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## THE CENTENNIAL UPDATE

At the end of the 100th year we should reflect on what a special year it has truly been. Another successful camp season has passed, two historical alumni events have occurred and the Tecumseh spirit has grown in many of us. The gatherings in Philadelphia and New Hampshire remind us all of what a special place CT really is.

It also reminded us that it takes the tireless dedication of the staff and the significant energy of the Board of Trustees to maintain the high level of standards and safety we have grown to expect from Tecumseh. Often times their efforts and commitment goes unrecognized. The Blue-Gray Banner would like to offer the gratitude of the alumni for all the countless summers of fun we all experienced and the two terrific reunion events this year.

In addition to thanks and gratitude, Tecumseh alumni have shown commitment as well. To date the Tecumseh Centennial Fund has shown tremendous growth. The events surrounding the 100th Reunions appear to have been the catalyst for giving.

For all who have given, thank you. For those who plan to give, thanks as well. We all know life can get in the way of all our plans. We also all know Tecumseh is very special place that has touched us all in very significant ways. It takes dedication and commitment to foster and uphold such an environment, while the staff and trustees have done a great job we can assist in our way as well. Any level of commitment to Tecumseh Centennial Fund will be greatly appreciated.

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## TECUMSEH GOLF EVENT

The unofficial 100th Golf outing in Philadelphia - The Big Jim Invitational - caused some controversy. There were serious questions about some of the score keeping and which team - Blue or Gray - won the prized Big Jim Cup. Rest assured in true Tecumseh fashion the issue will be settled on the playing field - or the course in this case. If you and your fellow warriors are interested in getting on the action and vying for the vaunted Big Jim Cup please contact Jim Talbot or Mike Reardon. More details on time and location will be provided soon.

## SPECIAL THANKS

**Biff Sturla - 100th Reunion Coordinator**

Biff Sturla is many things to many people - a friend, a mentor, a winning soccer coach, a zany counselor, unofficial Tecumseh photographer, a committed member of the Board of Trustees, somebody who should be committed. With the many faces of Biff Sturla, there is always one that stands above the rest - Biff Sturla legendary Tecumseh figure. But for all the stories of Biff and Tecumseh - too numerous and graphic to explain here - none will ever compare to the instrumental roles he played in putting together the reunion events in Philadelphia and New Hampshire. Thanks Biff for making the 100th truly special.

# TECUMSEH CITATION

Presented to The Trustees At The 100th Reunion

State of New Hampshire  
CRAIG R. BENSON  
Governor

## CITATION

Be it hereby known that I,  
Craig R. Benson,  
Governor of the State of New Hampshire, join with my fellow  
citizens in extending my personal best wishes and sincerest  
congratulations to

### Camp Tecumseh

for 100 years of service and dedication to the Lake Winnepesaukee region and the State of New Hampshire. Since 1903, Camp Tecumseh's mission has been to "make good boys better." Camp Tecumseh is now regarded as one of the country's finest sports camps for boys. On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, I commend you for 100 years of success and wish for you a bright and prosperous future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig R. Benson".  
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Craig R. Benson, Governor

DATED: August 13, 2003

# SHOW TIME - THE CENTENNIAL FUND

## Show Me The Money!!!

The Centennial Fund needs to raise the balance of \$300,000 by December 31, 2004, to meet the \$2,000,000 goal approved by the Trustees and announced at the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner in Philadelphia on April 26, 2003.

The Centennial Fund is a one-time shot in celebration of Tecumseh's 100-Year Anniversary. With the receipt of \$2,000,000 from the Centennial Fund, Tecumseh's endowment will total nearly \$4,000,000. Assuming a total return of 5%, the endowment will be able to generate \$200,000 per year to:

- Maintain Tecumseh's facilities
- Supplement its financial aid
- Support individual programs

There are very real needs facing camp. In the past three years, camp has had to spend over \$600,000 in facility maintenance and improvements. Most of the \$600,000 came from the endowment principal, which is no longer a source. To name several current needs:

- The Lodge has developed a definite lean to one side. Cost to repair: \$35,000
- Urgent need to reinforce the floor of the Barn. Cost to repair: \$120,000
- Program support. An example would be the suggested endowment of the tennis program in memory of Al Molloy. To fully fund this program at a 5% return, we would need to raise \$300,000.

The Centennial Fund is not to be confused with the Blue/Gray Fund, which is the camp's annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the Blue/Gray Fund primarily support the camp's annual financial aid efforts. Many of you are loyal supporters of the Blue/Gray Fund. Your continued support is deeply appreciated. The Centennial Fund is a special one-time request, and we are asking you to respond positively right now.

