

REDCOAT RUMBLINGS



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A DEDICATION

By Terry Sieczkowski Bollinger '71

Memories flooded my mind as I drove south on 64th Street on the evening of September 19th, 1989. My destination was the Kirkegaard house on E. Virginia for the Gerard Alumni meeting. Suddenly I was back in high school walking these same streets on my way to Gerard. My thoughts were instinctively drawn toward the families who lived in the neighborhood--Swiger, Vandenberg, and of course, Kirkegaard. The Kirkegaard's was not only a meeting place for Gerard parents, it was also a great place to be if you were a student as well. It was a special house then and it is a special house now.

Kirk and Audrey Kirkegaard have dedicated a room in their home to Gerard. Special shelves were built to hold the trophies from 1970 through 1981--volleyball, basketball, football--trophies from events held long ago and almost forgotten. The walls of the room are lined with banners, flags, and of course, team pictures. It was fun to see the hairstyles and how they changed over the years, to look at the pictures of old classmates and to reflect on what they must be doing today. It was a pleasant journey back through time.

Kirk advised the Alumni Association that if there were trophies of special interest to Gerardians or their families, he would be willing to distribute them. In fact, he plans to present the Sullivan family with Tim's

special plaque. If you are interested, contact the Alumni Association or the Kirkegaard's.

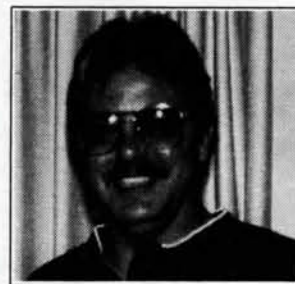
Driving home after the meeting, I thought of the first time I was ever in the Gerard Field House. I remember Mr. Kirkegaard was hard at work building the water fountain. Come to think of it, I have several memories of Mr. Kirkegaard hard at work for Gerard. He is a very special person preserving the memories of a special school.



Kirk and Audrey Kirkegaard

Editor's Note: All trophies that were not taken by Mr. Kirkegaard or picked up by individual families are currently on display in a trophy case at St. Mary's High School where more than 50 Gerard students are now enrolled.

The President's Corner



Dear Alumni,

Gerard Catholic High School Alumni Association enters its third year of operation and its most challenging yet. Your association is on its own. With Gerard closed, our mission has narrowed to focus on maintaining effective communications with Alumni, parents and friends of Gerard.

In June's newsletter contributions were requested to allow your association to do the following:

1. **Maintain Alumni Contact Lists.** Nancy Contadino, Alumni Director and Redcoat Rumbings Editor, has consolidated and relocated the Alumni office to her home. they are readily available for Alumni planning reunions or to assist individuals in reconnecting with old friends and classmates. Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 80126, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

2. **Publish the Redcoat Rumbings.** This is our inaugural issue supported exclusively by Alumni contributions and our gracious advertisers. Our goal: publish twice annually. In order to do so, more than money is needed. Nancy needs volunteer assistant editors to help organize information and produce the newsletter.

3. **Sponsor the All-Alumni Reunion Picnic.** A new tradition has been established with the annual Reunion Picnic held in April. The picnic provides an opportunity for all alumni and their families, parents, friends, and sponsors to get together. A portion of your contribution is used as seed money to start the ball rolling each year to reserve the park, advertise, etc. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, sign-in, raffle, and other activities. Donations are always welcome, especially for raffle prizes.

4. **Maintain a positive community presense** in the name of all Gerard Catholic High School Alumni. Your association this year has adopted the "Staying Alive" Program at St. Joseph's Hospital. More information on this worthwhile program can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

As you can see, our goals are modest and achievable. Your association has, as of September 30, received contributions from 115 graduates or 5% of all Gerard Alumni. More dollars are needed and always welcome. Equally important is Alumni participation. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of each month (except July) at St. Theresa's Church in Fr. Feeney Hall at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot attend a meeting, contact your association and volunteer to help with the Redcoat Rumbings or the "Staying Alive" Program. Contact Nancy Contadino at 998-2933 or Terry O'Neill at 967-1246.

Your contribution, be it time or money, is always appreciated.

