



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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WELCOME CLASS OF 1991

Congratulations to the graduating class of 1990. You are now part of a special group of people known as the ALUMNI OF TAFT HIGH SCHOOL.

The purpose of the Taft Alumni Association is to provide a means for Taft Alumni to continue or renew friendships begun at Taft, provide service to the school and most important to preserve its history. We publish the newsletter 4 times a year, to let you know what other alumnus are doing and invite you to special events at Taft.

As you continue your education, work a full time job or get married, remember us. Drop us a line to let us know your new name or address and what you've been doing since graduation. This information will be very helpful for your first class reunion 5 or 10 years from now.

An application form to join the Association is on the last page. The membership fee is \$10 for 2 years.

Best of luck to you. Be proud to say you came from Taft High School.

WHY PAY ALUMNI DUES?

Q. Its true that we are all Taft Alumni members, so why pay dues?

A. There is no requirement for you to spend 1 cent to be a member. you automatically acquired that status when you graduated from Taft. But, to provide you with information on various activities, goals, highlights, etc., about our purpose of sponsoring a meaningful alumni association, a scheduled newsletter provides all the details. Yes, it costs a considerable monetary cost to publish and mail this periodical 4 times a year.

A goal to furnish scholarship awards to a deserving senior, is an optional program. Financing is through special donations than the dues structure, as does sponsoring "Grease" in 1990 and "Mame" in 1991 and buying the hats and overlays for the Taft Marching Band. These funds came from fund raisers and donations.

Its an advantage to have your name listed in our alumni file, as it will be available for a class reunion notice when one of your class members (or even you) decide to probe such a possibility. With Alumni guidelines and assistance, this venture is much easier

to arrange.

As a "Sponsoring Alumni" you can help make this association the largest, most responsive group of high schools in the area. It shows that Taft graduates are dedicated to the school's principles and carry forth a tradition which no other high school can compare. We "got" our roots at Taft and they are strong and enduring. I urge the 6,000 non-paying Taftites to get on the "band wagon" and join the 2000 supporting Eagles. We're going forward with Pride and Determination, and your added financial aid will strengthen our treasury and give added confidence to our Alumni volunteers.

The past 3 years the Associaton has been working closely with the PTA and Local School Council helping where needed. As mentioned earlier we supplied the Band with new hats and overlays and produced "Grease" and "Mame" this past year and cleaning and repairing in the building. With everyone's cooperation, we'll sing "GO TAFT GO" with more enthusiasm and vigor. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The annual Taft Alumni Association Scholarship Award was presented to a well-deserving Senior this year. Robert Palmer wishes to be a lawyer/writer. Although his choice of college is yet to be decided, his determination is strong and we feel confident he will succeed with his final choice. He was an active guy at Taft, involved with the Stage Crew, Student Council, Senior Council, National Honor Society, Football team, Swim team, Traveling Troupe, Photography Club, Honor Club and Mixed Chorus. He also was selected to be in the following plays: "Blithe Spirit", "West Side Story", "Grease" and "Mame".

Robert's hobbies include writing, reading, music and "learning things I don't need to know". He also has received a M.A.P Grant. We wish him the best in all his future goals.



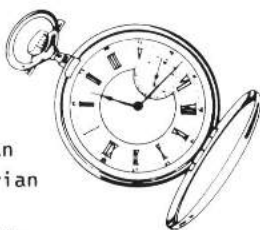
Advertising space is available for our next issue. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Bloom (312/774-5320) or Tom Kuciak (708/824-4747) for pricing and space availability. See enclosed application in this issue.



Best wishes and memories to all the retiring Taft faculty that will be packing up all their lesson plans, books and seating arrangements for the last time. We wish the best in retirement fun to:

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RETIRE - '91**

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Dorothy Lindholm
Kay McNamara



WISH LIST - TAFT STYLE

Bill Watts, Principal of Taft has written the Taft Alumni Association a letter with a list of wanted and needed equipment compiled from his faculty. As you may or may not know, the Chicago Board of Education has a severe budget deficit this year. Any items on this list you may wish to donate, or monetary donation for purchase of these items to support your school, please notify Dr. William Watts, Taft High School, 6545 W. Hurlbut, Chicago IL 60631 or Kay Kuciak, 47 Lancaster Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60068 (708)824-4747.

