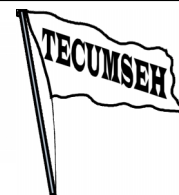


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## 2000 SEASON PREVIEW By *Director Hench Murray*

Enrollment continues to get stronger as we fill up earlier each season. Much of this success is due to great support from Board Members and Tecumseh alums who are on the lookout for great kids who will get a lot out of camp and give a lot back, too. A few alums among many who have been outstanding this year are Mark Luff, Mike Reardon, Jim Fraser, Dave Baruch, Pete Gillin and Lee Allman.

Word of mouth continues to be the most effective way to spread the word. However, we are having more and more people learn about us from the great web site that Biff Sturla has put together for us. In fact, this year we received our first completed application sent as an e-mail. I suspect in the coming years that we will receive considerably more interest because of our website which is not only informative, but also filled with some wonderful photos which show off the facilities and our people. If you haven't visited the site yet, please do so.

We are also anticipating the opening of the new roller hockey facility which will add a whole new dimension to our program. We have received incredible interest about this addition from our kids. We have also developed a brand new track area at the far end of Grant Field which will feature an 80 yard all-weather straightaway, separate runways for the long jump and the high jump and a separate area for the shotput. The track complex was made possible through the generosity of Bill Weaver, a former camper and counselor. Bill visited last summer at the invitation of Board Member, Bill Hamilton. Prior to that visit, Mr. Weaver last set foot on Tecumseh property in 1929, when needless to say, things were quite different! He is a terrific man, whose good spirit, charm and wit match his generosity. You can see for yourself when we honor Bill at the dedication of the track complex during Tecumseh weekend, August 12 and 13.

*Hench Murray, Director of Camp Tecumseh*

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## NEW DIRECTOR JAMES TALBOT

Editor's Note: By now, most of you have received the April 10, 2000 letter from Walter Buckley, Jr., Chairman of the Camp Tecumseh Board of Directors, which was sent to all members of the Tecumseh family. The letter announced the resignation of Tecumseh Director Hench Murray, effective September 30, 2000, and the appointment of Jim Talbot as the new Director of Tecumseh beginning October 1, 2000.

## PEMI DAY 1999: THE TECUMSEH PERSPECTIVE

The goal of every summer at Camp Tecumseh is to win one particular day of athletic competition. We train, focus, and practice every day at Tecumseh to become the best athletes and competitors we can for one day. This day we call Pemi Day. It is the longest running camp rivalry in the U.S with an all day competition between Camp Pemigewasset and Tecumseh. Every camper competes and gives it their all. We compete in soccer, baseball, tennis, and swimming and usually five age groups.

The trophy for the winner is a bronzed hat once worn by the legendary George Munger, former University of Pennsylvania Football Coach and Tecumseh Director. Many alumni and friends of Tecumseh return each year for this special day. The hat is worshipped by both camps, recognizing its meaning.

This past summer the Hat had a deeper meaning for Tecumseh because it was well earned by Camp Pemi the year before – the first time in sixteen years the Hat did not sit in Tecumseh's trophy case. All Tecumseh believed the Hat should return to Tecumseh soil and the entire camp was determined to reclaim it.

### Answers to Last Issue's Trivia

1. The roof was not completed, a sheet of plastic covered the audience section.
2. The show stopped so that the audience and cast could watch Sputnik cross the night sky.
3. He was Buttercup in the 1978 performance of HMS Pinafore.
4. Henry Williams (1930 - 1976)  
Sam Griffin  
(1977- 1978, 1985 - 1986)  
Mark Luff  
(1978 - 1984, 1987)

During the summer of 1999 we trained harder than ever led by a strong 15's age group.

After countless speeches and preparations we were ready to reclaim the day. All of our hard work paid off. It was the most memorable experience of my summer when we brought the hat back to camp. Every person at Camp Tecumseh was crowded around the basketball courts to await the arrival of the hat from Camp Pemi.

There were two rows of campers and counselors waiting for the hat to be funneled through and the celebration to begin. The buses arrived and the party began. Nobody stopped cheering until we were back in our cabins asleep. The hat was funneled through and put onto a table for everyone to see. It was raised, passed, and cherished. I remember speeches being given and some tears being shed and glimpses passed in my mind of all the training and practicing. This was a night to enjoy.

The elder counselors in camp were particularly touched by the effort thrust forward by all the camp. Everybody was congratulated and we chanted our songs of victory and celebration until everyone was satisfied. The victory did not sink in until that night when I thought about the day and remembered the fabulous efforts put forth by all. I will remember and cherish this moment for a year until next summer at Tecumseh where we will train, practice, and fight even harder to retain the hat for another year.

*By Paul Barrett. Paul is an eighth grader at The Episcopal Academy, Merion, PA. He enjoys all sports, but prefers soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Summer 2000 will be Paul's second at Tecumseh.*

### CAMP TECUMSEH TRIVIA

1. Who ran the Tennis Program prior to Terry Cooper's arrival in the summer of 1978?
2. Name the former camper/counselor who went on to kick field goals for the Houston Oilers?
3. For what teams did "Big Jim" Fraser play professional football?
4. Who scored the winning run in the counselor baseball game depicted in the 1989 video Sunbeam?

## Tecumseh Day 1999: The Pemi Perspective

Reveille was planned for 6:45, but I was awake with the rest of senior camp (fourteen and fifteen-year-olds) by 6:30. Our excitement was already beginning to build; "Eye of the Tiger" was loaded and ready to blast from a little portable boom box. We quietly headed toward Intermediate Hill.

