get around their Northeast area well and he still drives. If any of Irwin's classmates are still around he'd love to hear from them and so would we!

173 — Nathan Raiken, a retired lawyer and former World War II prisoner, died at age 85 in April 2008. Nathan was a member of the Central swim team and attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Later he earned his law degree from Temple University and practiced until retirement in 1992 at age 70. Nathan is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

182 — Hyman Kanoff, DO was recently elected to a seventh term as speaker of the House of Delegates during the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association's Centennial Clinical Assembly at the Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia. Hyman has served as an officer of the POMA House of Delegates for more than 30 years. A past president of POMA, he is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He is also a frequent lecturer on human sexuality, biomedical ethics, origins of humor and therapeutic humor.

188 — William S. Franklin, M.D., has just published three new books: "The Merger," a novel; "The Cyberpatient," a novella; and ""Nightmare Worlds," A collection of short stories. The books can be obtained through booksbyfrankl.com or calling Infinity Publishing at 877-289-2665.

190 — Bertram Shapiro, M.D., is retired as an anesthesiologist but busy as a member of the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Society of Anesthesiologists. He is doing Human Subjects Protection work at the Medical School in Newark, happily married to "a marvelous lady," and interested in hearing from classmates. His email address is sbmcdoc@aol.com

191 — Alan Miles Ruben, Professor Emeritus at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Fu Dan University, Shanghai, PRC, recently lectured on Motion Practice in Arbitration Proceedings at the Ohio State Bar Association's "Arbitration Developments—2008 Seminar.

194 — All the way from Hawaii: **Glenn Cannon** began his 41st year as professor of theater and head of the acting program at University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Glenn also continues to work as a professional actor, most recently on the television series "Lost." Hey Glenn: Glad you still find time for your old Central pals. **Carl Hopfinger** died Feb. 20, 2008. After retiring from teaching in Los Angeles, Carl, with wife Barbara, retired to Ashland, Oregon. Carl enjoyed biking, skiing and hiking. He was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, an advocate for the homeless and a tutor at local schools. His stained glass adorns many homes. He is survived by Barbara; children Jana and Jack; and his grandchildren.



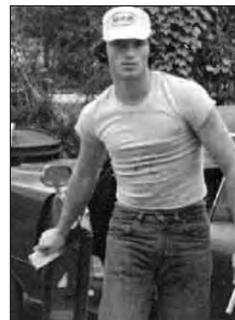
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196 — Bertram Greenspan ran the 10-mile Broad Street Run in May. He encourages fellow Central grads to attend the annual alumni dinner in June 2009. Well done and well said.

198 — Gary Cohen notes how a trip to New York City during his senior year at Central introduced him to the wonders of travel and exploration. Gary joined the Army as a private and retired from the USAR as a chaplain (Colonel), also graduating from the USAF Air War College. Gary served as a college and seminary professor, president of three colleges and a translator of the New King James Bible. He has led 15 trips to Israel, Egypt and Greece; has had eight books published and more than 1,000 articles (he currently writes for Zion's Hope) and has lectured in Hungary, Israel, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan, Peru, Brazil and South Korea. Although semi-retired, living in Clermont, Fla., with his wife, he still speaks all over the country. Glenn is ever grateful to Central for giving him such a good start.

202 — Dr. Gerald Jacobson recently retired from his orthodontic practice, from 20 years of part-time teaching as clinical Professor of Orthodontics at Temple University School of Dentistry and from the Board of Directors of the Dental School. He lives part-time in Long Beach, Fla., and in Cherry Hill and Long Port, N.J.

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204 — Robert J. Young, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of history at West Chester University, recently retired after 35 years at West Chester and simultaneous 20-year affiliation with South Asia Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Robert is an active volunteer in the Fulbright Alumni Association, Friends of India (Peace Corps Alumni Association), John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and the Tyler Arboretum.

211 — The class will be celebrating its 50th reunion this spring with activities at Central April 24 and dinner April 25 at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Contact Reunion Chairman **Steve Laver** at sglaver@aol.com.

214 — Richard Taxin, M.D., was installed as President of the Pennsylvania Radiological Society last fall.

218 — Tony Haftel, MD, has been named Vice President for Quality and Associate Chief Medical Officer for Franciscan Health System in Washington State. Hello up there, Tony... Kenn Venit has been elected vice president of the Connecticut chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He has served twice as president and once before as vice president. Kenn has seven grandchildren and lives in Hamden, Ct.

