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DID YOU KNOW...

The Wiesbaden, the Warrior and the Frankfurt were all ships involved in the same battle on May 31, 1915 – the Battle of Jutland in WWI.

Though our school and mascot have outlasted our neighbors, the fate of the ships tells a much different tale.

The SMS Wiesbaden went down first with all but one of the crew going with her. The Battle of Jutland was her first, last and only skirmish.



SMS Wiesbaden

The HMS Warrior, badly damaged, managed to limp away from the battle long enough for her crew to be rescued. With just four feet of her upper deck above water, she was abandoned, and sank soon after on June 1, 1915.



HMS Warrior

But perhaps the least dignified of all fates was that of the SMS Frankfurt, having survived Jutland and being held during peace treaty negotiations. Due to a miscommunication, its captain tried to prematurely scuttle the ship, but the British managed to beach her first, eventually bestowing her as a war prize on the US Navy & towing her to Cape Henry, VA, where she was used for target practice and sunk on July 18, 1921.



SMS Frankfurt being bombed in VA

PASS IT ON. BRATS.

-by Lyn Baskett Fort, '76 -President, HH Arnold WHS Alumni Association



*"The
Baskett
Case"*

-Lyn Baskett Fort

Brats. A lot of things happened in our world, which made us unique. Good things; bad things; it doesn't matter really. We can't take back images or experiences and un-make ourselves. Our only control was how we reacted to the changes; how we turned out "in the end." Our earliest memories color our thoughts today. The little vignettes that flash through our minds in a déjà

vu that brings us to this moment in time are all important pieces of our souls. We ask ourselves, "Would I be me if I hadn't attended all those different schools - or *that* particular school? What would I be like if I hadn't been there at that moment?"

I find myself back in younger years...

...I am sitting on a Blue Goose outside the elementary school, waiting for others to arrive. I can hardly sit still; I'm so excited! My Girl-Scout troop was going to Berlin! I'm the youngest, but I get to go too! We lived at Hahn Air Force Base and I was 10 (in 1968)...

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My dad had brought me to the bus that would take us to the train in Frankfurt, where we would travel through East Germany. All of a sudden, the 5 o'clock whistle blows and "Taps" begins to play. My hand automatically goes to my heart and I look for a flag to salute. I turn my head and see my dad, standing in his uniform with his right arm in the salute facing the loudspeaker and I know which way to look.

I have to admit I wasn't as excited about the actual destination as I was going on my first trip alone. What I wanted was adventure!

I came home tired and full of myself, but when I try to remember things now about the trip, I flash to the wall and the wreaths; I see the top with the razor wire and glass; I see Checkpoint Charlie and the men with rifles.



Now how many would have sent their children through "enemy" territory at the age of 10 to see something they felt would be an important piece of their growing up experience?

Do you know folks who made the trip to Amsterdam to see not just the Rijksmuseum and the Heineken Brewery, but Anne Frank's house?



How about the ones who made the trip to Auschwitz with all family members? Oh, I saw absolutely beautiful vineyards near Traben-Trarbach; and Heidelberg – we camped on the Mosel River.

Versailles Palace, the city of Innsbruck, the Costa Brava, Garmisch, Oberammergau, the Brenner Pass; I even went up the leaning tower of Pisa (got height sick and had to hug the wall and my dad's hand on the way down.)

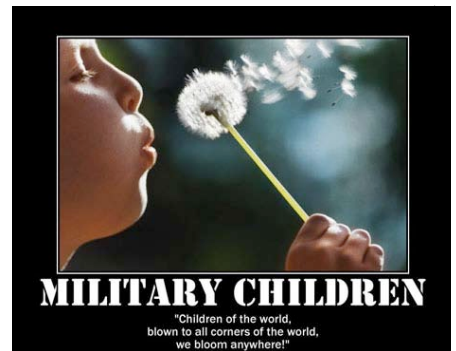


I'm sitting on our couch, my son standing beside me. He'd been sent home from school and had awakened me – I worked nights and slept during the days. He says, "Mom, they're killing us." He's 17. And I watch as the first tower falls, and then the second; my heart breaks and I wonder how can we move forward from this? Several days later the news shows the firemen raising the flag on the ruins, and we put our flag up on our front porch; it has yet to come down. My son joins the Marine Corps; my daughter gives blood.

Where did you grow up? My answer is always, "I'm a Brat. I grew up everywhere." I know that every place I've been, every school I attended, every good and bad thing about that life-style made me who I am. I know lots of people just like me.

It's opening evening for the University of Florida's baseball team. My daughter and her husband are in the stands next to me, with my almost 2-year old grandson in tow, and we all stand for the National anthem. I look over at them and see my daughter's hand holding his little one over his heart.

Pass it on. *Brats.* ◆



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



★ I love the e-newsletter, but do have one suggestion. Unlike the paper version where you can easily flip back and forth between the start of an article and a back page where it finishes up, the 'e' version isn't so easy to do that with. At least that is my feeling. I also receive the 'e' version of Gold Star Wives Newsletter, and they complete each article before moving on to the next. Does make reading it much easier. Just a thought! Otherwise, a great job and I love not having to clutter up with more paper. Many thanks for your hard work!
-Sherrie, 61

***Editor's note: We agree, Sherrie - Consider it done!**

★ Thank you all very much, not only for sending the WARRIOR NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011, but also for the tremendous work getting it done. IT IS GREAT AND I LOVE IT!! I especially like the article on Paul Moore. Not only because Paul and I are friends for life, but for the great job he's doing. As a matter of fact, I read every article in the newsletter literally letter-by-letter and word-by-word because since I'm here in Germany, I don't get quite the information you

all can share stateside. Should anybody ever try finding someone here in Germany, they can just contact me and I'll try my best to help. As a matter of fact, I have found some people already that stateside residing WARRIORS were looking for. Should anybody come to visit Wiesbaden or the near area, I'll be glad to help them find decent hotels and restaurants and should they have problems while here they can just call on me. So, thanks again for all of you dedication and work. Dearest greetings from Wiesbaden. -Michael, 77

★ Thanks for the newsletter! I always enjoy reading it. I know I paid my dues this year, but can you advise when, or better yet, when do you need the payment to be made - annually? Once I know this, I will set a reminder for myself to take care of it when due. Thanks in advance. -Karen, 78

***Editor's note: Karen, membership resets at the start of each new-year - in January! We've rolled out some new member options so folks won't have to keep track of sending in yearly dues. Check out GeneralHHArnold.ning.com or WiesbadenWarriors.com for more details!**

REUNION WATCH 2012

COLORADO SPRINGS
JULY 2013



Doug Brill
Class of 1966

presents:

Reunion Wing Commander,
Alumnus and Kentucky
Colonel!

*We did Atlanta '00,
St. Louis '03,
San Francisco '05,
Arlington VA '07,
Louisville KY '09,
San Diego '11*

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WARRIOR CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: General HH Arnold and WHS lost items... gear, yearbooks, keepsakes, artifacts and memorabilia! If you spot any HH Arnold/WHS items for sale on eBay.com, Amazon.com or any other dot com, please notify the Alumni Association immediately. We're in the business of rescuing lost Warrior merchandise.

That old letterman's jacket that ended up in a yard sale...



That class ring that got lost and surfaced on eBay... the yearbook that disappeared after move #29, now for sale on Amazon... if you see it, tell us. We're keeping Warrior treasures in the WHS family!

P.S. – Sheila, class of '85? The Alumni Association has your senior yearbook. ☺



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WATCH 2012

REUNION



COLORADO SPRINGS JULY 25-28, 2013

WHERE: Cheyenne Mountain Resort
Colorado Springs, CO

**SAVE THE DATE!
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**

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THE GREAT WARRIOR SEARCH

★ Wesley Bare is looking for **Nick Flynn**, Class of '97.

★ Karen Wilder is looking for **Manuela Manzie (Manny)** - can anyone help? Also looking for **Michelle Gonzales (Mouse)**. I know Manny had a younger brother and younger sister. I left in '78 and we lost touch. Any info would be awesome!

★ Daniel Jenkins is looking for **Martha Martin**, '66. Martha rotated back to the US in '65 to Zanesville, OH, ahead of her parents, where she finished high school. She then moved to San Angelo TX; we lost touch. I want to connect with Martha to say hello. We were special friends at WHS. If anyone can put me in touch with Martha, that would be nice...



★ Jamie Gibson asks: Anyone heard from **Axel Colon**, '93? I know he knew a lot of people, played football and the ladies loved him. He has to be out there, somewhere?

★ Denny Shoopman is looking for **Andy Carver, Don Karin, Paul Fellers, Tony Graham**. 'Please, if anyone knows the whereabouts of any of these people, please contact me.'



★ Tracy Mueller (Mayes) is looking for **Terry Jensen**, '79. Found her years ago in TX, but lost her again. She lived in the Taunusstein Mountains. I believe her mother is still there and keeps up with the alumni site. Respond please!

★ Jacques 'Jimmy' Ortiz asks, 'has anyone heard from **CJ Kjoss, Patrick Horton**, or **James Parris**, class of '88.

★ Jennifer Wright is trying to find some friends - **Yvette Bonhomme, Aaron Ortiz** and **David Ortiz**. I didn't stay in contact with Yvette after I left in '91, but talked to Aaron and David until '94. They moved from San Antonio to Converse TX and I lost touch. I would like to know how they are doing now. If anyone has information, I'd appreciate it. I sure miss those times, racing to the PX for Popeye's chicken before lunch was over. Oh, what fun.

★ Pamela S. 'PJ' Johnson Jones is looking for **Robert Powell**.

★ Guy Vincent Davis, Jeff Baker and Tony Redden would like to find **Charlie Reed**. Cathy Henry Dudley says Charlie's full name is Charles Walter Reed and he's from Omaha.

★ Dora Trevino (Conde) put the word out she was looking for **all missing fellow '89ers** - 94 names lifted from her graduation commencement pamphlet. Fellow Warriors went to work making calls, scouring facebook and other social gathering spots. Within days, 26 classmates had been located, with leads on another 5-10. Her inspiration? 'We managed to find a beloved fellow Warrior named Mike Brown. With a name like that, it's like looking for a piece of hay in a haystack, but we found him.'

In the August 2011 issue of the Warrior Gazette, Coach Gerald Smith put the word out that he was looking for Stan and Helen Lindquist. We're happy to report that Helen checked in at the Warrior ning chat site and is officially in found status!

If anyone has any leads on the people listed here, or if you know of someone who might, please contact the Alumni Association at WiesbadenWarrior@hotmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you, Warrior Grapevine!

WHS CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

-by Lindy Hirschman Aleshire, Class of '88



WARNING:

**Fact, speculation and
opinion dead ahead!**

With the city of Wiesbaden selected as the new HQ for 7th Army (See 'Wiesbaden Construction Update'-page 15), efforts are under way to prepare the American community for a swell in population, including an upgrade to Wiesbaden American High School, formerly Gen. H. H. Arnold High.



Aerial photo of WHS

Some alumni got a chance to see the start of those preparations in summer of 2010, during a reunion sponsored by the HH Arnold Alumni Association. Fellow classmates gathered between the two main buildings and watched as a demolition crew brought down the breezeway. But what else has been done and what's in the hopper for our school?



