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Something **big** is happening at Nottingham!

By Janice Hammerle, Nottingham Teacher

As we help to prepare our youth for tomorrow's employment, we are very excited about the development of a Career Center at Nottingham. Business partners in the community have made it clear that they need our schools to provide a well-trained workforce. Colleges and universities have indicated that students need more guidance and information around career options and higher education choices.

A team comprised of representatives from Nottingham staff, parents, RLS Career Center, Partners for Education and Business, and MetroNet has been hard at work over the past year planning a state-of-the-art facility equipped and staffed to aid exploration in higher education and career development.

The Nottingham Career Center will provide resources and guidance through an accessible and welcoming environment to students, parents, teachers, employers, and the community. The Center will be a mechanism for the business community to make their needs known and for our school to prepare students to be in line with current employment needs and trends. In addition, students will have up-to-date comprehensive and premier materials and information on higher education opportunities. Understanding the world of work and career de-

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Nottingham has embraced the Community of Caring character education model, which emphasizes values essential in shaping lives, illuminating goals, and guiding responsible decisions. The Nottingham Career Center will facilitate and promote the Community of Caring model through its programming.

The Career Center will be developed in a self-contained area of the current library, with state-of-the-art equipment for class seminars of 28 students. Up-to-date periodicals, books, DVDs, software, etc. will be available on topics such as career exploration, college choice, financial aid, employment outlook, and other topics relative to the world of work. The Center will have one full-time staff, and two part-time staff.

The Nottingham Career Center has the endorsement of the Syracuse City School Administration and School Board Members. The funding for the project will come from community resources in the form of grants and donations. In these times of rapid change in employment, it is imperative that we take responsibility to provide our youth with the resources needed to make solid decisions about their future. We hope you are as excited about the Career Center as we are and we will keep you apprised of the development.

Nottingham Grad on Hit TV

Thom Filicia '84 is one of the stars on *BRAVO* networks hit show *Queer Eye For The Straight Guy*. Filicia, who attended Syracuse University, owns his own design firm. According to www.bravotv.com The shows' mission is for "Five gay men, out to make over the world - one straight guy at a time. They are the Fab Five: an elite team of gay men dedicated to extolling the simple virtues of style, taste and class.

Each week their mission is to transform a style-deficient and culture-deprived straight man from drab to fab in each of their respective categories: fashion, food & wine, interior design, grooming and culture. "

On the show Thom is known as the "Design Doctor." The show has spawned lots of fan club web sites and a book *The Fab 5's Guide to Looking Better, Cooking Better, Dressing Better, Behaving Better, and Living Better*.

You can see Thom in action on *Queer Eye* which airs Tuesdays at 10 PM Eastern on cable TV's *BRAVO* Channel.



DECA TAKES PRIZES ; NEEDS FUNDS

by Megan Percia ('04), DECA Secretary

Over 100 Nottingham business students attended Regional Competition at Cazenovia College on Jan.8, 2004.

Our Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) competed against five other high schools, winning the following awards: Chakiera Harris, Apparel & Accessories Management Level (1st) Maggie Stonecash, Business Services Marketing (4th) Megan Fleming, Decision Making (4th) Megan Percia, Full Service Restaurant Management (1st) Leah Dougherty, Marketing Management (2nd) Jackleen Morgan, Marketing Management (3rd) Jessicah Kye-Fredette, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous (2nd) Stephon Martin, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous (4th) Natasha Alford, Public Speaking, Prepared (1st) Emily Neadle, Retail Merchandising, Management Level (4th) Yoo-Mi Park, Wholesale Selling (1st) Jessica Emm, Wholesale Selling (4th) Chelsea Scott and Nicolas Rastegar, Travel & Tourism Management Team Decision Making (2nd)

Out of our original 104 members, 46 will attend the State Conference in Rochester in March. As a result of so many people moving on to the next level, we have been fundraising to offset the cost of \$310 per student. We are also hopeful that at least one member will qualify for the Nationals to be held in Nashville, TN in May.

One way alumni can help is by buying some of the Nottingham items which we sell year around. Our ad appears elsewhere in this issue of The Nottingham Connection. Of course we also accept any and all monetary donations. For further information, contact our advisor Mrs. Katie Gang at Nottingham (315-435-4380).



Please check out The Nottingham Apparel on Page 45 + 46 to Help Support **DECA**

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More Nottingham History

Our article in 2003 inspired Dick Dirks ('51) to add his two-cents to our history.

Thanks to Quentin Kopp and Bob Stockdale for answering the question of when Nottingham became a 10-12 school: 1938. My date of 1943 was supplied by the custodian of the present Levy Middle School, who was apparently mistaken. It didn't seem logical, anyway, that this event could have occurred in the middle of WW-II.

I must question, however, the editor's note stating that Nottingham acquired an 8th grade in 1948-49. I attended from 1947 to 1951, and I think I would remember an 8th grade if there was one. My 1951 Bulldog does identify three homerooms with about 90 students as "Class of 1955," but I feel sure that these were not 8th-graders but 9-1 freshmen who entered in January 1951.

My 1951 Commencement program lists 66 January graduates out of a total of 232. There was only one commencement ceremony, in June. Socially, we were all considered to be in the class of the calendar year in which we expected to graduate. In practice, many January graduates "PG'd" the second semester, i.e., they took a reduced class load in a postgraduate status in order to participate in spring activities and sports. Our Class of '51 president, for example, was a January graduate. Our spring, 1951, golf team, which won the City, County, and Section 3 championships, and placed second in the state tournament, could not have done this without Bob Mandeville and Dick Drake, who "PG'd" to play golf.

I was a bit confused by the discussion of the January-June class consolidation which took place in 1956-57. How could anyone still have graduated in January 1961? I must have missed something. In any event, the consolidation must have been socially dislocating for those who had to leave high school a year earlier than expected, with a class they had not thought they were a part of.

Getting back to Nottingham's early days, could someone be found to write about how the school felt and operated in its 7-12 days? Was it in practice a 7-12 school, or was it really two schools that shared the same name and building? Was there one principal or two? How much sharing of faculty was there? Did the 7-8-9th graders feel like part of "Nottingham High School," attending football games, etc.? Did 9th graders participate in senior high sports and activities?

I also have another interest. I somehow managed to win a letter as a member of the 1948 city championship golf team. Since this was Nottingham's only city championship in 1947-48, I may well have been the first Nottingham 9th grader ever to play on a city championship team, and maybe even the first (or one of the first) Nottingham freshman ever to win a letter. That would be a very odd distinction for this relatively un-athletic type.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

One of the more rewarding parts of The Nottingham Connection is that sometimes we can help folks find lost classmates. In June, we received a request from Barb Ellefson ('70) regarding an Israeli foreign student whom she remembered. All she really wanted to know was "... whether he had survived all the Arab-Israeli wars of the late sixties/early seventies, which, Danny Jagur ('67 or '68) did not. He was a very special person to me and, as his best friend, so was Ofer [Naor]." We passed the request on to Israeli resident Josh Cohen ('78) who cautioned us that there were many Ofer Naors in Israel.

June 15th, an elated Josh emailed, "I hit the jackpot on Friday! Actually, 'our' Ofer Naor was listed first by the phone directory, but only the 4th I managed to actually reach. Not bad!! He seemed to enjoy the whole thing as much as I did. Turns out that he was in Syracuse while his Dad pursued a PhD at SU. I hadn't realized that Danny Jagur, a friend of both Ofer & Barbara, was also an Israeli. I sent him Barb's e-mail address, and am leaving any further contact in his hands. What fun!"

As of this writing, Ofer has not yet contacted Barb, but as Barb said, she's glad to know that he is alive. That's all that counts.

We also had good luck in our search for Connie Cornzve. Greg Clarke had been looking for her to thank her and her friend for keeping him company in a rail station while he was in the service. The story in our 2003 issue sparked a phone call from Bev Cramer Rudolph ('54). She had gotten a call from Ellie Distin (Central Tech '54) who said that Connie married Herbie Feldman in '57 or '58 and they had moved to Brooklyn, where Ellie knew them. Bev thought the number of Herbert Feldmans in Brooklyn might make it hard to find the right one, and of course they could have moved. We're not sure what happened next, but in September we got an email message from Connie to our nottalum@hotmail.com address! Connie and Herb are now living in Ashland, NH. and she is delighted to be part of our Nottingham Connection family. Thanks to all those who helped find her.

We still have puzzles we've not been able to solve. Sharon Green is trying to find Harry Schwartz who she thinks was in the Class of '45. Sharon believes he is her father. If you remember a Harry Schwartz from that era, she'd like to talk with you. Sharon's number is (716) 834-3270.

Barb Ellefson would like to hear from anyone who remembers her parents Harry G. Ellefson, born in 1919 who graduated in 1938, and Ethel Marie Zimmerman, born in 1920 who graduated in 1939. Even if you don't remember Harry and Ethel, Barb would still like to hear more about what it was like to go to high school in that era. So think back, remember and contact either The Nottingham Connection or Barb. Barb can be reached at Bjellefson@aol.com or

TREASURER'S REPORT



Balance on 12/31/02	\$1017.53
Total donations in 2003	\$3257.79
Total expenses in 2003	\$ 813.46
Balance on 12/31/03	\$3461.86

Comments:

* Thanks to our generous donors, listed on page 21, we will be able to fund several mini-grants to staff members this spring. Details on the grants are elsewhere in this issue.

Forest Fire Strikes Feldman Family

by Gary Feldman ('71)

Many of you were aware that my family resides in San Diego, and many have contacted me with concern over the recent fires. Unfortunately my family and I were victims. Everyone is safe, including our beagle, but our home and belongings were lost. We have relocated to a 3 bedroom apartment less than half the size of our home, but we are receiving support from and lending support to at least 30 other families from the neighborhood who lost their homes as well. Over 300 homes were destroyed in Scripps Ranch with over 150 in our homeowners association, and 75 of the 80 homes in our Amber Ridge development. The devastation is beyond belief. The contents have disintegrated and are buried under that new "fireproof" roof we installed during a recent home remodel this past year. Fortunately no lives were lost in our community although some were lost elsewhere in the county. We plan to rebuild our community together with our friends and neighbors. The relationships we had established are stronger than ever, and we will forever be bonded as we collectively rebuild our lives. Other than this, life is good, the kids are great, business is strong, and I don't have to worry about planning a reunion or Bat Mitzvah for a few years.