Sincerely,
Terry O'Neill
President and Alumnus '69

GERARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Assolcation

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GERARD NAME CAN "STAY ALIVE" THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

There is a program at Barrows Neurological Institute called "Staying Alive" which is headed by Gerard Alumni Sharon Garrett Hendrickson, class of '68. This program is an adolescent-focused peer education program espousing the philosophy that a safe driver must be completely drug and alcohol free. It was developed by a student committee working with the Orange County Trauma Society and is sponsored in Arizona by Barrow Neurological Institute and the Trauma Center of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

The goal of the "Staying Alive" program is to stop death and disability caused by alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents. As sponsor in the state of Arizona Barrows Neurological Institute and the Trauma Center of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center have designed the following objectives to meet this goal:

- * Conduct peer education training sessions in 50% of all high schools in Arizona by December 1990.
- * Provide this education to teenagers before they start to drive.
- * Develop and distribute a "Staying Alive" newsletter throughout the state offering practical insights on development and enrichment of the program by January 1990.
- * Establish a "Safe Ride Hotline" in three schools by December 1990.
- * Create an awareness of this community outreach program among all Arizona schools through networking.
- * Conduct a day and a half conference for existing and potential adult advisors in 1989 and 1990.

The Alumni Association, in an effort to keep the Gerard name alive, is adopting this program and searching for volunteers to help Sharon with her worthwhile work. She can use volunteers in the following areas:

- Getting your school to adopt the program
- Training Students as peer counselors
- Helping with paper work in the office
- Reading to patients

We would like to inform the media shortly before Christmas just how many Gerard Alumni volunteered for this program and the number of hours donated. Michelle Nardi has offered to be the Coordinator. If you are interested in helping the Alumni Association adopt "Staying Alive," contact Michelle Nardi at 860-9478.

PREP TIME FOR '70 '80 REUNIONS

It's time to be thinking about organizing your reunion if you graduated in 1970 or 1980. Patti Sargent-Sternau ('70) has contacted the Alumni Association and volunteered to head up the 20-year reunion for her class, even though she lives in California. She has requested, however, that anyone from the class of '70 who is interested in helping get in touch with her. The association has provided Patti with a list for the class of '70. Volunteers can contact her at 9049 Martindale Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352. The "target" date for the reunion is April 21 with the All-Class Reunion Picnic slated for April 22.

If anyone from the class of '80 would like to organize a 10-year reunion, please get in touch with Nancy Contadino and she will provide you with names and addresses from your class and will try to assist you in any other way. She can be reached at 998-2933.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EDITORIAL STAFF

For two years now Nancy Contadino has been "doing" the newsletter. That is, she has been writing it, publishing it, and mailing it, not to mention keeping the address list current for 3,000 alumni and various other jobs. If you would like to try your hand at writing a few articles, or assembling the AlumNotes, or even helping with the mailings, your help would be greatly appreciated. Nancy is not a Gerard grad. She is merely a Gerard mom whose help Fr. Hanley enlisted two years ago. She really feels that the newsletter should have more input from Gerard GRADS. It doesn't take a great deal of time and it could be fun! So dust off your journalism skills and sign up now.

Alum Notes

CLASS OF 1966

Michael Barrington and his wife, **Marilyn (Swingle)** '68 live in Euless, Texas where Michael is Regional Manager of training and Development for the S. Central U.S. Division of Firestone Tire and Rubber.

CLASS OF 1967

Jack Cartier is a physician in Durango, Colorado where he lives with his wife, Toots.

Kathleen Tarajcak Sutherland is a flight attendant living in Youngstown, Ohio. She and her husband, William, enjoy sailing. Kathleen donates her time to Easter Seals, the Alzheimers' Assoc., the local museum, and the hospital auxiliary.

Emmet Ronan and his wife, **Priscilla (Sferra)**, are the parents of four boys, ages 4-13. Emmet, an attorney, is active in Little League, Scouts, and St. Bridget Church. Priscilla is retired from 17 years of teaching and is currently active as a team mom and at church and school. The Ronan's want everyone to know that they still have contact with...

Silvana Facchinin Melgrati, the Italian exchange student. She is married, has two sons, and is expecting her third son in October. She would enjoy any Gerard visitors. You can write to her at:

Via Dall'Occo 8 Cormanio
20032 (Milano) Italia

Marie Ann Gidcumb Rider and her husband, Emmet, have four children and live in Scottsdale where Marie is a nationally certified Rehabilitation Specialist. She is involved with her PTA and Little League.

