



NEWS FROM ECHO HILL CAMBERSHIP FUND

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

As 2006 comes to a close, the Board of EHCF sincerely thanks our readers for their growing support. Your emails, letters, and phone calls provide insight, suggestions, memories, and more, fueling our efforts and keeping each of us focused on our mission. You donations have grown in size, volume, and style, while the sources of funding have continued to diversify: Friends are soliciting friends, workers soliciting co-workers and employers, and colleagues are tapping corporations. The only thing missing is a little pork barrel spending for an EHCF earmark...but, you know, we're working on it.

Your response to last year's newsletter was as generous as ever, creating a surplus in our account. Being fiscally conservative (and socially liberal... hmmm... maybe we should run for president), EHCF transferred a portion of the funds to our money market account, moving us closer to a revenue-generating endowment or a "rainy day fund", should the need ever arise.

Then, in the spring, the whole Board (read: **Peter Boyd**), reached out to a variety of relationships to replenish our everyday account. We haven't figured out what he says or if, instead, he just gets them drunk, and then "borrows" their wallets. Whatever the process, Peter is a juggernaut. And while we kid, because we love – the truth is that Peter believes so deeply in this cause that he merely puts forth a sincere pitch backed by those puppy-dog eyes of his and donors scramble for their check books, hoping to get him out the door before he realizes they might have a daughter he could ask out.

The next stage of our year is a singular focus on the mission. We send out applications to last summer's camper-

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RECORD BREAKING FUNDRAISER

The Echo Hill Campership Fund raises a whopping \$35,020 in one night!

On August 29th, Robert Alfandre opened up his wonderful home to host our fundraising event which drew approximately 50-75 people from the Washington D.C. business community. The goal of the event was to encourage local businesses to recognize their duty as corporate citizens: to give back



to the community that gives so much to them. In doing so, we had several corporations such as RCN, Terrestar Networks, Mobile Satellite Ventures, Earthlink and other businesses, foundations, and individuals step up to the plate and make large donations to EHCF.

Ken Mehlman, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, was the evening's guest of honor. As Mr. Mehlman recognized in his speech at the event, it is our duty as members of our community to put aside politics and concentrate on charities, such as the Echo Hill Campership Fund, that are in need of the time, effort, funding and commitment of so many people in order to be effective. He and everyone else that participated did so that night. The funds raised from this single event almost equaled the cost of our 2006 camperships and will pump up our fledgling endowment fund to a level we thought we would not see for many years.

The party truly resulted from a team effort. EHCF thanks our donors both for their generosity as well as their willingness to spread the word and make the night such a success. We plan to build on this effort and host future events in the hope of connecting with other businesses interested in promoting good works through our non-profit.



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A Team: 500 is a group of donors who pool their resources to achieve a donation of \$500 or more. Usually, a Team: 500 is brought together by an individual who alone could not make such a generous donation. But, with a little effort and some willing friends, family & employers, a Team: 500 can make an impressive mark.

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What's New at EHCF

In the midst of a changing world...

We are proud at EHCF to share with you our latest changes and achievements.

Invigorated Website – Our website needed a facelift so we called in *Dr. 21678* for a little help. Please visit www.EHCF.org to see our fresh new look, updated content, archived newsletters and photographs, download a copy of our new brochure, read through our testimonials or our favorite, make a donation online!

Corporate Fundraiser – Recognizing that corporations often have budgets designated to charitable donations we often discussed how we could reach this audience. With the work of **Amy Mehlman** and **Patrick Gorman** and the generous donations of the **Alfandre Family**, we have officially and very successfully broken through to a new level of fundraising and a new demographic of sponsors. The Echo Hill Campership Fund organized a dinner that raised a record breaking \$35,000. Proving to be a lucrative method of reaching corporate donors, we are beginning to discuss an event for next year. Please feel free to drop us a line if you or someone you know would like to be of assistance. We can be reached via email at: info@ehcf.org.

Brochure – As many former board members know, EHCF has been in the process of developing a professional quality brochure for several years. We are elated to inform you that we are almost there! Our goal for this brochure is to continue to reach out to new donors both private and corporate.



