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Wally Dance V

Who are these gate crashers who didn't keep their hats on?

February 10 saw a replay of the ever-popular annual scholarship dance featuring *Wally and the Beavs*, held at Mesenburg's Plaza Place. Crowds were down a bit this year, but for good reason. We had been firmly ensconced in the grip of near zero weather for upwards of a week, and unbeknownst to all, a few days short of the blizzard of '07. Ohio had all of its winter within ten short February days, so folks really had to brave the elements to make merry this year. Be that as it may, the crowd that showed up, many after the basketball game had concluded, enjoyed the festivities.

Since the event had fallen so close to Valentine's Day this year, the V-Day

theme was chosen with the hall appropriately decorated. The usual fifty-fifty drawing was dispensed with in favor of selling pink and red roses to lovers of all ages. Everyone was a winner at that, though it seems there was a slight pressure not to buy the posies among some in the crowd. You know the line: "Joe, whatdaya tryin' to do - make the rest of us guys at the table look bad?" But the gals eventually prevailed, and dozens of sweethearts and their roses walked out the door at dance end. (We hope they lasted a few more days, guys, and saved you the expense on the actual day!)

Folks had arrived early for the dance and were able to break the mid-winter doldrums by quietly visiting with other

townfolk before the racket began. For Wally and the boys were super-revved for this party and provided the crowd with four hours of musical fare that had the dance floor crowded most of the night. Libations flowed and piles of hors d'oeuvres disappeared from the tables laden with Rick and Randy's best wings, meat balls, and teriyaki spears. It was truly a giant community block party defiantly thrown into the face of Old Man Winter with everyone the winner. Next year we pray for better weather and bigger crowds once again as we continue to work for scholarships for Huron's graduating seniors. See you there once again, and thanks to all who attended and those who worked so hard at this year's affair.

A Central Ohio Affair

Find out what these grads were doing in Columbus OH on a cold February Sunday evening. Hint - it wasn't celebrating an OSU win that day. (The Lady Buckeyes had lost that afternoon:) Meeting then were, left to right, Stacie Esposito Lafler, '90, Tom Foos, '84, Kristin Watt, '81, Sandy Sontag Morckel, '83, and her husband Ken, and Dick Beatty, '75. Read inside about their plans for a Central Ohio Reunion this summer.



Central Ohio Reunion

Something there is that will ring true in this piece about that old saw: if they won't go to the mountain, then bring the mountain to them. For on this June 23, the mountain will move to Columbus, OH in the form of a first-ever regional Huron High School Reunion. Now before some of you more senior members blow a head gasket, yes, we do acknowledge that many mini-reunions have been taking place, usually in places frequented by our snow birds. Venues in Florida and Arizona generally seem to be the hot spots for these sorts of impromptu class or generational get-togethers, usually over a meal, or on a Sunday afternoon around a pool, or we even heard of one that took place at a Cleveland Indians game during spring training one season.

So how does this one differ? It rather came about as a result of a fumble-fingered error one day while sorting the vast database for this organization. Some curious combination of keystrokes actually yielded a sorting of all Huron grads by zip code, and lo! There they were, over two hundred and thirty of them located within a 20 mile radius of downtown Columbus, Ohio. And many of them never attended THE OSU or even root for the Buckeyes today. But we didn't raise them dumb up here. These grads obviously knew where the good paying jobs were located, and so now they are carving out their careers center-state.

The planning stages are going well. At a mid-February meeting in Dublin OH, hosted by Sandy Sonntag Morckel, '83, and her husband Ken, an enthusiastic mixture of alumni met to plan for the event. To date, this is what they have on tap. The reunion will be held at the home of Lisa Stein, '80, in Bexley OH, just several blocks off Broad Street. Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, June 23, with festivities beginning at 6:00 PM. Lisa will have a tent pitched and tables set up in her huge back yard to accommodate all who attend. The menu is still being worked on as of this

printing. The affair will be priced so that all can afford to attend without trotting along a covered dish or picnic supplies. How long will it last? Well, we can't say for sure, but remember, it will be held at the height of the summer solstice, so we have the whole of a pleasant Midsummer Night to dream.

Now we know what some of you are thinking – but what if I don't know anybody there? Not a chance. Guaranteed! In fact, we have heard so many stories of folks in the Columbus area running into other Huron grads in grocery stores, at dentist offices, while out jogging or walking the dog, or even attending church, that your chance of not knowing a few folks there will be nil. And there will be even more surprises that evening when someone, say from Delaware, strolls into the party, sees someone there whom he or she may have run across many times in a neighborhood store and did not even know the other was a fellow Huronite. If by chance you do beat the odds and don't really know absolutely anyone when you arrive, by the time you leave, you will have made innumerable connections again with people who knew your folks, or taught you in school, or even spanked your bare bottom when babysitting for you. For you see, folks from at least three different generations will be there, so the chances of renewing Huron connections with family, neighborhood, church, school, or Boy Scout troop will be extremely good.

Right now the committee is compiling a list of emails of all Huron grads in the area and a very special E-vite with all the details will arrive on your computer. Please don't delete it. Those who are technologically challenged or otherwise without benefit of email will receive snailmail with all the details. Give it some serious consideration and plan to make the affair. This will not be the elaborate, fancy reunion such as the All-School Reunion staged last fall. Rather, a more casual, informal affair is being put together for your outdoor summertime enjoyment. One thing we do need, though, is an early indication of how many plan to attend so we know

how many acres of tables and tent and food to order. Spread the word and we hope to see you there.

Some from up north here have asked whether they would be welcome at such an affair, even if they presently do not reside in the Central Ohio area. The short answer: if you attended Huron High, you are part of the family and your presence would be most appreciated and enjoyed. Can't put it any clearer than that.

Coordinating the affair, in addition to Lisa Stein and Sandy Sonntag Morckel, are the committee members listed here, together with their email addresses. If you want further details, any of them would be happy to fill you in. If you are just nosey as to who else may be planning on attending, the master list will be maintained by Sandy Sonntag Morckel. If you fear they may not have your email, then contact any one of them to make sure you are on the list. See you all there on June 23!

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What Ever Happened to The Studers?

Some people visit museums, others are lucky enough to live in one without the worry of what happens at night. Sit on a couch and oops, there's a throw, studied with familiar Huron or Otsego landmarks. With nearly every inch of wall space in every room, foyer, hallway, and Carolina room plastered with mug shots of children and grandchildren, scenes of the family farm in Grand Rapids (OH), honorary plaques, student paintings, service awards, lighthouses and beaches they have visited, more than enough tigers to start a captive breeding program, and a pictorial record of nearly every house guest's stay, the Studers, Lynn and Dawn, have managed to remain in contact with the people they have served in every teaching position and principal-ship Lynn held or every nursing position Dawn filled. And who could forget this duo of dynamic Huron promoters?

For seventeen years, from the mid seventies to the early nineties, this couple dedicated themselves to Huron's kids, Lynn as high school principal and Dawn serving along side him, mostly after hours, as cheerleader, a sometimes cook, chaperone, or occasional nurse. And always, after their daughters Deb and Kim flew the nest, they kept the company of a dog, usually sandwich sized, hair matted across its eyes, and as gentle and even mannered as its owners. The latest version, Ozzie, does honor to the tradition of the leash.

Under Lynn's guidance, Huron High reached unequalled heights. He arrived during those turbulent seventies and tamed the Tigers. Then he set about helping shape a curriculum to meet the needs of a growing community's high school and shepherd students into the next century. He empowered his teachers to do their best, encouraged students to excel in every arena from classroom to fields, urged the community to support innovative programs, and demand excellence of everyone connected with the educational process. It was

indeed a sad week when the news spread that he was retiring from teaching to assume his father's ice cream business back in Grand Rapids. We all knew that wouldn't last and that he would be back. It didn't, he did, but just not to Huron, unfortunately. With his parents aging, he remained closer to them working in various capacities for area schools until he retired again and pulled up stakes for South Carolina.

Nestled down just north of Savannah, just inland from Hilton Head and up-



stream (or is it down?) from Beaufort, a venerable old town hunkered down among the moss covered live oaks, lies Sun City, an exurb of Bluffton SC. This planned retirement community provides those retirees seeking an active life-style whatever they want. When finished, the city will hold about fifteen thousand souls, surrounded by sculpted golf courses, fitness centers, bocci ball courts, swimming pools, tennis and pickle ball courts, a manicured croquet lawn, walking and jogging trails, convenient shopping, over a hundred ponds, (almost everyone has lakefront property there) and retail shopping, all conveniently within a golf cart ride of anyone's home.

So if this sounds like a shill for some development company, so be it. We are

simply describing Lynn and Dawn's dream paradise.

Most of you will remember that Lynn was a physical fitness nut. Still is! Just that his doc nixed any running, so now he pumps iron about three times a week and hits the golf courses on the others (Dawn and Ozzie do the links at least once a week, too) where errant shots could mean a close encounter with a gator. Then, in preparation for his umpteenth retirement party, he works as a limo-caddy-van driver/chauffeur – whatever is required – ferrying folks from the airport to hotels and around to enjoy other attractions in historic Savannah. He averages about 200 – 400 miles per day, unless, of course, he is herding a gaggle of thirteen-year olds and their mom chaperones about town in a rented limo-style birthday party. Some would rather be tortured with local fire ants, but Lynn still loves the kids. He's earned a new nickname from a close encounter he had with his golf cart battery. Seems his wedding band made contact with the circuit and welded his finger to the pole. Only to his golfing buddies, though, does he now answer to "Sparky."

