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NOTTINGHAM'S CERAMIC MURAL

Nottingham's ceramic mural project began in the fall of 2001 and was completed in June 2002. The mural surrounds an outside door facing Meadowbrook Drive.

The mural was created by Nottingham art students with the help of a local ceramist, Ginger Dunlap-Dietz. Ginger spent much time giving technical support, working with the students and aiding in the installation of the mural. Most worked in teams, and had to learn to negotiate and compromise on their ideas for their panel and materials. Results are unique and interesting, thanks to the mingling of ideas, personalities and cultural backgrounds.

The project was supported by a grant from the CNY Community Foundation. The NHS PTSO and the FANS group provided additional funding. Local companies, such as Syracuse China, Best Tile, and Martino's Glass Co., donated materials. A few local artists donated scraps of colored glass.

Tiles painted by staff, students, parents and community members will be installed around the door and inside the interior of the door area to complete the project.

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REUNIONS cont...

Class of 1973 :

What: 30th reunion When: August 1-3, 2003

Where: Drumlins Country Club

Contact: Lee Goodman PO Box 2200, Liverpool, NY 13089-2200

Phone: 315-668-3111 Fax 315-668-2222

Email: nhs73@twcny.rr.com

website: <http://home.twcny.rr.com/nottingham73>

Details: a Friday Night get together at a local bar. Saturday night : buffet/station style dinner at either Drumlins with entertainment by a deejay; Sunday Morning, a Golf outing & tennis at Drumlins



Class of 1983

What: 20th reunion When: Aug. 29-31, 2003

Contact: Craig Tucker Phone: 315-449-4146

email: CTucker865@aol.com



Class of 1984

What: 20th reunion When: possibly July 23-25, 2004

Contact: Dave Robson 336 Sea View Ave., Riverside, RI 02915

Phone: 401-433-5288

Email: DCRobson@aol.com



Class of 1993:

What: 10th reunion When: Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29, 2003

Where: Drumlins Grand Ballroom

Contact: Sarah Sicignano Phone: 315-491-7361

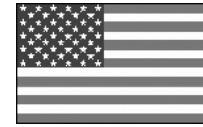
email: ssicignano@yahoo.com

website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ham93reunion/>

Details: a weekend of activities: a cocktail hour on Friday night, some sort of activity on Saturday afternoon, the reunion on Saturday night, and a family picnic on Sunday. Details on these events have not been worked out yet.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

by Robert (Pete) Fairchild ('62)



I never knew Tony Paskevich ('61) when he was at Nottingham, but I read the following account in **The Navy Cross: Vietnam** (published in May 1987 by Sharp & Dunnigan) The Navy Cross is second only to the Medal of Honor among military decorations. We should appreciate and honor soldiers for what they endure on the battlefield.

Anthony Paskevich Jr.

Citation: For extraordinary heroism while serving with Marine Observation Squadron Two, Marine Aircraft Group SIXTEEN, First Marine Aircraft Wing in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 17 March 1969, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Paskevich launched as the Pilot of an armed helicopter assigned the mission of supporting a Marine company which was heavily engaged in combat with a large North Vietnamese Army force near An Hoe in Quang Nam Province. Arriving over the designated location, he was informed that the unit on the ground had sustained several casualties and was pinned down in an open rice paddy by a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire. With skill and daring, Captain Paskevich commenced a series of rocket and machine gun attacks on enemy positions, flying dangerously low because of the deteriorating weather conditions. Observing that the ground unit was still unable to attain its objective because of the heavy volume of fire from the numerically superior enemy force and because it was encumbered by its casualties, Captain Paskevich landed his helicopter between the opposing units and succeeded in embarking a seriously wounded Marine. Skillfully evading the enemy fire, he then delivered the casualty to An Hoa. During the next four-hour period, he refueled and rearmed seven times as he repeatedly returned to the hazardous area to provide assistance for the beleaguered company. On three additional occasions, he landed his helicopter in the open area subjected to intense hostile fire, several rounds of which penetrated and extensively damaged his aircraft, to ensure the medical evacuation of critical casualties. Seemingly oblivious to the enemy fire directed against him, he repeatedly maneuvered over the enemy lines, destroying machine-gun and antiaircraft emplacements, thereby turning a potential disaster into a decisive Marine victory. Captain Paskevich's indomitable courage, bold initiative, and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger were instrumental in saving the lives of four fellow Marines and were in keeping with the highest traditional of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.



UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1953

What: 50th reunion When: October 17 - 19, 2003

Where: Syracuse area

Contact: David Schotz 203 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, NY 13214

Phone: 315-446-4608

Email: Momschotz@aol.com

Details: A get-together at Embassy Suites on Friday night, dinner at Traditions at the Links on Saturday, and a brunch at the Suites on Sunday.

Class of 1954:

What: 50th reunion When: June 25-27, 2004

Contact: Celaine Hershdorfer 309 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, NY 13214

Phone: 315-446-6757

Email: cvhershdorfer@hotmail.com

Details: Informal buffet at Drumlins on Friday night, dinner & dancing at the University Sheraton on Saturday, brunch on Sunday at Drumlins or Sheraton. Have reserved block of rooms at Sheraton.

Class of 1963:

What: 40th reunion When: June 6-8, 2003

Where: Wellington House, Fayetteville, NY

Contact: Kathleen Lawyer 605 N. Orchard Rd., Syracuse, 13209

Phone: 315-468-5200

Email: klaw315@msn.com

Details: Informal get-together on Friday night, dinner at Wellington House, Fayetteville on Saturday, breakfast at Wegman's in Dewitt on Sunday.

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Oct 28, 2002 Katrina Fletcher ('05), Mia Fleegel (Librarian), and Miles Roopmartine ('04) check the materials purchased through alumni donations. \$2,557.68 was donated by the 75th Anniversary Celebration in honor of former librarian Judy Gray.

THANKS FOR THE BOOKS

On behalf of the Nottingham Library and community I would like to thank the Alumni Association for their generous gift in honor of retired Librarian, Judy Gray. The donation directly benefited Nottingham students by purchasing 72 books and 3 videos based on the theme of character development and planning for a successful future.

The fiction books reveal common people overcoming adversity to make a better world for themselves and others. Forty-five non-fiction titles explore such subjects as volunteer service in the community, career choice, and biographies of real people who never gave up. Two videos will be used in conjunction with our *Community of Caring* program that seeks to instill in students the core values of Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Trust, and Family. Seven reference books were purchased from Peterson's, a leading publisher of resources for college searches, test preparation and financial aid for college.

Thanks to donations such as yours, Nottingham High School is able to maintain the excellent library developed by Judy Gray during her years here for the benefit of both students and staff.

Mia K. Fleegel, Librarian

CONNIE, WHERE ARE YOU?

Greg Clarke would have been in the Class of '55, but he moved to Alexandria, LA and finished high school there. He still loves Nottingham and wonders if anyone can help him find Connie Cornzve.

When Greg was returning to his Army post following a leave, he was in St. Louis waiting for a train. (People actually took trains to go across country!). A real nice girl from Nottingham was at the station with a guy that Greg thinks was her boyfriend. Greg was in uniform and the young lady and her boyfriend made the five hour layover most pleasant. Her name at that time was Connie Cornsve. Greg remembers that Connie was an Alpha Mu along with two other girls named Carol and Ann. He thinks that trip to St. Louis was in 1957.

Now Greg is married to Carol Cobb ('54), and the two of them are on the alumni database. But Constance Cornzve isn't. Can you help us find Connie?

According to the 1954 yearbook, Connie was in the Swing Choir, a group composed of 20 girls chosen for their outstanding voices, regardless of grade. Connie graduated in 1955. According to her senior resume, she belonged to Girls League, Tawasi Tri-Y, and all-girl, a cappella and swing choirs. Her ambition was to be a millionaire.

If you know Connie, could you please let us know where she is? We'd like to add her to the database. She might like to know that Greg remembers her from that train station in St. Louis.

Contact the Editors of the Nottingham Connection, 3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224, or nottalum@hotmail.com.

NOTTINGHAM CREST

The Nottingham Crest was created in June 1951 by Sally Hoople ('52), and was based on the research of Josephine Hasbrouck, a former Nottingham teacher. It was adopted by the Student Council from the coat of arms of the Nottingham family of England. The stars within the center shield symbolize the family's outstanding characteristics: knowledge, perseverance, and courage.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on 12/31/01 \$1737.91
Total donations in 2002 901.00
Total expenses in 2002 1621.38
Balance on 12/31/02 \$1017.53

Expenditures included:

\$660.86 publishing & mailing of Nott. Connection
\$960.52 donations to Drama Club, Music Department,
Photography Dept., Phys. Ed. Depart. & DECA Club

Comments:

- * Donations in 2002 were 35% less than during 2001.
- * Our mailing list has increased from 3,700 alumni in 2002 to 4,000 in 2003.
- * Current balance will cover publishing costs for 2003 issue, but unless donations return to previous levels, we cannot offer grants to teachers.

JOHN MACKO RETIRES

French teacher John Macko who first appeared in the 1968 Nottingham yearbook suddenly retired in February 2003. Here's an excerpt from the farewell letter he left in the staff mailboxes:

“After much soulful deliberation and listening to the stillness of the night, I make a fond “au revoir” to you, the staff of Nottingham. It was not easy to do, but I find it necessary at this time to take up the call to be a full-time caregiver for an elderly parent in declining health in the last several months. I also

wish to be able to continue my ministry for Pastoral Care in my parish and to pursue a career in the Ruth Ministry, a service for abused persons.

“I will forever cherish the many friendships made over the years and the many laughs shared and yes, tears as well. I wish all success in the daily challenges confronting us. Life's journey is fraught with difficulties and hardships of many sorts. May we all be able to rise above them and be a loving presence to one and all.”

