



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Face Lift

Just when us older alumni were getting used the new entrance on Hurlbut that was added with the 1970s addition, we have another change to absorb. As you read this, construction is in the works to create a new "Bryn Mawr" entrance, which will be the official new front entrance to William Howard Taft High School. Three rooms will be eliminated to accommodate the entryway - rooms 146, 147 and 148. They were located just east of the first floor ramp that connects the 1970s addition to the older section of the school. A large canopy will cover the entryway, allowing CTA buses to pull up directly to the entrance and students to access without concerns about wind, rain or snow.

Other changes to the school are not as obvious. Rewiring to the school intercom system, upgrading the fire alarm system, repairing the football field grounds and adding metal detectors at the entrances are scheduled, as monies permit. The Chicago Public Schools' capital improvement funds are being used for the upgrades.

The school is working with Resurrection Medical Center as a possible partner in creating a health center at the school. The Board of Education would provide the \$100,000 for start up costs and Resurrection Medical Center would cover the operating costs. They hope to provide a Licensed Practical Nurse who could be able to provide emergency treatment, inoculations and other medical services beyond what the current school nurse can handle.

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Dramatic Performers of the Arts

Taft High School is announcing a rebirth of the Theater. Open Theater is a new program by the Performing Arts Department. The Program is presented every last Wednesday of the month and consists of a variety show with at least 18 acts. Show time is 2:45pm to 4:30pm in the Taft auditorium. For more information contact N. Pauley.

Grease 2001

Taft will be presenting the production of Grease in the spring of 2001. All interested Alumni, students and community members are welcome to contact N. Pauley (773) 534-1000 for more information. The production staff are looking for musicians, Grease lighting ideas and stage construction.

TAA Scholarship Award

The class of 2000 had several excellent candidates who were considered for the Taft Alumni Association Scholarship this year. But above them all, the choice almost seems easy. **Raksha Indorhar** ranked third in the class size of two hundred-fifty graduates. Although she was accepted at three different colleges, she had not made her commitment or choice at press time.

Raksha enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular activities along with her academic studies. Besides being accepted into the National Honor Society, she was a member of the Science Club, Multi-Culture Club, Math Club, Tennis Club, Saturday College Bridge Program, Academic Decathlon Team, Senior Council and Student Government.

"Taft has provided me with opportunities not available in other Chicago high schools. I feel honored to be a part of Taft High School," said Ms. Indorhar. We are pleased to give her this year's Taft Alumni Scholarship and wish her well in her future career opportunities.

Downsizing?

Current enrollment for Taft in August for this fall's classes was approximately 1460. That was a great concern for Dr. Arthur Tarvardian, Taft's Principal. It is down from about 1800 students two years ago. As mandated by Chicago Public School rules, enrollment of less than 1500 students would mean that Taft would lose three staff positions. He doesn't want to see that happen. That is one of the main reasons that Taft allows students from other schools. Forman has been overcrowded for years, forcing their students to bus to Taft, Schurz or Steinmetz. This summer, the Chicago Public School Board of Trustees voted to adjust the boundaries of seven North Side high schools in an attempt to evenly distribute enrollment based on the current capacity and enrollment at each school. As we understand it now, Taft has increased its boundaries southward to Montrose, including portions of Jefferson Park and Dunham Park areas. The eastern border is at Pulaski from Devon south to Lawrence Avenue. The northern and western boundaries remain basically the same.

These adjustments allow for better planning of teachers and other school staff.

Dr. Tarvardian has been working very hard to upgrade programs to attract local feeder school students.

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CLASS REUNIONS

Class Reunions

June 1946

Date: To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: Jean Whitehead Smith
N4724 County Rd P
Delavan, WI 532115
E-mail: don-jean@elknet.net

January/June, 1951

Date: May 19, 2001
Place: Rosemont Convention Center
Rosemont, Illinois
Contact: **Ed Archambault** – (623) 546-9170
22013 N. Via De La Caballa
Sun City West, AZ 85375-2210
E-mail: LAZYAZ@aol.com

1952

Date: To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: Diane Jung (Young) Braasch
E-Mail: Newbraaschps@cs.com

1981

Date: 8/2001
Place: To be determined
Contact: Reunions Ltd. – (847) 229-1123

1983

Date: To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: Laura McGrady – (847) 318-0769

1991

Date: To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: Androniki (Velisuris) Gorski
(773) 463-6804

Other Reunions

Ebinger, January/June 1949

Date: November 11, 2000
Place: Sanibel, Florida
Contact: Reunion Committee
P O Box 385 - Sanibel, FL 33957
or Dan Rice - (312) 943-1840

Edison January 1961

Date: 12/30/2000
Place: Village Tavern & Grill, Buffalo Grove
Contact: Bob Johnson – (847) 870-7047
E-mail rbengrui@aol.com

(insert photo #1 here)

Reunion at Arlington Race Track

July 8, 2000 - Class of January, 1965

Front Row: **Barb (Anderson) Hardt, Bob Johnson, Cheryl (Barry) Castricone, Diane (Bucher) Drummond** (from June '65 class)
Back Row: **Wayne Silldorf, Don Hardt, Donna (Lambrecht) Lewandowski, Thomas Fuhrmark, Leslie (Izban) Falco, Lee Marsh, Wilbur Chew** (June '65 class)

Letters to the Editor

To Kay, and the Officers and Directors of the Taft Alumni Association:

I wish to express to you my heartfelt thanks, and gratitude for the singular honor bestowed upon me - a day I shall truly remember - my induction into the Taft Hall of Fame.

Continued success to the Alumni Association.

Rich Lindberg (1971)

Subj: Farwell To A Good Friend & Neighbor

Date: 9/14/00 3:21:40 PM Central Daylight Time

To: JBBloom

I was very saddened to read about the passing of **Eleanor Kulovitz** (1943) in the summer newsletter.

Growing up on the Northwest side of Chicago, Eleanor and her husband Gene were always there to offer their support and help to the kids in the

neighborhood (including myself). I am sure she will be deeply missed, not only by her son Ken but by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. My prayers go out to Ken and his family.

