Chicago Army Day Festivities

Although the photograph’s poor quality doesn’t do justice for the importance of its content, we present this copy of newspaper to you, compliments of Theodore E. Dahlfors (June 1949). As quoted from the article accompanying the photo, “Before Taft’s ROTC units joined Chicago’s Army Day parade, students gathered on the school grounds to witness the presentation of a regulation Army saber to Cadet Major Theodore E. Dahlfors, high ranking officer in the Taft ROTC. Don Studstrup, representing the Norwood Park American Legion Post [740], made the presentation of the saber on which Cadet Dahlfors’ name had been inscribed.” This was taken from the front-page story of the Norwood Park Citizen newspaper, dated April 14, 1949. As it states, Ted’s name was the first of many to have his name engraved on this sword.

This brings our epic saga of the Taft ROTC sword to a full circle closure. Inquiry as to its whereabouts started over two years ago with former Taft ROTC officer Theodore Dahlfors. Ted brought the sword interest to the forefront. After much effort by many people, it was finally “found” by the keeper of the sword for over 33 years, M/Sgt Robert E. Ashby. He was the last senior Military Instructor at Taft before the ROTC program was disbanded in the early 1970s.

Ted now recalls, “I believe I sent you the enclosed picture during one of my earlier epistles when we first talked about the sword. At the time I didn’t put two and two together. After reading the article again, it dawned on” (See ROTC Army Day Festivities on page 13)
Relaxing Taft Dress Code

This fall, returning students found some of the stringent dress codes that have been in place the past few years have been loosened.

During the summer, the Local School Council voted to revise the dress code to allow students to be able to wear the Taft “spiritwear” (i.e. hooded sweatshirts with a logo of the school or its sports team) the entire week, instead of just on Fridays. Although hooded sweatshirts still cannot be worn “up” while in school, it allows students more variety in apparel allowed. Also added this year are royal blue and grey T-shirts in addition to the traditional white shirt.

Other rules relaxed are the one on prohibition of facial piercing and ventilated jeans. The jeans with holes and tears are encouraged to be limited only to after school hours and weekends.

White polo shirts, hooded sweatshirts and zip-front sweatshirts are among the Taft logo apparel available for purchase through the school. For further information call Taft High School at (773) 534-1000.

LSC REPORT

Our Vice President, Frank Heyer, attends the LSC meetings as a bridge between Taft and the Alumni Association, this month he reports.

The Taft High School sign that the Alumni Association purchased for the school is constantly being defaced with graffiti, so the LSC has a couple of ideas. (1) they want to remove the sign from its present location and put it near the new main entrance and at the same time add terminology relating to the I.B. program at Taft, (2) they will mount the sign higher off the ground now that the Chicago Board of Education has revised the rules concerning sign placement and height (3) may want to add electricity to the sign so that it is illuminated at night. The LSC President asked if the Alumni Association would help with the cost. Frank said to get us some cost figures and we would let her know how much we can donate. WE will keep you informed in future Newsletters.

New Book - Retold Story

Anyone who lived on the northwest side of Chicago in 1955 would remember the story. And today, we have two Taft graduates who have collaborated to retell the story. Richard C. Lindberg (1971) and Gloria Jean Sykes (1969) have published a new book, being released this month by Southern Illinois University Press. “Shattered Sense of Innocence: The 1955 Murders of Three Chicago Children” is a book written of three Gladstone Park’s children, Robert and Anton Schuessler and their friend Robert Peterson. These three young boys were tragically murdered and found buried in a shallow grave in Robinson Woods in Schiller Park.

The book effort has been an eleven-year journey for Ms. Sykes, initiated by the comments made by her late father, who was a Chicago Police officer assigned to the juvenile division in 1955. He was one of the people who went searching for the boys when they were reported missing on October 16, 1955. He also was present forty years later when Kenneth Hansen was arrested, tried and found guilty of those three murders. Charles Sykes was not convinced of Hansen’s guilt, and told his daughter of that doubt.

Richard Lindberg says that they have brought out the many ineptitudes of the initial investigation of the Chicago Police Department. In 2002, new insights were uncovered during the retrial of Hansen’s case. They have many photographs, personal interviews and revelations in this book. Although they do not have all the answers, they bring lots of questions to the table and give the readers the opportunity to form their own conclusions.

Both Richard and Gloria Jean will be attending a book signing and reception October 22nd 3-6pm at the Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 N. Newark Ave., in Chicago. Gloria Jean Sykes, an accomplished film producer, is currently working on a film version of this Schuessler-Peterson case.
NJROTC Awards in 2006

Much has been published in the local papers this past year of the many honors and awards presented to the Taft NJROTC unit that has only been active at Taft for the past few years. There were many years where it was not popular to support our country through military school programs, and the ROTC program was decommissioned at Taft in the early 1970s. Thanks to many former Taft alumni, that position was finally reversed and the NJROTC program initiated in 1996.

This spring there were 221 cadets in the unit that earned the Navy League Award for being the most outstanding unit in the seven state, 50-school area. We considered listing the various recognitions of the current unit, but opted to allow a recent 2006 graduate tell you about some of them, in his own words. We were able to contact Matthew Beesley (class of 2006) at the Fort Leonard Wood, MO facility. Matt is currently receiving his basic training after his enlistment in the U.S. Army Reserves shortly after his high school graduation. Here is a portion of his response: “Man, where to start? Well, our unit took giant steps forward lately, well this past year, I should say. We started a Cadet of the Quarter program, where the best freshman and best upperclassman, one from each group, [are] selected and are presented with an award at the end of the year. We also make it a rule that officers and senior enlisted cadets cannot be selected. We do this because our goal is to basically find those ‘diamonds in the ruff’ and recognize them for their accomplishments. The higher ranking cadets don’t need extra praise, because that would completely diminish what we are trying to do, and that is to get more cadets involved. We also had our best year ever for drill competitions and we were the closest in at least four years to winning our Area competition.