Lynn and Dawn's travels these days are mostly between Sun City and his Ohio relatives, or to the Ohio basketball, football, and volleyball payoffs, but mostly to their Maryland grandkids, ranging now from age twenty to their five-year old "Hawaiian surprise." They return to Huron if close by, and Lynn usually startles a few of the teachers still remaining on staff from his era. He remains abreast of all his favorite teams and stays in email contact with friends across the country. But they're both confirmed Southerners now, not much into world traveling, just the slow-paced rhythms of an active Carolina retired life. Don't even think about driving through without at least ringing them up for a chat or dropping by for a visit. They both answer email promptly at ljustuder@davtv.com. After your visit, you will be inducted into and hang with their gallery of lifetime achievements and friends. Blessed retirement – they surely earned it!

Our Man in Afghanistan

Many of you probably remember struggling through geography lessons years ago trying to learn all the –stans, as in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kurdistan, Tajikistan, and wherever it was that Borat of recent film fame hails from. Pronunciation problems, proper spelling, and, worst of all, pin-the-label-on-the-map exercises faced all middle school learners just trying to cope with their zits. Unfortunately, though, many of those places are as familiar as the lines on map on the palm of one's hand in these post 9/11 days. Many young men and women who never dreamed of traveling much beyond our own national borders have found themselves serving our country in some of these places now. And that includes Huron grads.

One such is Scott Johnson, '89, who returned from Afghanistan in October following a six-month deployment. His was a non-combat role, but one equally important to the success of our mission there. Scott helped establish the first military courts of justice for the country's newly created Afghan National Army. Prior to that, the custom usual to nations embroiled in intertribal warfare had been short and vicious - summary justice upon the whim of a tribal leader. Not all of that has been changed, however, with the establishment of these courts, but a start has been made.

Scott left Huron for Miami (O) University on a Naval ROTC scholarship which led to his Bachelors Degree in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs. Graduating as an Ensign, he entered the aviation pipeline and wound his way from Florida a couple times, through Texas, to Hawaii – a tough assignment, but someone had to do it. He served with distinction there – we were never attacked, were we? – and then was selected for the Navy's Law Education Program. He attended the University of Florida Law School, paid for courtesy of your US Navy. In 2002, following graduation and passing of the bar, he



Scott occasionally had to confer with State-side brass on the course of progress. Here he poses with Rep. Steny Hoyer. Another dignitary advised was Sen. Lindsey Graham, with whom he still maintains contact back in Washington.

reported for his first tour as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) at the Naval Legal Service Office Southeast in Jacksonville, FL, serving as Senior Defense Counsel. In 2005 he then reported to his current duty station in Washington, D.C. as an Admiralty Attorney assigned to the Admiralty and Maritime Law division of the headquarters of Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps. Is that a mouthful or what!

What it actually meant was that after a year in his current assignment he volunteered for service in Afghanistan as a mentor to the head of the Afghan National Army (ANA) Legal Corps and over 100 ANA Legal Corps personnel. The actual head was a Brigadier General Shir, a former artillery officer with no formal legal education, but assigned to create and implement a military justice system for an army that never previously had a stand-alone military justice system. Wow! Just like that, change the entire culture of justice within an institution that had always practiced gun barrel justice. But not to fear. Huron grads can handle anything.

The bottom line was that by the end of Scott's deployment, the system con-

vened its first-ever court-martial and had conducted nearly 30 courts-martial total with each of the 5 basic trial courts hearing at least one court-martial. They also conducted their first Appellate Court hearing during his deployment. Scott fits into a program that has about 700 JAG's on active duty, with over 40 attorneys at any one time stationed within Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Each position is filled by an attorney who has volunteered for his or her position, hence, a high degree of commitment on their part to mission success. Not to mention the career enhancing nature of the duty!

What were conditions like while Scott served there? He was stationed at Camp Eggers, located in Kabul and showed up for work with an M-16 slung across his shoulder, a scary thought for those who remember Scott. New arrivals generally stayed in a crowded tent for anywhere from one to eight weeks until a spot in the "safe houses" became available. Scott eventually stayed in "safe houses" within an older Afghan neighborhood, fortified and secured by armed guards and barbed wire. His particular safe house

was a 6 bedroom house with 5 bathrooms, living with a roommate in a 10'x10'. Now that is just about 20% more room than the double occupancy cubicles at Sing Sing.

Scott's responsibilities took him to all the places you'd love to stop hearing about on the evening news – besides Kabul, there were Mazar-e-Sharif in the north, Hirat in the west, Kandahar in the South, Gardez in the east. Travel was by air, though inside Kabul armed convoys drove through expeditiously chosen routes through ancient neighborhoods marked by the grime and dust of poverty everywhere. Culture shock took over as Scott realized that even the wealthiest sections of their cities would be considered slums by our standards. Thanks to modern amenities, though, he could regularly call his wife Stacey and children, Reagan and Bridget, before his morning run and before checking in to work.

But despite the general lack of media attention paid to Afghanistan, Scott readily avers that progress is being made. It's a coin toss in some ways in that some Afghani's are becoming increasingly distrustful of our presence, but most of those with whom Scott came in contact were extremely grateful for our presence there and most definitely do not want us to leave anytime too soon. In fact, one of the most encouraging aspects of his service was to see the dedication and determination of each ANA Legal Corps personnel and how their confidence grew every time he



provided them feedback with how well they were doing as they slowly but surely began to master concepts that take years for American lawyers to fully grasp. While most of the legal corps personnel had some formal legal training, because their military justice system was so new and unknown, they were tentative at first. But with continued education and much provided critical analysis, they became more and more comfortable with their new system.

As for Afghanistan's future, Scott's own words should be allowed to conclude: "From what I saw, I have no doubt that we can succeed in Afghanistan. I saw an Afghan people who were tired of war and wanted to see this new military and government succeed. They were

doing everything within their capacity to make it work. The one el-

Borat's brother leads his "truck" across the road as a military truck rolls by in the background.

Here Scott is flanked by the 205th Legal Corps, mostly Afghani's dedicated to giving their military legal system a semblance of American military justice.

ement working against them in my opinion is time and whether or not they can maintain enough momentum to continue to build on their progress and not slide backward to a point from which they cannot recover. If they can do this and maintain the support of the international community, they will succeed. But it will be a process that will take 15-20 years and require the patience of the Afghans and the international community."

So there you have it, straight from our man in Afghanistan, now back in the States doing JAG work. Perhaps years hence he can take his daughters -over to Afghanistan to show them where daddy worked and that he made a difference in the lives of over 25 million Afghans. Would that we all could make such a difference!

Scott reports to his new duty station this summer in Norfolk as the Staff Judge Advocate for Commander Strike Training Fleet Atlantic. In the meantime, you can contact him at his email : scottjohnson_osca@yahoo.com.





A tired Jag Officer, Scott Johnson, somewhere in Afghanistan, reporting for duty. Scott with an M-16, a scary thought indeed!

Our Man in Sri Lanka

This time our man shows up in Sri Lanka, another one of those countries which, if old enough, you remember as Ceylon. Not OUR Ceylon, as in Ceylon Junction where you used to hop the train for your class trip to the Big Apple, but theirs, that island nation off the southern tip of India. Another Huron grad is serving there far from his home port, this time Scott Pohl, '91.

Scott has been working for the United Nation's High Commission on Refugees, or UNHCR, but that's not how he started out nor even dreamed of when in Huron. Rather, he attended Syracuse University in hopes of becoming a documentary film maker. After three years of knocking about in New York and Los Angeles, he realized he didn't want to spend his life recording the mating habits of exotic African fauna, so he applied to law school, then promptly left the country. While traveling about in India and Nepal, he learned he had been accepted at George Washington University Law School, so he returned, studied more, graduated again in 2001, then passed the New York bar. His interest had always been in international law and human rights, hence his assignment today in Sri Lanka since January of '06. But back up a bit and see how it all began.

Scott had attended a summer international law program in Geneva, Switzerland. It included classes in things like finance law and intellectual property law, but it was the human rights related classes that most interested him, particularly refugee law. The following summer he took an internship with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at its headquarters in Geneva. From that point on he was hooked on working in human rights, either with UNHCR, another UN agency, or a non-governmental organization (NGO) like Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch.

In March of '02, Scott began working as a "protection officer" for UNHCR to guard the rights of refugees. He spent his first four or five months in Prijedor, a small city in northern Bosnia & Herzegovina (Bosnia) in an area that saw serious ethnic cleansing and atrocities during the war there in the 90's. Then he moved to Banja Luka, Bosnia, about an hour east of Prijedor and the current capital of the Serbian part of Bosnia, where he stayed for the remainder of his first three years in Bosnia. His next year was spent in Sarajevo, the nation's capital.

