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From the Headmaster

Dear Friends,

As we embark on a new school year – my seventh as headmaster and thirteenth as a Kiski teacher – I find myself filled with pride to be part of this community during a remarkable period of renewal and transformation.

The summer months, as always, were quite busy as plans and preparations for the opening of school found form. Most notably, our attention was focused on the construction of a new building. In July, the steel framing for the Swank Student Center proudly emerged from the site where Wilson Hall once stood. As the building continues to take shape, the transformational impact that this project will have on our campus is becoming more and more evident. The Swank Student Center is scheduled to open in early January when the boys return from Winter Break.

I'm very pleased to announce that we launched a new website in early September. The address is the same (www.kiski.org) but the design and functionality are greatly improved. The enhanced media capabilities will offer opportunities for us to share higher-quality pictures and videos documenting various events on campus and connecting you more completely to your School.

As much as these projects and many others have caused me to think about Kiski's future, I experienced a most welcome transportation to Kiski's past in August when an unexpected caller came knocking on my office door. The visitor was Andy Marks – or, more formally, Andrew Wilson Marks. You may recognize that name. Andrew W. Wilson, Andy's great-grandfather, founded our School in 1888. Andy's grandfather, J. L. Marks was our third headmaster; his father, Jim Marks, was one of Kiski's most famous football coaches. I'm very pleased that Jim Marks is featured as our "Kiski Luminary" in this edition of the *Bulletin* (page 10).

Andy was born and raised on this campus. Though he hadn't been back to visit in 50 years, his memories of the people he encountered as a boy were vivid and unbroken. As Andy reminisced about his interactions with Colonel Daub, Cliff Brett, Jake Zeigler and Monty Clark, I felt very connected to the unique legacy of which we're all a part – one that began its 121st cycle in September.

At this year's Opening Convocation, I shared the story of Andy's visit with our students as a way of underscoring their relationship to the long line of Kiski Boys who wandered our campus, played on our sports fields, studied in our buildings and lived in our dorms. I told them that with this heritage comes a responsibility. It's a heavy burden for our boys to ponder as we start a new year: the future of our School is in their hands. In many ways, that's not an exaggeration. Kiski is only as good as its students and its graduates. We rely on all of you to nurture and sustain this place, while you're here and afterwards. During your student years, you sustain us by working hard and trying your best in everything you do. After, you sustain us by sharing your time, giving of your talents and providing the financial support necessary for Kiski to grow and flourish.

All the pieces are in place for a wonderful school year: healthy enrollment, new programs, a talented group of boys and a remarkably dedicated faculty and staff. I hope that your travels will bring you to Saltsburg sometime soon so that you can witness, first-hand, all the good things that are happening here. In the meantime, with all good wishes and my thanks, again, for your faithful support, I am

Sincerely yours,



Chris Brueningsen
Headmaster



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The Kiski School's Class of 2008



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Building Our Future: Kiski's Swank

The Capital Campaign for Kiski: Building Our Future Phase II focuses primarily on raising new capital funding to support the design and construction of the new centrally located \$3.5 million Swank Student Center that includes a College Counseling Suite, a Community Service Program office, as well as conference rooms, a snack bar area and a walk-in bookstore. The School has raised \$3.3 million in new pledges and gifts toward the Swank Student Center including \$500,000 raised to name the Szilagyi Great Room in the center of the building to honor Tamas and Brigitta Szilagyi and their 45 years of service to Kiski. It's important to note that the School is still working with alumni and potential major donors with regard to named giving opportunities within the Swank Student Center. Without question, fiscal year 2008 was a landmark year for the School and our growing community of donors. Last year, Kiski raised more than \$3.5 million in support of our educational mission, programs, students, buildings and our future. This was an unprecedented achievement for the School's fundraising and is truly noteworthy and something the entire Kiski community can be proud. Kiski could not celebrate such success without exemplary support from the hundreds of loyal and generous donors to the School. Kiski is deeply grateful to its community and family for the generous annual, capital and endowment support the School has been receiving on a yearly basis throughout the Capital Campaign.

Kiski's new Swank Student Center will meet important needs by improving and enhancing the environment for student growth opportunities. Both boarding and day students will have a place for enhanced social interactions, personal interests, and leisure activities outside of classroom hours.

Located in the heart of campus, the 13,000 ft² Student Center will allow students from every grade to interact and socialize, bringing a new dimension to the Kiski experience. The Swank Student Center will become the hub of student life and enhance the campus environment by centralizing and expanding facilities to support college counseling, student activities, community outreach, meetings and special events.

The Swank Student Center will be a state-of-the-art building designed from a study performed by the architects reflecting the students, faculty, board of trustees, alumni, and parent feedback.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The grand opening of the completed Swank Student Center will be January 8, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. More information will follow as we get closer to completion. ▲

Pictured left to right at the groundbreaking ceremony on May 6 are Michael Yukevich '60, Karen Yukevich, Paul Heinen '51, Russ Swank '67, Ellen Swank, Rosemary Swank, Andrew Swank '97, and Chris Brueningsen.





Student Center



Graduation



Honors Convocation

On Sunday, May 25, the Kiski community, along with parents and friends, gathered to celebrate Honors Convocation in Rogers Hall.

Mr. Brueningsen introduced the ceremonies with a dedication to Jack Pidgeon, Kiski's previous Headmaster of 45 years. It was an opportunity for the Kiski community to come together as a group again in order to recognize the enormous contributions that Mr. Pidgeon made to Kiski over the years. Mr. Pidgeon served as not only an influential Headmaster, but as a teacher, dorm parent, coach, role model and a mentor to many.

This ceremony provided us the opportunity to recognize Kiski's leaders for the 2008/2009 academic year. Kiski's new prefects were announced and Scott Ray was recognized as Head Prefect. The new members of the K-Club were also recognized and Zach Schwartz was elected as the new K-Club President. The new members of the National Honor Society were also inducted.

After the student awards, the members of the yearbook staff honored Sandy Acquard by dedicating the 2008 issue to her. They thanked her for her years of service to Kiski as an advisor and mentor.

Mr. Michael Kennedy was the Convocation speaker. Mr. Kennedy was the Headmaster at the Valley School of Ligonier since 1988. He retired to New England. Mr. Kennedy is a member of the Country Day School Headmasters' Association of the United States and is on the Executive Committee of the Elementary School Heads Association. He is also the past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and the Pittsburgh Consortium of Independent Schools. Mr. Kennedy spoke about the importance of mentoring and advised everyone to attempt to serve in that capacity. He talked about the fact that you can serve as a mentor in many different ways, whether it be as a friend, coach, teacher, or author.





Senior Banquet

On Thursday, May 29, we celebrated our graduating seniors with a Banquet in their honor. A wonderful outdoor reception was held at the Headmaster's home, followed by a delicious dinner in Turley Dining Hall. The evening concluded with an awards ceremony in Rogers Hall.

Stephen Brotschul, Associate Headmaster, began the evening with opening remarks; "Kiski Families and Friends, Distinguished Faculty and Staff, and members of the Class of 2008, welcome to our 120th Senior Banquet. This evening marks the beginning of our annual celebration of the senior class, and we are delighted to honor them for their numerous achievements and contributions that made this school year a memorable one."

Shawn Wray presented Naval Academy appointments to Alex Lukich, Saverio Maldari, Chris Sokoloski, and Andrew Wolfe. "I see leadership potential in all of you. The Naval Academy will give you the tools to help you prepare to face your challenges. You will all become successful military officers, leaders of character, and upstanding gentlemen," said Mr. Wray.



correct the mistakes our generation made. Max Mannheimer, an 80 year old survivor of the Holocaust is still teaching and he tells his students: "You are not responsible for the past, but you are responsible for the future." Gentlemen, you can make it. We wish you all the best for a bright future. Thank you all for your attention. God bless you.

Mr. Brueningsen then introduced Bill Bower, keynote speaker for the evening; Mr. William Bower graduated from Kiski in 1973, where he was an outstanding student and a remarkable athlete.

Altogether, he spent three decades on this campus as a student, teacher, coach, dorm master and administrator. It would be nearly impossible to count the number of times Mr. Bower began his day before sunrise on the Kiski pool deck – and even harder to calculate the numbers of hours his students have spent at his home, eating his food and drinking his beverages, at nightly "extra help" sessions. Mr. Bower has a national reputation as an expert on mathematics technology and has lectured and written extensively on this subject.

Mr. Bower gave his keynote address and the evening concluded with Kiski thanking all of the wonderful Kiski parents for sharing their remarkable sons with us. I look forward to seeing you all back on campus and hearing of your accomplishments.

Mr. Reiner Meindl, Remarks

Parent speaker, father of Philipp who came from Germany two years ago to attend Kiski.

Fine Young Gentleman,

Tomorrow will be an important day in your life and in the lives of your families. You have finished an important part of your education. But it's only the beginning, not the end. The next steps wait for you. You will go to a College or University and we all look forward to attending the graduation ceremony in a few years. And there will be more important things to come. You will marry. Become a father. Hopefully in this order. You will get a job to make a living on your own.

Your parents are very proud of you and tomorrow will be a very sentimental day for all of us. There will be tears and hugging and celebrating. We need you. You are our future. You can

Photos above, l. to r.: Christopher Sokoloski, Alexander Lukich, Andrew Wolfe, and Saverio Maldari will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy.

Michael Miller receives The Carl L. Arnold Award in Mathematics from Stephen Brotschul.

Headmaster Brueningsen presents Matthew Rosidivito with The Andrew W. Wilson Award.

Center photo: Saverio Maldari receives his U.S. Naval Academy appointment from Mr. Shawn Wray.

Graduation **Distinguished Alumnus Awards**



On Friday, May 30, Kiski held its 120th Commencement Ceremony. The weather cooperated and we were able to hold the event outdoors. Mr. William Bower and Mr. Joseph Handrahan were recognized with Distinguished Alumnus Awards. Matthew Rosidivito and Nicholas Rial were the student speakers.

William R. Bower '73

William Bower, you arrived at Kiski as a student in 1970, and for all but seven of the years thereafter, you have learned, taught, coached and lived on this campus. During your career, you have touched the lives of well over a thousand Kiski Boys – all of them better people for the guidance and care you provided.

As a Kiski student, you were recognized for your strong aptitude in math and science and, most especially, for your extraordinary talents as a swimmer. You earned All-American status three times, won the Prep School National Championship twice, and broke the national breast stroke record as a senior.

As a Division-I athlete at Tulane, you were a seven-time national finalist and participated in the Olympic trials in 1976. After earning your undergraduate degree, you returned to Kiski and spent the next decade of your life as a teacher, coach and dorm master.

In 1986, you left Kiski for four years to return to your native New Orleans, where you earned a Master's degree in Mathematics Education at Loyola University. During that period, you coached two State Championship teams and were voted Swimming Coach of the Year in Louisiana.

You returned to campus in 1990 to teach and coach again and, later, to serve the School as Mathematics Department Chairman and Director of Studies. You embraced new methods of teaching and welcomed graphing calculator technology into your classroom. You quickly became a leader in this field and a sought-after speaker at math workshops and conferences. You have authored and co-authored a number of graphing calculator workbooks that are still used today in the United States and other countries.

