



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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ROTC Sword Found

Your sword has been found.

My name is Robert E Ashby, M/Sgt, US Army Ret. My wife (Nancy Lee Miller) graduated from Taft HS, class of 1962 . She gets your Newsletter so we know of your search for the ROTC sword.

I also was the senior Military Instructor at Taft for the last two years that Taft had the ROTC program. These years were 1970-1971 & 1971-1972. Commanders for these two years were Allen Schlinker and Thomas Holler. That makes Tom Holler the last of the Corp Commanders.

While I was at Taft we won the city drill championship. Also we posted Colors at different Veterans benefits and Chicago Bull's ball games. So by doing this equipment was hauled from place to place in students'



Robert E Ashby, M/Sgt, US Army Ret.

cars and also in my car. To make a long story short, I have had the sword in my home for 33 years. I don't know what happened to the other ROTC equipment, but at least you have found your sword. To get matters straight, everyone thinks the sword was presented to Taft ROTC by the DAR, actually it was presented by Norwood Park Post 740 American Legion. They were located on Northwest Highway not far from Taft.

The last name engraved on the sword is Emmett K O'Neill 1969-1970.

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Thomas Holler getting last minute instructions before a big inspection. Thomas was the last ROTC Commander at Taft 1972

PS: There was another sword that belong to me and also two chrome plated 1903 rifle's that were mine. In your search maybe you could find these items.

Pres. Notes: When I received the above email I contacted Bob and he agreed to send the sword back to Taft for display. The letter below and the pictures are what he sent to us, both will be displayed in the Hall of Fame Area in Taft, how exciting for all of us to have this piece of Taft history back in place. Thanks again to M/SGT Robert Ashby.

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CLASS REUNIONS

1955 – June

Date: October 1, 2005
Place: Stevens Ballroom-Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont, IL
Contact: Bill and Sue Oberheide
(847) 823-1955 or boberheide@aol.com

1956-January/June

Date: September 8, 2006
Place: The Wellington-Arlington Hts, IL
Contact: Judy (Herud) Nelson (847) 945-5523
heyjudefromil@webtv.net

1960-June

Date: September 24, 2005
Place: Durty Nellie's, Palatine, IL
Contact: Shirley (Kalivoda) De Weese (847)-
885-8655 or JTDSAD@earthlink.net

January 1965

Being planned for Oct/Nov 2005
Contact: Lee Marsh (847) 359-1115 Immmarsh14@yaho.com) or Bob Johnson (847) 870-7047 Rbengrguy@aol.com

All Taft Classes 4th Annual Reunion Picnic

Date: Sunday February 26, 2006
Place Ft De Soto Park, St, St Petersburg, FL, Shelter number 14 11AM to 5PM (park phone number 727-582-2267)
Contact: Leon Kathan
117 Monte Real Blvd
Sebring, FL 33876-8056
(863) 655-4559 leonkathan@yahoo.com

Letters to the Editor

Greetings from Punta Gorda Florida

On the morning of August 13th, 2004 when the newscaster's advice was to leave "now" if you are evacuating, I decided to go to my daughter's home in Port Charlotte before the winds became a threat while crossing the bridge. I thought about setting the VCR to record the opening ceremony of the Olympics, but changed my mind, expecting to return home that evening. This had been my usual experience when a hurricane was in the Gulf. After all, Charley was headed to Tampa. We'd probably have only a little rain and wind since Charley was a category 2.

We were glued to the TV news when Charley was upgraded to a category 3, and shortly afterwards to a category 4. It was time to go to Bill's house, a short distance away. We continued monitoring Charley's progress - he made a sudden turn to the east and was now headed up Charlotte Harbor toward Punta Gorda. Bill said it was time to go into the "safe"



room, a laundry room protected on all sides except for a small window. There we huddled, the four of us, Bill, Laura, Matt (my grandson) myself and Kota, the yellow lab. Bill braced himself against the door and later told us it took all his strength to keep it closed ! (And, he's a big guy) We could hear windows breaking as the winds battered us for over an

hour. When the wind quieted an eerie green light came through the window. We knew the "eye" was passing over and we had a few minutes to survey the damage before we would have to return to our refuge. The other side of the hurricane was not as strong, nor did it last as long. Finally, it was over! We were alive.