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Taft's Coach Smilgoff

James Smilgoff

James Smilgoff, the man who organized Taft High's baseball program and led the school to three city Public League championships, died May 4 in the Abingdon Nursing Center in Glenview. He was a Skokie resident.

Taft Alumni Association President Kay Kuciak said the alumni group "is deeply saddened by Mr. Smilgoff's death. Early on he helped establish the athletic program, and in the 1950s took several city championships.

"He instilled a true sense of Taft spirit in his teams and he is still highly regarded today for his efforts."

Smilgoff attended dedication ceremonies at Taft in May 1985 when the boys' gym was named in honor of Coach Joe Kupciet, his counterpart who coached championship Taft football teams during the same era. He was greeted warmly by some of his former players.

Services were held May 8 at the Weinstein Brothers Chapel in Wilmette. He is survived by his wife, Edna, daughters Joan Silverman and Judith Gerber, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Smilgoff was a graduate of Lane Tech High School and University of Wisconsin. He played minor league baseball from 1933 to 1936, serving on the All-Star team in the Western League in 1935. He never made it to the major leagues, but he played Triple-A ball in 1936 for a team owned by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

He worked for the Association House as director of boys' programs from 1933 to 1939.

He joined the Taft faculty in 1939 as varsity baseball coach and gym teacher. His baseball team won the public city-wide championships in 1949, 1957 and 1958. He became assistant principal at Taft from 1958-65.

After initiating Taft's driver's ed program, he was recruited to run the Board of Education's program from 1965-72. After retiring in 1972, he taught classes for driving instructors at Northeastern Illinois University.

He authored two books, "Winning High School Baseball," and "Big League Baseball Secrets."

He founded the B'Nai Brith Sports Lodge in 1965 as served as president 1968-70.

He was inducted into the Illinois High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.

IN OUR MEMORIES FOREVER

HENRIETTA SMITH, Class of 1941 died recently.

CAROL (CURTIS) PETERSEN, Class of 1971 died from cancer on February 19, 1991

JOHN ZELK, Class of 1944 died September, 1989.

EDWARD PETERSEN, Class of 1944 died of a heart attack in December, 1990.

LINDA HARTMAN ZABAWSKI-RISKE, Class of 1968 died from cancer on March 23, 1988.



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Retired Taft gym teacher John Swider dies at home

Retired teacher John L. Swider, Sr., 63, died at his home in Park Ridge on Friday, June 7, after a long illness.

A graduate of Northern Illinois University and Loyola University graduate school, he taught in the Chicago Public Schools for 37 years. The last 23 years of his career, before his retirement, were at Taft High School where he taught and coached football and swimming. Nine years of students, starting in 1965-66, knew him as the freshman boys' physical education teacher at the Taft branch.

He took pride in the accomplishments of his students, and made extra efforts to make sure that their achievements received deserved recognition.

He served as personal coach for his daughter, Nancy, who competed on the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating teams in the 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988 Winter Olympics. Her return to skating in 1988, after starting a family of her own, prompted him to take an early retirement to help her make her dream of a comeback possible.

Although he had had health problems for several years, he was deter-

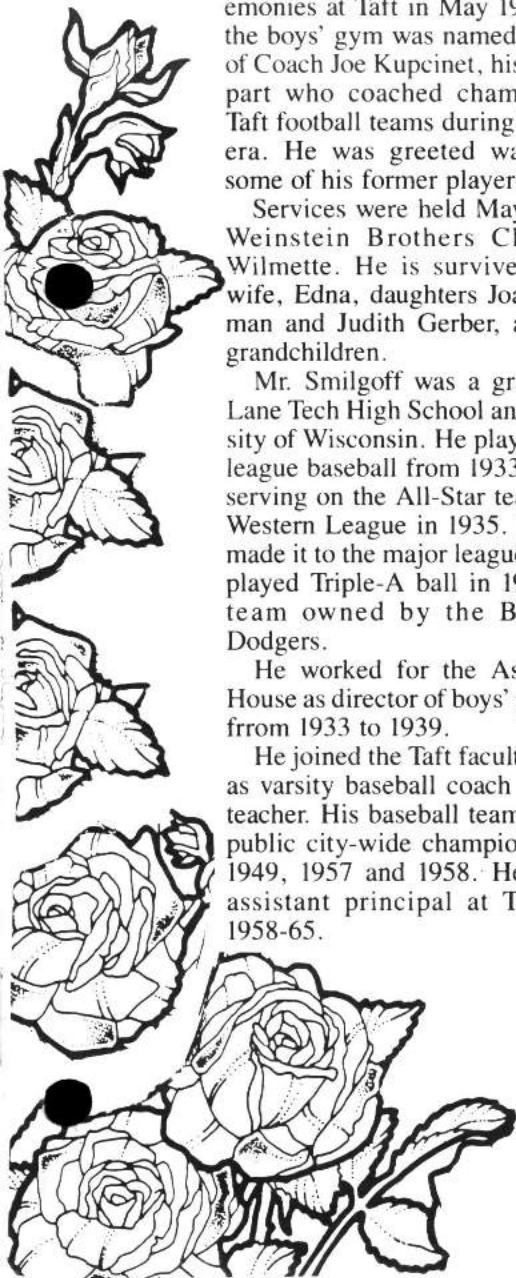
mined to the end to fight to make each day count.