“Another HUGE accomplishment that we achieved was receiving a trophy that ranked us in the top 11 units in the world! Three cadets also received the cadet achievement ribbon, which was the first time that our unit handed out these ribbons. Roger Deleon received one for his outstanding job as the Battalion Commanding Officer. Betty McLaughlin received one for her outstanding performance at the Battalion Administrative Officer. And I also received one. In a nutshell, it was for outstanding work as the Battalion Executive Officer and for my work in establishing the Cadet of the Quarter program.

“...I can definitely say that my senior year was the easiest year for classes, but it was by far the hardest and most rewarding year I had in NJROTC. Although it really hurt to graduate and leave the school and (most importantly) the unit, I am honored to be able to take what I have learned, and use it to compel myself to join the United States Army, the best [...] Army in the world! I am also very excited to be graduating on November 22nd, so I’ll be home for Thanksgiving, and when I come home I will support my unit and go to every drill competition and help in every way possible. I definitely could not have done it without the motivation, moral support, and close friendships of these people: Roger Deleon, Betty McLaughlin [both NJROTC cadets, 2006], Sarah Aniolowski [2008], Kyle Sanetra [2007], [teacher] Edith Pauley, [drama teacher] Nilda Pauley, Jamie Homa [2006], Amanda Rzany [2006], and the Naval Science Instructors - Chief Fry, Master Chief Kough, and LCDR Muffler.

Matt concluded his letter with a somber note, “...There are alumni from NJROTC in Iraq now and one back with a Purple Heart.” To learn more about their fantastic accomplishments and see the trophies earned, go to www.chicagojrotc.com and “click” on The Spotlight on right side of the screen. Also, if you need specific information about the program, you can call and leave a message for LCDR Paul Muffler, USN (Ret), Senior Naval Science Instructor, Taft NJROTC Academy - (773) 534-1058.

Taft NJROTC Academy Honored By CPS Board OF Education by LCDR Paul Muffler

At the regularly scheduled CPS board meeting on 27 September 2006, board president Mr. Williams congratulated and awarded special recognition to the Taft Naval JROTC Unit for earning the Navy League Award during school year 2005-2006 for being the most outstanding unit in their seven state, fifty-school area. This also means that the NJROTC Unit is 1 of the top 11 of 623 units along with

(see NJROTC page 4)
Taft Class Reunions

January 1957 - 50th reunion
Date: May 4, 2007
Place: Del Webb Sun City - Huntley, IL in Drendel Ballroom.
Contacts:
Leo Drummer - wilmaleo5@aol.com
Sandra (Hubenthal) Sams - telsam@cox.net
Diane (Klier) Dierks - dierks@sbcglobal.net
Marilyn (Lane) Kellerman - mkells@sbcglobal.net
Ron Underwood - runderwood1@earthlink.net
Beverly (Dilfer) Brown - ab-brown@mindspring.com.

1971
Date: October 28, 2006
Place: Oak Meadow Country Club - Addison IL (note: this is a location change!)
Contact: Faro Vitali - (773) 775-2945 or email kingtut1953@yahoo.com
or Christina (Leiper) Reeves - creeves@allstate.com

1987
Date: July 21, 2007
Place: Westin - Chicago North Shore
Contact: Joe Barthel - (847) 368-8014
Josef425@comcast.net

All Taft Classes - 5th Annual Reunion Picnic
Date: Sunday, March 18, 2007
Place: Ft. DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg, FL
Shelter number 14 - 11AM to 5PM
(park phone number - (727) 582-2267)
Contact: Leon Kathan
117 Monte Real Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33876-8056
(863) 655-4559 - leonkathan@yahoo.com

Elementary School Reunion
1958 - Norwood Park School - 50th Reunion
Date: TBD
Place: In planning stages
Contact: Jerry (Beesley) Bloom (June '62)
(920) 743-8449 or jerrybloom@fales.org

Lost Classmates

Are you looking for old classmates you've lost touch with? We will help you in your search by publishing the name(s) in this newsletter. If that party responds to us, we forward that person's name and address to you.

Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association c/o Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago IL 60631 or email us at taftalum@cox.net.

The suggested donation for this service is $5 per name.

“The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy.” - Helen Hayes (at 73)

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Battalion Commander worldwide. LCDR Paul Muffler, Kyle Sanetra, Battalion Executive Officer Volodymyr Hirnyj, and Battalion Adjutant Isaura Islas attended the meeting. The cadets were congratulated for their hard work, and the cadets that graduated were also acknowledged as being a big part of last year’s success. LCDR Muffler stated, “It was and is a team effort.

There are two other instructors, many other cadets, and our number one supporter, our principal Dr. Arthur N. Tarvardian all work together to be successful.” The board also acknowledged and congratulated all three cadets on their future plans of to apply to attend the United States Naval Academy next year after graduation.
CLASS NOTES

1940s

CHARLETON BARD (JUNE 1941) MARRIED EVELYN (SIEVERS) (JANUARY 1942), he graduated from U of Chicago BS & BPh 1946, MS. 1948, PhD 1950, they live in Rochester, NY, have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, he is a retired chemist and Evelyn is a housewife.

MARGE ROSBERG (JUNE 1941), lives in Mt. Prospect, IL, has 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

GEORGE WISE (JUNE 1941) graduated from U of Chicago Law JD 1948, lives in Long Beach, CA, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is a retired lawyer.

RALPH CAPPArellI (JANUARY 1942) graduated from Northern BS 1951, lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren. He is a Taft Founder, Taft Alumni Hall of Famer and State Representative.

MARY JANE (CABOOR) CINELLI (JUNE 1942) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

DOROTHY LA GORIO (JANUARY 1943) graduated from Northwestern PhB 1965, lives in Schaumburg, IL and is retired.

CHARLES DAVIS (JUNE 1943) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 5 children and is a retired fireman.

