

Blue 'n' Gold

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SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, 1998-99

Next year HVRHS observes its sixtieth anniversary. To honor that milestone the Alumni Association Committee has voted to mount a Sixtieth Anniversary Capital Campaign for the purpose of building tennis courts on school grounds. Plans for courts were in the original blueprints back in 1939, but for various reasons down through the years, mostly having to do with budget squeezes, they have never been built.

In fact, Housatonic is the only school in the eleven-member Berkshire League without tennis courts. Over the last ten years tennis has been a varsity sport for both boys and girls at our school, but participants have had to practice where they could and play their home matches on the public courts in Lakeville. Despite the handicap, both the boys' and girls' teams have experienced success in competition. Last year both were league champions. This year the boys repeated as champions while the girls finished second. They deserve to have what every one of their competitors has: their own courts to play on.

But interscholastic competition is only one reason for the alumni to get behind this campaign. As a lifetime sport, tennis should be an integral part of the physical education offerings for all students in the school. At present, to offer any tennis instruction at all, teachers must roll out portable nets onto the parking lot beside the gym.

The Alumni Association Committee, having consulted the Principal and Ath-

letic Director, are working with Mickey Riva of the Class of '61 to project costs for construction of four courts. Already on hand in a Tennis Courts Fund are approximately \$24,000 from some donations back in the 1980's and a one-time allocation of \$10,000 by the Regional Board. If total costs run as expected to \$114,000, we need to make up a deficit of \$90,000. But since there are almost 7,000 of us alumni, the deed is eminently doable!

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Next fall's newsletter will highlight the progress made so far with contributions categorized by class and by decade. The slogan is: NO MORE TENNIS ORPHANS AT HVRHS! Checks should be made out to HVRHS Alumni Fund/Tennis Courts. So that your tax-free donation can be credited properly, please be sure to identify your graduating class. When you receive your thank you letter from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, do not be fooled by appearances: every dollar goes into the HVRHS Alumni Fund.

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FIFTIES LEAD DONORS SO FAR

Responding to calls for assistance that appeared in the first two issues of this newsletter, the following alumni sent in contributions to "keep this thing going:"

1950'S: \$1,107.50

Frederica Mills Culick, Joyce Marston Kragel, Sonja Hegge Hillestad, Richard Gustafson, Daniel O'Connell, Polly Ann Miller Storms, John & Lois Chevalier Sondrini, Jerry Corcoran, John Berti, Mary Egan Frattorola, Nancy Benedict Lawrence, Bunay Cecchinato McGuire, Roderick Stackleburg, Lois Miller Stephens, Doris Rhoades Traub, John Zucco, Betty Botacchi Palumbo, Leo Segalla, Barbara Griffin Allen, Patricia Houston Bachetti, Jane Clyburn Boyd, Barbara Godding Brown, Charlotte Currier Carey, Antonio Febrorielli, Karen Monroe Fulco, August Graf Jr., Clifford Gustafson, Jayne Peterson Larson, Michael LeClerc, Joyce Sardam Perkins, Dale Prindle, Barbara Clark Smith, Peter Smith, Dorothy Opley Bernier, Glennis Metcalfe Lahr, and Alfred Viola.

1940'S: \$762.00

Mary Ann Moyer Goe, Mary Honour Lihb-ridge, Paul Minacci, Nelson & Audrey Murphy Whitbeck, Charlotte Ramnten, Joyce Brennan Young, Gertrude Matson Eriksen, Marlon Winn Staples, Gladys Paley Baker, Robert Boult, Clarice Anderson Coley, Gino Cortesi, Phyllis Deragon, Raymond Donovan, Gertrude Matson Erikson, Catherine Grusauski Fagan, Nathan Hanson, Nancy O'Connor Hardy, Beverly Dalone Patton, Dorothy Simonton Seney, George Sherwood, Bruno Spadaccini, Paige Mallory, Elinor Noble Martinez, Bertha Miller Matranga and Martha Clark White.

1960'S: \$477.50

Linda Hupe Zucco, Marion Atwood Brown, Carl Swanson, Diane Camp Lang, William Goodsell, David Baker, David Jack, Marvin Marshall, John Perotti, Beverly Nelson Perotti, Joanne Walters Gustafson, Marie NeJame Shaw, Dean & Gail Neville Hammond, Douglas Andrews, Barbara Brown Curtiss, Karen Dickinson, Linda Rhoades Fitzgerald, Evelyn Masters Graf, Roxann Roulin Lehberger, Dennis Manchester, Richard Novak, Jane Mansfield Pennella, Margaret Goodsell Rundall, Paula Strong, Kathryn Crosby Lukens, Thomas Segalla and Kyle MacMillan DeFario.

