

THIS IS SURRATTS FOUNDATION E-NOTICE 2015-1 OF JANUARY 1, 2015

Hello Hornets:

Here are some items that might be of interest:

1. 2014 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN A SMASHING SUCCESS! Thanks to the generosity of the long list of donors below, our 2014 Annual Campaign achieved its goal of being the most successful campaign in the 15-year history of the Foundation! We are very grateful to those donors below – especially the many first-time donors -- for your contributions to the record-breaking 2014 Annual Campaign!

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3. ... AND CONTINUING THE FUND RAISING THEME. And the Foundation still gets regular checks from goodsearch.com. This is the internet search engine (that does what google does, but that allows you to designate the Foundation as your preferred charity to receive a donation for every search you make). Please consider registering on goodsearch.com to do your web searching there with the Foundation as your designated charity.

4. HORNET HOOPS STORY STIMULATES RECOLLECTIONS. The item in the last e-Notice in which Chuck Teubner (65) shared his memories of the 1962 boys' basketball State championship team prompted these vivid memories from Bill Crawford (62) (bcraw44@gmail.com):

"I love those old stories. More good tales in the December e-Notice, especially that blurb on Hornet hoops from The Teub. Just to add a little to his solid memories. The leading scorer for that 62 State Champion team was Dickie "Pack Rat" Hinchliffe. He was usually on the front end of the lethal Hornet fast break. He also possessed a strong outside shot long before the three pointer was introduced. Coach Vaughn insisted on a smothering defensive style and our boys responded keyed by the lightening quick -- and aforementioned by Teub -- Jim "Roach" Byroads.

Lennie Owens was the other starter who played the forward position and exploded for 30-plus points during a regular season game. The Pack Rat suffered from hemophilia and he had an unfortunate episode late in the season. He was unable to play in the post season. Coach Vaughn turned to his bench and tapped thin junior Kim Bitterman to replace Hinchliffe. He turned in a stellar post-season performance, earning the nickname "Icewater." Opponents made the mistake of letting down in the absence of the sharpshooting Hinchliffe. Bob Johnson hit 21 consecutive foul shots in the playoffs and astounded opponents with some dogged board work despite his lack of size. He would earn a basketball scholarship to Washington College with his gritty play. Bitterman consistently found Wayne Eaton and Lennie Owens in their "spots" and the seniors did not disappoint. Bitterman joined Johnson as two Hornets who played way above expectations.

The Roach had a breakout offensive game in the semis. Bitterman noticed our opponents sloughing off Byroads on defense. The string bean junior shoveled him the ball at the elbow and Byroads rattled home a couple of awkward jumpers while Coach Vaughn feigned a heart attack on the bench. Then the other team thought Roach was hot so they hacked him each time he got the ball within shooting range. He responded by rattling home his free throws finishing with 16 points for the game. 16 for Byroads was like 40 for anybody else! His defense in the last two games at Cole Field House was as good as I ever saw at the high school level in the 60s. SHS was never seriously challenged in the playoffs.

Coach Vaughn did indeed come down here to North Carolina to High Point College where I visited him often. He recruited Little All American Gene Littles, who led the Panthers to a national ranking in NIAA. Geno would play pro ball in the ABA and NBA and coach in the NBA for over 25 years. He was Coach V's favorite player ever! In the early 70s Vaughn signed a guard out of Great Mills High School. He was a solid player but most of you will remember him for the NCAA National Championship Team he coached at Kentucky: Tubby Smith. Kim Bitterman attended Duke where he played freshman basketball. Bob Vaughn left the game when he married his second wife in the 70s -- too much traveling and stress. He became a public school administrator in Myrtle Beach where he also sold real estate. He passed away a few years back. Of course, we lost Bob "Pinhead" Johnson at Christmas of 2012. Coach Vaughn for many years was the youngest high school coach ever to win a Maryland state basketball

championship. He played college ball at Western Maryland where he steered Hornet stalwart Lennie Owens to also enroll. I can still see Roach stealing the ball and igniting the Hornet fast break. Regards. Bill”

[Ed. notes: Bill really makes an editor who can't even remember what he had for breakfast feel bad! How great were those olden days' nicknames for kids at Surratts! Please keep those fascinating Hornet sports memories coming!]