THIRD ANNUAL EHCF CRABFEAST

On the afternoon of Saturday, September 16, approximately 75 Echo Hill alums and friends of EHCF gathered at the Kent Island home of **Mike Grossman** to celebrate the Third Annual EHCF Crab Feast. As in the past two years, the day began with cloudy skies, heavy winds, and scattered rain showers. Yet again, the weather didn't deter people. Showing true Echo Hill spirit and determination, people started arriving at 4pm and were welcomed with bushels of fresh steamed Wye River crabs, sweet Eastern Shore corn, potato salad, and other treats. In keeping with tradition, the crowd also enjoyed hardwood charcoal grilled Georgian lamb and other Eastern European dishes. A special feature this year was having one of our campership recipients attend

and share stories of the joys he experienced this summer at Echo Hill. After eating, many moved inside to play a few rounds of blackjack! The party continued into the evening until everyone said goodbye until next September. This event has become a mainstay of the EHCF calendar and aside from giving so many of us a chance to reunite in a beautiful setting reminiscent of camp, it is an important fundraiser as well. This year's crab feast raised over \$4,000.

EHCF would like to thank Chris Tull for picking up the fresh crabs, Konstantin Khizder for providing the lamb and other European specialties, Sue Boyd for the great potato salad, and Gil Gilman for dealing plenty of exciting rounds of blackjack. The Campership Fund would also like to thank Michael Boyd for stepping into Liam Gilbert's shoes and doing a large scale trash run.

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ships and to others who have been referred to us. Applications are received and categorized by a Board member (this year **Donna DeMarco Sayada**), then reviewed by a selection committee we keep at arms-length from the non-profit. Retired EHCF Board members comprise most of the committee, and though we keep their names confidential, their work and continued commitment to the cause is a reflection of their generous hearts and greatly appreciated by all.

Once completed, EHCF then pivots. Some members continue to interact with our campership kids, some work with Echo Hill to facilitate campership logistics (thanks, Lieke!), some return to fundraising, and others must go golfing or something because we can't seem to account for their time. Luckily, they're billing us at zero dollars per hour, so we let them slide.

Among those who turned to fundraising, EHCF takes great pleasure in singling-out **Amy (Marshack) Mehlman** for smashing every record in EHCF's record book. OK, we'll admit the book is thin, but Amy raised more in a night than EHCF raised, cumulatively, in the first decade. Through hard work, a sterling reputation built over time, and the courage to look friends in the eye to ask for support, Amy generated funds to pay tuition for all of EHCF's camperships during the 2006 season. One night. \$35,000. What an impact.

To those who supported EHCF on that warm, humid night in late August, please accept our most heartfelt thanks.

Fall brings **Mike Grossman's** Annual Crab Feast, our yearly donor appreciation event. Mike's home on the Chesapeake Bay is the perfect setting for lazy crab picking. Warm breezes, cold beverages, and an amazing sunset make the day unforgettable. The night is sometimes forgotten, but that's another story for another time.

In all, EHCF has spent the year building processes and creating structure that will last. We have a better understanding of the clients we serve, the ways we can support them, and the lasting impact the experience is having on our campers. We are learning how and when our supporters want to be contacted and are getting better at seeking support at levels that are relevant to our donors' economic positions. EHCF's records, our database, even our website – all continue to improve.

And yet, we still stumble occasionally. We make mistakes, here and there. But, when we fall, we fall among friends. You all are always there to pick us up, brush us off, and tell us to get back in the game. You do more than just keep us going.

You make a world of difference.

You are changing young people's lives.

Please continue. We can't do it without you.

Thank you.

MISS HONEY'S VACATION ... NOT!

How many of you remember Catherine "Honey" Murray's first year at Echo Hill? 1972 was a very good year! Time to take a well earned vacation you could say. Miss Honey has decided to do just that. She is temporarily forsaking her spatula and hot ovens, but not for what most of us would call the easy life. She has enrolled in a six week residential weight loss program (that began November 5) at the renowned Duke University Diet and Fitness Center in Durham, NC. She hopes that she will walk out of there a changed woman.

Any support and encouragement in the form of cards and letters throughout her stay (until December 23) would be greatly appreciated by Honey. You can write (or call) her directly at the following address:

Catherine "Honey" Murray
Duke Diet Center
804 W. Trinity Ave.
Durham, NC 27701

And if the going gets tough Miss Honey, know that we are all rooting for you. Just think, soon you will chase our campership kids around the Whip kitchen the way you used to chase us in the good old days of 1972!



HAVE YOU HEARD ...?

Oh, what a year it has been! With another year past and the memories of CA Dell and Sheppard's Pie all the more distant, it is nice to know that the Echo Hill rumor mill is still churning away. Unfortunately, we can no longer sign up for a free swim or beach hike so to be caught up with the entire scoop. Never to fear, EHCf gossip is here!

Have you heard...?

How better to start than with a simple question: How old was **Petey Rice** when you first arrived at Echo Hill?