Donald Miller (January 1962)
HvacdrDon@aol.com

Dear Newsletter Staff,

Maybe I'm getting older or is that wiser! But it is a pleasure reading about the shared past - places & events. Thank you for keeping it going and growing.

After nearly 20 years of traveling (and I know I'm not alone on that), I am now in the 6th house in 10 years. I have resolved myself to the fact that we may never live back in the continental U.S. while my kids are still in school. Their H.S. experiences and mine are vastly different but equally interesting.

While sitting with my Scottish neighbor having tea a few years back in Aberdeen, my ear tuned to a radio news story on the BBC - Taft H.S. was featured. (I think it was a PBS story.) I listened with eager anticipation of something wonderful; it turned sour as the reporter went on about the decline & fall and slow recovery of what I have bragged to my kids as one of the best schools in Chicago.

What is happening at Taft these days? The snippet in the Spring issues, from the Principal talks of IB [international baccalaureate] programs, along with the AP F/8 Classical school. (What is that?) I would think an article, factual & non-biased following the changes at Taft from the 50's to the end of the 20th C would be of interest to many of us who are no longer in the area. Is Taft truly a neighborhood school or are students bussed in and out? How have the demographics changed over the years? Curriculum? College/University placements? These are some of the possible points to include.

I think the inclusion of articles as you have done lately, is so important to the quality of the newsletter. You all are to be commended for a job well done.

By the way, if anyone is in the London area, please look me up. England is a fascinating place and I am always up for a cuppa and a show!

Cheers, **Marilynn (Nicholson) Schwanitz** (1973)

[Editors note: Thanks for the encouragement. We always look for help with "news" of interest to alumni. As the staff is spread around the country, we don't always have first-hand knowledge of day-to-day happenings at Taft. Sometimes we must rely on Local School Council meeting news, or other items that may be included in local newspapers about Taft. We will attempt to expand on some of your ideas for future articles.]

The PBS news story you mentioned was a disappointment to us, too. The reporter spent several days at Taft but took only info supporting his personal agenda about deteriorating urban schools. His 'thing' was focusing on guns in schools. We have a copy of his broadcast for our archives, but haven't seen the need to support his biased viewpoint any further. J. Bloom]

Date: 8/29/00 9:56:00 PM Central Daylight Time
To: Jbbloom@AOL.com

Jerry,

You are right...there are many who have good high

school memories and I do not begrudge them that. In fact, 4 years in Mixed Chorus still stands as one of the most positive experiences of my teenage years. Having a leader like **J.J. Stamm**, who believed in our ability to be great and made us prove it, was both challenging and rewarding. But I believe the other reason I enjoyed Mixed Chorus was because it defied all of the unspoken rules of social life at Taft: it didn't matter who you were, what clothes you wore, or who your friends were -- if you could sing and were willing to work hard, you were allowed to be a part of it.

But, my letter was written in the context of peer abuse, which I still contend was more prevalent at Taft than many of us would care to acknowledge and came in many forms. I know this distinction did not belong to Taft alone. I cannot tell you the number of people I meet in my business who will bring up -- out of the blue -- their high school memories and how they signify the unhappiest years of their lives because of the both subtle and blatant forms of peer abuse they endured. You were fortunate, indeed, if you did not endure it or even witness it.

The point I was trying to make, however, is that peer abuse was a serious problem in the 60's and evidently still is. The eradication of peer abuse in our schools is everyone's responsibility, but it must begin with parents and administrators. Behaving with integrity and decency toward fellow students should be a value that is championed, not just hoped for.

In any event, I appreciate the dialogue and commend you for keeping the Alumni Newsletter going.

Alexis Bernard (June 1968)
alexisbernard@earthlink.net

Dear Kay and Tom,

I enjoyed the last newsletter. It was interesting to see **Judy (Foss) Lillebo** (June 1956) in one of the photos. I was wondering what happened to her. I took Judy out a few times, but for some reason, probably a member of the football team, we stopped dating.

I also was impressed by the quality of the newsletter. For about a dozen years before I retired, I printed the Lane HS newsletter. Lane had their own print shop, but they could not handle the newsletter. The print shop teachers farmed the thing out to me, and we did a great job. Your new printing and style match Lane's.

George Johnson (January 1954)

[Editor Note: thanks George, that is a terrific compliment, comparing us to Lane, Tom, Jerry and Kay really appreciate it.]

Subj: Newsletter questions, etc.
Date: 9/6/00 1:58:11 AM Central Daylight Time
To: Jbbloom@AOL.com

My parents remember **Cliff Miller** (June 1951) because they were good friends with his mother, Hazel Miller who probably still lives on Raven Street across from Onahan School. His brother was also a dentist.

Is the **Tom Frantz** (January 1956) who wrote to the newsletter the same Tom Frantz who once did cartoons for the Taft Tribune? If so, we worked on the newspaper

together and took journalism classes from **Mr. Scoff**.

Penny Neeb Hoffman (June 1958)
PHoff76957@aol.com

[Editor's note: Tom - If you read this - can you be so kind as to respond?. J. Bloom]

Subj: Taft Alumni Newsletter
Date: 9/8/00 8:41:07 AM Central Daylight Time
To: jbbloom@aol.com

Dear Jerry,

I read with great delight your front page story about the 1976 Time Capsule. I was the Editor of the Taft Tribune from 1975 - 1976. I was wondering if the Taft Tribune's Bicentennial issue (printed in red, and blue ink!) survived the test of time in the cooler? The author mentioned finding a Chicago Tribune but not the Taft Tribune!

I did not graduate from Taft. I left in my senior year for New York City where I took the GED. I worked full time and went to Hunter College at night graduating Suma Cum Laude in 1985.

I put the recent newsletter [TAA issue Summer, 2000] in my high school portfolio and looked over the Bicentennial issue of the Taft Tribune. We really researched Taft's history and had stories highlighting events from of all of its eras. It was really a privilege to work on it. It cemented my love of journalism.

