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B-CC Class of 63

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Many Directions Home

Maybe the Class of '57 had "a" dream." But for the Class of '63 there are as many dreams as there are classmates. That's a lot of dreams. Because we continue to be the largest graduating class in the history of B-CC. We had different places to go and different things to do. Other people had expectations of us and didn't always understand. But the paths we chose were our own.

It is not surprising to find out that our enigmatic cultural icon, Bob Dylan, never dreamed of - or wanted - mass success .

"All the attention became incredibly bothersome," he wrote in his self-penned "Chronicles, Vol. 1." Still, I found the following passage from that book somewhat curious.

"I don't know what everybody else was fantasizing about, but what I was fantasizing about was a nine-to-five existence, a house on a tree-lined block with a white picket fence, pink roses in the back yard. That would have been nice."

In a 2005 interview with Ed Bradley on television show "60 Minutes," Dylan said, "If you examine the songs, I don't believe you're

going to find anything in there that says that I'm a spokesman for anybody or anything really. They must not have heard the songs. 'You're the prophet. You're the savior.' I never wanted to be a prophet or savior. Elvis maybe. I could easily see myself becoming him. But prophet? No."

Well, sweet dreams from the B-CC Class of '63, Bob. Prophet or Savior? I don't know. But you really did speak to us then and you do now. Maybe we did understand you. More than you know. Martin Scorsese's 2005 PBS documentary on Dylan is titled "No Direction Home." But, for us, there are many directions home. We just keep dreaming. "Don't think twice, it's alright." Volume 3 of the Class of 63 Tattler starts NOW.

Ms. Imogene Bingaman



Miss Imogene Bingaman was my tenth grade English teacher. Her approach to grammar was to diagram a sentence on the board and underline the various parts. The subject goes here, the object here, what is the tense of the verb? Etc. Miss Bingaman was very much into rote memorization of rules, which we were at pains to learn. We called her the red parrot in honor of her beak nose, frizzy red hair and our parroting back of the rules. No one I knew ever talked to her after class, she had the kind of personality to repel any self respecting teenager.

Why then am I writing this? Don't we prefer to honor the teachers we liked? Isn't a good relationship laced with fondness the element that brings about remembrance years later?

The short answer: Miss Bingaman taught me things I actually use based on rules that sunk in. I cannot say the same for my numerous math and physics classes.

Consider the following sentence:

"As an aside, I think back often, as I cast about with what to do with myself these days, to those other days at E&Y when I did the same thing, agonizing about Tower, and used you as a sounding board."

Now, I wrote this very sentence today in an email to a friend. Disregard the content, dear reader, and simply think about the grammar. Is it correct? In particular should the verb "used" be "using" instead? That's what I thought once I'd written it and I made the change. It goes parallel with "agonizing" not with "did." I'd hesitate to diagram it, *a la* Bingaman-style, no doubt I'd get something wrong, but nevertheless I do feel confident that my change was correct.

And so it goes. Every time I write anything, her drill efforts seem to bear fruit. And I write a lot; it's my preferred form of communication.

There is a moral here, a lesson to be learned. "Soft" education, being nice to the kids, doesn't always work. Teaching us to think for ourselves, to be creative, to live outside the box, is all very well and good, but it doesn't help you learn the rules. A lot of 15-year olds don't give a damn about the rules. I sat in the back of her class, sulked a lot, and usually passed the time thinking about breasts, not hers of course, but those belonging to the numerous sultry girls parading through the hallways. I passed her course, without distinction, but there's no other high school (or college) teacher I remember so well.

My feelings aren't gratitude exactly but more like admiration for a job well done. She never did me any favors, just did her thing – it was obnoxious but effective. In fact, she could be downright unpleasant, in my opinion, but she was never ever wrong. I would never have given her the satisfaction of acknowledging her success, but in truth I didn't recognize it until many years later. But, then I did, and perhaps that's what really counts. The education that sticks, especially without thinking about it, is the education that matters most.