Construction site at WHS

A new gym for starters, complete with extensive

skylight system for natural light, high-tech sound absorption panels and a video surveillance system...



New gymnasium at WHS



Inside the new WHS gym

The old gym has been razed to make room for a new 3-story curriculum building, currently under way.



Site of new WHS curriculum building



New WHS curriculum building

There's also a new multi-purpose room nearing completion; plans include a kitchen, cafeteria and performing stage all in one space; it's going in right next to the new gym.



New WHS multi-purpose building



WHS multi-purpose bldg construction

While there are an abundance of updates about the school's construction progress, also available are some articles and documents detailing what essentially boils down to a trail of neglect in facilities maintenance over the decades American personnel have occupied these buildings - not just in Germany, but all across Europe and Asia.

An increase in population isn't the only reason Wiesbaden High School is getting a facelift. Many of the now-failing structures were built during the Cold War for the purpose of accommodating American occupying forces

layout of the facility reduces efficiencies and fail to meet the standards of the DoDEA Education Facilities Specifications. Aging building systems result in excessive maintenance costs and interrupt school operations. There are numerous ADA code and NFPA Life Safety violations including no fire suppression systems, as these facilities were constructed under different code requirements. Bathrooms and plumbing are in severe need of replacement. The facilities do not meet construction standards for energy efficiency. The existing facilities also do not meet AT/FP guidelines.

IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED: The continued use of inadequate and undersized facilities will continue to impair the overall educational program for students. If new facilities are not provided, the substandard environment will continue to hamper student education, motivation and inspiration. The current facilities will not be able to support a 21st Century Curriculum and DoD's energy savings and sustainability initiatives. Yearly maintenance and utility costs will continue to compound and interrupt school operations. The existing facilities remain inadequate, with over-aged utilities and facilities, aging materials, and do not meet current force protection standards for the safety and protection of the students. The school is undersized and

cannot be economically modified to meet NFPA Life Safety and ADA guidelines without significant remodeling, expansion, and new construction. Wiesbaden High School is currently a Q3 rating and will diminish greatly over the next few years. Outdated, failing, and in need of repair/replacement are mechanical, electrical, and Life Safety systems."

I do not definitively know what the conditions at the high school have been like over the last twenty years, or what they're like today, though I was just there for the aforementioned 2010 reunion and all appeared much like it did when I attended back in the 80s. I question the validity of the notion that the 'substandard environment' of WHS 'will continue to hamper student education, motivation and inspiration.' I was in Wiesbaden for 17 years, attending multiple grades at a couple of the elementary schools, all three years at the middle school, all four years at the high school, and have been in communication with classmates spanning several decades, and not once have I ever come across someone who complained about the facilities themselves, or how well they were or were not maintained. I don't know of any instances of alumni reflecting on a diminished educational opportunity thanks to the old pipes and electrical wiring of the building. About the only criticism I can recall is from some of the folks from the 60s

and 70s remarking on how odd it was that we went with 'Stuttgart red' for the new windows - which actually suggests minor repairs *have* been instituted over the years.

No one recalls class being disrupted by burst pipes or halls being flooded... the lights didn't black out or even brown out and I don't recall being overwhelmed by a stench in the bathrooms due to 'lack of air ventilation.' Maintenance of HH Arnold was definitely in the background during my tenure.

Stars and Stripes reporter Travis J. Tritten, writing on the 4 billion dollar proposed cost of fixing DoD schools, described WHS as 'a school with freshly painted walls, bright clean floors and new lockers lining the hallways' and said that it wasn't readily apparent why the school had received a 'failing' rating. The DoDEA report frequently repeats portions of the impact statement across ten different locations, most of them coming down to the notion that they are simply outdated in reference to 21st century building code, as opposed to actually posing any kind of hazard. In fact, DoDEA has stated that the widespread maintenance problems do not constitute a safety risk to students and teachers, and that buildings adhere to federal and international building codes and are inspected twice a year. Surely, if the pipes and wiring are so poor, that would at least imply leaking water

behind the plaster, which would impact the structural integrity of the building, no? Maybe they don't have enough juice to run 21st century computers? –*shrugs*–

Seems to me that suggesting demolition of functioning buildings is but a cash-grab; not unlike the way cities across the U.S. latched on to the stimulus package to get 'their piece of the pie.' Or perhaps it's a case of requesting far beyond actual needs because folks know they won't get the amount they ask for, so they start high. Is it really a case of failing structures or do the old buildings really just need a new fire sprinkler system, a few updates, and perhaps an extra building or two to ease the space constraint?

Is there even a case to be argued for overcrowding? Has anyone actually done the math to determine the increase in student body? At present, the school is home to approximately 500 students. In the early to mid 70s, the population reached 1,800, thanks in part to the influx of dormies from neighboring cities and countries, and even then, they found a way to cope with the situation, creating one-way traffic flow in the halls, temp classrooms, etc. Currently, the Wiesbaden American workforce numbers roughly 5,500 and is expected to increase to 7,500 over the next few years during the transition of 7th Army. That certainly does not translate into a jump in the student

body to 1,800 – nowhere near it. Now that DoDEA has added a state-of-the-art, 3-story curriculum building, new gym and a new multi-purpose building, isn't that enough to meet the needs of the expected increase in population?

I know, as an alumna of the 'old' campus, there is a conflict of interest in my take on all this. Of course, I don't want to see 'my school' disappear. I recognize that. But if someone could point to something tangible that proves the old buildings really need to go, I'd be first in line to welcome the demolition.

I spoke with Sharon O'Donnell, current principal of WHS, hoping to get some clarification, one way or the other, regarding the true need for complete demo by way of hearing about maintenance issues at the school over the years, but what I got, I wasn't prepared for...

One hundred percent unbridled enthusiasm for improved quality of life for our students and student athletes. She told me of plans to widen the track to 6-8 lanes if they can move the existing fence back, and of the possibility of finally getting lights for the football field. Who can argue with lighting up the field of glory for our Wiesbaden football stars? Certainly not *this* former Warrior athlete. She hit me right in the middle of my sentimental gut, and I found myself crossing the picket line...

Suddenly, I wanted a new performance stage and cafeteria for future Warriors. I wanted a new, fandangled curriculum building to house the AJROTC, firing range, Science labs, video production (wow, was that *video production*? Yes, we've got video production!), the band, the choir and the culinary arts program! Woooo!

Alright... -sigh- so I'm not exactly going to lead the charge for government fiscal responsibility by protesting the demolition of our old school, but there's still a lesson in here somewhere (lost among the cool, new shiny things)... a lesson about need-based changes vs. going overboard.

I'm still not convinced that razing the two main buildings is necessary, but I'm glad to see some updates happening around the campus.

Weigh in on this issue at:
WiesbadenWarrior@hotmail.com.

I'd like to know how others feel about the proposed demolition of our old buildings – specifically in terms of whether or not it's fiscally responsible... I was pleasantly surprised by all the updates that Sharon O'Donnell shared with me regarding the school construction project and protection of the foyer crest, until... **she dropped a bomb on me about the flagpole crest.**



It was big enough to warrant its own story, so stay tuned for the next issue, folks... **it's going to be a doozy!** ♦



-by Sandy Brunke Whalen. '63

It seems impossible that it's been almost 50 years since wandering the halls of WHS. As a reasonable person, I know that time has passed and life has gone on, but in my mind's eye, we are still 18 and enjoying life, about to embark on one of the first milestone of our lives - Graduation! Where do we go from here? Where are we going? What do we want to do? Do we really have to leave?

Each time we meet, we open the door to our memories and share those times again, with the yearbooks that get dragged from one reunion to the next, the pictures we all bring, and with the closeness we all felt. We share our lives, ups and downs, make new memories, and in a small way, become those 18-year-old kids of yesteryear for just a few days.

We do hope the classmates from 1963 will start planning on April 2013 in Charleston!! We will give you the hotel info and specific dates as soon as we can.

Check out our class web site <http://www.picturetrail.com/wiesbaden1963> for updated info, and also the alumni web site (GeneralHHarnold.ning.com) in the Class of 1963 Group.

Ya'll come now... ↩

MEMORY LANE DAY TRIPS

THAT CRAZY FAMILY TRIP TO AMSTERDAM

- by Toni Tucker Carter, Class of '67



*M*y parents were absolute flower NUTS! It was spring and my Dad decided we just had to "run up" to Holland and see the tulips. NO reservations... just go... with him saying "oh we'll find a place to stay..." Sure! Another woman and her son (my brother's age) tagged along with our family. Needless to say, we get to Amsterdam and there isn't a vacancy anywhere.

One sympathetic man told us to drive over to Haarlem and see his relative who ran a hotel over there. Off we go... We get there and of course, there is still no vacancy. But, the relative had a friend from his billiards club who would on occasion take in travelers. We go... the man agrees to accommodate us. But we didn't know he and his son moved out of these rooms in order to do that... There were two rooms with extra beds, plus one "closet" with a room for the extra woman; my little brother and his buddy bunked together; my folks and I shared the other room. In the middle of the night it began to snow. My brother came knocking on the door because it seems their room had a skylight over the bed with broken windows and they were being hit in the face with all of these huge snowflakes!

So, all that to say: thanks for the Holland memory! ♦



THE INFLUENCE OF TRAINS ON MY LIFE

- by Greg Daggett, Class of '70

*J*ust watching 'Return to Cranford' on PBS and it reminded me how much I love trains, and their influence on my life. One of the few things I could do when I was young in England was be a train spotter... (I doubt if Americans did the same thing, but in England, so much of our history was related to trains. The engines of trains had numbers and names and it was a huge game to spot and record names and numbers of such trains).



But as usual, I'm making a short story long. When I was young we didn't have a car so we traveled by train... and watching 'Cranford'... it reminded me of the beauty of

trains... which, for me, carried over to Germany and the first Trans-continental trip I took in the USA. The beauty of Europe on a Eurail pass... getting to see the beauty of the countryside... getting off the train in Holland, and the windmills... the beauty of the Alps... the vineyards in Germany. These are things, if you were on the autobahn, you never experienced. And it carried over on my first train trip from Chicago to LA on the sunset limited... what a wonderful way to get to know America.



My English Grandfather worked for British Rail and raced motorcycles for the British BSA Cross Country Motorcycle team (BSA was like the Harley of England, right up there with Triumph). He was killed New Years Day 53 years ago by a drunk driver right after dropping me off at home a block and a half away.

So, Granddad, here's to you... thank you for a joy and gift that has been part of my life for 50 some odd years. And to my Friends I say, remember, it is not always the big things in life you pass on... sometimes it is the little things that mean the most. ♦

PROTECTING THE CREST: TRADITION OR HAZING?

-Lindy Hirschman Aleshire, '88



Only a handful of class years can recall an HH Arnold High School 'sans crest,' given it's been a constant in the foyer of the Hainerberg campus since the 1959/1960 school year. Over the years, it has become a staple in Warrior folklore, often providing the backdrop of some of our most memorable experiences in high school. Out of nearly 3,000 classmates on the Warrior alumni chat site, the

WHS crest is *the* most referenced General H. H. Arnold-specific memory in member profiles, but are the recollections associated with the crest pleasant?

