



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Congratulations and Welcome, class of 2006

Girl's Softball Wins City Championship !!!

Nick Nishibayashi
Taft Athletic Director

Not since 1992 with Coach **Frank Hood** has a Taft softball team come close to winning a city championship. This was done in spectacular fashion first by beating Lane Tech who had not loss to a city team in 78 games (including Taft three times this year) 3-2, then by beating Washington 9-8 at U.I.C. Coach **Kirk Vidas** took a team that finished 0-20 four years ago, and with the help of seniors **Marissa Freese** and **Michelle Falco** turned the program around. The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 21-6 record. And, as a crowning finale, Coach Vidas earned the 2006 Pioneer Press Chicago Group Coach of the Year!

Rich Pildes' baseball team didn't have a shabby year either, winning their conference in an undefeated fashion 12-0, 23-3 overall. The future looks bright next season, losing only two starters **Brien Flynn** and **Victor Figueroa**, coach has a young team coming back plus the sophomores from a conference winning team.

The boys Tennis team finished 2nd in conference play and qualified for city playoffs where our 2nd doubles finished 3rd in the city. This is quite an accomplishment since Coach **Preet Singh** took a bunch of boys and actually taught them the game of tennis. Coach Singh is now trying to get his returning players to play indoor tennis over the colder months, hoping to advance in the State playoff series.

Coach **Edith Pauley** is already looking forward to next year in boy's Volleyball, she is losing only one starter from this year's team which finished 3rd in conference play. This is also a young team as all of her returning starters were sophomores this year. The experience for this young team is insurmountable as they played some top caliber teams in the City and State playoffs.

Though the girls Soccer had a tough conference season finishing in last place, they are looking forward to next year. Advancing to the second round of this years playoffs is the reason for the optimism, this accomplishment was one of the goals set for the year. Boys lacrosse which is still an emerging sport is still trying to establish an identity. The future looks promising though because of the high number of underclassmen on the team.

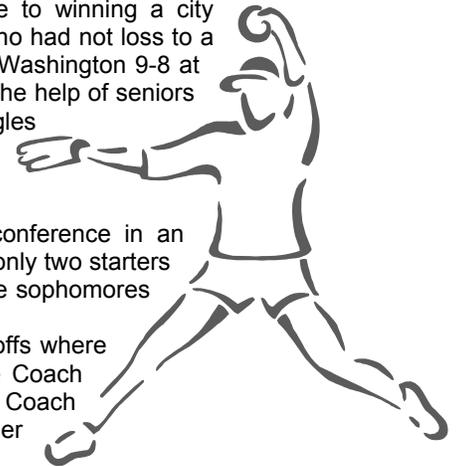
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ALUMNI GAME IN FOOTBALL

TAFT VS. LANE @ WINNEMAC STADIUM - FRIDAY, September 6, 2006 - 3:30 P.M.

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2006 TAA Scholarship Awards

The recipient of the \$1000.00 Hendricksen scholarship award this year is **Kim-Trang Nguyen**. Kim had a GPA of 4.4721 and was ranked #8 in a class of 354 graduates. The winners of the two \$750.00 TAA awards are **Ryan Glowacz** and **Lindsey Drakert**. Ryan had a GPA of 4.4717 and was 9th in his class. Lindsey had a GPA of 4.5686 and earned the #2 spot in this class of 2006. Congratulations to all of them!



Taft Class Reunions

January 1946

Date: September 8-9, 2006
Place: Embassy Suites, Deerfield, IL
Contact: **Barbara Loeschen**,
1822 Coquina Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231
or Sarasotabarb@WebTV.net

June 1946

Date: September 8 or 9, 2006
Place: Embassy Suites, Deerfield
Contact: **Dolores Weeda**,
26984 Finley Ave.,
Wyoming MN or weeda5216@aol.com

January/June 1956

Date: September 8, 2006
Place: The Wellington/ Arlington Hts
Contact: **Judy (Herud) Nelson**
858 Poplar Ln, Deerfield IL 60015
847-945-5523
heyjudefromil@webtv.net

January 1957 - 50th reunion

Date: May 4, 2007
Place: Del Webb Sun City - Huntley, IL
in Drendel Ballroom.
Contacts:
Leo

Drummer - wilmaleo5@aol.com

Sandra (Hubenthal) Sams - telsam@cox.net
Diane (Klier) Dierks - dierks@sbcglobal.net
Marilyn (Lane) Kellerman -
mkells@sbcglobal.net
Ron Underwood runderwood1@earthlink.net

June 1957 - 50th reunion

Date: to be determined
Place: to be determined
Contact: Bob Fizzell - bofizz@sbcglobal.net
Or 608-365-0096

January 1961

Date: September 9, 2006
Place: Del Webb Sun City - Huntley, IL
In the Solarium
Contact: **Holly (Nielsen) Rogers** -
cell 707-758-0599 or
Judy (Andersen) Mack 847-991-6752

1973 - 33-1/3 Reunion Picnic

Date: July 29, 2006 (rain or shine)
Noon to Dusk (sheltered pavilion)
Place: Dam #4, Grove #2 - Rosemont, IL
Contact: **Mark Krejci** (w) 734-586-5356 or
(h) 734-847-2402
Family welcome! BYO Food/Drink
Plan on fun with volleyball, softball, etc.



1971

Date: October 28, 2006
Place: Holiday Inn - 5300 Touhy Av, Chicago
Contact: **Faro Vitali 773-775-2945** or **Christina (Leiper) Reeves creeves@allstate.com**

1987

Date: July 21, 2007
Place: Westin - Chicago North Shore
Contact: **Joe Barthel** - 847-368-8014
Josef425@comcast.net

1995

If anyone is interested in helping me organize our reunion please contact me: **Maggie Matos**
maggiematos@yahoo.com.

All Taft Classes - 5th Annual Reunion Picnic

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2007
Place: Ft. DeSoto Park, 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

Elementary School Reunion

1958 - Norwood Park School - 50th Reunion

Date: TBD
Place: In planning stages
Contact: **Jerry (Beesley) Bloom** (June '62)
920-743-8449 or jerrybloom@fales.org

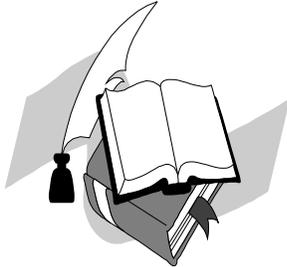
WARNING FROM THE PRESIDENT

If anyone is planning on doing a reunion using one of the professional organizations, please contact Kay Kuciak or Frank Heyer on which companies to choose from. Once again one of our years had trouble and has to cancel their plans because of the company they chose. We can direct you so hopefully this won't happen again.

CLASS NOTES

Did you pass the test? We didn't receive any response, so wonder if you noticed... We inadvertently inserted the wrong class notes in the last

(Spring) issue of TAA Newsletter. They were duplicates of the previous (Winter) issue. So, this time around will include the names you were **supposed to see...**



1940s

MURIEL (DAVIES)

KAMINSKI (JUNE 1940) lives in Lindenhurst, IL, has 3 children, is retired and received the first diploma given at Taft.

