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Alum Writes News, Makes News

Zach Seward, Crimson Editor, Breaks Story Of Harvard President's Resignation

A former staff writer for the WAG burst onto the national journalism scene this winter with a major story. Byline: Zachary M. Seward.

A junior at Harvard, Zach scooped the national media by breaking the story of the impending resignation of university president Lawrence Summers, co-writing the story for the *Wall Street Journal*.

A member of the Senior Lodge of 2000 and WAG counselor in 2003, Zach had been covering the Summers story ever since the embattled president had stirred up a media feeding frenzy a year earlier with his comments regarding women in higher education.

Zach was named Managing Editor of *The Harvard Crimson* in February, and had already lined up a summer intern-

ship with the *WSJ* when the opportunity came to team up with Journal staffer Daniel Golden to write the story which appeared on February 21, ahead of all other media.

Devoting 40 to 50 hours a week to the story took a toll on Zach's course work and, ultimately, his enrollment in the school. Though he had written all required papers, there was one course he did not attend, and the failing grade resulted in a one-year suspension from Harvard.

That added a new angle, and Zach became a part of the story as it was carried by other media outlets. For example, *New York Magazine* quipped, "Harvard boots prez, kid." Zach is not concerned. He is starting his summer internship with the *Journal*, and will be returning to Harvard for the spring 2007 term. As for the position, not to worry about that either, as it is

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New York Reunion

Fourth Annual NYC Alumni Gathering Is a Blast!

Winnebagans met for the fourth alumni gathering in New York City last March at "Sutton Place" on 2nd Avenue. Many past campers and staff attended the event. The two-hour extravaganza included good food and grog and stories ranging from Senior Lodge pranks to the Flatbush Monster. What was really wonderful about the afternoon was that campers and counselors from different years all stood together on the common

ground of camp. Whether from the 40's, 50's or 60's or a recent alum from our newest millennium, the shores of Echo Lake, the call of the lonely loon, the Council Ring, and the gentle call of Taps all resonated the same feelings. We love camp and want to make sure we can help to give this great opportunity to others. Next March we'll have the 5th NYC Alum Gathering. Look for details on the web site, in the newsletter, and your e-mails. Be part of the fun!

Winnebago on the Web!

- See photos of Camp
- Read the WAG
- Read the Echo online
- Find news of friends
- Post your latest news
- Watch the Camp video
- Take a virtual tour
- See Winnebago in winter

All of this and more at—

www.Campwinnebago.com

See also

www.Winnebagoalums.com

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Ethan Ris, Recent Brown Graduate, Runs for Providence City Council

“The coming years will be critical ones for the East Side and the rest of the city of Providence. The challenges have never been more daunting nor the opportunities greater.”

These are the words of Ethan Ris, former camper and counselor and current WAA board member. He lives in Providence since graduating from Brown, teaches high school in the city, and is running for a seat on the city council. His statement continues:

“As we redefine ourselves as an urban community, as we adapt to the needs and resources of an evolving population, as we move rivers and highways, and as we strive for consonance in the midst of transitions, strong leadership will be the key to our success. This November, the voters of Ward One will have an opportunity to speak out for change and come together despite old fractures in our community. I am committed to being a city councilor for *all* of Fox Point, Wayland Square, and College Hill - because I know that we will need to stand together in the coming years. I hope you'll join me.”

Learn more about Ethan and his campaign at ethanris.com.

(Below, Ethan, left, at Northeast Democrats Conference)



Eliot Spitzer, NY Attorney General, Leads in Race for NY Governor

“We need to stand up to protect New York against those who would harm its environment. This is especially true now. The Bush administration has launched an all-out assault on environmental protections put in place over many decades and administrations from both parties.”

These are the words of Eliot Spitzer in a speech in March of this year. Eliot, a Winnebagan from the 60's, is in his second term as Attorney General of the State of New York, and is a candidate for Governor of New York.



Environmental protection is only one of many issues on which Eliot has spoken out. His successful battles to reform Wall Street and the financial sector have been widely recognized and covered in national publications.

“The status quo was a system based too frequently on cronyism. It was a system in which a favored few special interests took advantage, by fraud, of the rest of us....The reality...was that they were robbing people's pensions and nest eggs. And their actions distorted and harmed the markets.”

Eliot faces a primary challenge, by a non-Winnebagan, for the Democratic nomination to fill the position being vacated by George Pataki.

Learn more about Eliot and his campaign at spitzer2006.com.

