

# Dear 1951 Classmates,

I have spoken to so many of you this past year! We are a great class and I am privileged to be able to be part of it.

The response in 2006 for dollar gifts for current student scholarship support has been extraordinary. Three hundred sixty-three (363) responses have set a Penn record for 55th Reunion classes. Sending small as well as large gifts currently permits two superior undergraduates to attend the University of Pennsylvania under the name "The Class of '51 Scholarship Fund."

Our 56th Reunion is approaching. I know many of you will enjoy this celebration. The Alumni Weekend Guide sent to you has the details of Alumni Weekend May 11th to 13th, 2007. Other than reuniting with friends, there will be available for selection and attendance 24 programs on Friday May 11th and 35 programs Saturday May 12th.

Come back so I can personally welcome you and shake your hand.



President, Class of '51

P.S. If you wish more information about Alumni Weekend, please call Lynn Carroll at (215) 746-3239.

A brief selection of the highlights of Alumni Weekend 2007

## Friday May 11

3-4:30 PM

### MEDIA, SPORTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT PANEL

*Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall, Room 350*

Join alumni in the fields of media, sports, and entertainment as they share stories, inspiration and practical advice. Featuring: Matthew Blank, W'72, CEO, Showtime; Sylvia Wolinsky Kauders, CW'42, actress, *Analyze That*, *"Law and Order"*, *"The Sopranos"*; and Joseph Rascoff, W'67, manager for the Rolling Stones and the Police.

4-6 PM

### GALLERY HOP

*Begins at Arthur Ross Gallery, Fisher Fine Arts Library*

The Gallery Hop is a unique opportunity to sample three of Penn's art galleries while hearing from a director or curator at each stop. The tour includes the Arthur Ross Gallery, Kroiz Gallery's Architectural Archives, and the Institute of Contemporary Art.

## Saturday May 12

11:15 AM-Noon

### CONVERSATION WITH AMY GUTMANN

*Jon M. Huntsman Hall, Auditorium*

Come hear President Amy Gutmann update Penn's plans for the future—from the campus's dramatic eastward expansion, to a revolutionary cancer-treating proton therapy center, to local and global initiatives and the University-wide capital campaign that will support them.

4-5 PM

### SING ALONG WITH MONTY

*Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Studio Theatre*

Join legendary Glee Club Director Emeritus Bruce Montgomery in singing *The Red and Blue* and other Penn favorites.

For more information on Alumni Weekend programming, see the Alumni Weekend Guide which was included in the Mar/Apr issue of the Gazette. If you need another guide, just call 215-898-7811 and we'll send you a copy.

## Enjoy Our 56th at Alumni Weekend

*The following items are from Pete Sigmund, C'51, our hardworking newsletter editor.*

The Class of 1951, the “class of all classes”, will continue to tower over all at the 2007 Alumni Weekend, on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12. Our 55th reunion last year, at the Kimmel Center and on campus, was fabulous with over 60 people, including partners, attending the Friday night banquet and 64 classmates at Saturday’s picnic; but we don’t believe in waiting five years. No, we will continue the party every year at Homecoming, Alumni Weekend and even and at special class events in between!

Take advantage of this special weekend, which is a great opportunity to reconnect with Penn in the wonderful month of May. We’ll enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and pasta in the Old Guard tent on Wynn Commons in front of Houston Hall, while Philly musicians strum their banjos and Old Grads take the mike to even try to remember old Ivy Odes.

Some classmates enjoy donning class costumes from our 50th and 55th (dark blue jackets and white pants for guys—if they fit—and Penn scarves for gals), but even shorts are fine. We’ll proudly wave our class banners in the traditional Parade of Classes, followed by singing The Red & The Blue! Bring the family!

You can also stay connected with the whole Penn scene via a great program of lectures and tours (see the March/April issue of the Pennsylvania Gazette for details). Not to be missed: President Amy Gutmann’s spirited update on the University at 11:15 a.m. in the auditorium of Huntsman Hall (38th and Walnut) on Saturday.

Registration is \$30 for adult advance registration on or before Friday, May 4; \$40 after May 4; children ages 6-16, \$15; children under age 6 are free. The Alumni Weekend General Registration Price includes the picnic, seminars, and social programming unless otherwise noted. Parking is available in lots throughout the campus. Alumni who register by May 4 will receive vouchers for free parking. **Vouchers will be accepted on Friday and Saturday of Alumni Weekend only.**

### OLD GUARD LUNCHEON WAS SUPERB!

We enjoyed a superb Old Guard luncheon in the Hall of Flags at Houston Hall before the Homecoming game with Brown on October 28. The University really fetes members of classes who have been graduated for over 50 years in this very nostalgic, warm (and delicious) event, which culminates with the Penn Band leading us in The Red & The Blue.

Classmates who attended included President Bernie Lemonick and his wife Felicia, Allan Ford, Dick Sheridan, Pete Sigmund and sister, Jack Smith and his wife Mercedes, Matt London and his wife Lila, George Wallhauser, Philip and Joan Demp, and Newton Gold. Apologies to others whose names I’ve missed. (Was having too much fun to take notes!)

