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BCC Hall of Fame Physical Science Laureate Dies at 96

John Archibald Wheeler, Ph.D. died on April 13, 2008 at Hightstown, NJ. A 1926 graduate of City College, Dr. Wheeler earned his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in 1933.

Affectionately known to his friends and colleagues simply as “Johnny,” Dr. Wheeler went on to teach at University of North Carolina, Princeton University (for 38 years) and University of Texas at Austin before returning to Princeton in retirement with the title of professor-emeritus.

As an expert on nuclear fission, Dr. Wheeler played key roles in both Manhattan project (atomic bomb) and Matterhorn project (hydrogen bomb). His other studies and term-coinages included quantum foam, wave function of the Universe, and both black holes and worm holes.

Dr. Wheeler’s impressive list of awards included Enrico Fermi Award (1968), U.S. National Medal of Science (1970), Matteucci Medal (1993), and Wolf Prize in Physics (1997). *[Editor’s note: See the article elsewhere in the Newsletter edition for information about City College’s three other National Medal of Science recipients.]*

Is this Gentleman Baltimore City College’s Oldest Living Alumnus?

When **Paul Schenker, M.D. BCC’20** was born on June 10, 1903 Pres. Teddy Roosevelt was in the White House and Orville and Wilbur Wright would still not make their historic flights at Kill Devil Hills, NC for six more months. During his lifetime Dr. Schenker has witnessed a lot of history including two World Wars. One of his most vivid memories is of the world-wide influenza pandemic in 1918. In a 2006 *Sun* newspaper article Dr. Schenker recalled – as a 15-year-old – witnessing people line-up outside a home where a doctor was making a house call to seek care for their selves or an ill relative. Dr. Schenker recalled that his own mother fell ill during that epidemic. The University of Maryland School of Medicine recently presented Dr. Schenker with the School’s initial Lifetime Achievement Award as its oldest living alumnus. During his sixty-year career – as a surgeon on staff at old Lutheran Hospital, Sinai Hospital, and Baltimore’s Veterans Administration Hospital – Dr. Schenker made thousands of house calls and treated thousands of patients before retiring over 20

years ago. These days – still spry at 105 years of age – Dr. Schenker plays cards regularly, enjoys going out to dinner and spends a lot of quality time with three generations of family. Dr. Schenker’s son-in-law is **Selvin Madow** who arranges reunions for his BCC’47 Class.

[Editor’s note: If you know of anyone with more BCC seniority than Dr. Schenker, please let the editor know!]

Please Make a Note of and Plan to Attend these Fall Events

The 2008 BCC Hall of Fame Induction will be held on Friday October 31, 2008 at The Castle (Reception at 9am and assembly at 10am).

City-Poly #120 will be played on Saturday November 8, 2008 at M&T Bank Ravens Stadium (Kickoff is at high noon).

The BCCAA Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday November 13, 2008 at The Castle. (Doors open at 5:30pm, dessert and coffee served at 6:30pm followed by the meeting).

Never Too Late

By **Thomas L. Vondersmith, Jr.**
BCC'58

*BCCAA Governor Emeritus/Former
BCCAA Newsletter Editor*

Maurice Rudo BCC'30, at age 95 has shown that it is never too late to join the BCC Alumni Association and stay informed about the school and alumni. While at City he was on the baseball team, coached by Vic Schmid, in his junior and senior years. Dr. Blake was principal when he arrived and Doc Edwards when he was graduated. Upon graduating from City, Rudo attended New York University at night for 2.5 years while working during the day. Returning to Baltimore in 1935, he began working for Jacob Bros., a medical uniform manufacturer, becoming their general sales manager. His expertise in that field was rewarded when the business was sold to Paragon Corp. and included his joining that firm from which he retired. Maurice has two children, a daughter and a son, **Stan Rudo BCC'58**, who served as chairman for the 50th reunion committee for the Class of 1958.

Has a BCC Culinary Era Ended?

Morris (a.k.a. Maurice or Moe) Martick BCC'40 has locked the door and walked away from the kitchen in his West Mulberry Street French restaurant. After 38 years as chief cook and bottle



washer there, Martick told *Sun* newspaper featured columnist Dan Rodricks, "The restaurant is closed." Thousands of Baltimoreans have gone downtown to the old speakeasy to enjoy Martick's signature dishes like bouillabaisse, roast rack of lamb with horseradish cream sauce, and sweet potato soup made from scratch. Martick claims that – in his 87th year – he can't take any more of the 14 hours necessary to keep his establishment running. The old building is in the West Baltimore renewal area and a prime candidate for city takeover. However, we agree with Rodrick's who's skeptical about Martick's statement that he's through with cooking for good.

BCC Hall of Fame Doctor/General/BCCAA Officer Dead at 93

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Edmund G. Beacham, M.D. BCC'32 died on May 27, 2008 (fittingly the day after Memorial Day). Dr. Beacham had a proud record of service to humanity, his country, and his beloved high school alma mater.

A graduate of both University of Maryland's College Park campus and Medical School, Dr. Beacham served for decades at Baltimore City Hospital and its successor Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Noted for exhaustive research in the fields of long-term care and geriatrics, Dr. Beacham had adult day care and ambulatory care centers dedicated in his name on the Bayview campus.



On the military side, Dr. Beacham enlisted as a private in the Maryland National Guard in 1939 while still in medical school. Commissioned as a lieutenant and called to active duty upon graduation, Dr. Beacham joined the 29th Infantry Division in England and landed at Normandy on the day after D-Day. There he rose to become senior surgeon caring for Maryland 29th Division troops fighting to liberate France. After the War, Dr. Beacham rejoined the Maryland National Guard where he commanded a medical unit and served as state surgeon until retiring in 1974. But his military career was not at an end as he joined the Maryland Defense Force as a surgeon and attained the rank of brigadier general before retiring again in 1988. In 1994 Gen. Beacham joined other Maryland heroes to march through the streets of St. Lo, France marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

As far as City College is concerned, Dr. Beacham served as the first president of the reorganized BCCAA (1978-1979) and was a member of the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds for many years.

To sum it all up – in the words of **Albert L. Robinson (BCC'69)**, long-time BCCAA officer/board member, and chair of the independent BCC Hall of Fame Committee) – "Dr. Beacham was at the old Baltimore City Hospital when I was born. He was always the consummate City College gentleman. In fact he was one of the individuals who welcomed me into the Alumni Association almost thirty years ago."

City Forever!

The Class of 2008 Takes its Place in BCC History

Baltimore City College in its 169th year recorded its 191st commencement when final exercises for the Class of 2008 were held on Saturday May 31st at the Joseph Meyerhoff (BCC'16) Symphony Hall. The 333 members of the Class on that special day had the benefit of hearing the remarks of two City alumni and Hall of Fame members who graduated 76 and 50 years before them – **Herbert “Hunky” Matz BCC’32** and **Leon Armour BCC’58**. At the commencement, the BCCAA Golden Apple Award was presented to **Mrs. Catherine Orange** who has been on the City faculty and mentored thousands of Collegians during her 25-year career.



This year’s graduating class stacks up extremely well statistically when

compared to the classes that have gone before them. Some of their achievements: 50% of the class had a grade point average of 80% or better, 35 members qualified for International Baccalaureate diplomas, 91 members qualified for International Baccalaureate certificates, 38 were National Honor Society members, 19 were Tri-M Honor Society senior members, and 81 qualified for National Foreign Language Honor Society membership (German-5, Spanish-43, and French-33.) Class members got acceptance letters from 150 colleges and universities.

The highest ranking Class of 2008 members academically (alphabetically) were: **Robin Samuel Atkinson, Dezeray**

Danyell Cephas, Deanna Marie Clark, Cassandra Ashley Cobbs, Sherella C. Cupid, Derek T. Dangerfield, Nathan H. Dize, Kelly Monique King, Amelia Iris Makowski, Celia Rebecca Neustadt (Valedictorian), Amanda Charlene Rogers, Justin DeMar Satterfield, Adam D. Stokes, Nebiyat Tsegaye, and Zachary Wiener.