For his funeral, his family remembered another milestone in his life: "He was a man who at the age of 43, made his most important decision, when he put Jesus Christ first in his life. His unparalleled love and commitment, to his wife and children has been the foundation of his family's cohesiveness. He loved a served his country with a passion."

No visitation was scheduled. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, at South Park Church, 1330 S. Courtland, Park Ridge, followed by interment at Rosehill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts were suggested to the John L. Swider Memorial Football Fund at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., or the Educational Fund at South Park Church.

Mr. Swider is survived by his wife, Dolores (nee Ochaner), his children John L. Swider, Jr., (Lynn), Michael Ochaner Swider (Nancy) and Nancy Swider-Peltz (Jeff), and his grandchildren Jessica, John III, Jackie, Nancy, Jr. and Jeff, Jr.



MARCHING BAND REQUESTS...

Al Goggins, Taft music teacher and director of the Taft marching band, is asking our help. As he has been running the entire effort by himself, he needs assistance. The band looks sharp in their new uniforms (thanks to our help); now they ask help in sharpening their marching skills. If you were or know someone who was a former Cavalier, please contact Kay Kuciak at (708)824-4747. We'd like to see the band get off "on the right foot" for the upcoming fall season.



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TEACHER'S CORNER

Choral Director and Fine Arts Chairman Errol Pearlman has been teaching music to Taft students for over fifteen years, but it's his success in writing musical theatre that really set him apart from the crowd. "Cotillion" opened in April, 1990 at the Open I Theatre off Broadway and is a World War I musical written by Pearlman in collaboration with David Rush. Set in Montgomery, Alabama, it is a three-act play about "a bunch of guys at boot camp"; Act I is a comedy, Act II is a romance and Act III is a drama. Currently, several regional theatres including the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles and Chicago's Goodman Theatre are considering "Cotillion" for next season.

Pearlman and Rush are now involved in writing a new musical commissioned by the National Repertory Theatre in New York, with the working title "36". Another musical theatrical offering they've written is "the King of New London" based on the life of Robinson Crusoe, and was produced by the Pier Group at the Theatre Building in Chicago under direction of Mike Nussbaum. Mr. Pearlman's musicals are also popular on college campuses, having played at the University of Wisconsin, University of Texas and the National College in Evanston. He has also written children's musicals for the Goodman Theatre where he was an instructor.

Besides his duties as a teacher and department chairman at Taft, and his ongoing work in musical theatre, Mr Pearlman is also the director of Harant Theatre Arts Camp in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Using the facility of Wayland Academy during the summer months, the camp is intensive theatrical training for children from ages seven through eighteen.

Pearlman originally became involved with Taft students back in the 1970's when he worked along side [the infamous - and Taft's own] J.J. Stamm with the Chicagoland Theatrical Troupe. With his vast experience in all areas of music and musical theatre, we are very fortunate to be able to count Errol Pearlman as one of our own.



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Letters

THANKS !!

"On behalf of the Taft Local School Council, I would like to express our deep appreciation to... Taft Alumni Association, for their efforts to help Taft in any way possible. A particular debt of gratitude is due to you for sponsoring the Spring musical comedy, "Mame".

It is only through your efforts and sincere interest that this heritage has continued for the past two school years."