Only, it's not over. This was just the beginning. Now we had no water, no electricity, no telephones, not even cell 'phones because the tower's were down. Water was coming in from the damaged roof and then the ceilings began to fall in Bill's Florida room. Trees were uprooted, and the ones still standing had been stripped of their leaves. We drove back to Laura's house. She lost seven trees, including a large orange tree. The Florida room at the back of the house was gone! Really gone, it wasn't even in her yard. When the roof tore away it took a corner of the main house roof, over Matt's bedroom, and both windows had blown out. His room was drenched by the rain, and later had to be gutted to remove the mold.

I didn't see my condominium until the next day, but many of you did. I've heard that it was on all the national news broadcasts, which we never did see (we only lived it). My unit seemed to have a halo protecting it - I didn't lose any of my personal belongings. I was thankful that family pictures were still intact, also my clothing and furniture. In fact nothing in my condo was even out of place. My windows did not break as most of the other's did. A long metal beam went through the bedroom window next door to me, and if it had been occupied it is likely you wouldn't have survived. About forty people were in their condo's during the storm and all survived. No one was injured, but some of the units were completely destroyed. Believe it or not, the buildings were found to be structurally sound and we are in the process of restoring them..

My daughter, Gail, and her husband, Rod, arrived unexpectedly from Miami, bringing supplies with them - a generator, coleman stove, food and packing supplies. (They couldn't call us to let us know they were on their

way, but knew we needed help) I had a week to vacate my condo and finding a mover, one with storage space available, was difficult. Gail and Rod came three times that week to help us with the task of packing and regaining control of our lives.

We were without electricity for two weeks, and so grateful for all the power companies that sent help, from all over the state and nearby states. We were working in 100A + and high humidity. The cold shower at the end of the day didn't seem so bad. By then we were just happy to have the running water.

The Salvation Army and Red Cross were on the scene immediately. We had all the bottled water and ice that we needed. They served a lot of meals, too, but we didn't have to take advantage of that. Bill made dinner every evening for all of us. He has a grill and cooker and a supply of food from the restaurant that needed to be used. The generator's kept the food, but they would not use it for the business. (The restaurant was closed for six weeks while making repairs)

I moved to my daughter Laura's home even though she had lost half of her house. For the next four months I slept in the living room, and Matt stayed with his father (Bill) since his bedroom was totally destroyed. I anticipate that it will be at least a year before I can move back to my home.

The middle of December we moved to a three bedroom house, a rental, and will stay here while the other house is repaired. It's really nice to have my own room and Matt can be here with us, too.

Punta Gorda and the surrounding areas still bear the scars from Charley. Street signs are missing, dead trees have not been removed, blue tarps still cover many roofs, landmark buildings are destroyed and mobile home parks have been flattened. I do

believe every building in Punta Gorda had some damage.

And then we saw the news of the Tsunami in Asia and realized how fortunate we are. So I look forward to this New Year 2005 with confidence that we will recover and learn from our experience

**Julie (Stamer) Hollander
January 1947**

Dear Editors & Taft Alums,

Greetings from Louise (Soper) McCullough. As a June 1941 graduate, I so appreciate everything you editors have been doing, lo, these many years. A super fine job!

I'm noting the letter from Bud Trick on p. 9 of the Spring 2004 issue (vol. XV11 no. 1 with the photo of the Tophatters Dance Band in which I was pianist for almost two years. These were followed by my playing in the band at Wright Jr. College. One of our finest reed musicians also played at W.J.C. and later, many years with Lawrence Welk. He is Bill Bornhoeft (not Bornhoff), stage name, Bill Page. Isn't this right Bill?

I met Jim McCullough (of Foremen) at Wright in Oct. '42 and we were married in March of '45 following his commission as a 2nd Lt in what is now the U.S.A.F. He had 30 years as a pilot, engineer and logistician, retiring as a Col. In Oct'73 when we were living in Camp Springs, MD. We have three married children, three grandchildren and two step-grandsons, one, a Marine, just home from Iraq.