FRANCIS KELBER (JUNE 1940) graduated from US Naval Academy BS 1944, MS 1958, Keller MBA 1982, lives in San Diego, CA, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, is retired and was the 1940 class president.

VIRGINIA (HUNT) BARNETT BUCHNER (JUNE 1941) lives in Sacramento, CA, has 5 children, 3 stepchildren, 8 grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and is retired.

JANIS (FISCHER) FORSTER (JUNE 1941) graduated from Mesa Community College RN 1985, lives in Mesa, AZ, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

ROBERT KOFOED (JUNE 1941) graduated from U of I BS 1950, lives in Sugarland, TX, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

HERB MELLOR (JUNE 1941) MARRIED JANE (GEIB) (JUNE 1941), they live in Tacoma, WA, have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are retired.

DORIS (CARLSON) ALLES (JANUARY 1942) lives in Bradenton, FL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

MARIAN (KOSEL) ANDERSON (JANUARY 1942) graduated from Wright AA

1944, lives in Chicago, has 6 children, 21 grandchildren and is a homemaker. Four of her children graduated from Taft.

BERNARD DABBERT (JANUARY 1942) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 5 children and is retired.

BETTY (KLIMEK) MACK (JANUARY 1942) lives in Omaha, NE, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and is retired.

FRANK DIEDERICH (JUNE 1942) lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 1 child (who also graduated from Taft), 1 grandchild and is retired.

GERTRUDE (STROZEWSKI) GANDER (JUNE 1942) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is an administrative assistant.

LILLIAN (MARSHALL) WEISS (JUNE 1942) lives in Glenview, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

MARIANNE (HOLDEN) HARRIS (JANUARY 1943) lives in Sebastian, FL, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT WLEKLINGSKI (JANUARY 1943) MARRIED GERMAINE (PETERMAN) (JUNE 1945), He graduated from Loyola BSC 1950; they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are retired.

MARION (GERKEN) RETTKE (JUNE 1943) lives in Woodstock, IL and Vero Beach, FL, and is retired.

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

RITA (PRZYBYLSKI) DE ROSIER (JUNE 1944) lives in East Dundee, IL, has 12 children,

24 grandchildren and is a retired import buyer.

ROBERT FORNEY (JUNE 1944) lives in Unionville, PA, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, is retired and a Taft Hall of Famer.

CAROL (GERHARDT) HORSCHKE (JUNE 1944), lives in Barrington, IL, has 3 children and is a fashion co-ordinator and commentator and a Taft Hall of Famer.

TAFT LOWELL (JANUARY 1945) MARRIED HAZEL (IDLE) (JANUARY 1946), he graduated from Lake Forest BA 1949, they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 3 children, 2 granddaughters and are retired.

MARY ELLEN BRYCE (JUNE 1945) lives in Chicago and is retired.

JUNE (STYRMOE) CARLSON (JUNE 1945) lives in Chicago, has 4 children (all Taft grads), 7 grandchildren and is a housewife.

EDWIN HILDWEIN (JUNE 1945) MARRIED JOAN (CZIRAK) (JUNE 1947), they live in Boise, ID, have 2 children and are retired.

WALLY KOOKEN (JUNE 1945) graduated from Northern BS 1952, MS 1964, lives in Wood Dale, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

BESSIE (SMITH) ROGGENBUCK (JUNE 1945) lives in Gulf Breeze, FL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is retired.

IRV KAAGE (JANUARY 1946) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is retired. Three generations of Irv's have graduated from Taft.

CHARMAINE (PLANERT) RUUD (JANUARY 1946) graduated from Carthage BA 1950, lives in San Diego, CA,

has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

ELAINE (PIERSON) ENGSTROM (JUNE 1946) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired customer service rep.

DONALD GLOOR (JUNE 1946) graduated from Blackburn AA 1950, Roosevelt BSBA 1970m MPA 1971, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild is retired and a member-director of the Des Plaines Arts Council.

DOLORES (DAVIS) JEDD (JUNE 1946) MARRIED LEONARD (JUNE 1940), they live in Norridge, IL. Have 4 children, 8 grandchildren are retired.

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

GRACE (HEGLUNE) HANSEN (JANUARY 1947) graduated from North Park AA 1949, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired administrative secretary.

DOROTHY (AMLOTT) HUDSON (JANUARY 1947) lives in Rochester, MN, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

SIRI (CARLSON) MC DORMAN (JANUARY 1947) lives in Roscoe, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

DOLORES (ANDERSON) MORNING (JANUARY 1947) graduated from De Pauw 1951, lives in Carlsbad, CA, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired librarian.

IRENE (KOHLS) STINSON (JANUARY 1947) lives in Park

Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

LAVERNE (HUDSON) WALKER (JANUARY 1947) lives in Poway, CA, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

MARVIN MAIER (JUNE 1947) graduated from U of MI 1951, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

ELSIE (GAYDOS) PENNINO (JUNE 1947) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired bookkeeper.

ROBERT READ (JUNE 1947) lives in Bellbrook, OH and is retired.

SHIRLEY (KLAIBER) ZAK (JUNE 1947) graduated Wright AAS 1980, lives in Elgin, IL, has 7 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

NANCY (BURNS) HALLQUIST (JANUARY 1948) lives in Palatine, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

EMIL MEIERKORD (JUNE 1948), lives in Lacon, IL, has 5 children, 2 grandchildren and is a real estate broker.

JAMES PETERSON (JUNE 1948) graduated from U of I BSME 1953, lives in San Diego, CA, has 6 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired engineer.

PHYLLIS (LUDWIG) STRANG (JUNE 1948) lives in Murrumbidgee, WI, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is an executive secretary.

WALLACE WILSON (JUNE 1948) lives in Grayslake, IL, has 5 children, 17 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and is retired and very involved with the Masonic Lodge.

LOIS (HEAD) FRITSCH (JANUARY 1949) graduated from Northern 1976, lives in Delavan, WI, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

SHELDON MEHR (JANUARY 1949) graduated from Cal State MA 1959, UCLA BA 1953, lives in Los Angeles, CA, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

1950s

SHIRLEY (MEYERS) HAHN (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Ravenswood Hosp RN 1953, lives in Ladoga, IN, has 3

children, 1 grandchild and is a retired nurse.

MARILYN (WOLF) MASON (JANUARY 1950), lives in Mt Prospect, IL, winters in AZ, has 3 children 2 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN PITT (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Loyola BS 1961, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren and is a consultant in automotive service and plays the banjo with Windy City Strummers.

WILLIAM RING (JANUARY 1950) lives in Monterey, TN, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

TINA (MAZZONI) SOLARZ (JANUARY 1950) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is a pastel artist.

MARY ANN (BUDDENBAUM) TITTLE (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Northwestern BS 1954, lives in Dune Acres, IN, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

BERNADETTE (GUCWA) BECKER (JUNE 1950) graduated from Northern 1954, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired and a private math tutor.

DONNA (LUNDSTROM) PETERSEN (JUNE 1950) lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN SLADKEY (JUNE 1950) graduated from IA State BS 1954, lives in Leawood, KS, has 6 children, 16 grandchildren and is management at Lucent.