Anybody that has any old pictures of me when I was skinny, they would be welcome. I loved that calendar that Terri Gerber sent when I was at Camp Bradley Brook with Mo, Neil, Jim and others. Also, any of my Burden of Life Bandmates that may have our band photo in front of the mausoleum, please scan it and I will reimburse you.... Things like that would be great.

* **Note:** Gary can be contacted at gary.feldman@criticalair.com



Nottingham Yearbook: Big Changes in Store.

by Joey Dougherty ('06)

There will be some noticeable changes to the Nottingham Yearbook this year. Our new advisor, Mrs. Jodi Rowe teaches Web Page Design and technology, as well as the Yearbook class. Under her guidance we have gone digital, using digital cameras, Adobe Photoshop, and PageMaker. All of this was made possible by donations from yearbook publisher Herff-Jones, The Nottingham Connection, and various individuals.

The 2004 yearbook will have some added features. We have added more color pages in the "Seniors Section," and each next to each senior portrait will be their bio. These bios include where they think they will be in ten years, teachers they would like to thank, the clubs and sports they participated in, a favorite quote, and/or what they will miss most about Nottingham. The yearbook will contain only work created by the students; all the artwork used will be students' creations, cartoons, and illustrations.

The 2004 yearbook will be dedicated to Joanne Reddick, former beloved principal of Nottingham who died in 2003.

We are trying to make sure that anyone who wants a yearbook is able to get one. The price of the yearbooks has been lowered to \$35, and we've started the Adopt-A-Student program. Businesses, staff, parents and alumni can buy a yearbook for a student who otherwise could not afford one. Last year, less than 350 yearbooks were sold to a student population of over 1250 students.

"We'd would like to make the yearbook affordable to all students by reducing the yearbook price to \$25. In order to accomplish this, the yearbook class would need to order and sell at least 600 yearbooks and increase advertising in the yearbook" said Mrs. Rowe.

Alumni who are interested in the Adopt-A-Student program, placing an ad or tribute in the yearbook, or making a donation, can contact Mrs. Jodi Rowe at jodirowe@twcny.rr.com or at the school (315) 435-4380.



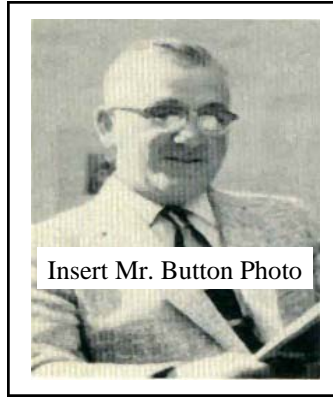
Remember Gilbert Button, Math Teacher?

by Judy Gray

While waiting for my eyes to dilate at the ophthalmologist's in September, I uttered the word "Nottingham" aloud. The result was immediate!

"Do you remember my father, Gilbert Button?" asked the woman sitting across from me. "He taught advanced math at Nottingham for about 20 years. I think he retired in 1961 or '62. Then he moved to Florida to live closer to his elderly parents. He taught math in Florida for another 10 years before retiring. He died in October 1983."

Turns out that my informant was Jane Button Case, Gilbert Button's daughter. Jane graduated in 1953 from Fayetteville High school, the last year before Fayetteville joined Manlius to become the F-M School District. It struck both of us as strange that 1953 was also the last year that Nottingham graduated from the Levy Building.



Insert Mr. Button Photo



MUSICAL TREAT FROM THE '50s

Remember Dick Kowell and His Orchestra that played at many Nottingham dances in the 50s? Dick taped a lot of those performances and recently arranged to have CDs produced from the original tapes. His two latest CDs are selections from the original 6-volume set.

Greatest Hits includes Begin the Beguine, Stardust, Love is a Many Splendored Thing, and 18 other tracks. Moments to Remember is 20 more selections, including Moonglow, Shake Rattle & Roll, Standing on the Corner, and Tequila. Each of the CDs is \$15.

The original 6-volume set is from live performances at Hotel Syracuse, Drumlins Country Club, Delta Kappa Ball, and the Frosh Hop at SU. The six-volume set is \$75.

For more information or to order any of these CDs, contact Dick Kowell, 163 Hopper Rd., Syracuse, NY 13207-2706. Phone: (315) 469-1493.

** Editor's Note: Greg Clarke ('55) enjoyed Dick's CDs so much that he wrote a letter to him, thanking him for having saved the music so that Greg could enjoy it 50 years later. Greg's been passing the word on about the CDs and orders are coming in from Missouri, New York and California. Definitely a fun buy if you enjoy big band music from the 50s.*

ALUMNI \$\$ HELPS CURRENT STUDENTS

By the Editorial Board of The Nottingham Connection

In 2003, the Nottingham Connection received enough donations from its wonderful alumni to do two things: pay for the publication and mailing of this Nottingham Connection - and offer small grants to teachers for projects that will impact their students.

We had \$1200 to use for grants. We received eight proposals. We were able to fund six of them, although not fully. If you wonderful readers would like to contribute to any of these projects, please contact Judy Gray, editor, at (315) 682-9771 or nottalum@hotmail.com.

Mia Fleegele, Library Media Specialist, received \$200 for the purchase of an HP Deskjet 450ci Mobile Printer with InfraRed capability. The library has 14 Alpha Smart 3000 computers which it lends to classrooms for word processing and spreadsheet work. The new printer will enable students to print their results in the classrooms.

Janice Hammerle, photography teacher, received \$200 toward a printer which will print digital photos directly from digital cameras. She has several digital cameras but still needs a scanner, printer cartridges and memory cards.

Rebecca Groat, English teacher, received \$100 to buy used books to keep in her classroom to encourage students to read. She's planning to buy books that she thinks will interest the students, especially books by or about minorities, and about current topics, sports, and celebrities.

The Art Department requested \$350 to help pay for a field trip for 40 art students to Corning Glass Museum. The students are paying for the bus, but the teachers asked the alumni fund to pay for the \$15 entrance fee per student. They are doing additional fundraising by selling Entertainment Books. During the field trip, students will experience the medium of glass by participating in glass blowing and fusing studios. We are offering them \$150 toward their trip.

Tom Procopio, Science Dept. Chair, requested \$388.50 for Casio scientific calculators to be used in science classrooms. Many students do not own scientific calculators and the teachers would like to have some available for them to use in the room. We approved \$200 toward the calculators.

Jodie Rowe, Yearbook advisor, requested funds for a digital camera. The camera needs at least 4.0 mega pixels to produce the quality of photos needed for the yearbook. The total cost of the camera and memory card would be between \$425 and \$525. Given our limited funds, we granted her \$350.

Julie Sherman of the Science Dept. requested \$487.85 for the equipment and supplies for a gel electrophoresis lab which is now being required by the Regents and will be tested on Regents examinations. We were dismayed that the school district was not providing these required materials, but we didn't have enough money to fund it at this time. (Ed Note Please See Article on Page 15)

Peg Kramer, Health Dept., withdrew her request for a DVD player. While DVD's will soon be replacing VHS technology, she is holding off on her request.

Nottingham Addendum by Dick Dauenhauer ('60)

Forty-plus years and a continent away from graduation, I find myself returning often to thoughts of Nottingham, reflecting on how the interests cultivated there, especially those relating to language and literature, continue here today.

Tonight "Macbeth" opens at our local theater, featuring entirely Alaska Native actors and set on the Northwest Coast, with Tlingit costumes and stage design. My wife and I are advisors to the project. I flash back to Macbeth in 10th grade English with Miss Wilkinson, and Julius Caesar with Miss Bush.

I remember Nottingham as safe and nurturing. I received enormous encouragement and support for my creative writing from many teachers, including Miss Ryan, Mrs. Cregg, and Miss Duell. I remember English with Miss Frederica Smith, who required daily reading and keeping a literary journal. I still find it hard to read without a pencil in hand. I also remember teachers protecting our virgin ears from certain passages in Shakespeare. Our lunch group countered this by reading Ginsburg's then newly published "Howl," out loud in the cafeteria, until we were driven underground.

I wasn't much good at math. Algebra began to make tiny glimmers of sense to me with computer programming in the 1980s, and writing nested programs for turtle geometry. Today I am involved in a project with math teachers using Tlingit basket designs to teach geometry and computer programming.

I started Nottingham in the 9th grade, studied German with Miss Kappesser, and went to Berlin on AFS for the fall semester of 1959, the first wave of American students to participate in the school-year program. I also started after-school Russian, commuting to Central High. This meant sacrificing cross-country running and track, which were family traditions, my father having been national high school champion in the 1930s. I went on to get a BA in Russian, an MA in German, and PhD in comparative literature. In one sense, I owe my career to Sputnik, which prompted the school board to let us poor American kids study such esoteric subjects as Russian and physics.

Names and faces from Nottingham come to me randomly from time to time, and a look through the yearbook is good for a great nostalgia hit. I enjoyed our two reunions, and I wish us all the best and hope we meet again to share the joys and sorrows, the tears and laughter, of growing up and growing older. As for me, I am more portly now, far from being self-consciously underweight and skinny. My hair and beard are gray, but as my father used to say, "There may be snow on the roof, but there's a fire in the hearth."

Biographical Note: Living in Alaska since 1969. Poet Laureate of Alaska 1981-1988. Winner of American Book Award ('91). Author of 4 books of poetry. Translator of poetry from German, Russian, Classical Greek, Finnish and other languages. Currently Director of Language & Cultural Studies at Sealaska Heritage Foundation, Juneau.

Frats Sororities Cont



From: **Barbara Meyers Hess ('48)**

The only qualifications for getting into our sorority, Phi Sig, was if they all liked you and your reputation was good. A formal tea would open the bidding for a pledge. Written invitation and a silver tea service was all part of the "getting acquainted" period. Next, if you weren't "blackballed" you went to another gathering. Then you were a "Pledge", and so on. We did charity work for an orphanage nearby, but I don't remember the name.