James Grundy,
President
Taft Local School Council

Sales

Commemorative Taft Alumni mugs are still available. Cost is only \$5 + postage/ handling. We also have two yearbooks left - 1964 and 1986. Only \$25 + postage/handling. To order yours, contact Kay Kuciak, 47 Lancaster Ln., Des Plaines, IL 60068.

CLASS NOTES

1940s

JEANNE (LINDEN) KEHE (JUNE 1941) has 6 children and 14 grandchildren and is a housewife living in Crystal Lake, IL.

GLADYS (KVEULIE) MATTHIES (JUNE 1941) has 5 children and is a housewife who moved to New Mexico in 1975 where she still lives in Albuquerque.

SHIRLEY (NANCARROW) WARNER (JUNE 1944) has 4 children and 6 grandchildren lives in Sandia Park, NM and is a housewife.

TOM CRAFT (JANUARY 1945) graduated from Purdue BSME 1950, has 4 children and 1 grandchild, lives in Mapa, CA and is an engineer.

CHARLENE (MEYER) FILAS (JANUARY 1943) lives in Norridge, IL, has 1 child and 1 grandchild and is a housewife.

LORETTA JEAN (BABE) (VLCHEK) SKIBBE (JANUARY 1946) recently retired speech writer and all around person for Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley of Maryland. Loretta is a published poet (Poetry for the Thinking Woman), a member of the "World Congress of Poets", an artist, involved in community affairs on Marco Island, FL where she lives calling her home the smallest hotel on the Island. She says Hello to everyone and stay well.

SHIRLEY (MOSCHEL) (JUNE 1946) AND WILLIAM WALDBUESSER (JANUARY 1943) have 2 children and 6 grandchildren and will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary this summer. Bill retired 7-23-90 and he and their son built the new home they have in Crystal Lake, IL.

RALPH BRINKMAN (JUNE 1947) MARRIED JUNE (BALEY) (JUNE 1947), they live in Kildeer, IL and have 4 children. Ralph is retired and they own the Powder Ski Lodge in Crested Butte, CO.

1950s

CAROL (BOLDT) BENTSEN (JUNE 1951) graduated from Northeastern BA EL-ED, Northern MS ED 1977, she is a teacher living in Arlington Hts, IL and has 3 children.

CHARLES KEATON (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of I BS 1955, has 3 children and is an Actuary living in Indianapolis, IN.

DOUG LATTNER (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of I BSEE 1955, U of Chgo MBA 1975, is an engineering manager living in Mt. Prospect, IL and has 3 children.

WAYNE BRINKMAN (JUNE 1952) MARRIED CAROLE HARPLING (1955) and they live in Barrington, IL.

HARRY MAGEE (JUNE 1953) AND MARILYN (GOODELL) CRIST (JANUARY 1955) we married on 12-21-90 at the home of CAROL AND ROGER Mc INTIRE (JUNE 1953) in Columbia, MD. Harry is a Branch Chief at the Social Security Administration and Marilyn is a Health Assistant at Columbia Medical Plan. Between the two of them they have 7 children and live in Elliott City, MD.

HARRY MOREEN (JUNE 1953) graduated from U of WA, BS METE 1958, MS METE 1960, PhD METE 1970, is an engineering manager living in Huntington Beach, CA and has 3 children.

ROBERT BEBEE (1954) MARRIED ALICE SARAU (1954) and they live in Deland, FL.

DIANE (JOHNSON) STEWART (JUNE 1958) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL and has 2 children.

BONNIE (FANSLAW) WEISS (JANUARY 1959) has 7 children and lives in Northbrook, IL.

1960s

LYNN (FOESTER) NELLES (1960) MARRIED TOM NELLES (1960) and they live in Prospect Hts, IL.

DOUGLAS WITT (JUNE 1961) graduated from IIT BS Mech Engr 1965, MS 1971, has 2 children, lives in Walnut Creek, CA and is an Engineer.

LARRY HINKLE (JANUARY 1962) graduated from USMA BS 1966, U of I MSEE 1972, lives in Los Gatos, CA where he is a systems engineer and has 2 children.

LOUISE (KNUTH) STEWART (JANUARY 1963) lives in South Elgin, IL and has 4 children.

GUY COOK (JANUARY 1964) MARRIED TERRY (VANA) (1964) graduated from U of I BA 1969, Southern IL MS 1973, PhD 1975, Kansas City College Osteopathic Medicine DO 1980. TERRY graduated from Northern BS 1969, they have 4 children and live in Colorado Springs, CO. GUY is a Physician and TERRY is a teacher.

