

## ALUMNI DAY, 1973 TO BRING STUDENTS, ALUMNI TOGETHER

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The Alumni Council, headed by Rosalie Richardson Willson '52, has been busy all winter dreaming up exciting ideas for the second annual Alumni Day and, as seen from the planning room, this year's event promises to be another rousing success.

Peter Vielbig has mouth-watering suggestions for the luncheon menu. Louise Fenninger Sayen '38 has again graciously consented to turn the dining room into a springtime bower. Music Department Chairman Frank Jacobson is going to see to it that the cocktail hour is accompanied by the sound of music and he and Herbert McAneny have more delights in store for you during coffee and dessert — highlights of the winter student musical, "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

PDS students are the key to Alumni Day, 1973. They will be members of the morning panel discussion on changes taking place at PDS this year — changes in the academic and athletic programs, the senior seminar and teaching assistant programs, and the planning committee. They will guide tours of their own exhibit, the Arts Festival (that feast for the eyes, masterminded by Arlene Smith's Art Department, which has determined the date of Alumni Day).

On the tours, you will also see students at work in the computer room, the shop, the science laboratories and the planetarium. According to its director, Norman Sperling, the planetarium will be in full operation with stars, blues and celestial music.

And, after lunch, students will compete with the Alumni Association's finest tennis players and with the George School varsity baseball team.

So whatever your pleasure, there will be something for everyone. Remember the day — Saturday, April 28 — and come see PDS in action. Bring your husband or your wife. Call your friends and make it a date. Come alone and join the crowd. However you arrive, we're looking forward to seeing you.



Cocktail time at Alumni Day — part of the more than 100 alumni who gathered for the first annual Alumni Day in April last year talking over their impressions of Princeton Day School.

## GIFT OF PRETTY BROOK FARM

### DOUBLES SCHOOL-OWNED LAND

*Headmaster's residence now  
at Pretty Brook Farm house*

The school's property has more than doubled in size, the Headmaster and Mrs. McClure have a new house, and the school may have five new classrooms come fall, thanks to a generous gift by The Bunbury Company.

Bunbury, a foundation which inherited the estate of Dean Mathey, donated 75 acres and Pretty Brook Farm house to the school last fall, on condition the main house, Mr. Mathey's residence, become the official residence of the Princeton Day School Headmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure moved to Pretty Brook in mid-November. Plans are now underway to convert much of Colross, their former residence, to classrooms and other school-oriented uses.

The Bunbury gift added 75 acres immediately adjacent to the original 75 acres on which the school building, playing fields, hockey rink and tennis courts stand. Included, besides the classic colonial farmhouse are two other houses, the barns, two ponds, meadows and woods.

Decision was made in early January to move the entire Upper School history department to Colross. Without changing any of the basic historical nature of the Georgian mansion, space exists for five large classrooms, some of which will be multi-purpose: all pending Trustee approval.

In order to maintain the core of the house as it was built in Virginia 150 years ago, rooms in the two wings, already modified, will be changed to add three classrooms. In addition, the study, unchanged, will serve as the history library, and the dining room, basically unchanged, will become a seminar room.

The dining room and living room will be furnished appropriately and will serve as casual reading areas and meeting space for faculty, parents and alumni. The present pantry will become a service kitchen for public functions, and the present kitchen and servants' wing will become one large classroom.

Business and development offices will move into the main second floor areas, thus necessitating no change in the original layout of the building.

### Megapenny Drive Completed

#### In Only 23 Months!

Yes, Virginia, there really was a Megapenny. Twenty-three months to the day from the time the students set out to collect one million pennies, there was the Megapenny on display in the School lobby. One million coins, \$10,000 worth, 6,800 pounds of copper in a great big box.

Probably the most surprised person around was Norman Sperling, the astronomy teacher who started it all by suggesting his class try to collect the million pennies to visualize better the enormity of astronomical numbers. Happiest were Kathy McClure '71, Lit Lyness '72 and Connie Cain '72, all of whom chaired the drive at one time.

Sperling later pointed out that the reasoning behind his challenge was that they would better understand how big a million is because they would probably never collect it.