From: **Anne Harter ('45)**

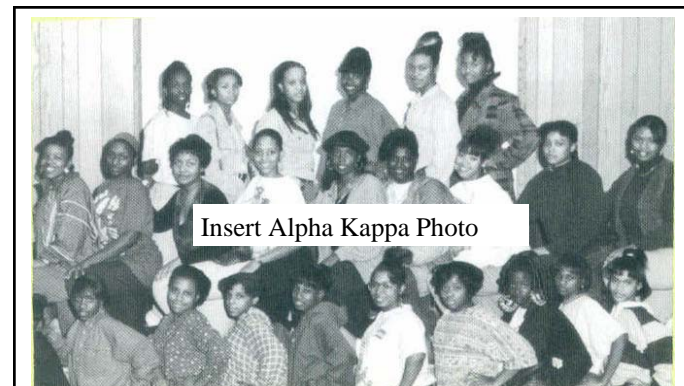
Another sorority which was respected was Delta Kappa. It drew its members from Nottingham and Goodyear, a private school located over James St. way. Kate Bowe (Marmoras), Carolyn Inglehart (Coit), Mimi Drake, and I were among the many members.

From: **Jim Frey ('61)**

I was president of Alpha Zeta in 1960. We were the low class fraternity. We had hazing called "hell room" and an initiation where we left the pledges covered with eggs and stuff out in the snow with no money.

There was an Inter-fraternity-Sorority committee that coordinated pledge weeks and dances and things. And once, when Principal Kane tried to curb our excesses, we boycotted one of his beloved football games. Attendance dropped by about 90% and he backed off.

Hey, does anybody remember snapping fingers instead of clapping at school events? Cool stuff.



Alpha Kappa Psi Sorority (1994 Yearbook)

Alumni Add to Sorority & Fraternity Memories



From: **Martha Williams Thompson ('66)**

In my time, the mid-60s, there were even more of these organizations than were mentioned in the article on the 50s. I was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha which was a Christian sorority, not a Jewish fraternity. We had about three dozen members, and some were from Jamesville Dewitt and Fayetteville Manlius, but most were from Nottingham.

There were two main sororities, Alpha Mu and Phi Sigma. There was also a girls' club called Sub Deb which was not really a sorority but seemed like one, in that you had to be asked to join. The two main fraternities were Phi Gamma and Alpha Zeta. All the sororities and fraternities "pledged" new members each fall. They had regular meetings, usually at the homes of the members, parties and dances, and also fundraisers - like car washes - for charity. One year we rented a camp on Oneida Lake for a few days at the end of the school year and just hung out, swam and cooked our own meals.

I would be interested to know what more anyone else can remember, and also what happened to these organizations. Did they just fade away, or were they outlawed at some point? I know for a fact that at least Alpha Mu had been going strong at Nottingham for a long time because my mother and her friends were all members in the 1930s!

From: **Elaine Lyon ('57)**

The Jewish fraternities were KAT (Kappa Alpha Tau), ULP (Upsilon Lambda Phi) and Aronian. I never heard of Phi Sigma Alpha. The Jewish sororities were Pi Gamma Phi (I was president during my senior year) and Iota Phi. They held dances at the Hotel Syracuse Persian Terrace and East Room, the Roof Garden of the Hotel Onondaga, Lafayette Country Club and a party room on the upper floor of the War Memorial. The dances were not open to the public, but other sororities and fraternities were given complimentary tickets for their president or other officer/representative to use ("comps").

From: **Marilynn Resnick ('54)**

There were several omissions in your listing of Nottingham fraternities and sororities. My recollection is as follows, and there may be even more:

JEWISH FRATS : KAT, ULP, Aronian

CHRISTIAN FRATS: Gamma Sigma, Pi Phi

JEWISH SORORITIES: Iota Phi, Pi Gam

CHRISTIAN SORORITIES: Alpha Mu, KE, Tri Delta

Nottingham Grad Experiences Hell on Earth

By Amy Bonilla, Copy Editor

(* *This article was originally published in the Jan. 23, 2004 issue of The Common Ground, Nottingham's student newspaper.*)



The war in Iraq although heavily discussed in recent months, has been something relatively distant to most of us. However, for Miles Daniels, a 2002 Nottingham graduate and now 19 year old veteran, the war was something up close and real that will stay with him for the rest of his life. Ironically, one of his memories will be landing in Kuwait and hearing the above lyrics, "War is not the answer, for only love can conquer hate" from "What's Going On" by Marvin Gaye.

Two days after graduating, Miles Daniels was off to boot camp. Daniels had enlisted to be a Marine reserve in March 2002 for two reasons: He wanted money for college and he wanted the challenge of being a Marine. The last thing on his mind was actually going to battle.

As Daniels put it, boot camp "takes everything out of you." Although he was expecting it to be hard, he was not mentally prepared for the 54 mile march with 70 pounds on his back, with only two and a half hours of sleep and two meals a day. When asked what went through his mind, Daniels responded, "I thought, why was I here?"

After boot camp, Daniels went to Marine Combat Training where he was taught all types of warfare and combat. This was also where Daniels was first told he would probably end up in Iraq and where, as he would later realize, he learned the skills that would save his life later on. Although scared out of his mind, Daniels didn't really believe at the time that he would be sent.

After MCT, Daniels went to school for Administration, or Admin, where he did a lot of paperwork training. He did this specifically to reduce his chances of having to go to combat. After coming home for the holidays, Daniels was supposed to attend his first drill session. Instead, he got a call from his sergeant telling him he was going to Iraq and that he had 72 hours to report or be put in jail.

Out of 140 guys, only 17 were sent. Daniels was the youngest, the only one from Admin., and the only one who hadn't attended one drill. At the age of 18, Daniels had to write his will and power of attorney.

Two days after he got the call, Daniels was on his way to North Carolina. Once there, he was told there would be ships coming, and that they would probably be the first ones on the ground in Iraq.

"My family was like in shock," said Daniels. " It was like I had cancer. Everyone was acting as if I was going to die. I just planned for the worst-case scenario."

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RETIRING TEACHERS

Thirteen Nottingham teachers retired at the end of the 2002-03 school year:

Fred Brockway, guidance counselor
Annette Belpulsi Cerrone, science teacher
Carol Courwright, English teacher
Anna Ciccarelli, special education teacher
Dave Desimone, former guidance counselor
Paul Harrison, athletic director
John Macko, French teacher
Larry Miller, guidance counselor
Barbara Moon, former math teacher
Lisle Rath, school psychologist
Nedra Russell, reading teacher
Ronne Valerio, Latin teacher
Linda Ward, social studies teacher



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Daniels now attends OCC and is majoring in finance. He plans to become an investment banker and hopes to never be called up again, although he still needs to go in for drills. For everything he went through, he was paid only \$13,000. Sometimes, as he walks around his house, he stops to think that he may not even be here. "It's strange not waking up to bombs," says Daniels.

One message Daniels hopes to get out to young people like him is to be grateful for what you have, to not take anything for granted, and most importantly, to not waste opportunities. He says, "If something is harder, then work harder." As far as enlisting goes, Daniels says, "It's not for everybody. It's a commitment for life that will change your life, so don't think it's something you can do half-way. When I enlisted, I never thought I'd actually have to pick up a gun and shoot at people to save my own life, but it happened."

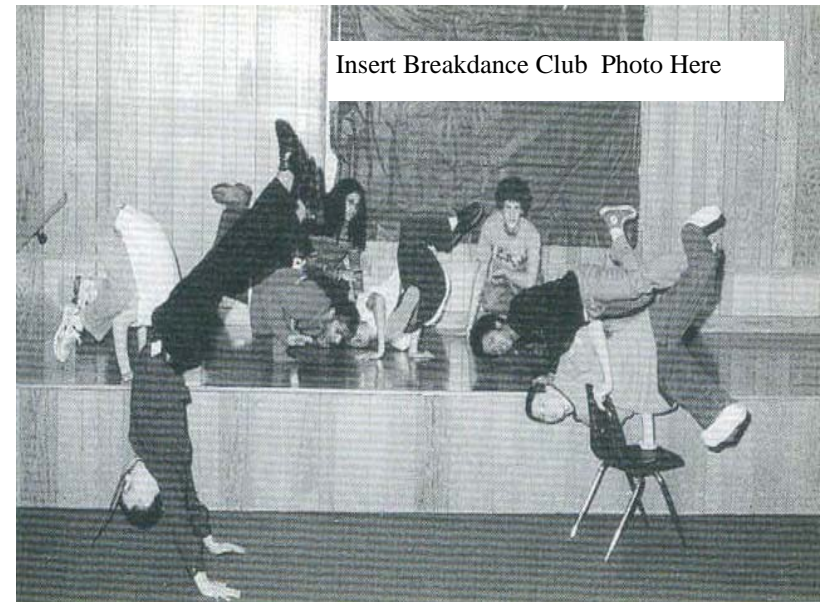
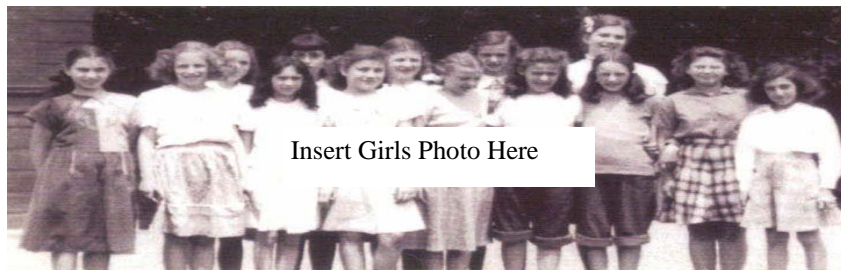
The Class of '54 as Sixth-Graders

by Hal Long ('55)

I attended Nottingham from Jan. 51 to Jan. 55. I am listed with the class of '55, but I am more acquainted with members of the '54 class. Here's a photograph I took in 1948 of the girls and boys in the 6th grade of Sumner School. Carol Cobb Clark ('54) is one of the students pictured.