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Nottingham Merchandise

ON BEING TRANSGENDERED

by Rob Pusch ('78)



Last fall I attended a reception at a conference coordinated by my mother. While there, my father introduced me to a friend who had met me when I was a child. Later that evening my mother told me that this friend had told her, "I've met both your daughter and your other son, but I don't think I've met this son before." My mother simply replied, "That is Wende."

So what does it mean to be transgendered? The term covers broad groups of people, including transsexuals, cross-dressers, and inter-sexed people. In my case, I transitioned from living as a woman to living as a man. I came out in 1993. Changing my name to Rob and making my body look more masculine via testosterone were the easy part. The most difficult part of transition is changing how others view you. Coming out to others means educating them. I may have been feeling like a male since I was a small child, but those around me had far less time to let go of their view of me as female. Calling me Rob was one thing, but experiencing me as Rob rather than Wende was another. It's been over a decade, however, so now there is actually a large contingency of people around me who have never known me as anything but male.

While transitioning is never easy, I've certainly learned a lot. For one, your true friends will appreciate you for who you are, not simply tolerate you. For another, you need to have a sense of humor. A salesman recently apologized profusely to me when, because of the small size of my foot, he had to bring me a woman's running shoes. Little did he know.

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Hall Guides Photo from the 1963 Yearbook

Fraternities, Sororities & Dances in the '50s

by Carol Cobb Clarke ('54), Greg Clarke ('55) & Ann Henry Parkinson ('54)

In the 1950s, Nottingham had Christian fraternities and sororities and Jewish ones. The school was divided more along religious lines than along racial lines. These groups were not an official part of the school, so there is no mention of them in the yearbook. We think K.A.T., Aronian and Phi Sigma Alpha were Jewish frats. Pi Phi, Gamma Sigma Omicron and Alpha Zeta were Christian frats. Alpha Mu was the elite Christian sorority.

Not everyone belonged to a fraternity or a sorority, but everyone could go to the dances which these groups sponsored. Drumlins was the place of choice for the Christian-sponsored dances, except when Alpha Mu and Alpha Zeta joined forces and brought on the "BLITZ" in Hotel Syracuse. Two orchestras were engaged for the evening and the highlight was "The Battle of the Bands." Bands located at opposite ends of the room would crank up for all they were worth to see who could outplay the other. Sometimes Jewish dances were held at the Carriage House behind the Corinthian Club on James St.

Before they remodeled Drumlins, we held dances upstairs where there was a barn-like roof. The bands played at one end, and around the perimeter were chairs where we could sit between dance numbers, or just to catch our breath. When the band took an intermission, many of us took our dates downstairs to enjoy a hamburger and a milk shake.

Dick Kowell, Williamson's Parisians and Jack Kreisler's Orchestra were three popular groups that played at the dances. Dick's orchestra played a special version of "The Mexican Hat Dance" that we all looked forward to. It started out slowly and picked up speed. After that piece, we all needed a rest. Harlem Nocturne, Harbor Lights, Spanish Harlem, You Belong to Me, Chapel in the Moonlight were popular and good dance pieces. Boys and girls actually danced together, close at first and closer as the evening wore on. Most dances were semi-formal - girls in pretty dresses, taffeta, crinoline, etc. Guys in suits or a nice sport coat, shirt and tie.

In either '53 or '54 the band people would give Hal Long, a student proficient with a guitar, time to play and sing a couple of songs. Hal would do a rendition of Jumboliah and Kaligah. The crowd enjoyed his music very much, and now and again we would get an encore.

If you have more information about the sororities, fraternities and dances, please share them with us at nottalum@hotmail.com or mail to The Nottingham Connection, 3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, 13224

REMEMBERING THE GALE BROTHERS

June Gale shared her memories about her husband, Ormond Gale ('29) and his brother Richmond Gale ('33), both deceased.

Richmond Gale, who helped compose the Nottingham alma mater in his senior year, graduated from SU with a master's degree in piano in 1939. He taught music at Dakota Wesleyan University. Later he joined the Air Force, producing shows for the military during W.W.II. He studied at the Julliard School with Carl Friedberg, appeared in his first Town Hall Recital in New York City in 1949, and played at Carnegie Hall two or three times. He played with the New York Philharmonic and the Vermont and Syracuse symphonies. He performed with opera greats Gladys Swarthout, Lily Pons, Helen Traubel and John Charles Thomas and toured for several seasons. He was the organist/choir master for 16 years at St. Paul's Church in Brookfield, CT. and from 1986 to 1993 was organist at Palm Springs Community Church in California. He died Oct. 17, 1995. A portrait of Richmond was donated to Nottingham and hung in the main office.

Ormond, also a talented musician, decided to study law, graduating from SU in '36. After serving in the Navy during In W.W.II, he practiced law in Baldwinsville, serving as village attorney, justice of the peace for Lysander and member of the town board. In 1962 he was elected county court judge for Onondaga Co. In 1984 he was appointed a judicial hearing officer. Ormond was active in church work, professional associations and fraternal organizations, but he never lost his love of music. He took his trombone with him everywhere, including into his chambers when he was a judge. At lunch time, he enjoyed playing jazz at the Hotel Syracuse. His musicianship enlivened many charity affairs. Judge Ormond Gale died on November 7,1990.

Editor's note: Does anyone have any information on Barbara Clark ('33) who worked with Richmond on the alma mater? Please contact us at nottalum@hotmail.com or Nottingham Connection, 3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224

**Nottingham, Nottingham, faithful and true
Alma mater, we're loyal to you.
We will sing thy praise with glory all our days.
Thee we will remember in our hearts forever.**

Girl's Soccer Cont...

Last year, through your donations, we were able to raise about \$1600 with this one event! If you don't have items to donate but would still like to help you could sponsor a girl for the summer team camp [\$190.00 each], donate to the training fund, help pay for the entrance fees for the tournaments, donate toward uniforms for the summer programs or just give a contribution to the general fund of the team.

Any checks should be made out to: Nottingham Girls Soccer Development Fund and be sent in care of Leslie Garcea 1123 Cumberland Ave. Syracuse, NY 13210. Please note which area you'd like your donation to benefit.

Coach Horan has asked me to help coordinate the Soccer alum for him. My daughter will be a 2003 graduate and she and her teammates are looking forward to playing in this year's alumni game! If you'd like to assist me in gathering names and addresses of other Lady Bulldogs, please let me know. The "base" of former soccer players isn't very large yet! We'd love to add many more names to our mailing list to keep you caught up on all the important soccer news with your Lady Bulldogs. Please send your name and address to me via email LG1123@aol.com or by mail to the above address.

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Fencing Team Photo from the 1953 Yearbook

GIRLS SOCCER TEAM GROWS!

by Leslie Carlson Garcea ('73)



The Nottingham Girls' Soccer program is gearing up for another year of off-season training and team-building. Under the leadership of 1st year Varsity Coach Joe Horan the girls did an excellent job of giving those tough schools a run for their money last season. It was rewarding for the girls to be able to put their skills, learned during the summer training provided by the Syracuse Soccer Academy, to work. We'd like to formally thank each and every alum that gave a donation that helped make this happen.

Actually, we had a chance to say "thank-you" in person when we held our first annual **Alumni Soccer Game** in September 2002! The day started off gloomy with threats of rain and the Varsity players had a tough job against Baldwinsville but the sun came out along with several alums. Even though Baldwinsville came out victorious, we still had a great time! After the game there was a potluck luncheon [provided by the Varsity and Junior Varsity players]. This was followed by a "pick-up" game of soccer of about 10 former Lady Bulldogs and a few "guests" with an outstanding ref, Munjed Essi. Those who played have since formed an indoor team and I've been told actually won their division this winter! Bulldog spirit remains high!

Look for information on the 2nd annual Lady Bulldog "**Alumni Soccer Game**" which will be held on **Saturday September 13th at 3PM** at Nottingham Field behind the school. Let's hope we can get even more former Lady Bulldog soccer players back on the field. Give a call if you'd like to be put on our special soccer mailing list! [Leslie Carlson Garcea, class of '73, [315]-428-1918]

Coach Horan will be running another summer training program starting in May 2003. He will be working along with the trainers from the Syracuse Soccer Academy who will be doing skill training. Coach Horan and JV Coach Gifford will work with the players on teamwork and stamina. The girls will attend a summer camp for players [as a team] and will compete in summer tournaments.

As you can see by this plan, there is a need for funds to support our players. The first event will be on **Saturday April 26th** with a HUGE garage sale. The sale will be held at the home of Maggie [E03] and Annie ['06] Hargrave, both Varsity players, at 2700 E. Genesee St. from 9:00-3:00. The team is in need of donations of items for the sale [no clothes please]. Please contact Leslie Garcea at 315-428-1918 [class of 1973] who will arrange for pickup or drop off of your items.

BERG RECEIVES PEACE ACTION AWARD

(excerpted from Post Standard article 10-19-02)

Francine Berg ('67) received a peace award from Peace Action of Central New York on October 20, 2002. Fran is a music teacher at H.W. Smith Elementary School in Syracuse, where English is a second language for approximately 25 percent of the pupils. Fran received the award for her unique approach to teaching, making peace through culture and the arts.

Fran also directs the school's Rainbow Kids singing group, which she created about 10 years ago. This year, between 150 and 200 pupils are participating in the group, singing songs about peace in each other languages.

"That really empowers the children" Berg said. "Music is really the international language. I see it at my school in these children"

Mary Jureller, co-chair of the Peace Action board of directors, said the award also reflects Fran's dedication to peace through other activities. Fran, who is a cantor at Temple Society of Concord, appeared in and served as religious consultant for the documentary "Prisoners of Freedom," about Jewish refugees who were brought to Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY, during World War II.

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WHAT MONTH DID YOU GRADUATE?