MARY (NEMETH) KOVACS (JUNE 1943) lives in Arcada, CA, has 1 child and is a retired bookkeeper.

ROBERT WINGFIELD (JUNE 1943) graduated from Vanderbilt BSEE 1950, lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired electrical engineer exec and a Taft Founder.

RUTH (WENZEL) HENRIKSON (JANUARY 1944) lives in Mesa, AZ, has 1 child, 6 grandchildren and is retired...

HOMER LEMKE (JANUARY 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1951, lives in Portland, OR, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired systems manager.

EARL BELZER (JUNE 1944) lives in Bensenville, IL, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired from IL Bell.

SUSANNE (STEIBER) ESSER (JUNE 1944) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 5 girls, 5 grandchildren and is a housewife.

VIRGINIA (CATO) PRESTON (JUNE 1944) graduated from U of NM BBA 1950, Northern Med 1967, lives in Itasca, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

LEONARD PIEKORSKI (JUNE 1945) lives in Mundelein, IL, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired from the medical field and Kent from IL Bell.

ROBERT BIEDERMANN (JANUARY 1946) lives in Des Plaines, IL and is retired.

MARIANN (LEYERSON) ERLENBACH (JANUARY 1946) lives in Chicago, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired from United Airlines.

CAROL (SIMONSON) FITCH (JANUARY 1946) graduated from IA St BS 1950, U of I Med 1958, lives in Bethesda, MD, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired and is a program coordinator/retreat leader for church conference center.

EVELYN (FISCHER) MILLER (JANUARY 1946) lives in St Petersburg, FL and has 7 children.

LEONA (NETTLAND) OLSON (JANUARY 1946) graduated from North Park 1948, lives in St Charles, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandsons and is a tax accountant.

JOHN BOWLER (JUNE 1946) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

HERB HAMBURD (JUNE 1946) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1951, Oakton Community 1980, lives in Tampa, FL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired realtor.

LORRAINE (BARRY) LATORIA (JUNE 1946) lives in Bartlett, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

RUTH (RUNZEL) MEISTER (JUNE 1946) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 1 child, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

GRACE (MAZUR) UTT (JUNE 1946) lives in Algonquin, IL, has 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

GLORIA (BONKOWSKI) WAHLEN (JUNE 1946) lives in Concord, MI, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is retired.

ROGER CORINTH (JANUARY 1947) graduated from U of I BS 1958, MS 1963, lives in Gwinn, MI, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired civil engineer.

MARGARET (PFENDER) WINTERSDORF (JANUARY 1947) LIVES IN Mc Henry, IL, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is retired.

JEANNE (HALVORSEN) DOST (JUNE 1947) lives in Meneca, SC, has 2 children 5 grandchildren and is a housewife.

DONALD LEWIS (JUNE 1947) graduated from U of Chicago BA 1951, lives in Tucson, AZ, has 6 children, 8 grandchildren and is a beer distributor.

RODNEY LOWELL (JUNE 1947) graduated from U of Chicago BA 1951, lives in Tuscon, AZ, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired physics technician.

GLORIA (ROSENOW) VOGEL (JUNE 1947) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a housewife.

MATILDA (MOLNAR) RUSTEBERG (JANUARY 1948) graduated from Northern BS 1965, Northeastern BA 1973, MA 1975, lives in Etonton, GA, has 5 children, 19 grandchildren and is a retired science teacher.

LOIS (WILLISTON) SPOTHOLZ (JANUARY 1948) graduated from U of I BS 1954, lives in Jefferson, NH and is a home economist and herb farmer.

DONALD JACKSON (JUNE 1948) graduated from IL State BS 1956, lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

WILLIAM MC ILVAINE (JUNE 1948) graduated from Walton School of Commerce BSA 1950, CPA 1951, lives in Racine, WI, has 5 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired CPA.

T. DALE SHELTON (JUNE 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1952, U of Pittsburgh MBA 1960, lives in Napa, CA, has 3 children and is a retired investment broker.

MARY LOU (COTTE) ZOLLI (JUNE 1948) lives in Bella Vista, AR, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

DONAL CHASSEE (JUNE 1949) lives in Dellwood, WI, has 5 children, 18 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

1950s

HARRY BENTSEN (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Culver-Stockton BS 1954, lives in Springfield, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired insurance exec.

RICHARD MURBACH (JANUARY 1950) lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.
JOYCE (BETTING) PILCHER (JANUARY 1950) lives in Tamarac, FL, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired banking supervisor.

RICHARD WHARTON (JANUARY 1950) graduated from U of I BSME 1954, lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children 2 grandchildren and is a semi retired vice president.

HELEN (JACOBSON) VANDERSPOOL (JUNE 1950) lives in Wheeling, IL, has 1 child and is a commission accs rep.

MYRA (ANDRES) FISHER (JUNE 1951) graduated from OH BS 1956, lives in Woodland Hills, CA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

ARLETTE (FREY) HALL (JUNE 1951) lives in Batavia, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT WINKELMAN (JUNE 1951) graduated from Western IL BS 1956, lives in Chicago, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

KAY (MURRAY) PIRRONG (JUNE 1952) graduated from Lawrence BA 1956, lives in Asheville, NC, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

JANET (SWANSON) STOFFELS (JANUARY 1952) graduated from U of MN BA, lives in St Petersburg, FL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

KAREN (ENGLAND) SHAW (JUNE 1952) lives in Lodi, WI, have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired nurse.

KENNETH ZELL (JUNE 1952) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is retired.

JAMES LYNN (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chicago and is retired USAF.

JANET (ANDERSON) MILLS (JANUARY 1953) graduated from IA State BS 1957, IA Cert. 1969, lives in Decatur, GA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

HARRY MAGEE (JUNE 1953) MARRIED MARY (GOODELL) (JANUARY 1955), he graduated from Northwestern BA 1957, they live in Elliot City, MD, have 7 children, 5 grandchildren and are retired.