DONALD URBACH (JUNE 1950) lives in North Port, FL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a retired carpenter.

JOAN (WUERFFEL) WINFIELD (JUNE 1950) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired case aide for Catholic Charities.

MARGOT (MUHT) HILGENBERG (JANUARY 1951) lives in Huntley, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

CAROL (BOLDT) BENTSEN (JUNE 1951) graduated from Northeastern BA 1974, Northern MS 1974, lives in Arlington Hts,

IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

DONALD SIMONSON (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of I BS 1956, Purdue MS 1963, U of MI PhD 1972, lives in Albuquerque, NM and is a retired professor.

RENEE (VERPLANCKEN) SWANSON (JUNE 1951) lives in Bokeelia, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired legal secretary.

JOHN HEINZ (JANUARY 1952) graduated from U of IL BA 1957, lives in Aurora, IL and is a freelance writer.

CARL EDWARDS (JANUARY 1953) MARRIED ALICE (TAYLOR) (JANUARY 1953), they live in Chicago, have 4 children, 2 grandchildren, Carl is a construction consultant and Alice is a retired teacher.

JOHN FRATZKE (JANUARY 1953) MARRIED JUNE (NORTON) (JUNE 1955), they live in Mesa, AZ, have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are retired, the spend 5 months in Biwabik, MN.

MARION (JACOBSON) MC LEOD (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Northern BA 1957, lives in Germantown, TN, has 2 children and is a teacher.

JACQUELINE (BODAMMER) PEARSON (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Wesley Memorial Hospital RN 1956, lives in Cary, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is an RN.

JIM ROSSEN (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Carroll College BS 1957, Northwestern MBA 1967, lives in Barrington, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired CFO.

MARILYN (GLAWE) SMITH (JANUARY 1953) graduated from FL Southern College BA 1956, Rollins College ME 1974, lives in Apopka, FL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired, also a small business owner.

PHYLLIS (GEISERT) UMPHRES (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chatsworth, Ca, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, is retired and a docent at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

DAVID WROBEL (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Kent State BS/BA 1959, lives in Cary, IL and is retired.

JOANNE (KRAUSE) MEISSNER (JUNE 1953) lives

in Wood Dale, IL, has 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

GORDON SNYDER (JUNE 1953) lives in Sacramento. CA and is retired.

WALTER MEISNER (JANUARY 1954) graduated from U of WI BS 1958, lives in Hayward, WI, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is retired from 3M Company.

DORIS (SCHWENDEMAN) THOMPSON (JANUARY 1954) graduated RN 1957, lives in Geneva, IL, has 6 children, 22 grandchildren and is retired.

EDWARD BECK (JUNE 1954) MARRIED HELEN (SLIWICKI) (JUNE 1957), they live in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are retired.

JAMES HOPPE (JUNE 1954) graduated from U of WY BS 1958, MeD 1968, lives in Casper, WY, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren (all girls), recently named to the U of WY Athletics Hall of Fame for 2006, induction ceremony in September, he holds the U of WY home run records for the College World Series at 1.

GERALD IMGRAM (JUNE 1954) lives in Chicago, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

PETER LAURIDSEN (JUNE 1954) graduated from US Coast Guard Academy BS 1959, lives in Virginia Beach, VA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a consultant US passenger vessel industry.

WAYNE MIONSKE (JUNE 1954) graduated from Concordia BA 1959 Lutheran School of Theol. STM 1963, lives in Racine, WI and is a retired Episcopal priest.

CLAIRE (ROSZKOWSKI) PAPIEWSKI (JUNE 1954) lives in Elgin, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

DONALD RING (JUNE 1954) graduated from Northern BS 1958, U of MI 1961, Cornell PhD 1969, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired principal from Niles West.

CAROL (BAUMGARTNER) RUEHL (JUNE 1954) lives in Metamora, MI, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

DIANE (GORANSON) WIDING (JUNE 1954) lives in Barrington, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

DONNA (HEDSTROM) BOTZ (JUNE 1955), lives in Oshkosh, WI, has 2 children and is retired.

RONALD GOTTFRED (JUNE 1955) graduated from Western BA 1960, lives in Delray Beach, FL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

JUDITH (KRATZENBERG) TONZ (JUNE 1955) lives in Tucson, AZ, has 3 children, 13 grandchildren and is a housewife.

MARYLOU (O NEILL) CZARNIK (JUNE 1956) lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

NEIL FRUMKIN (JUNE 1956) graduated from U of NM BA 1960, lives in El Cajon, CA, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a real estate director.

GERALD GOLOJUCH (JUNE 1956) lives in Tampa, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JOYCE (NEWQUIST) KOCHALKA (JUNE 1956) graduated from IL State BS 1960, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired teacher now a travel agent.

DONNA (SEVERANCE) LESKER (JUNE 1956) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a housewife.

DIANE (KLIER) DIERKS (JANUARY 1957), LIVES IN Marengo, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

MARCELYN (HAERR) NORRIS (JANUARY 1957) lives in Lombard, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a VP of the personal history group.

JUDY (OLSON) SUBACH (JANUARY 1957) lives in Elkhorn, WI, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

ANTOINETTE ALLEGRETTI (JUNE 1957) graduated from Lake Forest MBA 1987, lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 1 children and is semi retired.

DAVID BENTSEN (JUNE 1957) lives in Sherman, TX, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired letter carrier.

LYNNETTE (DICKOW) CLOONEY (JUNE 1957) lives

in Fox Lake, IL and is a purchasing manager.

LAWRENCE NEWMANN (JUNE 1957) graduated from Il College Podiatric Medicine 1967, lives in Boca Raton, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a podiatrist surgeon.

MARIANNE (BURGBACHER) CELCE-MURCIA (JANUARY 1958) lives in Venice, CA, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a professor of applied linguistics at UCLA.

RON KNOLL (JUNE 1958) graduated from IIT BSEE 1965, lives in Algonquin, IL, has 4 children, 11 grandchildren and is retired.

DAN ISACKSEN (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Bradley BS 1964, Rutgers 1982, lives in Bourbonnais, IL, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and is a bank president.

KAREN (WHITNEY) ROGALA (JANUARY 1959) lives in Cary, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired graphic artist.

SHARON (CARLIER) DOMPKE (JUNE 1959) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JAMES FISHER (JUNE 1959) graduated from Ginnell College BA 1963, lives in Brazil, IN and is a motion picture and TV writer.

CAROLE (MOMMSEN) MEYER (JUNE 1959) MARRIED KENT (JUNE 1959), they live in Crawfordsville, IN, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are retired.

CAROL (LUBINETZ) VIX (JUNE 1959) graduated from De Paul BS, John Marshall Law JD, lives in Chicago and is an attorney.

1960s

DIANE (WESTMAN) BARRY (JANUARY 1960) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

LINDA (CARLSON) FISHER (JANUARY 1960) lives in Keswick, VA and has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

CAROL (SCHROEDER) GALLAGHER (JANUARY 1960) graduated from Passavant Hosp RN 1963, lives in Ionia, MI, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

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

MARY (ELLIOTT) ASCHBRENNER (JUNE 1960) lives in Bloomington, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and works in the jewelry department at Wal Mart.