Thank You!

Since the Fall 2005 Newsletter, the Winnebago Alumni Association has received contributions from the following alumni, parents, and friends:

Bill Beres
 Andy Boral & Leah Rugen
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 David & Lisa Yen

Words for Winnebago — from the President

We had a very productive board meeting in March. It's nice to get together with this dedicated group of Winnebagans and brainstorm ways to get camp to as many people as possible.

Of course, we need money. Your donations are generous and many, but we need to get a larger percentage of Alums to pitch in and if we are going to reach our goal of \$1.9 million, then we still have a great amount of work to do. If the game is won "in the fourth quarter," then it's time to keep those charges together and give give give.

While meeting in New York we also realized that along with needing to raise

Phone Bank Supports Scholarship Fund

A dedicated group of alumni will get together on the evening of June 20th to place calls to fellow alumni. As part of the second Alumni Association phone bank fellow Winnebagans will be calling, not just to reminisce and update you on camp, but also to ask for your generous support of the scholarship program.

Winnebago Alum Scoops National Media

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being filled by Zach's good friend Dan Hemel. And here's the part you didn't read in *New York*. Dan and Zach were bunkmates throughout their Winnebago years. As well, the two have been partners in journalism, not just with the WAG, but as co-editors of school papers in elementary, middle and high school, a long-standing partnership to be sure.

The W.A.N. is also bullish on Zach's future, with the *Journal*, with the *Crimson*, and at Harvard. At lunch recently with the editor of this tiny publication, Zach displayed the characteristic modesty, wit, and sharp intellect we always knew. As for the enormous workload he undertook in achieving this latest distinction? Well, after all, he won the Leo Lehrman Service Award, didn't he?

In Passing—

A well-loved member of the athletic staff in 1987-'88, Mark Hall, died suddenly of a stroke earlier this spring. Mark brought to camp a unique character, enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of humor. He is missed by all who knew him in those summers. Mark leaves a wife and two young children.

money, we also needed to be more proactive in creating a working Alumni Association. One that has a strong base of connected alums who are willing to contribute both their time and money to the cause of making camp available for needy boys. We have a great board, which collectively gives its time and skills to keep the WAA going. But there is so much more to do.

So we are now working on two fronts—raising \$1.9 million and creating a stronger base of alumni to raise that money and to have more opportunities for gatherings and events to give us a time and place to stir the embers of our years at camp and keep the flame alive.

What do you say? How about two things—“Yes, I'm going to give to the Alumni Association.” And “Sure, I can do more for the Alumni Association.”

Please let me know and pass it along.

Sincerely,
 Jim Astrove

Swimming, Softball, Happy Hour, Canoeing, Pemaquid, Talent Show, Tennis, Campfire

Parent/Son and Family Camps—2006

Our first session will be from Wednesday, August 16 to Saturday, August 19. It provides a wonderful family experience, especially for those of you who wish you had more time to be together in a special setting. The second session, August 19-27, is a similar, but more complete experience for the family. It is a wonderful nine days in which you can have as much activity as you like and as much relaxation as your family will allow you to have. At Family Camp you will enjoy your own cabin and participate in a wide variety of activities, or just enjoy the quiet by the lake or in the woods.

	8/16-19 <u>1st Session</u>	8/19-27 <u>2nd Session</u>	8/16-27 <u>Both Sessions</u>	<u>Daily Rates</u>
Adult	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$115.00
Young Adult (16-29)	\$250.00	\$475.00	\$625.00	\$ 95.00
Child (2-15 years)	\$175.00	\$375.00	\$450.00	\$ 75.00
Under 2 years	Free	Free	Free	Free
2006 Camper	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$ 55.00

Please complete the form below if you would like to join us. Deposits are refundable until August 1.

_____ **Parent/Son Camp:** Sign us up for August 16-19, at a cost of \$300 per parent and \$175 per child.

Adult(s) _____ Child(ren) _____

_____ **Family Camp:** We'll be there for Family Camp from August 19—27.

_____ **Both:** We'll be there from August 16—27.

Names and relationships of all attending (birth dates of those under 18). List or attach page.

Enclosed is \$100.00 per person deposit, refundable in full until August 1.

Winnebago Whispers....Alumni News...

Dan Collier ('46-'52) sends best wishes from Manhattan, and has fond memories of his years in Fayette.

