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APPRECIATION

Special thanks for the donations to help meet expenses from **Don Sowle '33** (MacLean, Virginia), **Robert J. Tope** in memory of his wife **Marion Campbell Tope '39**, **Jerry Cotter '48** (East Tawas, Michigan), **Phyllis Theisen Ahlers '53** (Mt. Pleasant), **Sharon Campbell Hartman '65** (Mt. Pleasant), and **Nanette Bollman Ward '71** (Howard City, Michigan).

Again we are very appreciative of the donations made to help defray expenses. Recent editions of the NEWS have cost about \$750 to create and mail and an additional \$100 or so in returned and mailed postage. If you have a business venture that you'd like to promote in the 2200 copies of the NEWS we sent out, please contact the Alumni Newsletter Committee at 316 E. Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. For a \$250 donation we will include an acknowledgement that will update other alumni on your efforts.

HOMECOMING 2006



A very, very cold October day didn't dampen the Homecoming activities, as the parade was dry, the game was a victory and nearly 300 people gathered in the Parish Hall afterward for the Annual Alumni Reception.

(Left) New Hall of Fame Members Dan Simons '70 and Jim Luesse '71.



Pictured above are members of the class of 1946 who served as Grand Marshals for the parade: Chuck Diebel, Glenn Voisin, Ron Doerr, Anna Marie Mahaffey Hoffman, Patricia Walsh Szabo, Janet Kline Quinlan and Ann Louise Bechtel.

Father in heaven, author of all truth, a people once in darkness has listened to your Word and followed your Son as he rose from the tomb. Hear the prayer of this newborn people and strengthen your Church to answer your call. May we rise and come forth into the light of day to stand in your presence until eternity dawns. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Easter Prayer

SHA LEGACY

From the Editor

Much like a small town school, Sacred Heart has graduated generations of family members during the 118 years of operation. The recent passing of **Ruth Milloy Olson '31** emphasizes how some of that legacy can go unrecognized. While reviewing her obituary I realized that she is the great grandmother of current and former students at SHA, although her children and grandchildren did not attend.

Similarly, a questionnaire completed several years ago indicated that **Mildred Kennedy Reume '22** was the grandmother of five **Morgensterns** from the 80s. Obviously when female alumni marry and change their last name it's easy to lose track of the lineage. But also, common names like Smith and Jones and, well, Theisen make it difficult to know which families are which.

Another factor is the older records where Welchs and Walshs and Welshs might have really all been the same family. According to **Sheila Arnold Hodges '55**, her mother is **Kate Walsh Arnold '33** but her aunt, Kate's sister, is listed as **Marie Welsh Sweeney '20** in the alumni records. Sheila also notes that her grandfather's headstone has **Welch** on it!

When the Centennial was celebrated in 1989 we tried to find offspring of the first graduating class without success. At this time the longest legacy I know of is **Nellie Garvin Carey from 1897** as she is the great, great grandmother of some graduates and current students. I've added a column to our address database called **Lineage** and we'll use it to track parents and siblings as much as possible.

Please email or send a note to the Alumni Association if you know of an unusual family history that we might not have recorded. By the way, the first class graduating class was 1893 and included five ladies: **Lillian Flood McMahon, Kathryn Kaiser, Louise Garvin Farrel, Mary McCue and Nettie McCray Blondheim**. I'd love to find out if there are any relatives of that group of ladies among our alumni.

*Father of love, watch over your Church
and bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised by this Easter sacrament.*

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

- Easter Prayer

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Father John Cotter '65 is the 2006 Alumnus of the Year. The Award is given annually to the Alumnus who demonstrates the ideals of his/her Christian education through outstanding contributions to church, parish, school and community.

John worked as a chef at the Embers through college but when he graduated from CMU with a degree in accounting he accepted a position at Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery in Detroit. The military draft came calling and John entered the Marines in October of 1969, returning to work with his company, now merged as Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) upon discharge in December of 1972.

John entered the seminary in the fall of 1974 and was ordained at Sacred Heart on July 18, 1980. He spent time as an associate at St. Stanislaus in Bay City, Sts. Peter and Paul in Saginaw, St. John's in Essexville and St. Hyacinth in Bay City before becoming pastor of his first parish, St. Joseph in Rapson, in 1986. John was assigned to Beal City St. Joseph in 1994 and was there for twelve years until his most recent assignment at Sacred Heart in Gladwin.

30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Sacred Heart Academy Foundation celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a dinner on November 3rd. This event was attended by more than 250 supporters of the Academy. The keynote speaker was **Bishop Robert J. Carlson**, the Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw. Other special guests included former Pastors of Sacred Heart parish **Father Richard Jozwiak** and **Father Thomas McNamara**; former assistant Pastor, **Father Jim Bessert**; Sacred Heart Academy graduates **Father John Cotter** and **Father Ray Cotter**; current Sacred Heart Pastor, **Father Robert Byrne**; current Academy teacher, **Father Don Henkes**; and former Academy teachers **Sister Rita Wenzlik** and **Sister Genevieve Montrieul**.

