Letter to the Editor

Small world story: My grandfather and I always do the New York Times Crossword when we’re together, sometimes talking about the puzzle over the phone if we’re having particular trouble. Now 97, he lives at the Atria in Center City and complains that the puzzles are too tricky and take too long, but he does them anyway. He called me immediately when he found out his friend Bernice, who also lives at the Atria, contributes crosswords to the New York Times. He didn’t mention that she had attended Penn, but when I received the inaugural Penn Alumnae newsletter, I knew that the Penn alum featured as the oldest crossword puzzle creator must be the very same Bernice. I forwarded the newsletter and Bernice was very proud to learn that she had been recognized. We are both looking forward to meeting next time I am in Philly. Thank you for an enjoyable read about the history of women at Penn, and also for keeping the generations of Penn women connected.

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Editor’s note: Thanks, Jessica! And look what I found. It looks like we owe you thanks for being such a trailblazer as the first female Quaker mascot at Penn.