

TATTLER TWO

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45TH REUNION

STILL IN SEARCH OF...

. . . someone (or several) to coordinate/organize the next reunion. There seems to be a desire to have one, but nobody has stepped forward thus far to take charge of the effort. So here's a repeat plea.

HELP WANTED

REUNION ORGANIZERS

If you're a member of the IHS class of '58, live in the Ithaca area, and are willing to devote some time between now and 2003 to the worthy endeavor of organizing our next reunion, **we need you!** We are seeking two or three classmates to coordinate the 45th reunion. Please let me know if you're interested.

CAYUGA LAKE RESCUE

On April 8 of this year, one of our classmates – Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory – helped rescue two Cornell students from Cayuga Lake. Here's part of the account that appeared on the front page of the Ithaca Journal:

Two Cornell University students owe their lives to a quick-thinking pair of retirees after the canoe the students had borrowed overturned in Cayuga Lake's freezing waters.

"They really didn't have much more time left," said Jonathan Bernstein, safety officer of the Ithaca Sail and Power Squadron "The water temperature was 38 degrees. In a few more minutes they would have been dead.

Carolyn McGory, 61, a retired Cornell administrator who lives on Maplewood Point on the west shore of the lake, first saw the pair of students flailing about in the water 400 feet offshore near their capsized canoe . . . just after [they] were dumped into the water when the two-person Kevlar canoe they had borrowed . . . capsized in a brisk wind and 2-foot waves

"I ran downstairs, grabbed a couple of oars and called my neighbor," said McGory. McGory and her neighbor, Ed Biondi, 67, a retired Ithaca City School District guidance counselor, took turns rowing McGory's 14-foot rowboat out to where Biondi could drag the students, one male and one female, on board

"I was really scared for them," said McGory "They'd swallowed a lot of water. He wasn't able to get into one of the lifejackets because it was a child's size and he was just treading water. Neither was holding on to the overturned canoe.

When McGory and Biondi had rowed the pair back to shore, the two students were already feeling the affects of hypothermia and were unable to stand up, according to McGory.

"Fortunately, a neighbor, Vanessa Bentley, saw what had happened and, by the time we got to the dock, had driven up with a carload of blankets."

After the pair had taken hot showers, McGory and Biondi lent them dry clothing and drove them home.

IN MEMORIUM

Since the last issue of the Tattler Two, I've learned of the deaths of the following three classmates – Lynne (Barnette) Bailey, Pete Curry, and Theresa (Reeves) Slebrick. We mourn their passing and cherish our memories of them.

CLASS NOTES

Although there's enough news for this issue, the flow of items has slowed down a bit. Remember, I'm dependent on all of you for information, so please, please give me something to share with your classmates.

Cynthia (Beebee) Anderson lives in Kingman, AZ. The Anderson name comes from first husband Bill who died in 1978 of a heart attack. After her second marriage to Abe Andrews ended after 13+ years, she switched her name back to Anderson. A breast cancer survivor, she keeps very busy. In addition to her job -- teaching preschool -- she is active in her church, baby-sits, sits for elderly women, housecleans for the elderly, and animal sits.

June (Smith) Churchill and husband Dexter are retired, both from teaching. June taught French and some Spanish, Dexter instrumental music and technology. Retirement has meant more time for singing in local choruses and church for June, more time for performing and teaching music as well as cross-country skiing for Dexter, and recently a first trip for both to England and Wales. The Churchills call Herkimer, NY home. Daughter Robyn and two grandchildren live near Boston and daughter Kristen in Idaho.

Marlene (Smith) Cutler lives in Ithaca. She's now "retired", which means working part-time for Autosalvage of Ithaca. Prior to retirement, she worked for NCR (National Cash Register Co. for those who may have forgotten) for 13 years and for Cornell for 35. Marlene's first husband, Richard Dunn, died after they'd been married for 13 years and her second, Bill Cutler, died 3 years ago. She has 4 children, 2 stepchildren, and 11 grandkids.

John Detweiler, leaving IHS after our sophomore year, attended Tabor Academy. Then it was on to the U.S. Naval Academy. After graduating and serving a couple of active duty tours in the Navy, he went to graduate school in Oregon, which led to civilian employment with Uncle Sam and, later, work for a defense contractor. He took early retirement in 1990, moved west again, returned to graduate school and works as a consultant. John and wife Sylvia (from Dryden) live in Corvallis,

OR. Their two daughters are in California and Colorado.

Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman left IHS after our sophomore year to attend the Ethel Walker School in Connecticut. She then went to Vassar and, after graduating, married husband Bud. His career took the Fackelmans to Nigeria, where he helped establish a veterinary college; Switzerland; Philadelphia; and Boston, where he helped start the vet school at Tufts. In the late '80's, the Fackelmans moved to Maine where for 10 years they ran a remote sporting camp. Selling it 3 years ago, they moved to Rockwood, ME where they are semi-retired, Kate's still involved in desktop publishing and Bud in veterinary consulting and electronic medical book publishing. For fun, both are involved in dog agility competition and training, spending several months each year traveling to events. Their one child, daughter Paula, married in August.

Carol (Stevens) Jordan worked for Cornell after graduating from IHS, married, had 5 sons, and in 1970 went back to work at Cornell where she was the graduate admissions secretary for the Physics Department. She retired early last year. She and husband Roger spend winters in Aripeka on the west coast of Florida, and summers in Berkshire, NY, close to all their sons, 9 grandchildren, step grandchild, and one great grandchild(!).

Pat (Phillips) Marion now calls Crouch, ID (which she says is called Little Alaska) home. Earlier, she and husband Al (IHS '57) lived in Kodiak, AK (a US Navy assignment Al requested); Ithaca; Syracuse; Burlington and Park Falls, WI, Emmett and Boise, ID, and Walla Walla, WA. Pat, who got a degree in nursing from the U. of Rochester, did mostly ICU and ER nursing, but also taught and did school and office nursing. Both she and Al are retired (he from being total quality manager for Boise Cascade). They have three sons, in Idaho, Michigan, and Alaska, and two grandchildren. Pat gets to Ithaca periodically as her father lives at Kendal.

Rita MacDonald has, to my knowledge, the most recent connection with IHS. Although she left after our freshman year to attend the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Torresdale, PA, *she taught at IHS!* After college, she taught English at Cortland

High for 16 years and at IHS for 18, retiring 4 years ago. Rita still lives in Ithaca.

Joseph O'Hara transferred to Cascadilla Prep in 1957 and graduated from there. After college, he worked for Xerox for 3 years, served in the Navy, and then worked for 23 years for AT&T, mostly in finance, before taking early retirement in 1989. After spending a couple years relaxing, he returned to the work world and, after a couple ventures that he didn't like, now has a "second career" that he loves, as a fiscal coordinator for the Brooklyn Academy of Music. (Joe and wife of 29 years Barbara live in Brooklyn.) Joe notes that if he tires of that work, he'll work as a personal chef as he loves cooking. The O'Haras have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Bob Saturn is an honorary member of the class of '58, having started high school in the class of '59 but graduating from Cascadilla Prep in Aug. '58. After 2 years in the Navy and 4 years and a degree from Ithaca College, Bob went to work for Equifax, Inc., the last 29 years in Atlanta. Retiring in 1999 from being director of state government relations has given him more time for hobbies, including being a board member of the Southeastern Bluegrass Association and, soon, treasurer of the Atlanta Obedience Club where he teaches dogs (and owners) how to behave. He and wife Sandy (nee Malison, IHS '59) live in Tucker, GA. They have two daughters and one grandson. Bob and Dick Monroe of our class have been the best of friends for many years.

As several of you have commented that I've never included anything about myself in the Tattler Two, it's time to rectify that situation. **Steve Schmal** went to Cornell after IHS, then moved to the D.C. area to do graduate work (at American U.), and still lives in the D.C. area. He's done human resources work for 30 years, first with the National Labor Relations Board and, since 1978, with the U.S. General Accounting Office. A major dividend of transferring to GAO was meeting Deb, his wife for the past 20 years, there. She's now a clinical social worker (aka therapist). In addition to being unofficial (and self-appointed) class secretary, Steve is a Council Member for the Village of Martin's Additions (in Chevy Chase, MD where he and Deb live), and plays tennis and

softball. The Schmals like to travel, which they hope to do more of when Steve retires in January.

Dave Shaw is a retiree, albeit a very active one. An electrical engineering graduate of Clarkson and Syracuse, from 1964 until 1992 he worked for Eastman Kodak, where he designed and managed federal government programs. These included Lunar Orbiter, a laser system for communication between satellites, and NASA's X-ray astronomy payload. In retirement Dave's a flight instructor at the Penn Yan Flying Club – he lives in Penn Yan – and he's a trustee of the National Warplane Museum in Elmira.

