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We're Back

This publication is back by popular demand. It is our second annual edition. Hope it informs and amuses.



A Truly Amazing Story—The Return of the Ring

This is a true story that in some ways parallels "Lord of the Rings"--a ring is lost, much later it is found, and finally it is returned to its rightful place or owner. Although I'm certainly not comparing my story to the more famous one about Sauron and Mount Doom, you'll see why there are some similarities!

When I received my 1963 B-CC Class Ring, I immediately exchanged it with my then-boyfriend, Dave Norcross (also '63). Per tradition, we each wore the other's ring around our neck. Well, come fall I was off to Boston University while Dave went to the University of Maryland. I honestly don't know what became of *his* ring, but I'm pretty sure I returned it to him during our 7-year (disastrous) marriage.

However, I never saw mine again. (Having since learned what he was like, I am quite sure he removed my ring the minute he started college, thus leaving him free to do whatever.)

A while ago, Jeff Stuart forwarded to me an email from a David Mundt. Apparently, his grandmother had been a house mother at U. of MD. for many years. When she retired, she cleaned out a lot of old things that had accumulated over her 40+ years of service. One thing she found was a female school ring, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Class of 1963. Engraved inside were the initials B R P. Well, dear Jeff did a search of names ending in P from our class. He only found two BPs; one was Brian Pumphrey, who unfortunately has passed away. Besides, it was a female ring. So that left me...Barbara Ruth Powell.

And so yes, it IS my old school ring. "My Precious," as Gollum might have called it. "The One Ring of Power." David Mundt sent it to me and, for the first time in almost 43 years, I have it back! What are the odds?

I can't thank everyone enough for all their help in tracking me down and allowing me to be reunited with my old class ring. I am certainly not taking it to Mount Doom to destroy it.



“This is an improvement, believe me!”

Barbara Ruth Powell Pelosi
Palm Desert, California

David Mundt, who found Barbara's ring, looked at the alumni message board, saw my e-mail address, and took a shot at it. He works in Laurel, MD and lives in Severna Park. His own class ring is from Mount Saint. Josephs of Baltimore, Class of 1969.

Jeff Stuart

We Kids Were Alright After All

“I'm just a soul whose intentions are good. Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood.”

The Animals

Did you feel neglected or rejected or both in High School? Seems like a lot of people did. Even at venerable B-CC.

“No one I think is in my tree,
I mean it must be high or low.
That is, you know you can't tune in but it's all right,
That is, I think it's not too bad.”

John Lennon

In the process of communicating with ex-classmates via email and phone, I realized that even some of our classmates that appeared so clearly successful and together were looking hard for acceptance and a sense of belonging. And seemingly did not find it I might add. Some are "healed," but still haunted by the "cliquishness" and such of high school. They could not be dragged to a reunion-not by wild horses.

"I'm afraid that some times
you'll play lonely games too.
Games you can't win
'cause you'll play against you"

Dr. Seuss

I thought back on my High School days in the aftermath of the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado. An extreme case of alienation to be sure. But I thought, darkly, that I should have large black sweat shirts made that said simply, "They weren't nice to me in High School Either." Politically incorrect, certainly. But I think they would have sold, because it seems nearly everyone can relate on some level.

“It's getting hard to be some one but it all works out,
It doesn't matter much to me.”

John Lennon.

Young and uncertain and insecure. Yes. Walking contradictions. But we were more or less OK. What we internalized was, perhaps, not exactly reality.

“And nothing to get hung about.”

John Lennon

I didn't really know many of you in high school. Still don't. I have rediscovered some old friends, met some people again - for the first time, and made some new friends. I can tell you it has been a surprisingly enjoyable experience. You are an interesting, diverse, and successful bunch. I'm glad I took the time this time. This time.

So a symbolic group hug - It looks like we made it anyway. And a s cousin Martha would say, "That's a good thing." Congratulations.

