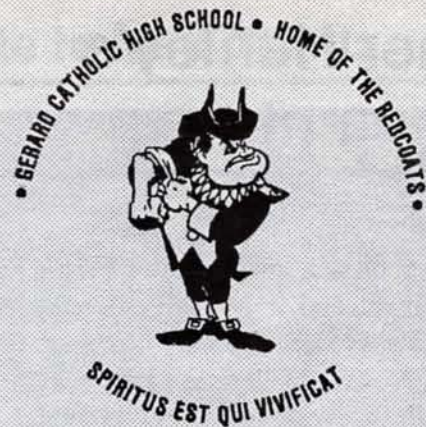


# REDCOAT RUMBLINGS



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## Gerard Graduates Make Headlines!

What do the following people have in common: Jeff Feagles, Catherine Hicks, Frank Pina, and Bobbie Sferra? Well, aside from the fact that all of them are Gerard graduates, all have distinguished themselves by making headlines in the Phoenix newspapers over the last three months.

**Jeff Feagles**, class of '84, did not make the NFL draft in April, but instead elected to vie for the punting position against seven-year veteran Rich Camarillo of the New England Patriots. When Camarillo was sidelined with an injured foot, Jeff got his chance. During preseason, Feagles averaged 37.9 yards on 14 punts while Camarillo averaged 33.8 on six punts. He said not knowing anyone on the Patriots' roster might have helped. "I kept to myself and didn't go out," he said. "I could concentrate a lot more." Once he made it, however, he felt a lot calmer because he wasn't worrying about the other kicker. Jeff hopes to be in the NFL for seven or eight years. He is married to Gerard grad, **Michelle Wise**, class of '85.

**Catherine Hicks**, class of '69, was interviewed recently about her new film, *Child's Play*, in which she portrays a single parent who unknowingly buys a doll possessed by an evil spirit for her son. The film is her biggest part so far. She has also appeared in *The Razor's Edge*, *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, and *Peggy Sue Got Married*. Catherine started her career



Jeff Feagles



Catherine Hicks



Bobbie Sferra



Frank Pina

on the New York stage but now lives in Los Angeles. She is very fond of Arizona and remembers Scottsdale as being a tiny town when her family first moved here. "I saw Goldwater's being built," she reminisces. "Coco's, too, was the first of its kind. Dick Van Dyke would have dinner there when he was on his way out to his studio in Carefree. It was very different from the way it is now." Before attending Gerard, Catherine said she attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. After high school she went to the University of Notre Dame, where she majored in English literature and theology. Encouraged by her drama professor, she

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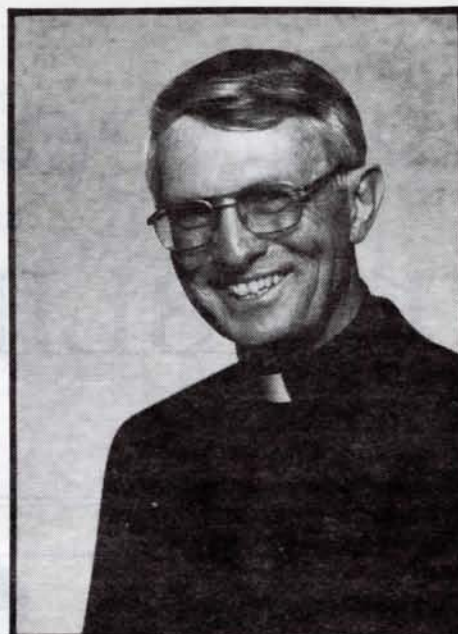
## Father Hanley's Comments

Dear Alumni:

As we approach the event of Christ's birth I wish to extend to you and your families my season's greetings for a Blessed and Joyous Christmas, 1988. I will be saying a Novena of Christmas masses from December 25th through January 2nd in which you, the Alumni, will share a very special remembrance.

I am happy to inform you that our Fine Arts Program of Drama and Choral Music are having a successful year. Miss Julie Holston, Drama teacher, directed a highly successful play, "Addict," written by Jerome McDonough. Our choral group under the direction of Mr. Paul Hillebrand has performed at school masses, assemblies and traveled to other schools for additional performances.

Presently we are preparing for Open House and the annual Arts/Science Fair on Sunday, December 11th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A new public relations brochure will be partially complete and will be distributed on this day. It is the best work done to date about the school, curriculum, transportation to and from, etc. If



you have sons or daughters who will be entering the ninth grade in the fall of 1989, I hope you will be thinking of enrolling them at Gerard Catholic. Catholic education is an investment in the future. Our entrance test dates are January 7th and 21st, 1989, at 8:00 a.m.