5. UPDATE ON FALLEN HEROES PLAQUE. Bob Jeter (64), 904jeter@gmail.com, reminds our readers that the great new Fallen Heroes plaque in the Foundation's Legacy Hall at the School is available for display at reunions and other events. (The plaque currently is on a road trip to the Clinton American Legion and then the Clinton Library.) Please contact Bob if you would like to display the plaque at any upcoming event.

6. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT FEATURED ON NATIONAL TV. We just learned that Achievement Award recipient Ann Weaver Pelle (71), and her perpetually young Villages Twirlers, will be on TV for their upcoming appearance in the Citrus Bowl Parade. Congratulations to Ann and her talented neighbors on this nice press for their always-inspiring efforts! (The parade is syndicated – internationally! – from January 1-January 5, so check your local listings for details. In most markets, the parade will be shown on ABC on Thursday January 1 at 11 a.m.)

(Here's Ann's report on the event: “The Villages Twirlers and Drum Corps have been invited to perform in the Citrus Bowl Parade for the sixth time. This year we'll also be doing a Pre-Parade Show! We also will be doing “76 Trombones” halftime number for the audience in the bleacher area, and then run back to the staging area for step off. It's gonna be a long day but I am making them have extra practices and "conditioning" to make sure they make it all the way through. I tell them each year that they can't start training the week before---just sayin' (lol)! Ann p.s. The group's “year in review” video can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeRbJ2r0w20&feature=youtu.be>”

7. DON'T FORGET THE FOUNDATION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. The Foundation's great youtube channel contains a number of interesting programs, including a program on this year's extraordinary Achievement Award recipients. <http://youtu.be/GTywsh4I4Jw>

Many thanks to Foundation Board member Sandra Smith Simmons (70) who creates the Foundation's youtube content!

8. CLASS OF 39 FEATURED IN POST ARTICLE, con't. Here is a continuation of an item in the last e-Notice about a June 25, 1984 Washington Post article by Eugene Meyer sent in by Paul Monaghan (59):

“Class of ’39 Surrattsville High Recalled ... Clinton changed as the farms sprouted houses. Trueman’s father sold all but “the home place” on his tobacco farm to developers in the 1950s and ‘60s. Trueman lives today in a home his father built next door in 1962. The men worked for the telephone and power companies or got middle-level government-related jobs. Tippett opened a meat store that he still owns in Clinton. Frank Selby, who wanted to become an aviator, operated a gas station in Clinton until he retired to Florida to sell real estate and pursue model airplanes as a hobby. The women reared their children; some worked outside the home as well. Margaret Edmondson Loveless became a health aide at Surrattsville High, retiring in 1982 after 23 years.

Besides Loveless, only Wylie W. Burgess Jr. earned a college degree. Burgess went on to become principal of Stephen Decatur Junior High and Roger B. Taney Middle School. He died of cancer in 1981. Nobody in the Depression class made a mint, although some achieved a comfortable standard of living. Aubrey and Ken Smith (he’s a C&P supervisor) live in a good-sized rambler on a large lot in Enterprise Estates, a subdivision of \$150,000 homes near Bowie. Down the street live John and Burnice White, the other class couple whose marriage has survived the years; a third did not. Gladys Mullikin Plauger lives in a modest home that her husband, a carpenter, built in 1961, on what’s left of her father’s farm, about three miles from the old school. She grew up without electricity or indoor plumbing and her father refused to “put in the current” after she and her husband married and moved in during 1943. They finally got electricity after her father died in 1951. She is a great-grandmother five times over, with a sixth on the way.