Jeff Stuart



Mighty Mo Recipe

Source: Marriott Hot Shoppes Cookbook (Sixty years of American Cookery. Introduction by Alice S. Marriott. (Courtesy of Pamela Tolson Allen)

Mighty Mo Sauce

Catsup	1/2 Cup
Chili Sauce	1/4 Cup
A-1 Sauce	1 1/2 Teaspoons
Worcestershire Sauce	1/2 Teaspoon
Tabasco Sauce	2 drops
Sweet Pickle (finely chopped)	1/2 Cup

Mayonnaise	1 1/4 Cups
Yield:	2 1/2 Cups

Preparation

1. Combine catsup, chili sauce, A-1 Sauce, Worcestershire Sauce, and Tabasco sauce.
2. Finely chop sweet pickles and add to the sauce mixture.
3. Combine the sauce/pickle mixture with mayonnaise, stirring until well blended.

Note: Store in a tightly covered container under refrigeration until the time of service.

The Mighty Mo was made with a sesame seed hamburger roll,
2 hamburger patties (1/8 lb. each), shredded lettuce,
1 slice American cheese, 4 teaspoons Mighty Mo sauce, and
2 dill pickle chips.

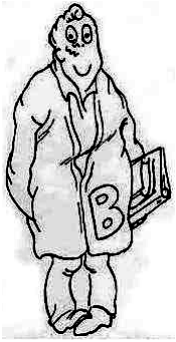
John F. Kennedy Challenges the Class of 59

In the morning of June 15, 1959, then Senator John F. Kennedy delivered an inspiring address to the B-CC Graduating class of 1959.

"The measure of our superiority may very well depend upon the extent to which our country utilizes and develops the talents of its students... We want from you not the sneers of the cynics or the despair of the faint-hearted. We ask of you enlightenment, vision, illumination."

On the evening of October 24, 2005, representatives of the class of 1959 commemorated that historic event at a brief ceremony during a meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Education. A plaque

highlighting those words, flanked by a picture of the future President on one side and the cover page of his speech on the other, with a medallion of JFK in the top center, was presented to B-CC principal Sean Bolson. U.S. District Court judges Roger Titus and Peter Messitte made the presentation on behalf of their Class of 1959 classmates. Representing the Kennedy family was Mark Shriver, JFK's nephew and a Montgomery County resident. He spoke of President Kennedy's legacy for today's youth and how his spirit of service to humanity has lived on not only with the class of 1959, but also in current B-CC students. Principal Bolson thanked the Class of 1959 and promised that the plaque would occupy a place of honor in the main building of B-CC's administration building.



Facing Military Service, 1963

This is a B-CC Class of 63 Senior facing the Military Obligation Assembly.

Color him Red.
Color him White.
Color him Blue.
Alternately
(He is standing in a Draft)

(From the Senior Breakfast Coloring Book – June 1963)

With A Little Help From Our Friends

None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because someone...a parent, a teacher, a crony, or nun bent down and helped us pick up our boots."

Thurgood Marshall

Sandra Combs Prince

Sandra Lynne Combs Prince, 61, a member of the B-CC Class of 63, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Gordon Assisted Care in Ft. Lawn, SC. She was a homemaker, and is survived by three sons by a previous marriage: Christopher Noah of Fort Lawn, SC; James Michael Noah of Rock Hill, SC; and Thomas Franklin Noah of Gaithersburg, MD.

Impossible Things

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said: "one can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Lewis Carroll
"Through the Looking-Glass"



News From John Berry



edding Bells.

After a 9-year courtship, I finally married Marita

Bischoff. (Bizarrely, her maiden name was Berryman)! We both have family near Los Angeles, so the wedding was in Venice on Sept. 24, 2005. We had a family-only (27 people) affair followed by dinner overlooking the Queen Mary in Long Beach. To top it off, we walked on the beach the next day, and discovered a perfectly preserved red rose bud that had washed up--what a great omen! It's now hanging in our kitchen.

Our Baltimore wedding reception/party was held in the Towson Sheraton on Nov. 24. The David Wilsons, Jim Tomlins, Don Collins', Bryant Agnew and Mary Walker Groom were my special guests. The other 125 people were Marita's friends. (Just kidding). Although the food ran out early, the booze didn't, so everyone had a great time. We honeymooned over Christmas and New Year's in South Africa, which brings me to the other part of my good news.