For all your accomplishments, for your unwavering commitment to the principles you learned on this campus, and for your service to and steadfast love of Kiski, we are proud to honor you with this Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Joseph W. Handrahan, Jr. '65

Joseph W. Handrahan, Jr., your abiding love for this School is remarkable. In the past, you have let us know how much Kiski means to you. Now it is Kiski's turn to let you know how much you mean to it.

As a Kiski student, your athletic accomplishments in football, basketball and track are famous. You were well-known for your hard work and tenacity, which you exhibited in every task. This resolve would serve you well in later life, as would the strong leadership skills you displayed at Kiski as a junior prefect and as the Head Prefect of the Class of 1965.

After earning your undergraduate degree from Muskingum College and working for a short while for your father, an All American football player at Dartmouth College, you returned to Kiski as a teacher, coach and dorm master. During your time as a faculty member, you touched the lives of Kiski Boys and your colleagues as you led our Fine Arts program and supervised the day-to-day operations of our maintenance department. Your former students remember your classes as creative and engaging; on the football field, you held your players to high standards and helped them to appreciate the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork.

You left Kiski in 1974 to begin a successful career in the business world. Starting with U. S. Steel Corporation you have been Kiski's Man of Steel since 1975. After U. S. Steel you worked for smaller steel companies in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Tulsa, Dallas and once again, Pittsburgh. In 2001 you founded Penn State Special Metals and in 2003 Summerill Tube Corporation. Most recently, as President and CEO of Summerill Tube Corporation, you have grown the company into the thriving business it is today.

As a devoted member of Kiski's Board of Trustees, you have helped lead our School into a new era, supporting our mission at every turn through wise counsel and generous sponsorship.

For all your accomplishments, for your service to and steadfast love for Kiski and for your indomitable personality, we are very proud to honor you with this Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Kiski School's 120th Commencement

2008 Award Winners and College Choices

Mansour Abdul Alim
Xavier University, OH

Ahmar Ahmed
Syracuse University, NY

Sairam Babu
Juniata College, PA

Joshua Bartsch
The Jacob E. Zeigler Award
Thiel College, PA

Alfonso Batalla
The Jacob E. Zeigler Award
University of Navarra, Spain

Jeremy Batchelor
The Music Award
Wentworth Institute of Technology, MA

Geoffrey Beaman
The Art Award
The College of Wooster, OH

Brandon Bortignon
The William H. McKillop Award
Canisius College, NY

Patrick Butler
The School Publications Award
The College of Wooster, OH

Thomas J Cana
Franklin Pierce University, NH

Lijia Cao
University of Rochester, NY

Hiram Carpenter
Baldwin Wallace College, OH

Brandon Carter
Georgia Military College

David Celko
The Bortz Improvement Award
St Vincent College, PA

Yung Chang
University of Oregon

Omair Chaudhary
Bethany College, WV

Chih Chin Chen
Excellence in Biology
Excellence in Psychology
Goucher College, MD

Kuan Ting Chen
Michigan State University

Jong Woo Choi
University of Illinois

Matthew Coppola
Duquesne University, PA

Hubert Dagbo
Pennsylvania State Good
Citizenship Award
Lehigh University, PA

Kyle Davis
The Harry A. Stuhldreher Award
Queens University, NC

Benjamin Dowd
High Point University, NC

Jeremy Enz-Doerschner
Excellence in French
The Creative Writing Award
The Drama Award
University of Pittsburgh, PA

Alexander Fleming
Davidson College, NC

Phillip Godin
Paul Smith's College, NY

Joseph Hughes
Excellence in Spanish
Elon University, NC

Kay Hin Ip
The Kiski International Award
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY

Max Jablonski
The Kiski Award
Muhlenberg College, PA

Dong Woo Kim
New York University

Do Yun Kim
Emory University, GA

Hyungjun Kim
Carleton College, MN

Ki Soo Kim
The Physics Teachers of America
Award
Emory University, GA

Max Kleindorfer
Pennsylvania State University-
Erie, The Behrend College

Joseph Kuhn
Sacred Heart University, CT

Jonathan Lado
Excellence in Spanish
Steven's Institute of Technology, NJ

Jae Young Lee
undecided

Jong Bin Lee
Case Western Reserve University

Po Hsiang Liao
Michigan State University

Sang Min Lim
Northwestern University, IL

Brock LiVorio
Excellence in Chinese
The William H. McKillop Award
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University

Alexander Lukich
United States Naval Academy, MD

Douglas MacDonald
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Saverio Maldari
The Eugene L. Biddle Award
in Chemistry
United States Naval Academy, MD

Robert Marshall
The Bates Award
State University of New York
College of Environmental Science
and Forestry

Ian McLaughlin
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill

Philipp Meindl
The Kiski International Award
Flagler College, FL

Joel Miller
The Anthony F. Stokes Forensic Award
Arcadia University, PA

Michael Miller
The Carl L. Arnold Award in
Mathematics
University of Toledo, OH

Ryan Miller
The Andrew W. Wilson Award
Elmira College, NY

Khahn Hoang Nguyen
Ithaca College, NY

Michael Nulph
Thiel College, PA

Gi Ryoong Park
University of Illinois

Hee Un Park
St John's University, NY

Jong Chan Park
University in South Korea

Garret Poston
Susquehanna University, PA

John Regan
Bucknell University, PA

Nicholas Rial
Pennsylvania State Good
Citizenship Award
The E. William Turley Memorial
Award
The Joseph H. Millar Award in
English
The William V. Grier Award
Carnegie Mellon University, PA

Regis Rogel
Waynesburg University, PA

Matthew Rosidivito
The Andrew W. Wilson Award
Wentworth Institute of Technology, MA

Thomas Schultz
University of South Florida,
St Petersburg

Christian Taylor
Baldwin Wallace College, OH

Jacob Testa
The D. Alison McDowell Award
Washington and Jefferson College, PA

Nathaniel Turner
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Nikolai Ueker
The John A. Pidgeon Award
University in Germany

Hyung Suk Uhm
The Zachary J. Vlahos Award in History
New York University

Nathan Weimer
University of Wyoming

Karl Wilson
University of Hartford, CT

Chung Wei Yang
Michigan State University

Derek Young
Queens University, NC

Regan Zanes
Appalachian State University, NC

Yun Qian Zhou
Temple University, PA



John A. Pidgeon Memorial



June 8, 2008, The Kiski School

Nearly 1,000 people gathered to pay their respects to Kiski's most influential leader, John A. Pidgeon. His family and friends passed on memorable stories revealing the fascinating individual who gave of himself devotedly and dutifully to benefit the lives of Kiski Boys. Mr. Pidgeon was the essential element of the Kiski experience for virtually everyone affiliated with the School

during his 45-year tenure as Headmaster. Mr. Pidgeon's lasting legacy will be preserved in a way that would be most meaningful to him: helping to create future generations of Kiski Boys.

John A. Pidgeon: The Headmaster Remembered is a tribute booklet that was mailed in September 2008. If anyone did not receive a copy and would like one, please let us know. In addition to the tribute booklet, a DVD of the June 8, 2008, John A. Pidgeon Memorial Service is available by calling Kimberly Matvey in the Advancement Office at 724-639-8029.





Service

Photos clockwise from top left:

- Barbara Hafer Pidgeon, Governor Edward Rendell, Elsie Hilliard Hillman
- Reno DiOrto '59
- Charles and Regan Pidgeon Houser '81
- Kelly Pidgeon '84 and his wife, Kelly
- Alan Andreini '64
- Judge Timothy Lewis '72
- Allen Glick '60
- Marshall Goldberg '64, Sandy Pidgeon '78, Geoffrey Cacurak '84, Kelly Pidgeon '84, and Regan Houser '81
- Joe Paterno, Jan Fuelhart, Allen Glick '60 and his wife, Kathy
- Zachary and Mary Vlahos
- LCDR Sandy Pidgeon '78 and his wife, Suzanne

Photos in the middle:

- John A. Pidgeon
- Christine Jack Olson



To view the photographs of the John A. Pidgeon Memorial Service on June 8, 2008, please visit: olmaphotography.com, under events, choose the John A. Pidgeon Memorial Service and type in the password, headmaster.



James Marks, Sr. with Jim Marks, Jr.

In 1913, James Lafayette Marks, Kiski '03, married Sarah Jane Wilson, Kiski '09 in the backyard of her family campus home, the home of Kiski founder and Headmaster, Dr. Andrew W. Wilson, Jr. The couple moved into what is now known as the Zeigler House where they had six children, three boys and three girls, one of whom did not survive infancy. The second child, born in August of 1915, was named for his father, James L. Marks, Jr. Young Jim and the rest of his siblings continued to live on campus and attended Kiski. Jim had the unusual opportunity of being taught Greek and Latin in class and coached on the football field by his father who at that point had been appointed Dean of Students.

As a student at Kiski, Jim gained recognition as an athlete, particularly as a golfer after winning several Western Pennsylvania amateur golf championships. Upon graduating in 1933,

lost in the semi finals of the individual NCAA golf championships; but, he won the collegiate long drive competition. More importantly from the Kiski perspective, he had fallen very much in love with a young woman from New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during those Kiski and Princeton years. Mary Louise Andrews, or Ittie as she was known to her family and friends, knew Kiski well; her father, P.C. Andrews, had been the best man at the J.L. Marks, Sr. and Sarah Wilson wedding almost 25 years earlier. P.C. himself was a long time member of the Kiski Board of Trustees, and the loop was completed in August of 1938 when the two families were linked by the marriage of Jim, Jr. and Ittie.

1937 and 1938 were important years for several reasons. J.L. Marks, Sr. became Kiski's third Headmaster succeeding Dr. MacColl, and Jim Jr., now married, moved back on campus with his

James L. Marks, Jr.

— A Part of the Kiski Family

James Marks III wrote the following piece in memory of his father Jim Marks, Jr., one of Kiski's most beloved leaders. Glenn Ballard '51 and Robert Johnston '51 also contributed to this feature.

James Marks III is the great-grandson of Kiski's founder, Andrew Wilson, the grandson of James Marks, Sr., Kiski's third headmaster, and the son of Jim Marks, Jr. — history teacher and famous Kiski football coach from the 1940s and 50s.

he went to Princeton where he continued to have success athletically as a blocking back in its single wing attack and as a defensive back on the other side of the ball. He was a member of Princeton's 1935 NCAA Championship golf team. In 1937 he

wife and took up residence in the Wilson House where years later Jack Pidgeon would live. Jim joined the faculty as a history and mathematics teacher and also became the new varsity football coach as J.L., Sr. passed the leadership torch of one of the most widely respected secondary football programs in the country to his young son. The elder Marks continued to coach as his son's assistant until 1940 when his life and Kiski career were cut short by a heart attack. Jim Jr. and his wife found themselves thrust into playing more of a leadership role at the School than they had ever anticipated. Jim eventually became Assistant Headmaster under newly appointed Headmaster, Monty Clark, husband of another of Andrew Wilson's daughters, and Kiski moved forward during the difficult WWII years.