While many of us tend to recall the old days in Wiesbaden with a decidedly pink tint applied to the details, references to the crest stand out in sharp contrast, some of them uncomfortable and cringe-worthy.

preserve hierarchy among students, or that increased severity and scrutiny of hazing in stateside schools has led to an over-reaction and subsequent control of such behavior. It's been said that each WHS class year has its own collectively distinct personality (comprised of individual interacting personalities that make up the whole), and that certainly rings true right down to the habits, history, motivation and behaviors employed in the name of protecting the school crest.

Exactly who or what we were protecting the crest from remains a mystery. It may have been born in premeditated fashion from the very practical desire to avoid wear and tear over the years – a more appealing story might have been necessary to get the student body behind such an endeavor. But more likely, protection of the crest may have simply evolved as these things sometimes do, through the need for upperclassmen to feel 'upper' in the ranks – that aforementioned hierarchy. This would also explain the need to protect a rather random patch of grass near the breezeway, back in the day.

The most prevailing story of the crest is that there was a Warrior spirit (sometimes

hazing |'hāziNG|

- humiliating and sometimes dangerous initiation rituals, esp. as imposed on college students seeking membership to a fraternity or sorority.

tradition |trə'diSHən|

1. the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice.
2. something that is handed down.
3. a long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting.
4. a continuing pattern of culture beliefs or practices.



referenced as an actual, deceased native American corporeal entity) buried beneath the crest. When the crest was walked upon, the Warrior spirit would turn in its grave. Another variation involved Warrior sports teams and their win/loss records. Warriors lose: the spirit turns in its grave. Warriors win: the spirit remains resting peacefully. Considering the definition behind the phrase 'turn in one's grave': 'To be appalled, offended or disgusted by something, despite being deceased' -the sports tie-in sounds pretty plausible, as we Warriors have long taken our sport seriously and with gusto no matter what era.

When I attended HH Arnold, it was handed down to me that the crest was to be protected from being walked on at all. It was the job of the senior class to shield it from everybody, which meant seniors weren't supposed to be walking on it either. This version lends to the notion that someone came up with a clever way to get students to help preserve the crest, student hierarchy being a mere byproduct.

What was imposed upon underclassmen who didn't know about or heed the unwritten law of the crest is as varied as the generations that have attended the school. While punishment meted out for the offense of walking on the crest didn't seem to manifest in any sinister way that we know of (the typical result being the humiliation of having to do a few pushups or

a thorough cleaning of the crest with a toothbrush), there were instances that came uncomfortably close to what would be considered hazing by today's standard; students forced into nearby dumpsters, or being deposited roughly onto the ground, as well as inferences of physical altercations taking place, though it's difficult to know the extent of such.

"I remember those creepy seniors that would lie in wait until you walked over the crest, and they'd make you clean it with a toothbrush." –William, '69

"I remember how stressed I was my first day at HH Arnold looking for the crest. I was so afraid I was going to step on it and had no idea where it was or what it looked like." –Pat, '70

"I mistakenly walked across the crest and had to do push-ups to exorcise my sins to my complete embarrassment." –Gary, '71

"I remember how the senior boys hung out at the Crest and harassed kids who "stepped" on any part of the Crest...especially freshmen and new kids!!!" –Diane, '72

"I had to do 25 pushups my first day of school for stepping on the corner of the crest" –Wally, '73

"I remember my first day as a freshman seeing another freshman walk on the Warrior Crest and a group of Upper Classmen chased this young boy yelling for him to stop and making him do push-ups." –Anita, '74

"I remember my first day of my freshman year, walking in through the front doors into the main foyer and seeing the warrior crest on the floor and being told that freshman were not allowed to walk on it, that we had to walk around it and I did, everyday I was there, and I loved that tradition." –Diana, '74

"I remember my first year as a freshman and being warned that if I stepped on the crest, the upper class men would trash me. I went back many years later and the foyer where

the crest was seemed so small when in my memory it was vast. At the time it seemed huge, with the stairs wrapping around above, where I was sure the upper class men hung out and waited to catch violators, seeming like a great height." –Andy, '74

"Being a freshman and making the mistake of walking across the crest and getting caught by my brother who just happened to be a senior and with a group of his friends. Have been mentally disturbed since that moment (just kidding!)" –Steve, '74

"I remember the seniors in the lobby waiting for the innocents to walk on the school crest..." –Ronald, '75

"I also remember being dangled over that same crest by the upper classmen." –Terri, '80

"Hanging out with Dale during lunch in the lobby waiting for some underclassman to get pushed on the crest." –Gary, '82

"Spent Lunch time Guarding the Crest from freshman walking on it." –Rich, '83

"I remember getting pickles in my hair for walking on the senior crest" –Fred, '84

"I was scared to walk on the crest as a freshman." –Kendall, '86

"I got jumped by at least five seniors who took me outside and gave me grass burn on my face." –Robert, '87

"Three years spent walking around "the crest" out of fear and one year out of reverence" –Steve, '88

"What I remember the most is when I first walked into the high school as a freshman and seeing the senior crest in the middle of the foyer, and hearing about how I'd better not even come close to touching it or a senior would kick my butt!" –Taya, '89

"I remember the crest in the middle of the foyer and it was said that if you step on the crest you'll have to clean it with a toothbrush AND the seniors would throw you in the dumpster." –Calvin, '90

"Tripping and falling flat on my face while trying to avoid walking on the

crest as a freshman.” – Louisa, ‘90

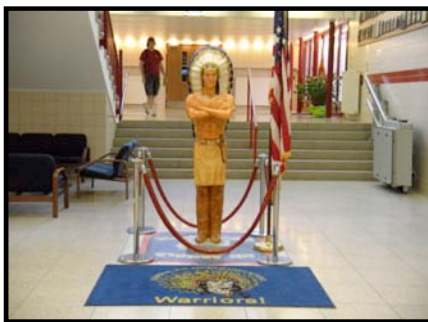
“You never walk across the HH Arnold Crest or the seniors will beat you down” - DeWandell, ‘91

“I remember as a freshman when I walked over the crest in the middle of the floor in the lobby and I got beat on by 3 guys for doing that. That wasn’t cool, nobody warned me or nothing.” –Darnell, ‘91

“The sacred warrior crest and how freshmen weren’t allowed to walk across it, and if you were found walking across the crest, you had to roll an egg across it with your nose!!!!” –Kristian, ‘95

“I remember being so scared to walk on the crest as a freshman. Avoided it like the plague.” –Anke, ‘97

Whether simply tradition or a form of hazing, it seems the subject may have been rendered academic, given that sometime in the early 2000s, the crest was cordoned off with stanchions (and a statue that looks like a smoke shop advertisement for cigars) was placed directly on the crest, effectively discontinuing the tradition.



Several school officials maintain the stanchions were placed there only to help preserve it, but it seems highly likely that stopping the long-standing tradition of upperclassmen picking on underclassmen may have been part of that decision.

I recall, after reading recollections from others about overzealous seniors positioning themselves in the foyer to ambush unsuspecting underclassmen, I felt rather pleased with myself for not having been someone who would do such a thing. Of course, that was before a fellow classmate signed on to the Warrior chat site and said, ‘Hey, I remember you... You yelled at me for walking on the crest as a Freshman...’

Heep! I’d like to think I simply bought into the whole Warrior spinning in the grave thing, as opposed to enjoying chewing out some young kid who might be scarred for life because of it, but then again, maybe that’s me bringing out the rose-tinted glasses and proving that it really is up to the individual to determine whether or not our crest traditions were harmless rituals or flat-out instances of hazing.

Anyone curious about the fate of the crest amidst the remodeling of our school: per current principal Sharon O’Donnell, the General HH Arnold crest will continue to be featured in WHS and will be carefully preserved if/when the current main building is razed for new construction purposes. It is, after all, Warrior tradition. ♦



FEATHERED WARRIOR OF THE QUARTER: SANDY BRUNKE WHALEN



Sandy Brunke Whalen’s name has become synonymous with ‘Class of 1963.’ One might think this class would have a different poster child, considering they count among them a famous alumna (Priscilla Presley), but it’s hard to find anyone who has done more for their class than Sandy. She has helped organize many a reunion and continues to do so right up through today, reaching out to her classmates on a regular basis, bringing news of others from countless sources and keeping many of us ‘in the know’ on goings on in her class. Her dedication to the Warrior family knows no bounds, as she often assists with requests from other classes and eras. She is a ‘go-to’ among the alumni and it shows... in attempting to find a picture of just Sandy for this write-up? It couldn’t be done. There are countless pictures of her to be found, and in every picture of or posted by Sandy, she is very much surrounded by supportive friends, family and classmates.



Sandy, the Alumni Association appreciates your dedication to your Warrior family over the years. Keep up the great work! ♦

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Donna Musil is a woman on a mission. Not the cold war mission her military parents had during her childhood, of course, but a personal mission to shed light and provide education and coping resources for people who grew up as, or currently are, dependents of overseas U.S. military active duty.

'Donna was raised an Army brat and has lived and worked in Germany, Korea, Ireland, Copenhagen, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and France. As a child, she moved 12 times in 16 years. Her father was a JAG officer and military judge. When she was 16, her father died, and two weeks later, her family moved to Columbus, Georgia, where she finished high school.

For the next 20 years, Donna moved 19 times, graduated college, and worked in a variety of jobs, but always felt "different" from her fellow Americans. In 1997, she learned that she was not alone. While surfing the Internet, Donna discovered a Web site for her Taegu, Korea high school. A few weeks later, she attended an impromptu reunion in Washington, DC. It was revelatory. For the first time, Donna felt like she "belonged" somewhere, and thus began her journey "home"...

Sound familiar? Not everyone has that epiphany – that moment where something clicks into place. Many former overseas dependents go through life feeling like they are lost, caught in between something, or just never feeling a sense of belonging or fitting in where ever they are living today. That phenomenon has a name, or rather, the individuals experiencing it do. We're called Third Culture Kids – literally kids who grew up in other cultures different from that of our parents. Once Donna discovered key elements to her past, she decided to do what many fellow brats do well - help others.

With the assistance of some talented individuals (many overseas brats themselves), Donna made a documentary staring, well, all of us! But before you run to her website expecting a rosy-cheeked, feel-good movie about what a blast we had growing up in foreign cultures, you might want to prepare yourselves for a more somber message.



Donna's film focuses on the challenges of being a military dependent overseas. She shines a spotlight on some of the tougher moments that kids experienced with parents who are essentially trained for military combat. You know... the less glossy patches. It's the aspect that didn't get much airtime with our friends and teachers. And while not all of us grew up with parents who laid out the rules in military fashion, most of us knew of others or had friends with parents that did.

The movie features a couple of famous brats, namely renowned musician Kris Kristofferson and retired Army General Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the coalition forces during the 1991 Desert Storm campaign. After winning many film festival awards, the movie is now permanently housed online at:

<http://bratsourjourneyhome.filmbinder.com/>

Viewing the film costs \$5 per 24-hour period (PayPal and credit cards accepted) and all proceeds go to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Brats Without Borders organization. You are also welcome to purchase the DVD – an excellent film to have handy because, let's face it – when brats find each other, they tend to get together, and the agenda always includes talking about what life was like back then. **Brats: Our Journey Home** is a powerful documentary about US. ♦

WIESBADEN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

What do you do with a few empty storage bunkers in the middle a huge field abutting an airstrip in Wiesbaden, Germany? Flatten them and build the first ever Army-funded townhouse community in Wiesbaden, of course.