It's a bit out of focus because I stood so far away when I took the picture, and it had to be cropped a great deal. The camera didn't have the best lens on it either. It really was my first attempt at taking pictures. The camera? Won when I was a paper boy for signing up new subscribers for The Post-Standard. I can't remember ever using it much after taking those snaps.

It was fun taking the pictures. I simply asked the teacher (Alice Young) for permission. She was a great teacher. The nicest I ever had. She made 6th grade something special to remember.



Breakdancing Club (2002 yearbook) after-school activity for only the boldest + most daring of Nottingham's students + faculty.

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Daniels landed in Kuwait on Feb 13, 2003. They were taken to the middle of the desert, where he stayed for 32 days, sleeping in a sleeping bag with sands in his ears, eyes, and nose. They were told orders could come in at any time. Finally, the news came and he was told about the 48-hour deadline. Two days later, Daniels's group left for the border after they were given a talk about avenging the country for September 11. They arrived at the border at 1 p.m. on March 21, and pulled up to the city of Nazarea on March 23rd.

"It was just explosion after explosion," described Daniels. "We were told to get out our guns. It was just hell on earth. We were being shot at from everywhere. There were bodies, arms and limbs everywhere. One guy had a grenade go right through his chest. When they tried to pick him up, all his guts came out. Children were killed, and there were children walking in sewage up to their knees. Everyone who was killed I had seen just a few days earlier."

That night Daniels wrote his death letter saying he probably wouldn't make it home.

The situation only got worse. At Nazarea they continued to be under attack. There was artillery all over the place and Daniels came inches away from death or mutilation more than once.

Daniels says, "I can't describe the feeling in your stomach. You want to panic. I was in shock, but I had to keep going. I just wanted to go home."

The Battle of Nazarea lasted from the 23rd to the 27th of March. By the time they got to the other side of the city, Daniels felt as if he had no emotion left. The situation had been so bad that he had actually been reported MIA. "Ten hours later and they would have called home," says Daniels. His group was the first one to get enemy prisoners of war back through ambush valley. His group had lost about 40-50 people; so many that they were no longer combat ready. The night the Syracuse Orangemen won the national title, Daniels came inches away from death yet again when, going back through the city, the fuel truck in front of him tipped over and started leaking while his group came under attack.

Daniels left Iraq on May 7. He recalls it as, "the happiest day of my life." Being in battle had impacted Daniels so much that once he got to the naval base in Kuwait, he was uncomfortable and even scared to be around people without weapons.

On June 25th, Daniels arrived at North Carolina. It had been almost a year to the day since he graduated from high school, and he knew he was now a completely different person. After a parade, they drew blood from him, and he was sent home on a 60 day leave.

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Class of '47 Had a Yearbook!

Our '03 article on yearbooks yielded a major correction from two Class of '47 members.

Carol Menapace Clise ('47) wrote:

We did indeed have a yearbook in 1947. Beverly Wallace Lydiard (now deceased) and I were co-editors. Eddie Sugerma took the pictures of clubs, athletes, faculty and others. The photographic department of Dey Brothers (Salina Street) took the individual student shots, and gave us \$20.00 towards our expenses!. I think the student cost of the book was \$6.50 each, although that could have been the senior fee to include the picnic and whatever.

We had no previous yearbooks to model ours after, so we just laid it out ourselves. The cover is red with silver graduates and a crest. Compared to later yearbooks, I am sure it is very amateurish but it served the purpose. At our 50th reunion several alums brought their yearbooks and our name tags were the pictures from the yearbook.

At our 50th, there was a large picture of most of the students attending our senior picnic. This was made from a negative I had from my brownie camera picture. *(Editor's Note: Carol found the negative and sent it. The photo elsewhere in this issue is of their senior picnic. And, thanks to Carol, our collection now includes a pristine copy of the 1947 yearbook!)*

Joseph M. Belth ('47) wrote:

I got a charge out of the discussion of yearbooks in the Spring 2003 edition of The Nottingham Connection. I have no recollection about yearbooks prior to World War II, but I vaguely recall a problem with paper shortages during the War. I can assure you, however, that the Class of 1947 had a yearbook. I am looking at it right now.

Our yearbook was dedicated to two great teachers-- Carl Eichelberg and Marion Golley. The co-editors were Carol Menapace and Beverly Wallace. The faculty advisor was Winifred Ayling. The class motto, "initium scientiae" (the beginning of learning), was thought up by Harold McGrath and I. The last page inside the cover said "Compliments of Dey Brothers, Syracuse, New York," who must have helped us out financially. Remember Dey Brothers?

Other notes on yearbooks: Lee Goodman ('73) has put their yearbook on CD and sent us one for the archives. Marc Zappetello ('73) contributed a '71 yearbook. Marilyn Zaleon allowed us to xerox her copy of the '62 yearbook. Elaine Lyon sent us a xerox copy of the '57 Yearbook. So now we have the complete set! Thank You!

SANDY LEA ('75) MAKES THE FRONT PAGE

On November 17, 2003, Sandy Lea ('75) was featured in a front page article of the Star Ledger, the northern New Jersey regional paper. The article by Robert Gaveloff and Mary Jo Patterson was picked up by A/P and sent nationally. Titled "Same-sex couples much like others, census shows", the article examined the similarities and differences between same-sex couples and heterosexual couples according to census data. Here is the section that featured Sandy:

"We're the couple next door," said Lea, who shares a home with his daughter and his partner, Everett Lo. "We have a dog and a cat. I drive a Volvo. I'm boring."

Lea, 46, a former teacher who is now a database manager, is white, divorced and the father of a 9-year-old child. Lo, 39, an administrator for the federal government, is Asian-American.

Take away the sexual orientation, and Lea's life story is not so different from that of a lot of middle-aged men. He got married, got divorced, weathered tough times, and found a second chance at happiness.

He and his partner live with Lea's adopted daughter, Elizabeth, in a white house with black shutters on a quiet block of Somerville, NJ. Lea consults for Johnson & Johnson, the health products manufacturer, and is a trustee of the local library. Lo is a public information specialist for the Social Security Administration in New York.

Small-town, yet cosmopolitan, Somerville has embraced them as a normal family, Lea said. "It's the people, the fact that you have all sorts of things going on. Our daughter, who's from Guatemala, fit right into the school," he said.

Lea's nearly seven-year marriage broke up not long after he and his wife adopted Elizabeth. "We made it work for many years, but when you added the pressure of a child to it, the marriage wasn't strong enough," he said.

Lea's wife moved out, and he became the custodial parent. Elizabeth was 11 months old, and he was working full-time as an elementary school teacher. Around this time, he also began coming to grips with his homosexuality.

"I wanted the white picket fence and the kids because that's what I grew up expecting. Once I was on my own with a toddler, I acknowledged those feelings to myself and dealt with all the attendant issues," he said.

Editor's Note: Sandy would like to hear from other Nottingham grads. He can be reached through email: slea123@aol.com.



CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1944:

What: 60th reunion
When: September 2004 Contact:
Barbara Lipe
4204 Pompey Center Rd., Manlius, NY
13104 Phone: 315-682-6171
email: wilabar@juno.com
Details: Committee is thinking of
a mid-week reunion, with visits to
Nottingham, dinner, etc. Wants
feedback from classmates before
making a final decision.



Class of 1954:

What: 50th reunion
When: June 25-27, 2004
Contact: Celaine Hershdorfer
309 Cooper Lane, Dewitt, NY 13214
Phone: 315-446-6757
Email: cvhershdorfer@hotmail.com
Details: Barbeque at Drumlins on Friday night, dinner dance at
the University Sheraton on Saturday, brunch on Sunday at Drumlins. Have re-
served block of rooms at Sheraton. Reservation forms will be sent out in March.

Class of 1958:

What: 45th reunion
When: September 10-11, 2004
Contact: Connie Palumb 102 Bradford La., Syracuse, NY 13224
Phone: 315-446-3570
email: cspalumb@hotmail.com
Details: informal gathering on Friday evening at Saratoga Steaks or Drumlins.
Luncheon tour from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Skaneateles Lake on Saturday, followed
by a catered dinner at Dick Bowman's home.

Class of 1984

What: 20th reunion
When: July 23-25, 2004
Contact: Dave Robson
336 Sea View Ave., Riverside, RI 02915
Phone: 401-433-5288
Email: DCRobson@aol.com



The 1990s

Keith Hickman ('90) married Esther Dimberger in New York City in June, 2002. He has an MBA from Syracuse University and works in the field of finance.

Chris Blizzard ('92) moved from Boston to Arlington, MA, 15 miles north, so he could work at his company's office. "For two years I've been working at home and I kind of missed the companionship of people working around me."

Ta'Micia Butler Blackshear ('93) writes "When I told you I had two children that was a typo! I have 4 children, including two stepchildren who are with us several times throughout the year. I am also Kindergarten Coordinator for the Children's Ministry at my church. I am still working towards my Master in Education and have recently accepted a teaching/assistant director position at a new Christian School. I am very excited about this new venture! My husband, Ralph and I have decided to stay in Lawrenceville, GA.

I am also very happy to have received the information on my class reunion. I look forward to seeing everyone! And am very saddened to hear about my fellow classmates who are no longer with us! RIP Alonso and Mark. I will never forget the laughs we shared!"

Brandy Dillard ('95) is ophthalmic technician and Botox technician for a group of ophthalmologists in Dewitt, NY.

Amanda Jean Stafford ('96) stopped by to xerox photos from the '95, '96, '97 and '98 yearbooks for a collage that she is making for a friend.

Hanah Ehrenreich ('99) graduated from Smith College with Honors in Government in May 2003. Presently (Oct.03) working as paralegal at Satter & Andrews Law Office in Syracuse while she looks for permanent job. Thinking of going to law school or graduate school in a year or two.

The 2000s

Aaron Knight ('03) Worked~40 hrs/wk at Central Tech summer of '03. Having fun in what's left of the summer days. Started at SU in the fall of '03, dual major: Computer Science and History.