Bill Turley, recently "found" by the class, has replaced Carol (Robinson) Battenfeld as the classmate living furthest from Ithaca. He now lives in Columbia, near Bogota. A graduate of the U. of Rochester, he worked as a medical and geological researcher until 1970 when he moved to Florida. There, he taught for about 23 years, traveled, worked as a photographer, and met his second wife. In 1997, as she was homesick for her family in Columbia, the Turleys moved there. Bill is vicerector of a bilingual school and professor at the National Center for Bilingualism. He has two children from his first marriage – Caroline, a photographer in North Carolina and Charles, a professor of voice and opera singer in Texas.

Short Takes: **Cy Cantrell** and his second wife will celebrate their 30th anniversary in November. They have two daughters, ages 10 and 14. **James Cornell** decided that retired life made him too restless so he's now working part-time for Lowes. He says that should keep him in shape for golf. There's sad news from **Judy (Osborn) Davis**. Her husband John died in February of pancreatic cancer. Fortunately she has her four daughters for moral support. Judy is working for a dentist, babysits, and plays tennis for recreation. **Peggy (Fitzgerald) Greenfield**, adding to what was in the last issue of the Tattler Two, notes that she has a daughter in Tennessee, a son in Massachusetts, and 3 grandchildren. **Kathy (Illencsik) Lilley's** daughter Sasha graduated from U.C. Berkeley this year. While there, she boarded with none other than **Kay Trimberger**. In June, Kathy, along with **Peg (Credle) Cunningham** and **Kathy (Fallon) Cameron**, attended the 75th anniversary

celebration at Camp Comstock. **Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino** retired from Coca-Cola in May, giving her more time to spend with her three grandchildren. In addition to rescuing people from Cayuga Lake, **Carolyn (Pfohl) McGory** has been selling antiques on Ebay. She's been successful enough to have it pay for a June trip for herself and two daughters-in-law to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon area (whitewater rafting in the Canyon). While it's impossible to report on all of **Dick Monroe's** recent activities, he and wife Toni have purchased a Mexican restaurant. **Jim Myers** continues to have his writings published. Most recently, he wrote the feature article in the Sunday Washington Post Magazine.

Get-togethers: Carolyn McGory reports that she and **Carol (Kleeman) Hayes** spent a day in June traveling around all of Cayuga Lake in Carolyn's boat. **Linda (Womble) Conrad** informed me that Carol Jordan and her husband visited the Conrads in July. And **Marion (Payton) Longcoy** hosted long-time friend (and auxiliary classmate) **Carol (Donalds) East**, visiting from Arizona, for a week in August.

WANT A CLASS LIST?

I'm still offering the class list to any classmate who wants it. It now has mailing addresses – and in many cases phone numbers and e-mail addresses – for 262 class members as well as a number of auxiliary classmates (see article below).

If you want a copy, please let me know. It's free if you're on the Internet, but it'll cost \$1, to cover printing and postage, if you want it mailed to you.

A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino wrote me the following about her graduation from high school. I was moved by it and, at my request, she agreed to share it.

On thinking about my lost 1958 High School Annual, I wanted to tell you why, under my picture, it only says "Syracuse".

I didn't really finish high school in Ithaca.

My parents had split up in 1958 and, around October, I went to live with my mother in Syracuse. I went to Central High School.

I, being timid and shy at the time, was terrified of all the big city stuff. If you remember, "Blackboard Jungle" was the big movie at that time. I was afraid to even go to the locker room. I didn't make any friends as I was too scared. I had led a pretty sheltered life growing up in Ithaca.

I managed to see high school out to the end but, when the topic of graduation came up, I went to the office and said I wanted to graduate in Ithaca with the people I knew and had grown up with. They said it wasn't possible, as I had finished school in Syracuse. I started crying, told them that then I wasn't going to graduate, and left the office.

Lo and behold, my mother got a phone call a few days later. The school told her they had bent the rules because it meant so much to me. They had contacted Ithaca and were going to transfer all my papers to them so I could be an Ithaca High School graduate. I was so happy.

Central High School also has my name as a graduate because its yearbook was already on the drawing board. It has my name in it without a picture, saying "camera shy".

I am proud to be a 1958 Ithaca High School graduate!

FAMOUS CLASSMATE

Jim Myers and Jeanne Houghton have recalled that political commentator George Will was a member of our class for one year (1955-56) while his father was on a sabbatical assignment at Cornell. Does anyone remember whether he wore bow ties then?

AUXILLIARY CLASSMATES

... is a term that I've applied to those who, while not attending Ithaca High during the school year of 1957-58, were part of our class in previous years.

I'm indebted to Anita Bonney for suggesting that they be included in the search for "missing" classmates and, for those that wish to do so, as participants in all class functions. Following up on her suggestions (and she offered at least eight names to put on the list), I went to work and, with your help, have gotten in touch with quite a few.