The morning was silent and gray, and the far end of Lower Baker Pond still lay shrouded by layers of mist and haze. Finally, after weeks of preparation and building apprehension, Tecumseh Day was here. At 6:40, we gave enthusiastic nods to each other and all began to rush through the Lower and Upper cabins, screaming at the top of our lungs, "Lets get fired up Pemi! Come on, boys! It's July 31!" Campers and Counselors made their ways out of their cabins with a little more pep and enthusiasm than usual to join in with morning calisthenics. Next, senior campers and the entire population of Intermediate Hill piled together in a huge huddle: "1,2,3: P-E-M-I sis-boom-ba, Pemigewassett, Pemigewassett,rah rah rah! BEAT TECUMSEH, BEAT TECUMSEH...." Five minutes later Jacob Cooper blew reveille. Energized, I hurried to take my polar bear dip in the lake, and then gathered together my swimming and tennis stuff for the long day ahead.

The atmosphere in the Mess Hall was charged, and expressions of excitement and anxiety were carved in the faces of campers, coaches, supporters and directors. Although the food seemed a little inappropriate for such an important day (apple strudel and pastries!) our adrenaline felt inexhaustible. The bell was rung and Charlie Malcolm, camp athletic director, stood to give his speech. "Who cares about the hat?" he questioned. "It sure would be nice to keep it around here for another year... but I don't care about it. What I care about is sportsmanship. What I care about is everyone in this room giving it his best effort." More speeches followed, including an inspiring Pemi version of the Gettysburg Address. Then the 10's and 15's Pemi teams were sent on their way with a momentous chorus of applause, cheers and high-fives.

15's first event was baseball (10's had soccer), and as we unloaded our gear and walked over to the pitch we caught our first glimpse of our opponents. Tecumseh looked fired up (they even had a couple of newly shaved heads) but they were not as intimidating as I had expected. The baseball game was exciting and draining, for Pemi spectators saw Tecumseh's lead grow to seven runs. Somehow, in the last inning, fired by burst of energy and several big hits, Pemi rallied to make the game's final score 7-5. Josh Clapper reminded us that we had given them a taste of Pemi Pride and he believed we had a lot of potential for the rest of the day.

The sun had burned away the clouds, and by 10:30 the day was hot and bright. In a grueling soccer match, the 10's had tied at zero-all and were now headed off to play baseball. The 15's had tennis on their minds and Jeff pumped us up to play smart, solid, aggressive tennis. We played well and in several exciting, close matches, Pemi pulled out a 4-3 victory. Ready for a well-deserved break from the sun, Pemi and Tecumseh entered the dining room for lunch. Pleasantly surprised, Pemi found Tecumseh's meals to be strikingly similar to our own; bell rings, grace, main course, dessert and announcements. And indeed Announcements was what we all, Pemi and Tecumseh, were eagerly and impatiently awaiting. "Present score: 4 Tecumseh wins, 3 Pemi wins and 3 ties." Pemi was dismissed to rest by our buses and focus on the afternoon's activities.

We have never kept the hat. We could do it. We have to win swimming. We can win soccer. We got to do this. We can do this... anxiety, fear, hope, apprehension, determination...So many common thoughts circulated through Pemi minds as shin-guards were strapped on and tennis shoe laces tied.

Pemi 15-and-under soccer players stepped out of the shade into the scorching sun and onto the battlefield. Warming up, they were surrounded by a cloud of nervous confidence. Tecumseh looked just as prepared and perhaps a little more energetic.

The whistle blew and the game was underway. Tecumseh's desire was apparent from the get-go and was demonstrated in the fifty-fifty balls and their overall assertiveness and energy. The unrelenting sun and Tecumseh's unrelenting pressure began to drain Pemi spirits; our team's exhaustion was evident. Unsurprisingly the game ended in Tecumseh's favor.

Next was swimming and after a hard won Tecumseh victory, our rivals exploded with joy. Tecumseh knew the day was decided. Pemi looked on in frustrated silence as Tecumseh jumped from the docks into the water in celebration. "The Hat is Back! The Hat is Back..."

I was disappointed but not surprised. For a moment, it seemed our chance at keeping the Hat had slipped quietly through our fingers. Back up at the Dining Hall, Pemi's day at Tecumseh ended with a nice meal, two gracious speeches and two loud, heartfelt cheers.

As our buses rolled back across our bridge at Lower Baker, I sighed in relief. After more announcements in our overflowing

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# Who's, What, Where . . .

## *Camp Tecumseh's Alumni News*

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In our quest to hear from some of you more "experienced" alumni, this abbreviated Who's What Where focuses on those campers and counselors who remember Tecumseh before lights on the basketball courts, salad bars in the Dining Hall, and Para-sailing at the waterfront! Please keep the comments coming. We really enjoy hearing from all of you, and no note is too brief. What better way to get reconnected to your camp buddies than dropping us a line with your address so we can forward it along!

**David Carson** writes in from his home in Roanoke, VA: "My brothers (**John Carson** and **Lee Carson**) and I each spent 3 summers at Tecumseh. My brother Lee then spent 2 summers as a counselor. These (of course) were some of the best summers of our lives. Keep up the good work." David is a partner in a litigation firm in Roanoke, Virginia. One of his neighbors is **Bo Rogers**, a fellow CT alumnus. David and his wife have 3 children, including 2 boys. The oldest boy is only 3, but he will be coming to CT as soon as he is able, according to David. John Carson is a Senior Vice President with Morgan-Keegan in Memphis, Tennessee. He is married and has 4 young boys, all of whom we also hope will make it to CT. Lee Carson has just opened a branch of the Carlisle Group in San Francisco, CA. He is married, has 3 children, and a 4th is on the way. One of his children is a boy, and will soon be attending CT as well, hopefully.