Lastly, final touches are being put to the Alumni Scholarship Foundation, and the information and program will be unveiled hopefully before the next "Rumblings."

I cannot emphasize how important you are to the future of Gerard Catholic. You are our success story. The best high schools in America have very active alumni associations which assist in development, fund-raising, and recruitment of students. So we need your continuing assistance.

Again, season's greetings and God's blessings throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father John Hanley  
Principal



*Merry Christmas*

### GERARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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## Graduates Make Headlines

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decided to become an actress and won a fellowship to Cornell University. From there she landed a role opposite Jack Lemmon in the New York stage play, *Tribute*.

**Frank Pina**, class of '77, apparently is not a quitter; and a freshman from ASU can thank her lucky stars that he isn't. Frank is a 5-year police veteran in Phoenix and, on November 16, answered a 911 emergency call. Frank found a car in the driveway, but nobody answered when he rang the doorbell. The ASU student had called 911 upon discovering a fire in the upstairs bathroom. She was then overcome by smoke, passed out, and fell halfway down the stairs. Frank said he thought about leaving but then pushed on the front door, and it opened. There was thick smoke inside when he crawled into the house, came out for air, then crawled in again. He found nobody and crawled out. "Then I thought about the stairs," he said. "I saw something on the landing that I thought was a pile of clothes." The "pile of clothes" was Carrie Augustyn. Frank dragged her outside and placed her on the sidewalk. Both Pina and the girl were taken to hospitals for treatment of smoke inhalation. It's nice to know there are people like Frank taking care of the public's interest.

**Bobbie Sferra**, class of '68, was featured in September as the new principal of the newly opened Sequoya Elementary School. The school opened August 29 with 725 pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade. Bobbie said the new school will be more than just a learning place. It also will be a community center. "What's nice about this design is we're going to have a community school." She said areas of the school can be closed off, with the rest leased for night classes for adults and children during the school year and summer. Bobbie was principal at Cherokee Elementary School for the past two years, and also has been a principal and assistant principal at Mohave. Bobbie said that being selected the principal to open a new school "was like winning the lottery." She was able to get involved with the planning of the building, picking out the materials and equipment, choosing the name and setting the traditions.

## Tribute to Matt Jahntz



"Matt Jahntz is cute."

Have you ever wondered about this inscription in the cement in front of the Gerard Field House?

Matt, class of '73, was the seventh member of the Jahntz family to graduate from Gerard High School.

He participated in Student Council and was active in football. Following graduation, Matt received an Associate Degree from Mesa Community College and worked construction as a heavy equipment operator with his brother, Brian.

In 1983, Matt was diagnosed as having Cancer. Although his original prognosis was six months, he fought courageously and inspired all who knew him. He died on November 6, 1988 at the home in which he was raised, surrounded by his family.

Father Brogan, who left Gerard in 1973 to join the Navy, celebrated the mass along with Father O'Grady and Father McGuire. Hundreds of friends, many of whom attended Gerard, were present at the services.

Matt's family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude for all the support and love extended to them during this time.

Just as the inscription "Matt Jahntz is cute" will remain in the cement at Gerard for years to come, so will Matt's spirit remain in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him.

Lovingly submitted by  
Peggy Jahntz Driscoll, '68



## Honors Assembly Features Rusty Foley

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Catherine Foley, class of '71, better known as "Rusty," returned to Gerard November 9th as the guest speaker at the Honors Assembly. The purpose of the Assembly was to distribute honors and awards to those students who had excelled in scholastic achievements during the first quarter of school. Rusty was flattered to have been asked to speak but suggested to Fr. Hanley that "Surely you could have found a number of people more successful than I." To which Fr. Hanley is reported to have responded, "Well, yes, Rusty, I tried, but they were all busy today."

On the subject of success, Rusty is inclined to agree with Woody Allen who once said that "80 percent of success is showing up." Other tips for success include:

- Don't be afraid to change your mind.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes.
- If you can't be the smartest person in the room, be the best prepared.
- Give what you have to give.
- Always give a little more than is asked of you and you will be rewarded.
- Be part of the solution instead of part of the problem.
- Do your best at everything.