As you remember, the war in the Balkans ended with the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords which supposedly guaranteed the right to return home to any persons displaced by the war. However, major problems confronted those seeking to return. The war had destroyed so many homes, and also because of the ethnic cleansing that had occurred and the massive numbers of people moving about, new occupants were inhabiting the homes previously owned by the refugees. Thus any solution had to really finesse the situation.

So the international community undertook a massive reconstruction program and created a unique legal mechanism for the repossession of occupied property. Scott was involved in both reconstruction and repossession, as well as other activities related to sustainability of return, access to rights, and monitoring the welfare of refugees, displaced persons, and returnees. The war has been officially over for over years now, but hatreds still fester. Although the population is largely self-segregated, tensions run high yet, and real reconciliation remains an illusive chimera in that part of the world.



Still, Scott remains proud of the part that he played in the success of the return movement. Says he, "I do feel proud to have been a part of the reconstruction and repossession efforts. Repossession, in particular, is a ground-breaking project that will be and already has been copied in other post-war contexts." Hmmmm, is there a template here for the post-war era in Iraq? Time will tell.

As for the present in Sri Lanka, a civil war is quietly occurring – quiet because the Iraq conflict grabs the headlines, and unless some really egregious atrocity occurs there, Sri Lanka merits but a paragraph on the back of the business pages in the Western press. But make no mistake, occurring there is a daily, dirty war, in the Argentine sense. There are a couple parts of the country where there are proper front lines with military confrontation, including aerial bombardment, artillery positions, and shelling. And then in the rest of the war affected area (North and East) there are constant hit and run attacks, unlawful executions, arbitrary detentions and abductions. Vavuniya, the place where Scott lives, is in one of the areas experiencing this sort of violence. In many ways, this is tougher on the people than a proper war, where it would at least be clear from where the threat comes. Sound familiar?



Kids talk, adults listen at one of the stations.



Not Scott's harem but some of the many people with whom he comes into contact on a near daily basis in his job. Sri Lanka is a country noted for its colorful female costuming and it certainly shows in this photograph.

Our thanks to Scott Pohl who provided us with all of the Sri Lanka colorful pictures.



There is thus plenty of work for Scott to supervise. There are those who have been displaced for many years and other who are fleeing their homes every day as the violence spreads and escalates around the North and East. Finding a permanent solution for the long-term IDP's is really tough. Since return is not really possible for them in the current context, the best permanent solution is probably relocation, which involves a government land allocation followed by construction of a new house, the necessary infrastructure, and livelihood assistance that would make the relocation sustainable. At the same time it's also a full-time job trying to assist the new IDP's by ensuring that basic human needs are met during their displacement (shelter, food, healthcare), by pressuring the government not to force people to return against their will, and by negotiating with the rebels to prevent recruitment in IDP camps, among other things.

With all that said, Scott continues to live and work in a town comprised of Sinhalese (Buddhist and Christian) and Tamils (Hindu and Christian), along with a substantial Muslim minority. The town is occupied by their own government, with troops patrolling to keep order. The security forces are Sinhalese who speak no

Tamil, but the Tamil and the Tamil Tigers hold the real power. No wonder that daily attacks on government troops occur. (Sound familiar?) Scott says that it's not a particularly dangerous situation for foreigners like himself, since to attack would cause a loss of financial support.

Make no mistake, it's not a pretty pic-

ture and quite far from Scott's former film making dreams. We give him the final word on this stage of his career: "Even for foreigners who can keep a bit of a distance, it seems impossible to feel shock or sadness when we hear of another death. It's probably a good thing, a protective mechanism that allows you to carry on with life without going mad. In January alone, in the town where I live, the UN recorded 70 killings, more than half of which were civilians. And that says nothing of those that were not recorded, not to mention the numerous injuries, abductions, arbitrary arrests, beatings, etc. It is ugly."

Scott can be emailed at sjpohl@yahoo.com. And the turn-around time is great, too – not like that other alumn in Thailand where the slow elephants make replies seem interminable.

About three-fourths of this piece was graciously written by Scott Pohl himself in an e-interview of exchanges made from Sri Lanka throughout January and February. Thanks, Scott.



Other grads

Huron's Happy Days

The Fonz, Arnold's, Richie, and all the kids. We were reminded a short while back of the popular 70's show *Happy Days* when we received a letter from a grad who spoke fondly of the soda fountain and malt counter at Dickhaut's Drug Store in old downtown Huron. But then why wouldn't she – her dad, Stan Dickhaut, owned the place, and that fact alone must have made it light on her pocketbook in those days.

Doresa Dickhaut Jones, '48, now of New York City, wrote to share some of her memories of the establishment that proved so popular to students of Huron and their parents alike for nigh on four decades. As a hangout for after school and on Saturdays, it provided a haven where kids with a spare quarter could share a treat, or young couples could slide away from gazing eyes to hold hands and slurp their sweet nothings to one another while fiddling with two straws. Many an adolescent problem was resolved over chocolate and vanilla cones, while local soda jerks tried to eavesdrop and then dished up ice cream and gossip to the next couple to drop by. Such was Huron's version of the internet in the 30's through 60's.

In those pre-McDonald days, many a local talent honed his talents as a soda jerk, for Dickhaut's was quick to see the merits of inducting teens into the world of work and instilling a hearty work ethic into them. Summers always saw an influx of tourists into the area, and the lads behind the counter received a workout as they tried to keep up on the orders. If they messed up, they ate their mistakes, literally, but were docked. And how far ahead of the curve they were when one day in the '30's there strode into the store a lass looking for work. Now Stan didn't know as how that would be just kosher to hire a female, but the question directed to the Mrs. brought a quick "give her a chance," and at that moment the women's lib movement was born, at least in Huron.

Another hangout there was at approximately the same time, this one called The Snack Shack. It was aptly called a shack because Huron still had larger chicken coops in town then. The building had served as a sales house for the part of the old Meeker Farm that had been developed into Chaska Beach subdivision. From its original spot way down on Kiwanis Avenue it was ceremoniously dragged up the street to a new location behind the old City Services station on Berlin Rd, sometime during the war, the second big one. The Benton family owned it and reputedly served up hamburgers that White Castle tried to emulate and homemade pies that kids would kill for over lunch.

But all that's gone now – as well as any pictorial record of the establishment. Upon checking with the Huron Historical Society, we learned that they, too, are lacking a picture of the popular eatery. Someone out there must have a reasonable facsimile of the place that they would be willing to share with our readers. Didn't anyone pose with his honey in front of his favorite eatery back then? They may not have had roller skating car hops, but the place WAS popular enough that we can't imagine someone not shooting a group shot of the gang there on a Saturday afternoon. So we hereby call upon our readership to dig out their scrapbooks and scour them for a picture of the Snack Shack, any picture, no matter how many folks or jalopies are also included. Contact us if you find a shot and are willing to loan it long enough to scan. We would like then to print it for the pleasure of our alumni who can remember back to their own Happy Days. Arnold's it wasn't, but then Dickhaut's wasn't the Dairy Queen, and the Five-and-Dime wasn't Walmart either. Growing up in Huron without those later amenities never stunted anyone's growth half as much as some modern behemoths and big boxes do. The quiet times were the golden times and are sorely missed by those who still wistfully remember when a buck got you two burgers, a couple shakes and a split order of fries. And a nickel left over for the *Reporter*. *Sic transit laetitia mundi!*

Reunion Times Again

Another five rolled over on your life's odometer, and you're either loathing or celebrating it. Can't do much about your blue funk if that's how you feel, but we can sure promote a party or two to celebrate another milestone with your friends.

On the next page you'll notice that many of the quinquennial classes are well into preparations for their class's festive affairs. They've locked down places and dates, and in some cases the invitations have already gone out or will in the next few weeks.

So for a heads-up, we hereby announce the dates we have at this time and the tentative plans. If you wish more information and just can't wait for the official invitation, please email or ring up your class contacts for these affairs and get the lowdown straight. The committees are always looking for a few new hands to get involved in the planning phases, too, so step forward if you have not already done so. From some of the planning parties we have attended, we can say even that part is a joy.

And you younger ones, who are not yet on the list, get after your class officers to get the parties started!



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2007 Reunion Season

Year	Date	Details	Contact Persons
1943	Sat. Sept. 8	HYC at noon	Ellie Waite 440-572-2465
1947	Thursday Sept. 6	HYC at noon 60 th anniversary celebration	Ida Hastings 419-433-4961
1952	Fri. July 13	Huron Township Conservation Club	Agnes Majoy 419-433-5304 Harriet Anthony 419-588-2597 Don Ritzenthaler 419-433-5602
1957	September 1 Sawmill Creek	details in the works, postcards to follow 50th anniversary celebration	Sue Boldman 419-433-4299 SDBold@aol.com Lucy Stout 419-433-2596 Jean Anne Osterling 419-668-4597 Barb Burris 419-433-5123
1962	August 4	at home of Bob & Sharon Barnes cocktails 7 PM, dinner at 8 PM	Linda Greem at 419-433-0063 or bouvielady@aol.com
1967	Homecoming Weekend	Details still being worked out Letter to follow	Ann Wunder Bauman 419-433-4312 Sandi Brugler Rosenberg 419-433-4007 purple34@aol.com
1972	July	being determined, please fill out and return the survey form mailed	Barb Spier 419-433-8533 Glen Ginesi 419-433-6080
1977	Sat. July 14	HYC cocktails by 6 PM music and dancing, too	DebGadd Jones 419-684-9148 djz325@sbcglobal.net
1987	July 7	working on it - details to follow	Shana Pohl Wainwright Shanawainwright@hotmail.com

Help!!! The following from the Class of '72 do not know where we are, since the class has not gathered in quite some time. Anyone with information concerning their whereabouts should email us with contact information.