Trustees’ Administered Scholarships Awarded

Veronica Jones Freeman – BCC’82, Hall of Fame member, and Treasurer of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. – mailed checks for the tuition accounts of the BCC Class of 2008 to their appropriate institution of higher education. The recipients and their schools of choice (as available) are as follows:

- Douglas H. Rose (BCC 1880) Scholarship awarded to **Amanda Charlene Rogers** who is attending Johns Hopkins University.
- Edward L. Torsch Class of 1868 Scholarships awarded to **Sherella C. Cupid** who is attending Marymount University at Arlington VA.
- Israel Krieger (1924) Scholarship awarded to **Tyiesha Erica Brown** who is attending Morgan State University.
- Aaron Straus (1898) Scholarships awarded to **Nathan H. Dize** who is attending Guilford College in Greensboro NC.
- Mary R. Dudley Scholarships to Morgan State University awarded to **Christian Clause-Eric Midder**.
- Joseph Meyerhoff (BCC’16) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Celia Rebecca Neustadt** who is attending Pomona College in Claremont CA.

- Joseph C. Wentz, Jr. Memorial Prize Scholarship awarded to **Amanda Charlene Rogers** who is attending Johns Hopkins University.
- Henry C. Wentz Memorial Prize Scholarship awarded to **Celia Rebecca Neustadt** who is attending Pomona College at Claremont CA.
- Sylvan Shane (BCC’36) Scholarship awarded to **Deanna Marie Clark** who is attending Philadelphia University of the Arts in Philadelphia PA.
- Alfred H. Moses (BCC’47) Scholarship awarded to **Robin Samuel Atkinson** who is attending University of Maryland at College Park.
- Hyman “Lefty” Stern (BCC’26) Athletic Achievement Scholarship awarded **Octavia Denice Davis**.
- Dr. Edgar F. (BCC’32) and Phoebe R. Berman Scholarship awarded to **Cassandra Ashley Cobbs** who is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester MA.
- Corbin Gwaltney (BCC’39) Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian awarded to **Celia Rebecca Neustadt** who is attending Pomona College in Claremont CA.
- Andre S. Wickham (BCC’60) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Justin McCallister Dutton** who is attending University of Hawaii at Honolulu, HI.
- S. Peter Lebowitz (BCC’48) Scholarship awarded to **Tonya C. Brown-Hurst** who is attending Towson University.
- Dr. Ephraim T. Lisansky (BCC’30) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Siara S. McDonald**.
- Hyman Cohen (BCC’32) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Tierra Jana’e Gilmore** who is attending Frostburg State University.

- Robert E. Seney (BCC'44) Excellence in English Scholarship awarded to **Jamila Sia Davis** who is attending Spelman College at Atlanta GA.
- John F. Steadman (BCC'45) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Cierra Larae Francis** who is now attending Stevenson College (formerly Villa Julie College) at Stevenson MD.
- Class of February 1943 Scholarship awarded to **Amanda Charlene Rogers** who is attending Johns Hopkins University.
- Baltimore City College Alumni Prize Scholarship awarded to **Zachary Wiener** who is attending Swarthmore College at Swarthmore PA.
- The Campbell Bernstein Slusky (BCC'50) Scholarship awarded to **Thomas Edward Dawson, III** who is attending University of Maryland at College Park.
- Calvin E. Tyler, Jr. (BCC'60) Scholarship awarded to **Christina L. Craft** who is attending Gettysburg College in Gettysburg PA.
- The Harold Greenwald (BCC'28) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Adam D. Stokes** who is attending College of William and Mary at Williamsburg VA.
- Lemuel C. (BCC'23) and William M. Dunbar (BCC'49) Scholarship awarded to **Celia Rebecca Neustadt** who is attending Pomona College in Pomona CA.
- The Alan B. Snyder (BCC'60) and Susan R. Katz-Snyder Scholarship awarded to **Deanna Marie Clark** who is attending Philadelphia University of the Arts in Philadelphia PA.
- The Deana and Gerald Stempler (BCC'49) Scholarship awarded to **Hope Ann Ferguson** who is attending University of the Sciences Philadelphian at Philadelphia PA.
- Robert W. Schaefer (BCC'51) Scholarship awarded to **Kimberley Marie Bolling** who is attending the University of Baltimore.
- The Royce Diener (BCC'35) Fund is support for co-curricular programs at the discretion of the principal. The following scholarship was not awarded in 2008: Dr. Stanley Kogan (BCC'48) Scholarship.

Other Scholarships Awarded

The following independently administered scholarships were also awarded in 2008:

- Dr. Aaron C. Sollod (BCC'24) Memorial Scholarship awarded to **Tyiesha Erica Brown** who is attending Morgan State University.
- The Gilbert Sandler (BCC'41) Speech Award awarded to **Shannon Harris**.
- The William Donald Schaefer (BCC'39) Community Service Award awarded to **Deanna Marie Clark** who is attending Philadelphia University of the Arts in Philadelphia PA.
- The Dr. Edwards (BCC 1898) Literary Endeavors Award awarded to **Marshall Gregory Troutner**.
- Robert L. Becker, Jr., Class of 1943 Scholarship awarded to **Sherella C. Cupid** who is attending Marymount University in Arlington VA and Nathan H. Dize who is attending Guilford College in Greensboro NC.
- The Herbert Welday, III, Class of 1983 Brotherhood Award (given this year in memory of Mr. Welday's great aunt Sylvia DeRose Miller who passed away on April 22, 2008) awarded to **Robin Samuel Atkinson** who is attending

University of Maryland at College Park.

- The Neal Harvey Coppel Award for Loyalty to BCC Publications awarded to **Marshall Gregory Troutner**.

5 BCC 2008 Alumni Awarded Rays of Hope Scholarships

When the Black Professional Men, Inc. held their 15th Annual Rays of Hope Scholarship program at the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel on June 14, 2008 five of the grants went to recent City College graduates. So honored were **Dereck T.**

Dangerfield who is attending Georgetown University in Washington DC, **Keith Artemus Gordon** who is attending Maryland Institute College of Art, **Kahri A. Henderson** who is attending North Carolina A&T University at Greensboro NC, **Ryan Albert Henry** who is attending Morehouse College in Atlanta GA, and **Christian Clause-Eric Midder** who is attending Morgan State University.

Two young men previously honored in the program graduated this year – **Thomas Artis Jr. BCC'04** who majored in communications from Frostburg State University and **Candido Brown BCC'04** who majored in sociology from Johns Hopkins University.

**City – Poly #120
Saturday, November 8,
2008
Noon
M&T Bank
Ravens Stadium**

Scholarship Named for Former BCC Temporary Principal Awarded

Dr. Deborah L. Wortham, who served as interim principal at City from January through June in 2005, has retired after a long career in administrative positions in city public schools. Friends and colleagues honored Dr. Wortham at a gathering in The Castle. A scholarship was created in Dr. Wortham's name for a worthy student. That scholarship was awarded to **Joseph Neil Eldridge BCC 2008**.

Valedictorian Prize Endowment Increased by \$50,000

Corbin Gwaltney BCC'39 and Hall of Fame member has contributed an additional \$50,000 to the endowment principal for the Corbin Gwaltney Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian Fund.

For the Baltimore City College Class of 1986 through the Class of 1989, Gwaltney provided a thousand dollar award to each class valedictorian. When a permanent endowment for the class valedictorian scholarship prize was suggested to him, Gwaltney promptly contributed \$25,000 for that purpose. Beginning with the BCC Class of 1990 and annually thereafter the Corbin Gwaltney Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian has been awarded to the leading scholar in the graduating senior class.

On occasion, Gwaltney added to the endowment principal and those contributions along with reinvested income brought the asset value recently to about

\$28,000. That means Gwaltney's latest contribution of \$50,000 now has increased the asset value by 180% and similarly should increase the amount of the annual award of the scholarship prize.

The Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc manage investment and disbursement for the Corbin Gwaltney Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian Fund.

In the Castle On The Hill, wall mounted adjacent to the auditorium entrance, a large, cast-bronze plaque (provided by the BCC Alumni Association) carries a nameplate for each class valedictorian.

Alumni Prize Scholarship Keeps on Growing

When the Alumni Association was reorganized in the early 1980s, several thousand dollars was discovered in a savings account for the dormant organization. With the money from the account, the BCCAA board initiated an endowment with the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds. The endowment was named the Baltimore City College Alumni Prize Scholarship. After a group of alumni contributed a thousand dollars each in 1995 to increase the endowment principal to over \$25,000, the Alumni Prize Scholarship was awarded for the first time for the Class of 1996.