\$300,000 divided by the 2,500 alumni who have yet to give to the Centennial Fun comes out to an average gift of \$120. We all take great pride in the Tecumseh spirit. That spirit sets us apart from all other organizations. If you feel part of the spirit, you need to take action immediately with a contribution that is representative of what you can sacrifice for the Camp. All supporters will be known as "Men of Camp Tecumseh" for the next 100 years.

Please mail your generous contribution, payable to "Camp Tecumseh Centennial Fund" to: David B. McMullin, Chairman of the Board Of Trustees, 813 Malin Road, Newtown Square, Pa. 19073-3515.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Jim Talbot, Camp Director  
May, 2004

Summer '03 at Camp Tecumseh was one of the best from a Director's viewpoint: a full enrollment, a wonderful staff, a spirited group of campers, and a safe and healthy summer for all. Not much more to ask for. Even the weather cooperated as all the rain last summer stayed to the south of us.

Jay Luff led successful mountain trips all over New England, as usual; Terry Cooper took tennis teams to Maine and Massachusetts; Glascott kept us well-fed; Fraser provided spirit and well-told tales; and Mark Luff directed another triumphant revival of Pinafore.

We had visits from several guest coaches, including our very own Brian Dougherty, professional lacrosse goalkeeper, who held the campers scoreless all day! Other highlights included the re-institution of the Riflery program under the watchful eye of Ira Miles (yes, that very same Ira Miles) and the continued popularity of Nina and Deb's Creamery, where homemade Center Sandwich ice cream is doled out after supper three or four evenings a week.

Looking ahead to '04, we see another fully enrolled camp, including over 20 Rookies in our three-week program for eight and nine year olds. Last year over 50% of these "three-weekers" extended their stays for several more weeks. We're looking forward to visits from Fran Dunphy, men's basketball coach at Penn and Anson Dorrance, women's soccer coach at the University of North Carolina. Anson's teams have won 18 NCAA championships, the most of any team in any sport in the NCAA. We'll see the Red Sox play, put on Trial by Jury plus a Gilbert and Sullivan Revue and hopefully Keep the Hat where it presently resides.

Special mention must be made to Dave McMullin, Chair, and the rest of the Tecumseh Board of Directors who have raised close to \$2 million dollars for the Centennial Campaign. Thanks to their efforts Tecumseh is in very sound financial position. Hopefully we will achieve the \$2 million goal with help from the rest of you!! Couldn't resist a little pitch.

Tecumseh has been a great source of pleasure for Nina and me the past three summers, we look forward to another one in '04. The kids and the staff keep us feeling young and healthy. Lucky us!



# GILBERT & SULLIVAN AT TECUMSEH

By Mark Merlini

If someone had told me in 1992, when I was 13 and arrived at Camp Tecumseh, that I would eventually put on a dress and dance around a stage singing like an alley cat, I might have gotten right back on the bus back to Philadelphia. No one gave me a heads up, however, and I went through that first summer thinking the Operetta was a bit silly and that I was far too cool to partake in such nonsense.

Then, I saw *The Sorcerer* at the end of that summer. I watched as 70 or so of my Tecumseh family had a blast on stage. I couldn't believe how much fun it appeared to be, but I still wasn't sure if it was for me. After watching *Pinafore* the next summer, however, I knew I wanted to see what all the noise was about. While the chorus audition was a bit painful (though probably worse for Mark Luff and Mark Daugherty), I got to be a pirate as a second year senior – my first taste of the Tecumseh stage.

The camaraderie that builds among the cast, especially during the last week of constant rehearsal, is a feeling perhaps only eclipsed by a Pemi Day victory. Whether arguing over who created better facial hair, or competing for the best curtain call, everyone in the show works incredibly hard and becomes closer as a result. Then the show comes, and even though you know it's family and friends in the audience, the butterflies are huge. From the smallest rookie to stars like Jim Fraser, everyone is pretty nervous before belting out that first note.

I took a bit of time off from the show during my early years as a counselor. Then, in 1999, with talented singers in demand on the staff, and Fraser and Luff in contract negotiations, I had a chance to play the "fat lady." There really is nothing like putting on a dress and staring lovingly into the eyes of ... Ira Miles, especially when both of your voices are (to put it lightly) untrained. However, getting a small taste of the spotlight on stage was really exciting.

In my two subsequent operettas, my love interests ranged from Jim Fraser to Chris Dougherty. What other tradition gets football players into dresses? Let's leave that one alone. The most important thing to me about the G&S tradition at Camp is that you get a chance to change things and do something that challenges you in a different way than do the normal activities at camp. Plus, you get a chance to have a great time on stage with great friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Luff, Mark Daugherty, and those who have contributed to directing Operettas in the past for their tremendous efforts to help the G&S tradition prosper. It is a great tradition, and caps off each summer in spectacular fashion. In the words of the youngest Luff, "there's an old Dartmouth professor of dramatics up in heaven wearing lederhosen who is smiling down on us." Each of you who has ever participated in the dramatic tradition at Camp Tecumseh is the reason for that.



