



The Alumni Gazette



Fall 2004

From the President

As the saying goes "time flies when you're having fun". The past nine months have been both fun and productive for the Rochester Spaulding High Alumni. I would like to take a few moments and highlight some of our accomplishments. The first thing we accomplished was the spring edition of the Alumni Gazette. A special thanks goes to Frank Swan for putting it together. Without his dedication and hard work, the newsletters wouldn't happen. Next, we participated in the 11th Annual Lilac Family Fun Festival at the Spaulding High School on May 19th. Even though it rained (actually poured) that day, everyone there had a great time to include the alumni. We also held a successful Spring Raffle, with 1st prize being a beautiful quilt made by one of our alumni, Joyce Winders. In June, the alumni along with the Rochester Recreation Department hosted a very exciting and dynamic instructional tennis clinic. This was a free event for elementary and middle school age children to promote beginners and newcomers to tennis.

Just before school got out for the summer, the alumni presented at the monthly school board meeting, a handsome portrait of DR. Harry Grierson to Robert Pederson, Principal of Spaulding High School. The portrait is now displayed over the fireplace in the Grierson Conference room (aka the original library for us old alumni) Mr. Pederson stated in a thank-you to us "This was certainly a generous and thoughtful gift, and we appreciated the time and effort that brings this significant alumni gift to Spaulding High School."

The biggest highlight this year was awarding three \$500 scholarships to 2004 deserving graduates at the Spaulding High School Scholarship Award night on June 7th. These students worked hard during the past 12 years and it was a honor for us as an alumni to be able to recognize and reward three students. This alone is a great reason to support the alumni.

I would like to think that the activities and accomplishments listed above is just the beginning of what we can do as alumni. But without your help, we cannot take the alumni to another level. The board of directors is a dedicated group, but all the work is being done with less than a dozen people. There are plenty of opportunities for anyone who would like to become more involved from helping out on events, being on a committee

or being a board member. If you are interested in participating, you can reach me at (603) 332-3863.

Please continue to be a member of the Spaulding Rochester High School Alumni Association and send in your renewal membership for 2005. Your membership and support is very important to the success of the alumni. Also, I encourage everyone to ask a fellow classmate or someone you know that graduated from Spaulding and ask them to join the alumni. As the old saying goes "many hands makes the workload light." We are currently at 234 paid members.

P.S. kudos goes to the Class of 1941. At their class reunion this past summer they auctioned off gift bags and donated the proceeds of \$100 to the alumni. Sounds like a great way to raise some money and have fun at the same time. We appreciate the donation and it will be put to good use.

Thank-you for the support

David Stevens
President

CONGRATULATIONS COACH !!!!!



St. Thomas Aquinas coach Rod Wotton is mobbed by his team after beating Lebanon for his 300th career win Friday night. (See article on page 4)

Alumni Happenings

Alumni Sponsor Tennis Clinic

Our alumni association along with the Rochester Recreation Department sponsored a youth tennis clinic for elementary and middle school students.

The clinic was conducted by Coach Rusty Whitehouse and the Spaulding Girls High School Tennis Team, with support from the U. S . Tennis Association (USTA) in the person of Kyle Littefield, (area representative) . The USTA provided the necessary tennis equipment and Kyle along with two USTA instructors worked along with the Spaulding Tennis Team providing instruction during the clinic. It was their leadership and enthusiasm for the sport that made the clinic a success. "Everyone had fun! "

We want to thank Coach Rusty Whitehouse, the girls Tennis Team, Kyle Littefield (USTA), Art Jacobs of the Rochester Recreation Department and Lewis Goodwin of the Alumni Association for their support. It was a big success.



SHS/Rochester Alumni Present Portrait

The Alumni Association pays tribute to Dr. Harry Greirson for his 45 years of dedicated service . A portrait of Dr. Greirson painted by Barrington artist Sandy Woodcock was presented to the school in his memory.

Dr. Greirson touched the lives of many students starting in 1929 covering many different areas. At the "Old" Rochester High School from 1929 to 1938 he taught industrial arts, algebra and geography . From 1938 to 1942 at the "New High School" he taught industrial art and mathematics.