Rusty works as a government representative for the Salt River Project and is very involved in many community and charity organizations. Currently she is helping to organize the Gerard Catholic Alumni Scholarship Fund. She also was instrumental in developing the criteria for the Spiritus Award which appears on an insert of this newsletter.

## Basketball Continues

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On November 14, Monday night basketball resumed. It had been temporarily interrupted, but is in full swing again. For further information contact Roger Spade at 955-0515. All alumni and friends are welcome.

## Condolences

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Our condolences to the Sieczkowski family on the death of Jim "Ski" Sieczkowski, Sr. on September 16. "Ski" and his wife Flo sent ten children to Gerard between the years of 1968 through 1981. Mr. Sieczkowski died suddenly of a heart attack while at home. The funeral mass was held at St. Theresa's on September 20.

A funeral mass was said at St. Theresa's Church, Wednesday, October 19, for Mrs. Lois Stang, mother of graduates Kim Stang '76 and Greg Stang '73. May she rest in peace.

## Reunion News

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The class of '79 will hold their Ten-Year reunion on the weekend of May 26-27-28 at La Posada Resort. For reservations and information, contact Joe Larkin at 840-2381 or July Toney Sherman at 956-7016.

The class of '69 will hold their Twenty-Year Reunion on the weekend of April 22-23. The reunion will be held at Gerard in one of the halls on April 22, and an all-class reunion will be held Sunday, April 23. For further information, contact Terry O'Neill at 967-1246 or Laura Preach Hubbs at 840-5929.

## Attention!! Class of '88 Yearbooks are IN!

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The yearbooks are finally in. So, if you ordered and paid for a yearbook, please contact Mrs. Larkin or Mrs. Hughes to arrange the pickup of your book. Call now. 275-3683.

## Auction — March 11, 1989

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Information on the Third Annual Evening of Elegance is contained on the reverse side of the Questionnaire insert of this issue. Be sure to read it.



## Volunteers Needed

Alumni volunteers are needed to help BEST in Mesa with their inventory on January 28. Forty people are needed for one evening. This will be our third inventory for BEST and another opportunity to earn money for the Alumni Association. There will be a small party afterwards at Herman's Sports Lounge, so plan now and get a bunch of your friends together. If interested, please call Nancy Contadino, 275-3683.

Volunteers are also needed to serve as Class reps for the upcoming Alumni Scholarship Fund Drive in January. It will involve phone work and a chance to chat with some of your old classmates. If you can spare some time, please call Nancy Contadino, 275-3683.

## December Meeting Canceled

The next regular Alumni Association meeting will be held January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Office at Gerard. The December meeting has been cancelled to give the officers and committee members a breather. It is hoped that more alumni will begin to attend the meetings. This is your association. An organization is only as strong as its members. We need more of you to take an interest. The meetings are never very long; we have a good time; and it will look good on your resume. So... *Come on down!*

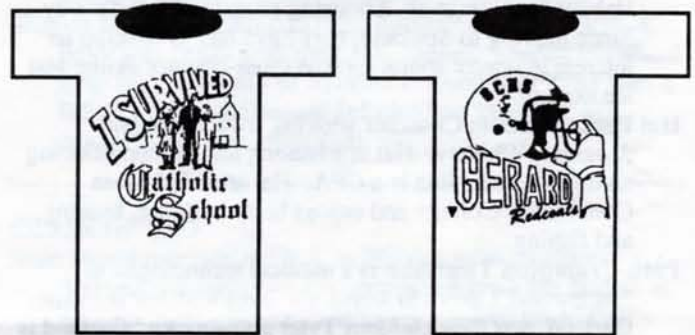
## Photo Contest

John Mudd, class of '83, has suggested that this newsletter hold a photo contest. No prizes, mind you, just publication in the newsletter. So, if you like to take pictures and have a favorite you'd like to share, send it along. Your photo will be returned to you if you wish. Also include any story to go along with the photo. Make sure you list your name, year, and current address. Send it to:

Gerard Catholic High School  
2252 N. 44th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
Attention: Alumni Office

## T-Shirts for Sale!

In case you're looking for just the right gift for that certain someone, search no more. We have what you're looking for. In an effort to raise money for the Alumni Association operating expenses, we had Geneva Spade Soukup, class of '68, of Fangrabbers design some T-shirts just for us. The two she came up with are the "I Survived Catholic School" T-shirt and the "Gerard Catholic High School" football helmet T-shirt. (See designs below.) They sell for \$10 and come in a variety of sizes from S-M-L-XL- and a few XXL. With Christmas just around the corner, why not buy T-shirts? They make great night shirts, too.



