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Lacrosse

While I was not attending the July 3rd Tiger game, it was the start of the new school year for the Princeton lacrosse team.

In 1957 a young Princeton student, John McPherson, was one of the first to become a lacrosse enthusiast and coach for the Tigers. He recruited the best players across Long Island and the nearby Hamptons to help the Tigers win the Ivy League and go on to win the NCAA championship. He later wrote in his book, "The Tiger's Tail: The Story of Princeton University Lacrosse," that "I believe that Princeton lacrosse is one of the finest in the country, and that it certainly deserves all the support and enthusiasm that it receives."

-John McPherson

Covering female Olympians

I was pleasantly surprised to see that most of our Tiger Olympians (cover story, July 11) were amazing women, and then confused that none of them was on the cover.

-Sophia E. Chavarría '09
San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Philosophers' debate, redux

If Thomas Corwin '62, citing an old philosopher's saw in his letter in the July 11 issue, had thought a little
harder, he might have realized that the one sister could have been a monster child molester and the five convicted felons completely innocent victims, or the child a hopelessly disabled youth destined to die within a year, but the five over 80 might have been at the commanding heights of industry, finance, law, medicine, or science. His letter shows how Princeton has slipped from the good old days of my Class of '55 that produced, among other public benefactors, Larry C. Day, with whose opinion (letters, July 11) that Shirley Tilghman couldn't serve on the board of Google without conflicts of interest I enthusiastically agree.

WILLIAM A. PERCY III '55 '61 '64
Boston, Mass.

Lacrosse at Princeton

While I was slowly reading and enjoying the July 11 issue of PAW, a highlight was the Extra Point article about John McPhee '53 and the Princeton lacrosse team.

In 1957 and '58 I played lacrosse for the Tigers, and as a member of the Long Island Schools Committee in the late 80s and early 90s I had the privilege and honor of providing some assistance to Bill Tierney. One of my prized possessions is the 1992 NCAA Champions T-shirt. Lacrosse and football certainly were major factors in my Princeton education and experience. Go Tigers!

DICK ORTH '59
Melbourne, Fla.

Reading the news in PAW

As one who has been reading your magazine for roughly half a century, I was astonished to see that PAW scooped The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other leading journals with its story on Professor Douglas Massey '78 and his intriguing research on immigration (cover story, April 25). When I first read the article I thought to myself, isn't this news? I had not seen anything like it in the newspapers. A week later, my hunch was confirmed.