Healing

For over two years, Marita had been legally disabled and in chronic pain from disintegrated discs in her lower back. She had spinal fusion surgery over a year ago, but her condition did not improve. She also developed acute fibromyalgia (overall joint and muscle pain). She was taking multiple medications for pain, nerve pain and depression. We went to South Africa to spend Christmas with my son Jay, his wife Liezel, and their new baby boy Joshua. My daughter Kathy and her son Christian also flew over from California. This was the first time all of us had been together for Christmas in many years. Among other things, we flew to Johannesburg, and then drove 2 hours to a small town called Stillfontaine in the middle of gold mining territory. We attended a New Year's Eve church service at Spirit Word Ministries where the Pastor, Kobus van Rensburg, held Marita's hands and prayed for a new spine. Within seconds, she was healed! The pain disappeared. Her full range of motion was restored. Her leg and foot numbness disappeared. She even jumped up and down. My family and I and most of the church cried with joy. It was unbelievable. God is alive, well and working today! Many other people were healed that night, as well, including my injured shoulders. The service was recorded, and I have made some condensed DVDs of the service. I will try to get the DVD linked to this website, but if I'm unsuccessful, or you want to talk to Marita or me about this miracle, you can call me at 410-602-2032. Marita is now off her medication, pain free, fully mobile, and has gone back to work as a medical assistant. Healings can be seen on the internet for those who have high speed connections. Go to spiritwordchannel.org.za for service broadcasts. Otherwise, their web site is spiritword.org.za.

Relatively speaking, the other parts of our trip can't compare to Marita's healing, but we had some other terrific experiences, too. Besides Christmas with my family, we spent 4 days in a reed-roofed chalet on a wild animal reserve. We saw elephants, hyenas, African buffalo, porcupines, aardvarks, lions, African wild dogs, cheetahs, kudu and other types of antelope. At another farm, we held and patted a lion cub, and a black leopard licked our hands (from the other side of a fence). Since it was summer down there, we spent several days at Liezel's parents' house at the beach. The highlight there was when Jay, Christian and I saw great white sharks from within an underwater cage. One of them stuck his nose through the window right in front of me. I had to wash-out my wet suit afterwards!

This was my third trip to South Africa. It's a beautiful country, and things are very inexpensive there. It takes about 24 hours to get there, but I enthusiastically recommend it. It will be the trip of your life. Best wishes to all my classmates.

John Berry



Wedding Bells Ring for Pat Cavanaugh Too - On Ice - Mendenhall Glacier

Patrick Cavanaugh, Class of '63, was married on July 28, 2005 to Ms Harlene Edwards of Denver, Co.

“We were looking for a unique way to tie the knot and with the help of Princess Cruise lines, found it. Thinking that many people are married on a beach in Hawaii, we wanted to do something different. We booked a land/sea cruise package to explore Alaska and considered being married at sea. However, the ship was of Bermuda registry, sailing out of Vancouver, B.C. Canada and we wanted to be married on American soil in the good old U.S.A.!

Princess Cruise lines arranged the wedding ceremony on top of Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska. We were helicoptered to the top of the glacier where the ceremony was performed by an Alaskan marriage official...talk about overcoming "cold feet"! We had told our friends that if they wanted to attend they could book the cruise and rent a helicopter...no one took us up on the offer. So after our return we held receptions in Alexandria, Va and Tucson, Az. Harlene has worked as an International Service Manager for over 30 years with Continental Airlines and had never been on a helicopter flight so it was a very unique and fun way to start our new life. We will be building a new home in Tucson and spending our summers in Denver. Co.”

Pat Cavanaugh



Cameron's Field Goal, Adams' Punt Return Help Barons Defeat RM Twice - 1961 and 1962

On Nov 5, 1961 B-CC knocked Richard Montgomery out of contention in the Montgomery County League yesterday on a last quarter field goal by Ron Cameron that gave the Barons a 9-7 upset victory over the Rockets.

The Baron victory coupled with Blair's victory over Northwood makes next week's B-CC Blair game the showdown for the league title. Cameron's 9- yard kick came with 1:29 left in the fourth quarter. It was the second strait loss for the Rockets who had gone 28 games without a defeat before bowing to both Blair and B-CC.