For 23 years we lived at Lake of the Woods, VA in a waterfront home with boats & kept quite active in our church and community. I continued as a pianist of popular and sacred music, did lots of choral singing and some directing. In Nov 2003 we moved to a patio-duplex home in an excellent continuing care

retirement community call Falcons Landing, in Potomac Falls, VA, about 16 minutes NE of Dulles Airport. This is a very active nine year old campus for retired military officers and/or their spouses. I sing in the chapel choir and a show chorus, play organ for some services, and piano in the dining room of the skilled nursing unit. I think I've covered enough so will close with the best wishes to the Newsletter staff and Alumni of yore.

Thank You,

Louise (Soper) McCullough



Dear Jerry,

I must tell you of our Feb. 27th St. Pete gathering.

Leon Kathan (contact person) was looking forward to meeting you, except be expected a male Jerry. Since I had met you last year at the Hall of Fame programs I knew otherwise. Another gal came to me later and had heard me say I had met you and come over to confirm that you were female. So I'm glad you wrote Jeraldene Bloom as VP. Hope you can use this for the next issue. It is amazing how many Alumni take the time to write in for the lost sword, or memories of Taft days. Wherever we live now, we can always have a Taft reunion when our Taft Alumni Newsletter arrives.

Thanks to all of the staff and officers who keep it alive.

**Mariann (Leversen) Erlenbach,
January, 1946**

On Feb. 27th I attended the 3rd annual Taft reunion in De Sota Park, St Petersburg, FL. Many had traveled from distant cities to be there and most spend their winters nearby. About forty Alumni gathered to swap stories of school days and renew friendships. One class mate of 1942 claimed to have scored the first touchdown for Taft. Some compared grade school stories and neighborhoods. One gentleman resided in San Francisco and another couple came from Maryland. Because of the wet weather some left early and so no big group picture was taken. Members of the January 1946 class had been together for the weekend and plans were started for their 60th anniversary next year in Chicago. An early Alumnus from 1942 class was Warren Dritelein and his wife Marge from 1943. Also our youngest was Nancy Stevens from 1972 class.

I do have a list of those who attended if anyone is interested they can contact me at MEE2804@juno.com.

Looking forward to the 4th Florida reunion in 2006. Thanks to Leon Kathan for reserving the DeSota Park.

**Mariann (Leversen) Erlenbach,
January 1946**

Jerry,

I very much enjoyed the story about Edison Elementary School by Robert Johnson. You might solicit articles regarding each of the schools in the Taft district. I'm sure there are plenty of interest stories. Our neighborhood school was Hitch located at 5625 N Mc Vickers. The graduating class of June 1947 (Hitch) has been communicating via the internet for sometime now. Maybe we can come up with enough material for a story. I'll keep you informed of our progress.

Ed Archambault (June 1951)

Just got through reading Robert Johnson letter regarding Edison Park and Edison Elementary school. Mr. Johnson really did some research on the subject.

He mentioned that Edison Park got the first electric street lamps in 1890. It sure took a long time for them to get to my neighborhood! I lived at the corner of Osceola and Lunt starting in 1935. I remember seeing the lamplighter lighting the gas lamps every evening. If you weren't home by then you were in trouble! I know I was going to Ebinger when this was happening (1936-1944). We may have had the street lights changed to electric just before the War. I know we had a coal furnace until 1945.

Keep up the good work,

Bill Fassnacht, (January 1948)

Carol Doyle's Answer to Bryn Mawr

We received much information concerning the naming of Bryn Mawr, I've tried to put all the information into one short answer.

Bryn mawr is a small community in Wales. There is also a street named Bryn Mawr located in Hyde Park, Scranton, Pa. Now the Chicago connection, Bryn Mawr Av runs all the way to Lake Michigan. The man who developed the Edgewater community was from Philadelphia so he named the streets in his sub division after stops along the Main Line, the Philadelphia commuter rail line. Some of the other streets are Ardmore, Berwyn, Devon and Rosedale.