The list now includes Bill Cass, Ellie (Hugo) Christie, Peg (Credle) Cunningham, John Detweiler, Carol (Donalds) East, Dennis Ellsworth, Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman, Jane Galvin-Lewis, Rita MacDonald, John Mahool, Joseph O'Hara, Wilmont Parker, Bob Pierce, Carol (Riley) Riggs, Laura (Wolfowitz) Sachs, Chris (Mathewson) Salerno, and Bob Saturn.

Several other auxiliary classmates have been identified but not located – Jack Macbeth and Barbara Spencer – or have been identified and located but not responded – Mike Cardozo, Betsy (Edwards) Fincke, and Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Risby. Please let me know if you have other candidates.

WHO'S STILL MISSING?

The list of "missing" class members continues to shrink. Marlene (Smith) Cutler, Judy (Fowler) Decastro, Kathy (Smith) Lamb, and Bill Turley have been "found" since the last issue of the Tattler Two reached you. While realistically the list may be as small as it can get, I will never lose hope that we'll be able to locate those on it.

The current list:

Duane Cole, John Davis (whom I inadvertently omitted from the list in the last issue), Ronnie Harmon, Whitey Hart, Joyce Hinman, Arlene Johnson, Denise Lecoq, Cindy Miller, Nancy Oktavec, Linda Waterfield, Craig Wilson, Johnnie Wray, and Tank Young.

I've been told that Duane lives in California, that Ronnie also lives there and is a physician, that Joyce's married name is Locke and lived in the Binghamton area, that Arlene attended Case Western Reserve University, that Linda's married name is Bell and may live in Florida, that Craig lived in Pennsylvania (possibly in Sayre), and that Tank was in the U.S. Army and may be living as a

military retiree in Germany. Unfortunately none of this has led to contacts with them.

So if any of you have **any other info** about what happened to them after high school that you haven't shared with me, please pass it on.

There are also the following, who may be members of the class of 1958, who remain elusive: William Barbe, Roberta (Finn) Brink, David Dennis, William Ehart, Jack Ellsworth, Donald Evans, Rick Evans, Richard Frazier, and Lloyd VandeBogart. (Or they may not have been in our class. They were listed in the 1996 IHS directory, published by the Harris Company, as being in our class but it's turned out that some others listed for 1958 have, in fact, been in other classes.)

Information about them, including whether they were indeed in our class, would be appreciated.

THANK YOU

Once again, I want to acknowledge the great assistance I have received in searching for "missing" classmates and preparing the newsletter.

Since the last issue, I've received contributions from Linda (Womble) Conrad, Karl Hoffmann (formerly Przrembel), Dick and Jo Ann (Ink) Lychalk, and Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino. The money has been used to paying for printing and postage, of course, but it's also helped defray the costs of the many phone calls I've made as part of the search for "missing" classmates.

Linda also provided me with addresses I didn't have, as did Cathy (Van Buren) Bomberger, Ann (Murphy) DeYoung, Kate (Catherwood) Fackelman, Myra Fincher, Sally (Pardoe) Hoyt, Marcia (Hubbell) Knight, Marion (Payton) Longcoy, Mike Malison, Chuck McNeal, Carol (Riley) Riggs, and Sue (Ensworth) Saltus.

Finally, but by no means least, Sharron (Hunsinger) Marino loaned me her copy of the 1996 IHS directory, which has proven invaluable in the search.

ADDRESS CHANGE? LET US KNOW!

The Tattler Two is most successful if it actually reaches you. **Please let me know if your mailing address changes** (even if you're receiving the Tattler Two via the Internet). We want to stay in touch with you and some of the class-related material may go out via the mails.

All it takes is an e-mail, postcard, or phone call. My contact information is schmals@erols.com; 7317 Summit Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; (301) 652-8620.

IN CLOSING

The last weeks have been a very difficult time for all of us. The tragic events in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania have touched all of our lives. (Those of you on the class e-mail list have been sent a reflection on the events by Joe O'Hara, an auxiliary classmate who lives in New York City. If others of you want a copy, please let me know.)

One of the consequences for me has been that it has brought more clearly into focus how uncertain the course of our lives can be. While much of our immediate attention is on putting our country's and our individual lives back on course as best we can, it also seems that we must endeavor to do things now that we want to do, rather than to defer them to some indefinite future time. That is why I will continue to try to provide a forum for classmates to reconnect with one another and to press for a 45th reunion in 2003.

Steve