Joe Edelen is the only honest-to-God full-time farmer left among the lot. He seldom sees his classmates, despite their farm roots. “I’m in a little different walk of life,” he said. “It’s a different circle altogether.” Last week, eight classmates whose circles still overlap returned to their old school to be photographed on its steps and wander its halls. “People ask me, ‘Wouldn’t you like to go back?’ said Audrey Germyen Smith. “No way.” “The best years of our lives were here,” said Christina Gwynn Evald, whose father drove a school bus and owned Clinton Motor Co., a Ford dealership, whose building was replaced long ago by a Safeway store. “The best years of my adult life are right now,” said Audrey Smith, who survived triple bypass heart surgery three years ago and is looking forward to the arrival of a ninth grandchild in September.

The reunions began in 1959, a year when many saw their own children graduate from Surrattsville High, in a class of 325. They have been held every five years since. “We have been more of a family than most classes and there seems to be a genuine concern for each other,” Ernie Loveless wrote his classmates, announcing a between-reunions pot-luck supper in 1976”

[To be continued.]

9. CLASS OF 95 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 95 will be celebrating its 20 reunion in June 2015 at the Colony South and is looking for our classmates. Please send an email to Kenya Samuels Gray at Kenya.Gray@gmail.com if you have any information on 95 grads or members of their family. The Class also has a Surrattsville Class of 1995 group on Facebook. To kick-off the "countdown to 20," on June 11, 2014 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the Class's planning committee is hosting a celebrity scoops night at Rita's in Clinton (the old Pizza Hut near the intersection of Woodyard Road and Brandywine Road).

10. CLASS OF 75 PLANS REUNION. The Class of 75 is considering plans for a reunion. (Note that the Class of 75 reunion was not part of the recent Class of 74 reunion as was previously mentioned.) Please contact Lorraine Frank Kerr at lorraineefrank1@gmail.com, or Cindy Shaffer Kluth on Facebook, if you are interested in the Class of 75 event.

11. NEW CONTENT CONTINUES TO BE ADDED TO FOUNDATION'S FACEBOOK GROUP. The Foundation's Facebook Group, "Surrattsville Alumni," continues to grow. The Group now has nearly 1850 members. Please consider joining this group, and your Class' group on Facebook – called “Surrattsville 1969” and the like – to stay in touch with all things Surrattsville.

Here's hoping you are enjoying a great start to your 2015!

All the best, Henry Smith (71)

In Memoriam

NANCY LEE BOLEY GOODWIN (former faculty) died on October 3 in Knightdale, North Carolina. She was born on March 14, 1936 to the late Robert Calvin Boley and the late Anna Elizabeth (Brooks) Boley. Nancy worked for National Geographic and United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement, both in Washington, DC. She was an educator in Prince Georges County, MD from 1960 to 1994 working at Central High School, Friendly High School and retiring from Surrattsville High School, where she was chairperson of the Business Department for several years. She loved to read, travel, crochet and play the piano. She was an avid Washington Redskins fan, and was a charter member of Lakeside United Methodist Church in Waldorf, Maryland. Active in the church until she moved to Wendell, NC in 2000. In 1996, after the death of her husband, Mrs Goodwin stepped into the role of Secretary/Treasurer of the Chesapeake Bay Division of the International Association of Identification, a position her husband held for many years. At the end of a year of service, she was presented with a Life Membership in the CBD/IAI.

She is survived by her children, Donna L. Grimes and husband Scott of Waldorf, Maryland, Ruth McPherson and husband Jack of Wendell, North Carolina, Robert C. Goodwin and wife Melissa of Lewes, Delaware; sister, Alice Hosters of Orange City, Florida. Grandchildren, Jonathan Goodwin and wife Amy, Ryan Goodwin, Randy Flanders, Morgan Flanders, Kyle Grimes. Great grandson, Easton Robert Goodwin and several other family and friends. Her family is asking that anyone who wishes to honor Nancy's memory to plant a tree or take some other action to protect and sustain our environment.

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