Hope this answer the question and many thanks to Bob Machon (June 1948), Ken Wyse (June 1963), and Ed Archambault (June 1951) for the information we used.

Kay Kuciak, Pres.

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CLASS NOTES



1940s

DAN NOVAK (JANUARY 1942) graduated from Northwestern BS 1948, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and is retired.

VERA (O BOSLA) FRANKOVACH (JUNE 1942) lives in Menomonie, WI, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild and is retired.

RUTH (SCHUMACHER) FOSTER (JUNE 1942) graduated from Southwest MO BA 1946, lives in Cedar Hill, TX, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and is retired.

MARY (BOARINI) IDSTEIN (JUNE 1942) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD PARIGINI (JUNE 1942) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1949, lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

CORINNE (CLEBAN) DONKERS (JUNE 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1965, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

HENRY NERWIN (JANUARY 1951) graduated from IIT BSEE 1951, U of Chicago 1967, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

WILLIAM WALDBUESSER (JANUARY 1944) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

PHYLLIS (DRISCH) JUIRIS (JUNE 1944) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired.

DELORES (KANE) NC PHEETERS (JUNE 1944) lives in Birmingham, MI, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

RUDOLPH KUPER (JANUARY 1945) graduated

from Northwestern BS 1951, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

JUNE (TIDROW) BARDEN (JUNE 1945) graduated from American River College AA 1970, lives in Gold River, CA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

VALENTINA (MORALES) LOURCEY (JUNE 1945) graduated from Cosmopolitan School of Music BM 1949, lives in Libertyville, IL, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a retired musician.

LOWELL SONDERMAN (JUNE 1946) graduated from U of WI BS 1951, lives in Brookfield, WI, has 4 children, 13 grandchildren and is retired.

ROY EVENSEN (JANUARY 1947) lives in Menomonee Falls, WI, has 5 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

LOIS (KUPER) EBERT (JUNE 1947) lives in Walnut Creek, CA, has 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

DAVID PERSCHKE (JANUARY 1948) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is in sales.

RAY IHRCKE (JUNE 1948) graduated from IL State BS 1957, lives in Kalamazoo, MI, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is semi-retired.

MIKE SGOBBA (JUNE 1948) graduated from IL State BS 1952, Chapman College MA 1966, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 6 children, 13 grandchildren and is an Arizona Diamondbacks Scout.

SHIRLEY (GUNDERSON) DAVIS (JANUARY 1948) lives in St Charles, IL, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT MACHON (JUNE 1948) MARRIED MARILYN (KANE) (JUNE 1948, they live in Park Ridge, IL, have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are retired.

BEATRICE (HANSON) JAKUBOWSKI (JANUARY 1949) graduated from Northwestern BS 1953, lives in Berkeley Springs, WV, has 4

children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

ARVID ALVIN (JUNE 1949) lives in Sturgeon Bay, WI, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

DONALD BLACK (JUNE 1949) MARRIED JOANNE (DASS) (JUNE 1951) they live in Macomb, IL, have 5 children, 6 grandchildren and are retired.

PRISCILLA (STEIBER) GLOMSKI (JUNE 1949) lives in Huntley, IL, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

JOY (GRAHN) WOBECK (JUNE 1949) graduated Northwestern Dental, 1954, Georgia State Journalism 1983, lives in Roswell, GA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a housewife.

1950s

NANCY (BOULTING) STONEBURNER (JUNE 1950) graduated from IL State BS 1954, lives in Galena, IL, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren and is the owner of a Bed & Breakfast.

GORDON SCHIEFELBEIN (JANUARY 1952) MARRIED BARBARA (GLIOT) (JANUARY 1954), they live in Lake St Louis, MO, have 5 children and are retired.

DORIS (MEYERS) WITTE (JUNE 1952) lives in Venice, FL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired.