While Kiski School was clearly wrapped in the Wilson/Marks family network, the institution itself and the culture of campus life had a distinctly familial quality to it as well. Jim and Ittie exemplified that quality and were committed to serving *in loco parentis* for Kiski students. The Marks house was the scene of frequent student gatherings where food and parlor games were the agenda. The family style meals in the dining hall were equally telling. Students at the Marks table who asked not to have any vegetables in their serving, only meat and

potatoes, inevitably found their plate would come to them with nothing but a small amount of the vegetable on it. Once they ate that, J.L., Jr. would serve them the rest of their meal. Those moments were not always the easiest for the student, but Jim remained completely unruffled and committed to the importance of making sure students at least tried vegetables. Another dining hall tradition was the School sing-a-long. Song books were given to each table at the end of a meal and Jim would stand at the dining hall entrance and

lead the School through a series of standards ranging from, *When You Wore a Tulip* to the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, with student and faculty requests called out by page number after each song.

If one wants further evidence of the family atmosphere on campus, the 1945 Sunday morning fire that consumed the third floor of the Marks home was a classic. While Ittie was in the kitchen preparing breakfast for their two children before heading off to church, Jim noticed sparks coming from the roof of the house.

The fire department was called immediately, but even before they arrived, Kiski students and faculty swarmed the house and carried out virtually everything on the first and second floors saving the family from extensive loss. The best part of the story occurred when the gas stove in the kitchen was literally pulled from its connection in the wall and Jake Zeigler sat calmly in a kitchen chair creating a plug for the exposed line as people raced through the house carrying furniture and family belongings. ►

Wilson Alumni House

| by Jeff McGuinness

Many of you know this house as Mr. Pidgeon's residence. Recently it was renamed the Dr. Andrew W. Wilson Jr. House. The house is known to virtually all who have lived or visited Kiski and has a rich and interesting history.

The builder and original occupant of Wilson House was Andrew Wilson who founded Kiski in 1888. Mr. Wilson made academic rigor in the classroom and healthy competition on the athletic fields the hallmarks of their educational experience. By 1894 Kiski had graduated 42 boys and 26 of them attended Princeton. Wilson served as the School's president and Headmaster through 1929 and was succeeded by Dr. W. H. MacColl, who became Kiski's president in 1930. Faculty members J. L. Marks and Colonel J. J. Daub also made significant contributions to the School's character and traditions during these critical early years.

Dr. L. M. Clark was elected president of the Board of Trustees in 1941 and was appointed Kiski's Headmaster in 1942. Dr. Clark was responsible for many campus additions and improvements.



When Dr. Clark retired in 1957, John A. Pidgeon was selected to be his successor. During Mr. Pidgeon's 45-year tenure he lived in Wilson House, keeping with the tradition as the Headmaster's residence.

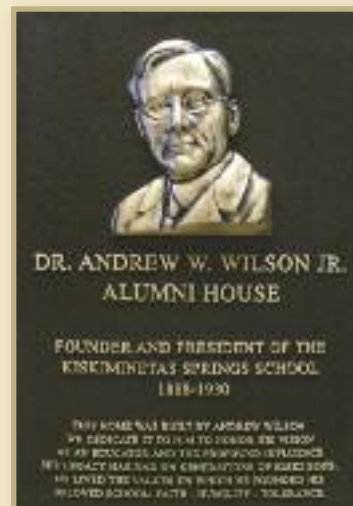
Christopher Brueningsen, appointed Headmaster in 2002, lives with his wife, Megan, in the Brinker House that was named in honor and memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Brinker. Mr. Brinker served for many years as Kiski's treasurer and Director of Admission. The Brinker House was also the home of former Headmasters, William MacColl and Monty Clark.

Today, Wilson Alumni House is the home of a Kiski faculty family and the Kness Living Room and Curran Dining Room host faculty coffee each weekday morning.

Devoted readers of the *Bulletin* will remember the Fall/Winter 2004 edition that included an article about the renovations to the Kness Living Room (in memory of Christopher '94) and the Curran Dining Room donated by the Curran family. The Kness Living Room provides an inviting space for visiting alumni to gather and reconnect. In the adjacent Curran Dining Room, alumni can enjoy the relaxed environment for a meeting and catch up on the state of affairs at Kiski.

Any visit to Kiski would be incomplete without a respite on the ground floor of Wilson Alumni House. We hope to see you there soon.

The Dr. Andrew W. Wilson Jr. Alumni House



James L. Marks, Jr. — *A Part of the Kiski Family*

Students were not the only focus of Jim and Ittie's life on campus. They took very seriously their role serving as mentors and campus resources for new faculty, particularly young married couples. As one former teacher said, "Jim was my mentor both as a coach and a teacher, but Ittie was just as important to me and especially to my wife as we began our married life on a boarding school campus." While Sunday dinners were usually reserved for the Marks family at home, Sunday afternoons were quite often a time for Jim and other faculty to engage in athletic activities with students interested in playing. In the fall it was usually touch football behind Wilson Hall; the winter brought skiing on the golf course hill with its temperamental rope tow or ice hockey on the frozen pond. The level of the latter activity improved dramatically when Cliff Brett joined the faculty, and there was even a faculty team for a brief period of time. The spring naturally brought tennis and golf, but the mix of faculty, including some children and spouses, and students made them far different from the normal slate of Saturday athletic events. While its time has understandably passed, there were several years when students and some faculty put on a minstrel show for the rest of the School, and J.L., Jr. always played the role of "Mr. Interlocutor." Ittie and Jim and other faculty members helped students decorate the old gym for the big dances and served as chaperones for the event. During most summers J.L., Jr. had an important role to play at Camp Kis-ket-o-min. The last night of camp the counselors and campers sat around what became a blazing bonfire in the woods. From the darkness a figure emerged and moved into the light of the fire. It was Chief Kis-ket-o-min in full headdress and leggings with war paint on his face and bare chest. The Chief went around the circle of campers painting a mark on each forehead and acknowledging them for something

positive they had accomplished over their time at camp. It was quite an impressive performance even to one camper who recognized his father under the war paint and feathers.

For nearly 30 years J.L., Jr. taught history, primarily U.S. History, and algebra. He often coached all three seasons with varsity football in the fall, varsity swimming in the winter and varsity golf in the spring. In many ways he was what Ted Sizer, a prominent 1970's and 80's American educator and reformer encouraged teachers to be, the teacher as coach, someone who understood an individual's strengths and weaknesses and worked with them in a personal way. One of his former players and students remembers "JL" with his hand on a student's shoulder or arm quietly imparting whatever comments he had for the young man. Whether in the classroom or on the field, his approach was the same, teach the fundamentals and create a system where individual skills can flourish in a group or team setting. He believed that teaching and coaching are opportunities to do more than impart information and win games. Glenn Ballard '51 referenced this in a speech he gave at a Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education seminar a few years ago. "Jim Marks put a great deal of thought into his comments to his teams, and I remember one in particular where he recognized the athletic success we were enjoying at the time and then reminded us that what truly mattered in life was who and what we are each day at practice or in our classes and in our day to day lives beyond the Kiski campus. That, he said is what says everything about you, and don't ever forget it." Likewise, Bob Johnston '51 commented, "JL taught his students lessons that are far more valuable than what was in the textbook, and he brought dignity and integrity to the teams he coached."

Kiski continued to build on the football tradition established under J.L., Sr. Kiski's reputation for strong academics and superior coaching in many sports

helped attract students to the School from all over the country. Bob Mathias, an Olympic decathlon champion came to Kiski from California and never having played a football game in his life, started in the Stanford University backfield in the Rose Bowl. While he was probably the best known Kiski athlete of that period, he was only one of the outstanding young men who played under J.L., Jr. and became a part of the School's rich history. One of the most rewarding aspects of Jim and Ittie's years at Kiski came when students Jim had taught and coached came back to the School to do the same for the next generation of Kiski students. Glenn Wild '48, Bob Johnston '51, Glenn Ballard '51, Chuck Cooley '49 and Allan Gunderson '51 were some of those who not only established reputations as educators at Kiski, but went on to have distinguished careers in educational leadership beyond their years as members of the Kiski faculty.

In the mid 1950's, Jim and Chuck Cooley embarked on what was probably the School's first capital campaign. What was raised may have been a significant amount at that time, but more telling was the fact that Ittie was asked to accompany her husband on several of the campaign trips because, to many alumni, they as a couple were a critical part of the Kiski experience.

As the School began to rebuild from the fire damaged Old Main Building and broke ground for the Marks Memorial Field House named for J.L., Sr., the Marks family moved from Kiski to the Pittsburgh area where Jim went to work for U.S. Steel and used his teaching/coaching skills as Director of Management Development. In spite of leaving the School where he had been born, grown up and worked, J. L. Marks, Jr. would remain linked to the institution that was so much a part of his family heritage, and to grateful students whose lives he touched. He truly cherished those connections for his entire life. ▲

A Day in the Life at Kiski

| by Darren Silvis '96



Returning to Kiski can generate such strong feelings of nostalgia and déjà vu, especially when the calming sounds of the Roger's Bell can be heard in the background. Whatever may be going on in the world, Kiski has the power to bring calm to a sometimes unsettling world.

At Mr. Brueningsen's request, I recently had the opportunity and honor to visit campus. I attended classes and

observed a day in the life at Kiski witnessing how academic life has changed since my graduation in 1996. In the last few years, Kiski has made great strides in bolstering its public image, improving campus infrastructure, and building a stronger foundation for future years through enhanced strategic marketing and fundraising.

Obviously, I have visited Kiski many times since my graduation, but this was my first opportunity to actually sit among current Kiski Boys in the academic environment and observe what kind of impact, if any, that technology has played in the learning arena. After visiting with Mark Orsatti's, *Spanish III* and Judy McAtee's, *Ethics and Personal Development* courses, I immediately noticed that one fundamental aspect of the Kiski classroom remains: the strong personal connection between teacher and student. Active discussion and participation were, and have always been, evident in a young man's academic development. With the implementation of a laptop for each boy, I foresaw a possible big distraction from the "old school" days of chalk and slate. If anything, the laptop program continues the academic dialog long after the Heath Hall bell has rung, and boys are darting to the field house for practice. The group dynamic in the classroom is still quite viable: learning does still take place at the student-to-student level, both in the classroom and outside.

I had the pleasure of dining with Head Prefect Scott Ray '09. He was hosting junior Kiski Boys at his dining hall table this week, and one boy was fasting for Ramadan. Other boys engaged this student in discussion about the traditions and practices of his culture and I witnessed firsthand that the learning at Kiski is, in fact, everywhere.

Frankly, regaling stories from my years at Kiski with current boys did reveal my age and time since graduation. The on-



campus living experience has

improved ten-fold! Almost every dormitory has an addition or has been refurbished. And hearing about wireless internet



connectivity in the dorms, air-conditioned rooms and washing machines only steps away from each room, brought feelings of envy for the added conveniences.

However, as I grow older and mature, I realize that no matter when a Kiski Boy graduated, whether in 1909 or 2009, each of us has been extremely fortunate to be a Kiski Boy.

Kiski Boys have many more class options than in previous years. Not only do senior boys have the option to select elective classes, but the underclassmen can as well.

My athletic experience had such a major impact on my life and the three-sport requirement still transforms even the least athletically inclined boy into a hero on the field, the trail or the court. Running around the Kiski golf course and through Kiski's very difficult cross country course brought back memories of interval training with my cross country teammates and Coach Doug Yoder, who still trains with the team!

Having gained undeniable perspective from my college and professional years, I look back and realize that I didn't completely appreciate how a boy's removal from the distractions of the outside world truly impacts his personal development. Kiski's peaceful atmosphere lets boys focus on their academic development while in class and athletic development on the field.