**Jim Manley, Sr.** writes to the Banner with news of his family's induction in the Peddie School's Sports Hall of Fame. The Manley family was inducted last June as "Team Manley." Jim and his wife Catherine are the parents of the late **Jim Manley, Jr.**, Kate Manley Seleky and Angela Manley Cook, all of whom excelled at varsity sports at Peddie. The Peddie School's write-up had this to say about the Manleys: "The parents and children have combined to demonstrate the highest levels of athletic ability, sportsmanship, and commitment to Peddie. Jim Manley Jr. embodied the best qualities of Peddie students as demonstrated by his exceptional athletic, academic, and social leadership talents. For his exploits on the football field, he earned All-State, All-Star and All-Prep recognition. Jim was also named as an All-American Prep football player. Jim played basketball for two years earning Honorable Mention All-American Prep player status in his junior year. Both on and off the field, he was recognized for giving 100%."

**Dan O'Shea** continues his mountain climbing ways. Dan climbed Mount Baker, a 10,781 ft. glaciated peak near his home in Seattle. Dan and a team of friends climbed Mount Baker to raise money for breast cancer research through the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Mount Baker is no walk in the woods. It has 27 active glaciers, boasts the heaviest annual snowfall in the contiguous 48 states, and is the third highest peak in the state of Washington. Dan has climbed Aconcagua in Argentina (22,834 ft.) Mount Rainier (14,410 ft.) and trekked to the base camp of Mount Everest. Dan, recently married, is the General Sales Manager for KBSG, an oldies radio station in Seattle. Dan would love to hear from friends at CT. Email him at [os@mindspring.com](mailto:os@mindspring.com).

**Bob Gray**, his wife Nancy, and their daughter Hayley (age one) have all just moved from Wayne, PA to Hingham, MA (outside Boston). Bob is now a Vice President with The Reserve Funds, a money management firm, and is heading up their New England office. Bob still has fond memories of defeating Don "Drama Boy" Triolo in the balloting for Senior Tecumseh Boy in 1983.

**John Fraser** and his wife Jodi are now parents! Jodi gave birth to a baby boy, Griffin Fraser, on May 29, 1999. Griffin weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces at birth, and shares a birthday with his grandfather, CT Program Director **Big Jim Fraser**. (The same day of birth, not the same year of birth, we assure you.) In 1999, John and Jodi moved into a new home in Atlanta. Professionally, John works for Eastman Radio, a division of Katz Media Group, and sells radio advertising nationally.

**David McMullin III** and his wife Kristen are also now parents, as they welcomed a new baby girl to their family on September 23, 1999. The baby's name is Abigail Brooke McMullin. Dave recently switched jobs as well, moving from IKON Office Solutions to MCIWorldcom.

**Bill Keffer** and his wife Alison were already parents, but gave birth to their second child, a daughter, on April 6, 1999. Sarah Anne Keffer weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces at birth, and is doing beautifully so far! Bill and two high school classmates also made news last fall when they rescued two young girls from the Atlantic Ocean surf in Sea Isle City, NJ. The daring rescue landed them at the top of the front page of the September 23, 1999 [Main Line Times](#). Thanks to Bill and his friends for their heroism - a wonderful example for us all!

Last summer, **Duncan Van Dusen** was awarded a citation by the University of Pennsylvania, commending and congratulating him on his 30+ (and growing) years of service to the university. Duncan is now in his thirty-second year at Penn, where he began working in the spring of 1968. He and his wife Libby live in Bryn Mawr, PA, and have three grown sons. Duncan is in the middle of three generations of the Van Dusen family who have gone to Tecumseh. His father **Lewis Van Dusen, Jr.** and his late uncle **Frank Van Dusen** were both campers in the early 1920s.

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more "Who's, What, Where"

Duncan and his late brother **Lewis Van Dusen III** were campers at CT in the mid-to-late 1940s. And Duncan's son **Edwin Van Dusen** worked as a counselor at Tecumseh from 1986 through 1990.

**John Talbot** has graduated from Villanova Law School, and works as an attorney at Townsend and Townsend and Crew, a patent and commercial litigation law firm in Palo Alto, CA. John lives in nearby Half Moon Bay, CA.

Blue-Gray Banner editor **Lee Allman**, wife Annie, and daughter Derby visited New Hampshire and Vermont this fall, and saw CT senior staff member **Terry Cooper** and his wife Mary. Lee and Terry attended the Dartmouth vs. Lehigh football game, and a good time was had by all. Lee recently joined the Philadelphia law firm of Dugan, Brinkmann, Maginnis and Pace. One of the firm's principals is Tecumseh parent Gerald Dugan.

Congratulations to **Peter Gillin**. Pete got himself hitched this past October in Manhattan to Kate Cote. Pete teaches English at the Episcopal High School and Kate, a Middlebury College grad, is getting her Ph.D. in American History at William and Mary. Rumor has it that former Tecumseh all-stars put on quite a show at the reception.

**Larry Saul** recently returned from overseas and is residing in the New York City area. Larry reports that he enjoys *The Banner* and looks forward to each issue.

**Dean Walters** works for PNC Bank and is expected to receive his law degree from Widener University this spring. Dean, married and residing in Havertown, PA has set his sights on Tecumseh again for son, Dean, Jr., age two.

**Mike Chilliberti** reports he is engaged!!!! (Editor comment: Now I am really getting old). The lucky lady is Katherine Lech, also a LaSalle University graduate. A June 2001 marriage is in the works.

**Mike Lyon** reports all is well from Fairplay, KY. Mike and his brother, **Peter Lyon** attended CT during the 1940s and are



*Who are these guys?*

retired commercial airline pilots. Mike is presently the owner of a Chrysler/Dodge dealership while his brother is involved in competitive skiing.