TIM BARCANIC (JUNE 1953) graduated from Roosevelt BS BA 1965, lives in Fairfax, VA, has 5 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

PHYLLIS (RUTKAY) VERBRUGGHE (JANUARY 1954) graduated from Wright AA 1956, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

GARY MACHON (JUNE 1954) MARRIED DONNA (MATHESON) (JANUARY 1957), they live in Medford, WI, have 4 boys, 5 grandchildren and are retired.

SHELDON SCHULTZ (JUNE 1954) graduated from Purdue BSEE 1958, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 2

grandchildren and is President of Gillette Publishing.

DILLIS ALLEN (JANUARY 1955) graduated from U of WI BSME 1960, Geo Wash. LLM 1963, lives in Elgin, IL, has 4 children, 12 grandchildren and is a patent attorney and inventor.

BARBARA (MILES) BECCHETTI (JUNE 1955) lives in Henderson, NV, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

NANCY (HOFFMAN) CORNWELL (JANUARY 1956) lives in Manlius, NY, has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

RICHARD MILLER (JUNE 1956) graduated from U of SO. FL. BA 1968, lives in Oxford, NC, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

TOM TUBBS (JUNE 1956) lives in Albert Lea, MN, has 6 children, 11 grandchildren and is a variety store owner.

SUSAN (MOSHIER) MATHEWS (JANUARY 1957) graduated from U of I BA-MA English 1961, lives in Lindale, TX, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is an English Teacher.

ROBERT STEIGERWALDT (JANUARY 1957) graduated from Wartburg College BS 1961, lives in Delmar, IA, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

MARY LOU (HACHMEISTER) KRISTOVICH (JUNE 1957) lives in Chicago, has 6 children, 3 grandchildren and is a home fashion consultant.

DIANE (KATH) ROGINSKI (JUNE 1957) graduated from Oakton CDA Early Childhood, has 5 children (4 graduated from Taft), 12 grandchildren and is an infant caregiver/teacher.

JUDY (MORRISON) BATESON (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BA 1962, lives in Myrtle Beach, SC, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is a realtor.

SCOTT HIGGINS (JANUARY 1958) graduated from Wright AA 1962, lives in St Charles, IL, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is a project manager.

GERALDINE (ZOLTEK) SANDY (JANUARY 1958)

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lives in Sycamore, IL, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and is a trust assistant.

KAREN (PLATH) ZAVELL (JANUARY 1958) lives in Georgetown, SC, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

EDWARD FREISINGER (JUNE 1958) lives in Chicago and is retired.

RON NAPIER (JUNE 1958) graduated from U of I BS 1962, Loyola MS 1976, lives in La Qunita, CA, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

ALLAN BROCKSTEIN (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of I BSEE 1963, MSEE 1964, PhD 1967, lives in Henderson, NV, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

PATRICIA (SANTELL) LUTZ (JUNE 1959), graduated from IL Wesleyan BS 1964, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a director of public relations at Greater Woodfield Convention Bureau.

PAUL WALKER (JUNE 1959) graduated from Northwestern DDA 1966, IN U MS 1972, lives in Shoreview, MN, has 2 children and is a Pediatric Dentist.

1960s

HOLLY (NIELSEN) ROGERS (JANUARY 1961) graduated from North Park BA 1966, lives in St Helena, CA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a bookkeeper.

WARREN SCHIMPF (JANUARY 1961) MARRIED JILL (WAGNER) (JUNE 1963), they live in Jeffersonville, IN and are owners of Schimpff's Confectionery.

RICHARD WEGNER (JANUARY 1961) graduated from Northwestern BA 1965, lives in Portland, OR, has 3 children and is a sales manager.

CHRISTINE (WOJTOWSKI) BATALDEN (JUNE 1961) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 6 children, 12 grandchildren and is a housewife.

ALLAN STROMSTA (JANUARY 1962) graduated from Northern BS 1967, Chgo State MS 1974, lives in

Shorewood, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

WILLIAM FERMOYLE (JUNE 1962) graduated from De Vry 1977, Joliet AA 2001, lives in Bridgeview, IL and is a bookbinder/paper cutter.