(Editors note - Imogene Lucille Bingamin is 86 years old and living in Washington, DC)

Diogo Teixeira



Photos From Art Goldberg

Jud Bigelow visited Art Display Co. on May 11, 2006 with his brother, Jeff, who works with me. Jud recently underwent treatment for cancer of the throat or mouth, not sure which. He's shows no sign of the stuff 5 months after treatment. It's been 43 years since we've seen each other, so it was quite a treat.



And this is a photo taken 4 Feb 2006 of me clutching two posters I made honoring the Caps' young phenom, Alex Ovechkin. The one in my left hand says "Fire and Ice" in Russian. Some of you might recognize the owner of the franchise, Ted Leonsis standing behind me with a big smile on his face. He's just being nice to a 60 year old, rowdy, semi-ebriated, booster before he had security escort me from the building. That's all right; I'm not even a hockey fan.



Jim Rowen – Then and Now

Jim Rowen grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., the son of a Washington Post writer. He became active in the civil rights movement while at high school and married Susan McGovern, U.S. Senator George McGovern's daughter. The couple enrolled at the University of Wisconsin and became active in the antiwar movement. In the 1970s, Jim Rowen served as the chief of staff to Madison's mayor, fellow U.W. alum and activist Paul Soglin.

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/twodays/stories/st_rowen.html



"I got my start in liberal politics with the Jr. Civitan split over having to meet at Kenwood Country Club, which was restricted."

Jim Rowen

Friendships

J know I'll often stop and think about them...

<http://www.eflclub.com/2songs/inmylife/inmylife1.htm>

"I was very unhappy my junior year, having moved from my friends and my small village of Poland Village outside Youngstown, Ohio. Paulette Lamberti was too and we used to commiserate on our nightly walks to the Hot Shoppe and the stores on Wisconsin Ave. It all changed when a few new girls who weren't already in clicks got together and went out."

Cheryl Donlin Doyle

“Bob Davidson, Cary Adams, Bill Shakeselton, John Wesselink, Stew Schmalbach, Bill Griffin, Jack Graham, Mike Hawfield, John Willoughby, Alice Jean Strickland, Mary Jo Burns, Joan Heaton, Judy Coe, Linda Trice, Judy Beachley, Amy Hardy, John Whitehead, Dicky Bennett were all Westbrook Elementary classmates in the good old days.

OHMIGOD! It would be good to see them again!”

Lanny Hunt

“The tribute to Mr. Alnutt by Susan (Shieldhouse) Tash (In the last Class of 63 Tattler) touched me when I read Daisy Kilsheimer's name. Daisy was my girlfriend my senior year and several years in college. We remained friends until her death a few years ago from breast cancer. It was through Daisy that I got to know Susan and I have wonderful memories of the laughs we shared on Greystone Street.

For John Berry, John Adams, Costello, Collins, Agnew and Wilson, and anyone else who might remember my rowdy, inebriated boosterism of anything resembling a B-CC sporting event, or any other of my rowdy, inebriated celebrations. Some of you may remember Daisy and me being asked by Bob Boesch to leave some Wheel Club Dance because we were ridiculously intoxicated.”

Art Goldberg

“Over the years I have lost all contact with my classmates. It sure would be nice to get back in touch.”

Jeannie Rowland De Long

“Claudia Eden Wear Moody and I shared a bus stop ages ago!!”

Ruth Wiles Shive

“I was buds with Mary Nash, Carla Tipton, and Sheff Derrick, and others. Love to know how their futures turned out.”

Beverly Peebles Buell

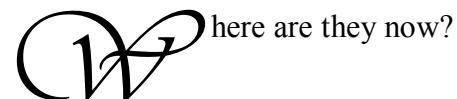
So many of the people I really liked are deceased. Esp. sorry to read about Julie Gromfine. She was so nice. And of course I knew about Bill Shermet...can't forget his smile. We always sat next to each other in class due to alphabetical similarity. Makes me realize how lucky I am to still be here.