GAY (MALEWICKI) SWEELY (1964) graduated from IL Wesleyan BA 1968, U of UTAH MA 1973, has 2 children and is now lecturing in Art History at Ballarat University College and just won an honored Melbourne University scholarship for her work on Australian architecture. She lives in Ballan, Victoria, Australia, before that she lived in Colorado and New Zealand.

KRIS (WARZECHA) TYLER (JUNE 1964) graduated from Northeastern BA 1968, Natl College of Ed MED 1985, has 2 children, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is a 5th grade teacher at River Trails Jr. High. THADDEUS (SKIP) DUSIK (JUNE 1966) lives in Des Plaines, IL and is an Optician.

DONALD MC KENZIE (1966) graduated from U of KS BA 1970, has 3 children, lives in Topeka, KS and owns a music store and sponsors a stock car.

MICHAEL MEGARIS (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of MO BA 1988, MBA Finance 1990, has 3 children, lives in Overland Park, KS and is a manager with Missouri Public Services.

BOB FRIEDLANDER (JANUARY 1967) graduated from Southern IL BS Journalism 1971, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is a hockey scout for the new National Hockey League team Sox Jose Sharks from San Francisco.

CRAIG HUBER (JUNE 1967) graduated from U of I BS Engr, MS Information Engr, lives in Woodridge, IL, has 3 children and is an Information Systems Engineer.

JAMES I. MEYER (1967) MARRIED SHERRY LANE (JUNE 1969) and they live in Chicago.

MICHAEL HIONIS (JUNE 1968) graduated from Northeastern BA, Chicago State MA, lives in Chicago and is a Teacher.

FRED NACHBRUNN (1969) graduated from U of West FL BS MKTG 1974, lives in Cape Coral, FL and is a Real Estate Broker and a General Contractor.

1970s

BARBARA (FRIEL) LUTZ (1970) graduated from Mayfair College AA Nursing 1976, has 3 children, lives in Chicago and is a housewife.

LINDA (CLOJD) MUSIAL (1970) graduated from Western BA Foreign Language 1974, lives in Mt. Prospect, IL, has 2 children and is a housewife.

PAMELA (SLOJN) FENNER (1971) lives in Carol Stream, IL, has 2 children, has a word processing service and Past President of the Taft Womens Luncheon.

DOLORES JOSSUND (1971) graduated from U of I BA 1975, lives in Chicago and is in market research.

CINDY (MUSGROVE) BABYAR (1973) MARRIED JEFF BABYAR (1973), they live in Bangor, MI and have 2 children. Cindy is an LPN and housewife.

DEBBIE (PIETRASZEWSKI) BURGESS (1974) has 3 children and is a housewife living in Woodridge, IL.

MARY JEAN (LUCKEW) COULSON (1974) graduated from Northern BS Business Ed 1978, lives in Glenview, IL and is a Midwest Marketing Manager-Sales Training.

JUDITH MACIOR (1974) graduated from Northeastern BA Psych 1978, John Marshall Law School JD 1981, lives in Chicago and is an Attorney and Bank Trust Officer.

ANDREW MAGGIO (1974) graduated from De Paul Comm 1977, De Paul Law JD 1980 and is an Attorney/CPA.

LAURIE (HILLSTROM) KARMAN (1975) graduated from Western IL BBA 1978, Sangamon State MBA 1984, lives in Springfield, IL and is a Customer Service Rep. for a Utility.

NANCY (SZENDA) O BRIEN (1975) has 3 children and is a housewife.

JOAN (SCHAEFER) ZAITLEN (1975) graduated from Calif State BS Chemistry 1982, has 1 child, lives in Canoga Park, CA and is a chemist.

KATHLEEN (MARCINIEC) ZALNIS (1975) lives in Chicago and is a coordinator in warehouse inventory accounting for Jewel Food Stores.

PAT CORCORAN (1977) graduated from Ft Lewis College BA 1985, married in 1986, and is a sales rep. living in Phoenix, AZ.

JOSEPH LOESCHER (1977) graduated from U of I BE Computer Systems, lives in Chicago and is a Senior Systems Analyst.

GREGG SWIDERSKI (1977) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is in publishing/advertising.