Aerial view of Wiesbaden Army Airfield



Demolition of old WAA storage bunkers

That's the first step toward a 99-acre, \$133 million military family housing area being built in preparation for the increase in personnel expected there. Why the potential overcrowding? Sometime in 2008, Wiesbaden was tapped to become the new headquarters for a soon-to-be-reformed 7th Army, as the land component of U.S. Army Europe - a designation formerly held by V Corp and USAREUR, both located in Heidelberg and both expected to merge to create the new 7th Army. Plans were drawn up, part of the funding was secured and building got underway in 2009 to make this vision a reality, despite

the Mayors of Mannheim and Heidelberg flying to Washington D.C. in January 2009 to lodge protests over the move, citing negative impact to their respective economies, as well as budget concerns for the United States.

For those of you who keep track of your military outfits, a little shuffling is necessary to make this transition. The old 7th Army is being inactivated. The 1st Armored Division is being relocated to Fort Bliss, TX. The 5th Signal Command in Mannheim is being relocated to Wiesbaden Army Airfield (WAA, formerly Wiesbaden Airbase), as is the 66th Military Brigade. V Corp and U.S. Army Europe are also being inactivated and reforming as the new 7th Army based at WAA. The timeline on this transition is event-driven and expected to continue through fiscal year 2012/2013. With 16 sites spread across 4 towns in the Wiesbaden area, the community is currently experiencing heavy construction expected to cost in excess of \$500 million, including plans to invest in housing, school and command infrastructure. With the current military and civilian workforce in Wiesbaden numbering about 5,500 and expecting to increase to 7,500, the construction of family housing on WAA is one of the first projects undertaken to meet the needs of the new headquarters.

The townhouse construction of the WAA family housing, to be known as Erbenheim South, represents a change from the typical stairwell living standard that dominates the landscape of American communities in Wiesbaden.



New WAA family housing

Quality of life and environmental sustainability are key factors in design. The LEED silver rating plans include 324 new townhouses, duplexes and single family homes and will incorporate a mix of three- and four-bedroom quarters ranging from junior enlisted to general officer, with the designs encompassing attached garages, small front and back yards, built-in closets, built-in kitchens and hardwood floors. Recreation areas being installed will include 10 playgrounds, seven picnic areas with grills and shelters, two sports fields, two community plazas for yard sales, shuttle bus service, and a running path.

Also on the docket for WAA are plans for an upgrade of the water, sewer, electrical, heating and telecommunications infrastructure of the entire community, as well as two multilevel parking garages to relieve an already tight parking situation.



New WAA multitier parking garage

A new command headquarters is nearing completion, its price tag weighing in at \$59.9 million, and no wonder - it's massive at 290,000 square feet...



New WAA 7th Army Command bldg

The location of the new Command and Control Complex is right on top of the old parade field near the current headquarters building of the departing 1st AD. Just south of the new HQ will be an Intelligence Center. Add to that a new Network Warfare Center and a renovated building for the 66th MIB HQ, and the new center for the Army in Europe is born.

While construction at the Airfield continues to ramp up, other projects are underway in the Wiesbaden community, including renovations to the local high school (see 'WHS Construction Zone' page 6). In fall of 2009, one of the first completed tasks in Wiesbaden was a new hotel located at the north end of Hainerberg housing, on Mississippi Strasse, with the intention of keeping support facilities in

Hainerberg area and to centralize functions at the 7th Army HQ at WAA.



Army Lodge in Hainerberg



Inside Army Lodge in Hainerberg

For anyone who lived on Mississippi Strasse toward the back of Hainerberg, there's a good chance that old stairwell isn't there anymore!

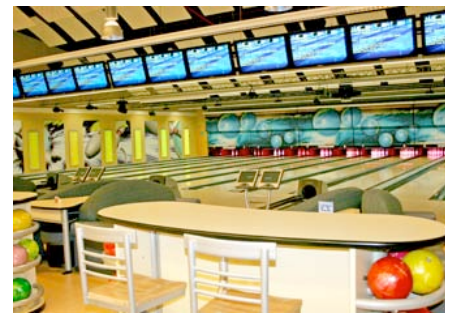


Demolition of Mississippi St. housing

There are plans for a new Post Exchange and Commissary, a conference hall, a child development center, and a new bowling facility collocated with a restaurant and lounge/bar area were completed in 2011...



Wiesbaden Entertainment Center



Wiesbaden Bowling Alley, WEC



The Lounge/Bar, WEC

There are also plans for a processing center for soldiers arriving and departing (tentatively planned to be housed in the existing commissary building).

The housing areas in Aukamm and Crestview have also been in renovating status since year 2000 with a plan to bring Crestview housing up to the same standards as Aukamm.

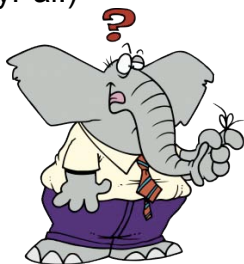


Housing area renovations underway

And that, folks, is an update on what's happening in the Wiesbaden community on the construction front... The landscape, it is a'changing, but it sure sounds like a fun time to be stationed in Wiesbaden! ♦

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UNVEILS NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

For years, fellow Warriors have told the alumni association they'd like to be better members of the Warrior community by faithfully supporting the alumni association, but frankly, it's been a pain remembering to cough up \$15 or \$25 every single year (or getting around to mailing a check – hooray for PayPal!)



We all have busy and full lives and for most of us, there's no automated pop-up reminder prompting us to click on that paypal link and chip in. What to do? What to do?



Thanks to the suggestions of several alumni association members, the LifeMember option has been born. You're still able to click and pay \$15 for one year of alumni association membership, but if you'd like to become a sustaining life member and prefer not having to mess with it year after year, you now have that option!

Life Membership options are categorized by groups of class years. Our first-generation Warriors from classes 1948 through 1955 receive complimentary lifetime membership in the alumni association, as do recent grads of our beloved school.

For everyone in between, it's up to us to support the efforts of the association, and the best way to do so is to become a sustaining member. Here's the breakdown of pricing for Life Membership:

Grad class years	Price
1948 – 1955	Free
1956 – 1960	150
1961 – 1965	250
1966 – 1970	350
1971 – 1980	450
1981 – 2010	500
2011 – 2012	Free

Please keep in mind that these options are not meant to give folks a 'bargain deal.' They are for people who see the benefit of being a sustaining member of the association, who wish to contribute to the longevity of the association for future generations, and/or for folks who simply wish to pay once and never have to remember to send in their support. Please visit www.WiesbadenHigh.com today and help support the WHS reconnecting mission!



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These Warriors belong to a special group among the Warrior community. They make the alumni association possible. To each of you, we give heartfelt thanks on behalf of every Warrior who has ever found that long-lost friend. We couldn't do this without YOU.

1948	Doreen LaMotte Sherbert	1967	Robert Case
1954	Charles Kengla	1967	Billy Jenkins
1955	A.R. "Mac" McCahan	1968	Larry Haga
1955	Penny Olson Uselton	1968	Glenn Houston
1955	A.R. "Mac" McCahan	1968	Robert Jenkins
1956	Robert Abshire	1968	James Johnson
1956	Fran Bryan McWherter	1968	Margaret Prater Kugler
1958	Marguerite Keese Ferrari	1969	Dianne Bailey
1958	Daryl McMurrin	1969	Susan Jacobius Davis
1959	Karlyn Zimmerman Beers-Tomasic	1969	Vincent Pesce
1959	Charles "Jim" Boyter	1970	Gregory Daggett
1959	Jim Sains	1970	Debbie Johnson Emerson
1960	Thomas Hummer	1970	Paula Crowell Howell
1960	Anthony Lamb	1970	John Rodriguez
1960	Porter Cecil Myers, Jr	1970	Brenda Sowers
1961	Sherrie Mitchell Jessen	1971	Judy Downer Black
1962	David Grant	1971	Michelle La Vigne Lame
1962	Carol Schratz Hart	1971	Catherine Snyder
1962	Linda Williams Merrell	1971	Catherine Smith Talvan
1963	Dale Rhoney	1972	William Black
1963	Kay Moffat Rhoney	1972	Roslette Granderson
1963	Lewis Ulrey	1972	Thomas League
1964	Sharon Reep Baldi	1972	David Mayo
1964	Alfred Bill Boettcher III	1973	Bruce Bright
1964	Jeffrey Donahue	1973	Cheryl Reidlinger Hardwick
1964	Ronald Galt	1973	Michele Weaver Newton
1964	Judy Dramer Honegger	1974	Marci Ulrich Brown
1964	Michael Penman	1974	Deanna Walker Koudele
1964	Larry Joe Sander	1974	Paul Krisik
1964	James Thompson	1974	Karen Burg Llewellyn
1965	Charles David Bosworth	1974	Elliott Powell Jr
1965	Thomas Robert Crate	1974	Martin Reddington
1965	Lawrence "Don" Dillin, Jr	1975	John David Effler
1965	Debbie Woodham Kilcoyne	1975	Vicki Demarest Kanarr
1965	Jeffrey Murray	1975	Karen Kudlinski Kaniewski
1965	Michael Pomphrey	1976	Cindy Cooper
1966	Patricia Patton	1976	Kelly Cox
1966	Jeffrey Pisanos	1976	Susan Baskett Fort
1966	R. Edward Potter	1976	Christy LaCourse Mahanay
1967	Joe Bosworth IV	1976	Charles Robillard
		1977	Michael Felton
		1977	Mariann Meyer Pilson
		1981	Brandy Pierce Bartlett
		1982	Michael Wilson
		1983	Josi Williams Amaral
		1984	Michaela "Micky" Harris Dixon
		1986	Ralph Gonzalez
		1986	Lezlie Shaver McBride
		1987	Richard Hall

1987	Jo Ann Takasaki
1988	Melinda Hirschman Aleshire
1988	Lionel Furtado
1988	Jennifer Yurkosky Gonzalez
1988	Chris O'Quinn
1988	Marcee Swarny
1989	Dora Trevino Conde
1989	Katherine Brennecke Cook
1989	Marcia Weddle Russell
1990	Illona Headrick Weber
1991	Robbin Pitman Furtado
1992	Maja Wenzel Smith
1994	Nicole Dohogne
Fac	Robert Fitzsimmons

2011 previous supporters – thank you for your contributions and we hope to see you climb back on board as a sustaining member!



