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Fulco Project grows out of 'wondrous yarns'

The Fulco Project is the "brain child" of Jack Mahoney, former principal of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, located in Falls Village. During a reunion of the Class of 1956, Jack listened to storyteller extraordinaire Pete Fulco spin wondrous yarns about athletic exploits of the Canaan Steamrollers football team, baseball teams in the old Interstate League, etc.

As Jack listened to these stories he realized that there is a treasure trove of sports stories and events waiting to be shared with schools, libraries, civic organizations and interested individuals. He conceived the idea of DVDs as holiday and birthday gifts

whereby the generations within families could be brought closer together.

A committee was formed with the purpose of producing DVDs about the following topics: The Bedini Years at HVRHS; Girls' Soccer and Title IX at HVRHS; Interviews with Pete Fulco; coach David Lindsay and HVRHS Athletic Director Ed Tyburski; Our Three Major Baseball Leaguers; The Canaan Steamrollers; The Interstate League; Town Hall Basketball; The Michael's Cup Era at HVRHS; Additional topics as they are suggested.

Members of the Fulco Project Committee are **Fred Baldwin '56, Ron Dower '60, Michael Flint '76, Pete Fulco '56, Ed Kirby '45, Jack Mahoney '95**

(honorary), **Marshall Miles '71 and Ed Tyburski.**

Perhaps the work of the committee will in some small way pass on to younger generations, before it is too late, the history of great local athletes and their formidable exploits on the playing fields.

Any proceeds above cost will be donated to The Region One Athletics Fund, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of athletic participation in our area.

The first of the DVDs, "The Bedini Years at HVRHS," is now available and can be obtained for a donation of \$15. Checks should be made out to The Fulco Project and mailed to Box 1245, Canaan, CT 06018.

—Fred Baldwin '56

HVRHS STUDENTS REBUILD COURTYARD

This spring students in the HVRHS Vo-Ag landscaping class, instructed by stonemason Karl Munson, rebuilt the stone wall around the mound upon which the new white oak has been planted.

Under their teacher Dave Moran's direction, the students cut back the old wall face, laying aside the stones to prepare for Karl's hands-on instruction on how to prop-



Students installed the new stonewall under the direction of Karl Munson.

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*There are now 258 life
members.*

Mountaineer Football prepares for 2008 season

Greetings Mountaineer Football Alumni:

The 2007 football campaign was a good one for the Housatonic-Wamogo Co-op. The team posted a 6-4 record and returned the Berkshire Bowl to its proper home in Falls Village with a solid 42-12 victory over the Gilbert-Northwestern Co-op on Thanksgiving Day in Winsted. The Mountaineers unveiled an "old school" offense by running a no-huddle, direct snap, single wing offense.

Johnny Habacker, '08, (3 TDs) and **Will Kennedy, '09** were named co-MVPs for the Mountaineers due to their outstanding play on offense, defense and special teams. There were four captains for the 2007 season: Johnny Habacker, **Ben Wilbur, '08**, **Jesse Becker, '08**, and **Tom Kennedy, '08**.

Pequot Conference post-season honors went to the following players: Will Kennedy: All-League Linebacker; **Connor Johnson**: Honorable Mention Center; **Charlie Horowitz**: Honorable Mention Split End; Jesse Becker: All-League Defensive End and Honorable Mention Guard; Tom Kennedy: All-League Cornerback and Honorable Mention Running Back, and **Ed Ustico**: Honorable Mention Offensive Tackle.

2007 Schedule and results:

9/15	Vinal Tech/Coginchaug	W	34-20
9/21	Valley Regional/Old Lyme	W	26-14
10/5	Tolland	L	6-34
10/13	Canton	W	38-20
10/20	Coventry/Windham Tech	L	24-42
10/27	Ellington/Somers	L	0-24
11/3	Avon	L	12-52
11/10	Windsor Locks/Suffield	W	49-22
11/16	Stafford/East Windsor	W	37-20
11/22	Gilbert/NW Regional	W	42-12

2008 Schedule:

Dates and times are subject to change. We hope to see you at a game!