KEN LINDENAU (JUNE 1962) lives in Mechanicsville, VA, has 2 children, 2 granddaughters and is a VP marketing services.

HOWARD WEGNER (JUNE 1962) lives in Lake Zurich, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired, also IHSA registered baseball and football official.

BILL GREEN (JANUARY 1963) lives in Roselle, IL, has 2 children and is an Architect.

RICHARD SLIWINSKI (JANUARY 1963) graduated from Northwestern BS 1967, U of Chicago MBA 1971, lives in Plano, TX, has 5 children and is retired.

JO ELLEN (TREFNY) PACHECO (JUNE 1963) graduated from Northern BS 1967, lives in Lake Havasu City, AZ, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

KENNETH WYSE (JUNE 1963) graduated from Nat'l Fire Academy, lives in Baytown, TX, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

KAREN (HUBER) RUDNIK (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Mayfair JR RN 1976, De Paul BSN 1983, Nat'l College, cert. School nurse 1990, lives in Carol Stream, IL and is a school nurse.

CHARLES GIBBONS (JUNE 1964) graduated from Valparaiso BS 1970, lives in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a consulting engineer.

PATRICIA (FOSTER) HAGLER (JANUARY 1965) lives in Marietta, GA and has 2 children.

DARYL (LARSEN) BROWN (JUNE 1965) lives in Plano, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and owns "Little Rock Jewelers".

ULLA (JENSEN) CLAIR (JUNE 1965) graduated from Ottawa U BA 1969, lives in Lake Forest, CA, has 4 children,

7 grandchildren and is a foreclosure technician.

LINDA (BURK) CNOTA (1965) lives in Naperville, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

PAMELA (WALGREEN) CUMMINGS (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of I BSMT 1970, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is an aldermanic office manager.

BONNIE (TONN) OLSEN (JUNE 1966) MARRIED RANDY (JUNE 1965) lives in Goodyear, AZ and has 2 children, 4 grandchildren.

NANCY (MUGNOLO) BILLINGS (JUNE 1967) lives in New Lenox, IL, has 7 children, 14 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

KATHLEEN (HAGEN) HELDT (JUNE 1967) graduated from Northeastern BS 1971, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is an administrative assistant.

ROBERT POTERACKI (JUNE 1967) graduated from Northern BS 1971, MBA 1993, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is in technical sales.

KATHLEEN (SUBA) FIRNSIN (1968) lives in Villa Park, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a customer service rep.

RENATE (MARQUIS) STARK (1968) graduated from Northeastern BA 1972, De Paul MBA 1982, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and does direct marketing.

1970s

KAREN (WIKIERAK) GUSKE (1970) lives in Caledonia, IL, has 2 children and is a VP Pathfinder advisory.

ELLEN (QUINN) MAC KENZIE (1970) lives in Barrington, IL, and has 3 children.

EMMETT O NEILL (1970) graduated from Wright AA 1973, Northeastern BA 1976, Joliet Community 1980 Law Enforcement, lives in Portage, WI, has 2 children and is the assistant chief of police in Portage.

ROBERTA (LEHR) DAVIS (1971) lives in Roselle, IL and has 1 child.

JEFF SCRIMGEOUR (1971) MARRIED DEBRA (LEFTAKES) (1971), they live in Chicago, have 2 children; Jeff is a bread distributor and Debra a bookkeeper.

ROGER SLABOCH (1971) graduated from Monmouth College BA Business 1975, lives in Sacramento, CA, has 2 children and is a credit manager.

MARGIE (GORSKI) SZEWCZYK (1971) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children and is a corporate investigator.

CAROL (NAATZ) WODKA (1971) graduated from Eastern IL BA 1975, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 2 children and is a preschool teacher.

STEPHEN RIZZO (1972) graduated from Wright AA 1994, Northeastern BA 1996, lives in Palatine, IL and is a child care worker at Little City.

SHIRLEY (PATRYAS) GOLDSTEIN (1973) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 1 grandchild and is a CFO.

PAUL PTAK (1973) lives in Grayslake, IL, has 3 children and is a contractor.