Susan Shieldhouse Tash

“I used to go out of school and smoke cigarettes with Wendy Wismer. What a blast!!! “

Diogo Teixeira

Updates



“I purchased my old Florida cottage, in Delray Beach, the Village By the Sea (5 minutes north of Boca Raton if you don't know it) several years ago for its small town atmosphere with lots to do spent some good time there the last two winters enough to know that I love winters in Sunny Florida hope to be down there, full time, by next Fall if not before.

Al Gore's movie indicates it might be under water (sometime in my lifetime??) so if you don't hear from me send help, a raft.

Think it's time to trade my brick home with its Queen Anne/antique furniture, huge yard, in Metropolitan Washington, DC, for a cute little 1930s, Shabby Chic decor, cottage by the sea, per the attached picture.



I wanna soak in the sunshine in and enjoy lunch at sidewalk cafes, and walking on the beach, in the dead of winter, for the rest of my life. I want to devote more time to reading books, doing genealogy, and writing a book or two in retirement. I've paid my dues It's now time for the fun stuff."

K. Laurie Hall and Richard Clossen

Bill Wang is still a professor at University of California, Hastings College of Law, in San Francisco. His 2-volume treatise, *Insider Trading* (PLI 2d ed. 2005, coauthored with Marc I. Steinberg), was recently published.

"Harlene and I will celebrate our 1st anniversary tomorrow, July 28, 2006. WE made it for a year!!!!"

Pat Cavanaugh

"The only news I have, and I may already have told you, is that my daughter and I are planning a trip to Britain in September, 2006.

Sandi Atkinson

I have News. I am a grandmother! My daughter, Elaine Chase gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on August 30th. His name is Alexander Watson Chase, and he weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Mother, Father, and Baby are all doing well.

Rachel Watson Goodrich

"I moved from Pensacola to Brewton, Al December 2005. I have two daughters, two son-in-laws and six grandchildren. Most of our family are Florida State graduates, not me tho, I only attended two years.....got married had the girls and got into family business. Basically semi-retired 1992, and in 2004 became retired again. I have limitations on travelling because of arthritis, etc."

Beverly Peebles Buell

South Africa Feedback

*C*he John Berry article in the last edition of THE TATTLER generated a lot of interest.

"Enjoyed the last newsletter - we lived in South Africa for 11 years so was interested in the John Berry article about that beautiful country!! And then Mark Lawshe and I were schoolmates from 2nd grade onward, so that was great to catch up on his life."

Ruth Wiles Shive

"I too went to South Africa in 2002 but only for a two month tour/visit. Went to Durbin and toured all of the North East from the mountains to the beaches and about. Too many things to mention; however, it is a beautiful country indeed. Not exactly safe in all locations.

I ran out of Fuji film on one shoot and picked up some rolls of Agfa in the country. The development company in Durbin asked where I found it and I mentioned Matubatuba. "Well Mate, that's a rough town. They have pirates there and some people just go missing." Lucky me."

Wally Welch

"I lived in South Africa for 7 years, from age 8 to 15 at which time we came to the US."

Bob Haack

"I enjoyed reading the last "newsletter" particularly learning about John Berry's wife and her miraculous recovery. Hell, I've got low back pain right now that could use a little South African Spirit."

Art Goldberg

Linda Lou Davis Dulin



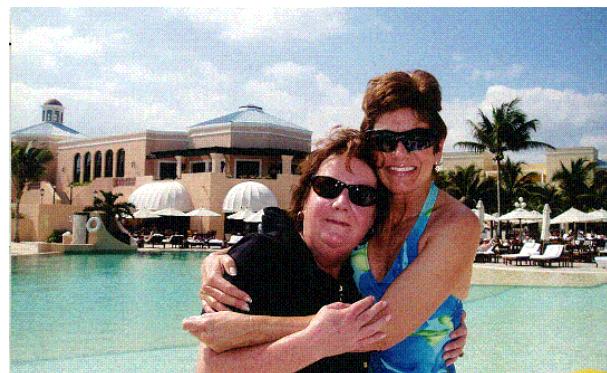
Dur 1963 classmate, Linda Lou Davis Dulin, Of Vienna, VA, died on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. She is survived by her husband James "Jim" Dulin, her children Michael and Chris Dulin; grandchildren, Zachary and Nathan, her brothers, Lee and Bill Davis, and sister Kay Finley.