With the addition of scholarship designated contributions from the Alumni Association 2007 Annual Fund, as those contributions have been added in previous years, the value of the Alumni Prize Scholarship endowment principal now exceeds \$95,000. Annually, the available annual income has been awarded to the best member of the graduating senior class who has demonstrated superior academic ability, extraordinary service to the school and potential for significant achievement in an institution of higher education.

At the BCC May 2008 commencement, Zachary Wiener was named the Baltimore City College Alumni Prize Scholarship recipient. As a result, \$4,000 goes to Wiener's tuition account at Swarthmore College where he will matriculate. Academically Wiener ranked in the top 15 in the BCC Class of 2008 and he was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Foreign Language Honor Society for German.

A Reminder

If you work for the city, state, or federal government, it is now possible to contribute to benefit the students and staff at City College directly through your employer's combined charity campaign. The BCCAA identification numbers are as follows:

- Baltimore City Combined Charity Campaign - 5228
- Maryland Charity Campaign - 1019
- Combined Federal Campaign - 43901

Thanks in advance for your support!

**Save this Date:
August 3, 2009
City – Poly Golf Outing
City Golfers Urgently
Needed!**

A Letter to the *Sun* Newspaper Editor Sings the Praises of City College

The letter that follows (printed in its entirety) appeared in the June 9, 2008 edition of the *Sun* newspaper:

"City College revives its worthy heritage

In a local culture in which the question, 'Where did you go to school?' generally refers to high school, not college, City College High School's alumni pride is no different from that of most Baltimore-area high schools. ('A tale of two eras at City', May 30.) [Editor's note: Writer Jean Marbella's article on that date talked about Herbert "Hunky" Matz's BCC'32 and Hall of Fame member being invited to address the BCC Class of 2008 commencement.]

What sets City apart - aside from the notable achievements of its alumni, who include governors, senators and mayors as well as authors, newspaper columnists and CEOs - is that it has survived to become the nation's third-oldest public high school.

In the mid-1970s, that wasn't a sure thing.

In 1966, the city school board rejected a request from students and alumni to make City College an all-academic high school.

In the years following this decision, and the construction of neighborhood high schools combined with the exodus of white, middle class families to the suburbs, City no longer drew as many college-bound or high-

achieving students as it had in the past.

In 1976, alumni rallied and appealed to the school system to restore the 'Castle on the Hill' to its former glory.

The city then closed the building, renovated its interior and reopened the school as an all-academic magnet high school for the liberal arts.

It eventually became co-ed and returned to its status as a public high school with a student body that rivals those of private schools.

When City's alumni whistle its school song, 'City Forever,' they mean it.

Harry Bosk
Baltimore

The writer is an alumnus of [BCC'70] and former teacher [1976, English] at City College High School."

BCC National Medal of Science Laureates

No less than four members of the Baltimore City College Hall of Fame are recipients of the United States National Medal of Science. The National Medal of Science, established by the 86th Congress in 1959 as a presidential award is presented to individuals "deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical or engineering sciences." A committee of twelve scientists and engineers - appointees of the President - evaluate nominees for the Medal under the auspices of the National Science Foundation. The careers of the recipients span decades of research and development.

Abel Wolman BCC 1909, a recipient in 1974 for the award discipline of Engineering, was recognized for significant improvements in the environment and in the health of large populations through the development of better water supply and wastewater systems for cities, regions, and entire nations.

Hugh Latimer Dryden BCC 1913, a recipient in 1965 for the award discipline of Engineering, was recognized for contributions as an engineer, administrator and civil servant for one-half century in aeronautics and astronautics that have immeasurably supported the nation's preeminence in space.

John Archibald Wheeler BCC 1926, a recipient in 1970 for the award discipline of Physical Sciences, was recognized for his basic contributions to our understanding of the nuclei of atoms, exemplified by his theory of nuclear fission, and his own work and stimulus to others on basic questions of gravitational and electromagnetic phenomena.

Norman L. Hackerman BCC 1928, a recipient in 1993 for the award discipline of Chemistry, was recognized for his seminal contribution to electrochemistry; for his effectiveness and far-seeing vision in high education; and for his devoted service to the nation and science.

From Baltimore City College, Wolman, Dryden, Wheeler, and Hackerman matriculated to Johns Hopkins University to begin their higher education, another example of the synergistic relationship between two of Baltimore's most outstanding institutions. Wolman, Dryden, Wheeler, and Hackerman are among the BCC graduates who have been elected to the National Academy of Science.

Other than Baltimore City College, no high school in the Baltimore City Public School System can claim to have a U.S. Medal of Science laureate as a graduate.

Trio of Acclaimed BCC Mathematicians

Within the last ten years, the National Academy of Science has chosen for membership three graduates of the Baltimore City College who have pursued careers in Mathematics and higher education. President Abraham Lincoln authorized the formation of the National Academy of Science in 1863 at the height of the Civil War. The organization was created to “investigate, examine, experiment and report upon any subject of science and art” whenever called upon to do so by any department of the government. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded to a scientist or engineer.

Elected in 1999, **Richard A. Askey BCC’51** is in the Mathematics section of the Academy for his research and expertise in orthogonal polynomials, special functions, and Mathematics education K-12. At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Askey is emeritus Gabor Szego Professor of Mathematics.

Elected in 2003, **Solomon Wolf Golomb BCC’49** is in the Computer and Information Science section of the Academy for his research and expertise in communication signal design, binary sequences, favorable correlation, shift register generators, Costas arrays, and polyominoes. At the University of Southern California, Golomb is University Professor of Electrical

Engineering and Mathematics and Andrew and Erna Viterbi Professor of Communications. Golomb was inducted into the Baltimore City College Hall of Fame in 2006.

Elected in 2004, **Nicholas M. Katz BCC’60** is in the mathematics section of the Academy for his research and expertise in arithmetic algebraic geometry, L functions, and monodromy. At Princeton University, Katz is Professor of mathematics and a former chair of the Mathematics Department.

It remains to be seen if the International Baccalaureate curriculum currently employed at the Baltimore City College builds a foundation in Mathematics that’s equivalent to what tested and proven BCC A-Course Mathematics instruction provided in the past for National Academy of Science members Askey, Golomb, and Katz.

Three BCC Alumni Installed in Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame

Zanzyl Krieger (1906-2000) BCC’24, **Joseph Meyerhoff (1899-1985) BCC’16**, and **Abel Wolman (1892-1989) BCC’1910** – all BCC Hall of Fame members – were among the first eleven men and women inducted into the new Baltimore Jewish Hall of Fame. The honor, created through the initiative of Baltimore’s Jewish Community Center, is believed to be the first of its type in the United States.



Alumni Nota Bene

Gary Lee Bartz BCC’58 – rated by many experts as perhaps the most unsung of the greats in American Jazz today – currently teaches at Oberlin Conservatory of Music when he isn’t touring. Winner of a Grammy Award in 2005 for his work on McCoy Tyner’s Illuminations album; Bartz has played with most of the greats of his era and is proficient on both alto and soprano sax and the clarinet.

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin BCC’61 and Hall of Fame member recently led a delegation of congressmen to a meeting of the Commission on Security and Cooperation (better known as the Helsinki Commission) in Kazakhstan in Central Asia. While in the area the delegation met with Pakistani leaders to assess their commitment to combat Taliban and al Qaeda terrorists attacking in Afghanistan from bases in Pakistan.

TBC, the agency co-founded 34 years ago by **Alan F. Charles BCC’64**, has won a contract to conduct an advertising blitz for The Hair Cuttery – a salon chain. Charles remains a founding partner and creative force in TBC that counts Dow Jones and Constellation Energy Corporation (BGE’s parent) among its many clients.

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings BCC’69 and Hall of Fame member served as a member of the congressional conference committee that reconciled differences in the Passenger Rail Improvement Act or Amtrak Authorization bill. Rep. Cummings has vowed to work to fund the replacement of the aging Baltimore and Potomac Tunnel that carries sometime hazardous rail freight traffic under a large

part of the city...Rep. Cummings also spoke at the Democratic Party National Convention in Denver CO in August.

Andre R. DeShields BCC'64

and Hall of Fame member delivered the Charge at the spring, 2007 commencement of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his undergraduate alma mater. He concluded his remarks by singing "The Little Light of Mine" which for several years has



been used as a recessional at the BCC Hall of Fame induction. In 2004, DeShields received an honorary doctorate from the University of Wisconsin...DeShields also was presented with an Obie Award during 2007 for "sustained excellence in performance". Television fans might keep an eye out for DeShields when watching re-runs as his "small screen" credits include Another World, Cosby, Sex and the City, Great Performances, and Law & Order.