Class of 1983 Enjoys 20th Reunion By Craig Tucker

On Labor Day Weekend 2003, nearly 60 members of the Class of 1983 gathered from every corner of the country and from China for a walk down memory lane. Upon noticing that no one had changed over the twenty years since leaving Nottingham, it became difficult to believe that so much time had passed.

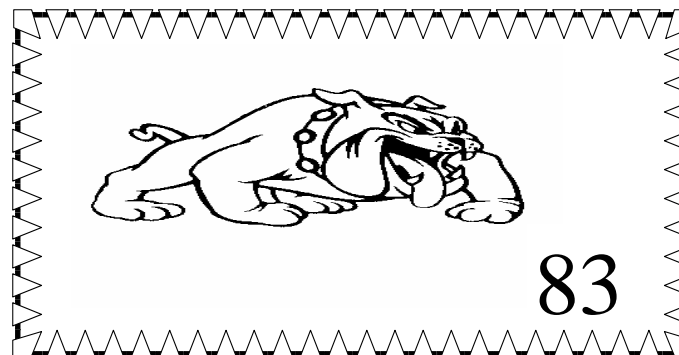
We first met on Friday night at the Syracuse Suds Factory downtown in Armory Square. The Happy Hour was filled with conversation and laughter and was a great kick off to the weekend.

After a brief rest we reconvened Saturday evening for the Class Reunion dinner held at Traditions of Syracuse. This was an elegant evening! We mixed and mingled, met spouses, shared stories and ate well. It was the perfect location for a perfect evening. Proudly displayed were many photos from years past. You best believe they stirred up conversation and laughter. Perhaps we had changed a little. Also on display was the Nottingham High School 75 year anniversary quilt. It was great to see all of the creativity and hard work that had gone into making the quilt thus far. A "Thank You" goes out to Desi Wynn for her work on the Class of '83's patch and also to Mrs. Judy Gray for being a worthy trustee and supporter of the quilt.

Those who could still stand met on Sunday for a Clambake at the Spinning Wheel Clambake facility in N. Syracuse.

The reunion was dedicated to memory of our deceased class members: Darren Black, Tonya Brown, Roosevelt Carter, Shaun Dowdell, Laurie Lavoy, Phillip Lomonaca, Gary Lutnick, Seth Munro and Joseph Pollard. Also, to the memory of our deceased teachers: Mary Chester, Mr. "C" (George Constantino), Leonard Obler and Vernon Washington

Thank you to Mr. Bisson, Mrs. Gray and Ms. Bradway for joining us over the course of the weekend. The class thanks Joe Atkinson, Todd Crawford, Robin Moody Bisgaard, Mrs. Judy Gray (Nottingham's School Librarian) and Sharon Zanders for their contributions. Special Thank You's to Maria Hayes Sherwood, Joanna Boljonis Blaisdell, Clare Murray Volo. The reunion would not have happened at all without their efforts, dedication and support.



Nottingham - Related Websites



<http://www.syracusecityschools.com/>

This is the home page for the Syracuse City School District. However, they have been having problems with the site, and sometimes it doesn't work properly. When it is working, it's supposed to provide access to a Nottingham section, including an alumni section. There is news about the school, issues of the student newspaper, and hopefully in the future, issues of The Nottingham Connection. When it's working, you can also register yourself as an alumni on this site - or just email us directly at nottalum@hotmail.com. You can also call us at (315) 682-9771.

In past years, we had a Nottingham alumni listserve that we used to send 3 to 4 messages a year. This was on the District's server which has had some problems this year. Currently we do NOT have a listserve. Sorry.

Class of '71: <http://www.shutterfly.com/my/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b31b05f80552>

Class of '73: <http://www.nottingham73.com>

Class of '85: <http://www.geocities.com/ham19852000/>

Class of '86: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HAMClassof86/>

Class of '87: <http://pages.hotbot.com/edu/nottingham-1987/nottingham.html>

Class of '90: <http://www.reunionsworld.com/SchoolAnnouncements/NewYork/NottinghamNY90.htm>

Class of '91: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bulldogs/chat>

Class of '93: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ham93reunion/>

Need a picture of a bulldog ?

http://members.tripod.lycos.nl/all_bulldogs/freepics.html

This site provides Free Bulldog Clip Art, Photos and Wallpaper



<http://www.syracuse.com/forums/reunions>

Sponsored by the Syracuse Newspapers. The most useful section for alumni is the forums/reunions section.

<http://www.classmates.com>

Commercial site. As of February 2003, over 3992 Nottingham alumni were registered. Basic registration is free, but in order to use it to send messages to other registrants, you have to pay a \$36 fee for a Gold membership. The site doesn't reveal the email address - you have to send the message through their site.

FROM THE MAILBAG 1980's cont...

John Muller ('81) and **Patricia Carroll ('81)** recently tied the knot and are living in Almeria, Spain, according to our sources from the Class of '81 (LaSpino)

Herbie Wiggins ('81) writes: "I've been in the police division for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department for just about 18 years now. I'm currently assigned to the Traffic and Accident Control Team, however, I'm also on the SWAT Team, Accident Investigations Unit, Public Information Officer, Dive Team, School Resources Officer (part time), etc.... My e-mail address is connected with a non profit charitable organization that I founded to assist Police Officer in Central New York injured in the line of duty (www.cnpolice.com). I've been married to **Tammy Flowers ('91)** for about six years now."

Rachel Lilien Breslin ('82) works for the Syracuse City School District. She's been a Grants Procurement Specialist in Funded Programs for nearly 9 years. "My maiden name, Lilien, may be familiar to you. I believe you held back a number of my brothers' and sisters' report cards (perhaps even my own) due to late library books. In any case, I really appreciate that you're dedicating time and energy to keeping alumni up-to-speed. I'm eager to catch up with my old friends."

Dawn Chipman ('82) writes: "I live in Massachusetts now, where I'm a senior editor for FamilyFun magazine. But my mom still lives in Syracuse, so I'm in town now and then to visit her."

Jackie Wolf Kibler ('85) left Harris Publishing and Virginia Beach to move to Dublin CA and a training job with ELoan.com in Feb. 03. Then in June Jackie moved again! Rich, Brandon, Joshua, the animals (yes, including that DOG) and she moved to Greensboro, NC in July and Jackie is now working for Dun & Bradstreet. "We are very happy with our decision to be (and stay) closer to home. We are in love with the area.."

Darron Knight ('87) : "I've just received your letter today. I am happy to announce I have located Raymond Vessell ('84) and he is doing well. The last time I talked to him, he was living with his mother in Liverpool, NY. I'm not sure as to where he is employed. I made contact with him about a month after our meeting in October of last year."

Ben Hickman ('88) lives with his wife, Betsy, and their two kids in the Netherlands. He speaks fluent Dutch and works as a technical writer.

1970's Cont

Bob Gilbert ('74) moved to Elgin, SC in Jan.'02. He has 4 grown kids and 7 grandkids. He's a technician for Invisible Fence. Loves the weather in SC but marvels that they shut the city down for anything over 1" of snow!

Betsy Booth ('75) writes: "After graduating from Yale, I went to medical school at Tulane in New Orleans. I did a pediatric residency at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where I met my husband Tom Briggs, a corporate attorney. I worked for thirteen years in the community clinics at Parkland Hospital, but now I'm staying at home with my one-year-old son Kelley. We live in Fort Worth, where it hardly ever snows. I think of you all every winter!"

Tom Brody ('75) retired from the Air Force, worked as a civilian instructor at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS, was promoted and moved to San Angelo, TX in Feb. 2003 as a Training Specialist, evaluating training programs for the Air Force. He writes: "Who would ever of thought someone who use to give their teachers and librarians so much grief would end up in the Training business." His son still lives in Syracuse and his sister Sheila ('82?) is a school teacher in Denver, CO.

Margaret McCormick ('77) writes "Just wanted to let you know that I'm in town, trying to make time to do more community/volunteer work and that I'd be happy to help out with the newsletter. I'm presently the Food editor at The Post-Standard, have about 17 years copy editing experience. I ran in to some old Nottingham friends recently at the Greek Fest at St. Sophia's Church. Then had brunch with 2 class of '77 friends, Scott Lewis and Donna Nemier, on Sunday. I heard that Mr. Fonte is retiring and that there's an effort to have the auditorium named for him. True? He was a terrific teacher, one who made a lifelong impression on me." (*Editor's note: Len Fonte is not retiring yet - he says he wants to teach another year or two. Also, Margaret is our new Nottingham in the News column editor. Thanks, Margaret.*)

Kelly Nugent ('79) writes: "I am just finishing my Masters at S.U. in Library/ School Media. I will be finished with course work in August ['03] and have interviewed for a position for the fall. Who would have imagined I would be at this place in my life. It must have been partially due to

The 1980s

Stephanie Hubbard ('81) gave birth to her first child Miles Hubbard-Zarick on May 14, 2003. She requests nursing and child raising tips from other alumni moms. Contact her at: huranghu@attbi.com

BIOLOGY NEEDS GEL ELECTROPHORESIS UNITS

The Nottingham Connection received a number of requests for financial help this year. Here's another one that tugs at our heart strings. We hope that someone in the alumni group will respond to this plea.

New York State has added an electrophoresis lab component to its Living Environments (biology) curriculum. Gel electrophoresis is a technique used in all areas of DNA analysis, including DNA fingerprinting and protein analysis. Students will be tested on this in the Regents exam.

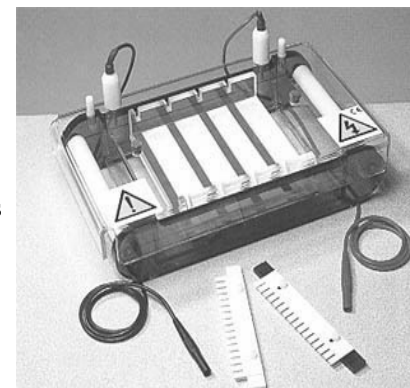
Unfortunately the Regents gives teachers the option of simply teaching about the procedure instead of doing the lab. Therefore Syracuse City School District doesn't view the equipment for this experiment as 'necessary' and does not provide funding to purchase the materials needed.

Nottingham science teacher Julie Sherman laments that "simply teaching about the procedure" is not a successful option. It is too abstract. Students need to see and do this lab in order to understand it.