Nine for a 60th Birthday in Cancun – Including Linda Lou

"It is hard to condense 60 years. In 2005, nine of us, including Linda Lou, went to Cancun to celebrate our 60 birthday. She was feeling great. Up in the morning (long before the rest of us). Out for a walk. And then a health breakfast. Then she would arrive at the pool to save nine chaises for us. It was a great trip with (Standing) Dorothy Finn Hagan, Wendy Wismer Cundy (traveled from London), Alice Austell Hovde, Maureen Cone Ketchen, and Dee Ann Gomien Gretz, Seated are Linda Lou, Leslie Dame Briggs ,Class of '64, Kitty Moran Adams, and Sue Glasheen Smith, WJ-'63 (husband Steve Smith, B-CC Class of '62). You cannot believe how much fun we had laughing about old times. We laughed until we cried. Dorothy, Maureen and I started at Lynbrook Elementary together so we really go way back. If I had a scanner I would send you a picture of us all together. NOT in bathing suits. HA!"

Alice Austell Hovde (Alice and Wendy Wismer Cundy – Below)



"Linda Davis Dulin was the perfect southern lady and a very loving, caring friend to all of us."

Kitty Moran Adams

For more of Kitty's Cancun photos see

http://www.bcccfoundation.org/alumni/bcc_alumni_gallery.html

Bryant Agnew –All Met

 Bryant Agnew made the 1963 All-Metropolitan Schoolboy Basketball Squad announced in The Washington Post, Times Herald on Mar 10, 1963. The entire first team:

Bryant Agnew	Jim McBride
Bethesda-Chevy Chase	DeMatha
6-1, 160 Pounds	6-3, 185 Pounds
Senior, 18	Junior, 17
Bill Dodson	Julius Johnson
Hammond	Fairmont Heights
6-1, 170 Pounds	6-0, 165 Pounds
Senior, 17	Junior, 16
Edward Taylor	Reggie Greene
McKinley	Eastern
5-11, 167 Pounds	5-11, 165 Pounds
Senior, 18	Senior, 19
Jim Howard	Bill Butler
St. Stephens	Mackin
6-3, 165 Pounds	6-3, 200 Pounds
Senior, 17	Junior, 17
Ed Hummer	Bob Lewis
Washington-Lee	St. John's
6-6, 195 Pounds	6-3, 175 Pounds
Senior, 17	Senior, 17

1963 Baron Track Squad Finishes Second in County, State

 Northwood High School successfully defended its County title yesterday at Wheaton High School, edging Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the Montgomery County Class AA championship meet.

The Indians scored 47 ½ points, B-CC 44, as the schools made the meet a two-team affair...

B-CC was led by pole vaulters, Lanny Hunt and John Berry who tied for first, and Bryant Agnew, who won the triple jump.

A week earlier, at the Montgomery County Class AA relays, Northwood and B-CC each won four events. Northwood won the 440, 880 distance and sprint relays. B-CC took the broad jump, triple jump, pole vault and mile relay titles.

B-CC's Bryant Agnew, Carl Huie and Tim Fahey were on both the broad and triple jump squads.

Lanny Hunt, Tad Wanveer, and Bill Dunn won the Pole Vault Relay.

Kells Boland, Tim Fahey, Joe Bishop, and Jim Vilchos won the mile relay.

From The Washington Post, May 26, 1963 and May 18, 1963
By Allan Bromley and Bob Guy

And a week later, at the State Track and Field Championships at the University of Maryland, Northwood and B-CC were tied after 12 events with 63 points each. But Northwood prevailed with 91 points to 72 for runner-up B-CC.