Debra (Ryba) Wagner,

Editor of the Episcopal New Yorker (NYC)
us029145@mindspring.com (Debra Wagner)

[Editor's note: Who was at the ceremony or saw the Taft Tribune that was recovered from the 1976 time capsule and was put on display in the school library? I was there, but don't specifically remember that item. J. Bloom, Editor]

[President's note: There were 3 Taft Tribes and 3 Taft Eagles. All were a little wet but did survive]

[Editor's note: The following is e-mail correspondence relating to an inquiry about Maria Pappas - Cook County Treasurer. The original messages from Phyllis asked if she was the same one who graduated in June 1962 and was I the one who worn the red swimsuit in gym. J. Bloom, Editor]

Subj: Re: maria pappas
Date: 9/11/00
To: Phyllismiller@aol.com

Yes, Phyllis - I was "lucky" enough to wear the red swimming tank suits. They were the only ones that weren't so stretched out and wouldn't fall off when diving into the pool. I still like swimming, though don't do it so often. I learned SCUBA diving when I married my husband 19 years ago but stopped that a couple years ago. It seems my suit mysteriously shrank...

I looked up your photo in the "Aerie" as I remembered your name but not your face. I think I had you confused in my mind with **Phyllis Sheldon**. (June 1962) Nice to reacquaint with you again.

In case Kay Kuciak didn't get back to you personally, we did verify that the **Maria Pappas** (June 1962) we graduated with is not the same as the Maria Pappas who is Cook County Treasurer.

Jerry (Beesley) Bloom (June 1962)
jbbloom@aol.com - TAA Editor

Subj: Maria Pappas/Cook County Treasurer?
Date: 9/11/00 2:37:57 PM Central Daylight Time
To: JBBloom

I, too, am a scuba diver and have been certified for almost 20 years. I just returned from a 6 month sailing adventure to the Virgin Islands, where we did quite a bit of diving and lots of snorkeling. it was a fantastic trip. I was able to swim daily and I think the snorkel started growing to my face!

I guess I was somewhat invisible in high school, tho I am 6' tall. Invisibility is quite difficult in that aspect. I do remember Phyllis Sheldon, tho. As I remember, **Carol Lohr** and I kind of hung around with **Maria Pappas, Vi Georgopolis, Toula Demas**...was everyone in our high school Greek? If you hear of anyone having a Hitch grammar school reunion (June 1958), I'd like to know. Thanks for all your trouble.

Phyllis Miller (June 1962)
phyllismiller@aol.com

Taft Alumni Association,

Thank you for all your information in the newsletter. To bring you up to date on my new address and at the same time to request if possible. Are there any "Taft Graduates" class of June 1941 living here in Sun City Huntley, IL. In Fact are there any Taft Graduates from any subsequent years living here? Would appreciate your assistance. Any news on a 60th reunion for my class?

Jack Loeschen (June 1941)
12048 Spring Creek Dr
Huntley, IL 60142

Remembering Our Teachers...

Dear Alumni Association Officers,

Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription for two more years. I really enjoy reading your newsletter. Its nice to hear about former classmates, faculty members, and changes that have taken place at Taft.

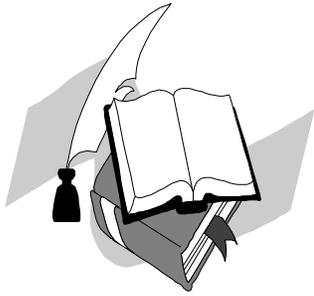
Its interesting to see that Taft now has a Navy R.O.T.C. unit. I was active in the Army R.O.T.C. unit from 1948 through 1952. At that time I believe **Sgts. Reimer, Moody, and Link** were the Military instructors, and many of the classes were held in the south wing basement of the school otherwise referred to then as the "rifle range" or the "drill hall". At that time many of the high school R.O.T.C. graduates continued with R.O.T.C. in college, receiving their commission as a second lieutenant in the Army when they graduated (in my case, the Army Quartermaster Corps).

Keep of the excellent work with the Alumni Association!

Ron Aron (June, 1952)
RARON1945@aol.com

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CLASS NOTES



1940s

ROBERT PASSOW (JUNE 1941) graduated from William & Mary BS Physics 1948, Penn State MA Elect Engr 1952, lives in State College, PA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

CHARLES TRICK (JUNE 1941) graduated from Knox College BA 1946, U of MO MA 1948, lives in Cape Coral, FL, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

DOROTHY LA GORIO (JANUARY 1943) graduated from Northwestern PhB 1965, lives in Schaumburg, IL and is retired.

GLORIA (KLISCH) REUTELL (JANUARY 1943) lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 6 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a market research interviewer.

JOHN GRANATH (JUNE 1943) graduated from IIT BSEE 1951, MSEE 1956, U of Chicago MBA 1975, has 3 children, lives in Winnetka, IL and is retired.

MARION (GERCKEN) RETTKE (JUNE 1943) graduated from Wright AA 1945, is retired, summers in Wonder Lake, IL, winters in Vero Beach, FL

ROBERT WINGFIELD (JUNE 1943) graduated from North Park 1947, Vanderbilt BSEE 1950, lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

CAROLE (HAWLEY) CHAPIN (JANUARY 1944) graduated from Lawrence BA 1948, lives in /Geneva, IL, has 5 children, 15 grandchildren and is retired from public relations.

GENEVIEVE (JEWELL) HANNEMAN (JANUARY 1944) lives in Redding, CA, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild and is retired.

CAL KASCH (JANUARY 1944) MARRIED MARILYN (KNIGHT)

(JUNE 1944), they live in Morton Grove, IL and are retired.

AVALON (STIEPIEN) BOONE (JUNE 1944) lives in South Lake Tahoe, CA, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, retired secretary now volunteers Civil Air Patrol Search & Rescue an auxiliary of the Air Force.

CORRINE (CLEBAN) DONKERS (JUNE 1944) graduated from U of I BS Bus Admin 1965, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

VIRGINIA (CATO) PRESTON (JUNE 1944) graduated from U of New Mexico BBA 1950, Northern MeD 1967, lives in Itasca, IL, has 3 children and is a retired teacher.