Norma Minnick Baker
Pat Hider Beuadette
John Belrose
Mike Bereznoff
Karl Bernhardt
Tom Bishop
Art Brooker
Nancy Stamm Brown
Teresa Chase
Jim Cunningham

John Duecker
Debbie Moore Dupre
Mitch Eakin
Linda Hayes Engle
Sally Williams Foltz
Ann Devries Green
Dave Harness
Ron Harrington
Ray Hauser
Steve Hoyles
Dave Imperi
Melodie Cawrse Johnston
Debbi Laurretta
Mary Baker Lee
Susan Lenthe
Kathy McClure
John McCollum
Linda McCoy
Lisbeth McGuiire
Pat Meredith
Ron Moore

Craig Nelson
Terry Gundlach Park
Debbie Parsons Hayes
Purna Parsons
Dianne Patton
John Pelehach
Chuck Price
Jeanne Filler Reese
Trudy Baltes Robertson
Barbara Robinson
Beth Baaske Rummele
Lori Quaintance Schneider
Steve Sinwald
Robert Spratt
Chris Tessman
Joyce Baumer Thiel
Mike Todaro
Jim Vaugh
John Waber
Rich Williams
Jeff Young

These members from the class of '77 are temporarily out of the loop. Help us put them back in:

Doug Armstrong
David Bowie
Jill Burton
Janice Dimmitt
Debra Eaton
Rhonda Garlock
Jean Garton
Kelle Karas
Randy Likes
Cynthia Rau
Steve Rhode
Ken and David Saylers
Bob Starkey
Donnie Valentine
Steve Woodfall
Doug Wright

Ships Ahoy!

Ahoy there, Matey! Is that Matey as in mate, team mate, classmate, or soul mate? Whatever, we think we have a great idea that some of you may want to consider.

It's called Reunion at Sea or Cruise Reunion or how to write off a pleasure cruise as a business expense.

The idea is for your class, or several classes for that matter, to celebrate a reunion while at sea, as in cruising. Picture yourself aboard a luxury cruise liner sharing a relaxing time with classmates for anywhere from four to seven or more nights in some exotic setting. Can't see it? Well, then the rest of this piece isn't for you. But if you think it might be a possibility, read on.

A number of cruise lines offer great rates for groups sailing together for whatever occasion – a birthday, someone's retirement, sports team, military, or class reunions. Some just like to celebrate with a cruise – a big age marker flipping over on the calendar – you know, the year everyone in the

class turns 50 or 65 or some other numbing number. You've seen all their ads on TV, heard all about their ports-of-call, drooled at some of the scenery, and maybe even dreamed that you could be doing that. Others of you have already done cruising before and may be looking for an excuse to set off on yet another venture. If any of this excites you, then read a little further.

We are investigating the possibility of putting together cruises as an alternative type of class reunion for the five-year anniversaries. This could be for members of a single class, or several classes of the same age bracket together. Who knows, maybe for our next All-School Reunion we'll even rent the SS Something or Other and sail all the way up to Fries's Landing.

We have no particular cruise in mind at this time, no cruise line, no destination. All we want to do is gauge your interest before we expend any more energy in this endeavor. For it takes about a year or more to properly organize such a cruise, and thus we would not be thinking of doing any sailing

before this time next year at the very earliest. But alumni associations have been known to use the power of their numbers to obtain good rates and provide this type of service to their members to the benefit of all who participate.

We ask you to consider the idea and then, if interested, fill out the form on the back page and send it to us together with any comments or ideas. You will not be put on anyone's mail list nor spammed to death with glossy literature. Rather, we will use the returns to gauge our next step and follow up this article in the June edition if the replies warrant. Here is your chance to help craft a trip of a lifetime. If you think this idea would be great for your class's upcoming reunion, contact your officers, or whoever it is that organizes the affairs, and urge them to at least obtain the information to present to your classmates. Help us decide how far your Association should venture into fields such as this in providing member services. Not even Classmates.com offers something like this, Matey.

Huron's Mega-Raffle

What do the Huron Boosters do for an encore after their terrific St. Paddy's Day Reverse Raffle and their current round of facilities improvements for the high school athletic teams? Raise money to pay for the projects and for scholarships, of course. The club has put together an exciting ticket for its first annual Mega Raffle.

With only 1000 tickets being sold at \$40, your chances are certainly better for winning one of forty-four cash prizes than a share of the mega-millions up for grabs. So what if the top prize is but ten grand, with the usual number of lead-up prizes ranging from one to three zeroes. It's for a good

cause! The drawing will be held at 7:30 PM, August 18 at Thunderbird North Golf Course at the conclusion of the golf scramble that day. For tickets, call Scott Gardner at 419-433-8223 or Steve West at 419-433-6529. Final payouts, of course, depend upon the total number of tickets sold, so spread the word.

The scramble earlier that day will go off in two flights, one at 7:30 AM, the other at 1:30 PM, with positions determined at a Friday night drawing. Teams may register for \$300 per four-person team. Free entertainment, food and beverages, and door prizes will be provided all day. So round up your golf buddies and register with Scott Gardner for a fun time on the links and benefit your alma mater while having a blast.

Memorial Seats Still Available

Many of you have inquired as to availability of memorial seats in the new bleacher section at the Huron High School Memorial Stadium.

The answer is yes, the Boosters do have seat naming rights left for some of the 451 chairs constructed at the facility. For \$100, you can have a plaque installed on the seat back with up to three lines of engraving in memory of someone.

Email or write us and we will send you complete information and a form for the engraving information.

National Honor Society Induction

On the evening of March 22, thirty-three new members were inducted into the National Honor Society in a ceremony at the Cedar Point Center at Firelands Campus of BGSU. For all of you former members, know that this group is as highly qualified as any crop in the past. The four pillars of the society – scholarship, service, leadership, and character – were adequately attested to during the course of the presentation speeches.

The inductees' combined average grade point average is in excess of 3.8. But lest one think that only brainy geeks made the cut, consider that while studying, the students also logged in excess of a thousand hours of combined community service – and that's beyond the regular jobs that many hold. Their leadership skills were displayed in athletics, in music programs, in church youth groups and in the few extra-curriculars available to students these days. Many of the students also took the initiative

in seeing needs in the community and beginning programs to address the needs. Some traveled to aid Katrina victims or to assist in home building projects around the country. Some few even left the country for foreign study or missionary works. Of course, all the speakers attested to the inductees' good character, and as we haven't noticed any of their mug shots at the post office, we'll go with that.

You need to know that the caliber of students we are producing this year is at least as high as any you may remember from your time. It's good to be able to attend this type of ceremony and have one's faith in the up and coming shakers and movers renewed, especially when the daily media is filled with horror stories of trouble teens and failing schools.



You can all feel proud, wherever you camp out these days, that Huron still has that small town pride in their schools and the backing of parents and community. Now we just need to see how these newest members will conduct themselves in the future.

Gunselman Benefit a Success

Amy Sweigert Gunselman, '95, was diagnosed this winter with breast cancer and underwent a double mastectomy. Her Sandusky High School English students rallied around her as she faced her surgeries.

On March 23, many of Amy's Huron classmates, friends, students, and complete strangers who had read about the event participated in a spaghetti supper and silent auction held at Sandusky High to help defray many of her medical bills. The turnout was tremendous, and so many people went home happier for the experience.

A fund has been established in Amy's name at First Federal Savings and Loan at 427 Main Street in Huron to help out with the expenses from her continued reconstructive surgeries.



Amy was hospitalized on the day of the benefit but was with the group in spirit. Here she is represented by the pink jacket in the center - appropriate - and surrounded by her two daughters, in white, and many friends. Some of her classmates attending at the time the photo was taken were, (l. to r.) Jill Semple Caporini, Tatum Grana Knaggs, Jamie Sieberg Calhoun, Lynn Berkey, Jeanne Portteus Scott, Sara Boyer, Katey Eirons with the kids, and Ellen Seibel Andrews. You can follow Amy's progress at her blog: www.Amys-fight-against-cancer.com.



Photo courtesy of Ingrid Hammond Ritzler, '88

Our guys sure do get around! About a year ago we published a photo of Joel Hagy, '83, posing with a golden gun, the one captured when Saddam Hussein's son Oudai was taken out by our troops. For benefit of those grads not living in Huron - where this picture appeared earlier in the year in the *Huron Hometown News* - we publish a shot of two other Huron grads, this time posing on one of the golden thrones used by Saddam himself. Master Sergeant Tim Tyren, '85, and his cousin Captain Rob Hammond, '90, are all smiles as they share the seat of power where Saddam reigned supreme for decades. What's next, a Huron connection with a certain Iraqi spiderhole? We don't know, but if interesting pics appear from any of our men and women serving abroad, now or in the past, we will be happy to share them. Keep them coming folks. And thanks, sis.