And while the sound of Mr. Pidgeon cruising on his golf cart is gone, my fellow alumni can rest assured that the school he proudly grew for 45 years remains the same beacon as he saw it: a shining city on a hill. Undoubtedly, Kiski's best days are ahead of it.

Clearly, the emphasis here is still on the personal and physical growth of a boy into a young man – a man ready to tackle whatever life puts in front of him. ▲

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Alumni Spotlights

Jack Hanna '65 Makes Surprise Appearance

The excitement was mounting as The Kiski School students, faculty and parents were seated in the auditorium awaiting the appearance of a special guest. The students were only told there was going to be an assembly. When Jack Hanna took the stage, the students were amazed.

Jack Hanna graduated from Kiski in 1965. He attended Muskingum College and shortly thereafter he became Director of the Columbus Zoo. His television show, **Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures** is a nationally syndicated program reaching 96 percent of television households in the United States and 62 countries. He is a regular guest on *Good Morning America*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Larry King Live*, *FOX News* and the *Ellen Degeneres Show*.

Jack began by telling the students how important his Kiski experience was to him. He told them the dedication they receive from the Headmaster and faculty is phenomenal. He said, "Not only do they teach you about academics, but instill values on



Jack Hanna '65 with his daughter, Julie

what it takes to be bright and caring young men, globally." Jack has very fond memories of Kiski and the fun he had on campus. He said to the students, "When I retire, I would love to move back to Kiski and teach."

The show included Jungle Jack's handlers, one being his daughter Julie, showing some of his favorite and rare animals including the Palm Civet, an African or black-footed, warm climate penguin; a Dingo, a Hyacinth Macaw, a clouded leopard and a Bengal cat. He then showed a video depicting his family's work in Rwanda, Africa. He is dedicating

his life to assist the turnaround of Rwanda by helping his friend and Rwanda's President, Paul Kagame.

He answered questions from the audience and then received a standing ovation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the students were very impressed by Kiski's distinguished alumnus. ▲

David Conrad '85 Creates *Tamas: A Portrait*

David Conrad has a deep respect for The Kiski School. In particular, David holds an appreciation for the rewarding life-long friendship he developed with Kiski's legendary teacher and coach, Tamas Szilagyi. In honor of this friendship, David created a documentary about the life and times of Tamas Szilagyi entitled, *Tamas: A Portrait*. The documentary contains information about Kiski during the 45 years that Tamas and his wife, Brigitta Szilagyi, have been associated with the School. Dave and his team, including Kiski alumnus Kevin Brooks '85 filmed on Kiski's campus and in Tamas's classroom. The film depicts Tamas's life, growing up in Hungary and leaving as a result of the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. In addition, great scenes are captured from a recent trip Tamas made to his homeland with the film crew. The film includes highly entertaining interviews with Kiski alumni reminiscing about the Szilagyi's good nature and hospitality.

The official premier was Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Reunion Weekend. The auditorium was filled to capacity with Kiski alumni, faculty, and guests.

On Saturday, September 7, 2008 in Los Angeles, alumni and friends joined David for the West Coast premiere of the documentary. It was decided to also premiere the documentary in Hollywood due to many requests by alumni on the West Coast.

On November 7, the film opened at Regent Square Theatre as part of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Film Festival. A special opening party was held at Concept Art Gallery before the showing.

DVDs of the documentary *Tamas: A Portrait* are currently on sale. To receive a copy of the DVD, the School kindly requests a \$25 donation. It will support the Szilagyi Great Room and the Swank Student Center Project. To order a DVD, please contact Kim Matvey: Kim.Matvey@kiski.org or 724-639-8029. ▲

West Coast Premiere Attendees

Mr. David Conrad
Mr. Steven T. Szilagyi
Mr. Tamas Szilagyi
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Arabia
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Y. Ball
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Brion S. Talley
Mr. and Mrs. Eric E. Gier
Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Neff
Mr. Derek L. Powell
Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Eckstein
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore D. Vincent
Mr. and Mrs. David Zeigler



Photos top to bottom, l. to r.: David Conrad and Tamas Szilagyi; Richard Schiff (*West Wing*) and David Conrad; Gary Arabia (hosted the LA Premiere), Tamas, and Ted Vincent

Student Orientation

Through the Eyes of a Kiski Student | by Ben Lucci '09



The Kiski School began its 2008-2009 school year with a new student orientation on Wednesday, September 10. The new students were greeted by Prefects who directed them to the dining hall to register and to meet administrators. Afterwards, they moved into their new dormitory rooms and said goodbye to their parents. The new students were then split into four groups to receive their books, laptops and to learn the ropes of library operations and dining hall etiquette. That night they attended dorm meetings to learn basic dormitory rules.

On Thursday, all students except the freshmen attended the athletic orientation to meet the coaches. That evening there was a formal dinner at night and afterwards dorm meetings were held. During the meetings, students were given the opportunity to develop their own code of conduct.

On Friday, the students were facing remnants of Hurricane Hanna. Fortunately, this didn't put a damper on the first day of classes. All students attended all seven blocks in order to orient themselves with their teachers. The students then went to formal lunch, athletics, formal dinner and their first advisory meetings, where they debriefed over dessert.

The weekend included Saturday classes and many athletic contests. Saturday night included a movie night in Rogers Hall, where the film *Be Kind, Rewind* was shown. Sunday included a mall trip and a family picnic in the quad, which was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet with teachers. By lights-out on Sunday, all students, both new and returning were ready to make the best of the 2008-2009 school year. ▲



*Photos clockwise from upper left:
New Student Orientation*

*Watching fireworks from the Alumni House on students first weekend
Tony Bonelli '10, Derick Hill '12, Kin Wai Zhao '10, Corbin Linville '12,
Rocky Means '11, Sun-Pil Howang '12, Joon Lee '10
Austin Shide '09 and John Cuccaro '09
Evan Lockard '09 and Zach Newquist '09*

■ John Martinelli '09 Takes First Place

John Martinelli captured first place nationally for the category of Cyber Security at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Contest held in Atlanta, Georgia



this summer. At the National Leadership Conference, John was able to showcase his entrepreneurial leadership skills and win the Cyber Security event.

The FBLA forged partnerships with industry leaders to underwrite competitive events and scholarships for students achieving national ranking. DeVry University sponsored the Cyber Security competition and John was awarded \$750.

John entered his senior year at Kiski and he has developed and launched his own consulting business in web security. He recently created a corporate entity, RedLevel LLC, and has several clients.

RedLevel, LLC is a security consulting and information technology firm that works with organizations interested in

auditing and preventing security intrusions in their infrastructure. The "design" phase of the organization was launched and John works one-on-one with companies to build solid and secure web sites (from e-commerce shopping carts, to blogs, and complete content management systems) from the ground up.

John holds a GWAS ("Global Information Assurance Certification" Web Application Security) certification. Web Application Security focuses on the latest tools and techniques used in designing applications providing data to those who need it, while keeping the bad guys out. John took the GCIH and Security+ examinations, further increasing his credibility as a competent security analyst.

■ Kiski Students Raise \$1,110 for the Light the Night Walk

On Thursday, October 2, Kiski had the opportunity to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Light the Night Walk. Sixty-eight students and two faculty members, Mr. Orsatti and Mr. Kwiatek, went to Heinz field where they walked to PNC Park and back. Kiski donated approximately \$1,100 towards the fundraiser. Kiski students were happy to help others by walking and collecting funds.

Kiski is connected to the Light the Night Walk through Jason Tsaggaris '90. Jason played soccer for Kiski (#7), basketball and tennis. When Jason turned 30, he was diagnosed with leukemia and the battle of his life began. Cancer took Jason's life on September 25, 2003 at the age of 31. Jason will always be remembered as a Kiski Cougar.



Brian Kim, Larry Kelly and Ki Soo Kim

■ Kiski Math Teams Dominate

In April, the Kiski math teams traveled to the Penn State University campus in New Kensington to compete in the second half of the Strongland Chamber of Commerce mathematics competition. Each of the eight competing schools brought three teams of five. Of the 24 teams participating, Kiski's winning team dominated the competition by scoring a total of 100 out of 120 possible points. It is believed that this is the first time in the 22-year history of the contest that any team has scored in triple digits. Kiski's other two teams placed third and fifth. Overall the combined scores of the three teams was almost double that of the nearest competitors.

The winning team consisted of Kisoo Kim, Brian Kim, Kee Ho Ryu, Tae Hun Ahn, and Jang Hwan Lee. Brian Kim was given a special award for Excellence in Mathematics, and Kisoo Kim was named the MVP of the contest. Kisoo has been a very important member of the School's math team. In his three years of competing in this contest, his teams have finished with two firsts and one second place.

■ Brothers Weekend ►

Photos clockwise from top left:

Back row: John Zang, Matt Zang, Nate Weimer, Ben Weimer

Middle row: Ji Hun Ahn, Tae Hun Ahn, Evan Lockard, Rhys Lockard

Front row: Tony Coppola, Mike Coppola, Matt Coppola, Jacob Testa, Alex Testa, Zach Kowalewski, Nick Rial, Will Rial

Cody Patten, Mike Fitzgerald, Clay Tito, Armand Holmes

Kiski Krazies

Ryan Davis, Kyle Davis

Jamison Mycyk, Luke Gaffney

Industrial Design and Art Class Building Sea Kayaks



Andrew Scott's Industrial Design and Art Class is involved in an exciting new project. They are beginning the process of building sea kayaks. Mr. Scott spent his summer vacation in Oregon learning the Native American fine art and produced a couple of kayaks of his own. Students in Mr. Scott's class will not only be able to build these seafaring crafts, they will also be able to take them out on a test run on the Loyalhanna.

■ Career Day at Kiski

Career Day is a special event because of alumni, parents and friends of the School who volunteer their time and share their expertise in expanding our students' awareness of career. Juniors and seniors had the opportunity to choose from three of the 14 fascinating career opportunities.

Special guest, Eric H. Hill, a 1971 Kiski graduate and the Barbara & Malcolm L. Sherman Professor of Theater Arts at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, spoke to students the evening before Career Day about his profession and his days at Kiski. Laura Tsaggaris, a singer and songwriter, who is a friend of Kiski performed the evening before Career Day and spoke at Career Day about her career in the music industry.



Presenters included:

Robert Boulware '82
Communications
Edward Einhorn '91
Editor
Neil Pettes '88
Financial Services
Dan Regan '94
Law

Robert Ross '97
Engineering
Dr. Anthony Wylie '98
Medicine
Allison Kuckuck
Pharmacy
Adam Gardner '85
Business

Todd Burd
Dana Rizzo
Armed Forces and Conservation
Anna Yoder
Forensic Science
Dr. Safdar Chaudhary
Medicine

Jackie Shia
Kathy Blass
Challenger Learning Center at Wheeling Jesuit University
Laura Tsaggaris
Music

Brother's Weekend



Faculty and Staff News

■ New Faculty

Stephen Dowling (Fine Arts, Instrumental Music) – Stephen is a recent graduate of Kenyon College with a BA in Music. While at college, Stephen was the Music Director for several productions and also was a member of their *a capella* group. Stephen will be living in Sheesley Hall.