"Tim Fahey won the Triple Jump. I pole vaulted 12'4" (I think) to win over John Berry. Then I pushed the bar to 12'9" which would have broken Wes Schmidt's (Wheaton) record of 12'6" set a year earlier. I got close on one of the 3 attempts -- but alas! No new record."

Lanny Hunt

"Tim did win the triple jump. I came in 3rd or 4th. I jumped 42 feet 2 or 3 inches. I think that Tim's winning triple jump was 43 feet, 9 inches. It was a fantastic effort for that era. I believe I came in 3rd or 4th in the broad jump. I think my

jump was 21 feet 1 inch or 20 feet 11 inches. The track team had a magical year in 63. Coach Davis was at his best that year, a brilliant motivator. The team morale was fantastic. It was a special moment in my sports career."

Bryant Agnew

Jim Davis



Chis is Mr. Davis.
He is dear, and warm, and nice, and sweet.
Color him quickly and RUN!

(From the Senior Breakfast Coloring Book – June 1963)

Eleanor Kormann Bingham

Eleanor Kormann "Frau" Bingham, who taught German at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School until 1968, died on December 30th, 2005 in California at the age of 97.

Mrs. Bingham created an innovative program of French lessons for children and appeared weekly on television for a year. She helped develop the FLES (Foreign Languages in Elementary Schools) program in Montgomery County.

Lots of Sunlight



SBill Congdon (second from right – in light blue shirt) still likes lots of sunlight – a habit that must go back “several” decades to all those weeks in Ocean City. These days he’s out in the dessert sun a lot in remote New Mexico exposing NASA advanced heatshield systems to concentrated sunlight at intensities of 1,500 to 2,000 suns. Using the 5,500 mirrors (each 4 ft sq) of Sandia’s Solar Tower Facility, this dessert sunlight is focused down to one 4-ft spot to test ablative heatshield systems to temperatures over 4,000°F. The application for this is future planetary missions (see web address <http://www.physorg.com/news6288.html>). Bill emphasizes that “It takes a great team of experienced people to do such testing,” and the team’s picture is shown above. But he’s also quick to add, “The best sunlight was definitely O.C. in 1961-1962! And the pot-lucks were great too!”

Bill Congdon

45th Reunion - Fall 2008



We are planning to have one. Honest. Though our class treasury funds are a little thin. We would appreciate your input. Donations, ideas, etc. Do you have suggestions for major and minor reunion events? We would like to have more than one.

Wonderwoman Addresses 2006 Graduates



Actress Lynda Carter began her first-ever commencement address by quoting Paul Simon's "Kodachrome": When I think back on all the crap I learned in high school, it's a wonder I can think at all.

Coming after effusive praise for Bethesda-Chevy Chase's Class of 2006, the line got laughs -- but some students, parents and staff at last Wednesday's graduation at DAR Constitution Hall were taken aback. "It wasn't quite what one expected at a high school graduation," says BCC PTSAs President *Carole Brand*.

Past BCC speakers include *Condi Rice*, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, *Hillary Clinton* and *Kathleen Kennedy Townsend*. Wonder Woman tried to break the ice by contrasting her own school experience with that of BCC's graduating seniors. "These things tend to be so formal, so I thought it would get a laugh and get everybody in a good mood," Carter says. "It was *totally* tongue-in-cheek."

Carter spent her teenage years more fixated on show business than studies. She says she was very touched to be asked to speak at the commencement and decided to use her own life to illustrate 10 pithy lessons for the graduates, among them "Life is a journey, not a destination," "Dare to dream," "Serve others" (including a passionate plug for *Al Gore's* new

movie) and "Attitude is everything." "If students take them to heart, they would serve them well," Brand says.

Carter's son, *Jamie Altman*, is graduating from Landon (which did *not* invite the actress to speak, she noted in her speech). His BCC pals gave his mom a thumbs-up. "Getting a compliment from my teenage son makes everything worthwhile."