# TECUMSEH'S 100TH REUNION

## Saturday, April 26, 2003 In Philadelphia

By Don Triolo

Tecumseh's 100<sup>th</sup> year reunion was much more than just a gathering of friends and families. It was a celebration of heroes past and present. The momentous occasion linked Tecumseh legends of the past, present and future under one boisterous roof. Through the evening the names and legacies of Grant, McCracken, Orten, Shover, Gager, Munger, Flintermann, Glascott, Fraser, Griffin, Sturla, Luff and Talbot were honored.

This incredible event, the brain child of the Board of Trustees, offered the unique opportunity for a connection of Tecumseh generations. Campers and Counselors from decades apart swapped stories, shared memories and built relationships with their Tecumseh brethren. These interactions only helped add to the fabric, history and mystique of the greatest place on earth, Camp Tecumseh.

While the marquis reunion event took place on Saturday evening, the magical weekend began for many on Friday. Between dinners, baseball games, and informal get togethers, friendships, some long dormant, were re-kindled. These bonds grew through out the next day, whether on the golf course or over a cup of coffee, as many fellow Tecumseh warriors spent quality time together for the first time since their time on the shores of Winnepesaukee. The time together only served to build momentum for the Saturday's special evening at the Union League in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. From the time people stepped onto the Tecumseh Reunion floor, the energy was evident. Cheering, hugging, and humor were everywhere, and that was not just in the Men's Room. The throng of faces in each room sparked a sea of memories resulting in continuous smiles and riotous laughter at every turn.

One of the most striking elements of the reunion was the presence of strong family representation across the generations. The seemingly endless parade of Jannettas, Tornettas, Merlinis, McGinleys was evident. But the smaller father-son (Fraser, Glascott, Talbot) brother-brother (O'Shea, Allman, Mazza), cousin-cousin (Gribbel-Gray, Reardon-Walsh, Dinuble-Michaels) combinations were clear demonstration of deep rooted family bonds Tecumseh sustains. While the list of names and relations is too lengthy to call out here, I can say as an individual having no blood ties to any other Tecumseh person in that room that I felt surrounded by true brothers.

The evening activities themselves were tremendous. Besides catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, the dinner was the best meal I remember Mr. Glascott and kitchen crew putting together. John McGinley and Sammy Griffin's Gilbert & Sullivan patter-song was delightful, and the Camp Tecumseh Commemorative Video was stirring. Lastly, the live band and dancing were a great deal of fun.

Alas, there was one drawback. The evening was too short, and, like all good things, it had to end. (Some ended later than others – but his check cleared so I won't go into details). Several things stick out in my mind about that night:

1. I get together with the amazing Tecumseh people far too infrequently.
2. It is so hard to cram a lifetime of memories into a one week-end – but this event did a great job.
3. Tecumseh is the greatest place on earth – we all need to do what we can to keep it that way.

See you all at the 200<sup>th</sup>!

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## SAVE THE DATE!!!! April 26, 2103, in Philadelphia

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Special Note From The Trustees: Fear not Tecumseh friends, the next Tecumseh Reunion will take place well before 2103. With luck, it will be later in the present decade. Hopefully Al Piper will be ready to continue his softball career by then.

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# PEMI DAY 2003

## Keeping the Hat!

By Mike Reardon

The 2003 summer saw the Tecumseh Warriors return to form with a convincing 14-5-1 record versus Camp Pemigewasset. After several years of winning by the narrowest of margins, Camp Tecumseh may have turned the corner in only Jim Talbot's third season as Director. After a very close competition in the previous summer, our director made sure to address some of our weaknesses and restore Tecumseh's winning tradition.

Jim Talbot's approach in the off-season was to rehire as many of the coaches from the previous summer and reload with solid athletes, especially in our youngest age division – the rookies. Former Tecumseh standouts, Kevin Dougherty (swimming) and Jack Meyers (baseball) were hired to strengthen the coaching staff and over twenty-five new campers were brought to Tecumseh, complementing some of our seasoned veterans and adding a new enthusiasm to an already exciting tradition of "Pemi Day."

By the time Pemi Day arrived, Tecumseh was fully prepared. Knowing that the tennis department was going to have their hands full, Tecumseh relied on the new youth to come through with extremely clutch play. The 7-0 sweep from the thirteen and twelve-year-old age groups was a symbol of hard work not only from the athletes, but also from the staff. Tecumseh finished the day on the court by winning 4 out of 5 age groups.