## NEW TRUSTEES PROFILES

Tecumseh welcomes to its Board new Trustees **David F. Crockett, Jr.** and **Graham Harkins**.

David Crockett Jr. is the father of four sons: Andrew, Tucker, Max and Parker. David was familiar with Tecumseh growing up as a student at the Episcopal Academy and through his cousins, former campers Fred and Bill Crockett. David is the Vice President of West Chestnut Realty in Haverford, Pennsylvania. He has been active as a baseball and soccer coach in the Tredyffrin Township youth leagues and is an avid golfer. David and his wife Ginny look forward to David's involvement as Trustee.

Graham Harkins is also joining the Board. Graham is a former camper and counselor having been at Camp in the 60's and 70's. Graham's first experience at Camp was as a nine-year old rookie in the Rock. Graham currently works for the Chocorua Valley Lumber Company in South Tamworth, New Hampshire. Graham and his wife Wendy have one daughter Lindsay, who is a junior at Moultonboro Academy.

## TECUMSEH ON-THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Do you miss Tecumseh? Ever need a glimpse of the Lodge to bring back memories, or perhaps you want to learn more about our "little slice of heaven" in NH? Then check out Tecumseh's Home Page on the Internet! Cruise the Web to see all of your favorite shots of Camp Tecumseh. See the Lodge on a beautiful New Hampshire summer day, or watch CT participate in athletic contests - all with a click of a button. The Tecumseh Home Page was created and is managed by Biff Sturla, former Tecumseh Camper and Counselor extraordinaire. The site can be accessed at our new address: <http://www.camptecumseh.net>

## SUMMER 1999: PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Jay Luff relaxing on a mountain trip

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Our sixth edition and the *Banner* board celebrated in style with a late 1999 season baseball game at Camden Yards in Baltimore, MD. In attendance were Lee R. Allman, Edwin Van Dusen, William Keffer, and Brooks "Papa" Keffer. Unfortunately, Tecumseh's senior diamond does not measure up to lush Camden Yards, but we know Mr. Fraser will do his best this summer. The highlight of the trip was Edwin's pinch hit double off of Boston's Pedro Martinez in the bottom of the seventh. Unfortunately, slow footed Billy "King Kong" Keffer was thrown out at the plate. Lee R. Allman was ejected from the stadium for arguing the call, but Brooks pled his case and Lee was allowed to return to his seat if he kept quiet (hard to do).

This Edition presents more Alumni doings, and we also focus on the return of THE HAT to Tecumseh soil. Another fine summer was enjoyed by over 170 boys on Winnepesaukee with a Tecumseh victory over Pemi as the crowning moment.

Lastly, keep those encouraging comments coming as we intend to keep the Tecumseh spirit alive throughout the year.

*Lee R. Allman, Banner Editor and CT Trustee*

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SUMMER 1999: PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Chris Dougherty and Blake Stabert at Fenway Park, Boston, MA.



A view of the Tecumseh Dining Hall just before lunch. After a hard morning on the athletic fields, campers and counselors gather early, waiting for "third bell" so they can refuel for the afternoon activities.

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## SUMMER 1999: PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



(L to R) Phil Sonkin, David Martin, Chris Jennifer, and Jamie Hubbell take time out to pose for the camera. In the background are the swimming lanes, outer float and life guard tower.



Lacrosse is one of the highlights at Camp Tecumseh. Here we see two campers preparing to face off in The Blue-Gray Classic. A brand new full sized lacrosse field opened in 1999 for the older campers to use.



## More Alumni Notes

**ALUMNI PROFILE: MIKE JANNETTA**

It's not often that someone gets to pursue his passion as a full-time job, but Mike Jannetta has somehow managed to do it twice! Mike, a former Tecumseh camper and counselor legend, is the operating owner of Sala, a Spanish restaurant in Manhattan, as he pursues his other passion of acting. Sala is a true Spanish restaurant, offering the traditional Tapas as well as a full Spanish-style menu. Mike fell in love with Spain and its culture while visiting with fellow former camper and counselor Bill Keffer in 1987. "That trip really hooked me into Spain and what makes it so special to me," Mike says. Since that trip, Mike's been back "over 15 times, I think," and he plans on returning soon. Walking into Sala is like walking down a street in Barcelona or Madrid. "The whole place was designed by some set designers from Miramax Pictures," Mike points out, adding, "It really adds to the whole atmosphere of the experience." Sala is located at 344 Bowery (Bowery and 3rd Street) in lower Manhattan. Although Mike doesn't promise free meals for any Tecumseh cohorts, he does promise to "treat you right."

But just as lucky as Mike is to turn his love of Spanish culture into reality, he is even luckier to see his hard work as an actor begin to bear fruit. A veteran of TV, guest appearing in such shows as *NYPD Blue*, *Law and Order*, and *Chicago Hope*, Mike just finished a leading role in a 6 week run of *Beeping Henry*, an off - Broadway play about the struggles of young American males and the tension between assuming responsibilities and running from them. Mike O'Shea, a former Tecumseh Boy, caught *Beeping Henry* and said, "Mike Jannetta is a great actor - he was the focus of the whole play, and Mike was excellent. The audience really seemed to dig his action." So stop on by Sala next time you're in Manhattan. Mike promises a great meal and a fun experience, and if you can't get to Sala, no doubt you'll see Mike on the silver screen any day now.