Arnold Fruman – BCC'64 and a regular attendee at BCCAA Board of Governors meetings – is the fourth of five generations who have managed or now manage the family's lumber business. National Lumber Co. (now located on Pulaski Highway) was started 89-years ago by his great-grandfather and grandfather and currently managed by Arnold Fruman, his father, and his two sons.

Brian G. Gonzalez BCC'61 retired at the end of the 2007-2008 school year after a 42-year career as a teacher, administrator, and principal in Baltimore County public schools. Since 1996 Gonzalez had been principal of the

County's largest high school – Perry Hall.

James Green (better known as **Woody Rock**) who graduated from City in the early-1990s has turned his back on a successful Rhythm & Blues career to concentrate on a gospel ministry and record for the Gospelcentric label. A founding-member of the famed Baltimore R&B recording group Dru Hill, Green/Rock – a pianist, singer and songwriter – abruptly left the re-united group in March 2008 to concentrate on religious music.

Bryant Johnson BCC'99 is playing this NFL season as a member of the San Francisco 49-ers after spending five seasons with the Arizona Cardinals who selected him in the first round of the 2003 NFL draft. The move appears to be a fortunate one for Johnson whose reception totals were limited in past seasons as most passes targeted two other Cardinal prime receivers. Some interesting facts about Johnson – he anchored a team that won the Penn Relays and holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Penn State University.



Gregory Kane's BCC'69 popular twice-weekly featured column now appears in the *Examiner* newspaper after several years in the *Sun* newspaper. During a 24-year career, Kane has written for the *Boston Globe* and *Atlanta Journal Constitution* as well as several magazines. Kane was one of the *Sun* staffers who accepted a buy out as the newspaper conducted a reduction in force.

Stanley "Stan" Keyser BCC'64 as a preservationist has been restoring and developing old

buildings for thirty years. His latest project is Hampden Village Center utilizing the old Northern District Police Station on Keswick Road.

Fernando Kirkland, BCC'03 and an award-winning debate team member while attending City, was presented with the Shawntia Diggs Award as the outstanding alumni coach in the Baltimore Urban Debate League.

Lawrence A. Miller BCC'64 has retired after a 30-year career teaching social studies at his alma mater – City College. For 22 of those years Miller headed his department.

Rep. Charles A. "Dutch" Ruppberger BCC'63 and Hall of Fame member sponsored legislation that authorized minting of a commemorative coin to celebrate Baltimore's role in the War of 1812. 30,000 of the \$1 coins are to be struck by the Mint in 2012 and sold for \$10 each with proceeds going to the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee. Rep. Ruppberger said he hopes the coin will spur Americans to learn more about the War of 1812, The Star Spangled Banner, and Baltimore's role in that part of U.S. History. The City College Choir sang the national anthem at that announcement program held at the Maryland Historical Society last spring.

Stewart W. Russell BCC'74, who played football and ran track while at City, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Maryland State Police (MSP) and placed in command of the MSP Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau. Lt. Col. Russell is a former Baltimore City police officer and 31-year MSP veteran.

Gilbert “Gil” Sandler BCC’41 and Hall of Fame member no longer writes a column in the *Jewish Times* newspaper after turning out 216 columns without missing a deadline. However- at age 85 – Sandler isn’t retiring. He still works five days per week at the Abell Foundation, contributes audio reports to WYPR-FM radio station, and is finishing his fifth book – War Time Baltimore.

Richard A. “Dick” Uhler BCC’53 as a retiree has volunteered for nine years with Chesapeake Habitat – an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International – to rebuild houses in some of Baltimore’s neediest neighborhoods. Retired after a long career in Baltimore County public schools, Uhler for many years was a teacher and administrator at Middle River Junior High and Hereford High School.

David Uhlfelder BCC’52 and a prominent certified public accountant in the Baltimore area was named to the Baltimore County school board by Gov. Martin O’Malley. Uhlfelder also serves as chair of the Baltimore County Workforce Development Council and sits on the Baltimore County Economic Advisory Committee.

Reginald “Reggie” Wells BCC’64 has spent the past 19 years making television star Oprah Winfrey look good as official makeup artist for the Oprah Winfrey Show. A graduate of Maryland Institute College of Art and former Garrison Middle School art teacher, Wells also worked in New York City as a beauty consultant where his clients included Aretha Franklin and



Whitney Houston. Wells came home to Baltimore this summer to conduct beauty workshops raising money for breast cancer research.

Philip H. Wetzler BCC’55 was an honoree in June 2008 at the Toast to The League for People with Disabilities annual advocacy award dinner. Wetzler was recognized for his tireless dedication that began when as a youngster he accompanied his mother and grandmother to the facility where they served as volunteers. Since 2004 Wetzler has served The League as volunteer aquatics therapy coach, using The League’s unique, warm therapeutic pool to train League participants, neighboring residents, and Baltimore’s Special Olympics swimming team. As entertainment for the event, funny man **Lonnie (Lionel) Shorr BCC’55** returned to Baltimore to provide comedic wit.

[Editor’s note: For an update on Shorr’s career see an article about him elsewhere in this Newsletter edition.]

Reunion Corner

10th

BCC’98 held a very successful gathering at The Eubie Blake Center on North Howard Street on June 7, 2008. **Monique Armstrong BCC’98** reports about 200 alumni and their spouses or friends were in attendance.

25th

BCC’83 celebrated the Silver Anniversary reunion with a weekend of fund and introspection from June 27 through June 29, 2008. **BCCAA President-elect Carla Hopkins BCC’83** reports

200 class members and their guests were on hand.

50th

BCC’58’s Golden Anniversary reunion festivities are scheduled on October 18 and 19, 2008. The main event will be a party at Martin’s Hunt Valley on Cranbrook Road to be followed by a brunch the next morning. Contact **Marty Scheinberg BCC’58** at 310-933-1106 or 301-437-9655 (cell) for details.

65th

The Class of February’43 got together on June 14, 2008 at Linwoods Restaurant on Crossroads Drive in Owings Mills. [Editor’s note: We thank **John Carroll Weiss, Jr. BCC’43** for the information.]

Alumni Deaths

BCC’25

S. Herbert “Buck” Harris practiced law in the Baltimore area for seven decades with St. Paul Insurance Co. and Rollins, Smalkin & Richards law firm and as a fill-in magistrate in the old District Court. Harris was still taking cases as an attorney when well into his 90s. A founder of Beth El Synagogue and former local president of B’nai Brith, Harris was 101 when he died at North Oaks Retirement Community in Pikesville.

BCC’33

Louis Ginsberg was born in Lynn (MA) but his family moved to Baltimore when was 10. When attending City, Ginsberg studied the trumpet with musicians who

played in the National Symphony or at Peabody Conservatory. After playing in Don Bestor's band, Ginsberg joined the U.S. Coast Guard Band where he played with clarinetist Benny Goodman's brother Irv who became his close friend. After WWII Ginsberg toured for a time with Jerry Wald's band before returning home to play in WBAL Radio's old studio band and at local clubs. Later Ginsberg formed his own band that played at clubs, bar mitzvahs, weddings, and President John F. Kennedy's inaugural party in 1961.

BCC'34

John G. Edelman played football, lacrosse, and water polo at City and studied printing at the old Mergenthaler School of Printing. During WWII Edelman worked at Schneidereith & Sons where he printed classified military documents. After earning a degree at University of Maryland – College Park Edelman taught printing at Southern High where baseball hall of fame member Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers was one of his students. Edelman was principal at Mergenthaler School of Printing in 1952 when it merged with two other vocational schools to create Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High. Edelman then served as printing specialist for city schools and principal at Mervo night school until retiring in 1978. Active in printing industry associations for nearly 70 years, Edelman was honored as a "Legend of the Printing Industry".

Dr. David Elliot Lazerow graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry and served during WWII with the U.S. Army in the eye clinic at what was then known as Bolling Field in

Washington DC. Dr. Lazerow practiced as an optometrist for six decades before retiring in 2005. His chief leisure activities were golf and travel. Dr. Lazerow claimed that he and his wife traveled to from 40 to 60 countries, took eleven cruises, and shopped at many places around the globe.