William McAtee (Mathematics) - Bill has lived at Kiski for over 35 years. He resides in the Health Center Complex with his wife Judy. Bill holds degrees in both math and chemistry from St. Vincent College and a Masters degree in Forensic Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He is retired from the Pennsylvania State Police Laboratory Division.

Jeff McGuinness (Associate Director of Development and Alumni Relations) – Jeff joins us from Pingry School where he was the Director of Annual Giving. He is a graduate of Bowling Green State University where he received a BA in Marketing. Jeff will be living in Clark Hall and will assist in coaching the hockey team.

Darrell Schmitt (Associate Director of Admissions) – Darrell joins us from Winchester Thurston School where he was the Director of Athletic Development. He graduated from LaRoche College with a BA in History. Darrell and his wife Kristi will be living in faculty housing and Darrell will assist in coaching hockey and lacrosse.

John Sherck (English, Glee Club) – John returns to Kiski after two years at Moses Brown School in Providence, RI. John will take over the Glee Club and also teach English. He graduated from Kenyon College with a BA in English and Music and received his MA in Composition from Kent State. John will live in Sheesley Hall with his wife Lauren. He will assist in coaching soccer and tennis.

Lauren Sherck (Science) – Lauren previously worked at the Ellis School and Deerfield Academy. She is a graduate of Kenyon College with a BA in Physics. Lauren will be living in Sheesley.

TJ Stock (History) – TJ is a graduate of the Kiski School, class of 2004. He returns to Kiski as a recent graduate of Washington and Jefferson College with a BA in History. TJ will live in Clark Hall and will assist in coaching soccer, basketball, and baseball.

Joshua Sunday (Mathematics and Computer Science) – Josh is a recent graduate of Bucknell University where he received a BS in Computer Science Engineering. Josh will be living in MacColl Hall and will be the head swim coach.

Charis Wray (Mathematics) – Charis is a graduate from Penn State and holds a bachelors degree in Mathematics. She also has her Masters from the University of Phoenix. Charis taught math at Colorado Springs School District before moving to Kiski with her husband Shawn. They live with their two daughters in Daub Hall.

■ New Appointments

Stephen J. Brotschul III was appointed Kiski's Associate Headmaster. Stephen brings a wealth of experience from his previous position as Kiski's Dean of Students. He led the charge in studying key areas of school life including: discipline, student leadership, and faculty workload. Prior to Kiski, Stephen was the Director of Student Life for the Webb Schools in California. He enjoys sports, painting, drawing, digital and print photography and especially his family. Amy Brotschul, Stephen's wife, teaches French I, II, III, and IV and his sons Severin and Dorian can be seen dashing around campus. Stephen's communication skills, interpersonal skills, and invaluable knowledge of boarding school operations are great assets to Kiski.

Adam Schapiro was appointed Kiski's Dean of Students. Adam previously served as Kiski's Associate Director of Admission. Adam's vision and steadfast commitment to the future success of Kiski Boys will enhance our students' experience. His sense-of-humor and ability to juggle many tasks are some of the valuable skills he possesses. Prior to working at Kiski, Adam was the Assistant Director of Admission, Physical Education Teacher, Advisor, Coach, Director of Morning Care and Assembly Coordinator for the Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, VA. He is an outstanding athlete and remains Kiski's tennis coach. Adam resides in Fosnaugh Hall with his wife, Erika and children, Addison and Mya.

■ Faculty News

Marcus Muster presented at the ThinkTank Conference held at Wake Forest University. His topic *Out of the Classroom and on the Road: Technology, Sports, and Extracurricular Activities* was well received by conference participants. In addition to his busy summer with football camps in Parkersburg, WV, Romney, WV, Carnegie Mellon University, State College at PSU, and Jupiter FL, he attended the Whipple Hill Users Conference with Chris Brueningsen and was the project manager of the redesigned Kiski web site.

Vince Kwiatek Gives Eloquent Speech at Memorial Day Service

The American Legion invited Vince to speak at the service held in the cemetery on top of the hill in Saltsburg. The speech

embraced the significance of Memorial Day and the importance of remembering our fallen soldiers. Vince's speech was excellent and very moving for those attending the service.



Stephen Dowling



William McAtee



Jeff McGuinness



Darrell Schmitt



John Sherck



Lauren Sherck



TJ Stock



Joshua Sunday



Charis Wray



Stephen J. Brotschul III



Adam Schapiro



Marcus Muster





Likui Meng Promotes Chinese Language and Culture

As part of the Chinese Guest Teacher Program, Likui Meng from Beijing, China, is one of 36 teachers placed across the United States to teach Chinese and Culture at the high school, middle school, and elementary school level in 2007. The Chinese Guest Teacher Program represents a unique opportunity for students and educators to learn the Chinese language and about the culture of China from a native speaker. Kiski welcomed Likui Meng on February 1, 2007. He began teaching the Mandarin Chinese and Culture class at Kiski shortly after he arrived and will continue teaching in the 2008–2009 school year.

Likui assists with curriculum and materials development, serves as a cultural resource for other subject areas, and for cultural enrichment activities. He designed his Chinese course at Kiski by incorporating Chinese themes, as well as things he enjoys, including painting and his love for birds and animals. His classes

evolve as he learns more about American customs, traditions, and the people. Likui said, “The American people have helped me so much. The Kiski School staff has not only helped me professionally, but has been so kind and generous to me personally.”

In the fall of 2007, Likui was chosen by the director of the Chinese Division of the College Board from 100 Chinese Teachers in the program to speak at schools across the United States to further promote the program. Last November, he traveled to Salt Lake City and Las Vegas promoting Chinese culture to middle and high school administrators, teachers and students. His presentation explained the vibrant Chinese culture. He traveled to 25 schools in two weeks, and gave four to six presentations each day lasting 50 to 90 minutes. Likui said, “It was a very rewarding and wonderful experience and all the students really enjoyed the presentation. I met so many friendly people from the airplane ride to the very hospitable faculties at all the schools I visited.”



Christopher Spahn Earns Coach of the Year Award

Christopher Spahn, Kiski’s Director of Athletics and Head Varsity Coach of both hockey and lacrosse was voted the Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Lacrosse Association (WPSLA) Coach of the Year.

Chris has been very instrumental in recruiting and building Kiski’s team over the past four years.

Much of the team’s success is attributed to Chris’s 20 plus years of experience playing and coaching lacrosse. His motivational coaching style and passion for the game, truly shines through to his players and they respect him tremendously.

Chris’s genuine care and concern for his players extends beyond the field. It is not unusual to find the entire lacrosse team at his house for breakfast before a big championship game. Chris’s wife, Darcie, who is Kiski’s Assistant College Counselor and administrator of Kiski’s *Cougar-On-Line* plays a major role in supporting the team. Chris and Darcie’s three children, TJ, Christian and Hannah also love to have the

boys over to their house – it’s like having a bunch of big brothers.

In addition to coaching and directing athletics, he has taught Advanced Speech, English II, and American Literature. His teaching style is one that engages the students in activities and discussion. He strives to help students fulfill their potential as he bolsters their self-esteem.

Before coming to Kiski, Chris stayed active in lacrosse after graduating from Elmira College and played for local Rhode Island and Boston club teams. He was the head lacrosse coach at The Winchendon School in Massachusetts. As its head coach in 2004, the Winchendon program won its first New England Championship in school history. In 2004, US Lacrosse rewarded Chris for his accomplishments and named him Eastern New England Coach of the Year and Head Coach of the east squad in the annual Division II New England Prep All Star game.

Kiski salutes Chris and Darcie for all they give to the Kiski community.



Larry and Carol Kelly: Retirement Wishes

Mrs. Carol Kelly worked as a middle school librarian at the International School of Brussels and, later, as the supervisor of the language and computer labs at The Hill School. At Kiski, she was on the library staff since 1998.

Mrs. Kelly’s avocation is organic gardening and botany. She is a certified Pennsylvania State Master Gardener and maintained a large perennial flower bed next to the John A. Pidgeon Library. For the past few years, Mrs. Kelly has overseen – with great success – Kiski’s International Food Festival. Mrs. Kelly: for all you’ve done for Kiski, we thank you and wish you well.

Mr. Larry Kelly taught all levels of high school math for 42 years total in public, Catholic, and private schools including the International School of Brussels and The Hill School. He lectured at a variety of math and technology conferences and served as a

College Board exam grader for both AP Calculus and AP Statistics. He also served as the Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Mathematics competition for several years.

In high school, Mr. Kelly was a National merit finalist, President of the National Honor Society and voted the Most Valuable Athlete in the school. At Marygrove College, Mr. Kelly lettered in basketball, softball, and was captain of the track team. Last fall, he was inducted into Marygrove’s Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Kelly has coached football, basketball, track and softball for a total of 90 seasons. That’s “four score and ten years” as Mr. Kelly’s middle school basketball coach, Abe Lincoln, would have said.

During his tenure at Kiski, he’s made many contributions. He wasn’t bashful about making some very good suggestions for changes and improvements at Kiski. For all you’ve done for Kiski and for the richness you’ve added to the lives of thousands of student and athletes, we thank you!

Russell and Ellen Swank Make a Leadership Gift



Russell and Ellen Swank made a leadership donation that was among the largest gifts in the School's 120-year history. In recognition of this generosity, Kiski will name its new Student Center in honor of the Swank family. The Capital Campaign donation supported construction of the new student center, increased scholarship funds and created an endowment for special projects.

The Swank family gift supports three important needs at Kiski. It primarily helped to support the construction of the \$3.5 million Swank Student Center, scheduled to open in January 2009. Their donation also supports Kiski's need-based scholarship program, and the balance created an endowed fund for special projects to enhance the grounds on the School's 350-acre campus.

Russell C. Swank III, a 1967 Kiski School graduate said, "Ellen and I believe that it is time to reinvest in Kiski as it strategically positions itself for a rewarding future. The School is on the forefront of educating boys and has excelled in continuing its mission of capitalizing on each boy's potential. Kiski provides a nurturing learning environment that challenges young men to actively do their best every day."

Three generations of Swanks have attended Kiski. Russ's late father, Russell C. Swank Jr. was the former president of the family's company. He graduated from the School in 1942 and was a Trustee of Kiski for many years. Russ and Ellen Swank have four children: Amanda, Derek, Andrew and Katie. Derek and Andrew graduated from Kiski in the 1990s.

New Grand Piano

A new Boston GP-193 Grand Piano was delivered to the Rogers Fine Arts Center this summer. The purchase of the piano was made possible through a \$25,000 grant from Snee-Reinhardt Foundation.

The Boston Grand Piano is designed by Steinway & Sons and provides the highest musical standards in its class. As the preferred piano of major music festivals, the Boston piano receives rave reviews from prestigious music publications, as well as, performing artists, music conservatories and piano educators worldwide.

As part of the Kiski experience, many students choose to participate in music. It is important that they have fine musical instruments to work with, as we inspire the boys to develop their musical talents.



Elliot B. McConnell, Jr. '46 Establishes The Kiski Science Trust



Elliott B. McConnell, Jr., class of 1946, (pictured bottom left) has generously donated \$10,000 to begin The Kiski School Science Trust. The Kiski Science Trust is an endowed fund to be used for the teaching of the sciences at Kiski.

The Science Trust will enhance the Kiski science program by providing funds to purchase state-of-the-art scientific equipment, attain science-industry guest speakers, explore the sciences outside of the classroom, and allow the students to go on science-related field trips. It is Elliott's hope that The Kiski School will be nationally recognized for the sciences. He would like it to be

the premier private high school to attend to study science.