In the "great moments on the Winnebago stage" category, **Bob Ehrmann** ('35-'36) writes that he still recalls flubbing the lyrics of "Tit Willow" when he was Koko in *The Mikado*. But on a brighter note, Bob, now a retired pathologist, has two daughters, one a lawyer and the other an obstetrician, and one grandson. (A grandson? Bob – we're still casting for camp productions!)

Ken Flatto (60's, Staff '70's) would be included in our feature story, but this is not an election year! He was recently reelected for a fourth term as mayor of Fairfield, CT. Ken and Liz are just starting their investment program in higher education. Their oldest is a freshman at Univ. of Rochester, with three younger siblings to go.

Postcamper **Ellie Groetzing**, widow of **Buddy** (30's), mother of **Jon** (60's) writes that grandson **Jack** (90's) recently spent two months in Chile teaching high-school English. When up here, he's really up – numero uno in his class at Dartmouth.

Sam Lubell ('87-'90) is News Editor of *Architectural Record*, and living in Manhattan's West Village. Brother **Dave** ('87-'90) lives in Nashville, where he is director of the Tennessee Immigrants Rights Coalition. Dave was married this spring to Shannon Hapgood.

Ethan Mandelkern (Staff '87-'88) writes that he is currently in graduate school in social work.

Nathaniel Rich ('90-'95, Staff '98) is an associate editor of *Paris Review* and lives in San Francisco. He recently published *San Francisco Noir*, praised by Richard Schickel as,

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The Gift of Camp:

Uncle Jim, in his message on page 3, makes a compelling case for the Association's Scholarship Fund. Winnebago itself underwrites the greater share of these scholarships, but alums play a key role

Can you help to give a boy a Winnebago summer? Please use this coupon to become a part of this important effort.



Yes, I'll Help the Winnebago Scholarship Fund!

I want to make it possible for minority scholarship campers to enjoy The Gift of Camp by attending Camp Winnebago. I enclose the following tax-deductible contribution, payable to The Winnebago Alumni Association:

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$_____ (any amount)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

My years as a camper: _____ counselor: _____

News for the next Alumni Association Newsletter: _____

_____ (or attach a page)

Mail to: Jim Astrove, 12316 Spur Lane, Rockville, VA 23146

More Winnebago Whispers...

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"A smart, highly readable critical overview of some of the most interesting movies in the noir tradition," and by Martin Scorsese as, "a fascinating work of criticism disguised as a guided tour around a great city."

Senior year for **Simon Rich** ('94-'99) included the presidency of the Harvard Lampoon, no surprise to those who remember his comedy riffs on the Winnebago stage. Simon has landed a two-book deal with Random House. No comment yet on specifics, but sure to be found in the humor section of your local bookstore soon.

Jack Rosenblum ('49-'52) and wife Corinne are using their 28-year marriage as an inspiration for a series of workshops in couples and family counseling in Massachusetts. Jack calls it their "post-retirement project."

After a dozen years in the Washington D.C. region, **David Schanzer** ('72-'78, staff '81-'82) and Elizabeth Cosos are relocating to Chapel Hill, NC. Liz will be running the Organization of Tropical Studies, and David will be teaching national security issues.

Louis A. Stern, Jr. ('28-'33) sends regards from Beverly Hills, and would love to hear from others of that era.

Jim Teicher ('60's) writes that son **Jeremy** ('00-'02) is on his way to Dartmouth as a member of the class of 2010, and would like to reconnect with others from his years.

Josh Vlasto ('94-'97) graduated from Cornell in 2004 and is working as a legislative aide in the Washington office of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer of New York.

Bret Willers (Staff '84) and Ali had their 4th child in November. They have left the Midlands and moved to the North East of the U.K., where Bret is Chief Executive of one of the Government's national pilot New Deal for Communities Programs in what was one of the country's most disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Joe and Dee Yoder (staff '98-'03) still enjoy life in Florida, including "playing at the beach." In search of more exotic aquatic life, they recently took a 28-day cruise up the Amazon.

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A Summer Eden, Camp Reveals Winter Pleasures to Four Who Make Trip



Last December, Eric Benson, Winston Clement, and Dylan and Ethan Ris visited the surreally beautiful sanctuary that is Winnebago in wintertime. They took a self-guided tour of camp, reminiscing on their nearly 50 years of



combined camp experience. They stayed in the farmhouse, where they were welcomed like family by Aunt Carol Gile. All alumni can relate to the right field hill, but how many have sledded down it and looked out over a frozen Echo Lake?