These good old boys clean up pretty well and shine whether you see them from the top or front: Tom Bollenbacher, '75, Scott Demos, Joe "Skippy" Majoy, '74, and Randy Strickland, '84.



Sue Everett Rader, '75, and husband Chris, '72, celebrate the healing of Chris's bummed up leg with a dance.

Mary Sternberg and Marta Esposito, both of lunch-room fame, are behaving themselves nicely this year.



Joanne Kaman Duncan, '71, Kathy Bickley McGraw, '71, and Beth Legando Fisher, '71 enjoy a good visit before the dance begins.

Steve Fisher, '70, Brian McGraw, '74, and John Swanbeck, '66, like so many of the other guys attending at their age now, like just to sit and observe the women dance.



Sweetheart sisters, Beth Thompson and high school chemistry teacher, Jennifer Telenko, enjoy a good party.



Some of the younger crowd left their men to babysit while they had a good time. Ingrid Hammond Ritzler, '88, Amy Majoy Wennes, '88, and Chris Norwell Fischer, '88, ham it up with Sean Resley, '88.



Octogenarians and septagenarians also enjoy the music of the 60's thru 80's.



Kathy and Tony Mussel, '62, enjoy a good slow dance for a change.



Some come to dance on Valentine's Day under the spell of Wally and the Beavs, others to chat and gaze. But from the smiles all, midwinter blahs were gone for days.

Retired Faculty Get Together

A few of the Huron system's retired faculty gathered for a dinner at Marconi's Restaurant on February 10. Attendance was down this year as many were still in Florida or other points south, and a recent surgery or two interfered with festivities. But None of us is getting any younger, right.



Ron Mischler is seen here explaining some arcane scientific principle to Dick Klein while June Klein ponders her drink selection and Rose Calienni enjoys her vino.

Susan Shontz DuBray, wife of former chemistry teacher, Tom Shontz, now deceased, and recently remarried, is shown with her husband Bob DuBray, not a teacher but a Cedar Point Employee. And yes, hiding way in the background behind his wife Nancy is Tom Heckelman, former math teacher, forever punning.



Doug and Pat Fries chat with Ed and Marlene Boose before dinner. Ed, former math teacher, took leave from his birdwatching to be with us, while Doug, former business and yearbook teacher, found out the St. Peter's could get along without him for an evening. Doug is no business manager for the church there while Pat does volunteer work for Montessori. Pat taught English and subbed in the system a few years back.

Most popular topic for the evening? Grand-kids, of course! Definitely not "school stuff."

Women in Science

Forty years ago a title like this would have ranked right up there with *military intelligence* and *jumbo shrimp* as contemporary American oxymorons. Science fields, like the basketball court, were the purview of males for the most part. Today, however, post-Title IX, women's lib, and whatever other titles the bra-burning moms of today's young women want to claim, all fields are wide open to entry by women. Problem, though. Better call a plumber, because a phenomenon called the "leaky pipe" syndrome is rampant in American education. Seems that we have all these gals at the secondary level signed up for really challenging secondary level science courses, but somewhere along the line, they leak out of the system and never fully pursue the scientific careers in which they could definitely succeed.

So what's the answer? There is no simple solution to a multi-faceted problem, but Huron High School girls recently participated in a program to help plug the leaks. On Friday, March 2nd, twenty-three ladies from Huron High School participated in the BGSU *Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program*. The program, focusing on persuading teenage girls to consider careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM), has been an annual B.G.S.U. event for nine years now.

Mr. Roger Blevins, an eight-year Huron Middle School science teacher now in his first year as a high school teacher, decided to involve Huron's young women in this event. As a biology teacher at Huron High School, one of Mr. Blevins' professional goals is to convince more students to consider a STEM field for their future career.

Why bother, one might ask, since the problem is so systemic? In order for our students to compete in an increasingly global economy, they will need to enter career fields that generally re-



Huron's future le femscience hopefuls pose at BGSU after they woke up.

quire more training in math and science. Furthermore, many STEM-related careers are currently being filled by individuals not born in the U.S. Anyone doubting that should consult the directory of any hospital, view the undergraduate teaching staffs at most U.S. colleges, the top drawer candidates at most of the high tech American corporations – and the list could go on – and try pronouncing half the names there. If the U.S. is going to keep its edge in the global economy, we'll need to do a better job at encouraging more of our students to study in STEM fields. That means continuing after high school. And that especially means encouraging that 51.3% of our total population of the female persuasion that there are fulfilling, meaningful careers awaiting women in the sciences, that balancing career, marriage, and family is not necessarily like a one-armed juggler standing under seven air-borne bowling pins.

Accordingly, on March 2nd, these twenty-three of our girls took it upon themselves to show up at school at 6:40 a.m. to head to B.G.S.U. for the day. While there, they met and talked with accomplished women from various fields regarding their careers and what it takes to succeed in a STEM field.

The day opened with a keynote speaker, Judy M. Nesmith, an associate professor of biology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, who spoke about the importance of encouraging our best and brightest students to consider being scientists. She also spoke about the work she does as a biologist and researcher as well as what students need to do if they are to be successful in these types of careers. Students also participated in several hands-on activities during this opening session. Later, they broke put into smaller groups and attended sessions to learn about specific careers from successful women. Examples included learning about several areas of engineering (civil, chemical, mechanical, and electrical), various medical fields, forensics, science teaching, university professors/researchers, and many others.

Students found the day an enjoyable break in the routine of a school year and were surprised to learn much about the plethora of career options they have in these fields. The hands-on portion of the day kept it especially interesting for the young ladies. Mr. Blevins hopes the event can become a tradition and perhaps more young ladies will take advantage of the program next year.

Better yet, we all hope that down the line, some spark ignited during the visit to the university will catch fire in some of these women, and the numbers continuing in science education at the college level will increase also, leading to more young women-wives-mothers rising to the exciting challenges presented in the world of STEM careers out there. Huron's science programs prepare our students well for these challenges. Now we just need to stop the leaks.

Nobelists, Anyone?

That old bugaboo, the tradition of the dreaded science fair project, continues in the Huron Schools unabated but differing slightly from when most of you were in school. Here in Ohio the state mandated that curriculum be reformed a few years back, first in the 90's when the competency testing program was put fully into effect and then with renewed intensity after the *No Child Left Behind Act* was enacted with the present administration. Same old same old, only the name changes so someone else gets the credit. However, conform the schools must, but with vastly altered programs.

After the dust settled, Huron found itself shifting the science fair project and presentation down to the eighth grade level. How's that for the old Marching Band Effect! However, the annual display of posters and projects this year did not feature the usual assortment of tortured frogs, starved bean plants, or irradiated earwigs. The focus of the course at that level is upon understanding the scientific method and demonstrating facility in manipulating variables to test a thesis that students come up with.

So it was with quite a few chuckles that observers and judges alike walked through the display area and perused the signage. Quite a bit of ingenuity was actually shown by these young budding Edisons, Salks, and Paulings as they struggled to design tests to measure their hypotheses. Their teacher, new to the Huron system but six years into her career now, Valerie Robinson, exclaimed that she found it most interesting working with the students on topics of their own choosing. And, indeed, there were many topics the likes of which had never been seen in the annals of Huron's science fairs.

Exactly how many licks would you guesstimate one would need to arrive at the center of a Kiwi flavored Tootsie Pop, assuming that the test subjects actually fancied the flavor? Imagine trying to objectively quantify that and collect the data. Or how about trying to determine precisely which color of shirts produces the most body heat for the wearer. Or how about the effects of the source of water upon bean seed germination? Wonder if he tried the gray water. And here's one that may have ramifications for the geriatric set – how does the age of a dog affect its reaction time? Must be some interesting hu-

man applications for that one. Then again this one is sure to keep the arguments going – is gender a determining factor in photographic memory? Where'd I leave the keys, Ma? The display right next to it asked whether the playing of video games substantially increases blood pressure in the combatants. The results of that could surely be used in households around the country these days. And then in a room by himself, one youngster was demonstrating his miniature tornado-making machine. Quite impressive it was. No telling what machinations he has in mind for disappearing whom or what.

All in all it was a successful evening for the students as they stood for questioning before teams of adults who have volunteered for this duty for years and enjoy any small part they might play in helping future scientists develop. We think all involved had a fine time and look forward to seeing how many produce superiors when they go on to Ashland College or Heidelberg University to stiffer competition. Good luck, kids. Mr. Nobel started out wondering, too, how much boom he could create by repackaging chemicals, and look where he landed!

Fifty years hence, which one of these eighth graders will hoist the prize for excellence in some science field for endeavors yet undreamed of?



Eleanor at the Apollo

That's Eleanor, as in Roosevelt, being played by Dana Aber, '98, who appeared in March at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. She played in a supporting role across from gospel headliners Margaret Bell and Natalie Wilson in *If This Hat Could Talk, the Life and Work of Dorothy Height*, famed Civil Rights activist. Supported by an excellent makeup crew, this red headed twenties-something, billing herself as a gospel-rocking white gal, was able to play an ageing Mrs. Roosevelt, a frequent recipient of advice from Ms. Heights. On March 24th a special performance and celebratory gala were given for Dorothy who was celebrating her 95th birthday that day.