BCC'35

John Warrington Sherman

earned a Juris Doctorate at University of Baltimore Law School and – at age 20 – was the youngest every to pass the Maryland bar exam. Too young to practice in the courts, Sherman was a tax attorney with the Harrison firm prior to WWII service as a U.S. Army first lieutenant. During a 35-year career with American Oil Company (Standard Oil/AMOCO), Sherman rose to become chief trademark counsel to the firm before retiring in 1989. A resident of the Chicago IL suburbs for nearly a half century; Sherman enjoyed history, law, opera, and poetry.

BCC'36

Frazier Yearly left Johns Hopkins University in his senior year for WWII service in the South Pacific Theatre with the U.S. Army Air Corps' 322nd Troop Carrier Command. Yearly joined American Express Co. in New York City after being discharged and went on to manage several of their foreign offices. Eventually he returned home to Baltimore to work at the Social Security Administration headquarters before retiring three



decades ago. As an avid reader Yearly tried to read several books each week.

BCC'37

Leon J. Panitz attended Park School before graduating from City and served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII as a U.S. Navy ensign. After the War Leon Panitz and his brother **Stanley I. Panitz BCC'39** formed Panitz Bros. Co. and constructed over 1,400 new homes in the area. At the suggestion of developer James W. Rouse the Panitz brothers built a planned community in Harford County bounded by Pulaski Highway, Maryland Route 24, and the Gunpowder River – Joppatowne. At his death Leon Panitz was 89 and residing at Jacksonville FL.

BCC'38

Col. Algia Hearn "Alg" Nash (U.S.A. Ret.) served as a highly decorated U.S. Army officer during three campaigns – WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Deactivated at the end of WWII, Col. Nash worked as a salesman until being reactivated in 1951 for service in Korea. After working in intelligence and security in the Nha Trang area of Vietnam, Col. Nash retired from the service in 1970 and worked for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for another dozen years. In retirement his interests included supporting needy Anne Arundel County students and watching college lacrosse games.



BCC'40

Yale Friedlander was founder of the F&F Uniform Co., owner of A. Jacobs and Sons medical uniform company, and brother of **Henry E. Friedlander BCC'51** and the late **Ralph Friedlander BCC'36**.

BCC'41

Joseph F. LiPira, M.D. earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and served as plant doctor at Bethlehem Steel Co. before serving as a U.S. Air Force physician. After returning to Bethlehem Steel Co. for a couple of years, Dr. LiPira opened a family practice in 1958 and was one of the first doctors to successfully employ open chest heart massage. Semi-retired since 1978, Dr. LiPira continued to treat religious personnel (priests, nuns, and brothers) assigned to Calvert Hall College and Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic parish in Towson. In his spare time Dr. LiPira attended Colts games and thoroughbred races and enjoyed discussing politics.

Maj. Murrell F. "Murk" Murkey (USMC Ret.) was a regular contributor to the BCCAA's Annual Giving campaign.

BCC'42

William Robert "Bob" Keyser left his job with the B&O Railroad for WWII service in the South Pacific as a U.S. Navy medic attached to the Fourth Marine Division. Keyser came under fire while participating in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Upon his discharge Keyser resumed his railroad career that lasted 43 years and took him

to assignments in Cincinnati OH, Pittsburgh PA, and Wheeling WV prior to his retirement in 1985.

Clifton Elliott "Clif" Streat, Jr. served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was wounded and taken prisoner of war during the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home Streat attended Washington College in Chestertown and Johns Hopkins University. After a 30-year teaching career at Baltimore County's Milford Mill Middle School, Streat retired to Ocean Pines outside Berlin MD. Very active in church and educational groups, Clifton Streat was the twin brother of **William Lee Streat (BCC'42 too)** who died in 1997.

BCC'43

Paul A. Pumpian held pharmacy and law degrees from the University of Maryland. In federal service, Pumpian held posts with the both the U.S. Food and Drug and the U.S. Small Business Administrations. Pumpian also taught as a professor of pharmacy at the University of Maryland and worked as a patent attorney for E.R. Squibb & Sons, Inc. Among his other posts was an 8-year term as District of Columbia Federation President for the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). Pumpian is honored at the University of Maryland by having a conference room and scholarships named in his honor. [Editor's note: Thanks to his classmates **Gordon J. Salganik BCC'43** and **John Carroll Weiss, Jr. BCC'43** who sent us magazine clippings detailing Mr. Pumpian's accomplishments. At his death no obituary was printed locally.]



BCC'47

Gerald L. Zentz

BCC'48

Thomas H. Everett, Jr. was a member of the track team at City and served several years with the Maryland National Guard's 104th Medical Battalion. Everett retired in 1980 as owner after selling the family-operated United Beauty Supply Co. where he had worked for 38 years. Celebrated as a "super volunteer", Everett devoted 29 years to the Baltimore County Auxiliary Police force and 14 years to the highly profitable semi-annual Nearly New Sale at GBMC. His other interests included railroading and officiating at swimming and track and field meets.

BCC'49

Theodore A. "Teddy" Layton

BCC'50

Frank W. Welsh played clarinet and saxophone, was drum major of the Marching Knights, and led his own eleven-piece swing band during the 1950s. A former president of the Maryland Jaycees, Welsh worked as director of the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity until retiring from the state in 1984. Welsh then worked in the Towson office of Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley and as director of the Baltimore County Department of Community Development until retiring again in 1994. In his spare time Welsh served on the Republican State Central Committee for thirteen years and enjoyed playing the electric organ.

BCC'51

Sheldon Goldgeier, M.D. earned his degrees at the University of Maryland and served during the early 1960s as a U.S. Army captain. For years Dr. Goldgeier and his business partner **Leonard Wallenstein, M.D.** BCC'32 practiced from offices in Hampden. The doctors also shared an assignment for many years as team physicians for the Orioles during which they conducted player physicals and treated fans in need of medical care during games. Dr. Goldgeier retired in 2001 and moved to Easton MD where he taught part-time, fished, painted, took pictures, and watched birds.

BCC'54

Jack G. Hinds attended Gilman School before graduating from City and was an Army National Guard veteran. Retired after a long career as national sales director for Kyocera Corporation, Hinds was a long-time resident of Illinois North of Chicago. In retirement Hinds was an avid boater and worked in sales for Ben Watts Marina in Fox Lake IL and resided at McHenry IL at the time of his death.

BCC'57

Marvin N. Goldstein, M.D. graduated from University of Maryland School of Medicine and served residency at the University of Chicago hospitals and Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester (NY). For many years Dr. Goldstein was part of a neurology practice in the Rochester area.

John P. "Rocky" Rockstroh, Sr. earned a degree at Loyola College and managed auto paint

shops and sold forklifts prior to taking a job with Bethlehem Steel Corp. in 1966. Rockstroh worked for 33 years at the Sparrows Point plant before retiring in 1999 as a personnel development supervisor. In his spare time Rockstroh was also a partner in a firm that advised businesses on reorganization – Beyond The Box, Inc.

BCC'58

Gordon Christian Kamka was a quarterback on the Knights varsity football team and served in Vietnam as a U.S. Air Force captain. During a 10-year career in public service Kamka was superintendent of the Maryland Reception Diagnostic and Classification Center (1971-1973), warden of the Baltimore City Jail (1973-1979), and Maryland's Secretary of Public Safety (1979-1981). Kamka resigned abruptly when controversy swirled around his philosophy to rehabilitate offenders and promptly return them to their community. For the past 27 years Kamka contracted as a correctional consultant while residing in Connecticut, Texas, and West Virginia. It was said he had inspected over 400 correctional facilities in the U.S.A., Canada and Europe and testified at scores of trials as an expert witness on prison procedures. Gordon Kamka was son of the late **Christian F. Kamka BCC'31** and brother of **Roger G. Kamka BCC'61**.

BCC'60

George Edmund Barrett, Jr. earned an under graduate degree from Morgan State University and a law degree from University of Maryland School of Law. Barrett worked as a social worker for the

U.S. Army, Baltimore City, and in Bridgeport CT before working in sales for Bekins Van Lines in San Francisco CA. After returning to the Baltimore area Baltimore worked as an assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County and an assistant attorney general for the State of Maryland. Barrett was forced to retire in 2002 after undergoing a heart transplant.