VINCENT POWERS (JUNE 1944) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERTA (KIRKPATRICK) PUTMAN (JUNE 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1948, North Park AA 1946, lives in New Smyrna Beach, FL and has 3 children, 4 grandchildren.

PAUL ANDA (JANUARY 1945) lives in Inverness, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

NORMA (BRAWNER) COOKSEY (JANUARY 1945) lives in Meridian, MS, has 3 children and is retired.

DEAN BURTON (JUNE 1945) graduated U of I BS 1950, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

ROBERT DE ROSIER (JUNE 1945) MARRIED RITA (PRZYBYLSKI) (JUNE 1944) they have 6 children, live in Skokie, IL and are retired.

HARRY HERBERT (JUNE 1945) graduated from Northwestern BS 1951, lives in Morton Grove, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired industrial engineer.

DOROTHY (SCHNUR) SCHMIDT (JUNE 1945) lives in Houston, TX, has 3 children and is a housewife.

RICHARD WILLIAMS (JUNE 1945) graduated from Northwestern BS 1950, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT BIEDERMANN (JANUARY 1946) lives in Huntley,

IL, is a land surveyor and just married this year.

JOHN KOLENBURG (JANUARY 1946) graduated Fuller Theological Seminary ThD, Southern Baptist Seminary MRE, Zion Theological Seminary BRE, Northwestern BS, U of I MSN, lives in Plymouth, IN, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN MODERI (JUNE 1946) graduated from Northwestern 1950, Harvard Business MBA 1956, Stanford Law JD 1959, lives in Dallas, TX, has 6 children (1 is a 2 year old son), 13 grandchildren and is a retired philanthropist.

DON MURPHY (JUNE 1946) graduated Loyola BS 1951, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired from medical equipment sales.

DOROTHY (MALOTT) HUDSON (JANUARY 1947) lives in Rochester, MN, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

SIRI (CARLSON) MC DORMAN (JANUARY 1947) lives in North Ft Myers, FL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

BETTY (GREULICH) RUBOYIANES (JANUARY 1947) lives in San Jose, CA, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

ED STANELL (JANUARY 1947) graduated from St Olaf College 1951, lives in Whispering Pines, NC, has 3 children and is retired

DORIS (BOCKHAUS) BERNS (JUNE 1947) MARRIED ROBERT (JUNE 1946), they live in Morton Grove, IL, have 2 children and Robert owns an advertising agency.

RICHARD KOLDER (JANUARY 1947) MARRIED CHARLENE (FULLER) (JANUARY 1951), the live in Lady Lake, FL, have 3 children and are retired.

BURTON CALKINS (JUNE 1947) graduated from Northwestern Mech Engr 1956, lives in Bloomfield, IN, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a semi retired mechanical engineer who has a cattle and Christmas tree farm.

BARBARA (ANGUS) ROTO (JUNE 1947) lives in Kildeer, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a housewife.

HOWARD SAIGER (JUNE 1947) graduated Purdue BSCE 1951, MSCE 1953, lives in Topeka, KS, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired environmental engineer.

SHIRLEY (KLAIBER) ZAK (JUNE 1947) graduated Wright AAS Data Processing 1980, lives in Elgin, IL, has 7 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

PATRICIA DOYLE (JANUARY 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1951, MA 1958, lives in Huntley, IL and is retired.

RAY IHRCKE (JUNE 1948) graduated from IL State BS Ed 1957, lives in Kalamazoo, MI, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a business owner.

JAMES JOHNSTON (JUNE 1948) lives in Sun City West, AS and is retired.

MYRLE (TRIEGER) SUMMERFORD (JUNE 1948) graduated from Know College BA 1952, Central Washington Med 1979, lives in Bellevue, WA, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren, is a retired teacher who volunteers at former school.

BARBARA (HECKEL) WHITING (JUNE 1948) graduated from Purdue BS 1952, lives in Prescott, AZ and is a homemaker.

PRISCILLA (STIEBER) GLOMSKI (JUNE 1949) has 10 children, 19 grandchildren and splits her time between Ft Myers, FL and Lake Geneva, WI.

1950s

JOHN PITT (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Loyola BS Economics 1961, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren, is a consultant and banjo player with Chicagoland Banjo Band.

WALT WOLF (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Northwestern BS 1954, U of Santa Clara MBA 1970, lives in Montgomery Village, MD, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a consultant, nuclear fuel trader, broker.

PATRICIA (RYAN) MICHALSKI (JUNE 1950) lives in Chicago, has 6 children and is a special assistant to the Governor for Ethnic Affairs and Media.

ARNOLD PEDERSEN (JUNE 1950) MARRIED DONNA (HOLLANDER) (JUNE 1952) they

live in Columbia, SC, have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are retired.

DONNA (LUNDSTROM)

PETERSEN (JUNE 1950) lives in Naples, FL, has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

RAY BLACK (JANUARY 1951) lives in Wheaton, IL, has 9 children, 22 grandchildren and is a plumbing contractor.

MARGOT (MUHT)

HILGENBERG (JANUARY 1951) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

ELIZABETH (ELLIS) BARBEY (JUNE 1951) lives in Houston, TX, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

CHARLES FITZ-HUGH (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of I BSEE 1956, Lake Forest MSM 1973, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 3 children and is a retired electrical engineer.

AUDREY (THIRSK) SCHULIAN (JUNE 1951) MARRIED CARL (JUNE 1953) she graduated from Ravenswood Hospital RN, College of St Francis BS 1979, Roosevelt MA 1983, they live in Buffalo Grove, IL, have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and she is retired.

THEODORE VOSS (JUNE 1951) lives in Union, IL, has 6 children, 4 grandchildren, is retired owns a 10 acre farm with a giant model railroad in hayloft along with a gift shop.

JOYCE (CHRISTENSEN) JOHNSON (JUNE 1952) lives in Niles, IL, has 2 children (also graduated from Taft), 5 grandchildren and is a receptionist.