1980s

ROSANNE OTT (1983) graduated from West Point BS 1988, RECENTLY SERVED AS A HELICOPTER PILOT IN OPERATION DESERT STORM.

LORI (NAVRODTZKE) POPPA (1983) graduated from Concordia BA social work/Psychology 1988, working on MA at North American Baptist Seminary and lives in Sioux Falls, SD. RON OLLE (1985) lives in Skokie, IL, is a Surveyor, was a member of the "Grease" cast at Taft last year and is Treasurer of the Taft Alumni Assoc.

TIMOTHY LANCASTER (1986) lives in Chicago, is a machinist and rebuilt and provided the roadster for "Grease" 1990 at Taft.

JOSEPH WELK (1987) lives in Chicago attending Northeastern majoring in Biology, spent the last semester at Battelle Pacific Northwest Labs. He is getting married 8/8/92 to MELISSA ARNOUX (1987).

Dear Jerry,

As a Taft alumnus (June, '59) I continue to enjoy the excellent and ever improving newsletter that you, Kay, and others publish. Thanks for your efforts!

In the last newsletter I noticed you call for information on alumni who may have done or be doing things "unusual" or far from the hallowed halls of Taft and Chicago. With that in mind, I enclose the following biography of myself...

Keep up the good work... and visit sometime for a submarine tour (that goes for all alumni!).

Sincerely, Larry Marsh (June, '59)

[Editor's note: Rear Admiral Marsh has been recently reassigned recently to the Middle East. The following is a synopsis of his biography:

Graduated from U.S. Naval Academy - June '63 and went into nuclear power and submarine training with Navy. Feb. '65 - July, '66 Asst. Engineer and Weapons Officer on USS CUBERA (SS 347). Aug. '66-1967 Supply Off. & Damage Control Asst. on USS FLASHER (SSN 613). 1967 selected as Navy candidate for postgrad Olmsted Scholarship from DoD. Aug. '70-Dec. '73 Navigator on USS BILLFISH (SSN 676); Apr. '74-Jan. '77 Exec. Officer on USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN 633)(GOLD); July '77-Mar. '81 Commander USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659)(GOLD).

Following command, he was Head, Submarine Nuclear Power Branch in the Naval Military Personnel Command Aug. '83 - Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group at the Naval War College; June '84 - Exec. Asst to Director, Naval Warfare (Pentagon); June '86 commanded Submarine Squadron TWO in New London, CT; Apr. '87 Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force, US Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, VA; Dec. '88 promoted Rear Admiral (Lower Half) & assigned Director, Prog. Resource Appraisal Div. on staff of Chief of Naval Operations in Mar '89. Relieved as Commander, Submarine Group NINE & Cmdr., Naval Base Seattle in Sept. '90.

CONGRATULATIONS BULLS!

WE CONGRATULATE THE CHICAGO BULLS ON WINNING THE 1991 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP. JERRY KRAUSE, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BULLS IS A JANUARY 1957 TAFT GRADUATE.



WE DID IT !! Thanks to all who helped in being part of the winning entry for the annual Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade. For the second year in a row, Taft Alumni Association has earned the "coveted" 1st place award for "Best Community Organization".

TAFT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DEAR TAFT ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

THIS YEAR WE ARE EXPANDING OUR NEWSLETTER TO INCLUDE ADVERTISING FROM ALUMNI AND INTERESTED FRIENDS TO REACH THE TAFT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP. THIS INCLUDES THE FOUR REGULAR ISSUES PUBLISHED EACH YEAR AS WELL AS SOME SPECIAL MAILINGS AS EVENTS WARRANT. CURRENT CIRCULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 2000 PIECES WITH ALMOST 80% IN AND AROUND THE CHICAGO AREA. SPECIAL MAILINGS GO UP TO 8000 PIECES.

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THINGS TO PONDER

Putting on a full scale musical by ourselves was a real learning experience for all of us. Many hours of volunteer time went into the preparation, rehearsal support, advertising and coordination of the affair. We found it difficult not having an onsite director to work with at Taft, but are very proud of the efforts of all the students who worked to bring the musical to fruition. They are to be commended.

Special thanks to the Taft Alumni Association volunteers who supported the students in this endeavor. It couldn't have been done without these dedicated people: Kay Kuciak, Anne Lunde, Mike Guercio, Ron Olle, Irene Fransen, Judi & Dave Lenihan, Arlene Pattersen, Caryl Boller, Perry Georgopolus, Laura Tagliere, Cliff Raimon, Sarah Welk, Jennifer Welk, Nancy Arroyo, Midge Peran and Gloriann Halicki.