Dr. Greirson then from 1942 to 1947 entered the US Navy during World War II ,giving 4 1/2 years of service to our country returning to Spaulding in 1947 to 1956. He taught industrial arts and was Guidance Counselor. He also was the Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor from 1956 to 1958.

In 1958 to 1974 he concluded his teaching career as the Principal of the High School.

We take this opportunity to "Honor" Dr. Greirson for his dedicated service.



Lilac City Fun Fest 2004

Lilac Family Fun Festival again this year was a "soggy "event. However the rain did not dampen the spirits of the many families that attended . The event was held in the High School gym with many booth vendors as could possibly fit there. Our raffle was a huge success with the second prize winner of a gas grille going to a family in Florida. We again provided nachos, popcorn and cold drinks .



Notice to all
The 2005 Alumni dues are due NOW..
See page 5 for submittal form

Spaulding High School Sports



GOLF

Spaulding Senior wins Championships!

Lindsay Williams, a senior at Spaulding High School wins both the NH Girls Junior Golf and High School Girls State Championships.

Lindsay one of the State's finest young golfers had great success in 2004 during which winning 2 State Championships. Lindsay enjoys golf as an individual sport that takes a lot of hard work to be successful. Her future goals are to play for a Division One School and become successful after college.

Congratulations Lindsay and "good luck" in achieving your future goals!



LACROSSE

The sport of lacrosse was first played by Native American "Red Raiders" as far back as 1636, more than two centuries before baseball was invented.

But to Rochester and Spaulding High School it was born a couple of years ago. Thanks to a group of enthusiastic students and a committed athletic director lacrosse became a JV sport in 2003 and will become a full varsity sport for boys and girls in 2005.

In 2002 a group of Spaulding students played this "new sport" in their backyard and the idea to start a school program was born. The idea was brought to the School Board and to their surprise, funding was provided.

Spaulding Athletic Director, David Colson, was unwavering with his enthusiasm and support. The need for fields and coaching a new sport was addressed and coaches Brennan Matarazza (girls) and Eric Ritchings (boys) agree that to teach newcomers the finer points of the game proved to be a challenge. The future is bright for this "new" sport and will depend largely on the success of feeder programs at the Middle School level.

As noted by Mr. Colson we have very good coaching and with the type of athletes we have in this area lacrosse could turn into a top-notch program.

Well done to the students, Mr. Colson, coaches and School Board for their support of this new program.

Veterans receive Lifetime Membership in the Alumni Association

In the last Newsletter we were looking for past students who left school to serve their country in World War II. The following is a list of the students and the year they would have graduated.

The Alumni Association also awarded them a lifetime membership into the association:

Maurice Bedard 1944, Carroll Bickford 1945, William Copp 1944, Dana Copp 1947, Norman Erickson 1942, Lucien Gagne 1947, Oscar Gelinas 1945, Wallace Gilbert 1945, Edgar Hawkins 1944, Robert Hersom 1944, Paul Lamie 1943, Arthur Nickless Sr. 1945, Quintin Turner 1946 and Robert Veno 1943.

Where Are THEY Now

Alan Baird General Manager Kansas City Royals



Rochester native and Spaulding High graduate leads Kansas City Royals as it's General Manager.

Alan has been busy in baseball his whole life, from playing short stop at Spaulding to his playing days at St. Petersburg Junior College and at South Arkansas. He also coached at South Arkansas and at Broward County Community College .

Alan joined the KC Royals as a minor league instructor in the late 1980's and continued in the organization until promoted to General Manager . Alan is a positive thinker and is considered by owner David Glass as having demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities . He has upgraded the KC scouting and player development programs

In the words of Tony Pena, Royals manager, "Its great, he is such a hard worker. He's a very positive person working to put together a good ball club."

"Coach Wotton "40 years of coaching



Rod Wotton class of 1957 is in his 40th season of coaching High School Football. Approaching a milestone of 300 wins, Rod is only 2 wins away from achieving what no High School coach in Maine or New Hampshire has realized .