Elliott says, "I believe the teaching of science is taking a low priority in the United States education system. Science is an active process and students need a rich array of learning methods." He hopes by beginning the Science Trust that Kiski's science program will continue to grow and more boys will be encouraged to major in science.

His father Elliott B. McConnell, a 1919 Kiski graduate, (pictured top left) was a chemical engineer. After graduating from Cornell University, he began oil and gas exploration in Pennsylvania. Later in his career he became an officer and director of Standard Oil in Cleveland, Ohio.

Elliott followed his father's love of science. He attended Duke University and graduated with an AB in Geology followed by an MS in Geophysics at Penn State University. His career spans more than three decades in the oil industry working for various corporations including Mobil, Pennzoil, and Santa Fe. He then began consulting in order to spend more time with his family. He has lived in Canada and other U.S. cities, but now resides in the San Antonio, Texas area.

The Kiski School Board of Trustees and Administration believe Kiski alumni will be inspired by Elliott's leadership contribution and assist in providing a permanent pool of funds providing additional resources for our science programs every year far into the future.

For more information on giving to The Kiski School Science Trust, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster of Institutional Advancement at 724-639-8028 or steven.szilagyi@kiski.org.



Annual Fund Highlights

The annual fund reached new milestones in 2008 with great thanks to the entire Kiski community. Raising more than \$500,000 in unrestricted donations between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008 to enhance the core programs of our School and the experiences that every student at Kiski enjoys, annual fund donors truly make a difference.

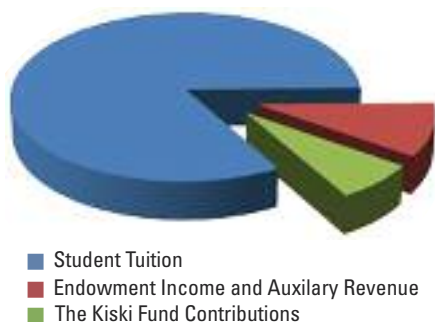
Please visit the Giving section of our web site (www.kiski.org) for a copy of the 2008 Report of Giving which recognizes all our donors.

You will hear a new term this year: "The Kiski Fund." While this is still the same annual giving program that may be familiar to you, The Kiski Fund focuses on unrestricted financial support for the School's programs, experiences and operations. Unrestricted gifts can be applied immediately to the areas of greatest priority at the direction of the Headmaster.

As the largest source of unrestricted income received by the School, The Kiski Fund is a vital component of the budget and helps ensure that Kiski can continue to operate and provide the highest caliber education possible. Four funding sources supply revenue for Kiski's operating budget:

- student tuition
- endowment income
- auxiliary revenue, such as summer camps that rent the School's facilities, and
- annual, unrestricted donations to The Kiski Fund.

While tuition at Kiski is substantial, it provides for only 80% of the annual operating budget, or the overall cost of educating each student. Endowment income, revenue from auxiliary services, and annual gifts from alumni, parents and friends make up the remaining 20%.



The Kiski Fund is vital to the School's success because it is unrestricted and therefore flexible, allowing it to be used where Kiski needs it most. Here is the breakdown of how Kiski spends each dollar contributed to the Kiski Fund:

- **61¢** administering primary objectives and mission
- **22¢** maintaining facilities
- **17¢** financial aid



You may have already received a brochure entitled "Giving and Getting Involved"; please take a few minutes to read through this mailing and if you choose, please respond with your gift to Kiski. Kindly contact Jeff McGuinness in the Advancement Office with any questions or comments (jeff.mcguinness@kiski.org or 724-639-8080). If you have not received a Giving and Getting Involved brochure, please confirm your address with the Advancement Office.

Kiski Receives \$2 Million Grant

The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded The Kiski School a \$2 million grant to support the construction of the Swank Student Center and to fund the School's endowment. This is the largest grant The Kiski School has received in its history. The grant will be divided equally among the construction and Kiski's endowment.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation grant ensures Kiski's dedication to the implementation of the single-sex boys' school model of education, which recent national and international studies have shown to benefit boys academically, artistically, and socially. The Kiski School is sincerely grateful to The Richard King Mellon Foundation for assisting us in this endeavor and for helping us to further strengthen and steward the School's educational mission.

New Tractors Give Grounds/Maintenance Team an Edge

Through the generosity of Russell '67 and Ellen Swank the Jim McWilliams Endowed Fund was created for special projects enhancing the beautification of the grounds on the School's 350-acre campus. With some of the monies allocated to the fund, as well as restricted annual giving to campus beautification, Kiski purchased two tractors.

The first tractor purchased, a John Deere, is used to cut grass on campus in the summer and has an attachment to collect and mulch leaves in the fall.

The second tractor, a very large Toro 4500 D Grounds Master cuts the golf course and all the sports fields. It can stripe the fields leaving them with a pristine look, and it does work quickly, enabling the grounds/ maintenance team to accomplish more in less time. *Pictured: Jim McWilliams on the Toro 4500 D Grounds Master.*



Lacrosse Team Wins Championship

The Kiski Cougars defeated Baldwin, 15-10 capturing first place in Division II, Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Lacrosse Association (WPSLA) Championships. Kiski was the more offensive team even though Baldwin led all teams in the WPSLA in goals. The Cougars held a 7-4 lead after two quarters and opened up a seven-goal lead when four players scored in the third quarter. Brandon Bortignon finished with three goals for Kiski while Derek Young, Dave Celko and Kyle Davis scored two goals each. Ryan Miller made 16 spectacular saves.



Swimming and Diving
Jeremy Enz-Doerschner placed first at the I.P.S.L. Championship in Diving and placed 10th in the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming Championships. John Martinelli placed 3rd at the I.P.S.L. Championship in Diving.

Lacrosse All League Honors

The Cougars placed four players on the 2008 Division II All North Team. Kyle Davis, a senior midfielder made his third consecutive all league team. Kyle scored 48 goals and added 10 assists in the regular season. Ryan Miller, a senior goaltender made his third consecutive all league team as well. Ryan made 212 saves this past season while managing a 70 save percentage. Brandon Bortignon, a senior attackman made his first appearance on the all league team. Brandon scored 46 goals this season and added 27 assists for 73 points. Dylan Pasco, a junior defenseman made his first



appearance on the all league team. Dylan made an immediate impact on the defensive side for the Cougars. He played longstick midfielder and excelled at that position as well.

State Prep Track Championship

The Pennsylvania Independent School Track and Field Championship was held in May. The Kiski athletes did a great job in the competition.

Regan Zanes won the gold in the long jump and a silver in the 100 meter dash. The 4 x100 meter relay team of Hubert Dagbo, Jeron Grayson, Joel Miller and Regan Zanes won the event and brought home four gold medals. Saverio Maldari won the bronze in the 3,200 meter run. Zihan Xu placed 5th in the 110 meter high hurdles and 7th in the long jump. Jeron Grayson placed 8th in the 200 meter dash. Alex Fagin placed 9th in the triple jump. Joel Miller and Hubert Dagbo placed 9th in the 100 meter dash.

Darryl Clark '05

— by Darcie Spahn

Darryl Clark took time out of his busy schedule at Penn State to discuss his first hand perspective on a boarding school education at Kiski and his experiences as a student athlete in college. Darryl is currently a junior at Penn State and is the team's starting quarterback this year with two more years of eligibility. The transition from boarding school to college was actually a pretty smooth one for him and he credits a lot of this to what he learned at Kiski.

Darry came to Kiski from Ursuline High School in Youngstown, Ohio as a post graduate during the 2004/05 academic year. It



Darryl Clark being interviewed by media

more things he had to accomplish in order to successfully make the transition to college. Some of Darryl's additional reservations included having to wear a coat and tie to class everyday and have formal sit down meals with the faculty and student body. Incidentally, he looks back fondly on the sit down meals and the additional opportunity to get to know more people in a family style setting.

was actually Jay Paterno who first suggested Kiski to Darryl. Initially, Darryl was disappointed that attending Penn State was not in his immediate future. With further endorsement from his father, Darryl became convinced there were a few

Darryl was very candid about his lack of focus prior to attending Kiski. He did not put as much credence into studying and obtaining good grades. This is where Kiski came into the picture. He credits his teachers and coaches with teaching him time management and study skills. Skills he uses now in his role as a starting quarterback at Penn State. Darryl also talked about the fact that he appreciated attending an all boys' school because that helped him stay focused on his school work.

In addition to study skills and time management, Darryl also expanded on his leadership abilities at Kiski; Leadership roles on and off the football field. At the beginning of pre-season football at Kiski, Darryl started to become more vocal with his teammates. In a positive yet commanding way, he took

Three Kiski School Wrestlers Attend Division I Colleges

Wrestling

■ **John Regan** attends Division I, Bucknell University. In his first three years wrestling at Kiski, he posted a 119-18 record, while maintaining a strong academic standing. He is a two-time Prep School State Champion and a three-time Prep School All-American. He is a four-year starter and a three-year wrestling captain at Kiski. He has also lettered in soccer, lacrosse, and cross country.

John will wrestle for the Bucknell Bison at either the 141 or 149 weight class adding depth to its wrestling program. Bucknell enrolls about 3,500 highly selected scholars at its campus in Lewisburg, PA. John Regan, Sr. said, "Without The Kiski School this would have not been possible, academically or athletically. It is truly an honor to be at Kiski. John was recruited by Stanford, Cornell, Duke, the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia, but Bucknell is close to home, and we are very happy with the decision."

■ **Brock LiVorio** attends VirginiaTech. In his two years at Kiski, he boasted a 91-19 record, while excelling academically. He is a Prep School State Champion and a Prep School National Champion.



John Regan '08, Coach Joe Ross, Brock LiVorio '08, Ian McLaughlin '08 and Bill Ellis

LiVorio will wrestle for the Virginia Tech Hokies at a weight class to be determined. "Virginia Tech was an excellent choice for Brock. He was recruited by George Mason, Columbia, Rutgers and Cornell, but Virginia Tech had the whole package – a solid academic program and a good wrestling program and he really likes the social aspects that the campus offers. He will be enrolled in the pre-dental program to become an orthodontist. Sending Brock to Kiski was a big decision, but the opportunities academically and athletically outweighed other options. Kiski truly challenged Brock to meet his potential in all areas, and for that his father and I are truly grateful," said Debbie LiVorio.

■ **Ian McLaughlin** is attending the University of North Carolina (UNC).

McLaughlin, a 2008 National Prep Wrestling Champion in the 119-pound division finished his season with a 33-7 record. He was courted by 12 different colleges and universities. McLaughlin says, "The year at The Kiski School made a big difference. It took me from an above average wrestler to a national champion. The team has been to really tough tournaments this year. The year has also made a huge difference in recruiting as well. Two days after I won the national championship, the phone started ringing. I was mainly attending Kiski for its strong reputation in academics. I am thrilled to take my education and wrestling to the next level at UNC. My family has been very supportive, Coach Ross has been great, and all my teammates are quality wrestlers who helped me tremendously this year."

charge of the field. His coaches and teammates respected his ability to lead the team by example and by word. Darryl also found his voice in the classroom. He talked at length about his speech



Penn State trounces Indiana, 34-7

class that was taught by Kiski's current Athletic Director, Chris Spahn. Darryl appreciated the way Mr. Spahn was able to engage all of his students by incorporating things that they were interested in into the curriculum.

graduates he will have a degree in telecommunications. Darryl talked highly of the advisory system at Penn State and the vested interest of his coaches. With these systems in place, it wasn't a difficult transition attending a large university from a smaller

At Penn State, Darryl's days are full of classes and practice. He is free to start his work at 7:30 at night and takes great advantage of this time. He spends a good portion of time working each night and finds that everything is complete in plenty of time before the due date. When he

private school. The fact that he was away from home for his post graduate year also helped with that adjustment.