Defensive halfback Bill Moyer set up the Barons' touchdown by intercepting a pass on the 25 and returning it to the Montgomery six. Butch McQuown went over from there for B-CC. The Montgomery score came on a 75-yard punt return by Butch Israel in the second quarter. Israel also converted.

B-CC 6 0 0 3 - 9
RMHS 0 7 0 0 - 7

And then, on Nov. 11, 1962...

B-CC again knocked Richard Montgomery out of contention with a 6-0 victory at B-CC. A sparkling 74-yard punt return by B-CC's John Adams was the Baron's knockout blow. Adams streaked from his own 25 to the Richard Montgomery one. Quarterback Dave Wetzel sneaked over from there.

The tough Baron defense was not seriously challenged by Wright's running and never let the

Rockets past the Baron 40. Jud Bigelow and Dave Wilson led the Baron defense.

RMHS 0 0 0 3 - 0
B-CC 0 7 0 6 - 6

(From the Washington Post)

On Oct. 6, 1963, however, RM defeated the Barons at RM, 7-6. Dave Wetzel completed a touchdown pass to Tom Priolo with about 2 minutes left but the extra point conversion attempt failed.



Benjamin Allnut

Benjamin W. Allnut, 56, a journalism and English teacher at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, who was a nationally recognized authority on secondary school publications, died Wednesday, June 2, 1976, at Sibley Hospital following surgery. He had suffered from Hodgkin's disease for more than a year. During nearly three decades as a B-CC teacher, Mr. Allnut helped build the school's biweekly paper, The Tattler, into an award-winning publication. Many of whose staff later made careers in journalism. His own reputation grew along with the paper's, and he was active for many years in scholastic press organizations and as a college lecturer.

On the 50th anniversary of the National Scholastic Press Association, he was cited as one of 13 teachers across the country who had contributed the most to scholastic

journalism.

A native of Dawsonville, MD. and a longtime resident of Germantown, Mr. Allnut was the editor of the *Springboard to Journalism*, a text book first published in 1960 by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. In 1959, he served as president of the Columbia University-affiliated organization, made up of several thousand high school and college publications advisers.

Although hospitalized for several months this year, Mr. Allnut oversaw preparation of a 112-page, 50th anniversary issue of the *Tattler*, an undertaking he described as the first comprehensive history of the school and the Bethesda community ever written.

Typically, he originated many of the story ideas, but most of the production work was left to senior students who received training in their junior year. It was a learn-by-doing style of instruction that had worked well at the *Tattler* for years.

As an adviser, "he gave people a taste of responsibility very early," said Kay Mills, a *Newhouse National News Service* writer and a former student at B-CC. Parents might have worried about their teen-agers having to read page proofs alone at the downtown Greyhound bus station late at night--the *Tattler* used to be printed out of town--but Mr. Allnut "knew we'd be all right," she said. "Funny enough, we always were."

Tattler staffers were "drilled on the virtues of clarity, brevity, and never starting a story with the word 'the'....and the lectures on accuracy never ceased," said former *Tattler* Editor Rita Braver, now co producer in Washington of the *CBS Morning News*.

The newspaper adviser was "surrogate father, friend, disciplinarian, and story teller extraordinaire," she said. "He made journalism so interesting that we never minded working so hard. We knew we had to make our deadlines with no stalling."

A large, congenial and robust man who had served as an Army Air Corps captain in Asia and India during World War II, Mr. Allnut had little journalism experience when he joined the Montgomery County school system in 1946. A Poolesville High School graduate, he had studied History and English at Western Maryland College and later received a master's degree at George Washington University.

For a number of years, he had lectured on yearbook production during the summer session at Catholic University and had recently been an instructor there at the Journalism Institute for High School Students. He also was a visiting lecturer at the University of Minnesota and conducted a series of publications workshops around the country between 1966 and 1974.

As the *Tattler* garnered state and national journalism prizes over the years, Mr. Allnut received the national distinguished adviser awards of both the Newspaper Fund Inc. and the National Council of Publication Advisers.