DONALD STANEK (JUNE 1953) graduated from U of I BS 1958, U of Kansas Certificate Physical Therapy 1960, Baylor MS 1971, lives in Marietta, GA and is a physical rehab Consultant.

JIM TWISECHELL (JUNE 1953) lives in Fullerton, CA, has 5 children, 10 grandchildren and is a VP/ general merchandise manager for Costco.

LEE ALBERTS (JUNE 1954) lives in Roselle, IL, has 2 children and is a retired printing contractor.

PAUL MILLER (JUNE 1954) graduated from Valparaiso BA 1958, lives in Bloomfield, NJ, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired international consultant.

MARY LOU (MC CULLOUGH) PETRULIO (JUNE 1954) graduated from IL Wesleyan BS1958, lives in Portage, MI, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

ROSALIE STRENG (JUNE 1954) graduated from Northwestern BA 1958, MA 1962, lives in Des Plaines, IL, and is a retired teacher from Maine West.

KAREN (KELLEY NOBLE (JANUARY 1955) graduated from Chicago State Bed 1958, U of VA Med 1982, lives in Cranberry Twsp, PA, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a teacher, real estate agent.

WAYNE BARTON (JUNE 1955) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired sales rep.

PATRICK (DUNN) HALL (JUNE 1955) lives in Huntley, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired medical asst.

JOANNE (STILLR) MC KENNA (JUNE 1955) graduated from Columbia MS 1978, lives in Sarasota, FL and is a financial specialist.

JUDITH (HERUD) NELSON (JANUARY 1956) lives in Deerfield, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, a volunteer at the beauty shop at Norwood Park Home.

JAMES FERGUSON (JUNE 1956) lives in Woodstock, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

LEON KATHAN (JUNE 1956) graduated from Triton AA 1973, FI St BS 1977, lives in Sebring, FL, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is an auto electrician.

EDWARD RODRIGUEZ (JUNE 1956), graduated from Wright AA, lives in Palatine, IL, has 8 children, 14 grandchildren and is a retired production supervisor.

BARBARA (SWANSON) KLEIN (JANUARY 1957) graduated from Passavant Hospital RN 1960, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired journalist who volunteers for medical missions.

RONALD UNDERWOOD (JANUARY 1957) graduated from Northwestern BSBA 1961, U of I MBA/CPA 1975, lives in Oak Park, CA, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired consulting CPA.

ROBERT PETRULIO (JUNE 1957) graduated from Northwestern BSBA 1961, lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children and is a freelance writer.

DIANE (PROSSER) DE GRENIER (JUNE 1958) lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired sales rep.

WILLIAM PLANK (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BS, BA 1964, OR State MS 1971, lives in Corvallis, OR, has 3 children and is a retired ocean engineer.

FRED KAISER (JUNE 1958) graduated from Knox College BS 1963, Columbia BSEE 1963, U of So CA MSEE 1967, lives in Orange, CA, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is an electrical engineer.

JEAN (KOSKELA) WISNIEWSKI (JUNE 1958) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

ROXANNE (MORGARIDGE) DE STEFANO (JANUARY 1959) lives in Bristol, WI, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired teacher who owns a horse farm.

1960s

JACQUELINE (METCALF) ABBETT (JUNE 1960) graduated from Marquette Dental Hygiene 1962, MI State BA 1986, lives in Okemos, MI, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

CAROL (KAROWSKY) ENSLOW (JUNE 1960) graduated from Milliken BS 1965, lives in Littleton, CO, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

KAREN (KLOSE) GOODSMITH (JUNE 1960) graduated from MI State BA 1964, lives in Neenah, WI, has 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is an artist.

CINDY (JACKSON) JOHNSON (JUNE 1960) graduated from William Woods College AA 1963, lives in Marco Island, FL, has 3 children and is retired, now a realtor.

SANDRA (BULATEK) RIES (JUN 1960) MARRIED ROBERT (JUNE 1956), they lives in Niles, IL, have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and she is retired.

SANDRA (SCHOLL) STEINER (JUNE 1960) lives in Mission Viejo, CA and has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

CAROL (JOHNSON) WALLIN (JUNE 1960) graduated from North Park BA 1964, Pacific Western Edu. Media 1984, lives in Miami, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is an educational consultant/author of “Disappearing Faces, FL’s Animals In Danger” for ages 7-12.

EVELYN (KUEHN) KUZNICKI (JANUARY 1961) graduated from Roosevelt BA 1966, lives in Franklin, NC, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

KATHY (ALTERGOTT) ARCHULETA (JUNE 1961), graduated from North Park BA 1965, lives in Burney, CA and is retired from Alameda Social Services.

MARJORIE WEILER (JUNE 1961) graduated from Saddleback College 1990, lives in Williams Bay, WI, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a real estate broker.
CLASS NOTES

LOUIS VASSOS (JANUARY 1962) graduated from Northwestern BSEE 1967, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 3 children and is a retired engineer.

JOYCE (THOMAS) VAZZANO (JANUARY 1962) graduated from Augustana Hosp. RN 1965, lives in Glenview, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a school district health RN.

JOHN ELLIS (JUNE 1962) graduated from Citadel BA 1966, Southern Methodist JD 1969, Geo Wash U MSFS 1973, Nat'l Law Center LLM 1974, lives in Houston, TX, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is an attorney/professor, consul general of Malta, director of the Houston rodeo.

MARGARETE (KEIL) GROSS (JUNE 1962) lives in Elmhurst, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a retired art librarian.

CAROL (LOHR) MAGIN (JUNE 1962) graduated from U of MN BA 1966, Nat'l Lewis MAT 1990, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 2 children and is a special ed teacher.

EDWARD PARQUETTE (JUNE 1962) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired repairman.

KAREN (OLSON) SWENSON (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northern BS 1985, Nat'l College of Ed MA 1989, Elgin Community AA 1966, lives in St Charles, IL, has 1 child and is a retired teacher.