For some of us, Petey was an experienced waterfront counselor with a flair for dramatic announcements and bleach blond hair. For some others, Petey was one of the "special kids" with a knack for getting the last sign up for the Hobie Cat (Penny, you still owe me free sign-ups, but that's another story.) Yet for others, Petey was but a funny idea one late night on Betterton Beach.

Oh, how times have changed. Petey Rice is now a college man in his first year at Gettysburg College (how old are you?). After a one year hiatus serving as the Land of Pleasant Living's Cultural Ambassador to Colorado and then Europe, Petey is now apparently studying as a Home Economics Major at Gettysburg. When asked how he is finding his college experience thus far, Petey responded "I am cleaning house!"

In other college news, **Anne Margaret Millspaugh** and **Zoe**

Abrams have enrolled at NYU where they will be studying in the Olsen Twins School of fashion. **Noah Chasnoff** has started classes at the University of California Santa Barbara, committing to the university-wide charge to move up in Playboy's annual 'Best Party School Rankings.' "Number four is just not acceptable" said Noah.

At the other end of the Echo Hill career path spectrum, **Bob Creamer** has joined the ranks of the world's elite artists. He has the proud distinction of having work displayed at his home in Baltimore, the Driftwood, and the Smithsonian in Washington DC! (See the article below.)

In the HUGE NEWS category; **Megan Porter** was married to **Travis** last thanksgiving. **Ellie** is the newest addition to the Echo Hill Community courtesy of proud parents **Julie** and **Seth Hassett**. Speaking of new additions, **Sarah** and **Derek Bupp** had another baby (who already has a date to the 2021 Last Dance).

Some say that Echo Hill is home to generations of "lost boys." Lost or not, 2006 was the year of many moves for camp alumni. Speaking of lost, or rude, boys; **Mike Grossman's** house of wayward men is no longer. **Peter Boyd** has moved from the Eastern Shore to Annapolis. Mike has moved off the shore as well – purchasing a new home in Annapolis. In a related tidbit, Mike was MARRIED to Liliya, Memorial Day weekend on the Bay. Some might

think they would never see the day Mike would tie the knot, which is why Mike made sure that best man, **Peter Rice** passed out contraband envelopes to **Hugh Beshers**, **Sam Cogen**, **Peter Boyd**, **Chris Tull**, and **Jordan Chasnoff** before the bachelor party.

Back to the big moves; **Hazen** and **Stacy Arnold** will soon be returning to the Land of Pleasant Living with their son Quinn. Quinn is pumped about the move as he thinks Chestertown would be a cool place to be a big brother. After living in New Orleans for a year, **Mike Boyd** has returned to Washington to "make his mark" on the local political scene. **Sam Clark** has also returned to Washington to pursue his political interests after working as a recruiter for Teach for America. When asked if he thought the job of educating America's youth was complete, Sam replied "I have a lot of unfinished business in my life. Right now, my priorities are to focus on the CA's of '97 and to put a Democrat in charge in Annapolis." Sam also told us that **Natika** is living in Philadelphia with her boyfriend and **Kiva** is in Law School in Washington.

Last, but definitely not least, **Troy Minsky** has left his 9-5 to become the official mascot for the National Bohemian Brewing Company. Troy told us, "The suit can get a little hot, but I get free half-smokes at the Orioles games!"



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IN MEMORIUM

Daniel Lee (Club) Harbour Jr. 1954 - 2006

The Echo Hill Community has lost another member of Bob Creamer's infamous tent from 1968. On March 25, 2006 Danny Harbour passed away in Benson, North Carolina, from lung cancer. He was 51 years old. A memorial service was held for him in June, among the blooming lilies and irises he had raised with so much love. In attendance from Echo Hill were **Paul Ottenstein, Bob Hauptman, Melissa Page Crowe, Helen McClure and Annie Gaillard. Mark Kraft and Donna Sayada** were there in spirit though not in body. He will be sorely missed.



Pictures of Danny's irises can be seen at the Smithsonian, in several of Bob Creamer's magnificent photographs (see the article page 8).

Danny grew up in Washington DC. He graduated from Sidwell Friends School, where his mother taught at the lower school. He completed his undergraduate degree at Ithica College in New York. Later he attended community college in Portland, Oregon where he specialized in computer programming. Danny was an avid disc golfer and a dedicated gardener. He was also a devoted friend. He is survived by his sister Victoria, his mother, his wife Karen, their two dogs (Lily and Iris) and their two cats.

Dan Kintz 1983 - 2006

Sadly we have lost one of our beloved counselors. Dan Kintz died tragically in a motor vehicle accident early Sunday morning, September 17th 2006. **Eddie Lucas** was in the car with Dan but suffered no major injuries. Dan died instantly and did not suffer. He had just celebrated his 23rd birthday on September 12th.