Dana is gradually building her list of credits. After attending Syracuse University's Drama Department where she took her BFA degree, she then began her acting career. She has appeared in regional theatre in numerous roles. She was an understudy in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* with the Walnut Street Theatre and in *A Street-*

car Named Desire with the Syracuse Theatre. She has done *Mercury Summer Stock*, where she appeared in *Babes in Arms*, *Ruthless!*, and *Skellig*. She was part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last summer as part of a seven-show-repertory in which she played in Edward Albee's *Play about the Baby*. Last fall saw her as the Second Maid in the combined Louisville Theatre/Cleveland Playhouse's production of *My Fair Lady*. She's slated to return to the Mercury Summer Stock this year.

That's quite a few miles already for a gal who in Huron back in the 90's assistant directed *The Boyfriend* and played Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*. We wish Dana well as she continues her career. To see what she's up to of late, just google her and you'll find the updates and pictures. You go, girl!



Grad Directs Choir

The Kent State University Women's Chorus, directed by HHS alum Kerry Glann, appeared in concert in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Huron on Friday, March 23 at 8:00 p.m. as part of their annual spring tour. Glann has been on the music faculty of Kent State for the last two years, directing choirs and teaching classes at both the Kent and Salem campuses. The KSU Women's Chorus numbers 50 singers from a wide variety of disciplines at the University. They presented a varied program of sacred and secular choral music, including selections by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Leonard Bernstein, Gilbert & Sullivan, and Aaron Copland, as well as folk songs of several countries and vocal jazz. Accompanying the choir as featured soloists was tenor voice faculty member Tim Culver and soprano graduate assistant Melissa Davis, both of whom have appeared in roles at the Huron Playhouse in recent years.

Dramatics Past

For nigh on a century Huron High has had a record of dramatic and musical excellence. And as sure as dandelions and swallows annually return, so do the thespians begin in March to practice their lines and routines to strut their hour or two upon the stage.

Way back in 1946 the senior class play was *Strictly Formal* and featured this fine looking cast of aspiring actors and actresses. Unfortunately, for most in those days, there was little or no place after graduation to pursue and develop any artistic promise, except Huron's own Little Theater productions.

We thank Carolyn Rau Claggett for supplying this picture and others which will follow in future editions.



The cast of *Strictly Formal* included: (Back, l. to r.) Mary Zimmerman, Irma Bailey, Don Wilford, Harold Wright, Fred Wolfe, Carolyn Rau, Bill Shrigley, Dorothy Dowell. (Front l. to r.) Pat Dougherty, Catherine Frey, Norma Batch, Ed Asher, Janet Bailey, Mary Michel, Tony Tata, and Teresa Temper.

More Dramatics Past

Before there was a Bob Adler in Huron, dramatics also flourished, sometimes in the Opera House, in the old Williams Street School, then in the present McCormick Middle School auditorium. Huron had its own Little Theatre group long before BGSU began running its annual summer theatre productions at McCormick. Here is a scene from *The Heiress* which ran on February 2 and 3 in 1953 in the old high school on Ohio Street, as it used to be called. The Director was Eldon Rosswurm and the players were (l to r) Jim O'Brien Jr., '44, as Dr. Sloper, Carolyn Rau Claggett, '46, as Catherine Sloper, and Jack Dutt as Morse. The more experienced community members back then really worked at teaching their younger counterparts stagecraft, and all involved enjoyed the experiences thoroughly.

If any other of you thespians past have photos from Huron's glory days of little community theater and wish to share them, get them to us and we'll run them. Do attach something to identify folks and provide as much information about the play and roles as you can remember. We'll take it from there.



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Rau Claggett, '46.

Megaphone Staff

Eliza Lounsberry rides herd over her charges in this shot of the *Megaphone* classroom of 1945-46. It took that many to produce a four-page publication in those days, a job easily handled today by a couple students on one computer.

Answering role call (from l. to r., from rear to front) were Shirley Henderson, Donna Lamb, Fran Tata, Betty Christiansen, Margaret McCormick, Florence "Flirt" Beatty, Evelyn Legando, Audrey Specker, Marcella Wechter, Carmel Temper, Jeanne Owen, Catherine Meola, and Norma Batch.

And can't you just tell times were achangin'? Look at all the knees showing and the saddle shoes. No one had TV, though - only one pair of glasses!



A Pajama Game

By the time you read this, copious tears will have been shed, enough to grow closing night roses. Say what?

Well, you remember how it used to go – how the 20 some-starlets who did *not* land the single lead role in the annual spring musical, eyes red for weeks after the auditions, moped about till spring break salved all tears. Then, on the last night of the production, one lucky gal stood center stage, receiving the accolades she genuinely deserved, and the passed over sisters, too, now consoled, applauded as the smothering bouquet of roses landed in the arms of the lead and all bowed their thanks to appreciative audiences. Carrying on this tradition, this year's musical production will be *The Pajama Game*, to be presented in the McCormick Auditorium on April 27 – 28.

The book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell became a musical through the lyrics of Jerry Ross and music of Richard Adler, absolutely no relation to Bob "I-quit" Adler, long time musical director at Huron High. The dangers of a workplace romance are ex-

plored to hysterical effect in this romantic comedy from the creators of "Damn Yankees." Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin (Tim Folger) and Babe Williams (Erin Mischler), leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7 1/2-cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well. Guess who wins that one every time, guys! But you'll still have to come and see it.

Bright and brassy, this unconventional, fast-paced Broadway favorite is every bit the embodiment of legendary director George Abbott at his best. The energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross brims with songs and dances, which have become popular and musical theatre standards (among them "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway") and features plenty of fun production numbers.

Ms. Allison Martin directs this year's production, assisted by Mr. Steve Koenig, with musical direction by Mr.

Jeffrey "The Bozman" Skaggs and choreography by Mrs. Lisa Jones. Student director is Senior Grace Stierhoff.

You'll want to get your tickets as soon as they go on sale for this one. Better yet, why not become a patron for this event? Your support is greatly needed and would be much appreciated by this crop of thespians. Since these artsy kids don't have a boosters' club, any help would be appreciated. Use the handy form at the back of this issue. Who knows who next may make that leap from the boards of Huron's stage to the big time?

Don't laugh now. If you remember, a year or so ago we did a piece on Brandy Burre, '92, who was playing Theresa D'Agostino in the critically acclaimed HBO series, *The Wire*. Elsewhere in this issue we have reported on Dana Aber, '98, who is also starring at the Apollo Theater in New York. So, whether it be a football star, a Nobelist, or a budding starlet – at some time all their roots were nurtured in small towns like Huron all across this land. So come on out and support these kids, and don't forget to have your program autographed – just in case!

Annual Lighthouse Half Marathon and 5K Run

Sharpen up your spikes, all you runners. This one is for bragging rights indeed. Huron's own version of the Boston Marathon, the Lighthouse Run, is slated to get off on Saturday morning, April 14, 2007 at 8:00 AM. And if you show up late, don't worry. There will still be some folks finishing up around noon that you can run along side. And if you want just to walk and enjoy the spring day, welcome, and bring the baby along, too. There is a division

for every age and every difficulty level, with thirteen in all for males and females. The first place overall male and female winners will be awarded a prize, and the first three places in each division will also be winners.

You won't have to worry about hitting Heartbreak Hill or getting lost in a crowd of thousands at the start. The course is flat and winds through Huron, beginning and ending at Huron High School Memorial Stadium.

If you register by April 5th, you receive a break on the entrance fees, and you'll also receive a free T-shirt. The half marathon fee is \$15 pre-registration, \$20 on the day of the race. The 5K run is only \$11 pre-registration and \$15 on race day.

You can register on-line at www.huron.net. The gun goes up at 8:30 AM, so be there to hear the shot fired around Huron. Then run your hearts out!

Class Notes

Joe Taylor, '54, was recently named to the Perkins Alumni Hall of Fame. He taught math there and coached boys' tennis teams for 34 years, retiring in 2000.

David "Downtown" Brown, '67, was recently nominated for induction into the Sandusky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Still teaching at SHS, Dave is also a member of the Huron Hall of Fame. He served as athletic director for both school systems

Tim Hoyt, '74, reported back in February that his son Tim was deploying to Iraq about March 1, the next generation of Hoyt's to defend his country

Linda Junod Hoagland, '75, lately of China, has recently moved with her husband who was transferred to Scotland for the next couple years – closer to some of her ancestors, we understand. We expect frequent updates on the best haegis recipes.

Dr. Jacqueline Hamler, '80, has joined the staff of Wayne Morse, Ph.D. & Associates in Perkins as a clinical counselor. With over 21 years of experience doing play therapy, stress management, and dealing with trauma, women's issues, and couples therapy, Jackie is uniquely qualified to work with children, adolescents, adults, and families. Jackie did her Ph.D. work at Ohio University in 1999 and was licensed as a professional clinical counselor back in 1993. We wish her well in her new practice.