BARBARA (BLOMBERG) JOHNSON (JANUARY 1960) graduated from IA State BS 1964, lives in Trabuco Canyon, CA, has 4 children, 11 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

STUART DUNN (JUNE 1960) graduated from U of I BS 1965, DDA 1967, lives in Deerfield, IL, has 1 child and is a dentist.

GEORGE GEYER (JUNE 1960) MARRIED JUDY (PEINART) (JUNE 1960), THEY LIVE IN Mt Prospect, IL, have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are retired.

JOAN (WEIGLEIN) WELCH (JANUARY 1961) graduated from Elmhurst College 1966, lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 5 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired x-ray tech.

LYNN (ANDERSON) DROST (JUNE 1961) MARRIED RUDY (JUNE 1961), she graduated from Roosevelt BAS 1985, Rudy graduated from COE College BA 1965, John Marshall Law, they live in Palatine, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren. Lynn is a psychologist private practice, Rudy is president of an insurance company.

BERNADETTE (BERNARD) LENTZ (JUNE 1961) graduated from Purdue BA 1966, lives in Troy, MI, has 5 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

DAVID BARTH (JANUARY 1962), lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 4 children and is a film and video producer and director of the 100 voice ecumenical Christian chorus.

WENDY (THORNTON) DAVIDSON (JANUARY 1962) graduated from Western IL BS 1966, lives in East Peoria, IL and is retired.

MITCH FRUMKIN (JANUARY 1962) lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 3 children and is in publishing.

JANICE (PROVAX) GWAZDACZ (JANUARY 1962), lives in Schaumburg, IL,

has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

PAM (FISK) LOBENHOFER (JUNE 1962) graduated from North Park BA 1966, Nat'l College of Ed Med 1987, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

DEBBIE (WERNES) MAHLER (JUNE 1962) lives in Morris, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is retired on a 5 acre lake.

BRIAN OLSON (JUNE 1962) lives in Bristol, WI, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is in purchasing.

JUDY (MERRILL) RUEGSEGGER (JUNE 1962) graduated from Wheaton College BA 1965, lives in Centerville, OH, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is a French teacher.

RON RUSING (JUNE 1962) graduated from MI Tech BS 1967, AF/Army College MS, lives in Austin, TX, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired USAF fighter pilot.

GINNY (SUTTON) EVERT (JANUARY 1963) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and works in the fund raising department for a non-profit organization.

JAMES FENNER (JANUARY 1963) graduated from CAL State BS 1973, lives in Alpharetta, GA, has 2 children and is president of Ayastar, Inc.

DON HOWARTH (JANUARY 1963) graduated from Carroll College BA 1967, U of WI MBA 1969, lives in Allentown, NJ, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

LYNN (VALTERS) MAYS (JANUARY 1963), graduated from Dominical College BA 1967, St Xavier MA 1995, lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

MARY (TERLECKI) MC KELVEY (JANUARY 1963) graduated from Northern BS 1967, lives in Wittman, AZ, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

KATHLEEN (SCHUMACHER) SPAETH (JANUARY 1963) lives in Algonquin, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a school secretary.

JEANNE (WATROUS) ZYCH (JANUARY 1963) graduated from U of WI 1967, IL State MS 1972, lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 2 children and is a teacher.

CAROL (JESSEN) ADLER (JUNE 1963) lives in Streamwood, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

EDMUND FELDY (JUNE 1963) graduated from IIT BSME 1968, ME 1970, U of Chgo MBA 1975, lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children and is a mechanical engineer.

MICHAEL KSIAZCK (JUNE 1963) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

DONALD MAU (JUNE 1963) is now working at Crown Trace Villa as the Facility Chef and is also engaged, getting married 9/30/06.

SHARON (OLSON) RAINEY (JUNE 1963) lives in Punta Gordo, FL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

NANCY (JOPP) SANDERS (JUNE 1963) graduated from Troy State BS, lives in Orlando, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is semi retired.

ERNST CORNIELSEN (JANUARY 1964) graduated from U of I BS 1968, College of Dent. BSD 1970, DDS 1972, Chgo Implant & Research Pathology 1973, Cook County Hosp. 1976, lives in Lake Geneva, WI, has 2 boys and is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

NANCY (CAIRO) LEONETTI (JUNE 1964) lives in Lake Zurich, IL, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and does oil painting showing at 3 galleries.

LLOYD MARQUARDT (JUNE 1964) graduated from U of I BS 1968, Purdue MS 1972, PhD 1974, lives in Smyrna, GA and is a human resources consultant.

ELIZABETH (WABRBEIN) MASLEY (JUNE 1964) graduated from Mundelein BS 1968, lives in Chicago, has 4 children and is retired.

JAYNE (DRUMMER) RAINS (JUNE 1964) lives in St Louis, MO, has 1 children and is a homemaker.

ROBERT ROZYCKI (JUNE 1964) graduated from U of I BA 1968, Northeastern MA 1973, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

GAY SWEELY (JUNE 1964) graduated from IL Wesleyan BA 1968, U of UT MA 1973, U of Melbourne PhD 1999, U of Canterbury PhD 1988, lives in Rich-

mond, KY, has 2 children and is a lecturing professor of art history/architectural history and is a Taft Hall of Famer.

ANNE (KARR) SMITH (JUNE 1964) lives in Casselberry, FL, has 2 children and is in sales at Dillard's.

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

BOB KRAKOWSKI (JANUARY 1965) graduated from SIU BS 1984, Webster U MBA 1992, and lives in Lake Villa, IL and is author of "The Spirit Taker", pen name Lloyd Frankland.

DANEIL LAZAR (JANUARY 1965) lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 1 child and is retired.

JAMES BATOR (JUNE 1965) graduated from North Park, lives in Westmont, IL, has 1 child and is an insurance consulting cash flow broker.

DONNA (KALTEUX) GRIFFIN (JUNE 1965) lives in Elgin, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is in sales.

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

RICH SCHUTZ (JUNE 1965) graduated from Oakton ALA 1984, Roosevelt BA 1986, Paralegal Cert. 1986, lives in Glenview, IL and is a paralegal.

DENNIS STEPHENS (JUNE 1965) MARRIED JUDI (LUGA) (JUNE 1965), her graduated from U of I 1969, MSEE 1971, they live in Barrington, IL, have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, Judi is a housewife, Dennis an electronics engineer.

WILLIAM MOLDENHAUER (JANUARY 1966) lives in Chicago and is a receiver.

GAIL (FRANSEN) GORSKI (JUNE 1966) graduated from UIC BA 1970, Meramec AA 1976, De Paul MA 1990, lives in Willowbrook, IL and is operations manager/grounds and janitorial at Brookfield Zoo.

GARY HANSEN (JUNE 1966) lives in Northbrook, IL, has 2 children and is an engineer.

JUDY (ABBINANTI) OLSZOWKA (JUNE 1966)

graduated from De Paul BS 1970, Loyola MBA 1982, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children and is an assistant manager.