Remember the years when you could graduate in January? or in August? When Jane Stopher, Reunion Chair, was asked why some of those listed in the 1961 reunion book said they actually graduated in 1962, she provided this footnote to Nottingham's history:

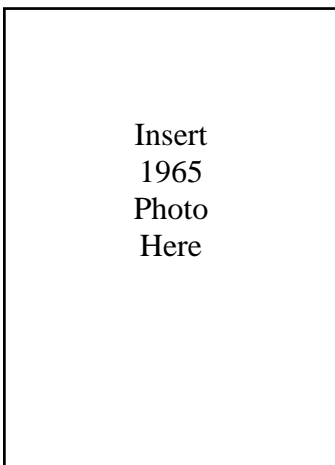
"Our class actually started kindergarten in January of 1949. Each September we were entering the second semester of that grade (3-2, 4-2, etc.) During the '56-'57 year, our entire class covered three semesters in two to put us on the more traditional grade entrance each September. So we included the students who actually finished 12-2 in January of 1961 in our graduating class.

(Editor's note: Students were able to start school in January or September, based on their birth dates. The 1957 adjustment affected all grades in the city, moving the January students forward half a year. Students not yet in high school were all on a September-June schedule by the time they got to Nottingham.)

REMEMBER MR. KIDD?

by Greg Clarke ('55)

On page 7 of the '54 year book is a picture of the Commercial and Manual Arts teachers. Mr. David Kidd was new to Nottingham at the new school, and for a semester I took Metal shop. Three years ago I was reintroduced to Mr. Kidd at Old Forge, NY. The man from whom I rented dock space for our boat was a long time friend of Mr. Kidd, who, after additional education became a superintendent of several school districts over a 35- year career.



(Editor's note: Mr. Kidd taught at Nottingham for a couple of years and then left. He returned in 1961 to be Vice-Principal for three years. In the fall of '64 he became principal of Central Technical High School. The 1965 yearbook is dedicated to him for his kind, but firm, handling of student-faculty relations.)

PROFILES: AN ARTIST, A RAP STAR, AN ACTOR

Laura Mangin Wilk ('69) is a watercolor painter. She had a one person show at the Edgewood Gallery in Dewitt in Dec. 2002. The show had 20 figurative, floral and still-life watercolors. The paintings demonstrate Wilk's infatuation with color, a solid command of her medium and a style of painting that the artist claims is still a work in progress. Laura lives in Westport, CT. (Katherine Rushworth, *Post Standard*, Dec. 8, 2002)

Seth Marcel Bradford ('90) is beginning to be recognized as a major rap star, recording for Onpoint Entertainment. We've seen billboards of him in Syracuse. He's a temporary resident in New York City, but returns often to his home in Syracuse, and around the northeast to perform. He said one of his best live shows was last summer at the Power 106.9 Unity Days at Jamesville Beach. His publicist is Brian Gilmore. (Mark Bialczak, *Post Standard*, Nov. 24, 2002)

Nick Stark ('01), a veteran of school productions, is beginning to make his mark in Hollywood. He started as an extra, learning what directors want on "CSI" and "Gilmore Girls", and has had guest spots on "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Do Over". He has a small role in next summer's "Terminator 3". His work has paid off in cash and in the experience necessary to earn his Screen Actors Guild Union card that's necessary to win speaking roles. (William LaRue, *Post Standard*, Dec. 7, 2002)

1990's Cont.

Sky Ann Sutton ('92) writes: "Please include me in any alumni list you're creating. I would love to see my school mates again. Life has been so generous to me and I would love a chance to share with all those I once saw everyday ... also, I want to see who got fat!"

Ta'Micia (Butler) Blackshear ('93) writes: "I am currently teaching at a Christian Preschool in Atlanta, while studying for my Masters in Education. I am married with two children. I miss the New York school system so much that I will be moving back and applying to teach there. I would also like my children to get a great education."

Phyllis Davis Zames ('93) writes: "Married life is great. Mark and I return to Syracuse frequently to see my parents. I graduated from Cornell in '96, got my master's at the Bank Street School in Manhattan, and became an elementary school teacher. I went on maternity leave when I had Talia, now 1 1/2, and I haven't been back. My sister **Pamela (Class of '88)** just got married in Syracuse. She was the morning anchor for the NBC news affiliate here until just a few months ago."

Sarah Elkins Kager ('94) is a nursing student at Tompkins County Community College. She's married to Matt Kager, a self-employed glass-blower.

Ivy Annan ('95) lives in Syracuse with her two lovely children and is going to school as a psychology major.

Edward Burns ('96) is a senior at University of Vermont, and starting goalie on the varsity lacross team. At Nottingham he lettered in football, lacrosse and ice hockey.

Kenisha Bonner ('98) plans to graduate from S.U. in 2002 with a BS in Speech Communication/Pre-Law. She will enter law school in August.

Farah Farzana Rasol ('98) was a Nottingham student from 1994-1996. She would have graduated in 1998, but she had to go back to her country, Malaysia. She is studying Management Information Systems at the International Islamic



The 1980s Cont

Tom Johnson & Susan Schoolcraft ('88) were married on July 13, 2002. Susan is in her tenth year as a teacher with the Syracuse City School District. Tom is a Computer Systems Analyst with National Safety Council and owner of a computer consulting business. They both are involved in the performing arts community in Syracuse as well: Sue with theater and Tom with music. Tom writes: "What's really interesting about this is that Sue was the first girl I'd ever gotten the courage to ask out on a date. It didn't pan out, though --- she had a boyfriend at the time. We remained friends and in 1995, we gave it a try and what do you know? She asked ME out."

Jeremy Lebediker ('88) writes: "After working for Accenture as a senior executive in their elearning organization, I've decided to leave the corporate world to pursue a career teaching high school art. Although I already have a Master's Degree in Psychology, I am currently completing the required art classes in New Jersey and plan to relocate to upstate New York next year."

William "Tank" Mathis ('89) and Ja'Nette Canteen Mathis ('93) live in Marietta, GA, where Tank is a Deputy Sheriff with the Cherokee Co. Sheriff's Dept., and Ja'Nette is an elementary school teacher at a private Christian school. They have three children: Ondra (9), Nahja (4) and Myles (2).

The 1990s

Beth Elkins ('90) and her partner Brad Wales have a little girl Valerie, born June 2001. Beth continues to dance and teach ballet and is a Pilates instructor. Brad, an architect with his own practice, teaches at the University of Buffalo.

Don Elliott ('92) went to college in Albany and now works in Detroit as an engineer with Roush Industries doing work for Ford.

Amy Hedges Rubright ('92) married Noah Rubright on August 17, 2002 in Sagaponack, New York. Amy is an attorney with a private practice in juvenile law and dependency and neglect in Denver, CO. Noah is finishing up his joint law and business degree this year. They live in Boulder, CO.

Tracy Heydweiller ('92) is working in New York City in the production department of a publishing company. "Apparently I inherited my mother's love of books."

Leslie Mohlman ('92) is a resident in internal medicine and pediatrics at Ohio State Univ. in Columbus, after undergrad at Cornell and medical school in Buffalo. When she completes her training, she will be both an internist and a pediatrician. She really likes what she's doing.

THOSE OLD NOTTINGHAM YEARBOOKS

Do you ever leaf back through your old yearbook, especially before reunions or when arguing over who that red-headed boy was who irritated old What's-Her-Name who taught Latin? Did they even print a yearbook for your class? Our yearbook collection has helped us answer quite a few questions this year. We are missing 1957, 1962, 1971 and 1973, but the big gap from 1933-1947 was a bit of a puzzle. So we asked people "Was there a yearbook from 1933-1947?"

Joanie Haines Reid ('46): "There was no year book in '46 due to shortages of paper, etc. during WWII. My guess is that there wouldn't have been any earlier in the war years, maybe from '42 onward."

Peg O'Neill Conan ('41): "I am quite sure that there was no yearbook in '40, certainly not in '41. My recollection is that we were told that quite a bit of money had been lost on some previous book (in the thirties)."

Frank (Franklin C.) Fancher ('40): "To the best of my knowledge there was no yearbook published for 1940."

John Nair ('37): "I don't recall any yearbooks while I was in Nottingham, 1931-1937. There may have been, however."

Jim Early ('39): "To the best of my recollection, there was no yearbook in '39. I remember a several page mimeo class will and/or prophecy. I can't cite details but I have a hazy recollection of some unkind references and alleged scandalous behavior."

Dave Getlin ('39): "There was no yearbook that I know of for the the graduation class of '39.....there was a commencement brochure of that class and its graduates, tho....."

Ed Sugarman ('48): "The first yearbook was in '47 or '48. I took pictures of clubs and a bunch of candid shots. I still have many of the pictures that were taken during '46-'48 by the audiovisual club that started in '46 or '47."

Interesting tidbit: The '26 yearbook was simply called "The First Year Book. The '27 was called The Resume. The '28 was the Nottingham Review. The '29 - '32 was The Reflector. Then there's the gap from '33 to '47. In '48 the yearbook reappeared. This time, it was named "The Bulldog" and was labeled Volume 1.

If anyone has any more information or if you would like to replace one of our missing volumes, please contact Judy Gray at:

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or 315-682-9771.

MY POST-NOTTINGHAM STORY

by George Treier ('54)

I graduated from SUNY ESF at Syracuse in 1958 majoring in Paper Science. Spent the next 6 years working in the technical areas of PH Glatfelter Company (mainly book paper producers) in Spring Grove, PA and joined Xerox Corporation in Webster, NY in 1964. I recently retired from a truly exciting and enjoyable career at Xerox, having been involved in Paper Quality Assurance, Paper Project Development and most recently, the Media Technology Center. Xerox pretty well invented reprographic paper and made numerous quality improvements to the paper industry worldwide. My job took me to many fine paper mills in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. In the process, I made many wonderful friends and still stay in touch with many of them.

I am married and have three children. My wife (11 years younger than I, so she has to keep on working!) is a marketing/technical manager at Xerox. My oldest daughter Merike (23), a graduate of SUNY Geneseo, is studying for her masters at SUNY Binghamton. The twins (22) will be graduating the next two weekends - Kristin from Bucknell and Kia from Oberlin.