BOB UHLAR (1974) graduated from Drake BA 1978, Northwestern MS 1981, Unity M div 02, lives in Hollywood, FL and is an ordained minister.

KATHRYN (SULLIVAN) KOSTELANCIK (1975) lives in Palatine, IL, has 3 children and is a housewife.

MINDY (MIREK) BORTNESS (1977) graduated from U of I BS 1981, lives in San Diego, CA, has 3 children and is a business and sales coach.

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

NANCY (OHANIAN) GERHARD (1977) graduated from Bradley BSN 1981, UCLA MN 1987, lives in Madison, NJ, has 1 child and is a pediatric oncology clinical nurse specialist.

MARY ELLEN BARTYSEL (1979) graduated from Mundelein BA 1986, lives in Chicago and is a teacher/artist.

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NORBERT LEWANDOWSKI (1979) MARRIED LINDA (NICKELS) (1980) they live in Chicago, have 2 children and he is in graphic arts.

1980s

CATHY WALLIN (1980) lives in Chicago and is an RN at Lutheran General.

DAVID BERGENDAHL (1983) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a building engineer for the Chicago Bd of Ed.

KATHLEEN (LINDQUIST) BRANSLEY (1985) lives in Kenosha, WI, has 3 children and is a housewife.

In Our Memories

Roy Quiram, class of June 1943 died 1/27/05 from colon cancer

Betty (Olson) Zeilstra, class of June 1946 died 3/29/05

Joseph Kobet, class of June 1944 died 12/22/04

Dennis McDougall, class of June 1962 died 2/11/05

Tom Meyer, class of June 1960 died 11/21/04 of a heart attack. (He was Jim Jacob's inspiration of the Danny Zuko role in Grease)

La Verne (Gutzman) Anderson, class of June 1941 died 3/3/04

Gust Lennart Isberg, class of June 1948 died 1/26/05

Walter Reinecke, class of June 1944 died on 4/11/03 (It was his wish to donate \$500 to the Alumni Association which his wife did and will be used for our Scholarship fund)

Anita Richter, Librarian at Taft for many years died 3/30/05

Richard Nelson, June 1962 died 10/6/04 in an auto accident

Ronald Drachus, June 1963 died 4/30/05, massive heart attack while driving to work

Robert Styczenski, January 1966 died 1/21/05

ROTC Sword from Page 1

Dear Frank,

I am sending you this Taft Army ROTC sword as per instruction from Kay. She has probably already contacted you about it. She also wants a picture of me with the sword. I also included pictures of the Corps in the 1971-1972 annual inspection.

Thank You Bob Ashby.



Taft Color Guard 1970-1971. Last of the Army ROTC at Taft



Classmates in the News

Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, (June 1964), Elected Academy President

Washington, DC-Orthopaedic surgeon Stuart L. Weinstein, MD, was elected President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) at the organization's 72nd Annual Meeting, February 23 - 27, 2005, in Washington, DC.

A graduate of both the University of Illinois and the University of Iowa, Dr. Weinstein is currently the Ignacio V. Ponseti Chair and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, specializing in pediatric and spinal deformity orthopaedic surgery.

Actively involved in the Academy for nearly 25 years, Dr. Weinstein will focus his term on patient-centered care, achieving medical liability reform, orthopaedic unity and increased coordination of advocacy efforts. He is also interested in strengthening educational programs to help members meet the commitment to life-long learning and periodic self-assessment mandated by the Maintenance of Certification process.

"I am very dedicated to AAOS and its mission to support patient-centered care," said Dr. Weinstein. "I look forward to collaborating with the volunteer leaders, members and staff on important orthopaedic and healthcare issues today and in the future."

Active in numerous professional organizations, Dr. Weinstein is currently Chairman of the International Center for Orthopaedic

Education and Chairman of Doctors for Medical Liability Reform. He is past president of the American Orthopaedic Association, the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, the Pediatric Society of North America, and the United States National Action Network of the International Bone and Joint Decade. Dr. Weinstein has served as an associate editor and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. He has served on many AAOS task forces and education committees.