They did, though. In fact, they collected 1,130,000 pennies, because in the summer after the drive began, thieves trucked the first \$1,300 worth out of school over a weekend. It wasn't until an anonymous donor replaced the first 130,000 that the students regained their enthusiasm for the drive.

Then, by almost every means available, they raised and collected pennies. They had bake sales, contests, wishing wells, class competitions, and they went after challenge gifts as well: the biggest one being for \$5,000 provided the students could raise the first \$5,000.

Last July they made it, and in December the challenge donor came through. Shortly after Christmas vacation, the pennies were spirited into school after dark, and for two days there really was a Megapenny right inside the front door.

## Soccer Takes Honors

The varsity soccer team lost its state title and a 22-game undefeated streak simultaneously last fall when a rugged Montclair Academy team defeated the booters 3-1 in the state tourney finals.

But soccer continued to make news long after the season ended.

Toward the end of the season, word was received that Giuff Ferrante '72, eldest of the three soccer-playing Ferrante brothers, had won a spot on the first eleven at Winchester College, England: a considerable achievement for a Yank.

Three members of the 1972 team won all-state honors: brothers Evan and Greg Bash and Cam Ferrante were named to the first team.

Then, to cap it all, Peter Buttenheim, completing his second year as coach, was named Coach of the Year by his colleagues in New Jersey preparatory schools.

## Three Wins Put Hockey Over .500

The good news and the bad news are all mixed together when it comes to the hockey season. If our deadline were three days earlier, the skaters would have been 4-6 for the season and pushing for a .500 season. Then, in four days, they won three: they completely outclassed Lawrenceville avenging a 2-0 loss earlier, then took twin 5-1 wins from South Kent and Salisbury in mid-February. Suddenly the record is 7-6.

Just as suddenly, just as the team was beginning to jell, Co-Captain and high-scorer Buzz Woodworth was knocked out for the season with torn ligaments suffered in the Salisbury game. Buzz had scored a pair against Lawrenceville and hat tricks against South Kent and Salisbury: eight goals in three games. All this two weeks before the PDS Invitational Hockey Tournament.

The tournament brings back Lawrenceville and Hill, the latter having pinned 4-3 and 6-1 losses on the Panthers in regular season play. New addition to the tourney opponents is St. George's School.

## Basketball Plays (and wins)

### In Toughest Schedule

### Ellsworth Tops 1,000 Points

Four new teams were added to the basketball schedule this year and the sum is the toughest schedule on record. What's more, it will be the second straight winning season in PDS hoop history.

Early in the first period of the game against Peddie (ranked second in New Jersey), Captain Mark Ellsworth jumped and sent a ten-footer through the nets and passed the 1,000 point mark in his career. It wasn't enough, as Peddie went on to win 62-53, but it's a mark of the growth of the sport at PDS that we're playing nose-to-nose against Peddie, Lawrenceville, Hamilton High, Rutgers Prep and Morristown-Beard, another prep power.

Coach Alan Taback is doing it with a young team. Ellsworth is the only senior on the squad. Other starters are two juniors, Evan Bash and Ron Webster, and two freshmen, Bill Martin and Frank Konstantynowicz. Eight of the first ten return next year.

The Panthers opened with 8 straight wins, then ran into Hun, Morristown-Beard, Peddie, Pennington and Lawrenceville, in that order. That's a tall order in any schedule. 12-4 early in February, it looks like they should win 15 or 16 games exclusive of the state tournament contests.



Greg Bash, Cam Ferrante, Evan Bash



Peter Buttenheim—Soccer Coach



Mark Ellsworth lets fly for points 999 and 1,000

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#### J. H. THOMAS RETIRED IN SEPTEMBER

J. H. Thomas, known to all Miss Fine's and Princeton Day School alumni since 1943 as "Thomas," retired in September. This photograph was taken at a surprise reception hosted by the faculty in his honor in late fall. With him is Graham Cragg.

Thomas came to Miss Fine's when Tiger Inn, where he had worked since 1928, closed early in World War II. He started as a janitor, but over the years there was nothing Thomas did not do, including becoming master of the Great Road intersection traffic morning and night, rain, snow or shine. For 29 years he was an integral part of the school and we will remember him well.