What struck me most throughout Darryl's interview was his quiet, yet confident and eloquent manner of speech. Darryl was very candid during our talk and discussed the fact that he lost focus in high school. In his own words, "he lost track of the big picture." Darryl learned to embrace his experience at Kiski and took advantage of everything that this boarding school has to offer. At the end of our conversation, I asked him what piece of advice he would give to any young student athlete just starting out in high school. Darryl emphasized "staying on top of the books" and that everything else will fall naturally into place.



Members of the Class of 1998



Members of the Class of 1988



Members of the Class of 1993

Alumni News

Reunion Weekend Was a Grand Success

This year was positive proof that the connection between Kiski and its alumni is growing and more rewarding than ever. Nearly 500 Kiski alumni, spouses, children and friends gathered on June 6 and 7, 2008.

It was a hot and beautiful weekend on the Kiski campus and fun was had by all. There were many highlights of the weekend. On Friday night there was a Kiski Family Barbeque, a walking tour of campus, and late night bonfire gatherings.

Saturday started with a buffet breakfast and then an array of activities were offered including golf, tennis, pottery workshops, and a croquet tournament. The children enjoyed games, activities, and entertainment.

The evening commenced with a cocktail reception in Rogers Fine Arts Center where alumni had the opportunity to view an art show comprised of drawings, paintings, and furniture created by Kiski alumni. Alumni were also treated to David Conrad's '85 premier of the documentary *Tamas: A Portrait*, that was loved by the entire Kiski community. A wonderful dinner under the evening sky followed the documentary. Awards were given to alumni and photos were taken according to classes. The evening concluded with fireworks from Saltsburg's Canal Days.

Sunday was a day of reflection as nearly 1,000 Kiski alumni and friends gathered for a very moving memorial service for Kiski's former Headmaster, John A. Pidgeon.

Mark your calendar for next year's reunion, June 5 and 6, 2009.



2008 Alumni Basketball Team

First Alumni Basketball Game Played at Kiski

Kiski held its first-ever Alumni Basketball Game. Organized in a swift fashion, the game pitted the School's Varsity and JV basketball teams against an enthusiastic group of young alumni and faculty members. A large, roaring crowd packed the stands to cheer on both sides of the fun contest. The Varsity team, led by long-time coaches Mr. Andy Muffley and Mr. Larry Kelly, took an early lead. However, the Alumni team, with Mr. Jaye Beebe as coach, fought back tenaciously, keeping the score close through most of the first half. The second half was a different story, as an obvious lack of conditioning and team practice hampered the Alumni efforts. After a valiant battle, the Varsity players emerged victorious with a 58-39 win.



Marc's brother Michael C. Eisen '84 and his mom, Joan R. Eisen.

Marc Eisen '84 Memorial Fund

Marc was a respected and dynamic leader at Kiski, as well as a dedicated wrestler and a determined student. He represented the School admirably during his Kiski career and beyond. Beloved by all, including faculty, staff, classmates and competitors, Marc embodied the spirit of Kiski.

His passing at such a young age is sobering, and it presents Kiski with both a challenge and a unique opportunity. The Marc Eisen Memorial Fund will support Kiski athletics as a special memorial tribute to Marc.

Initial funding will be used to modernize Kiski's wrestling room and purchase new equipment for the wrestling team. As funding levels permit, an endowed scholarship fund will then be established. This is a bold undertaking, but we believe Marc would expect no less.

The fund has raised \$38,000 and once the renovations and upgrades are completed, the School hopes to raise \$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund.

If you would like more information, or would like to make a lead gift, please contact Steven T. Szilagyi '88 at steven.szilagyi@kiski.org or 724-639-8028.

Class Notes



1933

James Davis met up with **Bob Johnston '51** who also taught history at Kiski from 1959 to 1969, at the Belle Meade Resort Retirement in Southern Pines, NC.



1948

Al Schwartz Jr. and Barb Fife Schwartz celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 30.

1953

Elliot McConnell retired from the oil industry and resides in Fair Oaks Ranch, TX. He has established the Kiski Science Trust for the purpose of promoting the teaching of sciences. Elliot is hoping that Penn State earth science graduates are interested in improving the quality of science to students at the high school level and will help fund the trust.



1957

Bill Jones and **Barry Wolk** sporting their Kiski attire.

Scott Campbell's grandson, **Nate McGivern**, visited Kiski in August and was very thankful to Chris Brueningsen for his Kiski hat and other treats bestowed upon him.

1958

Michael Vuchnich recently contacted Kiski and is now residing in Toronto, Canada. He is hoping to hear from some of his classmates.

1959

Reno DiOrio is retiring as The Linsly School Headmaster after 30 years of dedicated service. His accomplishments include leading the transition of Linsly from an all boys military school to an all boys college preparatory school and finally to a co-educational school in 1988. He has been appointed as President of Linsly, commencing in the 2009-2010 academic year. In this position he will focus on the external affairs of the School.

William Ketterer received the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Director of Merit Award commending his 40 years of faithful service. He has served the Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Health and Human Services by providing steady and practical legal guidance and is loyal and committed to public service.

1963

Thomas Sturges won a Community Champion's Jefferson Award for his enrichment of the lives of children and their families. For 34 years, he has been a volunteer for The Early Learning Institute. Tom's dedication and devotion to the organization is very deserving of recognition.



1965

Tom Kozub and his wife were in the waiting room when Addison



Ann Kozub was born in May. Congratulations to Scott '95 and Melissa on a beautiful baby girl and to the grandparents.

1966

Richard Cohen and **Larry Shiff** (both class of '66) and their wives were touring Italy when they randomly saw each other in the lobby of The St. Regis Hotel in Rome on Oct. 20, 2007. Larry was celebrating his 60th Birthday.

1968

Edwin H. Marks is at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia and is coaching girls' soccer.

Michael Shutter will retire in November from the USAF after 27 years of service. His wife, Zoey Won Shutter and his two children who are in college will reside in Georgia for now. He looks forward to returning for a reunion or homecoming.



1970

Harmar Denny '70 and **Barry Sheer '71**, participate in Shoot for the Cure with Kiski alumni and friends including **Steven T. Szilagyi '88**, **Tim Fitzgerald '74**, **Christian Evans '90** and current parent, Jim Gaffney.



Jeff Wieser and **Pat Wieser** celebrated their daughter Casey's wedding.



William Pioli pictured in front of a power plant in Baghhan that the Army Corp of Engineers is assessing. He is in Afghanistan and is avoiding the dangerous conditions that exist.

1971

James P. Moore, Jr. has written a new book titled, *The Treasury of American Prayer*. Jim has compiled an anthology in *The Treasury of American Prayers*, arranged by such topics as patience, thanksgiving, despair, love, and other timeless themes. He provides context, historical perspective, and a personal insight for each prayer.



1972

William Robert (Bob) Wheeley – Since his retirement from his business ventures including American Wilderness Expeditions, his white

water rafting companies in Tennessee and Project RAFT (Russians and Americans for Teamwork), Bob is enjoying his grand-



kids. Bob also collaborated with Senator Howard Baker on a beautiful coffee table book titled, *Big South Fork Country*.

1973

William Bower went to China for a few weeks this summer as part of a College Board delegation associated with the Chinese language program that brought Chinese teacher, Likui Meng to Kiski.

1974

Guy Eckstine has announced the MIAATV.com Sign Up Page is now LIVE on the web site. The MIAATV.com is Music Industry Television for the global music industry.

1976

Thomas Wehe is residing in the Seattle area with his wife Kris and their children Megan and James. Megan is attending Saint Mary's of California where she signed a letter of intent to play Division I lacrosse. James (11) traveled to Annapolis, MD and San Diego, CA to play in lacrosse tournaments. Tom has been coaching lacrosse for 10 years.

Robert Mendelson who resides in Squirrel Hill, PA, has written a book titled, *The Chase for Beauty*. It is a true story of a plastic surgeon and his wife who lose their daughter tragically and try to deal with the pain and go on with life. He is also the editor of Carnegie Mellon University's *Today* magazine.



1978

Mike Valore attends a wrestling tournament and shows his support for Kiski's outstanding wrestling team.



1980

Bill Simmermon and his two sons, Blake and Denver, enjoying the Lake Tahoe area.

1981

Dr. James LaPolla, Jr., D.P.M. and his wife Elizabeth, welcomed Andrew David in October 2007.

1983

Craig M. Spitzer is CEO of A2C, I.T. Consulting Company. A2C has a large base of consultants across a variety of disciplines throughout

the country. This tremendous pool of talent allows Craig's company to outsource proven individuals, who are known by his company. They are trusted to match the most qualified individual for the job requested. A2C is located in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.



1984

Rob Carr and his team swam in St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound. The team, Jack's Pack, named in honor of Jack Pidgeon, completed a 16 mile relay swim across Long Island Sound to raise money for cancer.

1985

Michael Krizmanich and his wife, Krista, welcomed their first child with the adoption of Cole Dmitry in February.



Scott Fogarty, his daughter Ava, and **Andy Scott** in Portland, OR, this summer.

1986

Seth Allen climbed the highest peak in Peru this past summer. He is also volunteering at a high school helping students who are having difficulty with various subjects. He is also learning how to assist people with disabilities enjoy the thrill of skiing.

Jon Lockhart works for a Pittsburgh law firm conducting legal research.

1987

LCDR Scott Shaulis is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Oregon. His decorations include Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, NOAA Special Achievement Award, Navy "E" ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2), National Defense Service Medal (2), Sea Service Deployment ribbons (4), Overseas Service ribbon (3), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, and Expert Rifle and Pistol medals.

Bill Kendall and his wife Suzanna, welcomed their new son, James Lee Kendall who joins his older brother, Chris.



1988

Mark Absy was one of nine individuals to stand on a balcony of the NYSE where they open and close the markets. First Trust/ISE Global Wind Energy Fund was launched and Mark created the index that the ETF is based on, he selected the companies, developed the weighting methodology and assisted with other aspects of the fund.

Peter DeHaas developed Imagine!'s *Bridges to Boulder*, a community Sign Language Project. Peter is an American Sign Language instructor who has worked at Imagine! for the past 14 years. During this time he recognized the unique communication needs of those with developmental disabilities and deafness as well as the Imagine! staff that support them. The program has served more than 300 community members since its inception.

1989

Cyrus G. McKinney III teaches sophomore English at the Leadership School, one of the three small schools that make up Brookhaven High. A story and photo of Cyrus was in the *Columbus Dispatch*.

1991

Edward Einhorn and his wife, Heather, are the proud parents of August Robert Einhorn born June 14, 2008.



1993

Chad Clark and wife Dory reside in Washington, D.C. and have two children Claiborne and Charles.