Margaret "Tat" Heintz (wife of Robert '40) and **Dorothy Johnson (wife of Phil '21)** were recognized for their 30 years of service on the Foundation Board. The Foundation has set up a scholarship in each of their names to be given annually to an Academy student. The Foundation has given more than \$1,800,000 to the Academy since 1976, and plans to give more than \$200,000 this year.

REUNION NEWS

CLASS OF 1976

The Sacred Heart Academy class of 1976 held its 30th class reunion on October 28th. The celebration began with 5:00 Mass at Sacred Heart church and continued throughout the evening at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn. **Roberta Kane Wezensky** traveled the farthest, driving to the reunion from Louisville, Kentucky. During the evening the group took a moment to remember their classmate **David Murphy**, who died in 2002.



Members of the class of 1976 pictured left to right (Front Row) Robin Green Stressman, Roberta Kane Wezensky, Theresa Cotter, Sue McDonald Boyer, Dorothy Kostreza Horan, Nancy Frick Zuker, Judy McDonald Simons, Mimi Schall, Lorraine Strauss Malone. (Back Row) Bill Brehm, Joe Brandell, Mike Grinzing, Dick Forton, Mike Brehm, Bill Myler, Bob Thering, Kevin Doerr, Chris Rocheleau, Chris Natzel, Pat Sheppard, Chuck Gepford, Pat Johnson, Marty Spence, Pete Esch, Dave Vogel, Steve Yurik.

*good times with
old friends*

MEMBER NEWS

Class of 31

Ruth Milloy Olson passed away on December 11, 2006. Ruth's great granddaughter Jackie is currently a sophomore at Sacred Heart.

Class of 37

Jim Connors died on March 17, 2007. Jim worked for Pure Oil in Mt. Pleasant for 20 years and then spent another 20 years at Central Michigan University before retiring to Black Lake, Michigan in 1980.

Class of 39

Marion Campbell Tope passed away in Orlando on March 28, 2006. Marion worked for General Telephone and Roosevelt Oil in Mt. Pleasant but spent most of her adult life in Saginaw, moving to Orlando in 1998.

Geraldine Beltinck Zeneberg passed away on December 3, 2006 in Mt. Pleasant. Geraldine had eight children graduate from the Academy.

Class of 40

Bob Goffnett passed away on November 6, 2006. Bob worked locally for the McFarlane Dairy and Erb Lumber for a total of 39 years.

Class of 42

RoseMary Lynch Justen passed away December 13, 2006 in Long Beach, California. RoseMary was a registered nurse.

Anna Marie Fox Huber passed away February 15, 2007. Along with raising five children, all of whom graduated from Sacred Heart, Anna Marie was a bookkeeper for Sowle Mayflower for many years.

Class of 43

Patrick Hackett was inducted into the Michigan Transportation Hall of Honor for his work as a railroad legal advisor, trial lawyer, industry leader and educator. Pat wrote the Michigan Railroad Code of 1993 and has served as President of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counselors. Pat lives in Brighton, Michigan.

Class of 48

Leo Kipfmueller passed away on September 9, 2006. Leo served in the Air Force and then moved to Fife Lake, Michigan after he retired from Central Michigan University in 1997.

Class of 49

Kathleen Kennedy Strohmer wrote to record that her good friend Elaine Verleger Whitmore had passed away in October of 1999. Elaine was on our "Lost List". Kathleen has lived in West Branch, Michigan since graduation.

Class of 52

Mary Jo Hunter McCall died in Homestead, Florida on July 14, 2006. Mary Jo and husband Bob have nine children.

Class of 55

Kathleen (Kitty) Murphy Leasher and husband Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 5, 2006.

Class of 57 - Reunion News!

The Class will hold their 50th Class Reunion on September 15, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant. Phyllis Percha Prior can be contacted at 3310 Bent Oak Drive, Midland, Michigan 48640 for more information.

Class of 58

Jack Fleming died in Mt. Pleasant on March 17, 2007. Jack served in the US Navy Reserve as a Lieutenant. His mother was Ann Quinlan '28.

Class of 59

Ed Doerr died in Mt. Pleasant on February 8, 2007. Ed served in the Army and then worked for the Michigan Veteran facility.

Class of 71

New Hall of Famer Jim Luesse and wife Deb celebrated their 30th anniversary with dinner on Old Mission Point last September.

Marsha Huber Varga passed away October 20, 2006. Marsha was a receptionist at Central Michigan Hospital until her retirement in 2004.

Class of 82

Deb Reed Trierweiler and husband Glen welcomed their first child, Nicole Marie (Grandma Shirley Landwehr Reed '53) in October 2006. The Trierweilers live in Ionia, Michigan.

Class of 88

Pat McDonald and wife Amy had a son, Joseph Patrick, on September 7, 2006. "Joe Pa" is the grand-son of Jerry '50 and great grandson of Fred '18.

Class of 89

Mike Beltinck and wife Dannette had a son, Benjamin Beau, on December 8, 2006 (grandpa Dick '65, great-grandpa Ray '32).