Jennifer Speers, '84, had had a couple busy years. This past June she adopted a daughter from Ekaterinburg, Russia, a wonderful little girl, Natalie, who is 3 ½ now. Jenny visited her twice in Russia before she and her parents all finally went to bring her home. She's healthy, adjusting really well, and is learning English very quickly. On the work front, Jenny is a VP of Marketing Systems with Washington Mutual Bank in Vernon Hills IL, a suburb north of Chicago.

Scott Santee, '85, has been a missionary since graduating from The Ohio State University in Biology/Zoology in '89. Scott and his wife Lisa were married the day after college graduation and now have two children, Zack, 9, and Gabe, 5.

Mark Swackhamer, '89, is now teaching in the architecture department at the University of Minnesota. He and his family are gradually becoming accustomed to Minnesota winters. His wife, Connie Rose Swackhamer, '92, is teaching Somalian students there in a charter school.

Mike Peterson, '95, wrote from Minnesota that the snow was deep and crisp there this winter and the more the better. Where did we go wrong with that boy!

Sara Schaub, '97, was recently named as head volleyball coach for the Montana State University-Billings, quite a step up from her position as assistant coach at Eastern Michigan University. Sara earned her bachelor's degree in business administration in 2001 and her MS in accounting in '02. Montana State was the Division II champ in the Heartland Conference last fall.

Jonathan Dominy, '99, has recently taken a position with the Vankempen investment firm in Chicago.

Laura Schmidt, '99, graduated from Ohio University Honors Tutorial College with a dual Major. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and another Bachelor of Arts in Classics. She then did her Masters in Rhetoric and is now going on for her Doctorate at Carnegie Mellon . . . this all according to one proud dad, Warren Schmidt.

Huron's Dan Bogden Makes National Headlines – Daily

No, we're not talking about a ditty celeb or another claimant to Anna Nicole's millions. We're talking about a guy who for over the past five years has consistently labored quietly to put away the bad guys in the position of Federal Attorney General for the Las Vegas area and received all sorts of accolades for the quality of his work. Only this time he was pushed to the foreground and into notoriety by being one of eight summarily let go by the Justice Department under Attorney General Anthony Gonzales back in December. We speak of none other than our own Dan Bogden, '74. Some of you may have read the name in the newspapers or heard it on various TV interviews as he has undergone this ordeal and wondered about the familiarity of the name. Well, believe it.

At this writing, Dan's case and that of his confreres out of work is making its way through Congressional investigations and hearings. So stay tuned and follow the developing story.

Engagements

Chris Asher, '98, and Jenna Ludwig of Hinsdale, IL, announced their engagement on December 17. Chris earned a bachelors degree in accounting from Miami University (OH) and his masters from Marquette University. He is presently a senior accountant with Ernst & Young in Milwaukee. Jenna also earned her bachelors degree from Miami University in

psychology and is pursuing a career in life fitness. The two will wed on June 23, 2007.

Sarah Butke, '01, and Adam Boss of Wakeman OH announced their engagement January 14. Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education summa cum laude from Firelands College BGSU in 2005 and is presently employed by St. Joseph Elementary School in Monroeville OH. Adam graduated from New London High School in 2000 and is employed by the Norwalk City Street Department. A July 7, 2007, wedding is being planned.

Anthony Eichelberger, '01, and Shannon Dooling of Dover OH announced their engagement on February 18. Anthony graduated from the University of Toledo in 2005 and is now in a graduate program at Cleveland State University. Shannon, a Dover High School graduate, earned her doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Toledo and is presently employed by CVS in Westlake. The couple is planning an April 21 wedding.

Marriages

Brent Bronner, '99, and Christina Speir were married August 19, 2006, at St. Stephen United Church of Christ in Sandusky. Brent trained and is now serving as a firefighter and paramedic for the Perkins Fire Department. Christina, a 2002 Perkins High School graduate, earned her B.S. degree from BGSU in social work and is now working on her masters degree at Cleveland State University. The couple may be reached at 557 Wilbor Avenue in Huron.

Leigh Ann Davies, '04, and Jasen Thomas Ferguson were wed on November 7, 2005 in Elyria Ohio. Leigh Ann works for the *Sandusky Register*. Jasen is a 1995 graduate of Pleasant High School of Marion OH. The couple is enjoying daughter Clara.

Beth Gifford, '01, and **Richard Capizzi**, '02, were wed June 3, 2006, at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Vermilion. Beth graduated from Medical College of Ohio and is currently a registered nurse at Bert Fish Memorial Hospital in New Smyrna Beach FL. Rich graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical School and is a flight instructor at Epic Aviation in New Smyrna Beach FL. The couple lives in Port Orange FL.

James David Armstrong, and Jody Lynn Morgan were wed on November 3, 2006. Dave is a technology specialist and veteran of the US Air Force. Jody is employed with the Uvegas-Heimke Group, Inc. of Sandusky. The couple makes its home in Huron.

Christopher Meyer, '97, and Kimberly Stankewich were wed on May 19, 2006 in Key West FL. Chris graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA in criminology and from the Columbus Police Academy. He is now employed by the Columbus Division of Police. Kim graduated from Howland (OH) High School and The Ohio State University where she earned a BS degree in industrial systems engineering. She is employed as an engineer by the Liebert Corp in Delaware OH where the couple now lives.

Abigail DeBartolo, '98, and Brett McLaren of Winter Springs FL announced their engagement on February 25. Abby earned her BA in communications from Kent State University and is now employed by the Sanford (FL) Police Department. Brett, a graduate of Oviedo High School in Oviedo FL and Seminole Community College, has his associate's degree and is now working on a bachelor's degree in engineering. This U.S. Army vet is also working at DEI Services Corp. in Winter Park FL. A June 9 wedding date has been set by the couple.

Obituaries

Bryan Sowecke, '67, age 57, of Everett WA, passed away on Oct 17, 2006.

Larry R. Cress, '71, age 53, of Collins OH, died early Saturday morning, Dec. 16, 2006, in his home. Larry was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Ron Zoellner, '55, age 69, died Jan. 9, 2007, in the Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky. Ron is best known for his love of aviation, having been a pilot and flight instructor for over fifty years.

Edna Frey Leitzke, '34, age 92, of Huron, passed away January 21 in the Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky.

LIFEMEMBERS

Pierre Toomey F't Lauderdale FL '38
 Doresa Dickhaut Jones New York NY '48
 Richard Grumney Bonita Springs FL '62
 Marc Munafa Taverner FL '82

SOCIAL MEMBERS

Kathy Kosan Huron OH
 James and Wanda Seiple Huron OH
 Will Folger Huron OH
 Doug and Pat Fries Huron OH
 Susan Shontz DuBray Huron OH

GRADUATE MEMBERS

Donna Kreck Klepper Huron OH '38
 June Collins Gockstetter Huron OH '41
 Eleanor Waite Strongsville OH '43
 Jack Hart Scottsdale AZ '44
 Anthony (Dempsey) Esposito Huron OH '45
 Mary Waite Strongsville OH '45
 Carolyn Rau Claggett Newark OH '46
 Ida Henes Hastings Huron OH '47
 Kenneth Wilford Huron OH '47
 Martha Casanova Jennings New London OH '48
 Dixie Thomas Andrews Huron OH '49
 Lois Trook Sprowl Tampa FL '49
 Robert Anderson Fountain Valley CA '49
 Dr. Carol Payne Smith Kalamazoo MI '51
 Florence Hart Poyer Cincinnati OH '51
 Martha McCormick Downing Berlin Heights OH '51
 Shirley Steibly Watrous San Diego CA '52
 Judith Lacey Rielle Hyde Park NY '53
 Diane Esposito Hoffman Huron OH '54
 Betty Bickley Mingus Huron OH '54
 Carol Andrews Wilford Huron OH '54
 Helen Carpenter Shaw Orange City FL '54
 Joy Foley Stephens Pittsburgh PA '54
 Joyce Ohlemacher Eldred Bay Village OH '54
 Barbara Batch Daniels Berea OH '56
 Carolyn Moore Spievak Saginaw MI '56
 Linda Fisk Wareham Fredericktown OH '56
 Janice Rae Cook Herrmann Amherst OH '57
 Robert C Boos Sandusky OH '57
 Suzanne Dunham Boldman Huron OH '57
 Gary Harris Pt. Huenneme CA '58
 John Brugeman Novi MI '58
 Phil Harris Huron OH '58
 Anne Delahunt Thayer Coral Springs FL '59
 Gayle Wallick Allen Phoenix AZ '59
 Linda Uther Boos Sandusky OH '59
 Nancy Boos Colon Huron OH '59
 Ann Mansen Harris Port Hueneme CA '60
 James McKelvey Lake Orion MI '60
 Judith Moore Zoliniak Santa Cruz CA '60
 Lee Stierwalt Colorado Spr'g CO '60
 Sharon Legando Harkelroad Huron OH '60
 William Spievak Saginaw MI '60
 James Compton Newbury OH '61
 Anita Roswurm Parker Merced CA '62
 John Mellein Allegan MI '62