Sat. 9/20	Tolland	Home-Falls Village	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 9/27	Ellington/Somers	Away-Ellington High School	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/4	Avon	Away- Avon High School	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/11	Old Saybrook/Westbrook	Home-Falls Village	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/18	Canton	Home-Falls Village	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/25	Nonnewaug	Home-Falls Village	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/1	Stafford/East Windsor	Home-Falls Village	1:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/8	Windsor Locks/Suffield	Away-Windsor Locks High School	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/14	North Branford	Away- North Branford High School	6:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/22	Coventry/Windham Tech	Home- Falls Village	1:00 p.m.
Thu. 11/27	Gilbert/NW Regional	Home-Falls Village	10:00 a.m.

Also, we are trying to establish a page in our program that tracks the football alumni and their accomplishments. We hope to include this in our 2008 program. Please contact me if you would like to be mentioned in our program as belonging to one of our special groups: Please let us know: A) What years you played; B) What positions you played; C) What number you wore.

College Football Players Club: Please let us know when you played at Housatonic and when/where you played in college as well as position. We would also like to have a copy of any pictures that you may have of yourself playing college football for our office walls. We want our players to aspire to play college football if they so choose.

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Envirothon team scores again

Last year, as we all know by now, the HVRHS Envirothon Team not only took first place in the Connecticut competition, it also achieved the incredible, winning the international competition over teams from 44 states and nine Canadian provinces. Well, this year they have again won the state competition.

On May 15, 2008, at Northwest Park in Windsor, Connecticut, our team faced 33 teams from 30 secondary schools in the state, both public and private. The categories of the competition were, again, Soils, Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife and a Current Issue. This year the Current Issue was "The Impact of Recreation on the Environment." The Housatonic "varsity" team took top honors in Soils, Forestry and Wildlife. A wild card team that featured three young non-varsity students

from HVRHS won the competition in Aquatics. And the varsity team finished strong in its oral presentation on the Current Issue. The judges were, as usual, all professionals.

Two members of this year's varsity team competed on last year's championship team. They are **Sunny Kellner**, of Kent, a wildlife specialist who works at Audubon, and **Jeremy Kleinsasser** of Falls Village, forestry specialist. Both graduated with the Class of 2008. **Rebekah Borgert** of Canaan, aquatics specialist who grew up on Fisher's Island, will be a senior this coming year. **Ryan Long** from Canaan, who will be a sophomore this year, is a generalist who worked a lot on the Current Issue. Soon to be a senior, **Andrea Kleinsasser** of Falls Village specializes in soil science.

And then there are the ringers who popped up, along with two students from other schools, to take the honors in Aquatics: **Tavis Kleinsasser** of Falls Village, **Emily Studer** of Kent, and **Jeff Hammond** of Salisbury, who is earning his falconry license.

They were off on July 28 to Flagstaff, Ariz., where they again competed with the winners from other states and provinces. Sponsors supporting the trip are the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS, the Northwest Conservation District and the local Partners in Education. The team was led, of course, by its mentor, **David Moran** of the Agricultural Science and Technology Department, the common denominator to all the successes.

—*Jack Mahoney*

Stonewall built by ag students

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erly build a dry wall. The new wall, almost entirely rebuilt from existing stones, includes a magnificent stone seat and back—with arms—designed and constructed by the students and instructor working together.

The huge stones, donated by **Karl Riva** and **Laura Freund**, were carefully set with **Karl** showing the students how to maneuver the weight. This lesson included moving the bronze statue to safe shelter until it is reset in the east interior courtyard as its focus.

This proud accomplishment is a fine testament to students' enthusiastic response to the generosity of citizens with special skills. The cooperative project is part of the Arboretum and Landscape Committee's effort to make the campus a teaching laboratory, beginning with reconfiguring access to and having students design plantings for the White Oak Courtyard.

The committee has already solicited funds from classes wishing to dedicate a class tree in the planned design. The purchase and planting of a class tree, which includes the tree, the best soil and other materials to assure long-term health, costs a minimum of \$750. The horticulture students carry out maintenance as part of their hands-on class experience. Anyone wishing to dedicate a class tree or donate funds for the campus project can contact **Ron Dower**, the committee chairman, at 860-824-7836.