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Additional known Taftites who were part of Desert Storm are:

Joseph P. Moinskowski, SRA Air Force Grad. 1987
 James Patterson, Chief AMHC
 James A. Andersen, Lance Corp. Marines Grad. 1987

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

1941 - Onahan 50th Grammar School

** Names and addresses wanted **

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 Contact: Robert (Red) Jackson (708)913-8554
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 Harry Herbert (708)965-6386

1956 -

Reunion: Midway Motor Lodge 10/4, 10/5/91
 Contact: Nancy (Haaning) Johnson
 (708)825-0966

1966 - Hitch Grammar School

Reunion: Lakewood Forest Preserves 6/2/91
 Contact: Judy Jacobson - (708)362-7623

1966

Reunion: Hotel Sofitel 11/16/91
 Contact: Reunions, a Class Organization
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1971

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 Contact: Class Reunions - (708)677-4949

1981

Reunion: Rosemont O'Hare Exposition 10/26/91
 Contact: Reunions, Inc. - (708)397-0010

1982

Reunion: Date & Location to be advised
 Contact: Class Reunions - (708)677-4949

PISTON PUSHERS

The "Piston Pushers" had their 40th year reunion at Roger Futrell's house on Lake DeBay, Wisconsin recently. Bill Forney, George Oliver, Charlie Walsh, John Anderson and Doug Lattner (plus all wives) were present and all had a good time reminiscing about the class of '51. The "Piston Pushers" began in 1950 and all were members of the class of '51.



Class Year

Membership
Expiration Date

1962
KAY KUCIAK
47 W. LANCASTER LN
DES PLAINES IL 60018

12/1/93

TIME TO PAY UP !

Check out your address label on this issue. Upper left hand number indicates the year you graduated. The right hand number is the important one. This is the date your membership expires. If there is no date here and it says "DUE NOW", your date is up. Unless membership dues are submitted promptly, this will be the last issue you will receive. Don't take a chance in missing updates on former classmates and friends. Send in your \$10 for TWO YEARS worth of newsletters! No increase in dues even though postal rates have gone up two times since we reorganized. What a bargain!! Use the application form on the back page and list any changes since your last renewal. Make checks out to Taft Alumni Association and send to Kay Kuciak, 47 Lancaster Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

WANTED TAFT ALUMNI FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT _ _ _ _ _

Are you interested? Do you like to sing or were ever in choirs? Well, here is your chance. We are looking for people who would like to participate in an alumni Christmas concert. If there is enough interest, the concert will be held at Taft in December or late November. There will be twenty (20) rehearsals, twice a week starting ten (10) weeks before the show. You must try to attend at least ten rehearsals, including the last two or three before the concert. There will also be a small fee for music or around \$5-10. We are also looking for multiple accompanists (3-5) that would be willing to play 5 to 10 songs each and to help out at rehearsals. There may also be room for a few solo spots. Also, if there are directors that would like to direct the concert, please see the information below. So - if you're interested or would like to make a music request, please send the information on this form (or an equivalent) to:

Taft Alumni Association
c/o M. Guercio - Special Events
6212 N. Ozanam Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631

Name (last, first) _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ Phone (____) _____

Voice range Tenor, Alto, etc., if you know) _____

Interested to try out for a solo? What would you like to sing?

Are you willing to be an accompanist or direct?

What songs would you like to sing or hear sung?
(No more than 10 please...)

You will be contacted in late August or early September

TAFT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM

Name:		Maiden Name:		Mo. & Yr. Grad	
Address: (Home)			City		State
Address: (Office)			City		State
Home Tel. No.:()			Office Tel. No.:()		
Name of Spouse:				Year Married 19	
Number of Children:		Ages:			
College(s) Attended, Degree(s) Earned, Year(s) of Graduation:					
Occupation:			Other Interests:		
Other News or Information:					
<p>[] I am enclosing \$_____ to defray newsletter cost.</p> <p>[] I am enclosing \$10.00 for membership.</p> <p>Return to: Kay Kuciak Taft Alumni Association 47 W. Lancaster Lane Des Plaines, IL 60018</p>					



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