CLASS OF 1968

Robert Rowley lives in Tempe where he is a professional chess player. His hobbies are computers, electronics and games of chance.

CLASS OF 1969 (notes gathered from the 20 yr. reunion)

Sharon Smith Charlton is a free lance artist and lives in Santa Rosa, California with her husband, Ronald, and their two teenagers. Sharon is active in her children's schools and enjoys photography, bird watching, jogging, swimming, and weight lifting.

Cindy Timmons Fassel and her husband, Mike, live in Phoenix with their two teens. Mike is a salesman, teacher, and social worker. When Cindy is not "attempting to play golf," she volunteers her time to various projects at the Casa and St. Mary's Food Bank.

Natalie Milar Angelo and her husband of 16 years, Tom, live

in San Diego with their two children. Natalie works for a sporting goods company.

Lynn Smith is an Advertising Account Supervisor with an ad agency. She reports that 13 year old daughter, Jamie, is following in mom's footsteps as a cheerleader.

Eileen Freeman Pleticha is a retired accountant, now full-time mother for Meghan (5) and Erin (2), and lives in Moraga, California with her husband, Mark.

Anne Ronan lives in Scottsdale and is an attorney with Community Legal Services. She graduated from ASU Law School in May, 1979.

Kevin Campbell and his wife, **Ann (Rispoli)**, have been married since July 1973 and have four children. Kevin is in the audio-consumer electronics industry and is presently V.P. of Sales and Marketing for a car audio manufacturer in Tempe.

Jerry Carter and his wife, **Georgia (Reding)**, live in Menlo Park, California where Jerry is in advertising sales and Georgia is in real estate sales. The Carters have three children.

Tom Dunlavey and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 11 years and have three children. Tom has his own landscape maintenance company.

Jon Bauman moved back to Phoenix this year from California. Jon has been the Manager of Credit Operations at American Express for two years. Prior to that he was with Sears, Roebuck for 15 years in Hayward, California.

Joyce Barbieri Dreyer married Micheal in 1982, acquiring 9 step-children. Joyce works at Garrett Engine Division as an industrial CPA, has a Master's in management, is an instructor trainer for the American Heart Association, and is also a deputy registrar and precinct committeeperson. Whhewww!

Mary DeMichele James works at John C. Lincoln Hospital as Department Director for the Volunteer Services Program. Mary has a B.S. degree in Business Administration and a Master's in Human Relations. She and her husband, Ray, have one son, Justin.

Fr. Philip Evanstock (who attended the 20 yr. reunion) teaches math at Trevor Browne High School, Phoenix College, and Park College at Luke AFB. He performs his priestly duties at the Luke AFB Chapel and St. Augustine's Church.

Patricia Hunn lives in Sun Valley and is an Assistant Banquet Chef at a hotel-casino in Sparks, Nevada. Patricia reports that she never married but has two cats and a dog. She loves fishing and camping and working on her 1/3 acre on which she has a mobile home.

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Oscar Hochstrasser is married, has two daughters, and is the owner of TCI Telecontracting, a communications contracting company.

Judy Capra lives and works in New York City where she is involved in women's career apparel and merchandising for Evan Picone sportswear. She enjoys travel, NYC, and being with her husband.

Peter Glenn for the last four years has been Camp Director for the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Retreat Camp in Prescott where he is also a firefighter. Prior to that he and his wife, Leslie, lived in Sonoita, Arizona where he was involved in commercial and home construction for nine years.

CLASS OF 1970

Patti Sargent became Mrs. Michael Sternau on July 15 in Tujunga, California. Patti was a teacher at Cocopah Middle School from 1979 until 1986. She is an office manager for Metmor Financial in Los Angeles. Among the guests attending the wedding there were 25 Gerard grads. Patti and Michael traveled to Hawaii for their wedding trip and now reside in Sun Valley.

Ann Swiger Bauer lives in San Diego with her husband, Bruce, where she opened her own advertising consulting firm in 1985. Ann and her husband are very active in their diocese and parish. In addition to Christopher, (5), Ann was expecting their second child this past August. We trust all went well. P.S. Ann: We use MacIntosh Pagemaker.

CLASS OF 1971

James Legge has become a top international food consultant. He and his wife, Olivia, and son Kirk live in Bel Air, California where he is an executive chef. He has received numerous culinary awards and has worked in such prestigious establishments as the St. Moritz Hotel in Switzerland, L'Ermitage Restaurant, and L'Entourage Restaurant. Perhaps the reunion committee for the Class of '71 should take note!