PAM (SCHALLER) CHAPMAN (JUNE 1967) graduated from Wright AA 1975, Northern BS 1978, MS 1989, lives in Hampshire, IL, has 2 children and is a professor of computer info systems.

PHILIP DEETJEN (JUNE 1967) MARRIED SUSAN (EGGERS) (1969) they live in Addison, IL, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren; He is a VP at GM bus sales.

GLORIA (PRINDLE) HALLMAN (JUNE 1967) graduated from Oakton Community College RN 1993, U of St Francis BA 1999, lives in Glenview, IL and is an RN.

FREDRIC LIND (JUNE 1967) graduated from Lewis Institute 1968, lives in Park Ridge, IL, and is a regional parts/service manager for KIA.

AVIS (THORNTON) WALKER (JUNE 1967) graduated from Northeastern BA 1974, lives in Glenview, IL, has 5 children and is an advertising copywriter.

SHARON (HOLM) NAJDOWSKI (JUNE 1968) lives in Sugarland, TX, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

MICHAELINE (TWOREK) WONG (1968) lives in Silver Spring, MD, has 2 children and is retired.

GERALD BENSON (1969) graduated from Northern BS 1973, MBA 1976, lives in St Charles, IL, has 2 children and is the owner of a financial information processing company.

TED GROAT (1969) graduated from ISU BS 1973, MS 1976, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a teacher.

SUE (CHERNIKOVICH) ORBESEN (1969) lives in Island Lake, IL, has 1 child and is a collector.

LARRY WOJCIK (1969) lives in Palos Hills, IL, has 3 children and is a sales manager.

1970s

BETSY (GOODRICH) JOHNSON (1970) graduated from North Park BSN 1977, lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a psychiatric nurse.

ROBERTA (MACHOWSKI) WEISS (1970) graduated from Carroll College BA 1974, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 1 child and is a housewife/teacher.

RICHARD WINGE (1970) graduated from Western BS 1974, U of WI MS 1976, lives in Napa, CA and is an executive VP 401K Advisors USA.

DAWN (DEYETTE) JOHNSON (1971) graduated from U of TN 1996, lives in Ringgold, GA, has 1 child and works in mortgages.

PAUL MADESEN (1971) lives in Chicago and is a machinist.

BARBARA (CARSON) THAYER (1971) graduated from IL Wesleyan BSN 1975, lives in Chicago and is a community volunteer.

LEE WERNER (1971) graduated from UICC BS, lives in Oak Park, IL, has 2 children and is an accountant.

JAMES DAVIS (1972) lives in Crete, IL and is an orthopedic surgeon.

CAROLE (JACOBUCCI) SCARDINA (1972) lives in Berwyn, IL, has 5 boys and is a special ed teaching assistant.

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.

RANDY CYGAN (1973) graduated from U of I BS 1977, Penn State MS 1980, PhD 1983, lives in Albuquerque, NM, has 2 children and is a geochemist.

MARK KREJCI (1973) lives in Temperance, MI, has 4 children, 1 grandchild and is a nuclear senior electrical designer.

BRANO STANKOVSKY (1973) lives in Long Lake, MN and has 3 children.

YVONNE (GATCHEFF) ORNT (1974) graduated from U of I BS 1978, lives in Highland Park, IL, has 2 children and is a consulting actuary.

CHERYL (STULRAJTER) NUMBER (1975) graduated from John Logan College AA 1993, AA Acct 1996, lives in Albuquerque, NM and is a bookkeeper.

JOHN CLIFFORD (1976) graduated from U of I BA 1981, De Paul MBA 1987, lives in Glenview, IL, has 4 children and

is in real estate investment banking.

KAREN KRUSE (1976) lives in Glenview, IL, is a writer/author of "A Chicago Firehouse: stories of Wrigleyville Engine 78" which was nominated for a Pulitzer in History in 2001.

DAN MILLER (1976) graduated from Northeastern BA, CPA 1981, lives in Siesta Key, FL and in an investor.

GREGG WESTBERG (1976) graduated from Northern BSEE

1983, lives in Antioch, IL and is an electrical engineer.

PAMELA (NAVRODTZKE) SCHMALZER (1978) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children and is a banking manager.

1980s

JILL (SCHENK) KOOPMAN (1980) graduated from U of I BS 1986, lives in Bensenville, IL, has 2 children and is a pharmacist.

RAYMOND KINDLAR (1981) lives in Mt Prospect, IL and is a purchasing agent.

GEORGIA (PAPPAS) FEE (1982) graduated from Bradley BS 1986, lives in Geneva, IL, has 3 children and is a housewife.

KATI (GRANIERO) GLEESON (1982) graduated from De Paul BS 1989, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 2 children and is a cash manager.

SAM POLLINA (1984) lives in Scottsdale, AZ and is a realtor.

KIM (PHODES) DOUGHTY (1986) graduated from Northeastern BS 2003, lives in Seattle, WA and has 1 child.

EUGENE RICHARD MORRIS (1989) MARRIED ELIZABETH (1990), he graduated from Trinity 1995, they live in Mundelein, IL, have 3 children and he is an insurance supervisor.



In Our Memories

Paul Buckley, class of June 1941 died January 9, 2006.

Dolores (Gerken) Whiteside, class of June 1942 died in May 2006.

Marion (Johnson) Bernardi, class of June 1950 died on September 9, 2004.

Ruth (Maegdlin) Tingston, class of June 1953 died on May 26, 2006 from cancer.

Greg Duda, class of 1969 died in his sleep February 15, 2006 from heart failure in Los Angeles. Before moving to California, he had a successful a chain of bakeries in Chicago, called "Let Them Eat Cake".

Memorial for Dr. John Graven

Word reached the Taft High School Alumni Association as we were going to press with our spring newsletter that Dr. Graven, Taft's fourth principal, had died April 8, 2006.

There have been inquiries from graduates who knew him, about whether he could be remembered in a special way. Since education was such an important part of his life, the Alumni Board invites donations this year to its annual scholarship program, designated for a John P. Graven scholarship, which will be awarded to a member of the 2007 graduating class from Taft.

The TAA scholarship program is an ongoing program. Several scholarships are funded each year from our general fund. We also have worked with several classes which wanted to present scholarships (for example, in memory of a classmate) and with Darlene Hendricksen, widow of **Robert Hendricksen '60**, who presents annually a \$1,000 scholarship in her husband's memory. These are presented as part of the Taft graduation ceremony.

If you, or your classmates, are interested in more information about establishing your own scholarship -- for a one-time award or a longer-term award -- please write to Frank Heyer, Taft Alumni Association, care of Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

Remembering John P. Graven

Anne Lunde ('69), TAA Historian

He was still "Mr. Graven" when he was assigned to Taft High School in October 1968, although he earned his doctorate before he left. He had served as principal at Horace Mann Elementary School on the South Side, and before that was an accounting teacher and assistant principal at Kelly High School.

His predecessor, Dr. Gerald Haley, had been ill for much of the previous year and retired as the school year began.

It was a time of national turmoil, with protests against the Vietnam War, racial tensions, women's rights activism, breaking of social barriers and politically challenging rock and roll and folk music. That turmoil had spilled over at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, not quite two months before.