—*Woods Sinclair*

Housy wants to track football alumni

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Degree Club: Please let us know what degree(s) you have earned and where you have earned them. We are hoping to inspire all of our current players to strive for a college degree.

Entrepreneur Club: Have you started or do you operate your own business? Please let us know what and where it is.

Veterans Club: Did you serve in the military? Please let us know which branch and where and when you served.

2010 is fast approaching and that means the 20th Anniversary of Housatonic's appearance in the State Finals of 1990. Let us start getting some ideas together about a reunion for those players. Since the Berkshire Bowl will be held in Falls Village that year, perhaps we can have them recognized at half-time. Any other ideas would be welcome.

Thank you for all the hard work that you have done in establishing Housatonic Football over the past 50 years.

Please feel free to contact us with any ideas that you may have concerning fundraising as we have also set a goal of one day being able to play under the lights in Falls Village on Friday nights!

Deron Bayer
Head Football Coach,
Housatonic-Wamogo Co-op

Alumni News by Class and Decade

The Forties

Barbara (Riley) Farley, Class of '44, is now living in Lady Lake, FL, having moved from Sharon to "The Villages" in 1992 with her husband, James Farley. Mr. Farley died in 2005. Barbara bowls in two leagues and plays golf with her friends every week, as well as participating in many other activities. The Villages is a sprawling retirement community covering parts of Lake, Sumter and Marion counties.

Thousands of residents enjoy live music entertainment at The Villages, which has a full service hospital as well as hundreds of doctors and other specialists to care for the residents during their "Golden Years." There are also championship golf courses, executive golf courses, tennis courts, restaurants and hundreds of stores and businesses are golf cart accessible. "It's a busy life," she writes.

"I was a sophomore when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor," she writes. "Many of our classmates left school to join various branches of the service. Sadly, some never returned, including my brother, **Don Riley**, who joined the Navy and died of rheumatic fever at the age of 17 in 1946. The White Oak yearbook was dedicated to him that year. All the rest of my Riley siblings, as well as my six daughters, **Diane, '63**, **Linda, '65**, **Jill, '67**, **Jacelyn, '70**, **Susan, '72**, and **Jo-Ann Farley, '74**, are HVRHS graduates. Diane

and Jacolyn live in Florida, Linda, Jill and Susan live in Connecticut and Jo-Ann lives in California."

Ed Kirby, '45, later teacher, coach and principal at HVRHS, is the narrator for the new documentary film *Visions of Iron* that premiered at The Moviehouse in Miller-ton before 400 people on May 4. The documentary presents the story of the once major iron industry that flourished in Northwestern Connecticut for nearly 200 years. DVD copies are available through the Sharon Historical Society, 860-364-5688.

The Fifties

Peter C. Smith, '54, now living in Black Rock, CT., appreciated the Shoot for Success insert in the last issue of Blue and Gold and was happy to learn of Housy's cross-cultural connection with China. "Following four years working in China, I set up my own teacher exchange program in Shanghai and Connecticut/New York and just returned from taking our first student group (20 singers from The Masters School). We visited three schools, stayed with families and gave numerous concerts," he said.

Ann Killawee, '53, recently returned from her annual visit to South Carolina where she visited relatives.

Don Miner, '53, and wife **Bea DeMarcken, '54**, are motorcycling to Canada in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tom Kearns, '58, and his wife, Marie, of Cornwall have 14 grandchildren and admit to having little spare time for outside activity.

John Irwin, '58, resides in Colorado. He qualified at 18 as a Green Beret, survived Vietnam, received a BA cum laude in sociology from Methodist University, wrote five novels, is an accomplished photographer, a Stephen Minister within the Catholic Church, and volunteers at a paleontology lab working on dinosaur bones. You go, John!

The Sixties

David Rubin, '64, of Glendale, CA, is living the good life traveling about the world with his wife, Paula. Recent cruises were to South America, the Baltic, the Mediterranean, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, Alaska and the Mexican Riviera. Future plans include Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The Rubins also have reason to celebrate with the September 2007 graduation of their son, Justin, from the Brooks Institute of Photography with a Bachelor of Science degree in video and film production.