His first 231 wins came in Maine coaching South Berwick's Marshwood High School and his last 67 have been at St. Thomas Aquinas in Dover, NH.

He started coaching at South Berwick in 1964 and stayed at Marshwood for 31 years .

Rod has realized an amazing career. He has won 20 State titles, 17 in Maine and 3 in New Hampshire and has coached teams to 14 undefeated seasons. At one point his teams won 45 consecutive games.

"Coach" Wotton has touched the lives of many young athletes, demanding from and giving respect to each and every player. As he reaches his 300th victory, Jack Leary, St. Thomas Athletic Director states: " I'm sure Rod's happy to reach such a milestone , but I don't think that's why he's coaching. He loves the kids and God does he love the game. "

Congratulations "Coach" Wottonwhat a class act !

ALUMNI COMMENTS

I have been asked to write a few lines about the old Rochester High School. A few items that has changed from 1933 is of course is the building. The old school was located on Wakefield Street where the Church of the Redeemer now stands. Do you remember the building in the rear? It contained the Mechanics Shop, Electrical Classes, Auto Repair, Wood Working and Pattern Making.. The Domestic Arts included sewing, cooking and home care classes. These were in conjunction with the standard classes at the time .

The standard classes consisted of the Academic or College Prep classes. The Commercial classes included shorthand, typing, filing etc. There were classes also in French, Latin and science. Compulsory subjects for 4 years were English, 1 year Medieval, Modern and American History. Math of some type was required for the 4 years Calculators were never heard of and penmanship was part of English along with spelling and book reports (both oral and written) . Most of the teachers were women and the boys and girls were separated and not allowed to recess together .

Students from out lying districts used public transportation. It cost 5 cents each way especially from Gonic , East and North Rochester . Many did not want to wait for the bus so stood on the corner for a ride or walked . A few had cars and parking was never a problem.

Another change was the sports program. Basketball was played in City Hall, football was played at the Fair Grounds and the baseball fields were available through out the area . There was no hockey or any other sport and girls only played basketball .Imagine that !

The teacher was in charge and a trip to the principal was not a pleasant trip .Discipline was a very small problem. There were no drugs or alcohol in or around the school. Also there was "no "smoking and respect between teaches and students.

The students had home room for books, desk and personal items while they had no lockers , no back pack , shorts etc There are many changes that I could mention but hope these few bring back memories of days gone by and the young students of today realize how fortunate they are to live in the age of advancement with the advantages afforded them today .

A 1937 Rochester High School Graduate



SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the Scholarship Awards Night gave 250 scholarships amounting to \$455,000 to 124 High School Seniors. Again this year we presented our usual two \$ 500 and one special \$500 scholarship in memory of Lorna (Tripp) Clough class of 1944.

The winner of the Lorna Tripp Clough scholarship is Justine Clement. This scholarship is presented to a student selected from the music department. Justine has been a member of the band for four years and is a dedicated musician and a positive influence on many of her fellow students. Justine plans on attending UNH Thompson School to study Civil Technology.

Ashley Scala is the recipient of the SHS \$ 500 award. Ashley is described by her teachers as intelligent, hard working and driven to do well. Succeeding is very important to her. She will attend Boston University to study Biology - Premed.

Jared Beaulieu is the recipient of the \$ 500 Vocational Scholarship. Jared is not only an outstanding student academically but also a leader in his class. He is task orientated and performs professional and quality workmanship. He plans to attend McIntosh College to study Criminal Justice.

Since scholarships are one of our primary goals, continued financial support is needed in the area.

From the Editor

Hello from hurricane ravaged Florida.. I have included some pictures here of the damage caused by Charley in the Port Charlotte area and one of my house to show you just how damaging a hurricane can be. It has been many years since New Hampshire has seen such devastation and become displacent about what they can do I know we all remember Betsy in the 50's and how it spread much damage on Rochester.. Frank Swain

My House



Port Charlotte Florida Area



Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association Membership Form

Enclosed is my Annual \$10 membership fee for the year 2005

Name _____
(Last, First) (Maiden) (Class Year)

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