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NEWS OF THE CLASSES BY DECADES

THE FORTIES

The Class of 1943 is preparing for a 55th Reunion to be held September 27 at The Interlaken with a social hour at 1:30 and a buffet lunch at 2:00. The committee: Julia DeTenno Segalla, Marjorie Casey Nash, Evelyn Dorizzi Cornelio, Lucille Whitney Marston, Martha Dickinson Bergenty, Lena Sebben Zavagnin, and Betty Mazur Sojka.

The Class of 1948 has set September 26 for their 50th Reunion to include a tour of the high school and an evening banquet at the Interlaken in Lakeville. The committee: Audrey Murphy Whitbeck, Eloise Cecchinato Koneazny, Bruce Grannan, Shirley Weir Rogers, Elizabeth Segalla Ohler, Helen Jacobs Kirchner, Barbara O'Connell Brigham and Mary Honour Lillibridge.

According to Eugene O'Meara the Class of 1949 is already planning their 50th Reunion for next year with the committee made up of Martha Bergenty Miner, Phyllis Bishop Phelan, and Paul Minacci.

THE FIFTIES

Jack Sondrini '51 and wife Lois Chevalier '52 came from their California home for a visit in Canaan. Sally Massini Curtiss '52 had an impromptu get-together for some 50's grads. Present were some gridiron buddies of Jack's: Jim McGuire '50, Richard Massini '50, Bob McGuire '51, Bob Johnson '51, Dale Prindle '53, Bill Tobin '54, Don Piretti '54, and Frank Perotti '54. Cheerleaders and friends also there were Bette Ann Pidgeon Dufour '52, Anne Clyburn Killawee '53, Bunny Cecchinato McGuire '55, Jean Riva Perotti '57, and Gail Chevalier Watson '47. It was a great evening of

reminiscing and laughter.

Peg Casteel Bloom '50, class salutatorian, is living in Muncie, Indiana, where she and her family are involved on many levels at Ball State University. Her husband, Gil, recently directed his 101st play at BSU and continues to teach.

Betty Botacchi Palumbo '50 lives in Torrance, CA, and still loves working after forty-six years.

Olaf and Cora Sleighter Stackleberg '51 live in Aurora, OH, where Cora teaches at Cleveland Community College and Olaf has been Chair of the Math and Computer Department at Kent State.

Alex Hurd '51 spreads the Christian word in Papua, New Guinea, and his stateside home is in Waxhaw, NC. From Florida, Sonja Hegge Hillestad '54 wrote to say that she was at Christine Snyder Lathrop '54's home in California along with classmates Frieda Harding McIntosh, Gemma Gamble Rettman, and Lucy Harvey Henderson. They will be getting together again in the year 2000.

Beatrice Demarken Miner '54 wrote from her home in Dallas, TX, where two daughters and three granddaughters live nearby. Memories of Psychology classes still bring shudders.

Music is still important to Fritzie Mills Culick '55. In California for over thirty years, she started a thriving music store twenty years ago and continues to teach piano. Husband Fred is on the faculty at Caltech in Pasadena.

Molly Moore Ohlbeiser '55 and husband Dick came back east from beautiful Crawford, CO, to visit brother Bob Moore '53 in Virginia Beach, then on to CT to see more family and friends.

Molly has triplet granddaughters!

A good turnout is expected for a 60th Birthday Party the Class of '56 is throwing for themselves on the weekend of August 8-9. There was such an enthusiastic response to the 40th Reunion two years ago that another excuse was needed for a get-together.

Pepper Clark '56 recently retired after thirty-five years as a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He bought a 1957 Cessna and is feeling much younger than 60! He and Karen will be coming from MN to the birthday party.

Pep's old friend Jerry Corcoran '56 has been living in the Chicago area for almost thirty-five years and is looking forward to retirement in CA soon.

HVRHS Hall of Fame inductee Tom Parsons '57 and wife Toni live in Canton, OH. They were in Lakeville for Thanksgiving and spent time with family and friends. Tom likes to keep in touch with fellow ballplayers and HVRHS alumni.

Dana Bartholomew '57 resides at the ancestral home in Sheffield where he is enjoying himself restoring antique cars. We wonder if the 50's models are now considered antique.

Fortieth Reunion plans are being finalized by members of the Class of 1958. There will be a walk-through at HVRHS followed by an evening of reminiscence and surprises emceed by Lou Bachetti. Long distance travelers will include Jay Silvernale from Denver, Randy Bliven from FL, and Dan O'Connell from NC. Contact Pat Zimmerman Miller for further information.

Karen Monroe Fulco '59 is looking for lots of help in organizing a 40th Reunion for next year. Contact her now.

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CLASS NEWS, cont.

Janet Tompkins Tuthill '59, a recent RN graduate, reports that she and husband Bob Tuthill '59 love their new hometown of Sutton, VT.