NANCY (GRITSONIS) LALLY (JANUARY 1963) lives in Carol Stream, IL, has 3 children and is a school secretary.

CAROL (LUNDBERG) MILLER (JANUARY 1963), lives in Larchwood, IA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired librarian and bookkeeper.

DAVID PFENDER (JANUARY 1963) graduated from U of I BSEE 1968, lives in Clemson, SC, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a computer analyst/programmer.

JIM GROLL (JUNE 1963) MARRIED JANET (LOOSE) (JUNE 1967), Janet graduated from U of I 1990, they live in Chicago, have 2 children; Jim is retired from the CPD now an electrician.

RICHARD BEAVER (JANUARY 1964) lives in Buffalo Grove, IL and is retired.

GLENN SKINNER (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Wright AA 1967, Northwestern BBA 1970, lives in Elmwood Park, IL, has 3 children and is a land trust officer.

JUANITA (WILLIAMS) EARNHEART (JUNE 1964) graduated from Northeastern BA 1963, lives in Baytown, TX, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a postal clerk.

WARREN LUCKNER (JUNE 1964) graduated from Luther College BA 1968, U of MD MA 1970, U of KY MA 1972, lives in Lincoln, NE, has 3 children and is a retired actuary/professor.

GEORGE STRESKE (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Chicago City College BA 1966, lives in Chicago, has 4 children and is a carpenter, general contractor.

CHRISTINE FRANSEN (JUNE 1965) graduated from U of MS BA 1969, Northeastern MS 1971, lives in Chicago and is a math teacher at Senn.

WILLIAM DRAHEIM (JANUARY 1966) graduated from De Vry 1967, lives in Oak Park, IL. And is a network engineer.

DONALD MC KENZIE (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of KS BA 1970, lives in Topeka, KA, has 3 children and owns a music store.


LARRY HERZOG (JANUARY 1967) graduated from Harper BA 1972, U of I, BA 1977, Northeastern MBA 1996, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is Chief of Police in Grayslake, IL.

SUSAN (SANDBACK) BUKLIS (JUNE 1967) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is self-employed.

BETH (SAMUELS) CHARVAT (JUNE 1967) graduated from Augustana Hospital RN 1972, lives in Westmont, IL, has 3 children, is an RN and a board member of the TAA.

MARY (GAUGHAN) COYNE (JUNE 1967) MARRIED TIM (JUNE 1967), they live in Cincinnati, OH and have 1 child.

DENNIS PHELPS (JUNE 1967) graduated from Lewis College BA 1971, lives in Huntley, IL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

RITA (EGGERS) LEICESTER (JUNE 1968) graduated from UT State BS 1974, lives in Riverton, WY, has 1 child, 5 grandchildren and is a retired teacher, spends her summers working in National Parks.

PHIL IGLITZ (1969) MARRIED GAIL (ANDERSON) (1970), he graduated from UIC BA 1974, UNLV MS 1992, Gail graduated from UNLV 2002, they live in Boulder City, NV, have 1 child. Phil is a HS Math Teacher; Gail is a landscape architect with the Bureau of Reclamation.

ROBERT KANEN (JUNE 1969) graduated from Northeastern, BA Sociology 1974, BA Psychology 1975, IL School of Professional Psychology PsyD 1983, lives in Ridgewood, NJ, has 3 children and is a clinical psychologist in private practice.

MARY LOU (SERVEDIO) MILANO (1969) lives in Jefferson, TX, has 1 child, lives on a 70 acre ranch and owns a convenience store.

DIANNE (DREYER) SKELLENGER (1969) lives in Lakewood, CO, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is an office manager for an oral surgeon.

1970s

DEBRA (EWANIC) ALLEN (1970) graduated from U of 1 BS 1974, Med 1981, lives in Columbus, MO, has 3 children and is a university administrator.

JAMES BETLEJ (1970) lives in West Chester, OH, has 2 children and is a process engineer.

MARGARET (KOSINSKI) LACERRA (1970) MARRIED FRED (1970), they live in Park Ridge, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and she is a cosmetologist.

TIMOTHY ARADO (1971) graduated from IL State BS 1975, Control Data Institute 1980, and lives in Chicago and is in real estate management.

BETH (BEAUMONT) OLSEN (1971) graduated from Ravenwood School of Nursing, lives in Elmwood Park, IL, has 2 children and is an RN.

SHERYL (SCHMIDT) PIERCE (1971) lives in Hot Springs Village, AR and is in real estate.

ALICE (GARBER) SCIIFO (1972) lives in Barrington, IL, has 2 children and is a realtor/broker.

NANCY (RODICK) TREUDT (1972) lives in Geneva, IL and does interior design.

LINDA (VAN ORNUM) ANDRES (1973), graduated from Mundelein BA 1979, U of IL MS social work 2006, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a social worker.

MAUREEN (NELSON) BARCELLI (1973) graduated from U of I BA 1977, lives in Grapevine, TX, has 2 children and is a customer service agent for British Airways.

RON BLASZKOWSKI (1973) lives in Oak Forest, IL, has 5 children, 3 grandchildren and is an operations manager.

MARGARET O CONNOR (1973) lives in Harwood Hts, IL and is a sales associate at Carson, Pirie, Scott.

CARLK PRIEST (1974) graduated from Augsburg College BA 1978, lives in Minneapolis, MN, has 2 children and is a project manager and also plays the Bass.