These wins were a great sign, but a concern remained as Tecumseh slipped a bit on the soccer pitch, managing to salvage a split by tying Pemi 2-2-1. It may have been only the second time in thirty years that the CT soccer teams did not completely outplay and outscore their opponents. However, we've seen these moments before. After all, it was only last summer when the baseball program experienced their worst Pemi Day, a concern leading into the year.

On the waterfront, Kathy Marshall & Charlie Erwin successfully converted 100 lacrosse/basketball/wrestling studs into fish. Somehow, they manage this every year. In fact, swimming has become our anchor sport recently, allowing us either to hold on to close leads, or to come from behind late in the afternoon to seal a victorious day for Tecumseh. Swimming carried the day, 4-1.

Thus, the only question remaining revolved around the baseball department and their ability to bounce back from a disastrous performance in past summers. After all, even in the late 80's and early 90's when Tecumseh was dominated by lacrosse players from the Main Line, the baseball teams always fared well. So what was the problem? Well, it just may have been a lucky summer for Pemi in other years, because this time around Tecumseh had the stronger hurlers and matched Pemi's tremendous pitching ensemble that kept the CT bats cold the previous summer. After Mike Reardon and Vaughn Smith had emphasized to Jim Talbot the need to strengthen Tecumseh's pitching, Jim brought his neighbor Scotty Lukens to camp. Scott led a cast of newcomers, which included Nate Simon, Jack Maine and Pat Tighe, who played an integral role in getting things back on track for the baseball program. When all was said and done, CT baseball teams won 4 games to 1, with the only loss coming in a close one-run battle.

The final tally was reminiscent of the good old days, but the margin of victory in each event was still extremely close. We all know how badly Pemi wants to upset us each summer and the tough competition is always welcomed. However, we are confident that the domination will continue and Pemi will surely have to wait many more years before they can catch us off guard again.



# MEMORIES OF CAMP TECUMSEH

By John Smith, Staff Member

(this article was written in July 2003)

From the one-month-old baby in my Dad's arms in the 1984 picture, to the rookie sitting in the front row of the 1993 picture, to the second year senior standing on the top row in 2001, I have grown up at Camp Tecumseh. Of all the things camp has given me over the years, one of the things I value most is competitiveness.

Competitiveness is that inner force that pushes one to work harder and longer, go farther and faster, and give everything one has, simply because one wants to be the best.

Competitiveness is that hidden source of energy that allows an utterly exhausted camper to finish the Mini-marathon with a sprint, to dive for a loose ball during a junior league game, and to beat the throw to home plate.

Competitiveness is Mike Reardon getting his players more fired up for a 12 and under baseball game than he was when the Mets won the '86 World Series.

Competitiveness is Tim O'Shea reading "Owed to Pemi," shattering the dining hall chair, and flying up the hill to lead us to victory.

Competitiveness is the story of Mr. Munger leading a Tecumseh cheer that shook the Pemi dining hall following a very rare loss, and coming back to win the next twenty years.

Competitiveness is Camp Tecumseh, the greatest place on earth.

(note: John is entering his second year at the Air Force Academy where he is playing Lacrosse. He was able to return to Camp this past summer for two weeks).

## WHY I GIVE TO TECUMSEH

### Thoughts On Alumni Giving

We each give to Tecumseh for individual reasons. Many of these reasons are based in deep down beliefs in the important foundation that Tecumseh has provided in all of our lives. Below are some thoughts from several successful alumni on their reasons for giving back to Camp Tecumseh.

I give to Tecumseh because CT gave me the opportunity to meet what has turned out to be some of my best friends, which without Camp, I never would have met. CT also provided me with opportunities to learn teamwork, leadership and sense of self. I want others, including my son, to be able to experience what I had the good fortune to have.

- Rob Ryan, Camper & Counselor

I donate to the Blue / Gray Fund each year with the thought of helping to offset the cost of scholarships given out to kids. I donated my car to camp this year (1994 Jeep Cherokee), because they needed a new first aid vehicle.

- Jim Gribbell, Camper & Counselor

Of the five guys in my wedding party, four of them went to Camp. I would say I give to Camp because of the incredible experience I had at the place. The friendships formed were and are still incredible. The experiences, even the ones that were not X rated, will last in my mind for ever. It also happens to be one of the most beautiful places on earth. I want it to continue so others can have the same experience.

Bill Keffer, Camper & Counselor

By giving to Tecumseh, we ensure Tecumseh's legacy of tradition, loyalty, friendship, and sportsmanship.