SUE (PLEIN) CARROLL (JANUARY 1953) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandsons and is retired.

ALAN LAWSON (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Northern BS, Indiana U MS, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

JAMES LYNN (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chicago and works for Brinks, Inc.

BARBARA (EDWARDS) FREITAG (JUNE 1953) lives in Poplar Grove, IL, has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is semi retired.

CAROL (GOETZ) NELSON (JUNE 1953) lives in Coo, CA, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

PAUL GERHARDT (JANUARY 1954) MARRIED BARBARA

(PETERSON) (JUNE 1956), he graduated from U of CO BA 1958, they have 2 children, live in Osprey, FL and are retired.

BARBARA (MARSHALL) CAMPEOL (JUNE 1954) LIVES IN Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

NOVELLE (CUNNINGHAM) DUNATHAN (JUNE 1954) graduated from Northwestern BS 1957, U of Utah MS 1967, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Columbia, MO and is a consultant/professor.

GARY MACHON (JUNE 1954) MARRIED DONNA (Matheson) (January 1957), They live in Medford, WI on a beef cattle farm, have 4 boys, 2 grandchildren and Gary is a retired pilot for American Airlines

DOROTHY (TEUFEL) WENZEL (JUNE 1954) MARRIED RALPH (JUNE 1954), they live in Cary, IL, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren and are retired.

ROLAND BRENDEL (JUNE 1955) lives in Ft Royal, VA, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and is retired from RJR Nabisco.

KEN GRAMZA (JUNE 1955) graduated from Southern IL BA 1961, MS 1963, lives in Potomac, MD, has 3 children and is a CPA.

JUDITH (KRATZENBERG) TONA (JUNE 1955) lives in Tucson, AZ, has 3 children, 12 grandchildren and is a housewife.

RON MOERS (JANUARY 1956) lives in Chicago and is an accountant.

KUDY (SHERMAN) ANDERSON (JUNE 1956) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a "leisure specialist";

ANDY BARRICK (JUNE 1956) graduated from Western MI BS 1961, lives in Rancho Mirage, CA and is semi retired.

DOROTHY (ALMQUIST) ENGQUIST (JUNE 1956) graduated from Wesley Memorial Hospital RN, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is an RN.

GERALD GOLOJUCH (JUNE 1956) lives in Tampa, FL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

GLADYS MAZUR (JUNE 1956) lives in Flower Mound, TX, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

BARBARA (WALKER) LEWIS (JUNE 1957) graduated from Chicago Teachers Bed 1961, Northeastern Med 1969, lives in Mt Home, AR, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

FRAN (DAKE) STONEBRAKER (JUNE 1957) lives in Gahanna, OH, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a housewife.

JUDY (MORRISON) BATESON (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BA 1962, lives in Myrtle Beach, SC, has 4 children and is a realtor.

CAMILLE (NIGRO) CACCAVARI (JANUARY 1959) lives in Franklin Park, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

MARCIA (MAC LEISH) HIGGINS (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Ripon College BA 1963, lives in Roswell, GA, and has two children.

MARTIN PETERSEN (JANUARY 1959) lives in Thiensville, WI, has 2 children and is a senior sales engineer.

WAYNE SCHIMPF (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of WI BS 1963, Northern MS 1971, lives in Chicago, has been a Boy Scout since 1949, is a Horticulture and Biology Teacher at Von Steuben HS and member of Caretakers of the Environment, International.

JOE BARTEL, SR (JUNE 1959) lives in Chicago and is President of Print Sales, Inc and a DJ.

1960s

LYNDA (BILLHARDT) HARTWIG (JANUARY 1960) graduated from U of WI BS 1964, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a preschool director and teacher.

SUSAN (STOLTMAN) KING (JANUARY 1960) lives in Danville, CA and has 1 child.

TERRY DREISEWERD (JANUARY 1961) graduated from Oregon State BS 1965, lives in Costa Mesa, CA, has 3 children, 2 great grandchildren and owns an equipment distribution company.

AL MAC FARLANE (JANUARY 1961) graduated from U of Louisville BS 1966, lives in North Barrington, IL and owns Splinter Sports Club in Palatine.

CAROLYN (LARSEN) SPERL (JUNE 1961) MARRIED ROBERT (JUNE 1960) she graduated from Roosevelt BSBA 1983, Loyola MSIR 1989, Kent Law School JD

1999, they live in Itasca, IL, have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and Carolyn is a human resource consultant.

SANDRA (SCHMOOK) JONES (JUNE 1962) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 2 grandsons and is a receptionist.

KEN KOFINK (JUNE 1962) lives in Loudon, TN and is retired.

JUDY (LOWING) VAN HORN (JUNE 1962) lives in La Pine, OR, has 1 child and is a bookkeeper.

GORDON GORANSON (JANUARY 1963) graduated from U of I BS 1967, Northwestern MBA 1975, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is President of LMC, Inc.

GLORIA (POPP) MEIER (JANUARY 1963) lives in Covington, LA and is a licensed private investigator.

SANDY (STAPLETON) EILERS (JUNE 1963) lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

BOB LOGAN (JUNE 1963) graduated from Wheaton College BA 1967, Oregon State MS 1973, lives in Missoula, MT, has 2 children and is a Forestry Professor.

KENNETH WYSE (JUNE 1963) graduated from Nat'l Fire Academy, TX A & M University, lives in Baytown, TX and is a Battalion Chief. Training and safety officer.

TERRY (VANA) COOK MARRIED GUY (1964) she graduated from Northern BS 1969, they live in Golden, CO, has 4 children and Terry is a teacher.

PATRICIA HOPKINS (JUNE 1964) lives in Palatine, IL and is a commodity broker.

WARREN LUCKNER (JUNE 1964) graduated from Luther College BA 1968, U of MD MA Math 1970, U of KY MA Ed 1972, lives in Wheaton, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

SUSAN (FOSS) WULFF (JUNE 1964) MARRIED JOHN (JANUARY 1964) she graduated from MI State BA 1968, they live in Des Plaines, IL and she is a teacher of children with visual impairments.