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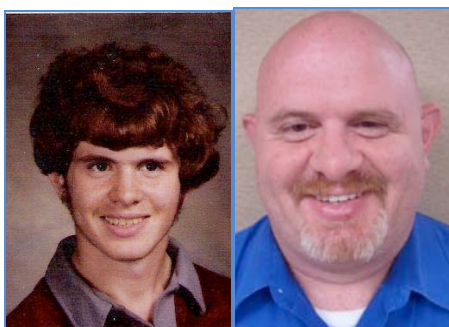
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WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

One aspect of reconnecting with old friends is reconnecting with their old pictures of us – the ones we haven't seen in a long time. A common reaction among alumni when confronted with pictures of yesteryear is, 'What on earth was I thinking?!' If this sounds like you, don't despair, fellow Warrior – you're not alone, and now you have a chance to vote into office the first ever WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION, along with naming the coolest of cats who had the smarts to stick with a do that stands the test of time... and the cat who didn't! Here's how it works:

1. Check out the contenders!
2. Pick the Most Changed hairdo.
3. Pick the Least Changed hairdo.
4. Pick your Overall Warrior Hair Champion:
5. Head to the Polls or scan the QR codes (*urls & qr's are at the end of the contenders list*) and VOTE!

BILL WISEMAN seems to have replaced his varsity letter with a varsity *beer*... Oh, my, how times have moved on! The 'stasche remains but the rest of the song has changed! Could Bill be most changed in the Warrior hair world?

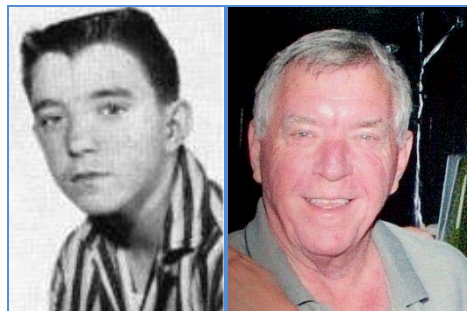


BARRY CHASE – Barry, oh, Barry, your do-of-old has a special place in our hearts... We love that you channeled your inner-Velma of Scooby Do back in the day, but fate has handed you a much different celebrity look-a-like... Yule Brenner! *Most changed or Warrior Hair Champ?*



The Woolf sisters are our first double Warrior deal, as well as our first look at the late 80s too - wow. It looks like Marsha and Diane managed to achieve an equal level of 80s-ness, and they both went from totally far-out curly to a straighter, waaaaaaay less 80s look today. Most changed Warrior do? Warrior Hair Champions? You tell us!

BOBBY LEJUETT – Can the era of your youth get any more obvious? Bobby's old do just screams 1950s. His modern-day close-cropped locks may appear similar, but we challenge you to bounce a quarter off his head nowadays. Most changed Warrior? Could be! Decide!!



Vote!

WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

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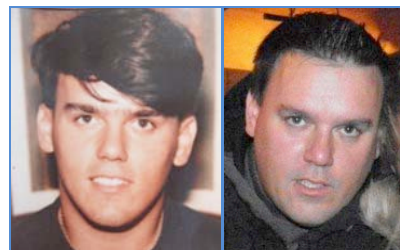
It was so tempting to blow up this 80s gem of **Jesse Trent** to massive proportions – after all, he looks especially proud of that ‘metal hair band’ do he achieved in the late 80s. Wouldn’t you be? But how the tides have turned. While he can’t escape those curls, he has managed to tame the mane in favor of something that doesn’t stand up on its own. Could this be the Warrior Hair Champion?

We think this one’s in the running for... every category! Another double Warrior deal, **STEVE and LORI (O'DAY) WISEMAN** show us how the 80s can stay the same after all these years and yet... one of these things just isn’t the same. Hmmm... most changed, least change or perhaps the Warrior Hair Champion! You decide...



JOSI WILLIAMS AMARAL definitely did NOT get the memo... the one that says, ‘When we pull up an old picture of you from the early 80s and splash it all over an alumni newsletter, it’s *supposed* to be embarrassing.’ What it’s *not* supposed to be is the exact same haircut you have today. NO FAIR, Josi! Could this be the least changed Warrior do of all? You decide, fellow Warriors!

Dear **JOE HARRIS**, Rick Astley called. He wants his haircut back. Or was it Justin Bieber... Joe has managed to modernize his short locks to blend in with today’s style, but we’re not fooled... -sings- ‘...never gonna make you cry, never gonna say goodbye, never gonna tell a lie and desert you...’ Most or least changed? Could go either way...



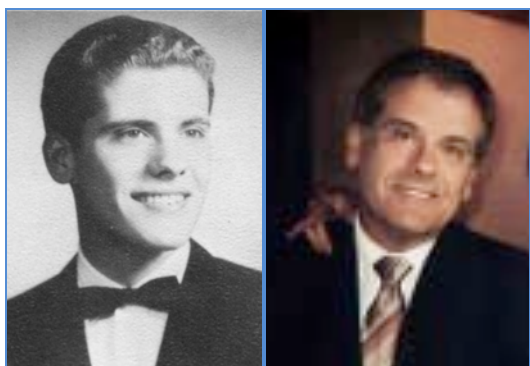
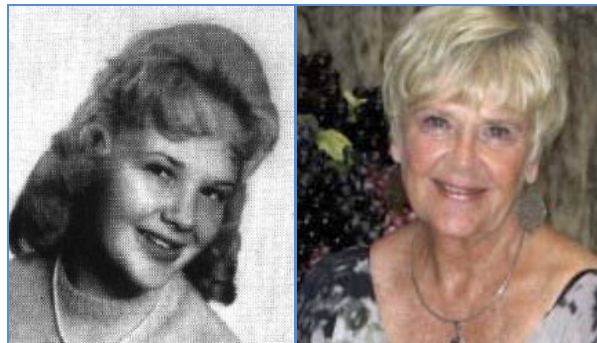
Also in the running is **LES DAVY**. The 70s were kind to Les - or rather, they were kind to his grooving sideburns. He may have looked tamer than most of his friends back in the day, but he still managed to achieve a decidedly 70s do. Least or most changed? ‘Warrior Hair Champion’? Weigh in, fellow Warriors!

Vote!

WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

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Karen Dahl Rogers (co-organizer for the June 2012 Portland event) has a classic high school yearbook hairdo for 1960. Funny thing is, aside from a little extra body and bounce, it's a fairly timeless style. And today – wow! Karen has managed to attain a more modern look without date stamping herself- once again. From 1960 to today, it's still quite a transformation. Could Karen be the most changed Warrior in the coiffure department? Weigh in, fellow Warriors! Cast your vote today!



Next up is fellow Warrior, Senator **Frank Klein**. Senator, care to comment on- What's that, Frank? You're not a- Oh, very funny... I'm not falling for that one. Sure, whatever you say. Anyway, the Senator is – hey! Let go of my arm! Call off your thugs, Senator! I'm telling folks about your 60s hairdo and how obvious it was that you were going to be a- Ouch! Watch the camera! I have a lawyer, you know. He specializes in civil suits stemming from cases of least-changed high school hairstyles... You should call him... Can I just get one pic- Okay, okay, I'm going... (Note: No reporters were harmed in the making of this article.)

CHUCK LAFAYETTE is worth running a poll of his own. It would come down to a tough decision on whether he and his oh-so-70s do look more like Archie Andrews or the kid on the cover of Mad Magazine. And yet, today, he looks a lot like a favorite WHS teacher from the mid to late 80s – Mr. Dynak! Chuck could be worthy of the crown for most changed or Warrior Hair Champion – check the dome and vote, Warriors!



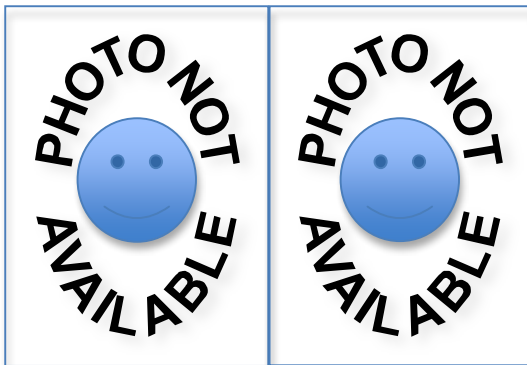
We know, we know... if you've seen one mullet, you've seen them all. But wait! This is a special case. Fellow Warrior **Jeff Avitua** has earned himself a special distinction in this contest. You see, most pictures of 'business-in-the-front-party-in-the-back' hairstyles that get floated around for blackmail purposes have a standard defense claim... *'It was the 80s!'* There's just one teensy-weensy problem with that in Jeff's case... this picture? It's from 1996. –screech- Yes, that's right: 1996. Good grief, man – what were you *thinking?!?!'* Big time Hair Champion material...

Vote!

WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

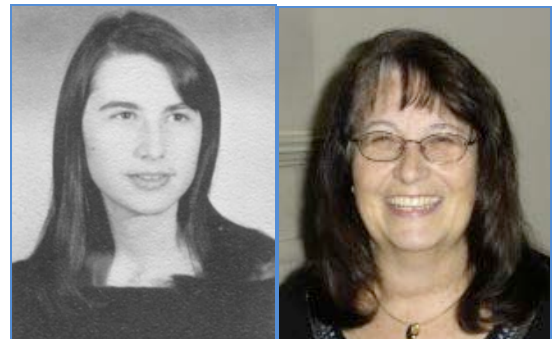
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June 2012 Portland event co-organizer **Cecil Myers** is next up to bat... talk about a blast from the past! The stance and the smile remain unchanged, but... the hair looks pretty darned similar as well - from 1960 to today. Isn't Cecil the most Bing-Crosbiest guy in town? This Warrior is definitely in the running for Least Changed Hair King! Don't delay – Vote today!



In one of the HH Arnold/WHS Facebook groups, a few commenters recently suggested a certain newsletter editor should be included in this contest, namely due to a malicious rumor that said-editor's back-in-the-day 80s hairdo resembled what is referred to as a 'New Wave Mullet.' At the time of publishing, newsletter editor **Lindy Hirschman Aleshire** was unavailable for comment; requests for pictures went unanswered. *Moral:* If people who've got the goods on you don't send in the proof, we don't have to print it... Muwahaha!

Move over, Josi! There may be a new unchanged hair queen in our midst. While Josi is sporting essentially the same hairstyle from 1983 as she is today, **Mary Beth Carper Jenkins** appears to be doing so as well, but for way longer! Not only has Mary retained the same color over the years - her hairstyle of today even drapes around her shoulders at exactly the same length it did back in 1967. Now that's dedication to a hairstyle! Least Changed Warrior Hair? Cast that vote, Warrior!

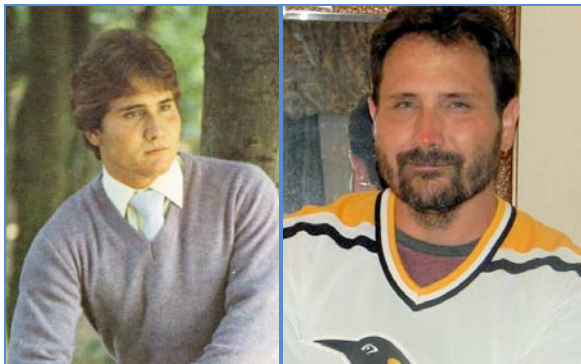


Dear *Charlie's Angels* Casting Agency: We, here at the WHS alumni newsletter staff, feel you made a grievous error in not casting one **Ms. Geri A. Bowden-Stewart** as the fourth angel. Why, even today, she still looks the part! A few extra layers aren't fooling anyone, Geri – it's still the same hairstyle after all these years! Least changed Warrior do? It's up to you! Vote and have your say!