Therefore, she asked The Nottingham Connection for \$487.85 to buy a lab pack of 5 Electrophoresis Tanks, 5 fixed volume pipettes and a packet of micro pipette tips. The electrophoresis units and the fixed-volume pipettes can be used for years. The micro pipette tips are disposable plastic tips that fit on the end of the fixed volume pipettes. These supplies would be enough for one class to perform the lab in groups, and all five Living Environment teachers would share the class set. Julie estimates that the \$487.85 worth of equipment would provide labs for about 5 years.

Unfortunately The Nottingham Connection did not have enough money in our treasury to grant this request. If we have funds remaining after we've published and mailed the 2004 Connection, we may be able to pay for one electrophoresis unit (\$57) and a packet of fixed volume pipettes (\$76). Then next year, Julie and her colleagues could demonstrate the lab - seeing is better than just hearing.

In the meantime, if there are some science-oriented alumni reading this who would like to help our students have the opportunity to see and experience this biotechnology, please contact Judy Gray of The Nottingham Connection at (315) 682-9771 or nottalum@hotmail.com or 3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224.



McCARTHY ('44) EARNS MORE MEDALS



Patrick McCarthy and his wife Patricia are among those folks who believe that age is no barrier to athletic competition. This past year they traveled to the National Senior Games competition in Virginia Beach in late May, and followed their triumphs there with more medals in the New York State Senior Games at SUNY-Cortland in June.

The McCarthys have participated in the senior games for 11 years, earning a total of 71 medals. At the 2003 NYS Senior Games, Patrick received a gold in horseshoes, men's singles badminton, and in men's doubles badminton. He also received a silver in men's doubles tennis. Patricia won a gold medal in women's double badminton and a silver in women's single badminton. The couple won silver in mixed doubles for badminton and gold in mixed doubles tennis. They also won one gold medal and three ribbons at the national games.

Pat and his wife usually practice tennis and badminton four times a week, and Pat practices horseshoes once or twice a week. "We are in our 70s and we have aches and pains like everyone else, but we still go out and compete. We just want people to know that we can go out and do these things. We are very fortunate when it comes to our health."

The McCarthys have no intention of quitting competition. They are already preparing for the 2004 national competition in Pittsburgh and the state games which will be held at Cortland again. Their family of three daughters and seven grandchildren are cheering them on.

QUICK UPDATE ON NOTTINGHAM SPORTS SCENE

by April Wertheim

For those of you who do not know me, I am the new Athletic Director at Nottingham, somewhat by default. I was, and still am, the Athletic Director at Corcoran H.S. I have been in that position since 1995. When Paul Harrison, the AD at Nottingham retired in June 2003, followed by the retirement of the Athletic Director at Henninger H.S., the school district reduced its four AD positions to two. It helped with the budget problems that the District faced, but created a daunting task for the two remaining ADs. I can assure you that we are working hard.

Nottingham's Fall 2003 teams fared well. We have a new football coach who is energetic and passionate about football. The Boys soccer team qualified for sectionals, as well as some of our female swimmers.

The winter programs are nearing an end. Our girls basketball team is ready to defend their sectional title and the boys are looking to grab their title as well. We are sending a diver onto the state meet in Long Island, and our indoor track teams are attempting to qualify for states this week. The spring sports season will get under way on March 8th.

FROM THE MAILBAG cont...

The 1950s

Phil Lawler ('58) wrote: "Sue (Cain, '59), and I will be in Alaska during our next reunion. We live in Encinitas, about 30 min. north of San Diego. 326 Sierra Ridge Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. tel 760-753-7580. Would love to have visitors---San Diego ain't half bad. We're both retired so we have plenty of time to tour guide. My email is plawler@sciti.com."

Karen Schermerhorn Randall ('58) "Our time at Nottingham was an enchanting time of our lives. We all had such a wonderful time together. I guess we were lucky to have been in school in the late 50's. I will let my sister know about Elaine [Lyon, who is gathering names for a reunion for class of '57]. I just visited her in Minneapolis and they were talking about a reunion. They've only had one and we've had at least 2 that I can remember. They were a lot of fun."



The 1960s

Dick Dauenhauer ('60) writes: "I think often of how much Nottingham shaped my life: taking German with Miss Kappesser, my AFS experience, the encouragement I got in creative writing, etc."

Paul Horn ('64) was spotted in the March 17, 2003 issue of Business Week. The lead story was about IBM and Paul was one of the important IBM-ers shown. He's the head of R&D.

The 1970s

Barbara Ellefson ('70): "I'm a professional typist and editor (freelance). I'm also the only woman member of the Board of Directors and lieutenant with the Bridgeport Fire Department. We've come a long way baby!!"

Neal Denno ('71) & Sue Davidson ('71) were married on July 16, 2003 at the Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville, NY.

Bob Streeten ('73) generated a lot of interest when he wore his new Bulldog shirt to his class reunion. He told everyone that he got it through The Nottingham Connection - "A wonderful source of updates!"

Patricia Rubenstein Becker ('74) skipped her senior year at Nottingham and went to S.U. for a trial term in Art - was accepted on the spot! Transferred to Tufts, and got her Masters at NYU.

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FROM THE MAILBAG cont...

Sallie Naatz Bailey ('49) wrote "I really enjoy The Nottingham Connection - and occasionally seeing some familiar names such as Mary Beth Early's essay. I have very fond memories of Nottingham art classes with Edith Hough (who many years later, finally accepted me as an artist when I encountered her as a fellow member of the Syracuse Printmakers), and goofing around with other '49er' class members such as Carol Harter Ronco and Irwin Gilday. As you can see, if you check out my web site - Woodland Studio - I did finally wind up in the art field despite Miss H's profound doubts."



The 1950s

Dave Melnicoff ('51) wrote "I had three stents inserted in the ticker and feel great. Apparently, the 1990 quadruple bypass didn't last 'forever'. Weather is gorgeous here in Florida and we sat outside last night and watched 7 shooting stars go by."

Leo Zenner ('51) From **Dave Melnicoff ('51)**: "I heard that Leo Zenner, now a CPA in Albuquerque was driving north bound on a interstate when a south bound car lost its trailer which sped across the median and into Leo's car. He was knocked unconscious and into a coma. While they were examining him, they discovered he had a growing brain tumor which they removed. The tumor would have eventually killed him. Some story! Heard it from **Jerry Diamond** who was a few years behind me and who had dinner with Leo a few years back."

Connie Cornzve Feldman ('55) married Herb Feldman in 1958, has three children and ten grandchildren. Connie & Herb lived just about everywhere before settling down in central NH. Connie is retired, but Herb has his own business and probably will never retire. Connie remembers Barbara Kramer, a neighbor and friend, Stacey Pappas, Sally Selner, Bob Phelps, Jeannie **WolfromPabst ('56)**. She's glad we found her!

Hal Long ('55) was introduced to The Nottingham Connection by Elissa Compensa McKinney. Hal, who lives in Victoria, B.C., attended Nottingham from Jan.51 to Jan. 55. and is listed with the class of '55. He sent a photo that he took in 1948 of the girls and boys in the 6th grade of Summer School, including Carol Cobb Clarke ('54). (*See the article and photos else where in this issue.*) Greg Clarke ('55) is encouraging Hal to practice his guitar and singing so he can perform at the reunion in 2004.

WEDDINGS



Oct 2002– Oct 2003 Compiled by Taylor Atseff ('95)
Graduates are listed first, unless otherwise noted.

- Clare Murray** married Michael Velo on October 12, 2002. She works at Cablexpress Technologies. They live in Liverpool
- Michael Flowers** married Robin Patzke on August 17, 2002. He works for Brookmanor Apartments, Inc. They live in Syracuse.
- Ali McDonald** married Sakari Saddler on August 31, 2002. He is employed by House of Hair. They live in Syracuse.
- Julian Barnes** married Tasha Fain on November 30, 2002. They live in Syracuse.
- Sarah Sanderson** married Kevin Doughty on September 21, 2002. She serves as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lowville. They live in Lowville.
- Kurt Benzel** married Deborah Toy on October 12, 2002. He oversees the global supply chain management at Johnson Controls, Inc. They live in Milwaukee.
- Jessica DeBoer** married **William Mills II**, both graduates, on May 24, 2003. She works for Dish Network Service Corp. and he works for Syracuse Label Company. They live in Syracuse.
- William C. Flowers** married Aimee Tremblay on June 28, 2003. He works for KJ Electric. They live in Liverpool.
- Susan M. Garman** married Richard Kranias on May 5, 2003. She is the PR Director for Quinn-Gillespie and Associates. They live in Rockville, MD.
- John Ray Alexander II** married Michelle Turner on May 3, 2003. He is the warehouse manager for Jack of Hearts Carpet. They live in Liverpool.
- Andrea Smardon** married Anil Chandra on July 28, 2003. She is employed by KUOW public radio, Seattle. They live in Seattle.
- Amy C. Britt** married Angus Powers on August 2, 2003. She is an elementary school teacher. They live in Philadelphia.
- Anastacia Politis** married Pepe Aragon Jr. on July 12, 2003. She works for the New Hartford school district. They live in New Hartford.
- Mia Owens** married Alexander Petway on July 19, 2003. She is employed by Chrysler Financial. They live in Syracuse.
- Patricia Eddy** married Christopher Pino on August 16, 2003. She's working on her master's degree in music education. They live in Nashville, TN.
- Matthew Vitiello** married Barbara Juhasz on June 14, 2003. He is employed by Hartford Insurance Company. They live in Chicopee, MA.
- Lisa Burnette** and **John Strout Jr.**, both graduates, were married on August 9, 2003. He works for Michael's Landscaping Services. She is continuing her education. They live in Syracuse.

WEDDINGS CONT'

Rebecca Kirby married Eugene Saladis on August 23, 2003. She teaches high school math. They live on Staten Island.

Christine Powell married Price Jones. She is a preschool teacher. They live in Perkasio, PA.

Megan Smothergill married Frederick James on May 24, 2003. She is employed by Stryker Instruments. They live in Kalamazoo, MI.