I am enjoying retirement, although it is far from relaxing. The old expression "I don't know how I ever had time for work" is certainly true. Lots of projects around the house, taking care of the dog, two cats, one cockatoo and one parrot the kids left behind etc. One of the nice retirement presents I received was two season tickets at the Dome for football and I am still an avid SU fan. Photography, hiking, and spending too much time on the Internet also keep me busy. I consider myself very lucky in that my March 1 surgery for prostate cancer seems to have turned out very well and I actually feel great. However, it is a reminder from Mother Nature that we are getting older!

My best to all, and it would be great to hear from the *old* classmates! I live at 17 Knobb Hill Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534.

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1980's Mailbag Cont...



Brad McLean ('84) of Somerville, MA, is the CTO of StudentUniverse.com (discount travel for college students). He's also a professional lighting designer. He designs one to two shows a year at the Merry Go Round Theatre in Auburn, NY, and is working on their major reconstruction project. His wife Miriam gave birth to daughter Nia in 2002. Brad is restoring their 100 year old house.

David Robson ('84) writes "I work for a product design firm that designs consumer products, healthcare and medical, safety equipment, lots of toys and juvenile products, and others. It's a very dynamic group and I have enjoyed being here very much. I'm married and have 2 children (Elena who's 2-1/2 and Isaac 7 mos). We live right on the bay [in Rhode Island] and I have come to really enjoy the blue skies that one experiences when one moves away from Central NY. By the way, I am related to Peter & Stephen Robson both of whom now live in Rochester. We're all brothers."

Porchia Smith Stewart ('84) gave birth to a beautiful 5 lb 15 oz. baby girl on Easter Sunday, 2002. They've named her Asante Symira Stewart. Her picture is on the web at GrowingFamily.com

Jeanette Ranger Zoeckler ('84) married the summer after graduation. She and her Air Force husband spent the next four years in Panama where Jeanette earned a AA in Behavioral Science. She is home-schooling her 6 children (ages 15-3 years), and sharing her love of learning with them. She gave birth to her 7th child, Olivia Rose on Aug. 3, 2002.

Dirk Felleman ('85) is working on a doctorate in Medical Humanities at Drew University in Madison, NJ.

Jackie Wolf Kibler ('85) gave birth to her second child (Joshua Aidan) on May 22, 2002. Her first son is 10 years old. This is the 4th grandkid for Al Wolf, former Nottingham business teacher. Jackie's sister Cathy ('90) who married Marc Hammernik ('86) has 3 girls (ages 4+2.)

Bruce Andrews ('86) works in Washington, DC, for a small consulting/government affairs/PR firm which offers a variety of strategic & political consulting, lobbying and PR for mostly corporate clients. Prior to this, he spent seven years on Capitol Hill and 2 1/2 years practicing law at a large firm in DC. He writes "Oddly enough, in our little 30 person firm, I work with **Sue Garman ('85)**. One of my clients is **Allen Waltman ('61)** who is the head of the Washington Office of Price Waterhouse Coopers. And I frequently see **Cynthia Rice ('84)** and **Dan Maffei ('86)**. It's a small world after all."

The 1970s Cont

Mark Reed-Edwards ('79) went to OCC for a couple of years, then worked full time in radio, ending up in New York City in the mid-80s at a Dick Clark-owned company. He joined his girlfriend from Syracuse (now his wife) in Boston, earning a degree in Poli Sci at UMass/Boston. For the past 15 years he has worked as a writer in high tech and is currently at Intranets.com, running Web marketing. Has been married for almost 13 years and has 3 children

The 1980s

Erik Brown ('80) has been living in Burlington, VT since 1985. He married Melanie Putz in '98. They have two children: Jeremy (born '99) and Elena (born '02). He works for Vermont Energy Investment Corp., a non-profit energy conservation company, managing energy efficiency projects (primarily in low-income multifamily buildings), developing spreadsheet energy analysis tools, and helping to develop and manage technical analysis methodologies. The job is close enough that Erik can bike or walk to work. He maintains a 30-hr workweek so he can be home with the kids part of the time. With the exception of sleep deprivation, he's generally doing really well!

Helene (Menter) Stevens ('80) "I went to school in Syracuse (George Washington, H. W. Smith, & Nottingham) until 1978 when I moved. I would have graduated from Nottingham in 1980 and am very interested in any info on my classmates. I've been married for 12 years now & have a 10 year old daughter. We live 3 hours south of Syracuse near Middletown, NY. We come back to Syracuse every year for the State Fair. I've worked for Empire Blue Cross & Blue Shield for 15 years and am now a medical biller! I like the billing field much more than the insurance field!

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Dennis Latham ('82) is producing and directing new tv shows. He's running 3 recording studios, and has about 12 artists on his roster. He also has a video production studio where they do most of their music videos. Dennis is the minister of the Music Hope Christian Center in Montgomery, AL. website:

www.envy.nu/letsdothis/

Cathy (Zimmer) Crosby ('82) lives in Indianapolis, IN. She and her husband Andy planned to travel to China in May of 2002 to bring home their adopted daughter (who will be 9 months old) home with them.

LaVerne Hatcher ('84) earned a BA in Sociology from SUNY-Buffalo, then moved to Connecticut for 10 years. She earned her MSW from UCONN in '97 and moved to Georgia in '00, where she's a supervisor at the local child protection agency and pursuing her license in clinical social work. She has enjoyed vacations across the country and in the Caribbean. After leaving CT, she indulged herself and vacationed in Hawaii. "It was like a photograph come to life," she said. Georgia has been a significant pay cut, so by the summer of 2002, she will decide if she should return to the North. LaVerne has an 8-yr-old son.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Quentin "Q-Ball" Kopp ('45)



While I enjoyed the Spring 2002 edition of The Nottingham Connection very much, I am particularly motivated to walk down memory lane by the 75th Anniversary party.

Dick Dirks ('51) writes that the elimination of grade 7-9 may have been the event that took place in 1943. Having graduated in 1945, I never realized that Nottingham included a 9th grade in that era. I do, however, know that the elimination of grades 7-9 did not take place in 1943, because I entered Nottingham from Charles Andrews in January 1942 and we were joined by a sterling group of Edward Smith graduates, including the irrepressible Hank Tiffany, who later captained our basketball team and was the founding father of the never school-sanctioned but always benevolent "Buddy Club" in 1944. Nottingham's grade configuration, as well as that of all the other city public high schools was 10th, 11th and 12th grades only.

Jack Gardner ('48) remembers Francis Mulholland as the football coach, but he forgets Louis "Dutch" Ginter, who until entering the U.S. Marine Corps in late 1942, coached baseball, basketball and football. "Dutch" had been a three-sport athlete at Syracuse University and was a tough but fair coach who loved versatile athletes like Warren Frank and Kirk Foster ('43).

While many of us, like John Nair ('37), remember Ms. McBurney and those challenging Latin classes, and our preeminent English teachers, Frederika Smith, she of the subtle presence, and Hazel Bush, she of the commanding presence, as well as Miss Franny Durkin, who personally composed a Nottingham fight song to the tune of "Harrigan, That's Me," let's hear a cheer for the understated but effective Miss Gertrude Burke, who imparted history with accuracy and élan, and Miss Flanagan, who taught Spanish so well that several of us, including the writer, passed the two-year Spanish Regents exam after only three semesters in her class. Miss Burke, incidentally, had at Nottingham both a nephew, Eddie Burke ('35) who later played guard at S.U., and a niece, Rose Marie Burke Burnley ('43).

I could go on and on, but instead let me ask: Who remembers Bob Kwalwasser, that free spirit whose father conducted the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, maneuvering his motorcycle down Westmoreland Hill during lunch recesses or after class?

Nottingham - related Websites



<http://www.syracusecityschools.com/> This is the home page for the Syracuse City School District. However, they have been having problems with the site, and sometimes it doesn't work properly. When it is working, it's supposed to provide access to a Nottingham section, including an alumni section. There is news about the school, issues of the student newspaper, and hopefully in the future, issues of The Nottingham Connection. When it's working, you can also register yourself as an alumni on this site - or just email us directly at nottalum@hotmail.com. You can also call us at (315) 682-9771.

We also have a Nottingham alumni list serve that we use to send 3 to 4 messages a year. This is on the District's server which has had some problems this year. If you are interested in being on the listserve, please contact us at nottalum@hotmail.com.

Class of '71: <http://www.shutterfly.com/my/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b31b05f80552>

Class of '73: <http://home.twcny.rr.com/nottingham73>

Class of '85: <http://www.geocities.com/ham19852000/>

Class of '86: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HAMClassof86/>

Class of '87: <http://pages.hotbot.com/edu/nottingham-1987/nottingham.html>

Class of '90: <http://www.reunionsworld.com/SchoolAnnouncements/NewYork/NottinghamNY90.htm>

Class of '91: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bulldogs/chat>

Class of '93: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ham93reunion/>

** <http://groups.yahoo.com/> offers free websites for groups.

Make one for your class today and send us your URL address!

<http://www.syracuse.com/forums/reunions>. Sponsored by the Syracuse Newspapers. The most useful section for alumni is the forums/reunions section.

<http://www.classmates.com> Commercial site. As of February 2003, over **3469** Nottingham alumni were registered. Basic registration is free, but in order to use it to send messages to other registrants, you have to pay a \$36 fee for a Gold membership. The site doesn't reveal the email address - you have to send the message through their site.

FROM THE MAILBAG cont...

Hugh Share ('78) writes "I married **Eileen Jackola('79)** and we have two amazing kids, Erika - 12 and Taylor - 13. Time is flying so we really try and keep focused on them as much as we can. I started working for Anheuser-Busch right out of college, going on 20 years! I started at the plant in Baldwinville and moved to the corporate headquarters in St. Louis about 10 years ago. I'm in the corporate environmental group, responsible for integrating environmental concerns into how the company does their business. The best thing is I work with nearly every one of our businesses (we're much more than beer) and corporate departments. It's a lot of fun and important work. We get home at least once a year, I do more often because of business trips to the Northeast. Ira and I are closer than ever, we talk all the time and hang out together whenever we can."