In the Taft area, the Baby Boomers born in the early 1950s were high school age. Taft's building wasn't big enough to hold them all, so the Board of Education had commandeered the Norwood Park School building as a freshman branch, and then re-routed parts of Taft's feeder schools to other high schools. Taft was packed to the rafters with students, close to 2,900 when John Graven arrived, and was operating on a 10-period day.

Before John Graven came to Taft, the administration took a very conservative approach, trying to keep control so nothing drastically bad could happen. Lunchroom seats were assigned; attendance was taken in study halls, and stern lectures on proper, appropriate behavior accompanied most assemblies. Taft no longer could have school musicals or homecoming parades by the end of the Haley administration.

If you were at Taft in the Graven years, high school was a special, exciting place.

The contrast, when Mr. Graven arrived, was like a breath of fresh air or a bright beam of sunlight. His philosophy, his wife, Anastasia recalls, was: "You can do what you think is right, but I expect you'll do nothing to embarrass yourself or your parents." It was, in its own way, a very revolutionary concept -- that the principal was willing to trust us as individuals instead of dismissing us or what we thought or what mattered to us. Freedom to think and dream was a powerful gift. Students were appreciated for their achievements, instead of expected to make them.

At the awards assembly in June '69 some of the students, organized by future baker Greg Duda, gave Mr. Graven Taft High School (all right, it was a giant cake assembled and iced to look like the Taft building) in appreciation for all he had done already. It was only the beginning and the classes who followed were very lucky to have had him longer.

John Graven's lifelong friend, distinguished author Harry Mark Petrakis, remembers his buoyancy, his grace, infallible cheerfulness and warmth. Taft people also remember his boundless enthusiasm and the amount of time he invested in making Taft the best it could be.

John Graven spent his nearly nine years at Taft mending fences, building bridges and a new addition to the building, and setting a foundation for academic offerings and opportunities which became the standard for what modern parents remember as the greatest year of Taft (especially when they ask, "Why can't Taft be like it used to be?")

By the end of the 1968-69 school year, Taft received permission to have an addition built along Hurlbut Street behind the auditorium. Mr. Graven worked with the planning committee to be sure there would be more than just extra classrooms. There would be new wings for music and art, a drama lab for plays and a photography lab, a new lunchroom, a new main office, a large meeting room ("The Forum") and a beautiful new library, renamed "Learning Resource Center" because it would encompass more than just books.

He surrounded himself with good, creative people too. At the same time these rooms were being planned, Taft was expanding its curriculum with more choices of interesting classes, increased advanced placement opportunities for seniors, the new multi-disciplinary two credit Humanities program, extra science and social studies choices, literary, dramatics and film studies which encouraged creative expression.

It would take six years of John Graven's time at Taft, first completing the addition, then renovating the old building, but he also brought the freshman class "home" to the main building and Norwood Park School students moved back inside, leaving their row of mobile units.

When the new addition was dedicated, Taft announced that the LRC would be called the "John Graven Learning Resource Center." It was an honor not awarded to any of his predecessors, but was high praise for the spirit and enthusiasm for learning, which he had brought to Taft. June Weinstein, one of the PTA leaders in the Graven years, said later "John Graven made his open door and involvement a household word. His innovative and creative ability has touched the lives of students and faculty and community members. When people asked what to do with an average student, like a good mother (he) had something for everyone."

It was important to him that the people of the community be proud of Taft also. They were invited to concerts, plays and musicals, art shows and science fairs. The school heralded the students' achievements to the community on all occasions, knowing that no matter how many good things were achieved, these counted for very little if the school forgot to tell anyone about them. Eighth graders were encouraged to attend Taft's popular early involvement classes, such as algebra, which would give them a head start on high school.

One of the most ambitious endeavors was the Taft Bicentennial celebration in 1976, a festival attended by many.

"He was the biggest booster of them all," remembered Mary Serantoni '78 when Dr. John Graven was promoted to head the purchasing, distribution and warehouse operations for the Board of Education. He would retire from that job in 1988 with the rank of assistant superintendent, but since he never was principal of another school, Taft continued to proudly claim him as its own.

Taft was doubly lucky that Dr. Graven's friend, Sam Ozaki, replaced him at the Taft helm and was able to build and expand on the programs, which John Graven had started.

GAA Tribute

Lynn (Mc Donough) Garzino ('73)

I am a 1973 graduate of Taft and currently the athletic director of a high school.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is collecting memorabilia from the old Girls Athletic Association (GAA) to add to a display of the beginnings of girls athletics. This is part of a tribute to deceased pioneer in girls' athletics, Olga Bundy.

I am looking for anyone with GAA items (pins, certificates, pictures, etc.) to send them to; Illinois High School Association, P. O. Box 2715, Bloomington, IL 61702-2715, attn: Sue Hinrichsen.

[Editor's Note: We do not know if this is a loan or donation request. Please be sure to clarify what you want done with any article you wish to send to the IHSA for this project. J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor]

Taft Yearbooks Available

Each issue of your newsletter has a breakdown of Taft yearbooks that we have available for a suggested donation of \$30. See the inside back page. Many alumni have been so grateful for the opportunity to replace lost issues from their personal "stuff" from their high school years. Also, they are invaluable for those working on or planning Taft reunions.

But, along with these books, we have a separate "stash" of yearbooks in the Taft Alumni archives. That is, we have one each of every year that Taft has been publishing yearbooks, except for the following years: Jan/June 1956, Jan/June 1957, June 1958, 1959, 1962 and 1963.

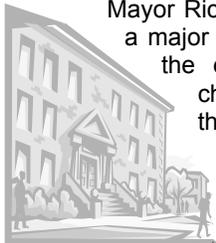
If you have a copy of any of those "missing" years and are willing to give up your book, **we would gratefully accept your donation to our collection.** Please contact Frank Heyer, Taft Alumni Association, c/o Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. We thank you!

Names in the News

Did you see Jazz Spectrum on television in early May as one of Walter E. Smithe's 10 Superstar finalists? The contest is over and the winner was Nicole Garza. **Bob Zaun** (June '58), leader of the Jazz Spectrum group thanks all those who took the time to vote for them. He says, "At least we were in the top 10. Thank you for that!"

You can hear Jazz Spectrum on WRLR 98.3FM singing station ID's and commercials for Musical Memories aired Mondays, noon to 2PM. Also, check out his website at www.jazzspectrum.com.

Another Chicago High School?



Mayor Richard M. Daley recently presented a major \$1 billion campaign for improving the educational facilities of Chicago children. Funding would come through TIF district financing and Chicago Public Schools bond funds. He said it includes a major renovation of Mather High School and building of four new high schools, with one set for the north side in the Irving Park community. The location is not set in stone yet, as there are two sites being considered. However, Chris Jones, the assistant principal at Taft didn't think this new high school would have any effect in Taft's current overcrowded condition. That is

because the new remapping of boundaries no longer extends that far south. See the map in last spring's TAA newsletter.

