

Alone Across the Arctic _____

One Woman's Epic Journey by Dog Team

Tuesday, April 13, 2004 7:30 p.m. Schoedinger Theatre

Columbus Academy, 4300 Cherry Bottom Rd., Gahanna OH, 614-475-2311

Travel 2500 miles across the arctic with explorer Pam Flowers and her canine companions!



Record-breaking explorer Pam Flowers will share slides and stories from her solo dog mushing expedition 2500 miles across the Arctic from Barrow, Alaska, to Repulse Bay, Canada. Hear about intense blizzards that kept her stranded for days, melting pack ice breaking up beneath her and the team, a terrifying encounter with polar bears and more. Learn about dog mushing, the Arctic, how she prepared for this amazing expedition and how she met the generous people who helped when all hope was lost.

Flowers was in her 40s when she quit her job as a respiratory therapist in Houston to follow her dream of mushing dogs. She has since participated in nine Arctic expeditions, seven by dog team and two by snowmachine. In addition, Pam has completed the 1049 mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race, reached the Magnetic Pole three times, traveled north over the frozen Arctic Ocean farther than any other solo woman and completed the longest solo dog sled journey on record by a woman.

Flowers is the author of *Hug a Husky* and countless articles for outdoor publications. With Ann Dixon, she co-authored *Alone Across the Arctic* and a children's book. In 1996, the Society of Women Geographers awarded Flowers a gold medal--just the 14th given. Her presentation will be of interest to outdoor adventurers, sports fans, women, children and dog fanciers.

Presented by The Currier Lecture Series, which salutes the zest for life and learning of Phil Currier, a former Head of CA's Upper School.