DALE KLOS (1975) graduated from Elmhurst College BS 1989, lives in West Salem, WI, has 3 children and is a customer service manager for Grainger.
THERESE VAN DORPE (1975) graduated from U of I BA 1979, lives in Chicago and is a claims analyst.
SUSIE (PETER) GLEFFE (1976) graduated from Robert Morris College AA 1978, Northwestern 2003, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a paralegal.
LINDA KUFFEL (1977) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is an export administrator.
JOSEPH PALKONER (1977) graduated from Normandale CC, AA 1980, U of MN BA 1981, lives in Round Lake Beach, IL and is in quality control.
GREGG SWIDERSKI (1977) lives in Marengo, IL and does geological field study & archeology research site investigations.
NANCY (PIPOWSKI) FREDERICK (1978) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL and is a property claims specialist.
WILLIAM JENNRICHT (1979) graduated from Northeastern BS 1984, Keller MBA 2001, lives in Frankfort, IL, has 3 children and is a VP at a bank.
JANE (SCHROEDER) VOSS (1987) graduated from U of I BS 1991, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a homemaker.
FRED SCHLEGEL (1980) graduated from Northwestern BS 1984, IN U MBA 1986, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is in product marketing for Hallmark Cards.
THERESA (KURNIZKI) KNAR (1982) graduated from Oakton Community AA, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 3 children and is a supervisor of medical records.
BRIDGHE BARRAR (1984) lives in Rockford, IL, has 1 child, was in the Army for 6 years, now an office manager.

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Robert Guderian, class of 1940 passed away on November 14, 2005.
Lorna (Freitag) Tagge, class of 1940 died July 2, 2006 from Alzheimer's disease.

Jim Hibarger, class of June 1951 passed away on August 26, 2006. He was the brother of Lynn (Hibarger) Saracco (June 1962) and Robert (January 1965).
Jens F. Lauesen, class of 1952 died on April 19, 2006 from pancreatic cancer. He was a member of the ROTC at Taft and later owned and operated a small waste disposal company on the north side of Chicago, the Jens F. Lauesen Disposal Service from 1954 to 2001 when he sold it and retired. He was married to Jaclen D. (Anderson) Lauesen (1958) in 1959 and had two children Julie Ann Lauesen (1979) and Jens C. Lauesen (1981).
Thomas West, class of June 1958 passed away in January 2006.
Howard Wegner, class of June 1962 passed away on January 22, 2006 from Leukemia.
Patrycja (Patty) Tarasko Leyva, class of 1995 passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 11, 2006. She was the wife of Taft grad George E. Leyva, also from class of 1995.

In Our Memories
“Grease” Auditions

Did you know there are plans in the works for another (third) Broadway production of “Grease”, as well as a ‘knock-off’ on national television? It'll be produced by the Nederlander Corp., which produced a number of Andrew Lloyd Weber shows.

Auditions have been set for L.A (Venice High School, where they filmed the movie), New York and Chicago. They are looking for people to play the parts of “Danny Zuko” and “Sandy”. The people selected will star in the Broadway production in 2007. Jim Jacobs, who is one of the judges for the show “You’re the One We Want”, informed us recently that “NBC rejected doing the GREASE show auditions at Taft because they said it was too clean and tidy and didn't have the right atmosphere (they sent me photos from both inside and out). I guess they wanted the look of the school in Blackboard Jungle. Anyway, guess where we're having the auditions in Chicago? Aha! None other than ...TADA! ... the Portage movie theatre.

“That ain't bad. I can't wait to see the big traffic jam at Six Corners!” The show is scheduled to be taped between October and February 2007.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Taft Alumni,

Enclosed is my check for another two-year membership plus a little for postage. I thoroughly enjoy my Newsletter and look forward to each issue. Many thanks to all of you, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Ginny (Bobeng) Lewis (June 1957)

Dear Hardworking Newsletter and Other Taft Alumni Association People,

Enclosed is a check for dues and toward the Newsletter. I appreciate all you do to keep the Newsletter coming and to help Taftites keep in touch with each other or get back in touch.

My Taft years were good ones and it is nice to be reminded of them. The Newsletter and the reunions, which it helps facilitate, do a good job of reminding us of those four brief but vital years in our lives.

Rodney Lowell (June 1947)

Hey -

My graduation class at Taft is having a reunion (1961 January) Sept 8th. I won't be attending because we will be on a cruise but they have been sending e-mails for the last 3 weeks that are cute - teachers' names, special places, as we grew up etc. Check this one out:


Gregg Schumacher (January 1961)

[Editor’s note: Shirley DeWeese (January 1961) forwarded this message to us as it was passed around to various 1961 grads to help entice them to come to their reunion. It is worth sharing with all Taftites who remember Maurie and Flaurie. Shirley says, “Read the last FAQ - takes a long time to load, but worth it.”]

Dear Mr. Heyer,

I was deeply moved after I read the article in the Taft Alumni Newsletter about my husband, John P. Graven. Anne Lunde [1969] truly captured John’s spirit and his dedication to the Taft students and the Taft community.

Please keep me informed about the proposed scholarship because I definitely wish to contribute and be involved in any way possible, please keep me on your mailing list.

Anastasia Graven

Dear Mr. Heyer,

I notice I'm almost delinquent on my dues, see enclosed check and completed form. It's very rare that I don't immediately read the Newsletter on receipt. This past one my husband made copies of the “Black and White” poem to send to our children and friends. We both agree so heartily with it.

Keep 'em coming,

Barbara (Alitis) Hecox (January 1942)
Dear Kay and Staff,

As a Taft graduate of June 1941, I enjoy every issue of the Alumni Newsletter. My husband (graduate of Schurz) and I did attend the second Taft reunion held each year in St Petersburg, FL, however, as it turned out, I was the only one from my class.

It was so interesting to read the article written by Norton "Bud" Wrisley (Jan 1953) in the spring edition telling about his whereabouts and all about his family. My family were next-door neighbors to the Wrisleys in Norwood Park and I used to babysit Bud and his younger sister, Jean. His older sister Marguerite, otherwise known as "Feetzie" was a very close friend of my sister, Betty Jane, who I believe graduated in 1947. Bud, do you remember the "Light" family?