The final results are not known yet about relieving Taft's recent overcrowding problems. The latest remapping last spring should have helped, but incoming freshmen are still signing up throughout the summer. Final enrollment numbers are not set as yet. The projected figure for the 2006-07 school year is about 2,500 students. So, until the new high school is completed (in about six years from now), we hope the boundary changes that were made will allow Taft to manage all the students who want to enroll.

Letters To The Editor

Hi Kay and Staff,

Again-kudos to you and group for keeping the past such a joyful memory for we "Oldies".

At the 50th class reunion we gathered at the dance hall and we all sang the "Taft Fight Song" led by Glen Jorian, my thought is has this song ever been recorded vocally? If not, wouldn't Glen be a natural candidate? I know I'd love to have a disc or whatever!

Every time I receive my TAA paper, I find myself humming the song, then I brake into the lyrics and I never miss a beat. I'm sure others do the same. Thanks for listening, enclosed is my check so I don't miss a beat.

Marianne (Holden) Harris, January 1943

Dear Kay and Staff,

After reading the past issues, I wonder if we could receive my husband's diploma, if he is eligible? He would have graduated in January 1942, he left for the Navy right after Pearl Harbor attack, December 17, 1941. Hume (Tuck) Harris is a bone cancer patient and has mentioned it several times. Would appreciate any information possible. Le me know if there is a cost. Hope you never tire of playing investigator, as you've solved many things for us all. Again my thanks,

Marianne (Holden) Harris

Notes: After Frank received this letter in Chicago, he contacted Taft and got the correct numbers at the Board of Education for Marianne, I called her recently to see if Tuck received his diploma and he certainly did, well done Frank.

Thanks, Kay Kuciak, Pres.

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to thank you for your generosity and confidence in my abilities by awarding me the Taft Alumni Scholarship. I have so enjoyed my four years at Taft where I met extraordinary people and challenges that helped shape and prepare me for the years ahead. I will continue to work hard in college as a tribute to all that Taft has done for me.

Please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated, without your assistance, I would have faced a heavier financial burden. My goal, as I expressed in my scholarship application, is to eventually teach and coach at Taft. I would love for all you football fans to come to watch me play (perhaps continue to quarterback) at Lake Forest College. Our practice facility is the old Halas Hall and field where the 85 Bears practiced. I look forward to a day in the near future where I can play an active role in the Alumni Association. Again, thanks so much.

Ryan Glowacz 2006

(Editors Note: see scholarship winners article on front page)

GENERAL ALUMNI MEETING

Please join us for the annual general meeting on September 7, 2006 at 7PM at Taft in the Graven Learning Center.

Taft Varsity Football Schedule - 2006

August 26, 2006	Taft vs Brooks CP	Winnemac Stadium	11:00 am
September 1, 2006	Taft vs Tinley Park	Tinley Park Stadium	7:00 pm
September 9, 2006	Taft vs Sullivan	Winnemac Stadium	3:00 pm
September 14, 2006	Taft vs Lincoln Park	Winnemac Stadium	3:30 pm
September 22, 2006	Taft vs Lane Tech	Winnemac Stadium	3:30 pm **
September 29, 2006	Taft vs Curie	Rockne Stadium	3:30 pm
October 6, 2006	Taft vs Young	Hanson Stadium	3:30 pm
October 13, 2006	Taft vs Mather	Winnemac Stadium	3:30 pm



**** Alumni Game - All Taft Alum are invited to the stadium**

Please take the time to look at your personal schedules and make time to come to one or all the games. The students have been working hard since January. They will appreciate the fact you find the time to watch them play.

Lost Classmates

Are you looking for old classmates you've lost touch with? 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.

Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association c/o Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago IL 60631 or email us at taftalum@cox.net.

The suggested donation for this service is \$5 per name.

Black and White

(Under age 40? You won't understand.)

You could hardly see for all the snow,
Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.
Pull a chair up to the TV set,
"Good Night, David. Good Night, Chet."

Depending on the channel you tuned,
You got Rob and Laura - or Ward and June.
It felt so good. It felt so right.
Life looked better in black and white.

I Love Lucy, The Real McCoys,
Dennis the Menace, the Cleaver boys,
Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Wagon Train,
Superman, Jimmy and Lois Lane.

Father Knows Best, Patty Duke,
Rin Tin Tin and Lassie too,
Donna Reed on Thursday night! --
Life looked better in black and white.

I wanna go back to black and white.
Everything always turned out right.

Simple people, simple lives...
Good guys always won the fights.

Now nothing is the way it seems,
In living color on the TV screen.
Too many murders, too many fights,
I wanna go back to black and white.

In God they trusted, alone in bed, they slept,
A promise made was a promise kept.
They never cussed or broke their vows.
They'd never make the network now.

But if I could, I'd rather be
In a TV town in '53.
It felt so good. It felt so right.
Life looked better in black and white.

I'd trade all the channels on the satellite,
If I could just turn back the clock tonight
To when everybody knew wrong from right.
Life was better in black and white!

Anonymous

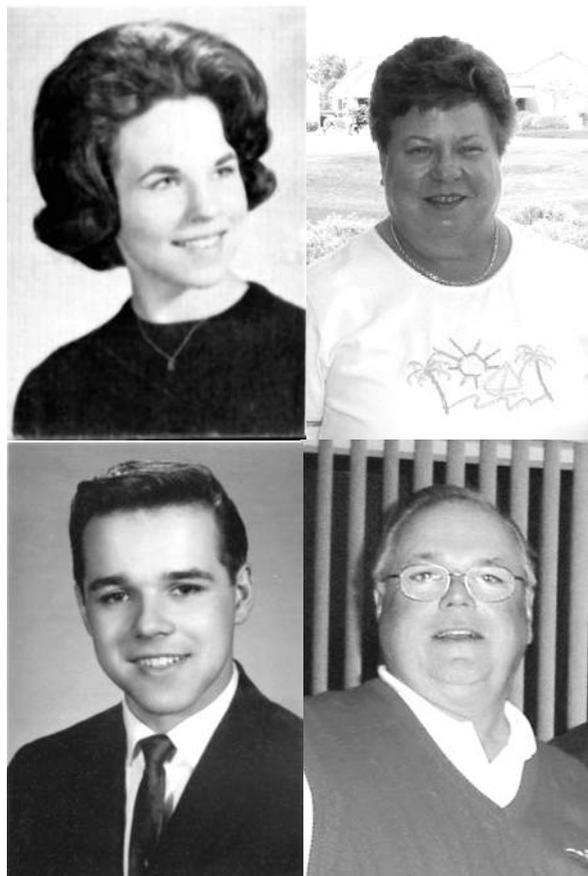
Meet Your 2006 TAA Board Members

The following are biographical highlights of some of Taft Alumni Association's current board members. We thought you would appreciate who works on your behalf for Taft and all its alumnis.

Kay Kuciak writes: **Kay (Carlson) Kuciak**, class of January 1963 married **Tom Kuciak**, class of June 1962. We have one son who is a screenwriter/producer in Los Angeles; he gave us two beautiful granddaughters who are currently 11 and 9 years old.