Dave Woodward ('78) In 1979, Dave and **Jimmy Walker ('79)** moved to Florida and worked for Disney & UPS. After 8 years with UPS, Dave worked for a company in Orlando that made the tubes that are pulled behind boats. Over the years and through a couple of changes and buyouts, Dave ended up in Lakeland, FL as plant manager for Earth and Ocean Sports, also known as O'Brien Water Sports. He was involved in all aspects of manufacturing and distribution. He also designed and hand shaped body boards. He had a great run but left after declining an offer to head their Madiera, CA, plant. He's been working at Polk Community College in Lakeland, FL, for about 4 years, where he manages several programs in the Continuing Workforce Education Dept. He's been married for 16 years, and has 3 girls, 1 boy, and a 6-yr. old grandson.

Jimmy Walker ('79) moved to Florida in late '79 with **Dave Woodward ('78)**. Spent 17 years working with UPS where he was in management. Now he's a General Plant Manger for is K Mart in Atlanta. Married with a girl.

Barbara (Dopyera) Daley ('79) writes "I graduated with a Master's in '88 after finishing a BA. and trying different things. Married in '85 to a "Cortland Boy" met through a mutual friend. He was at ESF and I was at SU. We have three children, born in '88, '91, and '98. I have pursued various projects. Right now I am working on writing a historical fiction for young adults on Ticonderoga. We moved back to Syr. 5 years ago when my husband took a job teaching at ESF. My youngest sister, Caroline, died 5 years ago of cancer. Her death has been really hard. She had married **Steve Rice**, another Ham connection. And another, I live next door to **Jon Guisbond.(' 81)"**

1970's Cont

John Klim ('74) "After Nottingham I had an illustrious career working in the science library for extra cash while in school at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. I am an Otolaryngologist (Ear, nose and throat surgeon) in Escanaba, MI. I've lived in Michigan since 1984. My wife Elizabeth is a physician and we have two boys aged 13 and 9. We make it back to Syracuse once or twice a year . My sister Christine Doell, my brother David Klim, and our parents still live there. I still am in contact with my good friends **Bruce Murray** and **David Howe ('74)** who live in the metropolitan NY area. I haven't played tennis in years but I am still an avid skier."

Lori (Freimark) Banks ('75) has had her own design firm and internet business for 20 years. Her firm's web site is <http://www.LFBanks.com>

Tom Brody ('75) writes "I remember you always telling me to go to class and stop skipping. I'm retired from the Air Force (22.5 years) now and working as a civilian instructor at Keesler AFB in Mississippi."

Maria Collis ('75) writes "Erik and I are working steadily. I'm able to work at home, and there is interest in a couple of my film projects. We're enjoying Anna and Emilia more than we can say. Anna (6) is reading and writing and teaching empathy and kindness to Emilia. Emilia (2) speaks her mind in full sentences and keeps me running until after 11:00 every night. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers, as we do you. All the best to you in the New Year."

Lisa Rayder ('75) lives in Newtown, PA where she works in pharmaceutical market research, as VP, Directions Healthcare Research. Married to Steve Mosley and has an 11 year old son (Max), two cats (Brittany and Theodore), and an adorable 6 month old West Highland White Terrier puppy (Callie) . Would love to hear from others that she knew while in high school!

Evan Birkhead ('78) is VP, Corporate Communications, Micromuse Inc., a company that makes software that manages networks & services for telephone companies, Internet providers, and nationwide or global networks. "We did the IPO thing about 5 years ago and have been riding the Nasdaq roller coaster ever since, absolutely nutty."

Amy (Zimmer) Britt ('78) is a staff nurse (LPN) at a local nursing home in Auburn NY. Married since '94 to Marshall, a wonderful man who graduated from Central Square H.S. and whom she met at a singles Bible study at North Syracuse Baptist Church.

Todd Knoblock ('78) formerly a professor (University of Chicago and University of Michigan), has been a senior researcher for Microsoft research for the past 10 years.

Rob Pusch ('78) when asked about his name change, responded "Well, the name change went along with quite a few other changes. The short version is that I am transgendered. Actually I myself don't think I *look* all that different, some people ask if Wende is my sister. I have a website up with some pics: <http://www.webworqs.com/users/robalo/> Perhaps the thing I would be most remembered for would be running."

LOOKING FOR RAYMOND VESSEL ('87)

"Hi, Mrs. Gray. This is Darron Knight. I graduated in 1987 and you were my librarian." Darron is an enthusiastic, determined person, and he called a number of folks before he got my number. "Could you help me find Ray?"

Darron is trying to locate Raymond Vessel ('87). Raymond's not in our alumni database, but we've heard that his mother is living in Liverpool, NY. Unfortunately, we can't find her in the phone book.

Since he was in Syracuse, Darron drove over to my house to look at the yearbooks. We had a grand time remembering his classmates and teachers. He also remembered playing lacrosse, getting clipped, and falling on his face. "It really, really hurt!" We both smiled over his stance in the senior class photo taken in the auditorium. He's on the 4th row up, 3rd over from the left.

Darron has done a variety of things since high school. First he attended Valdosta Technical School in Georgia, finishing his Associates in CIS (computer information systems). He then worked at various places: a lumber company, Shoneys, an alarm company. After 6 years as supervisor at a 911 communications center, he was "burned out", so he took a job as a district manager for an insurance company for 5 years. Next he worked as a manager for Converges, an outsourcing company for Direct TV. When the company downsized and offered him a job in Utah, he respectfully declined. He did vcr & tv repair work and then signed on to cut grass for a friend. One thing led to another and Darron now owns A-1 Lawn Care, a prosperous lawn mowing service, employing 5 workers on a seasonal basis. He also works as a ticket agent for Delta Airlines. His latest commitment: marriage. On December 22, 2001, Darron and Tanya were married.

His current quest: finding Raymond Vessel. If you can help, please contact Darron. His email is d_knight32@hotmail.com. Phone: (229)259-0885.

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A Letter from Israel

by Josh Cohen ('78)



By the time I graduated from Nottingham in 1978, I had gained much more than a traditional classroom education. Being a member of our diverse school community taught me to respect and cherish differences of race, nationality, religion, gender and background, which often lead to a whole that is much greater than its individual parts. I also learned that achieving worthwhile goals requires tremendous perseverance and a willingness to stand firmly by one's principles.

This past October, I joined 102 others in a bike-a-thon from Jerusalem to the Red Sea resort of Eilat (~450 km) to raise money for Alyn Hospital, the only pediatric rehab facility in Israel. (<http://www.alyn.org/>) Alyn treats children with congenital disorders, injuries from accidents, and, sadly, victims of terror. Alyn is just one example of an institution built in this young country that serves the needs of an exceedingly diverse population, treating young people from all religions, nationalities and backgrounds.

In the mid-1990's, an immigrant to Israel from the U.K. wanted to continue his annual tradition of riding to raise money for a hospital in England. Over time he convinced friends to join him for a ride in Israel, and identified Alyn as a beneficiary. A ride was planned for October 2000, but when violence erupted, those from abroad backed out. Family and friends urged the nine Israeli riders to cancel as well, but they decided it was the wrong response to remain cowered at home. Instead they made a proactive, positive choice over submission. To their surprise, they raised over \$70,000 for the hospital. A year later, in 2001, forty-seven bikers raised \$285,000. This past October we raised over \$500,000(!) significantly expanding the hospital's capabilities. That momentous decision is a tremendous example of triumph of the human spirit over terror and defeatism.

During the five-day ride, we biked cool forested paths and endless desert roads, past unique, stunning geological formations and ancient cities where King David ruled 3000 years ago. Riders came from within Israel and from abroad, ranging from high school students to retired grandparents. Among my sponsors were Nottingham alums: Hugh '78 & Eileen '79 (Jackola) Share, Brian Collins '78, Rudy Muller '78, Chris (Munro) Cochrane '79, Evan Birkhead '78, and Meg Murray '78. It was a great challenge, and I'm proud of our shared accomplishment.

If those who would legitimize terror are allowed any sense of victory, all people ultimately suffer. I came to Israel to stand with my people from all parts of the world during a time of need, expressly in light of current challenges. None of us may allow ourselves to be discouraged. We must persevere in promoting good wherever we can, specifically now.

If you're ever in Israel, please contact me. Box 511, Chashmonaim 73127 Israel Tel. 011-972-8-914-8891, jcohen@reduxcom.com

FROM THE MAILBAG cont...

Diana Cramer ('68) writes "I've lived in Syracuse since graduating from Emerson College in Boston where I studied theater, and then spent a year in New York studying scene painting. I was married for awhile and our wonderful son Ethan was born in 1977. He now lives and works in Washington, DC. and received his Bachelor's from Haverford College in PA in 1999. After several enjoyable "mini-careers" (including working for Syracuse Cultural Workers and The Child Care Council of Onondaga County) I received a Masters in Elementary Education from S.U. in '91, but found that homebound tutoring was much more rewarding than classroom teaching. Since '95 I've also been a Children's Librarian Assistant at OCP's Central Library and I love it! My email address is: dfcramer@aol.com I'd enjoy hearing from you."

Tina Tzivani Zhang ('68) works for Syracuse City School District as an art teacher at Roberts Elementary. She wonders how many Nottingham grads work for SCSD.

Diantha Carroll Schiller ('69) died Dec. 4, 2000, after a nine-year battle with melanoma cancer.



The 1970s

Richard (Rick) and Nancy (Riposo) Freimark ('72) live in Portland, OR. Both graduated from the Newhouse School of Communications. Nancy returned to S.U. in '79 and earned her Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship. They have three children, ages 20, 19 and 11. "I have a food brokerage company. Until 9-11 we sold millions of cookies, sandwiches and meal components to the airline industry. We are now in a rebuilding phase, working with the major carriers on how to best reintroduce food while keeping the industry financially on solid ground. Real challenges ahead." Nancy is in charge of Reputation Management for Kaiser Permanente, as well as National Consultant for Kaiser Northwest. Kaiser is the largest health management organization in the world.