Coach Lou Emmanuel is doing all his Christmas shopping in the Alumni Office. So, order now while supplies last. 275-3683.

## Rummage Sale — April 29, 1989

You're probably a little busy right now, but after the first of the year, be sure to bring your old discards to Gerard for the Parent Club Rummage Sale on April 29, 1989.



## Alum Notes

### CLASS OF 1967

**Linda Mathis Miklos** and her husband, Robert, live in Torrington, Connecticut where she is Program Coordinator for Head Start. Linda attended Arizona State University and Berkely, is a registered dietitian, and likes to write articles on nutrition. Robert is District Sales Manager for Mayflower Moving and Storage. They have a son, Brennan.

### CLASS OF 1970

**Susan Mitchell Winchell** is the Urban Planning Editor for the APA-Washington Newsletter. She and her husband, Dick, live in Spokane, Washington with their two children, Matthew and Annie. Dick is a professor at Eastern Washington University. Linda is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a housing program for the needy. Since moving to Spokane, they have had to develop an interest in winter sports such as cross-country skiing and ice skating.

**Hal Parker** lives in Chandler with his wife, Nina, and daughter, Whitney. Hal is a heating and air conditioning contractor, and Nina is a CPA. Hal attended Mesa Community College and enjoys body building, hunting, and fishing.

**Patti Crampton Thurman** is a medical technologist in Englewood, Colorado where she lives with her husband, Garland, and their children Tyler and Brooke. Garland is a real estate broker. Degrees include a B.S. in microbiology from Northern Arizona University. Patti was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She volunteers in the Junior League of Denver.

### CLASS OF 1972

**Patrick Bourque** lives in Kearns, Utah where he is General Manager of T-K Distributors of Salt Lake City which sells auto parts. His wife, Janine, is a bookkeeper. They have two children, Patrick and Katie. Pat enjoys golf.

**Jim Greco** and **Cissy Salcido Greco** live in Tempe with their children Sean and Laura. Cissy is a dental hygienist, and Jim is a field engineer for IBM. Jim enjoys golf, skiing, and helping coach Little League baseball.

**Peggy Flannery Edwards** is a registered nurse who has been in Critical Care at Scottsdale Memorial Health Systems for the past nine years. Peggy's husband, Charles, is a real estate broker. She volunteers her time to help with the radio program, "Reflections of Ireland," and she enjoys Irish Step Dancing, beadwork, hiking, and camping. The Alumni Association wishes to thank Peggy for sending a donation to offset the cost of printing the newsletter.

### CLASS OF 1974

**Maura Phillips Mackowski** recently returned from Europe where she was the guest of the Finnish and Danish governments, and interviewed business people and

scientists associated with their space programs. She also went to Sweden and toured their rocket launching facility above the Arctic Circle. The Nordic Countries were early leaders in the study of the aurora borealis and, as a result, Maura now knows more about space plasma physics than any single human being should be required to digest in a single lifetime. However, the food was wonderful, the people great and the scenery fantastic, so she recommends that on your next vacation you visit Finland or one of its Scandinavian neighbors.

**Dr. Peggy Pietuch Schulz** is a dermatologist in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her husband, David, is an anesthesiologist, and they have two children, Thomas and Elizabeth.

### CLASS OF 1975

**Kathy Bourque Puryear** is Director of Child Care Programs in Scottsdale where she lives with her husband, Bill, and their children, Emily and Lindsay.

**Julie Rumann** is a police officer in San Jose, California with a sense of humor. She would have us believe that she is the President and founding chairperson of the Northern California Chapter of Female Hell's Angels, and that, among other things, she likes to give tattoos to friends and family members. For one of her achievements she lists being named Motor Cycle Momma of the Week. Her volunteer work seemed to be another list of incredible activities, so we contacted her again and asked if she was perhaps stretching the truth. She then wrote and admitted to having a little fun with us. She also sent us a current picture taken just after a run-in with a "PCP-er" in East San Jose. Her motto now is "Better to mace than to take it in the face." The picture says it all.



### CLASS OF 1976

**Mark McCarville** and his wife, Leslie, live in Mesa with their children, Nicholas and Ashley. Mark is a detective for the City of Tempe Police Department, and Leslie is a respiratory therapist. Mark went to Arizona State University, volunteers for the Special Olympics, and enjoys hunting, fishing, and stamp collecting.