Vote!

WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

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You know those occasionally helpful illustrations in the margins of dictionary pages? If 1985 were an entry, it would show **Tyrone Frye**, all trussed up in his lilac sweater, pastel yellow shirt and baby blue tie. Wait a minute - was that even popular in 1985? He's definitely got the hair to match, lightly curled, waved and sculpted, it screams, 'Hey, ladies – I spent a whole hour on my hair this morning. Aren't you impressed?' Tyrone, the facial growth definitely adds cool points to your mod look, but we think your hair-of-old is the eighties-est! Vote!

With enough feathers to take flight, Pam McAfee is another Warrior who didn't get the memo that old hairdos are supposed to be embarrassing enough to warrant extortion and angst. Nope! Not Pam! She actually sighs with longing at her late 70s/early 80s mullet, wishing she could get her hair to style that way again. Pam- Oh, never mind. She won't get it... Better leave her to her feather-do fantasies. We suspect lack of bangs is all that's standing in the way of her mullet-loving glory... Least Changed Hair?



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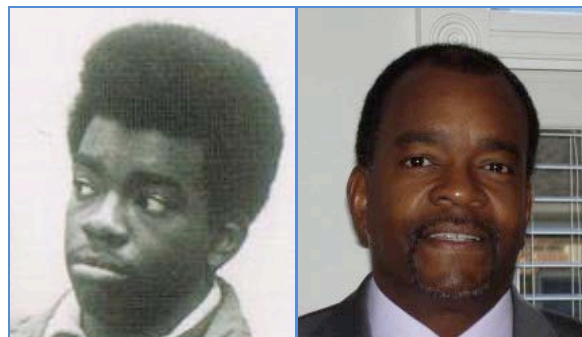
January 1st, 1983

Dear **Mike Crewz**,

- 1) Have fun in your teen years, be immature, experiment, rebel, grow your hair long while you're young!
- 2) Become a mature, responsible, productive adult member of society, & above all: cut your hair!
- 3) **IMPORTANT:** If you don't get this memo, you might get everything backwards! *Good luck, Mike!*



Elliott Powell may not have taken his 70s era 'fro to the outer limits, but he was definitely expressing himself aerodynamically with his do-of-old. These days, Elliott sports a smooth, close-cropped style befitting a man of his accomplishments, but that fun-loving musician with his devil-may-care hair is still peeking out at us... Most or Least Changed Hair? It's up to you, fellow Warriors!



Vote!

WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPION & LEAST/MOST CHANGED HAIR!

-Continued

The following Warriors are also in the running for Most Changed Hair, Least Changed Hair and Warrior Hair Champion, but there's only so much wit and sarcasm one can put on display before sounding like a broken record, so consider yourselves fortunate, dear Warriors, for having sidestepped the Great Hair Bash! **PUT IT TO A VOTE!**

**HEAD TO THE POLLS, WARRIORS, AND
VOTE IN THE WARRIOR HAIR CHAMPS!**

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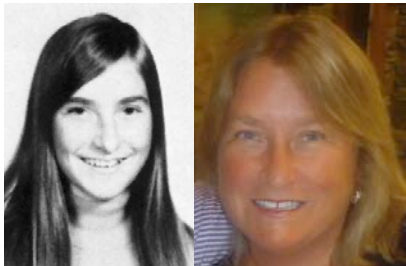
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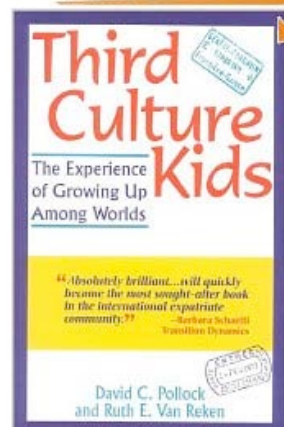
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AN OPEN LETTER ABOUT FELLOW WHS ALUMNUS TEEJAY HANTON, CLASS of '90

Personal vignettes in the Wiesbaden Warrior Alumni Association newsletter are rare these days. True, we've recently started up a nice little feature called 'Feathered Warrior of the Quarter' (see *Sandy Brunke Whalen* on page 13), to highlight beloved alumni who help keep the Warrior community together, but it's been a while since we did a bonafide, full-length piece on an individual. Until now.

TeeJay Hanton graduated HH Arnold in 1990. He currently lives in Fairfax, VA and according to his facebook profile, in 2011, he 'slept' and 'ate breakfast' and describes himself thusly: 'Dad. Traveler. Geek.' He got our attention while we were scouring the Internet for before-and-after shots of fellow Warriors for inclusion in the first-ever Warrior Hair Champion contest (see pages 16 – 21). The concept of the competition was based on an age-old, simple truth: Old high school pictures are embarrassing!

With that time-honored tradition of dusting off and sharing the mortifying proof of our dedication to era-specific trends and erstwhile fads, there are always exceptions in every generation and even most class years: People who had the sense to adopt timeless hairstyles and a subtle fashion sense. This

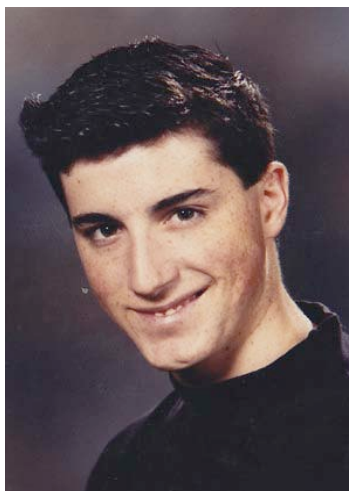
preciously small group of people manages to sidestep the ridicule that has become a rite of passage among alumni.

And then there's TeeJay,

It's not enough to supply that oft-used phrase that TeeJay 'didn't get the memo' – it's more like he completely flipped the blueprint to life upside down, inside out and backwards before taking a look at it.

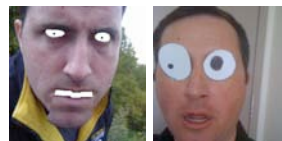
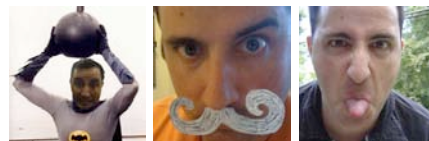
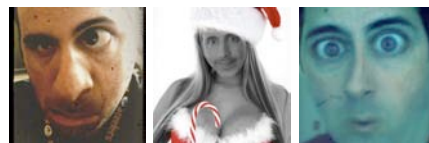
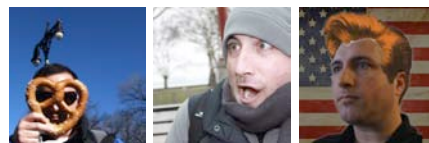
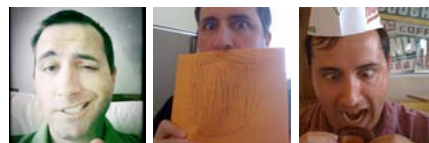
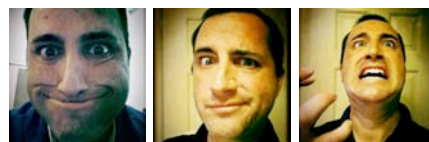
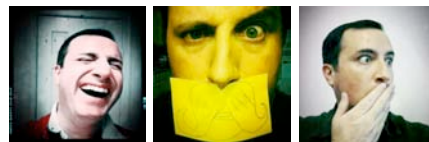
Most of us are quick to offer up contemporary photographs of our older selves in an effort to distract the masses from that funky and date-stamped do or outfit we sported back in high school - that reminder that our 17-year-old self took the bait, hook, line and sinker.

In TeeJay's case, the picture of *his* 17-year-old self is the *last* normal picture he ever took. This is TeeJay in 1990:



Cute, huh.

This is TeeJay today:



So, dear Warriors, next time you start feeling a little sheepish when confronted with those old high school pictures, just remember, it could be worse... it could be like... our dear TeeJay, who clearly flipped the switch on life's Embarr-O-Meter...

We  TJ Hanton.

WARRIOR HONOR ROLL

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❖ Denotes tribute included following Honor Roll Warriors

Class of 1948

Jocelyn Halladay Burns
Richard Franek
Pierre Marteney
Dolores Miller
Dolores Schiltz
Mary Lou Cress Welch

Class of 1949

Shirley Brown Colbath
Robert Beltrone
Robert Mcfadden

Class of 1950

Patsy McFadden Coyne
James Hathcock
Richard Seefer

Class of 1951

Betsy Franek Crouch
Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Eugene Marteney
Richard McClenahan

Class of 1952

Lavel Robbins Newman
Rudolph Langer
Millard Lewis Jr

Class of 1953

Martha Dodson Fraioli
Kathy Utterback Irwin
Gary Danko
John Deutschlander
Mary Dodson
Ellen Oxley

Class of 1954

Cecil Norquist
Berton Robbins
Marilyn Rutherford
John Schweizer III

Class of 1955

Alice Neuendorf Kruse
Anne Owsley Shortridge
Billye Bell
John Douthitt
Lonne Grice
Jerry Mason
John McFadden
Thomas Noonan
Sandy Roberts

Class of 1956

Karen Sheley Harris
Barbara Buelow
Jerry Douthitt
Robert Dunkle
John "Jay" Eiseman
Charles Ellenbogen
Richard Gruendyke

Class of 1957

William "Butch" Densford
Thomas M. Lamb
Michael Mason
Thomas Rutherford

Class of 1958

Deirdre McCabe Burke
Richard Abshire
Frederick Allen
Donald Arvin
James Burns
Judy Chapman
Ronald Maust
Robert Moore
Kenneth Shriver
Pat Sweeney

Class of 1959

Patricia Dunkle Lowe
Maude Harris Morris
Vesa Alakulppi
Anthony Chrest
Leroy Crum
Peter Davis
Thomas Millacci
Dale Ray
Joseph Tunner

Class of 1960

Ellen Broga White
Sharon Deemer Staggs
Dottie Pasch Harrington
Sharon Summers Upton
Joyce Vander Sys Tazelaar
Richard Ashton
Nancy Blackledge
Jerry Bolt
Don Ewaldt
Richard Hackford Jr
Robert Malone
Samuel Martin
Rene Pittet
Mara Southern
Gary Stewart
Walter Wickboldt

Class of 1961

Janice Cramer Ross
Charlotte Miller Markum
Susan Scheel Lyttle
Charles Decoteau
John Frontczak
Michael Hopkins
William Howk
Walter "Skip" Kosky, Jr.
Norm Law
Tom McKaig
Roy Probst
Ann Tamsett
Carl Weaver III

Class of 1962

Cheryl Dixon Fix
Martha Lozano Delosh
Lynn O'Connor Heck
Barb Pierce Redd
Diane Swett Lamey
Sara Borden
Richard "Gus" Gustafson
Anthony Jonassen
Ronald Jones
Chuck McGhee
Robert "Tom" Odom Jr
Diane Orlovski
Robert Porter
Ronald Redd
Peter Reichard
Thomas Stewart

Class of 1963

Susan Eaton Cavalier
Nita Klein Byrd
Susan Reznor Thomsic
Sydney Samuelson Riggs
Judith Wheatley Szyszka
Laurie Bane
Janice Bass
Richard Cleveland
John Corley, Jr
Larry Dowdrick
Leo Kraus
Jurgen McCann
Risa McIntosh
Paul O'Connell
Michael Sinclair
Judith Wheatley Szyszka
James Thomas
George Weitland
Tom Trainor
Tom Yarbrough Jr

Class of 1964

Mary Dougherty Galbreath
Jana Kolvas Morris
Judy Nunn Tankersley
Linda Sanders Junghans
Michael Biscayart
John Cobb
Jack Exon
David Garrett
William George
Mary Holcombe
Patricia Jones
John Kimball
Elizabeth Williams
Homer Worrell Jr.