Jane (Mather) Farrell, '66, of Franklin, MA, and her husband, Paul, have welcomed two grandchildren in recent months. Emma Marie Brown was born in October 2007, while Kate Elizabeth Cataldo was born in July 2008. The babies are the children of the Farrells' daughters, Stacey and Amy. Amy also has two older children, John, 12, and Madison, 7. Jane works for an accountant while her husband is semi-retired after a long career with Digital.

Dottie (Becker) Bonbrake, '67, is hiking the Appalachian Trail this summer. If all goes according to plan she expects to finish at Mount Katahdin, ME, the week of Oct. 9-15.

About a dozen classmates were able to meet and greet **Eric Christinat, '67**, and his wife, Dixie, at the White Hart Inn during their October 2007 visit. Eric wrote that it was the best vacation he ever had and hopes to make another trip back from Kansas in a couple of years. For those of you that attended, you probably should know that the money you threw at him to pay the tab turned out better than the lottery. He made \$30! They also ventured to Maine for a visit with **Randy, '68**, and **Anne Christinat Jackson, '67**.

If you're thinking of visiting **Terri (Tatsapaugh) Sergi, '67**, in San Francisco, forget about it. After living in the Bay Area for 30 years, Nick and Terri have packed their belongings and moved to Asheville, NC.

Dolly (Pickert) Spadacini, '67, was recently recognized for her 40 years of service by the Region One Pupil Services Office. For all but one of those years, she has been its executive secretary. Dolly was honored for her service and dedication prior to a Board of Education meeting held in the HVRHS Library Media Center where she also received praise from former HVRHS teacher Frank Ruotolo and past principals Ed Kirby and Jack Mahoney. Congratulations Dolly!! And no, she's not retiring.

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G (Gulotta) Finney, '67 has a busy summer planned. First, she is involved with the National Cancer Survivors Day, then all the ambulance and fire company fundraisers start. This is her 18th year of service and she hopes to get the Canaan Railroad Days road race back to the original form that started in June 1980. Then she will start fundraising for the "The Tour of Litchfield Hills" biking event in August. G's group of 22 ride every Sunday morning to train for it. She will be rewarding herself with a 10-day tour of Italy at the end of summer.

If you would like to try some bicycling this summer, three businesses in the River-ton, CT, area now offer a bicycle rental service. Among those involved in the venture are Mark and Pauline (Erickson) Telford, '67, owners of the Riverton Inn.

Bruce Vanicky of Had-dam, CT, '67, was spotted at the VFW in Great Barrington, MA. He had been dining at a local restaurant with friends.

Sharon Seymour, '67, re-tired last September following more than 35 years of federal service, nearly all with the Air Force. She now plans on doing some consulting work, genealogy research, museum visiting and traveling. Sharon lived in Germany for five years during the 1990s and has traveled to Europe almost annually since.

Laura Freund, '68, is teaching special education at Torrington Middle School and currently serves on the Region One Board of Educa-tion. She lives in East Canaan and enjoys her four Belgian

draft horses. Her e-mail ad-dress is kariva@snet.net.

The Seventies

Carol (Peppe) Hewitt, '70, of Pittsford, NC, owns and operates a pottery studio with her British-born husband, Mark Hewitt. Carol also does diversity consulting and leads small business programs for artists. Their daughter Emma, 21, attends the University of North Carolina at Asheville while daughter, Meg, 19, is at Elon University in Elon, NC.

Portia (Clark) Allen, '70, was educated at the School of Visual Arts, Manhattan, working as a graphic designer and later as an art director in New York City for 15 years. She met her husband, Bill, playing kendo (Japanese fencing). They moved to Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ, where she runs her own successful graphic arts com-pany, Graphicus Design (www.graphicusdesign.net).

They are raising three great kids, Connor, 20, Austin, 18, and MacKenzie, 13. Austin will attend Rutgers in the fall. Portia's mother still lives in Kent and Portia visits there from time to time. Portia would love to hear from classmates, who can write her at 4 Garfield Court, Washing-ton, NJ 07882 or e-mail portiaart@comcast.net.