Dina Jackson married Davis Glen on August 31, 2003. She is a recreation therapist and program coordinator at Senior Community Services in Darby, Penn. They live in Newark, DE.

Mark Flusche married Maryann Ashworth on September 13, 2003. They live in Ballston Spa, NY. He is a hydrologist for Malcolm Pirnie Geological Consulting Firm.

Felicia Jackson married Brian Hull on October 24, 2003. She is a senior designer at American Eagle Outfitters. They live in Brooklyn.

Zakia Edwards married Kevin Saunders on August 9, 2003. She works in the ER at St. Joseph's Hospital. They live in Syracuse.

FROM THE MAILBAG



The 1930s

Gladys Oram VanDyke ('32) is very active in Ruidoso, NM with volunteer work and exercise classes. She lives alone and doesn't drive anymore. She remembers how years ago she and her husband traveled for 5 years in a truck camper unit, paying their way by selling the fish they caught." Of course, gas was a bit cheaper, and I recall that we considered not traveling when the gas cost us over 38 cents a gallon. Communities welcomed us, so we never had to pay to stay a night or a week. We were also able to take advantage of military privileges en route. We decided to settle in El Paso, and I went to College and taught after graduation." Now her son is traveling in his rv, following in his parents' footsteps.

Barbara Turner Coit ('39) drives for Meals on Wheels, picks strawberries and puts them up, and has a great old Victorian house that overlooks Interstate 690 and was once part of the Turner Farm.

The 1940s

Mary Lou Sarasen Goldstein ('41) writes: "I thought you would like to know that Nottingham graduates and good friends from the Class of '41 have been getting together in Sarasota for the past several years. The group includes Elsie Haft Estroff, Judy Lavine Sherman, Elaine Ferguson Hauser, Elain Luckmayer Waufmann, Betty Flah Granatstein, Phyllis Freshman Mauws."

Anne Harter ('45) writes: "I agree with several who expressed feeling a stronger tie to Nottingham and the high school bonds than college. I went to the 'old' Nottingham and graduated in 1945. I graduated from S. U. in 1949. I loved our Nottingham 50th reunion, held in 1994 with the class of 1945. Such fun."

Herbert M. Rosenthal ('47) wrote: "Regards to Quentin Kopp, Jack Gardner, KAT, the year KAT sponsored Duke Ellington at the old armory - and many old friends I met at our 50th - Herb Rosenthal LTC USAF (Retired) Albuquerque"



Insert Old Yearbook Photo Here

'64 Majorettes Renee Laffer, Ann Bladen, Ellen Herr, Sue Silverman, Linda Sill, Sue Hillsberg, Suzi Spector

Nottingham in the News cont-



Alicia Rouault ('04) won the Gifford Lecture Essay Contest. The theme for this contest was "A room of one's own in terms of personal space and privacy" Alicia won three tickets to the lecture by author Chris Casson Madden, asked the first question in the question-and-answer session, and had her essay published in the Post Standard.

December 2003:

Nottingham staff members are at work to create a cutting-edge college and career center, and raise the money to do it. The center would be the first of its kind in a city high school, although some local suburban high schools have had such centers for years, Nottingham Principal Debra Mastropaolo said.

Note: See article on cover for more details.

January 2004

The Syracuse City School District reported growing success in sending students on to higher education. Approximately 81.3 percent of Nottingham's Class of 2003 went on to post-secondary education, according to the district. Of those, 49.8 percent went on to four-year college; 31.6 percent to two-year college.

Nottingham defeated Fowler in three sets Jan. 17 to win the championship of the Syracuse City Schools Volleyball Tournament.

Nottingham won an \$8,200 grant from the New York State Council for the Arts, in conjunction with Partners for Arts Education. The money will be used for students to make a video. The school is developing a curriculum that specializes in communication and the creative arts. Note: See article on "Lights, Camera, Action" elsewhere in this issue.



Turned on to History through Literature

by Sallie Naatz Bailey '49

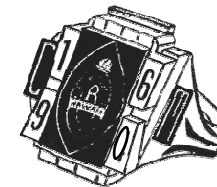
When I noted that one of the editors of this magazine was the School's librarian before her retirement, it brought back memories of the Nottingham High School library books that started a lifelong interest in American history for me.

The Regents required three semesters of American History. I slogged through the semesters with Miss Durkin and Mrs. Pecola and actually learned something in the semester spent with Miss Sherwood*. Maybe it's just the memorization requirements that are such a turnoff, but I must admit that I spent most of the time in those classes gazing out the window or drawing cartoons in my notebook, and I had plenty of time for reading.

My first encounter with a historically themed book that held my rapt attention was in 10th grade with Miss Theodosia Moran. (Those teachers had wonderful names straight out of Jane Austin. Remember Fredericka Smith?) The book was The Crisis, a novel about the Civil War by Winston Churchill, a relatively minor American writer. I enjoyed it so much I read ahead of the assigned chapters, causing Miss Moran to become quite incensed.

It was The Crisis that revealed the fact that history could actually *gasp* be interesting! I then turned to the school library where I found Walter Edmond's Drums Along the Mohawk and West to the Setting Sun, a narrative biography of the famous Mohawk chieftain, Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea). Both dealt with the Mohawk Valley during and just prior to the Revolution. In later years I read more intensively on the subject but those books from the Nottingham school library were the start of something an interest that persists today.

** Miss Sherwood attended the Class of '49's 50th Reunion!*



LOST & FOUND - Class of 1960 Ring

Did you lose a 1960 Nottingham class ring? One was found in the pocket of a warm up jacket at a medical specialty center in Syracuse in the fall of 2003. The finder called us for help in tracking down the owner.

We checked in the 1960 yearbook for someone with the initials BM, but couldn't find either Bennett Miller or Barb Maloff to see if they were missing a ring. We're stuck!

So, if you lost a 1960 class ring or know someone who did, call Judy Gray at 315-682-9771 or email her at nottalum@hotmail.com. To claim the ring, you must know all three of the initials on the ring.

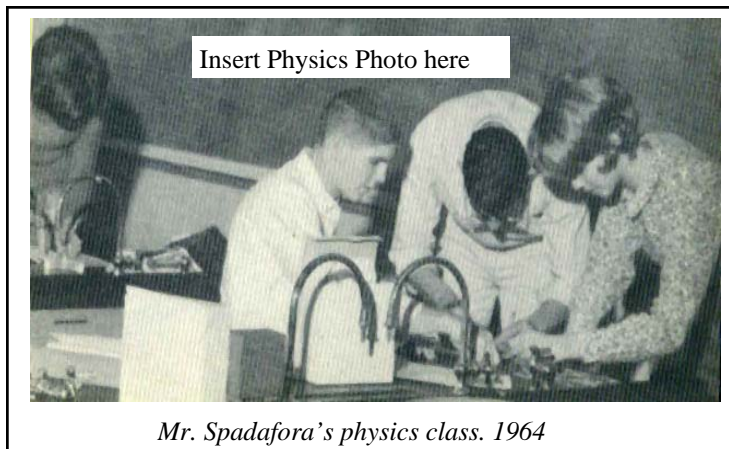
Nottingham Prepared Us Well for Life

When thanked for her very generous donation, Rosanne Leipzig ('68) responded "It's my pleasure- I received a very nice award this year and thought Nottingham was an appropriate place to share some of the credit and money. The older I get, the more I realize how amazing the education was that my brothers and I got at Nottingham. I live in NYC so you can only imagine the comparison! I don't seem to be very effective in getting government to realize how important public education is; the least I can do is contribute a bit to one school that is still trying to make a difference."

Rosanne received one of the first Joy McCann awards for mentoring in medical education. It's done by a secret nomination process (similar to the McArthur's). A great honor which Rosanne richly deserves.

Rosanne lives in Riverdale, NY with her partner of 18 years, artist Ora Chaikin and their 3 birds. She's currently the Gerald and May Ellen Ritter Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Adult Development and vice-chair for education for the Brookdale Dept of Geriatrics and Adult Development at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in NYC. Her work is divided among teaching, mentoring, writing and patient care.

Rosanne isn't the only one in her family who benefited from a Nottingham education. Her brother Murray ('62) is STILL married to Floris Schoenfeld ('62)- they started dating at Levy. They live in Chicago, and have 6 grandchildren. Floris is a reading specialist and Murray is a hospital administrator who is now the head of Incus consultants, a group who specialize in optimizing medical practices. Bruce ('64) is married to Kay, lives in Brownwood, Texas, and has three children and two grandchildren. He has an ENT practice and has become quite a master carpenter. "We all feel quite blessed that we had a Nottingham education- it clearly prepared us well for college and life." writes Rosanne.



Nottingham in the News Cont...

Poet Georgia Popoff ('71) celebrated her 50th birthday inviting everyone to participate in several days' worth of poetry. The so-called GAP Fest 50 kicked off on Thursday and continued with poetry till Sunday!

Dr. Joel Swerdlow ('64) presented the inaugural lecture of the Gertrude K. Swerdlow Memorial Lecture Series at Onondaga Community College. His lecture was "Why Some Plants Cure Cancer." Joel is a renowned author, journalist, professor, lecturer and consultant. He is currently a visiting lecturer at Johns Hopkins University.

November 2003:

Democratic Party activist Nancy McCarty, 71, who left the Syracuse Common Council in 1999 when she hit the two-term limit, won a commissioner's seat on the Syracuse Board of Education. McCarty said she decided to run out of concern over the school district's financial management. McCarty, a 1950 Nottingham graduate, is a retired Onondaga Community College professor who built her political career in the city's 17th Ward. She has been a 17th Ward committee person for 32 years and counting.



Nottingham students took part in "Mix It Up at Lunch Day," a day developed in 2002 by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama. The goal: Promote diversity and try breaking down social barriers by asking students to sit with someone they don't know during lunch. At Nottingham, students used the activity to address social problems and promote a forum at the school about diversity and racism. "We (know there are) so many different students who no one knows anything about," said senior Tracy Driscoll "We have students from Bosnia, but no one knows why they're here."

Nottingham graduate Jennifer Hill ('85), of Clay, was named executive director of the Greater Oswego Chamber of Commerce.