Clem and Marianne (Mimi) Sinopoli Murray ('72) Mimi graduated from University of Rochester in '76, then earned her Masters in Nutrition from SU in '78. She is the nutritionist for Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges in suburban Philadelphia. Clem graduated from SU in '76 and is the Director of Photography at The Philadelphia Inquirer. They married in '79, moved to Philadelphia in '80, and have two teenage boys: Richard, a high school senior, and Gregory, a high school freshman.

Robert "Bob" Streeten ('73) has been a high school American history teacher for 23 years. "Attempting to copy Bob Gaw in some ways." He's been coaching lacrosse at Corning East for 21 years. Is married to his second wife, and has two sons, ages 17 and 15.

FROM THE MAILBAG cont...



The 1950s

Eva Marie Wolff-Hötsch ('53): After 5 years on scholarship at the Juilliard School of Music in NYC, I went to Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Although I made my professional debut with the Washington DC opera society, the rest of my career as an opera and concert singer was spent in Europe. I have the honorary title of "Kammersängerin" which is a big deal in Germany and Austria. I retired in 1995. I have 3 grownup children from my first husband, a Spanish composer and pianist, and have been married for 18 years to a German government lawyer. My 2 daughters live in Germany and my son lives in Key West, FL. I speak fluent German and Spanish.

Carol Cobb Clarke ('54) is a docent at the Marine Science Center near Port Orange, FL. Her husband **Greg Clarke** (who would have been Class of '55 if he hadn't moved to Alexandria, LA) volunteers as a greeter at the Arts and Science Museum in Daytona Beach. The Clarkes belong to a Model 'A' Ford club that will be driving from Florida to Savannah, GA.

George Treier ('54) is retired from Xerox and living in Pittsford, NY. Read his story which is printed in this issue.

The 1960s

Hetty Gingold ('65) is doing consultant work in addition to her job as Director of Humanities at Liverpool (NY) Central School District. Her workshops include (1) leadership - training administrators to make effective and lasting change; (2) aligning curriculum/instruction to Standards without teaching-to-the-test; and (3) effective teaching practices.

Ron DeLuca ('66) owns Abdo's market on S. Beech St. in Syracuse. His sister, **Pat DeLuca ('64)**, passed away a couple of years ago.

WEDDINGS (Graduates are listed first)

2001

Emmanuel A. Falcone married Sunny Shores on Oct. 6. He is a pilot with American Eagle Airlines. They live in Miramar, FL.

2002

Craig J. Fikes married Kathleen Duke on Dec. 29. Craig is a representative at Verizon. They live in Fayetteville.



Laurence Baum married Haley Hobbs on Feb. 9. Laurence is self-employed. They live in Jamesville.

Rebecca Fitzgerald married George Spencer on Feb. 16. She is employed by Pinellas County Schools. They live in St. Petersburg, FL

Germaine T. Williams married Tara Johnson on May 4. He is employed by Lucent Technologies. They live in Atlanta, GA.

Tammy L. Darling married George Dyer on May 11. They live in Canastota.

Matthew Serlin married Christine Hanna on May 25. He is employed by AllDomains.com. They live in Alameda, CA.

Kellie Roadarmel married Mathew Gentile on June 1. She is employed by Boston University. They live in West Newbury, MA.

Maria L. Patane married Joseph A. Owen June 8. She works in sales. They live in Marcellus.

Andrew Simon married Janet Koblentz on June 15. He is employed with Old Town Trolley Tours. They live in Washington, DC.

Lt. William Riordan married Amber Stuckey on June 15. They live in Fort Collins, CO.

Karen Bambacht married Mark Spadafore on June 22. She is employed by University United Methodist Church. They live in Liverpool.

Rachel D. Price married Fredrick James on June 29. She is employed by James Square Health. They live in Syracuse.

Eric A. Christensen married Jennifer Adams on June 29. He is self-employed. They live in North Syracuse.

Susan K. Cruce married Aaron Kirch on July 13. They live in Manlius.

LaRae Martin married Zaire Coore on July 20. She is a first grade teacher in Syracuse. They live in Cortland.

Gregory Collis married Pindi Williams on Aug. 17. He operates home care Agencies. They live in Manlius.

Amy O. Hedges married Michael Rubright on Aug. 17. She is an attorney. They live in Boulder, CO.

John Moser married Sherry Latreille on Sept. 1. He is employed by AMC on LLC. They live in Jamesville.

Kendra Wisler married Mark Beaven on Sept. 7. She is a director at Merrill Lynch. They live in Darien, CT.

Clare Murray married Michael Volo on Oct. 12. She is employed by Cable Express Technologies. They live in Liverpool.

NOTTINGHAM MEMORIES

by Carolyn Inglehart Coit ('45)

Many of us believe that we lived through a rarified period of American history. My personal memories are refreshed by the copies of the "Nottingham Citizen" that I saved. Unlike today, there was no ambivalence about the war raging overseas or the need to defend our country, although a May 1, 1944 column in the Citizen starts "Ah spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of his coming induction and Nottinghamers' stomachs turn with thoughts of coming Regents."

The war in Europe ended the following May. The President declared a day of prayer followed by early dismissal and private celebrations. A personal scrawl across this report mentions saving gas by jamming 18 Nottingham seniors into one car, including Kate Bowe (Marmarus), Anne Dawson (O'Malley), her cousin Alyce Dawson (Hunt), Pat Laus (Jones-Pennock), Anne Harter, Greg Cheplin, Colburn Jones, and Gerry Ryan, all of whom are still in touch and going strong.

A newcomer to the city once asked me why no one he had met in Syracuse talked much about a college affiliation, but he knew within a short period of time who had gone to Nottingham High School!

When I went into teaching in the 70s, I asked Roberta Braen to take me on as an aging student teacher. Although I had never met Roberta, who had replaced Edith Hough, I had seen her student's work. Although it was the different building, it still felt like alma mater with a new bunch of wonderful, diverse and talented students.

My personal memories center around the enduring friendships, and the strong, dedicated teachers we were privileged to know. Little did we realize that Nottingham, "Thee we will remember in our hearts forever."

About Carolyn: "I was there when Carolyn picked up her first crayon. It was apparent even then that she used her crayola with a difference. There was a keenness of eye, an adroitness of hand, but most of all a kind of creative energy that the rest of us did not have." - Marjorie Inglehart Ried ('42) Carolyn's career includes art director for Coe Advertising Agency, mother of 4 children, art teacher at F-M schools. She was named CNY Art Educator of 1993. Now retired, she teaches figure drawing and watercolor, lectures on women artists, and maintains a studio in Syracuse.

FROM THE MAILBAG



The 1930s+ 40's

John Nair ('37) writes "Thank you very much for sending me the 2002 edition of the Nottingham Connection. It is really a link with my past. I note that Dr. Bob Curtiss died last December [2001]. When I was growing up, we were in the same scout troop and I think we went to the same church. One summer Bob's father, a doctor, saved my infected hand from amputation with his remedies. There were no antibiotics in those days."

Harry Rahr ('41) called from Hawaii to check on his old classmates. Harry enlisted right after graduation, and spent from 1941-1961 in the military, serving all over. He was a pilot, served with the Strategic Air Command, and reached the rank of Major. He finished his college degree in Mathematics and worked for IBM. Now he owns a travel agency!

Patrick McCarthy ('44) received the "Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians" award from the Oneida (NY) Rotary Club in May, 2002. Pat has spread Rotarian goodwill to Ireland, Switzerland, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Italy, Bermuda, Greece, Turkey and Portugal. He's been a Rotarian for 35 years, serving as a club officer as well as chairman for various Rotary events.

Carol Clise ('47) lives in a duplex at a continuing care facility in Newton, NC. She writes "I was tired of taking care of a house and yard and figured the children would not have to be concerned should I become ill in the future. I enjoy the more relaxed life and travel when I have the chance. In Oct.'02 I am going to the Galapagos and Machu Picchu for a couple weeks."

Nottingham in the News Cont...



November 17, 2002

Lauren Austin ('77) was named director of the Community Folk Art Gallery at Syracuse University. Lauren lives in Syracuse with her husband and two sons.

December 6, 2002

Lawrence Wallace ('48) was honored by the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a deputy solicitor general in the Justice Department and has presented more oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court than any other living person. At the time, he planned to retire in January.

December 7, 2002

Nicholas Stark ('01) has had guest spots on the TV shows "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Do Over." He has also been an extra on "Gilmore Girls", "ER" and "CSI." He most recently landed a small role in "Terminator 3", due out next summer. Nicholas lives in Los Angeles.

December 19, 2002

Cathleen Parascandola, a graduate, created with her sister, the "My Mommy Doll" The doll has a recordable device in it that parents can use to record short messages for their children to listen to when they need to be separated. Cathleen's website is www.mymommydoll.com . She lives in Manlius.

January 23, 2003

Army Pfc. Patricia A. O'Connell ('88) arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

February 5, 2003

Jeff Bastable ('64) co-chaired the American Heart Association's 34th Annual Heart Ball which raised over \$180,000.

February 6, 2003

Lynsey Kramer ('00) was accepted into an international honor society at Binghamton University.

Insert
Photo
Of Coit with
Paintbrush

Carolyn I. Coit at work in studio on portrait of Dr. Jean L. Stinchcombe

Insert
Coit's
painted
Portrait of
Braen here

Roberta Braen, former Nottingham High School art teacher.
Oil portrait by Carolyn Inglehart Coit ('45)

MORE ABOUT THE NOTTINGHAM BUILDINGS

Our question about what grades were housed in the Nottingham buildings and when sparked the following responses:

Barbara Reck Hastorf ('39) "I spent my sophomore year at Nottingham. I moved to New Jersey and finished high school there. I attended high school in the old building on a split session program."