- Lee Allman, Camper, Counselor & Trustee

# CELEBRATING TECUMSEH'S 100th IN PHILLY



**Tecumseh Boys**



**The Hat**



**Holy Tornettas!**



**The Fatman & Little John**



**A Royal Affair**



**The 3 wise . . . men**

# CELEBRATING TECUMSEH'S 100th AT CAMP



**CT Alumni Jam Session**



**Legends of the 60s**



**Red Hillers**



**Alumni Soccer Game - no injuries**



**Senor Beef**

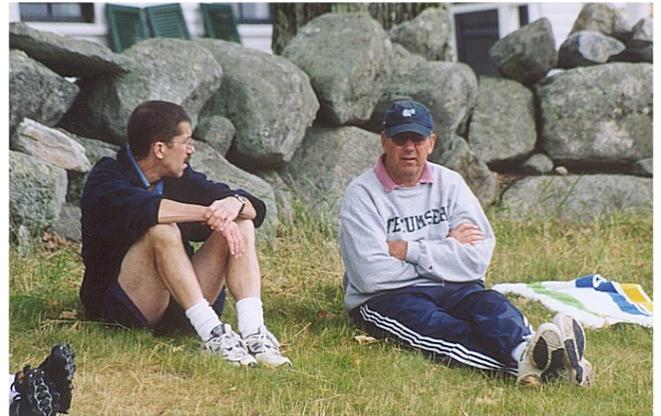


**Buttercup and his Granddaughter**

# CELEBRATING TECUMSEH'S 100th AT CAMP



**Lee Allman, Meg Glascott and George Degerberg**



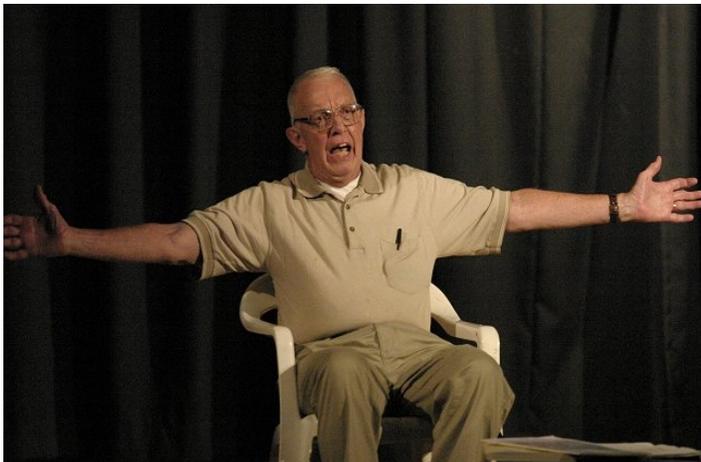
**Mark Luff and Jim Talbot**



**Dave McMullin, Bill and Brooks Keefer**



**Alumni Hoops**



**James Wood Took Us to the Ball Game**



**Dick Stanley & His Pirates**

## ALUMNI NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Kevin Fee** writes "I've been living in L.A. for the past two years pursuing the acting dream. Nothing solid yet, but I have made some good contacts, landed some good agents, and have come very close on more than one occasion to landing some pretty major roles. It's a tough business to get into, but I'm trying. **Geoff Watson's** out here too. I've spoken to him on several occasions and he seems to be doing well. My family's also doing well. I really miss those summers on Lake Winnepesaukee though."

**Ted Decker** and his wife Sue, live in Worcester PA with their three kids Teddy (15), Timmy (13) and Katy (8). Ted is the Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Programs at Penn Charter where his two boys currently attend school. "Katy is anxious to enter PC after her older brother graduates in 2006...mom and dad aren't quite as anxious for that date to arrive!!"

**Dolph Tokarczyk** is "working in credit derivative sales at Commerce Bank's New York office. I joined here in June after 10 years at ABN AMRO bank in Chicago and New York. I am a member of the New York Athletic Club and the New York chapter of the Watcher's Society." There is an outside chance that Dolph will lead a Widdow Watching clinic at the next Tecumseh reunion.

**Jack Longstreth** writes "I am living in Philly and am working for a Investment Advisory firm called Sage Financial Group in Bala Cynwyd. I spend most of my time daydreaming about the Widdow and starting Beat Pemi chants in my office. Living in Philly, I really appreciate the network of people that Tecumseh has given me. There is nothing I like better than running into a fellow alum around town and reminiscing about the days on Neck Road. They really were the best of my life! As a side note, I recently was hanging with the now engaged **Stephen "Lambo" Lambertson**.

**Clint Roth** writes, "I have been busy working with the owner of Niihau, the privately owned island purchased in 1864 by a Mrs. Sinclair. I had the opportunity to be in command of 25 native troops during WW II. Camp Tecumseh is very close to my heart. I was fortunate to live in Lexington during the 1960's and spent many weekends there with Dave Spooner and Buster.