Tim and Linda Hinde McKelvey Westerville OH '63
 Gary Brown Toledo OH '64
 Gene Fantozzi Huron OH '64
 Saura Terry Forthofer Huron OH '65
 David Horner Norwalk OH '65
 Anne McKelvey Nelson Manchester WA '66
 Blanche Kathleen Terry Columbus OH '66
 James Kiger Bakersfield CA '66
 Kathleen Floyd Huron OH '66
 Anne Wunder Bauman Huron OH '67
 Cheryl Kaman Zimmerman Huron OH '67
 David Brown Huron OH '67
 John Zimmernan Huron OH '67
 Suzanne Matt Ft Myers FL '67
 John Caporini Huron OH '68
 Pam Wentz Ebert Bay Village OH '68
 Jan Bogden Henning Sandusky OH '69
 Jim Lenthe Gambier OH '69
 Scott Stipp Huron OH '69
 Christina Bork Stipp Huron OH '70
 Debbie Green Paulk Peyson AZ '70
 Tim Sowecke Huron OH '70
 William O'Hara Liberty T'nsh'p OH '70
 Jim Bollenbacher Huron OH '71
 Jody Boyes Caporini Huron OH '71
 Joe Defazio Huron OH '71
 Julie Hetrick Sowecke Huron OH '71
 Chris and Becky Wilber Harlan Norwalk OH '72
 Emma Minton Kunz Laguna Beach CA '72
 Dr. Cynthia Miglietti Huron OH '72
 Mark McKelvey Chicago IL '72
 Katie Motley Aurora OH '72
 Steven Myers Columbus OH '72
 Cynthia Sheard Carruthers Huron OH '73
 Howard Carruthers Huron OH '73
 John Paul Jones Tallahassee FL '73
 John Williams Marysville OH '73
 Brian Butler Huron OH '74
 David Shearer Arroyo Grande CA '74
 Gary Majestic Dover OH '74
 Patty Newsome Bollenbacher Huron OH '74
 Tom Swanbeck Fort Myers FL '74
 Jeff Coomer Toledo OH '75
 Lesa Growel Holstine Glendale AZ '75
 Debbie Majestic Locker Loveland OH '75
 Mary Reese Folger Huron OH '76
 Susan Coleman Frankart Huron OH '76
 Sandi Hoffman Beal Sandusky OH '77
 Mark Ringlein Huron OH '77
 Scott Sijan Invergrove Hts MN '77
 Toni Ritzenthaler Coomer Toledo OH '77
 Wayne Weilnau Jr. Austin TX '78
 Lori Braidech Wengerd Up'r Arlington OH '80
 Diane Basilone DeSpirito Barrington RI '82
 Lynn Walderzak Tallan Pickerington OH '82
 Sally Murphy Partin Allen TX '82
 Karen Basilone Goya O'Fallon IL '83
 Stephanie Walderzak Dasher Sagamore Hills OH '83
 Wendy Walderzak Dyer Stow OH '84
 Richard Reese Hilliard OH '84
 Dan and Mary Gilhuly Wright Huron OH '85
 Amanda Schafer Gister Towson MD '92
 Jennifer Ineson Cowin Chicago IL '92
 Kerry Glann Kent OH '92
 James Fisher Ashland OH '00

Blood Drives Tap 12 Gallons

Huron High School and the National Honor Society hosted two blood drives this winter and spring to help alleviate the critical blood shortage here in Northern Ohio. This drive began as a community service project about thirty years ago and now continues annually as the school trains its students to be committed citizens as well as academicians and athletes. The general public is always invited to participate and roll up its collective sleeve, but the bulk of the work done and blood donated is by the students.



This year both campaigns netted a total of 99 pints. Now if they haven't changed the measurements since they ousted Pluto a while back, that computes out at about 12 plus gallons, give or take the spillage. Some of our larger students who could stand to be tapped out a little deeper took part in what is known as the Double Red. In this method of giving, the drawing tube bypasses the familiar hanging pint bag and is directed straight into a machine that separates the red cells from the plasma. On the return side, the plasma is injected back into the body while the red cells flow into the bag. The operation means that twice as many of the useful red cells can be harvested without precipitously lowering the fluid level. The bad news is that a donor has to wait about twice as long to donate again. The good news is that the students are fed extra cookies and treats to begin the rebuilding process quickly.

“You are going to put that needle WHERE???” shrieks Katie Krumlauf, daughter of Pat Krumlauf, '78, as she prepares to be tapped.

At any rate, no students were found sprawled out on the floor after a donation, no one who signed up backed out of contributing, and the area blood banks and those folks in need of the blood profited mightily. Good job students.



Sometimes we suspect that students sign up to give blood for a variety of motives. Some few do genuinely yield up their vital bodily fluids for altruistic reasons: to save lives. But it's also a great morning off, for the procedure guarantees young scholars will miss at least two or more classes. And the cookies are always excellent, too. Peer pressure plays a part also. What person can resist the attention given to that red badge of honor carried around the rest of the day in the form of a bandage in the crook of the arm? But we also suspect that another few like to check out the cool “docs” who travel the state tapping veins. The staff always puts the students at ease and makes the experience a memorable one, if not downright enjoyable, for those who volunteer their blood.

Once again, fine job, Tigers all!

Help support the students of Huron High in this year's musical production, *The Pajama Game*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to be the following level of sponsorship:

_____ **PRESIDENT (\$50.00) – includes 4 tickets**

_____ **SUPERVISOR (\$25.00) – includes 2 tickets**

_____ **SEAMSTRESS (\$15.00) – includes 1 ticket**

Make checks out to Huron High School and mail to:

Huron High School Music Department
c/o Mr. Jeff Skaggs
710 Cleveland Road West
Huron OH 44839

General Membership Meeting

This year's annual general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday evening, May 8 at 6:30 PM at Jim's Pizza Box on South Main Street in Huron. There is a seat to fill on the Board of Trustees. Anyone wishing to be considered for this position, please email us so that you may be contacted and have your name included upon the ballot. Voting members are only those whose dues are current. Also on the agenda for discussion at the meeting will be a review of activities of the 2006 year as well as plans for continued and new activities in the 2007 year and beyond. If you have any items for discussion and would like them included on the agenda, please email us the pertinent information. We are always looking for new ideas for social activities, fundraisers for our scholarship program, and ways to increase membership. We value your input, regardless of where you are living these days. Make this an E-meeting if you cannot be physically present yet wish to contribute your ideas!

Cruise Reunion Survey

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ **Yes, I might be interested in a cruise/reunion.**

_____ **Yes, I'd like for my class officers/representatives to investigate such a cruise for our next reunion**

_____ **Yes, I'd be willing to help out on organizing such a cruise**

I am a member of the _____ HHS Graduating Class

Either mail this in or send us an email with the same information and any other suggestions you'd care to make about the program.

Use this form to join the HHSAA and/or the Huron Boosters Club³⁰⁷

HHS Alumni Association Membership

HHS Graduate ____ \$10 per year You and spouse graduate ____ \$15 Social/ Associate/ Business ____ \$15
Life Membership ____ \$250 for Grad and Spouse

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Graduation year _____

Maiden name, if female grad _____ Graduation year _____

____ Yes, I'd like a copy of the commemorative issue of the *Erie County Reporter* printed for the All-School reunion.

Huron Booster's Club Membership

Annual Dues _____ "SuperTiger" \$300 includes two passes to every high school sporting event

_____ "Tiger" \$125 includes two home season tickets to sport of choice

Circle one: Football Soccer Volleyball Girls' Bball Boys' Bball

_____ Special "Gray" \$40

_____ Regular "Red" \$20

Contribution to the General Huron High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund \$_____.

Contribution to the Tom Shontz Memorial Scholarship Fund \$_____.

Contribution to the Stallings Fund \$_____.

(All contributions of any kind or amount to the above funds are tax deductible if you itemize.)

Yes, I would consider becoming active in the HHSAA by serving on one or more of these committees:

_____ **Membership**

_____ **Hall of Fame**

_____ **Social**

_____ **Scholarship**

_____ **Public Relations**

_____ **History**

Newsletter On-Line

We're on line now, so tell us what you think. Email us at Huron_Alumni@Huron-City.K12.OH.US.

For right now this on-line PDF version looks about the same as the paper version you are used to reading. The major difference is that we can run many more pictures and a few more stories each quarter for your pleasure. But we're not sure that this "magazine style" is the best way to present the on-line version. You will also notice that there are no links out to other sites. That will come as we gain confidence and know-how in this different medium.

However, we do see some long-term benefits. First, we can publish more frequently but at a substantial cost savings. We can throw up on-line stories as they occur and also advertise in a more timely fashion any upcoming events. The largest benefit will be in savings on postage costs. As you know, come May, the rates rise again, and those pennies add up, as we run about 4500 copies per printing now. A further savings will accrue when some of you forget to send us your forwarding addresses and the *Newsletter* bounces back to us. We receive in excess of 100 of these returns each issue, all dollars which could be diverted into the scholarship fund instead of to Uncle Sam at .75 a copy.

So do let us know what you think. In the June issue we will publish the results of this experiment and announce how we intend to switch over. Those of you without internet facilities – not to worry; we will continue to publish the paper version for you. All others will have the option of which version they would like. Stay tuned. Progress definitely comes to Huron, even if slowly.