Bob Stockdale ('44) "To clarify what Dick Dirks wrote in the Spring 2002 Connection: Junior High additions to Charles Andrews and Edward Smith Schools were started in 1937 and finished in the summer of 1938. I know because I was part of the Andrews 6th grade class which didn't move to Nottingham for 7th grade. Our class was the first which stayed at Andrews until the end of 9th grade, moving over in the fall of 1941. My first big memory of Nottingham was being called down to Mr. Coon's office on the morning of December 8, 1941 and being asked if I could set up my sound system for the auditorium so the school could hear FDR's speech to Congress at noon. (The school had no PA system!) Everett Abert ('41) helped me scour the town for a radio capable of being tied into our PA system and we got it up and running about 20 minutes to noon."

Eleanor Jones Krimerman ('58) and **Rasalind Mickelson Menter ('58)** were in the first class to go all the way through the new Nottingham building. Their class finished 7th grade at Charles Andrews, and entered Nottingham as 8th graders, and graduated in 1958. That means when the building opened in the fall of '53, the configuration was 8-12.

Pamela Menter Klint ('72) "Grades were 10-12 when I was there."

Editor's note: According to the yearbooks, Nottingham housed grades 8-12 from 1926-30. The '31 & '32 yearbooks were prepared by seniors, primarily for seniors and necessarily deals only with seniors. According to Bob Stockdale ('44), Nottingham was 7-12 in the 30s, and became 10-12 in the fall of '41. The '48 yearbook mentions the addition of the 9th grade to Nottingham, so we assume that the school became a 9-12 school in the fall of '47. The 1949 yearbook shows grades 8-12, and this configuration continues until 1958. In the fall of '58, the school seems to become a 10-12 school, and remained that way until the fall of '78 when it returned to being a 9-12 school.

Nottingham in the News Cont...



July 11, 2002

Susan Bletko ('70) owns a floral and decorating business called The Wild Orchid of Manlius, Inc. The store is located on Fayette St. in Manlius.

July 25, 2002

Molly Johnson ('99) was named to the Dean's list at Hobart and William Smith College. She is studying Asian studies and spent a semester studying in Japan.

July 26, 2002

Ian Stewart ('04) performed in a Jazz in the Square concert in Clinton Square. He plays acoustic bass.

July 31, 2002

Jon Mason ('02), Bryan Richmond ('02) and Greg Hendee ('02) won the National Mousetrap Car Design Competition in Washington, DC.

August 1, 2002

Marine Corps Major Benjamin Watson, a graduate, was half way through a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

August 1, 2002

Katherine Macko ('99) was named to the Dean's list at the University of Rochester. She is studying philosophy and political science.

August 5, 2002

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Navid Garshasb, who attended Nottingham, was honored by The Air Force Sergeants Association with its Pitschbarger Award for Heroism. Navid helped to save the lives of several Afghans after his American helicopter crashed Nov. 2 behind enemy lines. Navid realized that the Afghans in the area were local villagers and not a threat. He warned them not to come closer and to go back to their homes, potentially saving their lives.

August 9, 2002

Joel Miller ('73) was named the new executive director of Hillel at Syracuse University.

August 9, 2002

Michael Zeppetello ('75) is a professional photographer who has photographed TV star Kim Cattrall for the cover of TV Guide Magazine. He then made a guest appearance on Cattrall's HBO show "Sex and the City." He played a photographer.

October 2002

Sherrie Hurwitz-Sicam ('64) had an article published in The Jewish Observer. The article was about her experience traveling to Israel last summer.

October 24, 2002

Seaman Apprentice Maleah R. Seals ('01) was midway through her advanced training school as an information technologist at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

October 31, 2002

Army Pvt. Amber G. Mathews ('99) graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Nottingham in the News Cont...



May 2002

The school's Junior Varsity girls crew team took the National title in the National Crew Championship. Nottingham was one of very few public schools participating in the competition.

May 2002

Jeff Bastable ('64) was featured in a photo in the May/June issue of *My Generation*, a magazine produced by AARP. The photo was part of a story on what to wear to high school reunions.

May 30, 2002

Aiesha Pitts ('98) was on the Dean's list at Colgate University. She is studying religion and African studies.

June 3, 2002

The girls Junior Varsity Crew team was honored on the steps of City Hall for winning the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championship.

June 6, 2002

Students raised \$500 to help AIDS Community Resources, a non-profit agency. They also participated in an AIDS walk/run to benefit the agency.

June 16, 2002

Patrick McCarthy ('44) and his wife, Patricia, were featured in a news story for winning 60 medals in the Empire State Senior Games over the last 10 years. They both qualified for the Senior Olympics in Virginia Beach. Patrick played baseball and football at Nottingham.

June 21, 2002

Students Alison Hughes ('02) and Beth Pallo ('02) were selected as two of the top Latin students in Central New York.

June 26, 2002

Felicia Legette-Jack ('84) was named head coach of Hofstra's women's basketball team.

June 27, 2002

The school, in partnership with the Everson Museum, received a \$7,000 grant. The grant will enable art students to work with a video artist to create a video documentary.

June 29, 2002

Zach Vinal ('04) finished second in The Post-Standard Amateur golf tournament. He competed against some of the top adult golfers in Central New York.

July 4, 2002

Lauren Dunseath ('01) was inducted into a national freshman honor society at SUNY Potsdam.

July 4, 2002

Quindell Williams ('03) was selected to participate in People to People Student Ambassador Program. As part of the program, he traveled abroad for three weeks learning about other cultures and teaching about American culture.

A PARENTAL REPORT ON THE CLASS OF 1991

by Parker Sharron

When I think of the kids who graduated with ours, I am amazed. Our son **Matt Sharron** is a 3rd year Med student at Temple Univ. School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He graduated from the Univ. of PA in '95 and did 5 years of HIV/Aids research at Penn's Med School. He'll be joining a class of at least five other doctors. **Dave Hehir**, Dartmouth '95 and Upstate Med. '00 is a 3rd year resident at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dave is applying for fellowships in Pediatric Cardiology. **Jay Zamkoff**, Cornell '95, Upstate Med. '01 is a Pediatric resident at UCSF in San Francisco. **Naioni Toeffel**, U. of Roch. '95, and Upstate '01 (I think) is a Pediatric and Emergency Med. resident at Univ. of Md., Baltimore. **Amy Woolever**, Yale '95, and U. Buffalo Med. School '01 is a Pediatric resident at Albert Einstein Med. complex at Montifiore Hosp. in the Bronx. **Brenden Drew**, US Naval Academy at Annapolis '95, and the D.O. Med School in Westbury, LI, NY is a resident in Family Medicine at a Naval Hospital in Wash. State. Matt, too, thinks he wants a Pediatric residency.

PhD.candidates of the Nottingham class of '91, include **Nick Jackson**, Colgate '95, a History PhD. candidate at SU; **Regina Smardon**, SU '95, and **Erica Effler**, Notre Dame '95, are both Sociology PhD. candidates at the Univ. of PA; **Dana Buske**, Cornell '95, is at MIT and, undoubtedly several others, perhaps including **Suzanne Albert** at Upstate Med. for a PhD.

'91 is also a class loaded with attorneys. **Rob Marangola**, Colgate '95, Albany Law '98, with the Monroe County (Rochester) DA's office; **Nat Lam-bright**, Hobart '95, SU Law '99, a Labor lawyer w/Bittman & King in Syracuse; **Mike Wink**, Clarkson '95, either in Law School or a recent grad; **Dave Steiner**, Franklin & Marshall '95, in Law School at UC-Berkley; **Brigid Osei Bobie**, SU '95 and SU Law '98 or '99, now an attorney; **Allison Pennington**, Columbia '95, a 3rd year Law student at the Univ. of PA Law School; **Laura Riposo**, SUNY Binghamton '95 and UVA Law '01 or '02, working for a high powered D.C. law firm; **Fred Harper**, North Carolina A&T '95 (I think) has also now gone back to Law School at UNC Chapel Hill. **John Mosher**, Pottsdam '95 is a "computer geek" heading up the Syracuse office of a Canadian firm. **John Taub**, UC Santa Barbara '96, works for a computer firm in the LA area. **Margaret Runge**, Cornell '95 and John Hopkins '02 is a staff nurse at Johns Hopkins Hosp. in Baltimore. **Tom VanDruff** is a P.A. (physicians assistant) at Georgetown Univ. Hosp. in Wash., D.C. **Larry Block**, RIT '95 works in computer aided photography in Manhattan. **Jean Paul Paridis**, Seton Hall '95 is a Wall St. bond trader in lower Manhattan. **Jermain Williams**, Howard Univ. '95 is an engineer for Lucent in Atlanta.

That's all I can think of for now. More later about our daughter Meghan and the Class of '94.

SUMMERTIME MEMORIES OF THE LATE '40s

by Dave Melnicoff ('51)

Back in the post war summers of the late '40s we spent almost every day at the old Nottingham field playing baseball - unless we happened to hitchhike to Green Lakes. If we didn't have enough guys, we played fence ball on the Westmoreland side. Hit the ball into the trees lining Fellows Avenue and you had a homer. Eli Roth, Eddie Davis and Larry Castle did that a lot. Our team was called the Yankees. Shelly Lessen at first, Bob Silman at second, Eli at short, Eddie catching, me at third and Tommy Hicks our centerfielder. Around noon we would ride our bikes to Ostrom's and buy a ice cream soda or sundae for lunch (10 cents each!!!). Then, we would be back on the field 'till nightfall and then sit on the old firescape and talk about our day.

Those were our Camelot days and we didn't have enough sense to realize it because we were so young. I look back on those days now with fond memories, especially our rivalry with the Rockets from Homer Wheaton field and the Thornden Terrors. Both teams had wonderful and skillful players: Phil Gordon, Dave True, Bill Burke, Louie Stark, Smokey Read, Buggy Artz, Billy Rood, Dick Serling, Dico Geisler, and the late Freddie Kuepper as well as many others.