Ed Tankus, '73, is presi-dent and general manager of Branford's Blue Plate Ra-dio, which he calls "Greater New Haven's premier jazz station." The jazz station was introduced March 29 at Southern Connecticut State University's John Lyman Performing Arts Center.

In its first year of operation the station was an official

sponsor of the 17th annual Hartford Jazz Festival; became a primary media outlet for the New Haven Jazz Festival in New Haven and has plans for a worldwide release in No-vember of Joyce Cooling's first Christmas single.

The former 3M employee, who spent more than 20 years there before leaving to pursue other interests, started Eliant Technologies in 2003. He is involved in all Eliant Tech-nologies day-to-day opera-tions, including designing and building computers, networks, hosting, Web sites, project management, marketing, sales, and providing online and on-site technical support when needed. The company plans to launch several new e-commerce and content-managed sites during 2008 and to provide custom program-ming for others.

Ed has served as the chair-person of the Curriculum Steering Committee for the Information Systems Technol-ogy department at Platt Tech-nical High School in Milford, CT. He is a member of the Branford/North Branford Schools Industry Advisory Council and is an integral part of its Real World Project and a current member of the Bran-ford Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of and a past member of the United Way of Branford, Connecticut Board of Trustees where he also served as Fundraising and Information Technologies Di-rector. He helped organize and participated in the UWOB's annual Polar Plunge and Tag Sale.

In 2007, he was named to the advisory committee at Life Haven, a temporary shelter for

women and children in New Haven. Each year, he volunteers at the Branford Festival coordinating the Main Street entertainment activities and helping wherever needed during the three day event. A single father of two adult daughters, he has lived in Branford since 1984.

The Eighties

What member of the Class of '82 was in atten-dance at all three of these major sporting events? 1. The fourth and deciding game, in St. Louis, of the Red Sox World Series sweep in 2004; 2. The Ohio State vs. Florida BCS Championship game in 2006; 3. the Final Four NCAA basketball champi-onships in 2007. *Answer on page 7.*

Regina (Dunne) Allen, '86, graduated from the University of Massachu-setts at Amherst in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree and is now continuing her post-graduate studies. She has worked for nearly 10 years as a registered nurse.

Regina and her husband-moved to Ashley Falls, MA., two years ago where they are raising their daughters, ages 7 and 12.

Julie (Geer) Hobro, '87, lives in New Hartford, CT. She graduated from the University of Connecticut with a major in cell biology and holds a Master's De-gree in chemistry from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford. She is married to Donald Hobro, a water treatment specialist, and

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the couple has two children, Garvin, 4, and Ericka, almost 2. Julie is teaching chemistry one day a week to a group of homeschoolers in her area.

Michael Northrop, '89, is living in New York City. His first novel, *Gentlemen*, will be published by Scholastic in April 2009. It is a mystery for young adults/teens. You can reach him through his Web site: michaelnorthrop.net.

The Nineties

Susannah (Geer) Bono, '90, majored in biology at the University of Colorado and earned her Master's Degree in Geographical Information Systems at Colorado State University. She is married to Jeremy Bono and is doing post-doctoral work in biology at the University of Arizona. The couple lives in Tucson with daughters, Ellia, 4, and Celine, almost 2.

Laura Allyn Geer, '92, took her undergraduate degree at Hampshire College and did her MS, PhD and post-doctoral work in environmental health at Johns Hopkins. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, and teaches at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. For enjoyment she climbs, surfs and plays tennis.

Adrian Drury, '94, attended Carnegie Mellon University, graduating with a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1998 and a master's degree in 2000. After graduation he followed Horace Greeley's advice and went West to work in Silicon Valley as an Applications Engineer for Altera, Inc., a major manu-

facturer of programmable chips. He arrived at Altera just before the bursting of the high-tech bubble, but managed to avoid the widespread bloodlettings that followed in most sectors of the computer industry.

Adrian's work at Altera has covered a wide range of projects and assignments, focusing primarily on software documentation and the streamlining and enhancement of the company's principal software products.