Dan grew up in Elmira, New York. He is survived by both of his parents, one brother, three sisters, grandparents, and many other relatives and friends. He graduated from high school in 2001 and joined the United States Navy where he served for four years. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star for rescuing two Marines. After returning from Iraq he entered his freshman year in September, 2005, at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. He met Eddie at college and they immediately became great friends.

Dan's love of the outdoors was evident in his time spent at Echo Hill. He was able to use his experience and his enthusiasm to influence many campers in a way that helped them to enjoy camp to the fullest. For someone who just began working at camp



this past summer off a whim and encouragement by his good friend, Eddie, he will always be remembered not only as a staff member of the summer of 2006, but as a member of our everlasting community. We will always remember the shining spirit, joy and contentment for camp and for life that radiated from Dan. He touched all of our lives and for that we are very fortunate. Dan will live in our hearts and memories forever.

Pete, Penny and Lieke



The Kids...

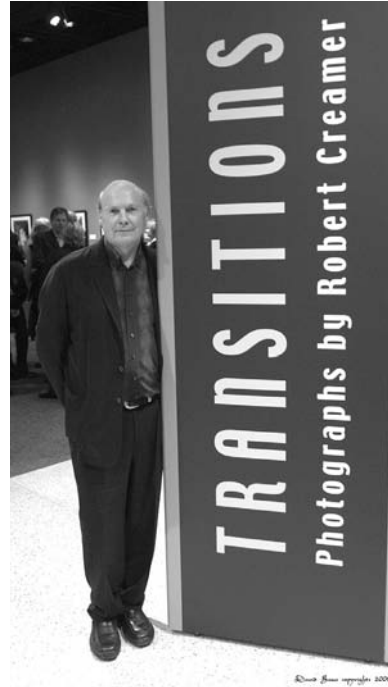
The summer of 2006 was another excellent year for the Campership Fund and the underprivileged children we support. You, our generous donors, allowed us to send fifteen children to camp this year - for a record fifty weeks. Ten of twelve returning campers asked to attend for four weeks instead of two, and we were delighted to be able to fulfill their dreams. As former campers and counselors, the Campership Fund Board knows how fast two weeks at Echo Hill can fly by! We were also able to sponsor three new children this summer as well.

Pete, Penny, Annelieke and the entire 2006 camp staff had wonderful things to say about our kids again this summer. They all assimilated well and have become an integral part of the camp community. One long time staff member said that because our Campership kids are attending for longer sessions, many of them have had time to develop into leaders among their peers.

Once again this year one of our campers has "graduated," and completed her CA summer. She was one of many referred to the Campership Fund by My Sister's Circle, an organization that identifies gifted at-risk youth in Baltimore. This was her fifth year at Echo Hill Camp. Her achievement highlights our commitment to send children back year after year until they "age out." Hopefully she will join the ranks of previous Campership Fund kids selected to be staff members after their CA summer.

On behalf of the current and future Campership recipients, the EHFC Board would like to thank all of you, our loyal supporters. Your continued support helps us to make an enormous difference in the lives of at-risk youths, now and for many years to come.

Bob Creamer's Opening at the Smithsonian



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BOB CREAMER AT THE SMITHSONIAN

We are proud to announce that after practicing for so many years on our Echo Hill Campers, Bob Creamer has hit the big time! All those nature hikes paid off.

Transitions: Photographs by Robert Creamer
October 26, 2006 - June 24, 2007
National Museum of Natural History

New digital technology reveals the beauty of nature in Bob Creamer's latest work. Bringing to life rarely seen flora, fauna, and fossil specimens, Creamer's imagery is drawn from the research collections at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Florida, and the **Echo Hill Outdoor School** in Maryland. Produced in collaboration with NMNH, *Transitions* includes 40 meticulous images created exclusively for this exhibit.

The artist's creative process is as fascinating as the images themselves. Instead of photographing the objects with a camera, Creamer captures or imports them using a scanner. He places the specimens in visually engaging compositions, occasionally suspending the objects or setting them up on cloth, and then scans the arrangements directly into his computer. The result is unusually lifelike and provides striking interpretations of botanical, fossil, and bird collections.

The Smithsonian will travel this photographic exhibition over a period of three years, beginning with an inaugural showing at the National Museum of Natural History. On view are some 30 of Robert Creamer's high-resolution images of plants and animals that show the effects of time. For more information about the exhibit:

http://www.sites.si.edu/exhibitions/exhibits/robert_creamer/main.htm



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