PATRICIA (FOSTER) HAGLER (JANUARY 1965) lives in Newtown, CT, has 2 children and is an administrative assistant at GE Capitol.

LINDA (BORGARDT) HALL (JANUARY 1965) graduated from U of Denver BA 1968, lives in

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Denver, CO, has 5 children and is a travel writer.

CAROL (BARTOSE) ARNDT (JUNE 1965) graduated from Truman AA Nursing, U of St Francis BS 2000, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children and is an occupational health nurse.

RITA (GOLTERMAN) BARTH (JUNE 1965) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is a rate analyst.

WILLIAM BAUDIN (NAME IN SCHOOL WAS MALECHA) (JUNE 1965) graduated from U of I BS 1969, De Paul MBA 1970, JD 1975, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is an attorney in practice with his son.

CHRISTINE FRANSEN (JUNE 1965) graduated U of I BS Math 1969, Northeastern MS Math 1971, lives in Chicago, Teaches at Sen HS, only female HS wrestling coach in IL, National Board Certified Teacher, HS Math (only 1 in Chicago, 1 of 4 in IL).

BILL MOODY (JUNE 1965) graduated from Iowa State BS 1970, lives in Dallas, TX, has 3 children and is an operations manager.

ROD ROMANO (JUNE 1965) graduated from Northern BS MKTG 1969, lives in Tallahassee, FL and is retired from Sprint.

SANDI (LANE) BRUST (JUNE 1966) graduated Augustana BA 1970, lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is a data analyst.

MELODIE (HENNE) NELSON (JUNE 1966) graduated from Broward Com Col AD Nursing 1980, U of FL BS Nursing 1993, lives in Ocala, FL, has 3 children and is an RN.

SUSAN (OENNING) HALIHAN (JUNE 1967) graduated Harper AA Nursing 1981, lives in West Dundee, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchildren and is an ER Nurse.

KATHY (MACKAY) PRUCHA (JUNE 1967) graduated from Northern IL BS 1971, lives in Estes Park, CO and has 1 child.

KATHLEEN (BACH) MOCZARNY (JUNE 1968) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 1 child and is a homemaker.

KATHLEEN (MARQUARDT) TELLEFSON (1968) graduated from Southern IL BS Ed 1972, lives

in Eden Prairie, MN, has 3 children and is a homemaker.

EDWARD SEMMERLING (1969) lives in Tampa, FL, has 4 children and is a ticket agent for Northwest Airlines.

MARY JANE (WLEKLINSKI) TULLY (1969) graduated from Loyola BS 1973, lives in River Forest, IL, has 1 child and is an RN.

ANITA (PASQUINELLI) WELCH (1969) lives in Phoenix, AZ, has 1 child and is an instructional assistant for HS Special Ed.

1970s

CONSTANCE (SOWA) NEWTON (1970) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child and is an importer for premium needs

JACK SENYSHYN (1970) graduated from U of I BA Criminal Justice, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a police officer.

NANCY (DOBBERTIN) BLANCO (1971) lives in Winnetka, CA and is a computer programmer for Disney Co.

DOUGLAS JACOBSON (JUNE 1971) graduated from John Brown U BS 1976, U of AR MS 1977, lives in Edmond, OK, has 4 children and is a senior vice president.

BARBARA (PRACHT) QUEALY (1971) lives in Carol Stream, IL, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

PAT (HIGGINS) WEATHERS (1971) lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandson and is a restaurant assistant manager attending College of Lake County.

SUSAN WEINSTEIN (1971) graduated from U of I Occupational Therapy BS 1976, Nat'l Lewis U MS 1989, lives in Evanston, IL, has 1 child and is a school based occupational therapist.

LINDA (VAN ORNUM) ANDREWS (1973) graduated from Mundelein College BA 1979, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a secretary at Resurrection Medical Center.

MARYLINN (NICHOLSON) SCHWANITZ (1973) graduated from U of I BS Botany 1978, U of TX MS Geology 1983, lives in Woking, Surrey, England, has 2 children and is a Geologist/Teacher.

RITA (PORUKS) WEBBER (1974) graduated from Natl U of San Diego BS 1986, LA Mission College 1998, certificate, lives in Canyon Country, CA, has 1 child and is a radiology transcriber.

JEFF BASKO (1975) lives in Prospect Hts, IL and is a graphic artist.

SHERYL (STOTZ) HABEL (1975) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child and is a food service and catering manager.

GUY HOFF (1975) lives in Chicago and is an auto mechanic.

DAVID OZAG (1975) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL and is a US Post Office letter carrier.

SANDRA (SANDERSON) DARNELL (1976) lives in Lake Zurich, IL has 2 children and is a housewife.

KAREN (BOMBA) HALFEN (1976) lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children, is an RN who donated one of her kidneys to her 10 year old daughter.

ALBERT MARLE (1976) lives in Salida, CO, has 4 children, 4 foster children and is a building contractor.

NANCY PIRWITZ (1976) graduated from Columbia BA 1984, Natl Lewis MAT, lives in Lindenhurst, IL, is a computer graphic designer and ice skating instructor. Was in the Ice Capades in 1976, Holiday on Ice Natl 1977, International ice shows 1983.

ROBERT BRASHER (1977) lives in Chicago and is a bindery operator.

MARTHA (DREUTH) FEWELL (1977) graduated PhD Education 2000, now Professor of Education at St Norbert's College, DuPere, WI.

SUE (WIEMEYER) KNUTSON (1977) graduated from Northern BA Journalism/Advertising, 1980, lives in Roselle, IL, has 1 children and is a writer.

DARLENE (KLEBBA) KODIS (1977) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a bartender/assistant manager.

LAURIE (WATKINS) OBERMEIER (1977) MARRIED STEVE (1977) she graduated from Northern BA 1981, they live in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

KAREN (TALABER) CLEMENT (1978) lives in Lindenhurst, IL, has 1 child and is a retired ocean export manager now a stay at home Mom.