**Dan Carella** has "been living in LA for about seven years and working for Buena Vista TV (Disney) in sales for about three years." He got married to Heather Small last August; she is a local girl. **Pancho Mazza, Brandon Whitaker** and **Chris Bozzi** were Groomsman and his brother TJ was the best man. Also in attendance was **John Crockett**.

**Jim Carroll** writes "I'm back in Philly at Penn Law right now and I just finished up my first year. Other than school, there's not a whole lot going on with me. I've been crazy busy with classes, but hopefully my freedom will return this summer."

**Tim Jannetta** lives "in Rosemont and works at Morgan Stanley in Investment Management, calling on the pension plans of Public Funds." Tim is also in charge of Dining Hall chants in the Morgan Stanley cafeteria. TJ is "planning on camping out for the center aisle widdow seats for the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion." A little while ago, TJ ran into **Josh Jennings** and saw **Jim Gribbell** at the Penn / Harvard football game this past fall.

For **John Fraser** "All is well in Atlanta. I am working for a local Sports Radio station and have been doing very well as of late, despite the economy. My wife Jodi is in radio sales too, but she works on the local side for Radio One. Our son Griffin is now three years old and may already be taller than **Tim O'Shea**. Our beautiful daughter Emma turned one in September. Life is extremely busy with two working parents and two kids running around, but we are enjoying every minute of it. My brother **Jeff** is in Atlanta as well. He manages a cellular phone retail store in town. He recently joined a tetherball league and has improved drastically since his days at camp. He has a killer serve and currently ranks 47th in the state." John's neighbors, Reed and Ryan Sparks, are first year campers at Tecumseh and are having a blast. John hopes that the Sparks boys will do him proud on the water hoops court. Episcopal High School reports that it has "not seen many kids going AWOL to avoid the clutches of Jim Fraser and Pete Gillin," who both teach at Episcopal High School.

**Brian Dougherty** is the Lax coach at Haverford College and is working for STX. He was traded from the Rochester Rattlers to the Long Island Lizards and made the MLL All-Star Team. He will be coming to Camp again to work with the lacrosse program

**Dan Dougherty, Jr.** is working and trading oil in NYC. He lives in Cherry Hill, NJ, with his wife, Sandy, and his daughter, Kylie. He recently was voted into the athletic hall of fame at the Episcopal Academy last fall along with **Hastings Griffin**.

**Dan Dougherty, Sr.** is still teaching math and coaching hoops at Episcopal. Go Docs!

**Art Garrett** - "I am married to Kelly and live in Chevy Chase, MD with my three children. Sellers is 8 and will be attending Camp Tecumseh this summer for first time. I also have two daughters; Parker (six) and Cooper (four months)! When not litigating, I am playing paddle tennis or in-line skating." Sellers was a three-week camper this summer and was a joy to have at camp; we hope to have him back next summer for a longer stay. Both father and son impressed the waterfront staff behind the ski boat.

**Pete and Katie Gillin** recently had a son, Jack, who is happy, healthy and has a physique well suited for Killer on the Mats and / or Ammo. The Gillins hope to arrive at Tecumseh for the end of the 2003 session.

**Peter Strid** is "working in New York City selling medical imaging equipment for GE." He got married to Trish on September 22, 2001 and they are living in Brooklyn. "Plans for the WWF were put on hold until further notice."

**Brandon Whitaker** is married, has a one-year-old daughter and currently resides in Wayne, PA. He would love to hear from some long lost friends!

**Dan O'Shea**, a.k.a. "Pickle" writes "I live in Seattle ...am currently employed and even have a desk...married to Kathleen whose IQ supercedes mine and my brother's squared.... We spend our free time trying to find the secret ingredient in Percy's cinnamon rolls and listening to **Ted Handy** tapes."

**David Jannetta**, CT 1984-1994, graduated with his MBA from Georgia Tech. in May, 2002 and has returned to IBM in Atlanta as an Enterprise Server Manager. David and his wife are expecting their second child in early May, 2003. Their first child, Luke, is on the CT wait list for 2011. David has been playing plenty of basketball with John and Jeff Fraser.

**Scott Sinker** is married with two future campers, sons Dominic age 3, and Carmen age 1. Scott lives in Jeffersonville, PA and is the owner / operator of a landscape design and construction company based in Blue Bell, PA.

**Rob Baron**, CT 1977-80, writes "I am a partner at the law firm of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, where I litigate business and intellectual property cases. My wife Kim is a psychologist, and we have a daughter named Samantha (who turned one in January.) We live in Philadelphia, and look forward to catching up with old friends at the Anniversary Dinner at the Union League in April."