219 — Louis Medvene has good news on multiple fronts. He has been appointed professor of psychology at Wichita State University and awarded the university's community research award. Louis also celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary by traveling to Spain with his wife, Mallory.

220 — After eight years as market medical director of PacificCare/United Health Care, **Marc Richmond, MD, MMM**, was recently appointed Regional Medical Director of Blue Shield of California for the Greater Southern California Area.

224 — David Herman, a psychologist, shares a great story of multigenerational Central influence. David's maternal grandfather, Ezekiel Barnett/Baruch Medoff, attended Central when it was still located on Green Street. He went on from Central to graduate as an architect from Drexel's Beaux Arts program. A great part of the neoclassical movement, he designed one of the side doors to the Franklin Institute and some privately commissioned homes in Yeadon, Pa. In the 1930s Ezekiel experienced bilateral retinal detachments. He

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required enucleation of one eye and had glaucoma in the remaining eye, a devastating development for an architect. So he finished his career as a draftsman for an engineering firm that designed expansion joints for fueling rockets with liquid oxygen for the space program. Ezekial lived to be 87. He always talked about Central and the introduction he had there to neoclassical architecture.

225 — Frank J. Pearl, MD, was recently promoted to voluntary professor of medicine at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Hollywood, Fla. In the past year he has also published a textbook chapter, "Heart Disease and the Athlete," in "Conservative Management of Sports Injuries," Second Edition.

226 — Neil Behrmann is toasting almost 30 years in the wine business and 10 years playing piano on weekends at Food for Thought in Marlton, N.J. Cheers! . . . **John J. Parker** has retired from Verizon Communications after 36 years of service and is ready to fulfill his lifelong ambition—be king of Ocean City, N.J. . . . Science and Health Publisher Elsevier has just released Edward Weber's anatomic/radiologic atlas with medical illustrator **Frank H. Netter** and two co-authors. The text, called "Netter's Concise Radiologic Anatomy", is available at BarnesandNoble.com and Amazon.com. Edward is at work on another medical-imaging atlas for the publisher.

227 — Mark S. Love, former president of the Monroe County (Pa.) Bar Association and self-described flamboyant trial attorney (retired), bumped into Dr. Stuart Hughes, a former Central biology teacher and now a docent at Longwood Gardens.

229 — Alan Bedrick, M.D., has returned to Tucson, Ariz., as professor of Pediatrics and Chief, Section of Neonatology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson.

230 — From the Department of Central is Everywhere: While playing softball in an over-40 league in Marin County, Calif., just north of San Francisco, right fielder **Lonnie Fogel** and pitcher/team manager **Alan Goldberg** (212) discovered they were both Central alums. Lonnie is currently a parks commissioner for the city of Mill Valley. Alan is a professor of English literature at the University of San Francisco. Both live in Mill Valley.

232 — Bruce Zafran, if you haven't caught up with him in a while, is Chairman of the Board of Trustees at HCA Northwest Medical Center—Margate Florida Clinical Practice in obgyn for 25 years. He can be reached at bzafran@aol.com

235 — Cato T. Laurencin, MD, in August became vice president for health affairs at the University of Connecticut's Health Center and dean of the UConn medical school. Cato simultaneously earned an MD at Harvard and a doctorate in chemical engineering at M.I.T. The health center includes Connecticut's state-sponsored medical and dental schools, a research laboratory and the 224-bed John

Dempsey Hospital. At the time of his appointment Cato told the Hartford Courant that in addition to assuming administrative responsibilities at UConn, he planned to bring with him a group of grant-funded researchers to continue his work in tissue research and bioengineering . . . Eric Putsch started his own employee benefits consulting and service business after 26 years in the field. It is called Maven Benefits Partners. Eric lives in Media, Pa., with his wife and four children.

239 — Carl D. Lowman is a vice president and director of global financial planning and 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. He looks forward to running into schoolmates during his travels.

253 — Karrie Gavin has authored "Moon Philadelphia," a guidebook to Philadelphia. The book is published by Avalon Travel as part of the Moon Handbooks series. It is available in bookstores and at Amazon.com. Karrie spent a year and a half researching and writing the book and says it is the only guidebook written by one author who was born, raised and still lives in Philly.

254 — Ari Pontz has recently published a book based on the experiences of a U.S. Marine grunt during the Vietnam War. Anyone interested in learning more about the book may go to the provocatively titled www.fishingwithhandgrenades.com.

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