I was the founder of the Alumni Association along with teacher Ron Dluger back in 1982. The first five years were spent establishing us in the Taft community and all the legal work to make us a non-profit organization, Tom spent that time setting up our computer files and making the Newsletter possible on the computer.

We retired to Arizona in 1999 where I am still President and Tom still puts the finishing touches on the Newsletter before it goes to the printer. In my new life in Arizona, I took up working with stained glass and now teach classes for beginners in our senior citizen community. Tom plays Pickle Ball twice a week and golfs three times a week all year long.



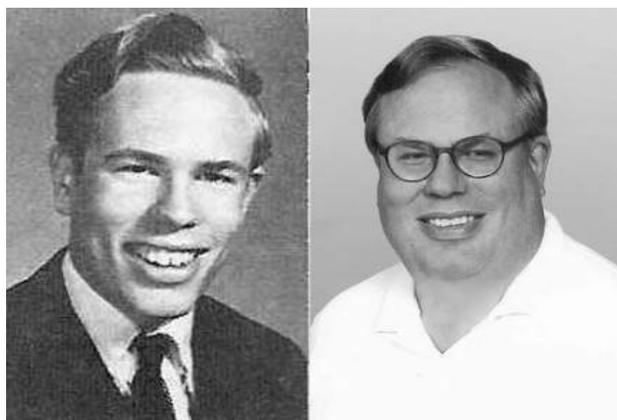
active in PTA at state and national levels for 20 years and am happy to carry on my interest in education through my work with T.A.A."

Shirley (Kalivoda) DeWeese says, "I'm from the class of June, 1960, the infamous "Grease" class, courtesy of our own "King" James Jacobs. I chaired 40th and 45th reunions for my class and we are planning our 50th for 2010.

I've been on the T.A.A. board since 1998, currently as your Vice President-Treasurer, and thoroughly enjoy it. I have two dubious distinctions. One is that I still have my green gym suit. The other is that I was one of the first persons to write Kay a note about how much I enjoyed the newsletter, which she then printed. That prompted others to write in and thus the enhanced newsletter was born.

On the personal side, I'm a furniture consultant for Carson Pirie Scott in Schaumburg. I am a recent widow with two daughters and two grandchildren. I was very

From **Paulette (Zemaitis) English**: I graduated from Prussing in 1963 and from Taft in June 1967. Having been a better half twice, I have happily turned into a pretty good whole. I lived in Greece with my first husband for several years, then owned and operated a small printing business with my second husband. I earned a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Indiana University. Today, I work in Information Systems at a large community mental health center in South Bend, Indiana. My one son, a metallurgical technician, is 30-something and technically single. I have four adult step-children and two step-granddaughters. I travel when I have the money, and delight in reuniting with old friends through the Internet. (The "Proud Crowd" lives!) Teachers from whom I learned something of value (but not necessarily the subject they thought they were teaching) include Miss Marquardt, Mr. Stamm, Miss Carl, Mr. Breen, and "Uncle Wally" Freedman—I wasn't in band, but I was a groupie. Being a member of the TAA Board allows me to give something back to Taft and to hope that today's students will look back on their school days with the affection and appreciation that I do. If I could go back to graduation day, I would tell myself, "Go with your instincts, you're stronger than you think you are. Not only should you not burn your bridges, you may want to go back and repair a few."



Richard Lindberg (Taft, Class of 1971), is a lifelong Chicagoan, author, journalist, and research historian who has written and published eleven books dealing with aspects of city history, politics, criminal justice, sports, and ethnicity.

He has just completed work on *Shattered Sense of Innocence, the 1955 Murders of Three Chicago Children*, an in-depth examination of the 1955 Schuessler-Peterson case, an enduring Chicago mystery that remained unsolved for nearly four decades. Gloria Sykes co-authored the book that will be published in hardcover by Southern Illinois University Press in October 2006.

Noteworthy in Richard's body of work is, *To Serve & Collect: Chicago Politics and Police Corruption From the Lager Beer Riot to the Summerdale Scandal*, the

first published history of the Chicago Police Department to appear in book form since 1887. The book began as a graduate thesis at Northeastern Illinois University and was published in hardcover by Praeger in 1991, and re-released in paperback in the fall of 1998 by Southern Illinois University Press.

Other recent titles include: *Chicago by Gaslight: A History of the Chicago Netherworld 1880-1920* (1995); *Quotable Chicago* (1996); *Passport's Guide to Ethnic Chicago* (1997); *The Armchair Companion to Chicago Sports* (1997); and *The White Sox Encyclopedia* (1997) and *Return to the Scene of the Crime: A Guide to Infamous Places in Chicago*, (1999), ranked number #1 on AMAZON.com's listings for books dealing with Chicago subject matter from January-April 2000.

F.Y.I.

ESPN2 will bring us part of the DCI finals, which will be presented in Madison WI in August and televised on this station on September 5th. Check your local guide for time and channel.

The DCI is the World Finals for Drum Corps and in Madison. Wayne Mounsey will be there, along with Ewalds, Schuesslers, Olsens, Will, Biver and

many other Norwood Drum and Bugle Corps members who went to Taft.

We thought you might have an interest to see the way things are done today. We thank Wayne for bringing this to our attention, and don't hold it against him for being a Schurz grad.

TAFT Alumni Bargains

Static Window Stickers: \$3.00 ea. (Plus \$1 S/H)
 "Taft High School - You Can't Hide Eagle Pride"
 (Profits go to the Taft Athletic Department)

T-Shirts: \$10 each (XXL & XXXL - \$12 each)
 Light gray with NEW Eagle logo silk-screened in blue.
 Sizes - Medium through XXXL

Baseball Caps: \$15 each
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Yearbooks: Suggested donation \$30
 These yearbooks are hard to keep in supply. Requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thanks to all who have tried to replace your lost or destroyed books.

Currently, as of April 13th we have the following yearbooks on hand: 1942 Jan (1), 1946 Jan (1), 1947 Jan (1) June (1), 1980 (1), 1982 (9), 1983 (3), 1984 (3), 1985 (25), 1986 (54), 1987 (84), 1990 (48), 1991 (24), 1992 (133), 1993 (4), 1994 (48), 1995 (186), 1996 (65), 1997 (49), 1998 (152), 1999 (147), 2000 (349), 2001 (122), 2003 (17), 2004 (17) and 2005 (16).

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Is your E-mail address up to date?

This notice is being repeated as a reminder. Since its inception seven years ago, the Taft Alumni E-mail Directory has become a popular feature of the TAA website. Over 1,500 alumni from the Classes of 1940 through 2002 have registered. The directory, however, can connect classmates only if the information is accurate. As this issue is being sent (additionally) to those former members who have yet to send in renewal dues along with all the new graduates, we thought this information needs to be restated.

Please take a moment and check your entry at www.taftalumni.org (click on Searchable e-mail Directory) to verify that we have listed your name, your year of graduation, and your e-mail address and/or website accurately. Write to eagleemail@taftalumni.org if you wish to add your name or make any changes.

For your protection, we do not post your address as a hyperlink. Your bio and street address information should be addressed directly to Kay Kuciak at taftalum@cox.net.

Thank you for your part in making the Taft Alumni Association a success!

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