My husband and I spent 20 winters in Florida and during that time, we dined and played cards with the three Burak girls, Florence (1940), Jerry (c1941) and Trudy (c1943) all Taft graduates. I am sorry to report that Florence and Trudy are deceased. It is so much fun to reminisce about our teachers, classmates, and the fun times we had by reading the Newsletter. Again thanks for a job well done and "Hello" to all of the Taftites.

Norma (Light) Mann (June 1941)

Dear Kay,

Really appreciate your efforts to attain my guy's diploma. I did write to the Chicago Public School. I am sorry that I did not get back to you - and please accept my sincere apology. My husband is so elated - at 82 years old.

You do such a super job keeping with "old Timers" apace with what's new and bringing back wonderful memories of the past. Do hope some of the younger Alumni will step forward to give you loyal workers a hand. You are so deserving. Again my thanks for your caring call and again I'm sorry for my delay.

Marianne (Holden) Harris (January 1943) and Hume (Tuck) Harris too!

To Jerry,

…Hattie Marquardt was the one who was most into my desire of writing and letting me be on staff. One time a friend who always sat behind me because as both of our names started with L, decided to write slanted backward and I got the blame for it and doing her homework (by Hattie.) We also couldn’t chew gum... or wear slacks in class. Had to take them off before we could enter. The winter walk was cold otherwise. Fun to remember.

Mariann (Leversen) E. Erlenbach (January 1946)

January, 1959 Graduates (clockwise from upper left) Beverly (Northway) Martin, Karen (Berg) Sandberg, Jane (Baldwin) McKim, and Kay (Berg) Normann, enjoyed a LONG lunch together in Phoenix Arizona in April 2006. Bev, Kay and Jane live in Arizona and Karen was visiting from Oregon to celebrate the "twins" 65th birthday. It was fun to catch up on the last 45 years!

Karen Sandberg (January 1959) jim.karen.sandberg@comcast.net

TAA Board of Directors,

Thank you for your interest and hard work in keeping Taft HS Alumni informed and of helping put Taft back in the number one position!

Joan (Hackell) and Robert Wilson. (June 1947)

To TAA:

Ray Fredrich, Class of 1950 pointed out that I was on the 1950 graduation list along with many other Taft friends [on TAA website]. I graduated in January 1950 from Schurz. Not sure how this happened, except for my contributions to your newsletter regarding the Norwood Park Drum and Bugle Corps and the Norwood Historical Society. I have more Taft friends than Schurz friends. Thanks for wanting me.

Wayne J Mounsey wjmoun@cs.com

[from Paulette - eagleemail@taftalumni.org - Wayne, I'm passing your message on to Kay Kuciak and Jerry Bloom. Perhaps we'll make you an honorary alumnus!]
Meet More 2006 TAA Board Members

We hope you enjoyed meeting some of the TAA board members last issue. Here we are highlighting additional alumni who like to "keep the Taft spirit alive", working for you by being on the current Taft Alumni Association Board of Directors. Look for more "bios" next issue.

Frank Heyer - "I guess being from the class of June 1948 makes me, by default, the "senior" member, or "Elder Statesman" of the T.A.A. I graduated from Hitch Elementary in June 1944 and started Taft in the fall of that year when Taft was still relatively new. At that time Taft was so over crowded that there were split class schedules. As a freshman, I started school at around 10AM but did not get through until almost 5PM. However, by the time I was a senior, I started at 8AM and was through by around 11:30AM.

"Like most people I had 3 or 4 different jobs before settling into a career in sales. I worked for the same company for over 40 years and formally retired as Sales Manager in 1995. I still do some occasional consulting work for my former employer.

"When I read in the 1999 fall issue of the TAA newsletter that the TAA was looking for a person to take over the day- to- day duties of Kay, who was moving to Arizona, I volunteered for the job. I've been a Board member of the T.A.A. since 2000 and have recently been elected to the position of 2nd VP.

"While at Taft, I was a reporter for the "Taft Tribune", earned a “Letter” as a member of the swim team and was on my class Prom Committee. I met my wife Ruth (who is from NJ) while we both were on active duty USN during the Korean War. Although at different times, we both attended Parachute Rigger School in Lakehurst, NJ and both made free-fall parachute jumps as part of the “graduation” exercise. We had two sons, one deceased (Muscular Dystrophy), the other (also a Taft Grad.), is a Systems Mgr. at Abbott Labs. We have two grandsons ages 12 and 13. I have organized and chaired our 50th and 55th class reunions with number 60 just a few years away. While organizing a reunion is quite a bit of work, it’s really worth the effort 'cause it means yet another opportunity to enjoy the friendships developed during those four memorable years at Taft."

Kevin S. Krieger. class of 1973, is currently serving the Alumni Assoc as Webmaster and host of the official web site http://www.taftalumni.org. He is a great addition to the team with his computer skills and has been hosting the website for the past three years, though a bit camera-shy. He recently relocated to Peoria AZ after accepting a business applications management position with Diamondback Tactical. Previously, he worked as Systems Administrator for Robin America, in Wood Dale IL. He has four wonderful children from previous marriage, and is newly remarried to Patricia.

Joe Popp, is another TAA board member. He provides the following: "The basics: Graduated Taft in June 1966 and the University of Illinois Champaign in 1971 with a mechanical engineering degree.

"While working on design projects as varied as equipment to make tennis racquets or candy, medical or roof shingles, time was devoted to skiing, travel, theater, woodworking, museums and most importantly, family and friends. But it wasn’t until I met Judie, now my wife, that I found how good life could be. With one 'I do', I went from bachelor to grandpa, sharing life with our son,
Scott, his wife, DeAnn, and the grandkids, Elric and Natasha. We travel as often as possible; to see the kids, friends and new places, but still find Chicago at the heart of it all.

“Skiing days may have gone ‘downhill’, so to speak, but continued support of the sport of skiing and snowboarding is done through the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council. Taft’s theatrical productions inspired a lifelong interest in the arts and support of plays and museums. Becoming a Taft Alumni board member about ten years ago, focuses on the students and the Taft activities to bring the school back to the high status many of us remember.”