GERALYN (CONWAY) DONOVAN (1978) graduated from U of I 1982, IL Benedictine MBA 1990, lives in Darien, IL, has 2 children and is a marketing consulting firm owner.

BETTY GYARMATI (1978) graduated from Northern BS 1982, lives in Lake Zurich, IL, has 1 child and is a manager reservations call center for United.

CAROL (PAPADENIS) HOSTETTLER (1978) lives in Morris, IL and has 2 children,

LAURA (SMALLEY) SAFLARSKI (1978) lives in Polo, IL and has 3 children.

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BRIAN EGGERS (1980) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is an auto mechanic.

RALPH WALTON (1982) graduated from Loyola BBA 1986, lives in Evanston, IL and is a consultant.

CHRISTINE BUSH (1984) lives in Chicago and is a senior executive assistant.

CAROLYN (WALKER) JUSZCZYK (1984) lives in Leyden Twp, IL, has 3 children and is an office manager.

JOE BARTEL, JR. (1987) graduated from Columbia College BA Film Video 1993, lives in Mt Prospect, IL and is a consultant for Home Properties of NY and a DJ.

1990s

LAURA (GRUNDY) KEELING (1991) graduated from Columbia Theatre 1996, lives in Chicago and is a personal assistant/actor with Greater Chicago Group.

BRANDEE (ABBOTT) TABER (1993) graduated from College of Lake County AA 1996, lives in Lindenhurst, IL and is a program development manager and attending Northeastern.

KATHY DYNACK (1995) graduated from U of I BS Elementary Education 2000, lives in Chicago and teaches 3 grade at Shields Elementary School in Bridgport.

In Our Memories

- **JUNE (ELPHINSTONE) WASSON** (class of 1942) died January 14, 2000.
- **GEORGE KNIGHT** (class of June 1943) passed away December, 1999.
- **THEODORE WITTHOEFT** (class of January 1947) passed away November 30, 1999 from lung cancer.
- **PATRICIA (VENEMA) BALL** (class of January 1948) died November, 1999 of cancer.
- **JAMES L. SANDENO** (class of June 1951) died in Corvallis, OR October 24, 1999. He was a Naval communications specialist during the Korean War. Jim worked for 25 years for Pennwalt Chemicals (now Elf Autochem). He worked for the Oregon Ag Dept. for 11 years until his retirement in 1998.
- **DIANE (HUPKE) STOFFELS** (class of January 1951) died February 2000 of cancer.
- **PATRICIA CRUMP** (class of June 1955) died July 29, 2000.
- **MARY (DREW) HAMER** (class of 1956) passed away on February 25, 1997.
- **MICHAEL NIGRO** (class of January 1956) passed away in February, 2000 after a short battle with cancer.
- **NORMA (NIEDERHOFF) PETERSEN** (class of June 1956) passed away on March 6, 2000 from brain cancer. Her husband is **Edward Petersen** from the class of June 1956.
- **JAMES BREDFIELD** (class of 1951) is now deceased. No further information is available.
- **BRUCE CAMERON** (class of January 1960) has passed away April 5, 2000 from a massive heart attack.
- **LOUIS DITTMER** (class of January 1961) passed away on June 13, 2000 from heart failure.
- **THOMAS CARSELLA** (class of June 1963) passed away on June 10, 2000.
- **JOHN SCHMEHL** (class of January 1967) died September 6, 2000.
- **CATHY A. (CARLSON) WENGER** (class of 1969) died in Park Ridge on March 5, 2000. She had been a teacher.
- **LOUIS FALCO** (class of 1971) passed away November 16, 1999. He had fought a short battle with cancer.
- **GARY BRASHER** (class of 1973) passed away on February 27, 1997 of a heart attack.
- **MICHAEL NEWMAN** (class of 1994) passed away in 1996.

Letters To The Editor *(Continued)*

Subj: Memories from Class of 1982 #1
Date: 8/25/00 6:23:56 PM US Mountain Standard
To: Taftalum@aol.com

I cannot believe that almost twenty years ago in **Ms. Clayton's** Date Processing class that computers would come this far! All of us in the class would write [our] programs on IBM punch cards. After that we would run them through the card reader and cross [our] fingers that there would be no computer errors. There always was. Correct the errors and re-run the program again. In want to thank Ms. Clayton for teach[ing] us about computers and how important they are in day to day living. This has helped me many times in my business career when meeting with computer analysts to request program and system enhancement to explain what needs to be done and know when they are trying to

snowball you.

Mario Longo (1982)
mmlongo1@juno.com

Dear Jerry and Kay:

Please find enclosed payment for my TAA dues. Since my E-mail address appeared in the spring issue I have heard from several June 40 classmates and friends. It took a while for me to accept this infernal machine they call a computer, but I applaud its value in communicating with old friends and the TAA. (Now if I can only learn to program my VCR.)

I'm a longtime Taft booster. My wife, **Jane (Jewell)**, our daughter (**Paulette Zemaitis English** - 1967) and our son (**Frank M. Zematis** - 1972) are all Taft Grads and I have a grandson (**Tasos Anastasiou**) that spent two years there before migrating to Mishawaka, Indiana.

Kay, ten years ago I said I'd like to add some comments on those hectic opening days at Taft. I'm finally doing it now while my memory is still functioning.

Actually, my first experience with the school was well before opening day. My paper route led me along Natoma south of Norwood Park. (Remember the Chicago Daily News?) I watched the progress of construction almost daily as the school began to take shape, often pausing at the watchman's shack to listen to sportscaster Pat Flanagan do the Cubs games. Late in 1938 the Cubs were fighting for first place. (Yes, Virginia, once there really were winning teams at Wrigley Field.) That was the year Gabby Hartnett hit his famed, "Homer in the Gloaming" that enabled the Cubs to catch the Pirates and go on to win the Pennant.