Class of 91

Trish Pieratt McMillan and husband Mitch welcomed their second child, daughter Addison Michelle on October 29, 2006 (grandma Kay Scully Pieratt '70, great-great-grandmother Anna O'Hara Scully '15).

Class of 95

Eric Potter and wife Julie had a daughter, Natalie Ann, on December 13, 2006 (grandmother Rosie Hovey Potter '68).

Brooklyn Lee Denslow was born to Lorraine and Joel Denslow on December 28, 2006.

Angie Moss Zeneberg and her husband Scott baptized their new daughter Briar Rose in January at Sacred Heart (grandparents Bob '66 and Marilyn Zuker Zeneberg '68, great-grandmother Geraldine Beltinck Zeneberg '39).

Class of 96

James Siefker was married in June to Sarah Weston in York Beach, Maine. James graduated from Xavier in Cincinnati and received his Masters Degree last May from Boston College.

Andrea Koenig Dunn and husband Ryan recently welcomed their second child, Julia. Andrea lives in South Bend, Indiana and teaches in the Penn Harris Madison School Corporation.

Class of 97 - Reunion News!

The class of 1997 is beginning to plan a reunion. The date is set for July 21, 2007 at the new Co Co Joe's, a dueling piano bar opening this spring on Bluegrass Road. Angie Long De La Rosa at thedelarasos@wowway.com or Chrissie Bingham at chrissie@unitedapts.com can be contacted for more information.

Class of 98

Nicole Zeien and Jeremy Tuggle were married November 11, 2006. Nicole graduated from Ferris State University and is employed by Arrow building Company/Point Realty. They reside in Shelby Township, Michigan.

Class of 99

Mike Love married Megan McGuire on August 12, 2006. Mike is an Agency Field Specialist for State Farm in Saginaw. Megan grew up in Midland but has SHA roots as her dad is Marty '71 and grandfather is Jim '41.

Let us know what you and other friends and family are doing. Send us a note at: alumni@sba.net or mail to: Alumni Association, 316 East Michigan St., Mt. Pleasant 48858

2006 FOOTBALL

The 2006 Irish football team became the third team in school history to advance to the State Semi Finals (1978, 1998 were the other two), winning three playoff games before falling to Crystal Falls at Northern Michigan University. The team finished the season with a 10-3 mark and posted four shutouts while giving up an average of only 12.5 points per game. Matt Miesch led the team in rushing, receiving and scoring. Among the other team members were Chris Fitzpatrick (Mike '82 and Nonie Natzel '82, great grandson of Joe '31), Jim Cardon (Carolyn Strauss '79, Anne McConnell '54), Billy Myler (Bill '76) and Richie Flannery (great grandson of Tom Carey '23, great, great grandson of Nellie Garvin 1897).



LOST!

The television show LOST has been viewed by millions over the past few seasons but so far there have been no reports that there are any Sacred Heart graduates on the island. But we do have several alumni that we have "lost."

In recent newsletters we have produced lists of alumni classified as "LKA," an acronym for Last Known Address. There has been good response to help identify some of those we have been missing. The LKA list is generated when mail is returned. The bulk rate we use dictates that the Post Office may return it (at a current cost of between 70 and 95 cents per piece!!!) if the address is not precise. By precise we mean that Streets, Ways, Drives etc. must be identified along with apartment numbers if required. Some of the return mail is easy to follow up on as it may be for the sibling of a neighbor or the child of someone who works down the street. But it is a time consuming effort when the list approaches 500 as it does now.

Of course recent graduates tend to move a lot as they settle into their careers and older alumni move to search out the sun, at least for the winters. Some on the list may have been missing for years and some may be deceased. But either way we'd like to get the records straight. Instead of creating portions of the list in the NEWS we have included a category on the sha.net website listing all current records the post office has deemed unacceptable. We'd appreciate any input the list may generate from you. Please visit the Alumni section of www.sha.net and look under Lost Alumni.

WHOOPS!

The Editor inadvertently authorized the last draft of the September 2006 NEWS to be printed, rather than the final edit of the document. As a consequence we had a couple redundant sentences left in and a couple items left out (that we added to this letter).

We also had the late **Bob Kane** listed under the Class of 45 rather than the Class of 55 and put three members of the Class of 1997 under the Class of 96 banner. We also had **Katherine JoAnn Liscomb** listed as **Rosie Hovey Potter's '68** grand daughter (Rosie's grand daughter is **Nicole Potter Mozurkewich's '90** daughter) and didn't identify **Pat Sweeney** as Salutatorian of the Class of 2006. *We apologize for those mistakes.*

MORE WHOOPS!!!

Our mailing labels for the last NEWS were accidentally produced with married female alumni maiden names as last names. The post office did a great job of sorting that out as very few pieces were returned due to the mix-up.

We received one letter from a female alum who indicated she hasn't used her maiden name in decades and would like our records changed to reflect her given middle name instead of her maiden name along with her married name. We need to keep track of the family name, as it is our basis for tracking school records. We'll work hard to make sure that we get them in the right order on the future mailing labels!

Lord, you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments.

Fill us with your Spirit and make us one in peace and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. - Easter Prayer

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