From **Nico Scharfe** - "From my side there is nothing new. I am working in Hamburg since 5 years after studying Economics in Cologne and Milano. I am planning on going to the reunion in August. Hope to see you then! Best regards to all who remember me."

From **Greg Summers**, a.k.a. Gary Summers, Grant Simmons ... - "Catching up ... I got married last May and read that in the last bulletin, which got me very energized about camp and old friends! Ann and I are really just settling into married life in New York. No new news to report on our front. New York is so damn expensive. We have a great time when we go out but we cannot afford to do that too often! The only news fit to print about the Summers family is that we just arrived back from the planet of the lost and expect to be back on Tecumseh soil for sure this year.

**Tim Michals** has spent the last nine years living in Los Angeles, and has yet to find the Left-Handed Smoke Shifter. Andy Baxter continues to encourage him to keep looking. Tim currently works at GoldPocketInteractive, a leading provider of interactive television, and is an account manager for The Game Show Network. He currently lives in Venice Beach, enjoys surfing and occasionally runs into Tecumseh Alums, including **James Degus** and **Geoff Watson**. He visited Tecumseh a few years ago and still reads his Final Sunbeam that Jay Luff gave him during that visit.

**John Nimick's** "alumni news is that I never learned anything at Tecumseh that has helped me with my career. No, seriously...how about, Jay Luff is the reason today that I am the man I am. All right, enough of the deep, penetrating stuff ... I run a sports marketing company that specializes in squash. (Again, I repeat, what was I doing at Tecumseh?) Event Engine, Inc. runs the U.S. Open (in Boston's Symphony Hall), Canadian Open, Tournament of Champions (in Grand Central Terminal) and (just announced) British Open in London. These are four of the top eight pro squash tournaments in the world. (Actually, they are numbers 5 - 8, so I still have some work to do)." John also traumatized the HOG in 1984 with extremely scary and convincing ghost stories. Charlie Erwin still has to sleep with his flashlight on.

Operetta legend **Matt Frekko** writes, "My wife (Katie) and I are still living in Bethesda, MD and practicing law in Washington, D.C. We also are expecting our first child in June, which is tremendously exciting for us. We plan to attend CT's 100 Year Reunion in Philadelphia and look forward to seeing many old friends at the Union League in April.

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**Doug Ormond** says hi to everyone. He has been living in NYC for about four years since graduating from Holy Cross in '99. He works in finance, but is actively pursuing a career in renting out beach chairs in Puerto Rico. He is counting on everyone's hoops skills having deteriorated much his before the August reunion.

**Mike Miller** – “I see some CT alums down the Jersey shore during the summer but not nearly enough. I am definitely heading to the reunion in April and hopefully the one in August. I graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA in May, 2002, with a degree in history/education. I played four years of varsity football and am planning to teach high school history next fall in the South Jersey or Philly area. Currently, I am in Perth, Australia doing some traveling with two high school friends. After going to New Zealand, I will be back in New Jersey in early April and I am really looking forward to the reunion.” Mike still proudly goes by the nickname “bulldog” that he earned while a camper in the New Pagoda (1989?).

**Billy Miller**, whose famous photo still adorns the walls of the Beam Shack, writes, “I am living in Southern California with my wife Katy and three kids (Lain 5, Maggie 3 and Tommy 5 mos. – Tecumseh 2012). I am a Sales Manager for a Financial Services Company, Manulife Financial. I haven't touched a lacrosse stick since 1998. And it has been way too long since I stepped out onto Grant Field. My brother **Conor** is living out here in Newport Beach as well and working for Metlife Investors. **Brett** is living in Boston and just switched careers – now working in Commercial Real Estate. Brett and Conor are both single and planning to be in Center Harbor this summer. Brett and my Dad are going to the Philadelphia reunion as well. I will not attend Philly and am a 10% chance for NH -- unfortunately, that is a busy time for me.

**Brett Miller** was recently sited at Fenway Park during the annual Tecumseh Red Sox trip. Brett ran into Heather Erwin in the bleachers and almost spilled his beer. Brett and the Erwins sweltered in the blazing sun as the Sox beat the Marlins 11-7. Kevin Dougherty tried to get the wave going at Fenway, but was booed by half of South Boston.