Class of 1965

Jane Boothby VanCamp
Kate Dodd Paden
Valerie Dolstra Newkirk
Ramona Huber Bain
Carole Maloney Shellenberg

Class of 1965 cont

Deirdre Saunders Jepsen
James Hall
Michael McGinley
David McKeen
Doug Newkirk
William Overton
Larry Price
Steve Rogers
Jacquiline Rudd
Melvin Sears, Jr
George Stainbaugh
Richard Switzer
James Tyree Jr.
Wallace Wright II
Jerry Yost

Class of 1966

Kay Arfaras Sigler
Harriette Edwards Derryberry
Maria Bresnan
Christopher Busse
Robbie Capps
Graham Fling III
Bruce Joseph
Robert Koch
Deborah Ledbetter
James Loomis
Patrick Millberry
Diane Poulson
Albert Trahan

Class of 1967

Dyanne Babel Dejong-Henderson
Mary Crook
Nancy Hall
Robert Link
John Mayo
Tommy Miller
Joyce Phillips
Phillip Raines
Rex Zippler

Class of 1968

Diane Abbondandolo Wallace
Ann Barr Ng
Carol Herbert Shingler
Kathy Seitz Shepard
Terrance Airhart III
Terry Bench
Cheryl Brehm
Thomas Curfs
Charles Debaun
Herbert Ernst
Stephen Hansen
Mark Horton
Robert Joyce
Richard Lawson
Jill Marett
Robert McRae
Ellen Murray Macaulay
Jim Overton

Class of 1968 cont

Charles Owen
Michael Phillips
Charles Postlethwait
William Pratt
Linda Provance
Tim Seaquist
Charles Wagner

Class of 1969

Mary Anderson Rider
Randolph Beebe
Timothy Berger
Joy Gruber
Kathryn Hermann
Diane Hood
Terrence McCall
John O'Reagen Jr
Steve Pusin
Eric Severson
Eric Sutherland
Jon Thorkelsen
Peter Vitelli
Cathy Wyckoff

Class of 1970

Wayne Harrigan Jr
Gregory Landis
George Lyons
Mary Mattord
Doris Neff
William Tyra III
Peter VanNoppen

Class of 1971

Lorenzo Borders
Kathy Robbs Gulbranson
Douglas Brethauer
Mike Laurendeau
Steve Lloyd
Michael Martin
Mary Pesce
Rodney Puseman
William Rumpf
Linda Smallwood
Ken Smith
Walter Sullivan
Mike Terry

Class of 1972

Debra Groome Peterman
Linda Lizotte McCord
Fred Bennett
Deborah Clines
Karl Daigle
Linda Linton
Roy Prickett
Michael Provo
Denise Toliver
Nancy Wills

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Class of 1973

Theresa McGowan Sleeman
Tony Barnes
Richard Bertschy
Dennis Danner
Patricia Fayfer
Peter Hinkelmon
John Jones
Dan Mullen
J. Kelly Smith

Class of 1974

Jackie Boldi
Jacob Dixon III
Daniel Eland
Larry Garrett
Georgia Haning
Phillip Olson
David Scott
Chris Ware

Class of 1975

Beverly Winton Holland
Herman Adams
Carla Bennett
Dale Chambers
Mitch Cyr
Bobby Hill
Gary Macko
Robert Morris
Dane Palma
Ernie Perrow
Michael Roggenbauer
John Tarsitano

Class of 1976

Pam Kennedy Carnell
Donald Boling
Gary Burrell
Joy Denney
Phillip Farmer
Brian Harper
Donald Hastings, Jr
Shay Holderness
Lee Lewis
Donald Miller Jr
Michael Morin
Tina Perry
Ronnie White

Class of 1977

Susan Carroll LePage
Yvonne Acuna
Ralph Bass
Bill Gibson
Victoria Martella
Ken Pennington
Lisa Pratt

Class of 1978

James Jansen
James Kunkel

Class of 1978 cont

Eric Leaf
Wilbur Streett

Class of 1979

Dale Mayes
John Merritt
Denise Ross

Class of 1980

Robert Cain
Bobby Shortt

Class of 1981

John Carroll II
Ralph Swift, Jr
RozLynn Washington

Class of 1982

Andrea Light Gabrielson
Anthony Grayson
Frank Schmidt
Frank Trapnell
Franklin Vaughn ❖

Class of 1983

Tim Filbert
Lori Purdy

Class of 1984

Petra Krieger Smith
Lynn Regan Sidenstricker
Tania Brown
William Hicks
Debbie Sauers

Class of 1985

Craig Albertson

Class of 1986

Mike Milchak

Class of 1987

Christy Hartman Myers
Sakrutai Binkamalee
Nicole Calvin
Jeff Harris, Jr
Angela Miller
Ken Reilly

Class of 1988

Philip Sajona
Jeff Warwick
Ken Kimmel ❖

Class of 1989

Robert Barnes
Kyle Haas

Class of 1990

Jaben Carter
Kevin Terrell

Class of 1990 cont

Steve Trevino
Lynelle Wisdom

Class of 1991

Damon Hooker

Class of 1992

Phillip Kevelier

Class of 1993

Timothy Deslatte

Class of 1994

Paulette James

Class of 1997

Apollo Starnes

Class of 1998

Jessica Arthur
Matthew Bramblett

Class of 1999

Malaika King

Class of 2001

Chanee Goins
Sheldon L. Tate

Class of 2002

Courtland Kennard

Unknown Class Year

Darryl Brooks
Keith Davis
Rev. Benjamin Shinn
Arthur Sinclair
Tijuana Smith
Arnez Williams

Faculty

Alice Cadley Nicholson
Mary Cross Scheiderer
Lillian Geraets Bicknell
Ysobel Wright Hirsch
Ruth Zimmerman Reeves
Carl Ahee
Russell Albert
Phillip Andringa
Paul Benjamin
Maurice Bernier
Catherine Biscup
Joseph Blackstead
Doris Borrusch
Roosevelt Bradley
Albert Braun
Jack Brown, Sr
Paul Buergener
Frederick Calloway
Ernest Champagne
Elinor Chuha

Faculty cont

Martha Clark
James Corey
Charles Curry
Arleen Dodez
James Elliott
Charles Fiala
Mary Franklin
Linda Fuellenbach
J.P. Green
Agnes Grych
Mr. Heidinger
Harry Heiges
Stanley Hergenroeder
Yvonne Jaeger
Earle Jowdry
Gerald Knoepfel
Jean Lathim
Mary Lebrun
Max Leonard
John Love
Robert Lundgren
Joseph Mason
Edgar Mayo
Ethel Melton
Gisela Mietz
Irene Miller
Frances Miner Fleming
Gilbert Mitchell
Jacqueline Momberg
Bill Morgan
Jane Myers
Ilse Neidhold
Zigmund Niparko
Priscilla Noddin
Rose Perta
Kathleen Phifer
Rudolph Pietsch
Benjamin Quackenbush
Robert Rinehart
James Rouse
Nicholas Royko
Ellen Schaunaman
Herman Search
Gaither "Butch" Sherrill
Lloyd Smith
Kira Speranskij
Nicholas Speros
Addie Sproles
Russell Stickney
Rosemarie Thayer
William Tunner
Gary Walthers
Fred Welch
John Winkler
Hazel Youngman
Carl Gustafson

Friends/Family

John Ptranek
Dorothy Bankert
James Bruner

Friends/Family cont

Miriam Butler
Roy Coggin
John Cullen
Gabriel Gen Discosway
John Galbraith
Dilver Herbert
Porter Myers
Louise Taylor
Rose Moncrief
Mrs. William Pipkin
Leo Redmon
Nancy Shea
Patricia Sindt Anderson ❖
Rashelle Nicole Pitman ❖

Fellow Warriors...

If you do recognize any of the names in the uncategorized section, need to share Honor Roll details, or would like to send in a tribute to a fallen Warrior (no matter how long it's been), please send to lynfort@cox.net or WiesbadenWarrior@hotmail.com

Please continue to the next several pages for special tributes and obituary information on some of our Warrior Honor Roll members.

FRANKLIN VAUGHN, 1983

-by Rodney Thornton, '83

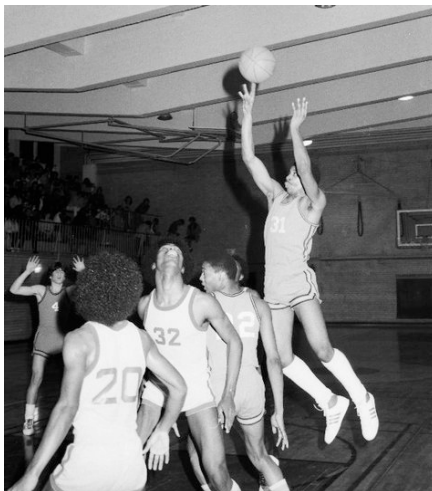
Where do I start about Franklin? Most of our lives in Germany, we lived on Mississippi Strasse.

We first met in 1973 through our parents when Wiesbaden was Air Force. It changed mainly to Army in 1976. Franklin was one of Wiesbaden's best prank masters. He was loved by many Lady Wildcats and Lady Warriors. Varsity football... track... basketball...

He played Peewee Football for the Cowboys... Later, all of us played on the Steelers. He was class of 1982. We were roommates at TROY STATE!

We moved to Oklahoma at the same time. We didn't miss a beat. We both came to Dallas. He was my best man at my wedding and my oldest daughter's godfather.

Our last big trip was when we were going to watch my son get his pin as a member of KAPPA ALPHA PSI. We stayed up all night in the hotel in downtown OKC, laughing about how great our lives have been.



Franklin Vaughn, #31



Franklin, Troy State Fan #1

Our apartment was named 'THE PIT' (code name PASSION PIT INC.) -We both pledged KAPPA ALPHA PSI.



Franklin, hanging at home



Franklin's Obituary:

<http://muskogee phoenix.com/obituaries/x130096590/Franklin-Duvell-Conner-Vaughn>

REMEMBERING RASHELLE PITMAN

-by Lindy Hirschman Aleshire, '88

Behind the scenes of reconnecting sites and social networks for high school alumni, admins often see a lot - and that includes notification of friends and friends of friends passing away. The closer to home it gets, the more it hurts, and it continues to be sad every single time. I never get used to it.

And so, with an extremely heavy heart, I post the following:

Rashelle Nicole Pitman didn't attend General H. H. Arnold. But her momma sure did. And so did her father...