### GREAT PARTICIPATION IN PENN FUND GIVING

Plaudits to the Class of ’51 for strongly supporting the Penn Fund during Penn’s 2006 Fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, during which we observed our 55th reunion. A total of 363 classmates gave \$192,589, which was a 37 % participation rate. Our gifts and pledges to all Penn programs totaled \$698,913 – a participation rate of 47.1% and set a record for number of donors in a 55th Reunion class, which was also one of the highest of all reunion classes.

The University recognizes that volunteers from the Class of ’51 have been very effective in the class Phone-a-thons for annual giving. We are notable among the older classes for the number of volunteers who come in to Penn, man the phone lines, call classmates, and have fun doing it!

Alumni who make consecutive gifts to the Penn Fund for three or more years are now becoming members of a new honorary Ivy Stone Society, receiving special recognition within the class honor roll as well as a special e-newsletter about Penn events.

## OH, TO BE AN UNDERGRAD AGAIN (WITHOUT EXAMS)!

How would you like to be sitting in College Hall again listening to a fascinating lecture on a subject like “Europe: 1890-1945”? You can do this through the Senior Associates Program at Penn’s School of Arts and Sciences, which allows alumni/alumnae to audit undergrad courses. Registration fee per course (maximum of two) is \$215, which helps support administration costs and undergraduate scholarships. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, call 215-746-6907 or e-mail [senassoc@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:senassoc@sas.upenn.edu).

## KNOCK OUT AN UPDATE

Members of the class are living everywhere from the Rocky Mountains to Rome, doing everything from writing to hiking and (believe it or not) running in marathons. For a University-wide audience, and faster publication (every two months), send an update on what you’re doing to the Pennsylvania Gazette via Alumni Relations, E. Craig Sweeten Alumni House, 3533 Locust Walk, Phila., PA 19104-6226 ([gazette@ben.dev.upenn.edu](mailto:gazette@ben.dev.upenn.edu)).

If you would like to write an article for our next newsletter, send items to Pete Sigmund, newsletter editor, via Lynn Carroll at Alumni Relations, 3451 Walnut St. Ste. 515, Phila. PA 19104 (or [lynnc@upenn.edu](mailto:lynnc@upenn.edu)).

## THE UNIVERSITY AT NIGHT

We visited the University Jan. 30, representing an older class as President Amy Gutmann honored donors from the Class of 2007 at a wine and cheese party. How things have changed! 71 of these seniors contributed \$250 or more to the Penn Fund even though they haven’t graduated yet. About one quarter of the class has already accepted job offers. In our day, we were lucky to have a job. It was fun watching students’ eyes widen as I identified myself as from the Class of ’51. That’s like our meeting someone from the Class of 1895 in our senior year.

The University at night is lively and cheerful. We enjoyed walking along Locust Walk, with bright seasonal decorations overhead, and then the warm hospitality of the party, which included warm congratulations from President Gutmann, and an hilarious performance by members of Mask & Wig. I heard several students refer to “Smokes”. Sound familiar?

## NOSTALGIA DEPARTMENT

Next time you visit Houston Hall, look for the alcove (near where a white-jacketed soda jerk used to dish out huge goblets of ice cream) with plaques to “John Bell Scott, 1900 M, President of the Houston Club and acting chaplain of the cruiser St. Paul, who died in his country’s service during the Spanish War” and to “Edwin Austin Abbey, 1912 College, killed in action, Vimry Ridge, 1917”, with a quote from his letter: “I do not think of death, nor expect it, but I am not afraid of it, and will give my life gladly if it is asked.”

## MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Class of 1951 Endowed Scholarship Fund currently supports two students! Meet Daniel Faria and Julia Holup.



DANIEL IS A JUNIOR IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, ORIGINALLY FROM CANADA.



JULIA IS A FRESHMAN FROM PENNSYLVANIA, AND SHE IS ENJOYING TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE DP NEWSPAPER.



The Penn Fund is proud to announce the launch of The Ivy Stone Society.

Inspired by our most loyal donors, the Ivy Stone Society will honor Penn undergraduate alumni who have made a gift of any amount to The Penn Fund for three or more consecutive years. Penn’s undergraduate classes have been leaving the legacy of an Ivy Stone, emblematic of class unity and pride, somewhere on campus since 1873. Through their annual gift to The Penn Fund, Ivy Stone Society members demonstrate the same kind of unity and pride by committing their support to the advancement of undergraduate education at Penn year after year.

For more information, please visit [www.alumni.upenn.edu/pennfund/IvyStoneSociety](http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/pennfund/IvyStoneSociety) or contact Dennis Disbrow at 215-898-6166.



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share your news

### Submit a class note to the Gazette!

Tell friends about your family, a career change or promotion, or your latest adventure. The alumni magazine is published six times a year, giving your class the opportunity to continuously share stories throughout the year. You can send your updates in any of these three ways:

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dates to remember

**113th Penn Relays:  
April 26-28, 2007**

**Alumni Weekend:  
May 11-13, 2007**

**Homecoming:  
October 20, 2007  
(vs. Yale)**

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