BCC'61

William L. Brooks was a starter on the basketball team while at City before serving for six years in Vietnam as a sergeant/sharpshooter with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. Brooks had retired after working as a contractor for Raytheon Service Co. at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt MD. In charge of operating Raytheon's vehicle fleet and supply operation, Brooks traveled to NASA tracking stations around the globe regularly.

BCC'65

Barry Steven Gold, M.D. earned his degrees at the University of Maryland and interned and served residency at Maryland General Hospital. After retiring from his internal medicine practice in 2005 Dr. Gold worked on staff at University of Maryland Medical Center and in the emergency room at the Veterans Administration Hospital downtown. Over the years Dr. Gold signed on as a physician-adviser to movie crews filming in the area. After being bitten by a rattlesnake while on a Boy Scout camping trip Dr. Gold researched treatment of reptile bites and consulted world wide with poison centers, aquariums, and zoos as an authority on that subject.

Deaths of Those Who Attended City

Robert Leo "Bob" Blatchley (age 68) – attended City and Loyola-Blakefield before graduating from Forest Park High School – retired after working as a newspaper and radio reporter, public defender, BGE attorney, and football/lacrosse referee.

Leonard E. Brown (age 80) – attended City – served in U.S. Navy 1945-1947 – telephone lineman – Annapolis MD resident.

James K. Little, Sr. (age 83) – attended City – served during WWII on Liberty ships – exterminator – driving school founder – home builder.

Julian Pushkin (age 82) – attended City – graduated Forest Park High School – musician – bandleader – pawnshop and nightclub owner – insurance agent.

Norbert J. Rottloff, Sr. (age 82) – earned diploma at City (possibly at night school) after WWII U.S. Navy service – retired as Bethlehem Steel engineer and real estate salesman.

Newsletter for including my requested "Wanted" item in the spring edition.

There was an immediate response from Mister Donald Nelson, a member of my Class of 1966. After close to a two-year search, once again I now have copy of the *Green Bag* yearbook. I will take great pain to ensure its safekeeping even at the risk of bodily harm to whomever dares to try to remove it from my possession. (Smile!)

Again thanks to you and the BCC(AA) Newsletter staff for your assistance. A special thanks to Mister Donald Nelson as well!
Sincerely,
Emanuel T. Turner, Class of 1966 BCC

CITY FOREVER!

Small World, Isn't it?

Your editor recently had a phone conversation with classmate **Dennis M. Callahan BCC'58** who passed on an anecdote that illustrates the preponderance of City alumni around. Callahan recalled that during his term as Mayor of Annapolis (1985-1989) he, his administrative aide and the governor and lieutenant governor of Maryland set out on a motorized streetcar tour of Maryland's capital city. During their tour they discovered all were City College graduates. Aboard were Admin. Asst. (the late) **Norman Brailey BCC'58, Gov. William Donald Schaefer BCC'39** and Hall of Fame member, and **Lt. Gov. Melvin A. Steinberg BCC'50** and Hall of Fame member. Callahan still works in Annapolis as chief of staff for Anne Arundel County Executive John R. Leopold.

A Sextet of American Writers

Huntington Cairns, Savington Crampton, A.D. Emmart, George Goetz (pen name: Victor F. Calverton), Donald Kirkley, and Eli Siegal: Represented are authors, dreamers, magazine editors, newspaper reporters, poets, and radicals. All were active in the early to mid-20th century. All were Baltimoreans. All graduated from Baltimore City College in the 1910s!

BCC Alumni Continue to Invest in Baltimore's Future

Two more BCC alumni – **Joseph Haskins Jr. BCC'67** and **David M. Rubenstein BCC'66** and Hall of Fame member – are on the list of those rebuilding Baltimore. Haskins and his Harbor Bank are among developers for a \$112.5 million mixed-use project (including a 30-story high-rise) about to get underway at Calvert and Lombard Streets. Rubenstein's Carlyle Group has a part in an ambitious \$1.4 billion development set for the Westport waterfront on the Patapsco River near I-95. Plans for the 54-acre site include office, residential, and retail space featuring a 65-story skyscraper and 2,000 homes.

Here Comes the Judges!!!!

It is remarkable to note that at least eleven sitting judges (we know of) in the area are City College alumni. They include: District Court – Baltimore City – **H. Gary Bass BCC'60, Emanuel Brown BCC'71, Askew Gatewood BCC'68,** and

Happy Anniversary!

The Baltimore City College Alumni Association would like to offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to the students, staff, and alumni of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute on their school's 125th anniversary!

The BCCAA Newsletter gets e-mail

To: **Robert Ford (BCC'70** and BCCAA Corresponding Secretary and Past President)

This message is to thank you and the staff of the BCC(AA)

Theodore Oshrine BCC'66 – Baltimore County – **Darryl G. Fletcher BCC'65** and **Bruce S. Lamdin BCC'65** – Washington County – **Ralph H. France, II BCC'59**; Circuit Court – Baltimore City – **John N. Prevas BCC'64** (currently serving as Chief Judge) and Baltimore County – **Robert N. Dugan BCC'60**; Maryland Court of Special Appeals – **Alexander Wright, Jr. BCC'67**; and U.S. District Court for Maryland – **William D. Quarles BCC'65**. In addition, three other City College alumni have only recently retired from the bench: **Judge Raymond A. Beck BCC'56** (Carroll County Circuit Court and a former state delegate and senator), **Judge I. Marshall Seidler BCC'53** (Baltimore County District Court), and **Judge Alan W. Wilner BCC'54** (Chief Judge Maryland Court of Special Appeals and Maryland Court of Appeals.)

From the Flattop to the Big Top

Capt. Donald K. "Don" Covington, III (USN Ret.) BCC'62 and his younger brother became fans of the circus when they produced thrill shows in their backyard or attended the old Polack Bros. Shrine Circus (sponsored by Boumi Temple) during its annual fall visit to Baltimore's Fifth Regiment Armory. In 1965 Don Covington joined up – with the U.S. Navy that is. He went on to fly jets from the deck of aircraft carriers operating off Vietnam in the South China Sea. When mandatory military retirement arrived at age 50, Capt. Covington



might have become an airline pilot or corporate executive. Instead he and Janice – his wife of 36 years – joined the Big Apple Circus to spend 45-weeks each year living in a trailer home as the Circus tours East Coast cities. Capt. Covington is the company manager and Mrs. Covington supervises the Circus' wardrobe. *[Editor's note: Regular readers of this Newsletter should recognize Capt. Don Covington's name. He is a faithful contributor each and every year to the BCCAA Annual Giving campaign!]*

BCC Alumnus's Half-Century of Stand-up Comedy

Lionel "Lonnie" Shorr's BCC'55 first experience on stage was in the student play "Remains to be Seen" at The Castle. Shorr's summer job while attending City was as a handyman at Druid Hill Park where he was assigned to "follow the animals" at the old Baltimore Zoo. After initial comedy exposure at the old Mardi Gras Supper Club on Harford Road and the old Playboy Club on Light Street, Shorr went to Las Vegas where he played 20 weeks per year at clubs there. His television appearances were on Break the Bank, the Dean Martin Show, Hollywood Squares, the Merv Griffin Show, and the Tonight Show. Shorr also toured with singer Kenny Rogers. According to Jacques Kelly's Then & Now article in the Sun newspaper; Shorr now resides at Fort Lauderdale FL and still performs at corporate events, private parties, etc. He does return to the Baltimore area several times each year – usually to visit his close friend "Little" Joe Washington, the former Colt running back.

Remembering City College's Academy Award Laureate

Robert Pirosh BCC'28 (1910-1989) was noted in Hollywood as a director and producer, but his greatest fame came as a screenwriter. Pirosh co-wrote two Marx Brother hits back-to-back "A Night at the Opera" and "A Day at the Races". During WWII Pirosh took a hiatus from Hollywood to serve as a master sergeant in the U.S. Army's 35th Infantry Division and saw action in the European Theater. Among his later writing credits were "Go for Broke" and "Hell is for Heroes". However, Pirosh's Oscar came for writing the screenplay for "Battleground". Pirosh also wrote episodes for many popular television series including "Barnaby Jones", "Bonanza", "Combat", "Ellery Queen", "Hawaii Five-O", "Ironside", "Laramie", "Mannix", and "The Waltons".



A BCC Graduate who was Surgeon General of the U.S.A.