When we weren't playing, we were watching the great Syracuse Chiefs teams of Al Rubeling, Ed Shokes, Claude Corbitt, Dutch Mele, Hank Sauer, Frankie Drews, Jodie Beeler, Dick Sipek, Dick West, Joe Just and the great whistler, first base coach, Johnny Dudick and managed by "Head Chief" Jewel Ens. Our gang spent many nights out at the old MacArthur Stadium watching those teams and never worried about car jackings, drugs or being assaulted on the street. I remain convinced, "we lived in the best of times."

Anyway, thanks for The Nottingham Connection. I'd love to hear from my old classmates.

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Nottingham in the News



by Taylor Atseff ('95)

Here's a quick look at some of the Syracuse newspaper articles from February 2002 to February 2003 that featured Nottingham students and alumni.

February 28, 2002

David Sarloff, age 42, a graduate, was elected to the Liverpool School Board.

March 3, 2002

Carmen Viviano-Crafts ('03) took 3rd place in the CNY finals of the National Shakespeare Recitation Competition.

March 3, 2002

Ed Burns ('96) was featured in a sports story for being the starting goalie for the University of Vermont's lacrosse team.

March 17, 2002

Natasha Alford ('04) won 1st place in the State Legion high school oratory contest. She earned a college scholarship.

March 17, 2002

Ben Burt Jr. ('66) was in the news as the movie "ET" was re-released. Ben created the voice design for the title character.

April 4, 2002

Noah Weichselbaum ('01) earned a scholarship at Union College where he is studying mechanical engineering.

April 4, 2002

Jocelyn Graham ('03) was chosen as Miss Onondaga County Teenager.

April 4, 2002

Vincent Primiano ('03) won 2nd place in the Vice President of Production Awards for Junior Achievement.

April 18, 2002

Students, alumni, staff and community members created a mosaic mural. The mural was installed around a doorway facing Genesee Street. The mural is made out of individually painted tiles. (see our article in this issue)

April 26, 2002

Chris Murray ('74) is the head of the restrictor-plate engine program for Dale Earnhardt, Inc. His creations finished 1st and 2nd at Talladega Speedway.

May 2, 2002

Jon Mason ('02) was featured in a news story after being named New York State Journalist of the Year for his photo work as a student. He was honored by the Journalism Education Association.

May 17, 2002

Ben Burt Jr. ('66) is the editor and sound designer for the "Star Wars" epics.

May 25, 2002

Several students joined students from Dr. Weeks Elementary School in a lesson on teamwork at a ropes challenge course. The lesson was part of the school's character education program, Community of Caring.

SEPARATION CONT'

In past years, the drama club has contained a majority of white participants, and as a result, many of them know each other and have become friends. With the production of *The Wiz* there was understandably a sudden outpouring of interest by our African American student body. Many people of many backgrounds decided to try out, and some decided not to, warned that it would take up a lot of their time. As a result of "color-blind" casting, we ended up with an array of cultures to perform the musical. But there was still the issue of the majority of white students who knew each other well and the new group of black actors who have awesome talent but were seen, in a way, as "new kids" to the drama club scene.


Drama is not only for the acting and the experiences of the actual show, but the friendships that develop between people who may not have known each other previously. The drama department forms a family and welcomes new members, and people from many backgrounds unite for a common goal. We struggle to overcome issues together, and strive to offer support for our fellow thespians and crew members. Dealing with adversity brings us together and makes us stronger as a community.

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Close-up of Bulldog on Nottingham's mural project

In Memory of.. Jan 2002-2003



James Labenski, 73, died Jan. 2, 2002
Elizabeth Bradley, 81, died Jan. 10, 2002
Paul MacLeod, 88, died Jan. 11, 2002
Sean K. Tritten, 31, died Jan. 17, 2002
Norris Clark, 90, died Jan. 20, 2002
Dorothy Arnold Wilson, 83, died Jan. 23, 2002
C. Jonathan Maar, 47, died Jan. 25, 2002
Gerald Rynveld, 74, died Feb. 2, 2002. He was a 1945 graduate.
Kathy Kalet Meltzer, 52, died Feb. 2, 2002
Monroe "Perk" Perkins Jr., 77, died Feb. 6, 2002
Elizabeth "BJ" Vaughn, 76, died Feb. 7, 2002
Harold Girard Jr., 78, died Feb. 9, 2002
Alice E. Braun, 84, died Feb. 14, 2002
Howard G. DeVoe, 83, died Feb. 17, 2002
Datus Johnston Jr., 67, died Feb. 18, 2002
Michael J. Karpp, 16, died Feb. 21, 2002. He was a sophomore.
Robert Peyer, 86, died Feb. 23, 2002
Vincent Kleege, 82, died March 5, 2002
David Leverton died March 9, 2002 (no age given)
Cosmo Andaloro, 86, died March 10, 2002
Curtis G. Martin, 58, died March 10, 2002
Bobette M. Burns Edgerton, 87, died March 12, 2002
Robina Ferguson Heath, 77, died March 15, 2002
Arlene N. McKee, 83, died March 30, 2002
Michael J. Labucki, 54, died April 10, 2002
Frances Esposito Armstrong, 87, died April 18, 2002
Mary A. Goodfellow, 69, died April 28, 2002. She was a 1950 graduate.
Annie Mae Jones, 32, died May 1, 2002
Richard C. Lang, 71, died May 16, 2002
Helena Louise Bowman, 58, died May 14, 2002
Stanley C. Meyerson, 66, died May 22, 2002
Darryl Patterson Jr., 23, died June 4. He was a 1997 graduate.
Lakia "Keke" Jones, 18, died June 15, 2002
Roy O. Malmgren, 80, died June 24.
Eldred F. "Bob" Disinger, 79, died July 1, 2002
Janet "Mitzi" Regensburger, 71, died July 13, 2002
Mary Klim Doell, 51, died July 13, 2002
Bruce Lee Smith, 48, died July 15, 2002

In Memory of Cont...

Thomas Drew Mosher, 41, died June 28, 2002
Mary Demianyk Banazek, 85, died July 16, 2002
Thelma Jean Brown, 65, died July 22, 2002
Francis P. Mulholland, 93, died July 29, 2002
Eric Steven Smalls, 41, died July 31, 2002
Sandra Louise Lynch, 42, died Aug. 3, 2002
Suzanne Whalen Easterly, 73, died Aug. 12, 2002
Ruth Hill Goodwin, 91, died Aug. 20, 2002.
She was a 1929 graduate.
Orlando Flagg, 20, died Aug. 19, 2002
Margaret "Betsy" Jones Patsos, 76, died Sept. 6, 2002
Robert R. Stampalia, 61, died Aug. 27, 2002
Beverly A. Kendrat, 68, died Sept. 20, 2002
Anne Matkoski DiRienzo, 77, died Sept. 27, 2002
Norma Sture Zachary, 80, died Oct. 4, 2002
Rosalie C. Craner, 83, died Oct. 11, 2002
Janet Bloomer, 85, died Oct. 25, 2002
Francine Simmons, 49, died Oct. 25, 2002
Minnie Putnam Moore died Oct. 30, 2002 (no age given)
Linda L. Everson, 46, died Nov. 5, 2002
Shirley Temple Michalet, 70, died Nov. 19, 2002
M. Elizabeth Roche Druce, 78, died Nov. 26, 2002
Gertrude S. Carbery, 93, died Dec. 6, 2002
Kateri Ann "Katie" Shatraw, 22, died Dec. 18, 2002
Linda Edwards Cole, 46, died Dec. 17, 2002
George "Dud" Hilfinger, 82, died Dec. 17, 2002
Donna Eldert Morgan, 47, died Dec. 28, 2002
Eleanore Vanderhoff Flath, 78, died Dec. 28, 2002
Raymond Wade Vessell, 56, died Dec. 29, 2002
Patricia Joann Hoalcraft, 53, died Jan. 8, 2003



Why did the separation occur?

by Amy Savage
News Editor [of Common Ground, 2002]



As I've participated in all of the shows at Nottingham for the past two years, I've noticed that we've only had a small increase in the amount of people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Last years production of *The Wiz* was thrilling, because so many people enthusiastically auditioned, creating a multiracial show. Involvement of so many groups produced a wide range of skin tones on the stage and awesome chemistry between actors.

Unfortunately, there were problems. I noticed that the white students and the African American students still seemed separated by some kind of social barrier. It bothered me immensely; but I didn't know what I could do about it. Since I was in the pit band, I didn't have a great amount of interaction with the actors except for during choir practice. I didn't know what was really going on, but I suspect it was more subconscious than intentional.

During one after-show party at a restaurant, the African American students were not served by the wait staff at the restaurant. The white students did nothing to defend them, because they did not know what was happening. This was a result of the lack of mingling between the white and black students. One of the dancers, Aiesha Mitchell (11), informed me that she and some of her friends waited for over an hour to get served. Lashondra Williams (12) says, "We had energy; it was after opening night." Even though other parties were excited, Williams and her friends alone were ignored by the restaurant staff, until Williams confronted one of the waiters, who was African American. She wanted to talk to the manager, but Kenneth Hills told her to sit next to him in an effort to calm her down. Williams and her friends left the restaurant in disgust.

Traditionally there is a cast and crew party after the last show at which members sign posters for each other, eat and dance. Some black members of the cast asked Williams if they could have another party at her house where they would feel more comfortable. From what Williams told me, it was just the same as the predominantly white party, with pizza and chicken and playing cards, except there was no poster signing. Both groups were engaging in basically the same activities, but they were separate as a result of previous friendships that had not grown to include others. Williams figured that the reason why the African American and white students separated themselves was because people tend to stick with those familiar to them. This separation seems to be the worst part of this experience, because the cast party is a time for everyone to come together. After producing a show together, it is a way for everyone to gather one last time to share their experiences.