CLASS OF 1972

Vicki Fischer Martin lives in Elk Grove Village, Illinois where she is an interior designer. Vicki wants to know if anyone has any old home movies of the Varsity Pom Line from 1971 and 1972 that she could borrow to put on video. If so, give her a call at (708)-894-6626.

David Pulido and his wife, Susan, live in Van Nuys where he is a Director of Legal and Business Affairs for MCA Television. Baby Jessica arrived on August 13, 1989. David enjoys golf, racquetball, skiing, and gardening.

Patrick Bourque lives in Salt Lake City with his wife, Janine, and their two children. Patrick is General Manager for an auto parts wholesale dealer, and he golfs in his spare time.

Kelly Gilbert Anderson is a pharmacist at Children's Hospital in San Diego. Kelly and husband, Fred, live in Spring Valley where she enjoys membership in the National Space Society, Toastmasters Club, artwork, gardening, and reading.

CLASS OF 1973

Jan Pachek Richard and her husband, David, recently moved into a new home near Chandler. With the move, she now teaches at a school in Chandler, having taught at St. Agnes for many years.

Eileen Saunders Berens is an attorney and lives in Scottsdale with her husband, Matthew, and their two children. Eileen is expecting No. 3 sometime in January. Teaching high school religious education at OLPH and involvement in the pro-life movement fills up her spare time.

CLASS OF 1974

Cecilia Smith Stefaniak and husband, Michael, recently moved back to Phoenix from Mississippi.

CLASS OF 1975

Jamie Kirkegaard and his wife, Teri, are expecting twins November 6. Daughter Karlyn is 18 mos. Jamie is employed in industrial real estate sales.

CLASS OF 1976

Penni Harrington is engaged to marry Gary Scott this December 30 at OLPH in Scottsdale. Penny is a private piano instructor, free-lance musician, and director of Ensemble Choir at OLPH.

Jody Wilkinson lives in San Francisco where she is an account coordinator for Equicor. Jody writes that she has just relocated to the Bay area and is enjoying the charm and excitement of the city. She loves it.

Maureen Rossie Myles and husband, Don, were married last July, 1988. Maureen reports that she is finishing her studies at ASU with only a year and a half to go. She and Don enjoy running, snow skiing (she's an Animal), and traveling.

Caryn Kirkegaard Haggerty is a Corporate Officer at First Interstate Bank of Arizona. She and husband, Jim, live in Chandler and enjoy golf, baseball, and the ASU and Cardinal football games.

CLASS OF 1977

Daniel Ball is a pilot for Emery Worldwide Airlines. He and his wife, Susan, met while she was a flight attendant and he was a pilot for the same airline. They were married in November, 1985 and welcomed Kellie into the world in

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October, 1987. Dan would love to hear from the "old gang." You can find him at:

619 E. Horne Street
Clayton, NC 27520

Sara McCammon Perdue lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky with her husband, Kevin, and two children. Sara is a nurse whose hobbies include riding and training horses in dressage. She writes that she plans to spend a year in the missionary field (1990).

CLASS OF 1978

Patsy Brubeck Bass and husband, Michael, live in Tempe where she is a social worker. Patsy has been accepted into ASU's Master's Social Work program starting this Fall.

Mary Grady Hurd is a TV News Anchor and Reporter in Los Angeles. She does professional modeling and has had two guest starring roles on NBC's "Hunter." Mary is also a foreign correspondent for ITV. Mary and husband, Scott, live in Valencia, California where they enjoy scuba diving, horse-back riding, and snow skiing.

CLASS OF 1979

Theresa Ajamie and William Labadie exchanged vows on June 10th. Theresa teaches at Most Holy Trinity School in Phoenix, and William is employed by Garrett Fluid Systems. For their wedding trip they traveled to San Francisco.

Fritzie Hollaender Marston wrote to let us know that she has moved to Solano Beach, California.

CLASS OF 1980

Meg McVey and Peter Cullum were married at OLPH on May 20th. **Molly Shocklee Dell'Omo** was matron of honor. Meg is employed by the law firm of Gust, Rosenfeld and Henderson. For their wedding trip they traveled to San Diego and are Ahwatukee residents.