Hugh Smith Cumming, M.D. (1868-1948) earned a medical degree at the University of Virginia after finishing studies at City College. Joining the Marine Hospital Service (which became the Public Health Service) in 1894, Dr. Cumming remained on active duty until retirement 42-years later in 1936. During his career Dr. Cumming was assigned to the Hygienic Laboratory (that became the National Institute of Health), the U.S. Navy during

WWI, and as Surgeon General of the United States from 1920 until 1936. Dr. Cumming's list of achievements includes establishing hospitals for treatment of leprosy and mental health problems and research on the effect pollution of tidal waters in Maryland and Virginia had on oysters and other shellfish.

Who was Ira Hirschmann?

Among those enshrined in City's Hall of Fame is **Ira Hirschmann**. His exact date of birth is in dispute but is listed in print as 1901 or 1906. There is no paper evidence of an exact date but we feel Hirschmann graduated from City in the late 1910s and went on to Johns Hopkins University for two years before launching a merchandising career. Hirschmann died in 1989 at age 83 or 88.

For decades Hirschmann worked as an executive for major department stores such as L. Bamberger & Co., Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Bloomingdale's and later contracted as a consultant for many other familiar retail names.

While at Bloomingdale's Hirschmann was influential in establishing under their ownership experimental FM radio and television broadcasting stations in the New York City-New Jersey area. Two of those stations later became known as WOR-Radio and WABC-TV.

Always politically and socially active, Hirschmann became a close personal friend and associate of Fiorello LaGuardia – the colorful New York congressman and mayor. Prior to WWII it was Hirschmann who organized a boycott of Nazi-made goods by U.S. retailers. Hirschmann also

personally brokered an agreement that allowed 100,000 refugees to escape from the Transnistria concentration camp in Romania and wrote a book about the horrors of the Holocaust.

Donor Sought to Create a Visiting Author Lectureship Endowment

A very successful literary activity at the Baltimore City College – “One City – One Book” – has depended on a yearly scramble to assemble financial support from public and private sources. To create a permanent source of funding to guarantee a reoccurring activity, a search has been initiated to recruit a donor to contribute the principal for the endowment of a visiting author lectureship.

The establishment of a visiting author lectureship would perpetuate an all-school reading event for the Baltimore City College. All members of the family of the third oldest continuously functioning public high school would be encouraged to participate. With the event's focus on the reading and discussion of one book, the Baltimore City College would demonstrate its high regard for literacy and the Baltimore City College love for learning that spans three centuries. What's more, a visiting author lectureship would encourage students to see themselves as part of the collegiate experience of diverse people coming together to discuss and analyze intellectual subjects.

To comply with terms and conditions for the lectureship endowment, authors would be chosen based on the relevance of their subject matter. The selection

of each author and specific work would be announced and, at a subsequent special session in the Castle on the Hill library/meeting hall, the author would comment on his or her work and participate in a discussion with those in attendance. Months in advance of the lecture date, the selected book would be purchased in quantity to be sold at a significant discount to students with an interest in the lecture. Following the lecture, the visiting author lecturer would be guest of honor at a reception for those attending the lecture.

From the available income produced by a permanent endowment, disbursements would be made to provide for any or all of the following visiting author lectureship related expenses: book purchase subsidy, lecture promotional material, honorarium for author lecturer, travel reimbursement for author lecturer, and a reception for the author lecturer and activity participants.

A contribution of \$50,000 would establish a permanent endowment for an annual visiting author lectureship and entitle the donor to name the lectureship. The available annual income would be disbursed every year to support the lectureship. A contribution of \$25,000 would establish a permanent endowment for a biannual visiting author lectureship and entitle the donor to name the lectureship. The available annual income would accumulate and be disbursed every two years to support the lectureship.

For either a biannual or an annual visiting lectureship, 85% of the endowment income would be made available for related expenses. Any available income that remains unspent would be returned to the endowment principal. 15% of the annual

endowment income would be added to the endowment principal to provide an inflation offset.

Management of the investment of the endowment principal would be assigned to the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. (Currently, the Trustees administers 31 different endowments, one dating to 1911, with a combined asset value of over \$1,800,000.) Available income from the endowment principal for the visiting author lectureship would be transferred to the Baltimore City College Alumni Association, Inc. for disbursement to support the visiting lectureship. A faculty supervisor for the visiting author lectureship, designated by the Chair of the Baltimore City College English Department, would authorize expense payments.

To discuss the visiting author lectureship endowment opportunity for the Baltimore City College, please contact **Neil R. Bernstein BCC'54**, BCCAA and TBCCSF Board Member Emeritus, 410-435-7714.

It's What the BCCAA Does with Your Generous Contributions



Recent meetings of the BCCAA Board of Governors heard reports on and viewed photos of two events supported by Annual Giving gifts. The "One City, One Book" program on April 24th in the Media Center featured University of Maryland professor Joshua Weiner reading poems from "The Book of Giants". The Board also heard from three

students who participated in the January 19th through 24th Civil Rights Pilgrimage in the South. Among the sites they saw were the tomb of Coretta Scott and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church, Rosa Parks Library and Museum, and Edmund Pettus Bridge. The students also met and spoke with freedom Rider Catherine Burks during their trip.

The Board has also heard from two City coaches – **Mike Daniels (basketball)** and **Anthony "Merc" Ryan** (lacrosse) – at recent meetings.

Recent funding approved by the Board includes payments for summer league and/or camp participation for City basketball, football, and lacrosse players and support of five sandlot football leagues for inner city youngsters. Student Jacob Agus's summer project to build grain storage buildings in Honduras – through American Jewish World Services – was also supported. The BCCAA also underwrote City's Annual Athletic Banquet.

City Debaters Continue to Impress

City College's Debate Team chalked up a very enviable record during the 2007-2008 school year. The Knights won or gave a good account of themselves in events such as the Baltimore Urban Debate League, Baltimore City Ethics Bowl, Baltimore Catholic Forensic League, Baltimore Mock Trial Competition, National Forensic League, and National Catholic Forensic League events. Shannon Harris BCC'08 won the **Gil Sandler (BCC'41** and Hall of Fame member) Award as the BCC senior scoring the most National Forensic League points. During

her days at City Ms. Harris participated in 100 debates and 20 competitions.

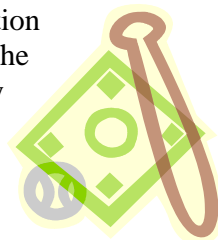
BCC Students Lead by Activism

The City College students of today are blazing an interesting course of activism as far as their concerns about their education and the needs of their peers and those younger than them. Many are members or groups like The Algebra Project and Peer to Peer just to mention a couple of groups active in the Baltimore area. Members of Peer to Peer took to the streets in protest last spring when the Baltimore City Council refused to budget \$3 million to pay students to mentor their peers in areas such as HIV and teen pregnancy. We can only hope this activism will carry over to when they are alumni and can help to fight the battle to preserve the "City-way" for those who follow them.

Remembering Two More Hall of Fame Members who Played Major League Baseball

In our last edition we reported on the death of Tommy Byrne BCC'37 and Hall of Fame member who pitched for the New York Yankees in the 1950s. At least two other BCC Hall of Fame members also had Major League careers:

Max Frederick Bishop (1899-1962) had a 12-year career in the "Majors" playing second base for Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox. Bishop had a keen batting eye and



recorded over 100 bases on balls a season in seven years. A slick fielder, Bishop played in 18 World Series games without an error and led American League second basemen in fielding four times. After his playing days were over Bishop was head baseball coach at the United States Naval Academy from 1938 until his death.

Alphonse “Tommy” Thomas (1899-1988) pitched for 12-years in the Major Leagues as a member of the Chicago White Sox, Washington Senators, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Browns, and Boston Red Sox. After hanging up his spikes, Thomas held several on and off-field positions with the old Baltimore Orioles in the International League.

Knights Open 2008 Grid Season on the Road in Western Maryland

Coming off a fairly satisfying 8-3 2007 season, the Black Knights football team opened their 2008 season with a road trip to Allegany County on September 5, 2008 to play Fort Hill High School who were ranked #23 in pre-season polls. City supporters rode busses from The Castle to Cumberland to cheer on the Knights.

Knights win City Men’s Lacrosse Title

The lacrosse program at City took a “giant step” toward recouping previous glory this past season by winning the Baltimore City lacrosse championship. **Coach Anthony**



“Merc” Ryan’s charges recorded a perfect 10-0 season. Coach Ryan says he enjoyed his previous successes at Walbrook, but the progress of his program at City is something special and very satisfying.