**ALUMNI PROFILE: DAVID BARUCH**

Former CT camper and counselor David Baruch was a member of the 1999 NCAA Division I men's lacrosse champion Virginia Cavaliers last spring. A senior midfielder, Baruch played in all sixteen of Virginia's games, averaging over a goal a game. He finished sixth on the team in scoring with 21 points (18 goals, 3 assists), including a team-high five goals in Virginia's season-opening game against Syracuse.

Baruch scored twice in the national quarterfinals as Virginia defeated Delaware, 17-10, and added another goal in the Cavs' 16-11 win over Johns Hopkins in the semifinals. Two days later, Virginia beat Syracuse, 12-10, to capture the 1999 national championship, the school's first since 1972.

Virginia head coach Dom Starsia said the following about Baruch in a telephone interview from his office at UVA: "David was one of the subtle heroes of our championship season...he did every-



*Photograph by Peter Emerson. The Banner appreciates UVA's Sports Information Department for providing this photograph.*

thing well. I have missed him a great deal already this fall, both personally and professionally. He was a steady influence on the field...(and) an engaging and endearing personality off of it."

A four-year letterwinner, Baruch finished his career with 35 goals and 10 assists for 45 points. But, most importantly, he finished with one championship ring.

1999-2000 was not kind to the Tecumseh community. We lost three treasured Tecumseh friends, one the long-time leader of our Track and Field program, another a former Senior Tecumseh Boy, and the third, a former counselor and star of the Opera House stage. As you will see in the following tributes, we are saddened by the deaths of Jim Gibbons, Songha Willis and Dan Ward. All three brought so much to Tecumseh and to their families, friends and all of us who were lucky enough to know them, even briefly. Jim, Songha and Dan, we'll miss you.

## IN MEMORY: DAN WARD

### By Sibby Browne

Tecumseh lost one of its own this winter when former counselor Dan Ward was killed in a traffic accident in Colorado. He was returning to his job at Copper Mountain with his wife of one week when they were caught up in a multiple car accident.

Dan came to camp via the University of Pennsylvania where he was a roommate of Sibby Browne and a Fiji fraternity brother along with the rest of the CT boys. Dan's first summer at camp was in 1990; he came as a soccer counselor but quickly found his home on the waterfront and on the stage. After college, Dan went to work for Club Med in the winter so that he could come back to CT during the summer. Dan's last summer at camp was 1995 .

Dan will long be remembered for his fly-byes of Camp Robindel, his love for the Hobie, and his remarkable improvisation on the G&S stage. Nothing made Dan happier than hanging out with his friends to celebrate the remarkable or the mundane. Although he drifted away from Camp and fell out of touch for awhile, he was and will always be one of us. He loved camp and we loved him. He will be deeply missed, and the world will be a little more normal (unfortunately) without him.

## IN MEMORY: SONGHA WILLIS

On Wednesday, February 2, the Tecumseh family was shocked and deeply saddened to learn that it had lost one of its most loved members, Songha Willis, the victim of a tragic shooting in Philadelphia. Songha, 27, left his mother and some other family members shortly before midnight on Tuesday, February 1 to meet up with two friends at a local club. As Songha's group was leaving the nightclub they were confronted by two gunmen demanding money. The armed muggers robbed the three friends of a small amount of money and some jewelry, and then, for no apparent reason, one of the assailants shot and killed Songha. Songha had returned to Philadelphia for a short visit with his mother but ended up staying a week longer than expected because of the late January blizzard in Philadelphia. He was planning to enroll at the City College of New York to study broadcasting shortly after his trip home.

For those in the Tecumseh family who had the great fortune to have known Songha, the crushing news circulated quickly. Many of his Tecumseh friends and mentors were able to attend Songha's funeral service at the North Penn Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 8. Hundreds of people crammed into the church and mourners arriving to pay their respects spilled out onto the streets. The glorious singing from the church's choir lifted our spirits and a number of family members and close friends gave touching personal tributes to Songha. Reverend Warren H. Marshall offered an impassioned sermon reminding us that Songha is waiting for all of us to join him in heaven, his arms open and his omnipresent smile lighting up his face.

Songha's mother, Leslie Lowry, raised Songha in a depressed section of North Philadelphia, but was determined to give her son every educational and social opportunity. From pre-school through the sixth grade, Mrs. Lowry sent Songha to Gladwyne Montessori School where Meg Roe was a teacher. It was Mrs. Roe who first interested Songha and his mother in Camp Tecumseh. Songha's first year at camp was in 1984; he was a member of the Mack's Shack. Songha attended camp until 1991, eventually becoming a counselor.

Songha attended Girard College in Philadelphia as a boarding student for seventh and eighth grades. His athletic skills and good

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**JIM GIBBONS: In Memory**  
**By Bob Glascott**

Tecumseh lost a great friend in September, 1999 - James (Jim) Gibbons.

Jim arrived at Camp Tecumseh in the summer of 1976 returning from the Montreal Olympics. On many occasions, I had invited Jim to visit camp. After a few days at Tecumseh, Jim was "hooked." He spent the remainder of the camp season there. For twenty summers (1977 - 1997) Jim was at Tecumseh. He established the Tecumseh Invitational Track Meet, Mini Marathon and the Ironman.

From 1959 to 1970 Jim taught and coached track at Bishop McDevitt High School. He was also the assistant track coach at the University of Pennsylvania from 1970 to 1976. In 1977 Jim became the assistant track coach at Lehigh University. He held this position until 1982. In 1983 Jim returned to Bishop McDevitt to become the Athletic Director, a position he maintained until his retirement in 1997.

Jim was one of the best track coaches to ever come out of the Philadelphia area and his teams at Bishop McDevitt won several Catholic League Championships. His specialty was the pole vault and javelin and he developed several outstanding college track athletes at Penn and Lehigh. For several summers Jim would leave Tecumseh for a week to coach at the University of Rhode Island track camp. There he headed the pole vault and javelin program.