Tim Kelly and wife, Christine, were married on May 20th. Tim is an engineer for AirResearch in Tucson. He enjoys gold panning, hiking, and volunteering his time to coach Little League.

CLASS OF 1981

Jim Spets and wife, Susan, were married August 12 at OLPH. Jim is a nuclear engineer on Mar Island, California. They are residents of Fairfield, California.

Gail Sharko is a flight attendant and lives in Paradise Valley. She enjoys golf and traveling.

Gary Underhill and his wife, Dawn, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Mark, born Feb. 15, 1989. Gary is a field training officer with the Phoenix Police Dept.

CLASS OF 1982

Monica Julian Baker received her Master's degree at NAU this summer and has accepted a full time instructor of math position for the 89-90 school year at NAU. Monica and her husband, Scott, are expecting their first child in February.

CLASS 1983

Colleen Cryan and Daniel Valentine exchanged wedding vows June 3 in San Diego. They are Scottsdale residents.

Ann Eldridge lives in Tucson where she is a business analyst at Dunn & Bradstreet. She is engaged to Rich Barker and they plan a January wedding at Brophy Chapel.

CLASS OF 1986

David Sanfilippo is a seminarian at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon (Diocese of Phoenix). He is enjoying his last year of college and plans on attending graduate school in California. He volunteers his spare time to help in the St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Portland and at the Chamawa Indian High School in Salem.

CLASS OF 1988

Jeffrey Berta is a full-time student and lives in Scottsdale. He enjoys playing baseball and watching the Cubs.

Robert Stevens is a student and lives in Phoenix.

CLASS OF 1989

Stacy Standage is a student at Phoenix College.



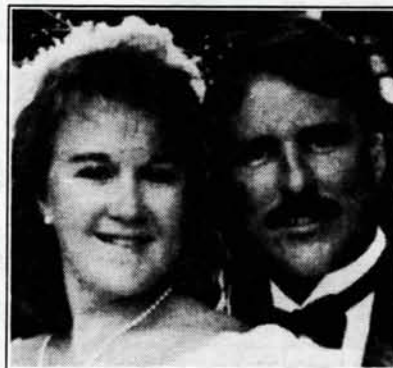
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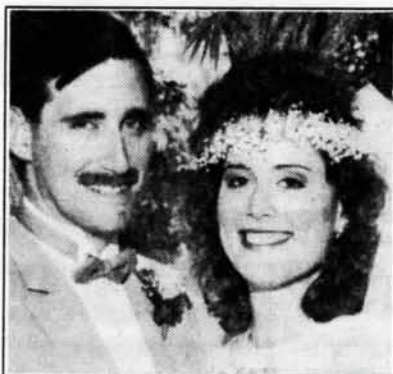
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Taryn Mosley
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Welcome to a very special and elite group - Gerard Catholic High School Alumni.

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Bill '77, Mike '80, Scott '84

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Keith, Kevin & Kent '77, Roger '86
Tina '87**Bresnahan**Mike '75, Maureen '76 Rita '78
Dave '80, Carole '82, Jeanine '83**Gourley**John '73, Suzan '74, Joe '78
James '80, Jeff '85**Kerber**Chris '75, Sue '77, Jennifer '82
Both '85**Ajamie**Thomas '78, Theresa '79, Jean Marie '80
Jacqueline '82, John '83**Candelaria**

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Adrian Robert '85

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David '84, Paul '85, Mike '89

SargentPatti '70, Cindy '73, Steve '75,
Sallie '77, Chris '81, Lia '83**Hurst**

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KirkegaardJamie '75, Caryn '76, Rick '78,
Tom '81, (Hal '74)**Proctor**

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SikoraElizabeth '74, Julia '77, Stephen '78
Walter '82, Susan '83**Hawes**

Steve '80, Vince '81, Matt '83

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Joe '79**Daley**

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Fischer

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O'Neill

Kathy '67, Terry '69, Joe '71

BourqueWilliam '70, Dennis '72, Tim '73
Kathy '75, Steven '77, Daniel '78
Neil '82**Bollinger**

Bill '71 and Terry (Sieczkowski) '71

PhillipsMaura '74, Sally & Sheila '77,
Regina '82, Nathan '84**Kelly**

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Any Gerard family or parish wishing to participate, please contact Nena Henry at 948-3768.

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