Another northern New Englander, Gus Gustafson '59 is President of New Hampshire College. He and wife Joanne Walters Gustafson '59 reside in Manchester.

THE SIXTIES

Tom Segalla '61, an attorney in Buffalo, NY, is acting as attorney consultant for the insurance treatise Couch on Insurance and has just completed nine of fifteen volumes.

Marie NeJame Shaw '61 is a medical technologist at Orlando Regional Medical Center who will soon be retiring so that she and her husband can travel. She has two daughters and two granddaughters.

Ron Greene '62 joined the USAF right out of high school and made a career of the military, retiring in 1988 as a Chief Master Sergeant. He saw combat twice in the Viet Nam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. He now works for a gas company supervising transportation and expects to retire in 1999.

Homemaker Sally Potter Carroll '63 and her husband Jeremiah have two children. Jeremiah, Jr., is 27 and a professional forester while daughter Stephanie is a dental hygienist. Sally also has two granddaughters.

William Goodsell '65 moved back to Kent ten years ago after working in Los Angeles for twenty years with American Airlines. Bill's wife Fran works as a psychologist for Region One schools.

David Jack '65, busy with kids and grandkids, reports that he runs a bike shop as a home occupation and works in the trades doing carpentry and painting, among other things.

David Baker '66 has lived in TX for twenty years. The owner of Megilo Consulting and Research, a computer consulting firm, he and wife Connie have a daughter, Megan. David travels back to the northeast at least once a

year.

John Perotti and Beverly Nelson Perotti '66 live in Unionville. John teaches at Newington High School and Bev teaches at the Duffy School in West Hartford. Son David is a junior at Central Connecticut majoring in graphic design, and son Erik is a sophomore at Stonehill majoring in education.

Thelma Barton Thompson '66 and her husband are completing their thirteenth year at Cornell College in Iowa where she works as a geology lab instructor and librarian. She is planning for their twelfth summer of fieldwork mapping bedrock geology in northern VT. Thelma credits her interest in geology to HVRHS and Ed Kirby '45's earth science class.

Kyle MacMillan Dellario '69 is an RN with a Master's in Healthcare of Women. She has worked in labor and delivery at her local hospital for twenty-two years. Husband Charlie works at the local water utility. Their oldest daughter graduated from college and was married last year. Their youngest daughter, adopted when she was ten days old, just finished first grade.

THE SEVENTIES

The Class of 1973 is organizing a 25th Reunion for the weekend of August 14-15. The committee of Peter Brown, Gary Davis, Mark Alexander, Dena Kenny Solan, Richard Solan, Greg Carlson and Paula McGivern Rogers has enthusiastically planned a weekend to accommodate both individuals and families. On Friday the 14th there will be an evening (6 to 11 PM) of dining and dancing at the Egremont Country Club followed by a Pot Luck Picnic on Saturday the 15th (noon) at the Falls Village Rec Center. Contact Dena Solan at Box 895, Canaan 06018 or Paula Rogers at 60 Chatfield Drive, Lakeville 06039. The committee needs addresses of the following classmates: Larry Spaulding, Norman Warner, Lillie Miller, Mary Orozco, Sheree Jackson Sawyer, Walter Arbo,

Richard Kain, Jo Ann Krupa, Kim Walters Coleman, Tom St. Clair, Clifford Schmitt, Joe Miller and Reggie Baker.

THE EIGHTIES

Craig Lee Jackson '81, currently serving aboard the carrier USS John C. Stennis, is five years from retirement in the U. S. Navy!

Jeffrey Tyburski '82 and wife Christine welcomed their first child, Alexandra Michelle, on August 1, 1997.

Jessica Fowler '84 and husband Jim Krissel have a daughter, Katherine Fowler Krissel, born November 8, 1997.

Rick Simmons '84 and Jennifer Shores '85 live in VT with daughter Allison, who was born in 1996.

Bonnie Potter '86 earned her MBA in July of 1997.

Sandra Simmons '86 married Dan Bottass '87 and they live in Salisbury with sons Daniel, Joey, and Michael.

Michael Northrop '89 lives in NYC and writes for Sports Illustrated for Kids.

The Class of 1987 held its Tenth Reunion last July. Tonya Carley Roussis and Amy Bishop Camassar planned an evening of dinner and dancing at Egremont Country Club, and everyone enjoyed catching up.

Laurie Davidson '89 is looking for help in organizing a Tenth Reunion.

THE NINETIES

David Mongeau '91, currently a news videographer for FOX NEWS in Boston, was married in August of 1997 to Jill Courville, and they have a home in Norton, MA.

Loren Rourke Bearden '91 is a second-year medical student at the LSU School of Medicine and should graduate in June, 2000.

Susan Gregory Freudenberg '91 & husband Matt '91, with their new daughter, live in Sharon where she is a certified massage therapist and he has his own carpentry business.

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