He was also honored by the Secondary Educators of America as an outstanding teacher and was named Maryland journalism teacher-adviser by the *Baltimore Sun Papers*. Last year he was admitted to the Hall of Fame of the University of Oklahoma's School of Journalism.

Oklahoma Gov. David Boren, news editor of the *Tattler* in 1959 and one of Mr. Allnut's favorite students, has said that he acquired a lasting interest in journalism during his high school years.

He is survived by his mother, Jane Williams Allnutt of the home, 18810 Germantown Rd, Germantown, MD.

A Benjamin W. Allnutt Memorial Fund for Journalism scholarships has been set up by Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and the Tattler Staff. Donations may be sent to the school.

By Claudia Levy, Staff Writer
From the Washington Post, June 4, 1976

The following from those who knew him well:

"I always (even then!) appreciated his dry wit and good nature -- though he could become a bit testy when classroom behavior degenerated. Mostly I appreciated his support -- all the way to the principal's office -- for a controversial editorial I wrote concerning frats at B-CC: Why (I asked) were those "service clubs" (Wheel, Key) allowed to function as self-perpetuating, exclusive organizations, while the "jacket clubs" (Saints, Lords) were forbidden to wear their colors and otherwise be active on school grounds? We published it, and it won the best U.S. high school editorial of 1963 from the American Newspaper Publishers Association. "

Mark Lawshe, Editor, 1963 Tattler

"He was lots of fun."

Jessica Benjamin, Tattler staff 1963

"I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Allnutt for English for two years. He taught both of my sisters too. To this day, I credit him with my ability to read, write, and use the English language properly. He was a wonderful teacher whom I will never forget."

Barbara Powell Pelosi

"I don't remember too much about my teachers, except I really learned a lot from Mr. Allnutt. I had him for journalism and that really sparked my interest in majoring in journalism in college."

Judith Bolton Powell Murphy (Class of 55)

"If it hadn't been for him and his high standards, I wouldn't have had my interesting career in public relations at ABC and Playboy. He was a gem. Mr. Allnutt was exacting. Precise. Demanding. I ate it up. I just loved listening to him. He made the demands of journalism and writing so very clear to us. He made such a deep impression on me that I can still replay his voice in my head all these years later.

He wrote a book for students of journalism, and used a photo of Mark Lawshe and me in it as an illustration. Every once in a while I come across that book and am embarrassed about the photo. You see, the night before the photo was taken I had been fooling around with hair color with my friend Daisy Kilsheimer -- as teen girls might do -- and my new blond streaks had come out green. So, even though the photo is in black and white, every time I look at the photo I envision the green tinge to my hair. Isn't that typical? Mark was challenging the system and I was worried about my hair. It's a silly diversion but these are the memories of my days in Mr. Allnutt's class and on The Tattler. I am blessed to have had that time."

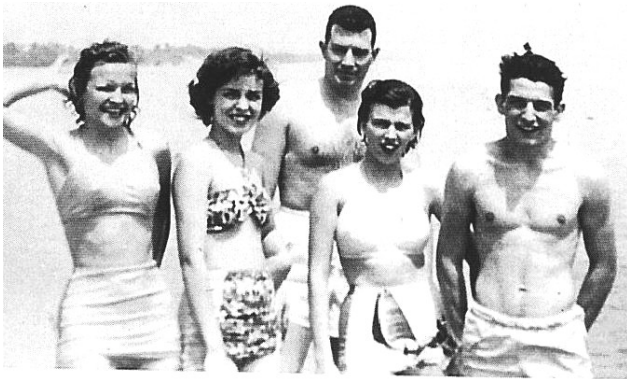
Susan (Shieldhouse) Tash

Springboard to journalism; a study guide in school newspaper practices.

www.worldcatlibraries.org/wcpa/ow/5f68d66144b32f75.html

In 1957 Mr. Allnutt received a Gold Key Award, presented by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Summer of '49



Mr. Allnutt (rear) and the B-CC Tattler staff in 1949. Photo was taken at Scientist's Cliffs, Calvert County, MD. on the Chesapeake Bay.