Dr. Weinstein has published over 145 scientific articles in peer review journals and written various chapters on a wide variety of pediatric orthopaedic conditions. He has also edited three major textbooks including *The Pediatric Spine: Principles*

and Practice, Lovell and Winter's *Pediatric Orthopaedics* and Turek's *Orthopaedics*. He has been a visiting professor throughout the United States and all over the world.

His research activities have focused on spinal deformity in children, children's hip and foot problems, and the natural history and long-term outcome of pediatric musculoskeletal conditions.

The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Dr. Weinstein has served as presidential guest speaker for multiple international orthopaedic associations, received the Bristol-Myers Squibb/Zimmer Award for Distinguished Achievement in Orthopaedic Research; the Kappa Delta/Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Clinical Research Award; the Russell Hibbs Award for Clinical Research given by the Scoliosis Research Society; the Arthur H. Heune Memorial Award, given by the St. Giles Foundation and the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, in recognition of outstanding research contributions to pediatric orthopaedics, and has been honored by memberships in national and pediatric orthopaedic associations around the world including Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Great Britain and Argentina.

An orthopaedic surgeon is a physician with extensive training in the diagnosis and non-surgical as well as surgical treatment of the musculoskeletal system, including bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, muscles and nerves.

With 28,000 members, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (www.aaos.org) or (www.orthoinfo.org) is a not-for-profit organization that provides education programs for orthopaedic surgeons, allied health professionals, and the public. An advocate for improved patient care, the Academy is participating in the Bone and Joint Decade (<http://www.usbjd.org>) the global initiative in the years 2002-2011 to raise awareness of musculoskeletal health, stimulate research, and improve people's quality of life. President Bush has declared the years 2002-2011 National Bone and Joint Decade in support of these objectives. The Academy's Annual Meeting is being held February 23-27, 2005, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

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ATTN.: KAY KUCIAK

I have received the Winter Edition of the Eagle from a number of my Taft friends who were in the Norwood Drum and Bugle Corps. I was in Norwood from 1938 through 1950. You can get an idea of the age group. I also went to Schurz, but spent much of my time with my Taft friends. I have shared some of these memories with Jerry Bloom as I was trying to locate Arlene "Lee" (Sawusch) Faehnrich (June '46) On page 10 of the Eagle she outlined an interesting story and was probably in the Corps with her for some period of time, but I do not remember her nor do my friends. I have a picture or two that she might be on and a number of pictures from the old days which see might enjoy seeing.

Last April I made a presentation with another member of Norwood (Dave Borck) to the Norwood Park

Historical Society and we wrote the history of The Norwood Park Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps and the original copy was presented to Sue Kroll, the President. We donated some of the old uniforms, pictures and many other memorabilia items to the Society, which are now on display. We even had a picture of the C-54 Spirit of Norwood airplane, which was converted into a hospital transport. We even have the picture of the two test pilots. We covered the years from 1928-1984.

Jerry Bloom asked that I write to you Kay and see if you can put Arlene in touch with me through E-mail, Snail-mail or the good old land based telephone.

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STRESS MANAGEMENT Anonymous E-mail

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it." "If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!"

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

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.

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Sirs,

I am searching for an old Taft student. Her name is Miriam (Mimi) Marum. Her brother William Marum, my finance died while in pilot training for the Army Air Force in 1944. Her brother Ed (class of 1945) died in 1986.

If anyone knows where Mimi is or knows what happened to her I would greatly appreciate your getting in touch with me.

Thank You,
Edith (Mauch) Swanek, 1265 W Catalpa Av., Anaheim, CA 92801-3624

I am attempting to locate Jeffery Anderson (January 1961. Jeffrey lived in Edison Park with his parents and sister, Diane (1964). He attended Ebinger School, graduated from Taft, graduated from a L.A. College in Missouri and was married in 1966. As an officer in the US Marines, he served in Viet Nam and was wounded. I have lost contact with the dear friend. Thank you for your help.

Scott Schreiber, 1620 Jane Pl N.E., Rio Ranch, NM 87144

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