From **Captain E.J. McQuade III**, coming from half way around the world – “I'm still stationed in the far east (Japan/Korea) and have been here about two years. I was hoping to come back stateside in April for 100 year reunion and a new duty station, but it looks like I'll be staying deployed until June. I have already bought a ticket and plan on giving it one of the Chiliberti brothers who will be bringing a life size cheese steak as a date. Probably not Mike since he is married (I literally fell over when he emailed that he is a father.) Most recently I spent a month in Australia on leave (vacation for those non-military types). The trip was fantastic. I traveled up and down the Australian east coast and did some unreal sky-diving. The scuba diving is incredible. I was face to face with a 10 foot Tiger Shark on the south end of the Barrier Reef but luckily was rescued by the Squalis. I keep in close contact with **Jimmy Carroll**, **Matt Oliver**, **Ryan Tickner** and many others. My CT experience has played a huge part in my current job. I work with a lot of young men and women who never had the CT opportunity, and I apply the lessons I learned at CT everyday. USMC has been a great experience and more rewarding than I ever imagined. All the best- The Edge”

**Dan and Robin Kelley** had a baby girl, Lily Madeline Kelley, on January 26, 2003. Dan is training for upcoming Mini-marathons and is looking forward to the next Blue-Gray “Soccer made in Harlem” match.

From the West Coast, **Geoff Watson** reports the following: “I see Kevin Fee every once in a while, and someone told me that **Jim Degus** is a pretty big agent out here. He pulled my pants down in front of the entire Dining Hall when I was a Jr. III so I am hesitant to get in touch with him. Still have some healing to do. **Thacher Goodwin** emailed me last week. He is in NY trying to be an actor. I think he's booked a couple TV spots. Also, oddly enough, I've been talking to Chris and Kevin Doc's father a bit. I'm writing a script about a serial killer, and he's helping me with the investigation part. He is a homicide detective in Philly.”

**Andy Baxter** - “Barb and I live just outside of Charlottesville, Virginia with 5-year-old Katherine and 4-year-old Peter. I am a Lieutenant assigned to Squad 1 with the Henrico County Division of Fire. Barb works as a registered nurse in the Thoracic Cardiovascular Post-Op unit at UVA Hospital. Katherine and Peter attends Trevillians Elementary School.” Andy's nephew, Brendan Lawson, is a first-year camper this summer. He is one of the best swimmers camp has seen since Iain Anderson and the brothers (and doctors) Padula. Brendan also has squirreled away a secret stash of pop tarts from the kitchen crew and plans to use them to bribe Jim Fraser to schedule more Intermediate Blue-Gray swim meets.

**Sebhat Browne** brings news from New Mexico and beyond: "As far as the Southwest goes, I've continued my pursuit of soccer coaching; my newest post is as the assistant coach to the 1989 birth year Olympic Development State Select team. That will find me coaching this summer in Oregon for a week at the Region IV camp (that's the western states region). My post as U11 through U14 coordinator for Albuquerque United FC is beginning to flesh itself out. Most recently I've developed a skills schedule for U9 up to U14 whereby players will be expected to be able to perform at a base level of skills in many different areas throughout their development. It will be implemented starting next fall. Sibby is also currently employed at Tecumseh as the head of the soccer program.

**Marcel Browne** continues to broaden the horizons of Yerba Mate throughout the western state region. More stores are carrying his products each month. He launched his own brand--YMR Organic Yerba Mate--about six months ago and is hopeful of big things.

**Matthew Tousignant** continues his work towards a Masters in Family Therapy from the California Institute for Integrated Studies. He is working on a certification in Breema body work, and is already a certified teacher of the Hridayam branch of Kundalini Yoga.

**Marc Tousignant** is in LA working for a non-profit group that finds and develops housing for disadvantaged folks. He is considering going back to school for a masters in history (most likely Native American history)."

**Connor Gwynn** is currently serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division in Iraq. During the past several summers he has taken his two weeks of leave at Tecumseh. He is disappointed that he will not be able to come to Camp this summer, but wants everyone to know that it is his thoughts of Tecumseh that keep him going.

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## WANT TO KNOW ABOUT UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS?

Due to the huge success of the 2003 Reunions, Tecumseh is planning to organize some alumni activities over the next few years. Some of these events will be geared towards people living in particular geographic areas of the world such as Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, California, etc. Information on these local alumni events, as well as any information on large scale reunions several years from now will be available on the Tecumseh web page: [www.camp Tecumseh.net](http://www.camp Tecumseh.net)

Tecumseh has also started an extensive e-mail list of alumni. As of now, we have over 350 alumni in our e-mail database. If you would like to be added to our e-mail database, please contact Biff Sturla at: [bsturla@netreach.net](mailto:bsturla@netreach.net) and give him your e-mail address. As future alumni activities become organized, we will be sure to let you know about the details.

Also, if your mailing address changes and you would like to have your new address added to the Tecumseh mailing list, please contact Biff. He is heading up the newly formed Alumni Relations Committee for Tecumseh. Biff always welcomes hearing from Tecumseh alums and hopes to keep all alumni in touch with Tecumseh events, whether it be reunions, news about Tecumseh people or news about Tecumseh each summer.

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