Adrian married Alise Cobb on April 7, 2007, and lives at 1247 Valerian Court, Apt. 4, Sunnyvale, California 04086, just south of San Francisco.

Juliet Lyon, '97, who now lives in Cornwall, returned to the United States this year to pursue graduate studies in public affairs after spending four year in the Peace Corps, Care International and the Clinton Foundation, working with the HIV/AIDS program management in Mozambique, Africa.

Jacqueline (Ross) Sawyer, '99, of Ashland, TN., married Donny Sawyer on Sept. 25, 2005 and moved to Tennessee on July 4, 2006. Donny is working as a producer in Nashville, while Jackie is a state accountant. She plans to go back to school at Belmont University this fall, working toward a Master's Degree in accounting.

The Two-thousands

Sarah Drury, '01, attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a BS in Nursing in 2005. After passing her

NCLEX exams and qualifying as a Registered Nurse, she went to work at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, NH. In 2007, after two years as an oncology and hematology nurse, she took a position as a research nurse in Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center, working with teams of doctors and pharmaceutical companies on clinical trials of new cancer medications and treatment protocols.

Sarah lives in Lebanon, NH, and has become an avid swimmer and runner. This summer she completed her second 100-mile bicycle ride to help raise funds for cancer research at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

Sarah's address is 10 High Street, Apt. 1, Lebanon, NH 03766.

Zachary W. Rudes, '02, of Cornwall Bridge graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts and French from Clark University on May 20. Mr. Rudes is a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Lucas Blass, '02, attended Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC 2002-2006 and graduated with a degree in biology. Since then he has worked in construction, taken a timber framing course, and from April of last year has worked for A.I.S., as a fisheries observer. He goes out on commercial fishing boats for one or multiple-day trips and collects information about the catch which he then relays to his company.

His company has contracts with the government and he has been stationed in Manteo, NC, but is currently on leave

for most of the summer and is working as a raft guide on the King's River in California.

Chris Aitken, '02, will pursue a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Houghton College in Houghton, NY, in September. He has received a full scholarship and assistantship and looks forward to teaching several undergraduate courses.

Cassie Blass, '04, visited **Lucas Blass, '02**, for a few days this summer, and is in the midst of the Peace Corps application process, having been nominated for an agricultural extension program in the sub-Saharan region of Africa. Her nomination was to go to the placement center in Washington, DC, for evaluation.

Cassie attended Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania from 2004 to 2008, graduating in May with a degree in International Studies. Smitten with wanderlust, she went to New Zealand with AFS summer before her senior year in high school, took a Su Casa trip over Christmas break her sophomore year at SU (helping to add on to a house and help at an orphanage in Nicaragua and Costa Rica) and then spent first semester of her junior year at the University of Cork in Ireland.

Judge B. Manning, '04, of Sharon, was named to the dean's list

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for the spring semester at St. Michael's college in Colchester, VT.

Padharic Mulligan, '04, of Salisbury is on the dean's list for the spring semester at Providence College, Providence RI.

Lucas M. Root, '04, of West Cornwall, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. He has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Society and the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor society. He is majoring in electrical engineering.

Paige Emma Root, '05, of West Cornwall has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of New Hampshire at Durham. She was selected as the winner of the university's 2008 award for excellence in first year French. She is majoring in Spanish and education.

Catherine Staats, '05, of Falls Village has been named to the dean's list at Hobart

and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.

Christine DeAngelis, '05, of Lakeville, has been inducted into the Alpha Alpha Psi chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor society. She is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Julian Holland, '05, of Falls Village participated in St. Lawrence University's International Study Program for the fall 2007 semester. Julian studied in Costa Rica.

Laura Caputo, '06, of Sharon was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. She is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Laura Angela Gatto, '06, of North Canaan has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA. She is a sophomore.

Jennifer Dawn Lech, '06, of

Salisbury, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

Ashley Miller, '05, has received an AAS degree in Fashion Design from Fashion Institute of Technology.

Miss Miller's final project garment was chosen to appear in the AAS Fall/Winter Collections Fashion Design Exhibition presented at FIT. She continues at FIT in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program.