For most kids, the Taft Experience began opening day in September of '39. Everywhere there was organized confusion. Most classrooms had only chairs, no desks. People ran up and down the halls clutching schedule papers in sweaty hands, eyes glazed over... and those were the teachers. We seniors, who had escaped from Schurz, Lane and Steinmetz, had seen all this several times before. This time it was different. Everything was *NEW!*

In those first months we selected the school's colors and the Eagle became our "Mascot". I recall that many names were rejected, including the "Usurpers". I'm glad some far-sighted people prevailed. Within that first year **Mr. Rapier** composed the Taft song. I wonder if it is still being sung?

Then there was the graduation. No first there, not with a last name beginning with Z. **Muriel Davies** had that honor. I understand she had donated her diploma to the school, the very first granted at Taft. Another first was being instrumental in organizing the TAA. Many will remember **Mr. Hoefler**, the principal who was very helpful. He had his office prepare all of the graduate's addresses for me. He was a real gentleman of the old school. I recall him agonizing over the point-a-minute football scores the Big 10 teams managed over his Alma Mater, The University of Chicago. I then became the *first* president of the TAA. Little did I realize that it would evolve into this wonderful organization. Wait, there's one more *first*. I married **Jane Jewell** (AKA Daisy Mae) who was in the *first* four-year class at Taft.

Some of the teachers that I remember with varying degrees of fondness and fear were: **Mr. Kolodny** - always good for a laugh. It was from his journalism class that we first launched the Taft Tribune. **Ms.. Buchwalter**, who ruled over her German classes like a Marine D.I. **Mrs. Farrell**, who guided and counseled we seniors through that last year of school. (She also was helpful in getting the TAA off the ground after graduation.) **Joe Kupcinet**, who organized the swim team before turning it over to **Mr. Psik**.

Two more outstanding memories come to mind. One is the dedication of the Joe Kupcinet Gymnasium. I recall the raw emotion in Irv Kupcinet's voice, Joe's brother, as he addressed the assembly. Hard to imagine Irv still

active in TV reporting. The other memory is the 50th anniversary celebration at the school. I'm happy to have been there. As those of my generation would say, it was both keen and swell, a hip time was had by all.

Frank Zemaitis (June 1940)

penstabs@aol.com

Taft Eagle In The Military

Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) **Dan Walsh** (1980) is currently in charge of the U.S. Navy's Survival Training at NAS Brunswick, Maine. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing POW Training to all of the Navy's aviation personnel on the East Coast. Quite an interesting responsibility. His email address is: walsh_daniel@hotmail.com or walsh@gwi.net if you are interested in contacting him.

Lost Classmates

Searching for old classmates for whom you've lost touch? The Taft Alumni Association does not provide names or addresses of alumni from our records other than for legitimate class reunions. However, we will help you in **your** search by publishing the name(s) in this newsletter. **If** that party responds to us, we forward that person's name and address to you.

The suggested donation for this service is \$5.00 per name. Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association, 6545 W. Hurlbut Street, Chicago, IL 60631.

Subj: Taft Alumni Newsletter & Association

Date: 9/3/00 11:19:25 AM Central Daylight Time

To: jbbloom@aol.com

Dear Jerry:

My name is **Carole Asbell (Pingel)**. I attended Taft from 1952-1954, but due to health issues, I had to move to Phoenix, AZ. Although I didn't graduate from Taft, I have always had a special place in my heart for it. A few years ago, I met **Sue Osicek** [1973] who also attended Taft, but at a later date. Since then she has been sharing her Alumni letters with me, and I would now like to get on the mailing list and if possible become a member of the Taft Alumni Association. I am also interested in contacting several of my former classmates. Their names are: **Marjorie Drawheim, Nancy Kalinowski, Debra Padjett, Barb Schultz, Richard Rendtorff, John Logan and Richard Tragott**.

There are some others but I only seem to be able to remember faces. If you can help me in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for whatever you can do.

Carole J. Asbell nee Pingel

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[Editor's Note: Carole: We cannot give out info on classmates except for legitimate reunion planning. However, if someone who reads this wishes to respond to your note, they may do so. Or you can send us \$5 for classmate search - see above - and we can forward your name to those people whom we have on file. From your list, it appears we have knowledge of three classmates. We hope you join us, as then you can read the latest - first hand! After all, it is only \$10 for TWO years of membership. J.Bloom, Editor]

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Downsizing *(continued from page 1)*

If the total graduates from the local schools actually attended Taft rather than going to alternative schools, there would be less space available for outside district students to attend Taft. That is a fact that has never changed. We have a history of being a top-notch school. We can continue that again, but it takes dedication. We believe Taft is going in the right direction to achieve that goal..

Face Lift *(continued from page 1)*

Another major proposal is to close off Hurlbut Avenue in the block between Natoma and Northcott. This would allow the students easier access to the park to the north of the school. The partnership the school and the Chicago Park District has would be enhanced. We have been using the tennis courts and running track for years. Closing off the street would enable students to cross more safely, eliminate "cruising" the school by students not in classes and easing relations with perimeter neighbors. The parking lot outside the auditorium would still be used for teacher parking, with access from the Natoma side.

Note From The President

The official Taft Alumni Association Web Site is up and running at <http://www.taftalumni.org>. Posted on the web site is a directory of Alumni e-mail addresses, which is constantly growing. **Paulette (Zemaitis) English** compiled the list and can be contacted at EagleEmail@aol.com if you would like your e-mail address added to the list. Also posted on the web site are Reunion Information and Memorials. I am working on a short history of Taft High School to post on the web site.

My thanks go to **Paulette English (1967)** and **Kevin Krieger (1973)** for bringing the Alumni Association into cyberspace.

1960 Class Reunion

The class of 1960 held their reunion on October 14th. This was their first reunion since 1970. About one hundred classmates attended a cocktail party on Friday night. The following morning 72 people toured Taft lead by the new principal **Dr. Tarvardian**. (The class of 1950 holds the record for the most people touring Taft with 120 on September 31st). Several grade schools held mini reunions Saturday afternoon. A highlight of the evening was our Treasurer and main reunion committee member **Shirley DeWeese** jitterbugging in poodle skirt. Unfortunately, she sprained her ankle during the first dance of the evening.

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