Jeraldene (Beesley) Bloom, class of June 1962, has been involved with TAA since 1988 when she responded to a plea by Kay Kuciak for help during the 50th anniversary of Taft’s founding preparations. She acted as the Vice-President of the organization for many years and also ‘volunteered’ to be TAA newsletter editor. She was also part of the Alumni Chorus that put together several Christmas productions a few years back. Jerry continues in the role of newsletter editor, enjoying keeping connected with classmates and other alum who share her passion for “keeping the spirit” alive and promoting it’s strong academic tradition. The wonderful memories she has of growing up in Norwood Park help keep her connected through her work with the Norwood Park Historical Society and Taft Alumni Association.

Jerry has two children, five stepchildren (one deceased) and eleven grandchildren, with a twelfth on the way next spring. She postponed finishing her college education started after high school at Illinois State University at Normal IL until her kids were in high school, and finally earned a Business Management degree from Elmhurst College in 1989. Although she sometimes misses the corporate world where she worked in a variety of administrative and supervisory positions over the years, she now enjoys an active lifestyle in Door County in the summer and wintering in Florida. She and her husband, Bernie have been involved in real estate property management for past 25 years.

Arlene (Laufer) Ware, class of June 1960, was married to Ron Ware (Jan. 1956) for forty years. Ron died in 2002. She said, “I have one daughter who married May 2006. I work part-time selling wallpaper, window treatments and doing in-home design consulting.

“I became interested in TAA through my friendship with Shirley DeWeese/VP and Treasurer, who suggested I may like to participate and, of course, I believe in the scholarship program. My email address is - arlenew4172@aol.com.”

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### TAA Scholarship Funding

The challenge has been issued. What are you doing about it?

The Taft Alumni Board invites and encourages donations this year to its annual scholarship program, with emphasis on the John P. Graven scholarship, to be presented to a deserving 2007 Taft graduate. As highlighted in the summer edition of the Taft Alumni Association newsletter, the TAA scholarship program is ongoing. We provide several scholarships each year from our general fund. Also, when funding is made available, special ones are included, as with the Hendrickson scholarship that has been presented the past few years in honor of the late Robert Hendrickson (1960).

If you are interested in donating (any amount) to this effort or want more information about establishing your own scholarship - for a one-time award or a longer-term award, please write to Frank Heyer, Taft Alumni Association, c/o of Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.
Time Marches On...

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. The people who are starting college this fall or joining the various service organizations across the nation were born in 1987 or 1988.

1. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.
2. Their lifetime has always included AIDS.
3. The CD was introduced the year they were born.
4. They have always had an answering machine.
5. They have always had cable.
6. Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.
7. Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
8. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws!
9. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
10. They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane Boss, de plane".
11. McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.
12. They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet? - (Sorry) - Pass this on to the other old fogies you know. Notice the larger type, that's for those of you who have trouble reading.

Save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate and wine.

[Out from Internet - author unknown]

(ROTC Army Day Festivities - continued from page 1)
me. If you will notice in paragraph 2 of the article in the Norwood Park Citizen, it states that the ROTC Unit was preparing to march in the Chicago Army Day parade. Well, the enclosed picture taken by my cousin [Lloyd Wevang - class of February 1957]...was of me marching down Michigan Blvd. that day with the new sword. How about that for a tie in?"

Our sincere thanks to Lloyd and his youngest sister, [Margit Wevang of the class of June 1962] for being the catalysts in steering Ted to contact us about this long lost treasure and piece of Taft history.

The Taft Alumni Association is currently working with Taft Principal Dr. Art Tarvardian to procure a permanent location to display this sword. It needs to be again put in a place of honor for current and future students of William Howard Taft High School.
Static Window Stickers: $3.00 ea. (Plus $1 S/H)
"Taft High School - You Can't Hide Eagle Pride"
(Profits go to the Taft Athletic Department)

T-Shirts: $10 each (XXL & XXXL - $12 each)
Light gray with Eagle logo silk-screened in blue.
Sizes - Medium through XXXL

Baseball Caps: $15 each
Royal Blue with NEW Eagle logo in gray/black stitched emblem on front. Adjustable buckle tab - one size fits most.

Jackets: $30.00 each
Blue nylon windbreakers with a white flannel lining and snap front with a drawstring bottom. The silver emblem on the left breast area reads "TAFT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI" with an eagle in the center: M (38-40) only, (X and XL SOLD OUT!)

Yearbooks: Suggested donation $30
These yearbooks are hard to keep in supply. Requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thanks to all who have tried to replace your lost or destroyed books.

Is your E-mail address up to date?
This notice is being repeated as a reminder. Since it's inception seven years ago, the Taft Alumni E-mail Directory has become a popular feature of the TAA website. Over 1,500 alumni from the Classes of 1940 through 2002 have registered. The directory, however, can connect classmates only if the information is accurate. As this issue is being sent (additionally) to those former members who have yet to send in renewal dues along with all the new graduates, we feel this information needs to be restated.

Please take a moment and check your entry at www.taftalumni.org (click on Searchable e-mail Directory) to verify that we have listed your name, your year of graduation, and your e-mail address and/or website accurately. Write to eagleemail@taftalumni.org if you wish to add your name or make any changes.

For your protection, we do not post your address as a hyperlink. Your bio and street address information should be addressed directly to TAA President Kay Kuciak at taftalum@cox.net.

Thank you for your part in making the Taft Alumni Association a success!
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Check your address label for the year of graduation on the lower right corner. Is it correct? Also check the expiration date of your current membership with the Taft Alumni Association. If the date is close, sit down NOW and write out a check for $15.

Not one, but TWO full years of newsletters are yours with opportunities to learn about classmates, reunions, school events and alumni programs. Be sure to use the application above to fill in the latest updates in your life.

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