Jim was like the "Pied Piper" at Tecumseh. Most every evening campers were noted following him to the pole vault area for instruction or to the waterfront for fishing.

Jim Gibbons - Counselor, Coach, Teacher, Friend - will be missed by all.

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**Songha Willis' Tribute Continues**

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grades won him a scholarship to Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Songha was a boarding student at Episcopal, where he excelled in athletics, earning all-conference honors in basketball his senior year. While at Episcopal, Songha also displayed his eclectic and vibrant personality by becoming a member of the choir, the french club, the African-American student organization, and by being elected to the student government.

After graduating from Episcopal in 1991, Songha attended Catholic University and the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.

Most of us remember Songha through the experiences we shared with him at camp. We all recall that Songha was the consummate all-around athlete, standing out in a variety of sports, most notably in basketball as Songha was named Senior League MVP in 1988. Songha's athletic prowess, however, was only a small part of his total package. Quick with a smile and a story, Songha was popular with everyone at camp, from the oldest members of the Tecumseh family all the way down to the smallest rookie. In recognizing his dynamic personality and genuine kindness, Songha was given the ultimate compliment in 1988 when he was voted Senior Tecumseh Boy by his peers. Songha had an effortless way about him that attracted us all to him, drawing us in closer. One of Songha's lasting impressions was his uncanny ability to make you smile when you talked to him. He spread more joy and love in this world in 27 years than most people share over a full lifetime.

It is with great sorrow that we submit this Tecumseh tribute to Songha Willis. His was a life that was cut short by senseless violence, an incomprehensible slaying committed with thoughtless cowardice. However, when you take a moment to reflect on Songha's life and how he may have affected you in some way, please remember to celebrate his life, for it was a rich life, and a life that touched all of our souls deeply and permanently.

*By former campers/counselors Matt Frekko and Howdie Goodwin*

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## MISSING PERSONS

Camp Tecumseh is missing a few good men!!! The following individuals are former campers, staff, and parents missing from CT's mailing list. Please forward current address to Director Hench Murray. List.

Carlton R. Asher  
 Alfred Aspen  
 Alan E. Awrich  
 E. Bloxon Baker  
 Thomas G.M. Bentley  
 Nicholas Biddle, Jr.  
 Peter Birkhead  
 John Blomfield  
 Harvey B. Bolton  
 Sheldon Bonovitz  
 Douglas Borden  
 Walter R. Borden  
 Jon Bradshaw  
 Peter C. Budd  
 A. Scott Bullitt  
 Orville H. Bullitt, Jr.  
 McBee Butcher  
 William Rouse  
 David S. Collingwood  
 James S. Collins  
 Stanley W. Conrad  
 George Degerberg  
 F. Michael Donahue, IV  
 Memard Doswell  
 Paul Eftychiadis  
 John Fenlin  
 Harvey Forman  
 Arthur J. Frohner  
 Stephen J. Gaffney  
 Regina Gagol  
 Richard Gillice  
 Rollin Glaser  
 George Glisker  
 Brian T. Golden  
 Neal Gordon  
 Robert Gregory  
 Chris Gummeson  
 Jane Guokas  
 Ralph S. Herzog  
 Henry R. Hoke, III  
 William Hopkin  
 John C. Huie  
 Milton C. Jackson  
 Richard I. G. Jones  
 Alan Keller

James M. Kennedy  
 Kenneth Keuffel  
 Paula Kirkegard  
 Harvey S. Kronfeld  
 Robert H. Krook, Jr.  
 John M. Levin  
 Campbell Levy  
 Tucker Levy  
 Ernest A. Lynton  
 Carl N. Martin, II  
 Pancho Mazza  
 Douglas McGinley  
 Mark McGinley  
 James McKay  
 James M. Mellor, Jr.  
 Louis A. Merlini, II  
 David F. Metzger  
 Kenneth A. Miller  
 Mrs. Walter H. Miller  
 Keith Moore  
 Raymond A. Munder  
 Geoffrey Murdoch  
 William O'Brien  
 Harry R. O'Connor, Jr.  
 Roger S. Penske, Jr.  
 James A. Poff  
 John Repetto  
 Kathryn Rieger  
 Fitz Roach  
 John C. Roak  
 Paul Roberts  
 Robert Roberts  
 Will C. Roseboro  
 Matt Ryan  
 Paul Ryan  
 William H. Ryan  
 Leonard Schaeffer  
 Leigh Schmalz  
 Jerry Schubert  
 Stanley B. Segal  
 John A. Shoener  
 George V. Smith, Jr.  
 Theodore A. Smith  
 Joseph Splendido  
 Sandy Stern

Bruce W. Stone  
 Christopher Stouffer  
 Mark Stuckey  
 Mike Stuckey  
 David T. Sykes  
 William Walker  
 Owen R. Walsh  
 Christopher R. Wearer  
 Deryle Whipple  
 James B. White  
 George M. Conger  
 D. Lawrence Wickerham

***POP AND ME: FILM MAKER CHRIS ROE AND FORMER DIRECTOR RICHARD ROE***

Former Tecumseh Director Richard Roe and his son, former camper and counselor Chris Roe, have produced a documentary film entitled *Pop & Me*. The movie won the audience award for best feature-length film at the renowned Los Angeles Independent Film Festival, and also took home the audience award for the best non-fiction feature film at the Aspen FilmFest. It has also received positive reviews in several publications, including the Los Angeles Times and Variety.