**Steve Deakin** lives in Tucson where he is a fashion consultant. His wife, Lisa, is a deli owner. They have two children, Kim and Roscoe. Steve received his A.A. degree from the Michigan Institute of Fashion Design. If anyone in Tucson knows Steve, please call him and tell him to write us and give us his address because the one he sent is incorrect.

### CLASS OF 1977

**Susan Kerber** has been promoted to director of communications for the Sheraton Scottsdale Resort. Sue joined the resort six years ago, and previously she was purchasing manager. Congratulations, Sue.

**Mary Kay Von Flue** has been named national sales manager at the Phoenix & Valley of the Sun Convention & Visitors



## AlumNotes

Bureau. Mary Kay previously was tourism sales manager for the bureau. Congratulations, Mary Kay.



Susan Kerber



Mary Kay Von Flue

### CLASS OF 1978

**Tim Smith** and his wife, Julie, starred in their own original contemporary musical based on the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. The musical was presented in association with St. Timothy's Catholic Community at Dobson High School. Tim holds a master's degree in Music from Arizona State University and is presently music director at St. Timothy's in Mesa.



Tim and Julie Smith

### CLASS OF 1979

**Dale Skidmore Forsha** is a purchasing clerk for the City of Scottsdale. She and her husband, Jim, have no children but list eight cats, three dogs, and visiting strays as household members. Naturally, Dale volunteers her time to help with the Arizona Animal Welfare League. Dale and Jim enjoy snow skiing, running, racquetball, and remodeling their old house.

### CLASS OF 1980

The Alumni Association wishes to thank **Capt. Dan Smith** for sending a donation to help cover the expenses of printing this newsletter.

### CLASS OF 1981

**Dan Hosford** lives in Omaha, Nebraska where he works for KLNG Radio as an announcer. Dan graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1985 with a degree in Broadcast Production.

**Rochelle Watson Hoekstra** and her new husband, Brian, honeymooned at Lake Tahoe last February. They presently live in Tempe where Brian is a computer programmer with Garrett. Rochelle received a B.S. in Business Administration from Arizona State University. She enjoys riding in their sandrail and taking care of their German Shepherd puppy.

### CLASS OF 1982

**Carol Guldán Noble** lives in Scottsdale where she is a secretary/receptionist. Carol attended Scottsdale Community College, Mesa Community College, and DeVry where she is on the President's list. In her spare time, Carol volunteers to help with Alcoholics Anonymous. She also enjoys jogging, jazzercise, and reading.

**Sharon Kenney Kristofzski** and her husband, John, live in Baytown, Texas with their son, Daniel. Sharon graduated from the University of Arizona in December 1987 with a B.S.B.A. in Management Information Systems. She enjoys hiking and volleyball.

### CLASS OF 1983

**Sean Healy** received his B.S. in Physics from Northern Arizona University and is presently a graduate student at Arizona State University working towards his Master's degree.

**Craig Herrick** is a security guard and lives in Phoenix. Craig enjoys reading, writing, and sports.

**Annette Miceli McDonough** is an elementary school teacher at O.L.P.H. in Scottsdale. Her husband, Michael, is a claims adjuster for Prudential Insurance. Annette was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. She and Michael are Eucharistic ministers.

### CLASS OF 1985

**Paula Vaananen** is a student at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada where she likes to help at the information center. In summer she helps plant trees in Northern British Columbia, and she enjoys a variety of sports. If anyone writes to Paula, please have her send us her address because the one she sent us is incorrect.

### CLASS OF 1986

**Jim Hendrix** is a student at Paradise Valley Community College and works part-time at Smitty's. Jim enjoys reading, hunting, and being with his girlfriend.

### CLASS OF 1988

**Nicole DiGiovanni** is a full-time student at the University of Arizona where she is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She enjoys dancing and helping out at the University of Arizona Newman Center.



# **TOM TOM**

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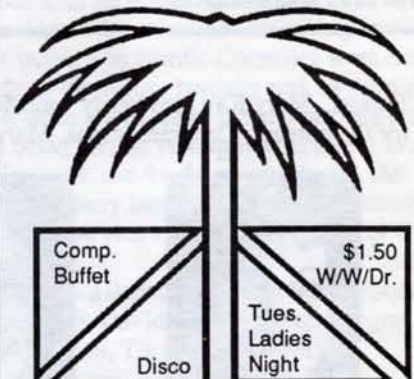
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