(From the Washington Post)

Red Roses and Silver Wings



AWWII Memoir written by Kitty Strickland Shore, Lynne Strickland Grace's mother.

Jack Strickland became a B-24 Bomber pilot with the 445th B.G. stationed at Tibenham, England. On March 24, 1945 he was piloting the deputy lead plane for the 8th A.F. 2nd Air Division raid on Wesel, Germany (Operation Varsity - the crossing of the Rhine). At home in the United States, Jack's wife, Kitty, cared for their young son, Dennis (Jack) – Class of '61 and awaited the birth of the couple's second child, Lynne – Class of '63.

This is a story of a young couple whose lives were abruptly and permanently altered by WWII, told from a woman's perspective.

Kitty Strickland Shore died on May 29, 2002.
<http://theoneweb.net/aampress>

Thomas Gaines Turner



Thomas Gaines Turner perished in the service of our country in Kontum, South Vietnam. He is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Panel 30W, Row 97. He is the only member of the Class of '63 listed in Army records as a casualty of that conflict.

"After graduating from B-CC, Tom started at the University of Maryland with me that fall. We commuted together and had just climbed my car - in Parking Lot 1- one afternoon that November when we learned that John Kennedy had been shot. Later he went Bellarmine College in Kentucky. Always looking for new challenges, and with the courage to live his own life, he dropped out of college, went to New York and got a job writing copy for Time Magazine. Facing the draft, he enlisted in the Army in 1968. He served as a 11B20 in the Army. In 1 year of service, he attained the rank of SGT/E4

He was my friend. We would play baseball every night after dinner in the summer at the B-CC baseball field - even if we were the only two to show up. He worried about me. He made me laugh. He had my back. He was adventurous and had a great sense of humor and a zest for life. I will always cherish my memories of him."

Jeff Stuart

"I love you in a place where there's no space or time.

I love you for in my life you are a friend of mine."

A Song For You

Leon Russell

<http://members.tripod.com/~drmiccoli/leonpoet.htm>

English Murderers Revisited

Wsing the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like" and "you know" is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication.

John Cleese

Looking Back



hat will I be like 10, 20, 30 years from now?

I don't know. But I hope to look back on this and smile and say, "I'm glad I was that person—so young, old, innocent and wise." Goodnight for the last time ever of being 16.

From the diary of Bethesda-Chevy Chase senior Yeva Johnson,
 April 19, 1982

It's Not All Roses



hen you're young, your potential is infinite. You might do anything, really.

You might be Einstein. You might be DiMaggio. Then you get to an age when what you might be gives way to what you have been.

You weren't Einstein. You weren't anything. That's a bad moment.

Chuck Barris (Gong Show Host)

Success

To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Time Passages

How did it get so late so soon?
Its night before its afternoon.
December is here before its June.

My goodness how the time has flewn.
How did it get so late so soon?

Dr. Seuss

By Example

No written word, no spoken plea,
can teach our youth what they
should be;
Nor all the books on all the shelves,
it's what the teachers are themselves.

John Wooden, UCLA Head Basketball Coach

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‘Til Next Time

Take care of yourselves and each other.
Sweet dreams.



Please Keep in Touch!

The only official school affiliated website for B-CC HS Alumni is www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni.

Newsletters and information about our class will be posted there periodically. If you move or change your email please contact them at alums@bccedfoundation.org.

Or contact your reunion committee via Jeff Stuart, sark10@juno.com, Lanny Hunt, lanny0706@netscape.net, Jim Tomlin tomlin2@earthlink.net, Sharonlee Johnson Vogel, sharonleevogel@verizon.net, Mary Lou Ricker Mall., mallmary@adelphia.net, Dave Wilson, dewdowell@aol.com or Dale Heiges daleheiges@yahoo.com. Want on our email list? Even if you never intend to go to a reunion, you might want to contact someone or know what

happened to somebody. Our class data base, while not complete, is extensive. Respecting

privacy, there will be no web posting of this info.