"Pop & Me" tells the story of the Roes' around-the-world trip from June, 1996 to December, 1996. The movie explores the relationship between the father and son as they travel around the world talking with other fathers and sons. The Roes spoke with 29 different fathers and sons, of whom 12 appear in the film. Among them is Julian Lennon, son of late music legend John Lennon.

Richard Roe's other two sons, former CT campers and counselors Richard Roe, Jr. and Gabby Roe, both appear in the film as well. Chris Roe directed the film and did much of the photography and editing for it. Richard Roe served as Executive Producer of *Pop & Me*, and CT Board Chairman Walter Buckley served as co-producer. More information about the movie is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.popandme.com>.

To top it all off, Chris Roe married Jill Sparling on October 23, 1999 in New York City. Congratulations to all of the Roes on these significant achievements!

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**THE PEMI PERSPECTIVE  
CONTINUES**

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Mess Hall, after more speeches and more cheers, and after Pemi's final fond look at the Hat, Tecumseh made its way back across darkening playing fields to their buses. I took a quiet moment to imagine those buses pulling back into Camp Tecumseh, and I wondered if their campers would experience the same emotions we had felt last summer. I remembered our

Pemi buses swarmed with eagerly awaiting campers in a joyous moment of chaos and victory.

It was a long, challenging, well fought and yes, even fun day. Perhaps a new occurrence in the longstanding Pemi-Tecumseh rivalry, the final tally included four ties. Indeed, every competition was close and thrilling to participate in and watch from the sidelines. Although I won't have the chance to play in another Tecumseh Day, you'd better bet I'll be back to give my support and perhaps even do a bit of coaching....

*By Ethan Heard.* Ethan is a fifteen-year-old, four-year Pemi veteran from Washington DC.

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## 100th YEAR CELEBRATION PLANNING UPDATE

Many members of the Camp Tecumseh family are aware that Tecumseh was founded in 1903. This means that in 2003, Tecumseh will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Plans for this centennial celebration are already in their early stages. There will likely be two separate celebrations - one in the greater Philadelphia area, and one at Camp Tecumseh itself.

Future additions of the Blue-Gray Banner will contain more information about the Tecumseh Centennial Celebration as plans evolve. If you have ideas as to how CT should celebrate this significant milestone, please contact Lee Allman.

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### TRUSTEE PROFILE: IN APPRECIATION E. BROOKS KEFFER, JR.

Ending his tenure as a Tecumseh Trustee and Secretary to the Board is E. Brooks Keffer, Jr., Esquire. The Keffer Family and Tecumseh have a long history with Brooks' father, E. Brooks Keffer, Sr. attending Tecumseh for three summers beginning in 1913. E. Brooks Jr.'s sons, Ted and Bill a/k/a "Chickenhead" attended Tecumseh during the 1970s and 80s.

Brooks, Jr. frequented Tecumseh for eight summers during the 1940s, first as a twelve-year-old camper then counselor. Like many others he fell in love with Tecumseh and its purpose. Brooks recalls many fond memories including trips after camp around the lake on the legendary Thetas. During a Pemi/Tecumseh baseball game Brooks also recalls taking a hard throw off his chest from former Episcopal Academy and Princeton University left-handed pitching sensation Charlie Schriener.

Brooks grew up in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia and went on to graduate from nearby Episcopal Academy, then Amherst College, and received his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law in 1954. He is a principal in the Philadelphia firm of Hepburn, Hamilton, Wilcox and Putnam, and is busier than ever as a corporate attorney counseling a diverse group of companies and individuals.

In 1975 Brooks joined the Tecumseh Board and took over as Secretary and *Of Counsel* to Tecumseh shortly thereafter. Guiding Tecumseh through years of change, Brooks has devoted a substantial amount of time to Tecumseh's legal concerns. According to fellow Board member, David McMullin, "Tecumseh was Brooks' No. 1 priority with never a charge. He is a stand-up guy and always quick to give credit to others," emphasized McMullin.

The Tecumseh Family thanks E. Brooks Keffer, Jr. for his years of service and wishes him all the best.

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## CAMP TECUMSEH 1999: THE SEASON IN REVIEW

As the 1999 Camp Tecumseh season opened, everyone could feel a difference from recent summers. There was a vacancy on campus that was greater than the absence of any one individual. The pride of Camp Tecumseh was missing and every person who came down the Neck Road from the smallest Rookie to the Director knew what must be done. The Hat must be brought back!

With this fact in the back of everyone's mind, the summer got off to a flying start with a couple of days of Mini-Clinic. During this time, the entire camp joins Mr. Fraser for calisthenics and then goes to a sport for instruction and a measurement of strength and speed, which is used to gauge growth over the summer.

As new and old campers alike fell into the daily routine of Tecumseh, the annual Blue vs. Gray competition heated up with Blue racing out to a large lead. Throughout the summer however, Gray was able to scratch and claw its way back into the competition with one week left to play. Despite the great comeback by Gray, the Blues, led by Rookie Captains and Sunbeam Blue vs. Gray award winners Marty Lustgarten and Will Addis, sealed the strong finish. This was just the second time in over ten years that Blue had come out ahead. Congratulations Blue!

Once again, Senior League and Junior League basketball were very popular and included almost every camper in camp. Both leagues featured a number of great players and a high level of competition typical of Camp Tecumseh. Mike Dougherty did a superlative job both running the leagues and refereeing almost every night of the summer. The MVP's of both leagues, Kyle Madden in Junior League and Eric Harris in Senior League, led their teams through their impressive play and attitudes during the season, and were well deserving of their awards.

Outside competition also played a major part in the enjoyment of the summer and in preparation for Pemi. The Tecumseh Warriors competed in soccer, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, swimming, track and field, baseball, and even golf. Overall, Tecumseh was very successful in 1999, presenting many an award to Director Hench Murray for the trophy case. However, all of this was just a prelude to the big day.

