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NEWSLETTER

Welcome Class of '86

Congratulations to the graduating class of 1986, you are now part of a special group of people known as the Alumni of Taft High School.

The Taft Alumni Association was formed to provide a means for Taft Alumni to continue or renew friendships begun at Taft, provide services to the school and most important to preserve its history. Our newsletter is published 2 or 3 times a year to let you know what other alumni are doing and sponsor special events at Taft. The \$5.00 membership fee is used to publish the newsletter and provide services to Taft, like a scholarship this year and the dedication of the big gym in honor of Coach Joe Kupcinek. The fee covers a 2 year period currently ending in December 1987.

As you continue your education, work a full time job or get married, remember us, drop us a line to let us know what you are doing and if your name and/or address changes let us know. This will be very helpful for your first class reunion 5 or 10 long years from now.

First Alumni Scholarship

The Alumni Association was able to award its first \$250 scholarship this year to LALAIN BALTAZAR. She is the oldest of 6 children (4 brothers, 1 sister), her hobbies are reading, shopping, softball, bike riding and volleyball. Her favorite subject while in Taft was history and is planning on attending the U. of I.-Circle this Fall majoring in Health-Sciences.

Lalaine was ranked 32 out of 408 and her grade point average was 3.9407. Among her activities at Taft were:

- Spanish National Honor Society
- Key Club-Vice President
- Student Council
- Big Brother/Big Sister
- Spanish Club
- National Honor Society
- Math Club
- Library Aide
- Usherette
- Teachers Aide
- Recipient of Human Relations Awards

We all wish Lalaine the best of luck with her schooling and as she lets us know how she is doing we will let all of you know.

Oops!

In the last issue we reported that Robert Paddi, class of June 1945 has a record collection of over 270 LP's from the 40's and 50's. It should have read over 300 Frank Sinatra LP's covering the period from the late 30's thru the current 80's and always looking for more. He belongs to the International Sinatra Society and the Sinatra Society of America and is planning on starting a Chicago chapter of the Sinatra Society of America. Sorry Bob.

Reunions

CLASS OF 1956
October 25, 1986-Midway Motor
Lodge-\$25.00
Contact Nancy (Hanning) Johnson
1528 Hoffman
Park Ridge, Il. 60068
825-0966

CLASS OF 1976
October 4, 1986-Holiday Inn,
O'Hare-\$30.00
Contact Michael Bledsoe
605 E. Algonquin Road
Suite 440
Arlington Hts, Il.
60005

If you know of other classes planning a reunion please ask them to contact us, we can be of some help.

Wedding Announcement

RICK JAYKO (CLASS OF 1979)
AND GINA ORNSTEAD (CLASS OF
1980), "high school
sweethearts" will be married
on October 4, 1986. Best
wishes to you both.

Taft Girls #1

The Taft girls softball team won the Public League Championship on May 30, 1986 with a score of 12-9 against Bogan. They lost in the state quarterfinals but ended the season 17-1.

In Our Memories Forever

JOE HOUGH, CLASS OF 1970 died April 28, 1986, he was the Student Council President in 1970 and the general chairman of the Junior Prom in 1969.

JAMES CRAMER, AGE 35 (class of ?) died on May 19, 1986 of heart complications after he broke his ankle in a baseball game and a blood clot developed.

RON SCHECK, CLASS OF 1940, died on March 9, 1986 from a heart attack. His wife says he was always proud that he had graduated from Taft.

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