We Salute the 1963 Tattler

Former Tattler editor, Mark Lawshe, in 2005, at a CD recording session in Santa Cruz, CA. (7 original songs, guitar & electric violin) Other Senior class members on the Tattler staff were Joan Solomon, Sara Freedman, Blair Riepma, Jessica Benjamin,

David King, Eliza Gidden, Ella Jane Peebles, and Fred Jacobsen. Junior Deborah Brown was also on the staff.

B-CC Ranks 29th Among Top Public High Schools

In an article entitled "The 100 Best High Schools in America," Newsweek ranked the 27,468 public high schools in the U.S. using Washington Post reporter Jay Matthews "Challenge Index-- The number of Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests taken by all students at a school in 2004, divided by the number of graduating seniors." B-CC ranked 29th, placing it among the premier high schools in the country. The article appears in the May 16, 2005 issue of Newsweek.

"Miss" Casey Revisited

I have Miss (no "Ms." back then) Casey's Grammar and Composition book on my desk, and I have told many people how fortunate I was to have gone to B-CC.

Phil Claxton

No Boundaries

Science may set limits to knowledge, but should not set limits to imagination.

Bertrand Russell

Oops! No 60th Birthday Party Cake

The reunion committee regrets we were short on the advanced turn out for the Birthday Party on Sept. 10th, 2005 and had to cancel. In the aftermath of a successful 40th reunion in 2003, we all thought it was a good idea. Did not turn out that way. Maybe it was just too soon.

About 20 classmates attended an alternative event, a Happy Hour social at The Sports Bar in the Clarion Hotel in Bethesda (formerly The Four Points Sheraton) and had dinner at the nearby Pines of Rome restaurant afterward. Newcomers to reunion events included Pat Henderson Thomas, Martha Rimel Clark, and Jane Ellen Flynn.

On Being Yourself

We forfeit three-fourths of ourselves in order to be like other people. Since when was genius found respectable.

Arthur Schopenhauer
German philosopher (1788 - 1860)

Leslie Ruth Allan

Leslie Ruth Allan, 59, Class of 63, an environmental investigator and lawyer, died of cancer April 25, 2005 at her home in New York City. After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1968, she moved to New York. From 1970 to 1972, she was a research associate with the Council on Economic Priorities, where she was co-author of an investigative report examining the

environmental records of the nation's largest paper manufacturers. The findings were later used by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop pollution standards. She worked with Inform Inc., an environmental research organization in New York, from 1973 to 1978. Ms. Allan testified at congressional hearings that led to tighter environmental regulations. She graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1981, worked for two years as an assistant to a New York state judge, and served as an assistant attorney general in New York from 1984 to 1987 before joining the environmental law firm of Berle, Kass and Case. Ms. Allan returned to the office of the New York attorney general from 1989 to 1995 as chief of the office's Environmental Protection Bureau. From 1995 until her retirement in 2003, she was deputy commissioner for legal affairs in the New York City Department of Sanitation. Survivors include her partner of 25 years, Jo-Anne Weissbart of New York; and a brother, Jonathan Allan of Fredericksburg.

Let Me Be

A defiant Anthem, of sorts, for those of us in school in the early and late 60's.

Please don't mistake me or try to make me
The shadow of anybody else
I ain't the him or her you think I am
I'm just trying hard to be myself
Oh, society's goal is to be part of the whole
That may sound good to you, not to me

Don't try to plan me or understand me
I can't stand to be understood
I could never give in to or ever live up to
Being like you think I should

The Turtles



Best in Show

In 2005, I put four more American Kennel Club (AKC) titles on my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Stellar Zenith (Zeen): the MACH 2 (Master Agility Champion), RN (Rally Novice), TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent), and RA (Rally Advanced). At the age of eight years, Zeen now has a total of 34 titles from four different registries.

The TDX photo was taken after the test on October 16, 2005, at the Charlemont Reservation (large park), Lorain County, Ohio. I'm holding Zenith. The other women are the two judges and the man is the track layer.

For us, the high point was definitely the TDX. Zeen is only the second Cavalier to ever earn this advanced tracking title. (The first was way back in 1984.) Each year, an average of 95 AKC-registered dogs nationwide earn the TDX. It is not easy to get.