Robbin Pitman Furtado, class of '91 and Lionel Furtado, class of '87 are two beloved fellow Warriors in this community. They got married and had a gorgeous family. My oldest daughter even developed quite a crush on their oldest son during our Wiesbaden reunion in June of 2010.

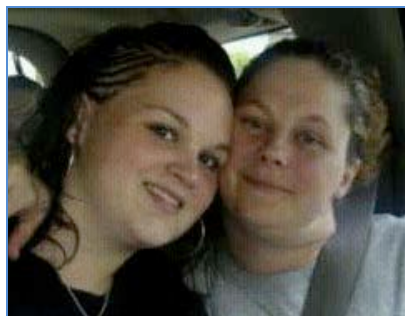
Anyone who comes into contact with these lovely people quickly understands what family means to them. For them to lose their oldest daughter at the age of 23 young years is too cruel to contemplate, but it has happened.

Rashelle passed away in a car accident on May 5th. She was living outside Killeen, TX, near her biological father,

Shane Evans, also class of '91. Another driver was traveling the highway in the wrong direction when the collision occurred. Both passed away at the scene.

Rashelle cherished her family. I've watched her exchange loving messages with her mom on facebook for months now. I can't believe she's gone. The only thing I can latch on to in this moment of grief is that God or whoever or whatever up there just couldn't wait any longer to snatch up so bright a jewel for his crown. It's the only thing I can think of, even if it makes no sense for the woman of science I tend to be.

Robbin, Lionel, Brandon, Nainoa, I'm so, so sorry beyond words at your loss. Life, no doubt, is hell on earth right now, and probably makes no sense. Please know that your friends are thinking about you and sending you healing thoughts and prayers.



Rashelle Nicole Pitman
3/23/89 - 5/5/12

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Addendum:

In the aftermath of Rashelle's passing, it has come to light that in all likelihood, a drunk driver cut short the life of this beautiful 23-year-old. The driver wasn't some kind of wrong-path, unemployed drunkard, easily vilified and shuffled into a category that makes things nice and comfortable for the rest of us. No, this was a member of the armed forces, an active duty serviceman stationed just down the road, who had a few too many at a party and probably never thought he'd leave his wife and young child behind by ending up going the wrong way down a divided highway.

For anyone who drinks socially, let Rashelle and the man who took her life serve as a sobering reminder to you. It CAN happen to you. It can happen to ANYONE, sober or drunk - because drunk drivers are on the road with ALL of us. If you plan to drink, even just a little, give your keys to someone **BEFOREHAND**. Judgment is impaired with alcohol, and all too often, people think they're okay to drive. The people who saw this man drive away tried to call him a cab, but *he insisted he was fine to drive*.

'Buzzing' drivers aren't aware they're driving drunk; they certainly don't think anything is going to happen when they get behind the wheel. **DO NOT LET THEM DRIVE AWAY.**

THOUGHTS OF KEN KIMMEL, CLASS OF 1988

-by Lindy Hirschman Aleshire, '88

I've started this four times and erased my thoughts.

I can't find the right words to do this justice. There are no right words.

The mid 80s to mid 90s Warrior community is still reeling with shock at the news of Ken Kimmel's passing. He is, after all, a beloved friend to a lot of people here.

Many of us are searching for answers to what happened and why such a beautiful soul was taken so quickly from us. We know from his facebook comments that he had a great lunch with a friend and hung out with people he cared about that night. Ken's final moments aren't really important - it's how we remember him that tells of his character and his life.

Of all the people in the Warrior community, it was Ken that I was most looking forward to telling, the moment we started planning 88's 30 year reunion. I knew he'd get giddy with excitement and thrilled at the news; his Warrior family meant that much to him. Now, I keep thinking that when we finally do make it happen, he won't be there. I'm crushed by it.

I keep flashing back to the first time I reconnected with Ken shortly before the big Austin reunion in November of 2008. Several of us thought we'd be clever and beat everybody to it by having a

small Okie Warrior gathering at a German restaurant in Choctaw, Oklahoma. Ken, Lorraine, Ami and I along with a few others gathered for dinner and gushed with excitement at the coming reunion. We were pleased with ourselves for having jumped the gun and genuinely enjoyed the evening.



Back row, Lindy's husband, Devon, Lindy, Ken, Lorraine, Ami. Front row, Lindy's girls, Obie and Lorraine's kiddos. What a great night that was...

I remember Ken looking up at me a few times and then finally bursting out with, 'I didn't remember you being so tall...' - that was Ken. He had to say what was on his mind, regardless of how it came out, though he always hoped it would be taken kindly or honestly. I laughed and took off my big shoes and showed him that I really wasn't much taller - we were almost eye-to-eye at about 5'8".

During dinner, we landed on some topic or other and discussed someone who had a habit of biting their nails back clear to the quick. As he shuddered and shook his head, I shoved my hands under his nose and said, 'You mean like this?!' (I've bitten

my nails since the age of 5, thanks to a ton of excess energy.) His eyes were big as saucers, and after laughing my butt off, I had to assure him repeatedly that I wasn't offended in the slightest. That's Ken. He never wanted to offend anyone. And he was generally against speaking meanly about anyone. In fact, I'll take it a step farther and say that Ken was willing to be friends with people who weren't easy to be friends with - he humbled me in that respect.

Ken told me he remembered me as a great athlete back at HH Arnold. I took note of the bald-faced pride in his voice and it warmed my heart on the spot. I told him that many of us had crushes on him in high school. He was this kind-hearted, funny, European / Duran-Duran looking heart throb with a perpetual lollypop hanging out of his mouth. His shyness as a teenager with people he didn't know that well came across as... respectful, but as an adult, it was pure sincerity.

When the gathering at Austin took place in 2008, Ken became the poster child for the event. His face showed what we were all feeling - that the incredible experience of Wiesbaden wasn't imagined - wasn't even exaggerated. There we were, many of us from the late 80s, early 90s, in the same room at the same time. It was surreal, it was mind-blowing and it was as if

we'd stepped into a transporter and landed in the halls of HH Arnold. The pictures that circulated after the event show Ken glowing with happiness. It leaked all over us. I know he was looking forward to recapturing that magic, hence my eagerness to tell him when we were putting the plans in motion.

I remember us talking animatedly about how astounding it was that we managed to find Mike Brown and get him to the Austin event. Seemingly out of thin air, there he was. With a name like 'Mike Brown,' we were quite blown away by the accomplishment. He told me of his first phone call from Mike and how he practically accused Mike of being a fraud - he was just that shocked. We had a good chuckle about it.

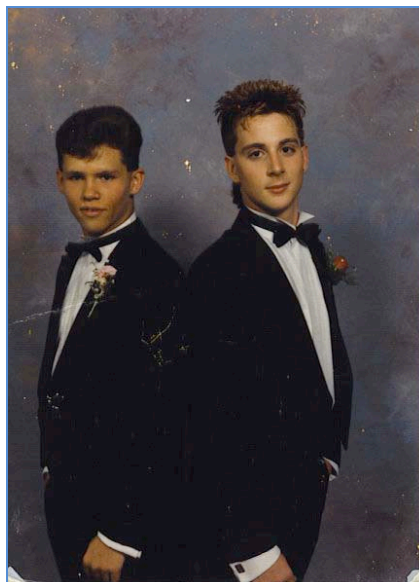
Another great moment was, again, during the Austin reunion when someone managed to capture some footage of a guy who lives in Austin and simply rides his bike stark naked through the city. Ken was just hooting with laughter and said, 'Welcome to Austin!' - the world provided a fascinating backdrop for Ken and he moved through it with the attitude of live-and-let-live.

I also remember Ken getting rattled when he was asked to tone down his hunting pictures on this site - that man loved to hunt and lived close to the land and had no qualms

with calling out meat-eaters who acted like killing animals was disgusting. Being a vegetarian myself, he and I had some great discussions about it. He was never judgmental, just interested.

That's Ken.

Others will be able to add to this picture of Ken. There are so many people who have treasured memories with him. One of those people is Roger Owens. Roger is one of the first people to break the news of Ken's passing. Roger and Ken were inseparable for many years. It seems fitting to add a couple of shots as a tribute to their friendship and that speak volumes to many others...



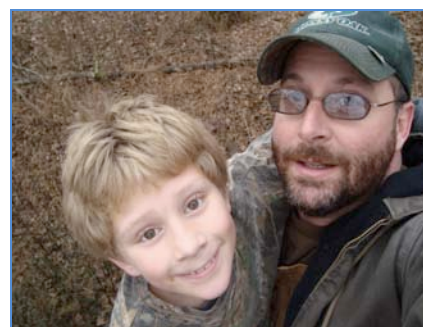
Ken, we love you and continue to hold you close in our hearts.

Ken's obituary:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesreporter/obituary.aspx?n=kenneth-todd-kimmel&pid=157853556>



Kenneth Todd Kimmel
April 8, 1970 – May 15, 2012

~WE LOVE OBIE FUND~



Ken is survived by his young son, Obie, whom many of us know and adore. Obie is a sweet, fun-loving young man with a big heart. Many fellow Warriors expressed the desire to do something for him, so the alumni association has set up the 'We Love Obie Fund' for anyone wishing to contribute to Obie's future.

Please visit this link to donate:
<http://tinyurl.com/WeHeartObie>

Obie's grandmother, Donna, is setting up a fund also in Obie's name. Once the fund is established, the alumni association will see to it that all donations are contributed through Donna. We sincerely wish Obie a successful future, whatever path he chooses!

Please consider tossing a little love in the Obie fund today.



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WiesbadenWarriors.com and we support the official Warrior chat site at GeneralHHArnold.ning.com – all with the sole purpose of keeping the Warrior family together. We're in it for the long haul and we're in it just for Warriors.

2. The WHS Alumni Association funds scholarships for graduating Warriors every year. We're committed to our Warrior family... past, present and future generations to come!

3. The Association continues to maintain strong ties with the current administration at HH Arnold/WHS to keep the Alumni community informed on issues and events that impact us, as well as to be able to continue hosting Wiesbaden-based reunions

with entry into the school and surrounding military communities.

3. We're on the lookout for Warrior Heirlooms on ebay, Amazon and similar marketing sites, ready to snatch up letter jackets, yearbooks and other Warrior artifacts that find their way out of Warrior hands and up for sale – we're committed to safe-guarding Warrior Treasure.

4. GHHA/WHS Alumni Association continues to house and update the single largest Warrior database in the world. We make it possible for more people to find each other! We've also got the most complete listing of 'Honor Roll' Warriors who have passed – we are the source to check, if you've heard a rumor or two.

5. The Alumni Association is run BY Warriors FOR Warriors. The Official Alumni Association is the hub for all-things-Warrior related, on-line, by-mail, in-person... we work for YOU.

Please contribute today; We need YOUR support. Join the Association today!

NEW WARRIOR TALENT???

As always, the Alumni Association is on the lookout for new talent! You don't have to be experienced-just interested in helping fellow Warriors reconnect. The pay ain't much (well, in truth, there is none), but the rewards are many and there are even a few benefits along the way. Got webdesign experience? We want you! Got graphics design skills? We're interested! Got a talent for bringing people together? We can always use more of that! If you want to be involved, we want you to be as well. Just email Lyn Baskett Fort (the Alumni Association President) at lynfort@cox.net.

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