Camp participation was also high in both the Iron Man and the Mini Marathon. Jack Armstrong and John McDevitt ran another safe and successful Iron Man that featured Philadelphia Wings member Kevin Finneran. The Mini Marathon also went off without a hitch and was won by fourteen-year old Alan Rego.

Late in the season, the Tecumseh Warriors took the field against Camp Pemigewasset and all of our preparation paid off. Tecumseh campers of all ages played with skill, grit and class in every event and were able to overcome their worthy opponents. Never was this more apparent than in the ten and under baseball game. The 10's team, coached by Chris Dougherty and Blake Stabert, lost to Pemi on a couple of questionable calls by an unqualified Pemi umpire. Despite the disappointing loss, the 10's kept their heads held high and got the better of their opponents the rest of the day.

When the day was won, the entire camp congregated under the lights of the basketball court to await the arrival of our most prized possession. The feeling that swept the crowd as Mark Luff carried the Hat back to its rightful place is one that will never be forgotten by anyone who witnessed the event. It was truly one of the greatest days in Camp Tecumseh history.

The final highlight of the season was Tecumseh's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Sorcerer*. Starring a cast of characters including Ira Miles, Jack Longstreth and Mark Merlini, the show was sure to be a riot, but it was the talent that impressed the audience. As they do every summer, Mark Luff and Mark Daugherty trained a bunch of jocks into creative performers that brought down the Henry B. Williams Opera House on Friday and Saturday night.

With Mr. Munger's "Old Panama" back in place, the season could end without a regret. However, next year our job will be even tougher as we must defend the Hat again.

*By Matt Kelley, counselor*

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## IN APPRECIATION: TRUSTEE GERALD H. MCGINLEY

Also ending his tenure as Trustee on the Board is Gerald H. McGinley. Mr. McGinley has been a board member for 25 years. The McGinley family is well known to Tecumseh, as Gerry's sons, John, Mark and Gerry each attended Camp for numerous years in the 70's and 80's as campers and counselors.

In his 25 years on the Board, Mr. McGinley has made numerous contributions to Camp. He has been very active in recruiting campers and counselors from the North Jersey area. Many campers and counselors were first introduced to Camp through the famed "McGinley connection."

Mr. McGinley became involved with Camp through his affiliation with former director George Munger. McGinley played football for Coach Munger at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was an All-American. A graduate of Penn's Wharton school, Mr. McGinley declined an offer to play for the Philadelphia Eagles and instead spent time in the Army, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant during the Korean War.

A resident of Short Hills, New Jersey, Mr. McGinley is a partner with the investment firm of Paine Webber in New York City. Prior to Paine Webber's acquisition of the investment firm of Kidder Peabody, Mr. McGinley was affiliated with the investment firm of Kidder Peabody for over 25 years.

Throughout the years, Mr. McGinley has been seen at Camp on numerous occasions, often times on the tennis courts with his wife Pat. An affable and energetic man, Mr. McGinley's contributions and presence on the Board will be missed.

The Tecumseh Family thanks Mr. Gerald H. McGinley for his numerous years of service, and the *Banner* staff wishes him all the best in the years to come.

*William Keffer, Associate Editor*

## ANOTHER 1999 SEASON PHOTOGRAPH



Hench Murray (middle), director of Camp Tecumseh, with campers (L to R) Al Negri and Nico Dini. In the background is the baseball batting cage, complete with pitching machine (partially covered).

## REPORT FROM THE LODGE

*Address from Hench Murray, Director*

The summer of 1999 evoked a commitment from our campers and staff the likes of which had not been seen in recent memory. Why the intense sense of purpose and focus? The reason is quite simple. The trophy case had a loneliness to it that had not been felt since the early 80's. And that emptiness was felt by everyone who entered the Lodge every night for Prayers and had to walk by the trophy case where the Hat had been proudly displayed for so many years.

We had a terrific summer with boys of all ages enjoying the wonderful setting, facilities, and counselors, a combination of factors that have made Tecumseh the best camp in the nation for almost a century. But this year we had a special mission. As most of you know by now, we recaptured the Hat on Pemi Day with a hard-fought but convincing victory. The intensity level was unbelievable as five different age groups competed in swimming, baseball, tennis and soccer. To give you an idea how even the matches were, four contests ended in ties!

What was most heartening about the victory was the way the players and coaches prepared. The concentration level, the effort and the attention to developing skills all contributed to the day's success. What was equally impressive was the attitude and performance of those who were not the stars, many of whom exceeded their own expectations. And finally, the spirit among those who did not get to compete was so vital to maintaining the necessary level of intensity throughout the entire day. Their cheers and support may have been the deciding factor in the ultimate outcome because they would not let our players settle for anything but their best.

In short, regaining the Hat was truly a team effort, the kind that represents the essence of Tecumseh. Now the goal is to keep it!

### PROSPECTIVE CAMPER FOR YEAR 2001

Tecumseh is looking for a few good men. If you know of any prospective campers please complete the profile below and send or *e-mail* the following information to Hench Murray, Director, c/o Camp Tecumseh, 132 Ivywood Lane, Radnor, PA 19087; *e-mail* "ChTecumseh@aol.com".

PROSPECTIVE CAMPER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_



Celebrating recent renovations to the Vesper Boat Club – John B. Kelly, Jr. Memorial Boathouse in Philadelphia are CT Alums: (left to right) Lee R. Allman, H.S.H. Crown Prince Albert Grimaldi of Monaco, Lew Smith, J.B. Kelly, III, and Hank Smith.

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