Recalling City’s Lacrosse Achievements

Success in lacrosse is nothing new at City College. The Knights’ heritage in that sport is legendary. Many who played at City have earned election into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame that is located on University Parkway adjacent to a place where a lot of exciting lacrosse has and is being played – Homewood Field. Among those so honored are: **A. Gordon Armstrong BCC’1904, Thomas N. Biddison BCC’24, Emil “Buzzy” Budnitz BCC’49** and BCC Hall of Fame member, **Lorne Randolph Guild BCC’28, John C. Knipp BCC’12, Alvin B. “Buzzy” Krongard BCC’54** and BCC Hall of Fame member, **W. Kelso Morrill Sr. BCC’21** and BCC Hall of Fame member, **Jerry Schnydmann BCC’62** and BCC Hall of Fame member, **Edward M. Stuart BCC’13, John C. Tolson BCC’37, and Church Yearly BCC’30.** Many others are members of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame’s Maryland wing. Others have made contributions to the sport, too – **Frank Gottlob Breyer BCC’1905** who was founding lacrosse coach at the U.S. Naval Academy and coached at Lehigh University and Swarthmore College, **William C. Schmeisser BCC’1899** who coached at Johns Hopkins University and for whom the prestigious Schmeisser Award is named, and **William E. “Willie” Scroggs BCC’65** who

coached North Carolina University to the NCAA national title in 1982.

Court News (Tennis and Badminton), that is)

City once again claimed the Baltimore City girls’ singles tennis title when Rammelkamp defeated her Western High rival in straight sets. The Knights also added the boys’ doubles title when Stokes and Waldron bested their opponents from Dr. Samuel Banks High.

Knights’ varsity and junior varsity badminton teams also claimed city titles.



Association Rules Changes Effects City Athletes

The board of control of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association has voted by a narrow margin to approve an important rules change for 2008. The action – which is effective from the end of the spring sports season until fall practices start in mid-August – allows high school athletes to play on outside summer teams under their regular coaches. Previously only 80% of the team players could be from the coach’s own school. The “80% Rule” remains effective during the remainder of the school year.

“At-Risk” Girls Learn and Play at BCC

Since 2002, Leigh McDonald Hall as a volunteer operated a lacrosse program for female middle school students in the inner city. The Pacas’ program was the only one of its type operating in the city. However the program was forced to close when Ms. Hall was unable to find anyone willing to devote sufficient time to help her mentor and coach the team. Over seven years the team sent five girls to City to learn and play lacrosse. **Ryan Coleman – BCC’93**, a former BCCAA president, and a current BCCAA governor – observed first-hand the obstacles the girls faced and overcame as a mentor to middle school students and sometime recruiter for City’s lacrosse coach Kendra Ausby.



The “Skinny” on Dipping in City’s Pool (1928-1978)

Anyone who attended City before 1978 has memories – fond or otherwise – of what we used to call “swim classes” in The Castle’s Olympic-sized pool.



From 1928 until the first women arrived in 1978, the men of City swam “ala natural”. Writer Mary K. Zajac’s article – In the Swim, the Bare Truth – in the July/August edition of *Style* magazine brought back those memories. Several alumni recounted their own experiences

and fears for the article. Several theories were advanced as to why the practice might have begun, but no firm conclusions were reached. Incidentally, swim class is mandatory for the City College freshmen of 2008, but they must provide their own suit and towel. Left untold is the story of the bygone ordeal of mandatory communal showers at the end of gym or swim class.

In the Shadow of The Tower

[Editor’s note: This is another in a series of articles about the neighborhoods surrounding The Castle.]

This time we look northeastward across The Alameda and 33rd Street to the area bounded by Argonne Drive, Harford Road, Hillen Road, and 32nd Street. Still located at the corner of Hillen Road and 35th Street is Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School. [Editor’s note: Mervo recently got new artificial turf to update its athletic field courtesy of the NFL Ravens. City’s alumni and friends are trying to do the same for our Alumni Field.] Located adjacent to Mervo is the Montebello Water Filtration Plant which has been under heavy security since 9/11/2001. [Editor’s note: I am sure you are aware that Abel Wolman BCC’ 1909 and Hall of Fame member developed the processes employed in the Plant and designed Baltimore City’s reservoir and water storage system.] Located along Argonne Drive between Harford and Hillen Roads are little league playing fields, the Northeastern City Police Station, and many new Morgan State University cultural centers and dormitories. Perhaps

the fun center of the area is Lake Montebello and Herring Run Park. The circular drive around the Lake was modernized recently and is a favorite for bikers, runners, and walkers. The Park’s fields are busy with baseball, football, lacrosse, and especially soccer games. Herring Run Park’s picnic groves are favorites for family cookouts and reunions. But the popular fresh water spring has been capped due to pollution fears. The southeast corner of the area is still home to Montebello Elementary School where many City College attended grades 1 thru 6.

[Editor’s note: Do you recall when Lake Montebello had a twin – Lake Clifton – located in Clifton Park? Lake Clifton was filled-in in the 1960s and the “new” Lake Clifton – Eastern High School was built on it.]

Suitable Photograph Search

In the Castle on the Hill, the Alumni Association would like to fill more of the main hall walls with large framed photographs of BCC graduating classes. For several years, 16 class photographs and about two student body photographs that previously were stored in the BCC archives have been displayed in the main hall of the Castle on the Hill.

**Class of 1889
Class of 1898
Class of 1890
Class of 1899
Class of 1892
Class of 1900
Class of 1893
Class of 1907
Class of 1894
Class of 1915
Class of 1895
Class of 1922
Class of 1896
Class of 1925**

Class of 1897
Class of 1950

Student Body 1917
Student Body 1918

To contribute a large framed or unframed graduating class or student body photograph that's not on the list, please call and leave a message on the Alumni Line 410-366-4099 or 1-866-355-1839.

The search for photographs and other suitable memorabilia for display in the BCC main hall is part of an effort to turn it into Heritage Hall.

Some City College Milestones

165 years ago (1843) – school moved into building at Fayette and Holiday Streets previously known as the Old Assembly Rooms and the Theatre Tavern.

135 years ago (1873) – Old Assembly Rooms building destroyed by fire. City College moved into temporary quarters at #53 St. Paul Street.

115 years ago (1893) – City College in temporary quarters at Dolphin Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. (The building at Howard and Centre Streets collapsed a year previously during railroad tunnel construction.)

85 years ago (1923) – “City Forever” sung for first time at a City-Poly Game.

80 years ago (April 10, 1928) – students enter “Castle on the Hill”.

70 years ago (1938) Eastern High School moves in across Loch Raven Road from City.

20 years ago (1988) – 100th City-Poly Game played.

[Editor's note: All dates taken from “150 Years of the Baltimore City College”.]

How to Arrange a Planned Gift

The use of a bequest in a last will and testament is an effective way to contribute to the Baltimore City College.

Appropriate language can be used to provide for the general purposes of the school as the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association may direct.

Appropriate language can be used to facilitate a substantial contribution from the donor's estate for a one-time specific purpose. Appropriate language can be used to provide annual support through the creation of a permanent endowment to benefit BCC.

The donor may designate the bequest for a specific purchase or

support for a specific activity or the award of a specific prize or scholarship. A bequest placed to the permanent endowment fund will perpetuate the donor's name. The suggested wording for a bequest in a last will and testament to benefit Baltimore City College which an attorney may implement, “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Baltimore City College Alumni Association, a Maryland non-profit corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, the sum of \$____; or the following described property____; or the residue of my estate to be used for ____.” For assistance in formulating a bequest to benefit Baltimore City College, please call 410-366-4099 or toll free 1-866-355-1839, the BCC Alumni Line.

[Editor's note: Your Newsletter team is dedicated to making this the best high school alumni publication in the state and nation. That being said, we really enjoy compliments. Here's one from Stanley Wagner – Hall of Fame member, retired faculty, and Hall of Fame Committee member emeritus. Mr. Wagner writes, “Received your latest Newsletter. It was the best ever – and I've read all of them...” Thanks Mr. Wagner and thanks to Mrs. Dawn Converse at Word Processing Unlimited,

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Ted Lingelbach (BCC'58), Editor.]

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