Michael Sule teaches language arts at Evergreen Community Charter School in Asheville, NC and is a member of Asheville on Bikes, a two-year old organization helping "non-biking" people understand how cool and fun

it is to commute via bicycle. Michael appeared in *Dirt Rag* magazine for promoting bicycle awareness and safety in Asheville.

Kevin Wiles is an assistant wine-maker for R. Stuart & Company in McMinnville, OR.

1994

Ted Kinney, Ph.D. recently moved back to the Pittsburgh area with wife, Amy, and two girls Cassidy and Rosalie. He earned a BA from Penn State, MS from Colorado State, and PhD from Penn State. Ted is an Industrial/Organizational Psychologist.

Luke A. Latimer joined The Kiski School's Board of Trustees. Luke and his wife, Justina, have a son, Luke Allen Latimer II, born last September. Luke is the brother of **Nicholas Bretz** currently a sophomore at Kiski.

1995

Allen Chen is opening a new restaurant in Lawrenceville, PA called Tamari, the first Asian-Latin fusion restaurant in Pittsburgh. He expects to show how compatible Latin and Asian cuisines can be at his new upscale dining establishment. See it at www.tamaripgh.com.

James A. Kunkle joined the staff at Curran Funeral Home. He has been a licensed funeral director since 2000. He and his wife, Kristina, and their daughter, Paige reside in Allegheny Township, PA.

Eric Abes served in Afganistan and Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. Now a civilian, he received his BA in Social Science and induction into the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society at the University of Pittsburgh. He started law school at Seton Hall University this fall.

1998

Michael D. Lazarro is attending Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

1999

Bryan Karaszia, M.A., completed his doctorate. His Dissertation acknowledged legendary Kiski schoolmasters, Mr. Pidgeon and Mr. Turley. Congratulations, Dr. Karaszia, on your recent achievement.

2000

Michael J. Dawson was married to Dannon McGee on October 19, 2007 in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The couple reside in Jarvisburg, NC.



Andrew Wilkins is Deputy Director Presidential Support at the White House.



2002

Joseph Finau graduated in May 2008 from Duquesne University with a Master of Education.

Robert Seibel of New Alexandria, PA was awarded the Honorable David H. Weiss Memorial Scholarship. He is a second-year student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and obtained his law-related experience while attending Xavier University. He is interning with Superior Court Judge Hudock.

Frank Ross was married Dec. 21, 2007. He graduated the University of Pittsburgh, with a Communications Degree and a minor in Political Science. Leah his wife is a Biology major from the University of Pittsburgh.



They reside in Monroeville. For two years Frank was one of the assistant coaches for the wrestling program at Kiski. Two and a half years ago Frank was ordained as a minister at the Victory Temple Original Church of God.

2003

Adam Clarke graduated from Hiram College with a degree in Psychology and is working for a treatment center for teenage addiction.

Anthony Lorenzo is working as a Web Software Developer in Boulder, CO. He graduated from Juniata College in the spring.

Jason Tsaggaris Memorial Golf Tournament

The sixth annual Jason Tsaggaris Memorial Golf Outing was held on June 12, 2008 at the Ponderosa Golf Course in Hookstown, Pennsylvania. More than 40 teams participated in the tournament raising \$40,000.

The Tsaggaris family and The Kiski School are grateful to the following sponsors for their generous support of the event: Gleason, Inc.; Mosites Construction; Summerill Tube Corp.; Swank Associated Companies, Inc.; Yukevich, Marchetti, Liekar & Zangrilli, P.C.; Trim Tree Nursery; APB Financial Group, Ltd.; Montauk Energy Capital; S & T Bank; The Tsaggaris Family Foundation; Reitz & Associates; Rahal Automotive; Simpson & McCrady LLC; Day Apollo VW/Subaru; Chris Brueningsen; Brock Food Service; Jeff Wieser; Mark Orsatti; Kiski Varsity Soccer Team; Rothman Gordon, P.C.; T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Co.; DMJM & Harris, Inc.; David Conrad; and Teeter Associates, Inc.

2004

Arsheel Khan graduated from SUNY Stony Brook with a degree in Technology and currently works for CitiGroup in Manhattan.



Robb W. Myers of Ligonier, PA graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May 2008 with a BA in History. Robb attended IUP on an

ROTC scholarship and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He will begin officers' training in October. After completion he will be stationed in Fort Hood, TX.

Walter C. Gray IV has accepted an offer to attend UCLA for acting. He will be in UCLA's graduate program in Los Angeles.

2006

Bobby Castner participated in a record-breaking event as part of an improv troupe that did 100 hours of consecutive improv, which is a world record.

Charles A. Yukevich ran into Greg Oden, Portland Trailblazer, last year's NBA's number



one draft pick, and all-star center for Ohio State two years ago. Charley and Greg were photographed together.

Jake Zimmerman running track for Allegheny College at the North

Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) was the 10,000 meter champion and placed 5th in the 5,000 meter run.

Rob McConnell who is attending Wooster College placed 8th at the NCAC in pole vault.

2007

Alex Ford is playing soccer for Grove City College.

Jae Young Park is attending Carnegie Mellon University.

Aaron Pavloff is in Israel. He was in a highly-structured Hebrew Language training program for several months and then will join the Army this fall.

2008

The following graduates were selected as Alumni Class Captains: **Ryan Miller, Max Jablonski, Rob Marshall, Jong Woo Choi, and Matt Rosidivito.**



Kiski graduates, **Christopher Sokoloski, Saverio Maldari, and Andrew Wolfe** on the day they were admitted to the Naval Academy.

Other notes:

Christopher J. Post former assistant headmaster at Kiski was appointed Headmaster of The Boys' Latin School of Maryland.

Logan Powell '92 Provides Admission Advice to Parents



Princeton University Director of Admission, Logan Powell '92, recently visited Kiski and spoke with several Kiski students who are interested in attending Princeton. Later that day, parents, students, and faculty attended Logan's presentation in Pittsburgh offered by the Pittsburgh Consortium of Independent Schools (PCIS) of which The

Kiski School is a member.

Logan presented *The College Admission Process – Figured Out* to nearly 250 attendees interested in advice on the college admission process.

"Competition is now very intense as a larger percentage of high school students apply for college every year. The number of applications received at Princeton each year has increased by about 56 percent in the last 10 years. However, the number of applicants accepted at Princeton has not increased nearly as much," explained Logan.

Logan's advice to students is to pursue their interests with great passion. It is important to understand one's strengths and weaknesses because it will help in the decision-making process

and narrow down the best colleges/universities to submit applications. Logan provided insight regarding test scores and grades. He said both are very important, but over-testing is not helpful. Students should take the tests that they will excel in, giving a better impression in the application process. If a student does not write a quality essay, he or she should limit taking tests

that include essays and take tests where they will score the highest.

Before joining Princeton, Logan served in the admission departments of both Bowdoin College and Harvard University as the Senior Admission Officer from 1999 to 2004 before joining Princeton. He also served as a senior

associate at Heyman Associates, a New York-based executive search firm, in 2004-2005.

Logan earned his bachelor's degree in biology and sociology from Bowdoin College and a master's degree in higher education from Harvard University with a focus on administration, planning and social policy.



In Memoriam

The Kiski family extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the following:

Harry B. Neal Jr., M.D. '34 passed away May 6, 2008.
Richard G. McClung '31 passed away in August 2008.
Reverend Dr. Robert Dickie Nix, Jr. '62 passed away September 20, 2007.
Mrs. Charlotte Rheubottom, mother of Nate Turner '08 passed away April 26, 2008.
Mr. Edward A. Flickner Jr. '36 passed away March 12, 2008.
Roberto Cunanan '90, brother of Don Cunanan '91 passed away in 2007.
David Allan Haserot '63 passed away December 19, 2007.
Raoul Andre Davis '50 passed away February 17, 2008.
Mr. Neil Kurit, father of Jordan B. Kurit '06 passed away April 30, 2008.
Dr. John T. Everett Jr., father of John T. Everett III '75, passed away March 15, 2008.
Chuck Cooley '49 passed away December 23, 2007.
Samuel W. Jackson III '50 passed away September 1, 2007.
Arthur L. Judge Jr. '38 passed away November 18, 2007.
Mr. Bruce Miller, father of Ryan Miller '08 passed away July 23, 2008.
Mrs. Cora Mae Jones Raiford, mother, and Kenneth Raiford, brother of Cornelius Raiford former Kiski faculty member, passed away July 11, 2008.
Lee Talbott Dickerson '63 passed away July 31, 2008.
Malcolm Scollay Hayden former Kiski administrator passed away October 4, 2007.
Mr. Jay Shiff, father of Larry Shiff '66, passed away December 21, 2007.
Walter A. Ramaley '52 passed away February 28, 2008.
James Andrew McCandless '03 passed away July 23, 2008.
David J. Sunseri Jr. '03 passed away August 30, 2008.

David Sunseri Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Kiski community lost a great friend this past August when David Sunseri Jr. '03 passed away at the young age of 24.

David was widely known and respected in professional and social settings for his warmth, generosity, and his genuine interest in others. Many Kiski faculty noted David's eagerness to quickly and quietly help — always without the need for recognition.

A scholarship fund at Kiski in David's memory will be established through the generosity of those who knew David well and remember him fondly. Kiski alumni and friends wishing to support this scholarship fund are asked to contact the Development Office at 724-639-8080.



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Alumni Reunite

First row, l. to r.: Dave DeSimone '93; Joseph '65 and Marilyn Handrahan; Dick '64 and Patricia Ames

Second row, l. to r.: Andrew Swank '97, Robert Gleason '57, Russell Swank '67; Michael '60 and Karen Yukevich, Ike '70 and Anne Tripp

Third row, l. to r.: Ken Hart '84 and son; Ted '75 and Becky Vincent; Grier H. Cooper '59 and G. Scott Cooper '88

Fourth row: Dar, guest of Barney Wilmoth '79, Bill Simmermon '80 and his wife, Renee, and Ben Little '90; Pat Kelley '74 and his wife, Ilene, H. Scott Miller '73 and guest

Fifth row: Christopher '73 and Susan Hassler; Chris Brueningsen, Jim Buchner '05 and guest; Lylse Brinker '81

Sixth row: State College Reception

Alumni, parents and friends are welcome to join

Chris Brueningsen, The Kiski School's Headmaster and Steven T. Szilagyi '88, Associate Headmaster of Institutional Advancement at special alumni receptions. The receptions provide an opportunity to update everyone on Kiski's progress and achievements, and it is a good place to meet and reminisce with other Kiski alumni and friends. Listed below are the cities that will be visited in 2008-2009.

Event Dates to be announced:

Denver, CO • January, 2009

Chicago, IL • February, 2009

Naples, FL • March, 2009

Please visit our web site for the alumni calendar and listing of events.



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Top row: Boston Reception

Second row: New York Reception

Third row, l. to r.: Matt Kirkpatrick '89 and Louie Kim '84; Kyle Webb '86, Tony Sheesley '86, and John Beiler III '86; Bob Brinker '49 and Rob Carr '84



Thank you

to the many alumni,
parents and friends
who contributed to
Kiski's 2007-2008
Annual Fund and
Capital Campaign.

Save the Date

Scheduled Events

Career Day
April 3, 2009

Reunion
June 5-6, 2009

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