Alec Levesque, '07, was inducted into Ithaca College's Oracle Honor Society in March. The ceremony honors students who complete their first semester ranked in the top five percent of their academic schools. He in the college's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

**Answer to '80s question:
Michael Mahoney**

Class of '53

The Class of 1953 will hold their 55th reunion on Oct. 4 at the Canaan Country Club. For further info, contact Norman Tatsapaugh at 860-824-7906.

Class of '59

The HVRHS Class of 1959 has reserved the dates of Oct. 2-4, 2009, for its Golden Reunion Celebration. Reunion "headquarters" will be at the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville and the celebration banquet will be on Saturday evening, Oct. 3, 2009, beginning with a social at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. If you have not received either e-mail or U.S. mail notices, please contact Dick Gustafson at 17 Kittanset Road, Bedford, NH 03110 or by e-mail at: r.gustafson@snhu.edu

Class of '69

The Class of '69 is beginning plans for a 40th reunion next year. No date has been set, but Joan Baker needs help from her classmates. Her e-mail is nana-bake@aol.com and her phone number is 860-824-0216.

Science, Technology Center gets boost from 21st Century Fund

About five years ago a group of community people saved the old Ag building from demolition. Since that time it sat unused for anything more than storage—until last winter. Then Assistant Superintendent Tom Gaisford worked with architect Einar Lindholm to produce a set of plans for a new center for science and technology.

When Mr. Gaisford and Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain presented those plans to a meeting of the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS' Advisory Committee, the response was immediate: the Fund would support the project to the tune of \$35,000.

It was projected that it would take about \$200,000 to open the

doors (heating, lighting, code compliance) but around \$1 million to equip the building properly. As piecemeal efforts often create more problems than progress, work cannot begin until at least \$200,000 has been raised.

Because the Region One Board has committed not to use public monies on the project, the burden of the necessary fundraising will fall upon the 21st Century Fund. A partnership is now moving tentatively forward between the agents of the Region One Board of Education, which has responsibility for the property, and the members of the 21st Century Fund's

Advisory Committee, which will raise the money. This public/private partnership is new and perhaps fragile, and will require time and patience to develop.

Not only is the plan to convert the building using only private funds but to make it a model of sustainability. Every possible green avenue will be explored to ensure that operating and maintenance costs are kept low—and that the building itself will serve as a subject for student learning.

An Action Committee of school and community people with particular interests and skills, will break up into specialized units serving areas such as construction, grant writing, solar

power, and so on. These units will call upon consultants with expertise in their areas.

A Case Statement is being prepared. HVRHS could become a beacon for high school education not only in the state but in the country.

Any of you interested in investing in this pioneering project at an early stage, address your check to 21st Century Fund for HVRHS, P.O. Box 132, Falls Village, CT 06031. In the "for" line, write SciTechCtr Project.

Thanks.

—Jack Mahoney

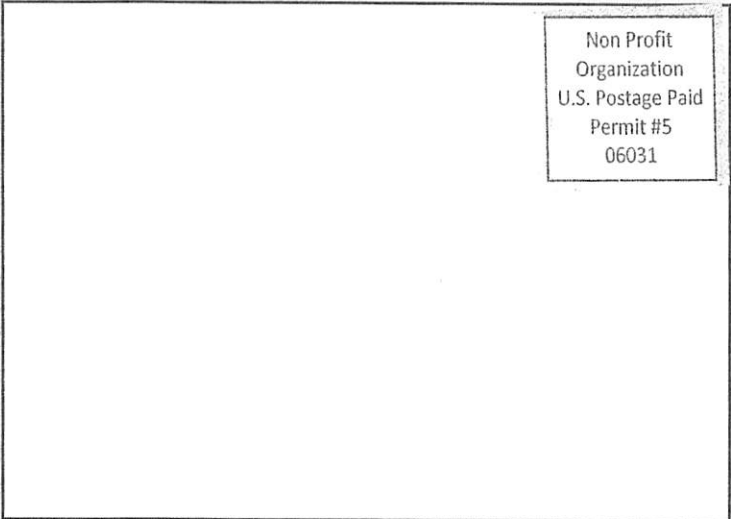
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