Completing the MACH requirements again to earn the MACH 2 was also a great feeling, although this title is not quite as exclusive as the TDX. Zeen is now retired from AKC agility, but will be competing a little longer in United KC agility trials.

As the first Cavalier designated Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) 1, 2, and now 3, Zeen has the "versatility" market cornered. VCD signifies that the dog holds AKC titles in agility, obedience, and tracking. The numbers refer to increasing levels of combinations of title difficulty. At this time, out of all Cavaliers competing in AKC events in the U.S.A., Zeen is the only VCD3 Cavalier. There is one VCD2 Cavalier.

Web sites for more information: www.akc.org; www.ukcdogs.com; www.ckcsc.org. On this last, under "Performance Events," read more about these three dog sports and see photos of Zeen ("Performance Images"). For those who have a dog and would like to know more about any dog sports, want to know where to go for training, or if you are thinking of getting a dog and need advice, please contact me (301-977-2867 or jdNASA@aol.com). –Sandi (Wesner) Atkinson

B-CC Boys Basketball News

When we last mentioned the B-CC Boys Basketball team they had lost in triple overtime in the 2005 State Finals. This year (As of Feb 2, 2006) they are 13-4 and in second place in the Montgomery 3A/2A/1A. Earlier this year the Barons lost to Undefeated (15-0) Seneca Valley at Seneca Valley – in yet another three overtimes game. Well I knew some of you would like to know.

The World According to Jim

After an unexcused absence of over 25 years I decided to respond to a newspaper ad wanting softball players. The outfit, NVSS (Northern Virginia Senior Softball) turned out to be an organization with 550 players divided into three conferences depending on the player's ability.

First, there was a try-out. Well, my personal body was very angry at me with the very thought of playing again. Throwing from second base to first was almost out of the question.

After a lot of conditioning, many sore and pulled muscles, and many college tries later, I was able to hold my own playing third base. Played 66 games last season; that's how serious this group of seniors take this all American pastime.

Some notes:

The catcher on my team is 86; will be 87 by first pitch next season; the first baseman is 80.

The traveling team is limited to 80 year olds.

The all-star team plays a tournament every year in Las Vegas

Ladies can play after reaching the ripe old age of 40. Guys have to wait until age 50.

Hope this note generates some interest among fellow former softball addicts.

Jim Tomlin

45's for the 45th? Input Please!

What do you want to do for the 45th reunion? That's in 2008. Do you want to skip it and wait for the 50th? That's not until 2013. It has been suggested that we have a 45 record player and a DJ or have people bring their own 45's of the era. Dave Wilson has lots of them. It has been suggested that there be no party favors at the 45th reunion. No frills. We will be 63 in 2008. So there is that too. Could we actually make Mighty Mo's ? Of course there are other ideas and options. Let us know. Your input would be appreciated.

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Until Next Time. Take Care of Yourselves and Each Other.

Send me a postcard, drop me a line stating point of view. Indicate precisely what you mean to say, yours sincerely wasting away. Give me your answer, fill in a form, mine forever more. Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty four?

John Lennon/Paul McCartney

And if you need the music:

www.brownielocks.com/wheni'm64.html

(hit control and then click on hyperlink above)

www.bccedfoundation.org/alumni is the only official website for B-CC HS alumni.

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, or Lanny Hunt, lanny0706@netscape.net.

**“Unless Someone Like You
Cares A Whole Lot. Nothing
is Going to Happen – It’s Not”
Dr. Seuss**

Thanks to Pamela Tolson Allen, Jim Tomlin, Dudley Baker, Barbara Powell Ruggi, John Berry, Pat Cavanaugh, Mark Lawshe, Jessica Benjamin, Susan Sheildhouse Tash, Sandi (Wesner) Atkinson, and Phil Claxton. And Mr. Allnutt.

***It's not the destination. It's the journey.
Thanks for tagging along.***



Yeah, I remember Jerry...



He was a good friend of mine. I never understood a single word he said. But I helped him drink his wine. And he always had some mighty fine wine...

