

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

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In the News. With the recent passing of Jose Ferrer and Lew Thomas, the class has lost two of its most celebrated members. News stories about them were numerous and could have filled many a weekly column. Although there is no one left who is quite in their class, we still have '33ers making news.

It is only natural that as a result of the incredibly extreme winter just past, our resident weather guru, Dave Ludlum, would find himself in the news. In an interview with the New York Times, reporter Matthew Purdy, doing a piece on the winter's severity, asked Dave just how bad it really was. "It was plenty tough," said Dave, "but not unique. There have been others equally tough and worse. People have lousy meteorological memories" He then rattled off a series of former terrible winters, and reminded us that if we could stick around for another 10,000 years we would most likely find ourselves in the middle of another ice age. Not much consolation to the scores of people we know who helped enrich their favorite orthopedic surgeons this past winter.

A voice from the past. Some months ago a man called the class secretary asking for the address of Al Whitman, which we provided. Subsequently Al received a letter from a Carmen J. Nini, Sr. saying that he was one of the inner city boys at the Princeton Summer Camp at Blairstown in 1932, that Al had made a profound impression on him and in fact made a real difference in his life. He wanted to express his appreciation. Al was moved by his letter and wanted to respond but Mr. Nini had not included his address. So he sent his reply on to us and we did a bit of research, and with the help of Rick Ryan at Alumni Records and Nanci Young at the Seeley Mudd Library, we obtained the phone number of Carmen J. Nini, Jr. in Robbinsville, N.J. We forwarded Al's letter to him and soon after had a long and enthusiastic call from the father. He remembered many Tigers, not only from Blairstown but from caddying at Springdale Golf Club in Princeton.

The Bric-a-Bracs from '32 and '33 list a number of classmates who served as counsellors at Blairstown: John Boyd, Vic Browning, Bob Buckbee, Carl Brower, Davy Crockett, Al Flanagan, Bud Franklin, John Glasser, Les Herzog, Bill Ludlow, Curly Marsh, Don Sheldon, Axel Smith and Ted Wingo. Those who are still with us should be pleased to know that the camp did make a difference.

George Sudduth. George was long listed with "address unknown" in the class directory. As reported in the October

27, 1993 column in PAW, his name was one of those picked up by LeGrand Gould '38 in his search for missing alumni. from which we learned that George had died in 1986. Maddy Haythe, on reading this, sent in this account of an encounter with George in the early 1980's: "About 13 years ago, Frances and I went on a Raymond-Whitcomb Princeton-Harvard-Yale Mississippi cruise on the Delta Queen, which was owned by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York. It was over Thanksgiving, and Raymond-Whitcomb was not able to fill the boat (vessels on the Mississippi are boats, not ships) and in desperation went to the boat's owner. They were told not to worry. They would offer a special cruise to their stockholders (numbering about 32,000. I believe.) As a result the passengers were half P-H-Y and half Coca-Cola Bottling stockholders. At Vicksburg we were met by a bus with an attractive girl in Ante-Bellum dress who announced: 'I have a surprise for you Coca-Cola people.' The surprise was a visit to the Coca-Cola Museum where the first bottle of Coke was bottled. The biggest surprise for me was to be greeted by the Director, George Sudduth. George, who was a widower, was a native of Vicksburg. His two daughters had married and moved away, and so he occupied himself with the Museum."

New Class Grandchild. Last September Barney Koren's daughter Ann, after a long search, adopted a two-day old baby from an agency in Indiana. They spent the holidays with Barney and Virginia in Williamsburg. Barney says: "I can tell you having someone that young around really livens up the house!" He is officially William Thomas Edward Koren, their 4th grandchild. Ann, who has been a modern dancer ever since graduating from college in 1969, now lives in Paris where she dances and is involved in a teaching program.

Editor: Since writing the above, and as we go to press, we have received the very sad news that Barney died yesterday, July 6th, very suddenly, at his home in Williamsburg Landing on the James River in Virginia. A memorial service is being held there July 14th and, according to his wishes, he will be buried in Princeton. The class has lost a much loved and loyal member.

Class Scholarships. The 1933 Scholarship Fund, created in 1953 with a principal amount of \$100,000 at the time of our 20th reunion, has grown, without any significant additions, to a current market value of \$1,621,000. Scholarship awards from the Fund are granted to about ten students each year, covering a broad spectrum of the

undergraduate population. The University suggests to some of these students each year that they communicate with their sponsoring classes, in our case the secretary. Accordingly we have received letters from five of "our" students. They all express gratitude to '33 for the support which has made it possible for them to have a Princeton education and give us some insights into their lives on campus. Excerpts from these letters follow:

From Andrea Deutsh '97: "... my experience here has been amazing... .. {in addition to my studies} I am on the rugby team and have been able to take advantage of a pottery class offered by Wilson College as an extracurricular. I hope that one day I can make it possible for another student to attend Princeton.



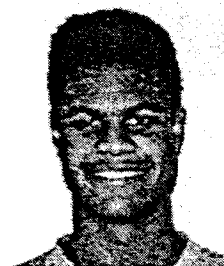
From Victoria Garcia '97: "I am a first year student from Texas... The opportunities Princeton offers are endless... I have really enjoyed my time here... Classes are challenging and the people are incredible. I live in Campbell Hall in Mathey College with three roommates. Outside of studying, I work for media services on campus and at Talbot's clothing store on Nassau Street."



From Banae Gerstman '95: "Without your financial support it would be impossible for me to attend Princeton to receive the incredible opportunities that God has given me here. I was excited to discover that you are in the ministry. Although I began with thoughts of entering the medical profession, God has recently called me into full-time Christian ministry overseas (in Bulgaria). I have been involved with Campus Crusade for Christ through which Princeton has a partnership with Bulgaria. This summer I will be there sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with students at the University of Bulgaria. Please keep me in your prayers."



Gant C. Asbury '95: ... You can be assured that I am working hard to make the most of my Princeton experience. As a junior majoring in anthropology, I am spending much of my time reading and preparing to write my junior paper. This is the year when they really put the pressure



on, and I am finally learning to juggle a multiplicity of commitments.

Anna W. Sims '94: "I appreciate your scholarship more than I can say... Let me tell you a little about myself. I have spent the majority of my life in Austria due to my father's work with the United Nations. I returned to America after my sophomore year of high school but, due to the significant contrast in academic challenge of the American International School in Vienna and the public high school in Ossining, New York, I spent only one year in Ossining. ... People often ask me if I felt strange being in college at sixteen - I answer that Princeton is the best thing that ever happened to me, and being sixteen has nothing to do with it. I love the combination of intense intellectualism and simple fun that I find here.



"I am a comparative literature major - my independent work has focused primarily on German, French and English romantic poetry, specifically the works of Hölderlin, Wordsworth and Rousseau... I hope to teach at the college level eventually ... I have a work-study job as a research assistant for Professors Gilpin and Danspeckgruber of the Center for International Studies of the Woodrow Wilson School and am currently editing two books for Dr. Danspeckgruber.

"My extracurriculars are essentially musical: I am a member of the Tigressions, an all-female capella singing group, and of the Princeton University Players, a musical theater group. As a Tigression I rehearse five nights a week and perform at least one, as well as touring three weeks out of the year and singing at Reunions.

"I am a member of Quadrangle Club which boasts an exceptionally close-knit group of members with a great deal of club spirit, bolstered by our tendency to eat, study, chat, play pool and even sleep there. It is a large part of my Princeton experience and one that I cherish.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to correspond with another member of the "Princeton family" and I would enjoy hearing from you."