Nottingham senior Benjamin Metzler, 17, spent a day in Albany schmoozing with politicians as an honorary "senator for a day." Metzler won the honor from state Sen. John DeFrancisco, R-Syracuse, after being the high bidder at a fund-raising auction. Metzler was sworn in by state Supreme Court Justice Brian DeJoseph, toured the new criminal courts building and met with Onondaga County Sheriff Kevin Walsh.

For the sixth year in a row, many Syracuse elementary school students received free hats and mittens, thanks to the efforts of Nottingham graduate George Wladis ('56). This year George and his company Wladis Cos. obtained donations from a number of other sources, and therefore were able to give over 6,500 students in 11 Syracuse elementary schools new hats and mittens. "it's just a lot of fun to do something good for someone," said George.

July 2003: Nottingham in the News Cont...



Nottingham senior Natasha Alford, 17, won a silver medal for her oratory skills at the national ACT-SO competition in Miami, Fla. One of nine students from Onondaga County high schools who traveled to Miami for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's academic and cultural competition, she was the only one to bring home a medal.

September 2003:

Former Nottingham principal Joanne Reddick, 60, a leading advocate for Syracuse's children and its neighborhoods, died after a year-long battle with lung cancer. "The youths of this city had no greater advocate than Joanne Reddick," said former Mayor Tom Young, who worked closely with Reddick on the education committee of Syracuse 20/20, a civic group working to improve the city.

Nottingham's Olympic-sized indoor pool opened again for early morning public lap swim at a fee of \$2.50 or \$3 per person. Until spring 2003, a nonprofit community group called People Enriching People (PEP) had a contract with the district to manage the pool for community use. PEP fell on hard times financially, and the district ended its relationship with the organization.

October 2003:

Students from Nottingham and Fayetteville-Manlius High School participated in an exchange designed to break down stereotypes. The exchange between the two schools involved 53 students and was sponsored by Community Wide Dialogue, a division of the InterReligious Council of Central New York. Community Wide Dialogue works to break down racism and other stereotypes and promote racial healing.

Ellie Hayman ('51) was honored by the Fayetteville, NY, Chamber of Commerce for her involvement in helping build the the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and for the success she has achieved through her Real Estate business.

Steven Heyman ('77) and his wife Amy performed four-hand, one piano music of Clementi, Schubert, Dvorak and Brahms on the "new" nine-foot Steinway concert grand piano at the Everson Museum. Steven, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, has performed throughout the US, Canada and Europe, and won top prizes at dozens of national and international competitions. He teaches at Syracuse University.

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We thank the following for their donations to The Nottingham Connection.

Donations are used primarily to pay for publishing and mailing The Nottingham Connection, and secondarily to support current projects at Nottingham High School.

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Nottingham in the News



by Margaret McCormick ('77)

Here's a quick look at some of the Syracuse newspaper articles from that featured Nottingham students and alumni.

March 2003:

Approximately 40 Nottingham students protested the war in Iraq after school one day, marching with signs around the East Side neighborhood. Several school administrators and teachers said they supported the students' exercise of free speech. "Those are all my kids," said Len Fonte, Nottingham drama and English teacher. "I'm proud of them. We're behind them all the way." At the rally, students chanted and hoisted signs reading "No Blood for Oil" and "Use Words, not Fists."

Nottingham's Meadowbrook Harlequins earned eight commendations at the Michael Harms Drama Festival at the Civic Center. Rosalind Barbour won a scholarship for stage management. Jordan Manwaring won the Michael Harms Scholarship for his set design. Nottingham won the Technical Achievement Award and the Award of Excellence.

April 2003:

Nick O'Neill ('04) had his article "A Hard Lesson Given in the Realities of Economics" published in the Post Standard. He lamented the lack of supplies, lockers, textbooks, and sports equipment for Syracuse City School students and teachers. "I have received a good education overall, despite the poor resources... I don't know why, when everyone is supposed to receive an equal education, the state can allow such differences in funding to occur."

June 2003:

Nottingham Valedictorian Amy Savage told her classmates at graduation they were leaving "the United Nations of the city schools," where students of many nationalities learned together. "Nottingham is a fine example of the world coming to us," she said. Principal Debra Mastropaolo told the graduates to maintain the five core values the school stresses as a member of the national Community of Caring program: caring, respect, responsibility, trust and, most importantly, family.

Veronica Valerio, Latin teacher at Nottingham since 1991, retired after 31 years as a teacher. "I've had my time and I've had my moment. And it's been a wonderful time and a wonderful moment and a wonderful career," she said. Her students did well on the 2003 National Latin exam. Four of them earned perfect scores; 10 earned gold medals; 23 earned silver; and another 18 students earned magna cum laude or cum laude status.



Insert Old 1947 Class Photo Here

1947 Senior Class picture

In Memory of..

Dec 2002-Jan 2003



Compiled by Taylor Atseff ('95)

- Peter Dalton Constable**, 53, died September 30, 2000. Lived in Washington, DC and retired as U.S. Ambassador to Zaire.
- John C. Bradley**, 73, died March 27, 2001. Class of 1944.
- Donna Eldert-Morgan**, 47, died December 28, 2002. Lived in Syracuse and worked at Davis Florist.
- Eleanore VanDerhoff Flath**, 78, died December 28, 2002. Lived in Camillus and was a homemaker.
- Raymond Vessell**, 56, died December 29, 2002. Lived in Oakland, Calif. and was a journeyman plumber.
- Patricia Hoalcraft**, 53, died January 8, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and was director of food services at the Syracuse Home Association.
- George "Dud" Hilfinger**, 82, died December 17, 2002. Lived in Beverly Hills, Michigan.
- Judson Johnston, Jr.**, 71, died January 24, 2003. Lived in Fayetteville and was an account executive at Smith Corona, Consolidated Industries and Egan real Estate.
- Harriet Hughes died January 24, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and worked at King Laboratory.
- Tad J. Wellenger**, 27, died Feb. 27. Lived in Syracuse and was a computer programmer for Sun Micro Systems.
- Howard B. Helf**, 78, died March 22, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and retired in 2001 as President of Onondaga Title Services.
- William MacLeod**, 91, died March 30, 2003. Lived in Fayetteville and retired in 1983 as Executive Vice President and Treasurer of King Laboratories.
- Cheryl Novak-Hunt**, 49, died April 4, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and did community work.
- Dr. Franklin Loew**, 63, died April 22, 2003. Lived in Massachusetts and was president of Becker College. He was a former dean of Cornell University's Veterinary College.
- Nancy E. Allis** died April 28, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and retired as administrator of the Blood Program for the Onondaga Chapter of the American Red

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

It's lights, camera, action at Nottingham these days. A video arts program which ran last year through a grant from NYFA with the cooperation of the Everson Museum, continues with new equipment and professional instruction from SU. This year, Len Fonte's TV production class has received grants totaling \$16,000 from The Community Foundation, The Syracuse City School District Foundation, and Partnership for Arts Education. This year, plans include documentary and narrative filmmaking experiences with help from Syracuse University Film instructors Carl Diehl and Rosie Boyer. Once again, the Everson Museum provides a big boost, with planned field trips and a premiere performance of student work as part of the Everson film series on June 3, 2004.



In Memory of Cont...

Gloria Harty, 81, died May 14, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and earned a Doctorate in Microbacteriology from Syracuse University. She worked at Bristol Myers.

June Cook Wicks, 81, died May 18, 2003. Lived in Cazenovia and was a retired manager of Kemper Insurance.

Sharilyn Rene Haltar Latker, 72, died May 26, 2003. Graduated in 1948.

Theresa Harrison, 29, died June 10, 2003. Worked in Las Vegas.

Jane Stelman Yavorsky, born in 1920, died April 29, 2003. Lived in Florida.

John Haney, 90, died July 11, 2003. Lived in Manlius and worked in engineering at Crous-Hinds Company.

E. Todd Graves, Jr., 88, died July 16, 2003. Lived in Westvale and founded and operated Todd Graves Printing.

Herbert Silverman, 74, died July 19, 2003. Lived in Manlius and was the co-founder and CEO of Gary's Clothes, Inc.

Donald Hayes, 80, died July 23, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and worked for General Electric and Anaren Microwave.

Richard "Butch" Evans, 69, died July 30, 2003. Was a restaurant operator and retired from Kases and Kegs in Syracuse.

Betty Ann Loveland Heinza died August 14, 2003. Worked as a private nurse and volunteered at the Octagon House in Camillus.

Jeanette C. Kimmey, 79, died August, 29, 2003. Worked for The Herald-Journal and Aetna Insurance Company.

Joanne Reddick, 60, died September 5, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and was Nottingham teacher and principal.

Carol Amsterdam-Fornari, 52, died September 19, 2003. Lived in Brooklyn.

Frances Laura Farrance, 65, died October 6, 2003. Lived in Kirkville and retired as a taxi driver.

Robert A. Dorn, 32, died October 8, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and was a manager at the Mission Restaurant.

Virginia Smerznak Schultz died October 9, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and worked for the Syracuse City Schools.

Douglas Bullock Sr., 52, died October 18, 2003. Lived in Syracuse and was employed by General Electric and as a cab driver.

Harmon E. Pratt, 72, died October 28, 2003. Lived in Orlando and he served in the Korean Conflict with the US Marine Corp.

Harriott Eddy Nicholoy Langford, 93, died November 4, 2003. Lived in East Syracuse.

William R. Dean, 68, died November 23, 2003. Lived in Camillus and retired from Blue Cross Blue Sheild of Florida.

Dorothea B. Levy, 90, died November 29, 2003. Lived in Fayetteville and worked as a bookkeeper for many years.

In Memory of



Robert Bruce Wilson, 65, died November 28, 2003. Lived in Alexandria, Va., and was president of Morgan Roberts Real Estate Management.

John C. Gates died December 13. Lived in Cazenovia and was retired from F&M Schaefer Brewing Comapny.

Richard M. MacCaul, 71, died January 15, 2004. Lived in Liverpool and was a teacher in the Liverpool School District.

Sheila Feldman Biener died January 18, 2004. Graduated in 1952.



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