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President's Column.....by Caroline (Craddock) Patts, TC '73

HAVE YOU JOINED THE TAYLOR SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION YET?

It's easy. Just send in your information with \$25.00 to 22770 Northline Rd., Taylor, Michigan 48180. Or you can go online to our website www.tayloralumni.org and pay by charge card. You can also send it to John Pantalone at 7558 Melvin, Westland, Michigan 48185 If you haven't sent it in yet, please do so. This is an excellent price for a lifetime membership.

We have started getting restaurants and other companies to give the alumni lifetime members discounts from their establishments. We will let you know when we have them. Also, if you have a business and would like to give some kind of discount, please contact us. With your lifetime membership card you can enter FREE all home games at Kennedy or Truman High School.

There are still Taylor Center bricks available for \$10.00. On the brick is a plate with the opening & closing date of the school. This money goes into funding for the memorabilia room that is housed in Taylor Center. We are trying to set it up for people to view. Also, if you have anything you would like to donate to the room, please contact me at cpatts@yahoo.com or 313-383-9271.

Alumni Research, the company we have our website and database through, is now in the process of contacting Alumni to get their information updated for the new 2008 directory. If you receive a call or a postcard in the mail from Alumni Research, it is legitimate. They are very protective of your information and you can let them know what you do or do not want published in the directory. We have alumni who don't want phone numbers or addresses published and you can specify that to the company.

It will take until next fall to finish all the processing before we receive the next directory. But it will be a very nice one indeed.

If you know of someone who has not been contacted, please forward that information to John Pantalone at johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net or contact Alumni Re-

search through your cards or from our website.

If you would like to be a class representative for your class, get in touch with Sheri Engelbrink at tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com. A rep just keeps us informed on reunions, deaths, marriages, and any awards that may be of interest to others. The more people we have the easier it is to keep our records up to date.

MY THANKS TO.....

Thanks to John Pantalone for keeping our Alumni News up to date on obituaries of faculty and alumni. He is the guy who submits all our info for the website. I know family & friends appreciate the obituaries of their loved ones being posted for others to view.

Thanks to Nancy Joyner-Lutz for updating the website with all the information that John continually sends her way!

Thanks Sheri (Graham) Engelbrink for being our computer wiz. She compiles and sends all the class lists to those members who are gathering addresses for reunions, and answers or sends out the emails. She also is the editor of our newsletter. And she is there when I need her. Thanks Sheri!!!!

Thanks to all of those who show up for our monthly meetings. We get new ideas and enjoy hearing from you.

You know how everyone always needs help when it comes to organizations. Well, we are no different. So if you would like to help in anyway, please contact us or just show up at the meetings. (The second Tuesday of every month.) An email is sent out to those who we have email addresses for to remind you and let you know of changes.

Happy Spring to all and for those in Michigan, warmer weather is just around the corner (we hope!)

Caroline Patts, TC 1973

Where are they now.....by John Pantalone

Dennis Fater, Taylor Center Class of '71

Dennis is married to **Vonnie Stanford** who is also a Taylor Center graduate, class of '73 and they reside in LaCrosse Wisconsin.

Dennis has many fond memories of Taylor Center. He found his Physics class with Mr. Gardner both entertaining and educational. He ran cross country and track one year and tells me that Mr. Turcheck had a positive influence on him. Dennis remembers Mr. Walters making life miserable for him in calculus class as he was never willing to accept less than a best effort. As a result of Walters being so demanding, Dennis did well in calculus both in high school and at the University of Michigan. He received a degree at UofM and then went to the University of Kansas Medical Center earning a PhD in medical physiology. Following post doctoral studies at Florida Medical School he was hired at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Dennis specializes in spinal orthopedics. He also works as a consultant for attorneys involved in alcohol related cases.

Dennis would like to thank all of the Staff at Taylor Center for providing him with the education that enabled him to pursue his goals.

The Taylor Alumni Association would like to commend Dennis on a great career and wish him continued success.

Bob Sanfilippo, Taylor Center Class of '78

After graduation from TC Bob went to MSU where he was able to see Magic Johnson and Irvin Kessler lead MSU to an NCAA champion-

ship. While in the process of transferring to UofM for the next school year, the USAFA accepted him into the class of 1983 where he graduated with a BS in Astrodynamics Engineering. From there he went to undergraduate pilot training and was then assigned to the 1402 Military Airlift Squadron where he flew around the likes of Senator Barry Goldwater, Neil Armstrong, Doc Severinson many General Officers and other congressional personnel to meetings in a C-21 (civilian lear 35A). He was later assigned to fly B-52's at the 410 Bombardment Wing, K.I. Sawyer AFB in Marquette, Michigan. After 4 years he left active duty and flew for Kalitta Air Flying Services at Willow Run Airport. He eventually went back in to the USAF Reserve flying KC-135's (tankers) at Selfridge ANGB. He flew 3 tours during the Kosovo campaign and was one of the first tankers in the air after 9-11 refueling our F-16's that were launched for Air Defense.. He stayed at Selfridge for 8 years during which time he started working for Tower Air. He later went to work for JetBlue Airways. He has been there since 2000. In 2002 he left Selfridge and became an Academy Admissions Officer and later the commander for the squadron here in Michigan. He retired in December of 2006. Bob lives in Brownstown, Michigan with his wife and son and still works for JetBlue Airways. Congratulations Bob, what a career!

In the News

Truman graduate, **Debbie (Price) Aue**, Class of '77 starred as Patsy Cline in a dinner theater performance of "Always Patsy Cline" presented by the Taylor Cultural Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts in cooperation with the Downriver Actors Guild, sponsored in part by radio station WYCD-FM (99.5) to raise money for the Taylor Friends of the Arts in early November. Great job Debbie!

Taylor Center graduate, **Rick Sollars**, Class of '92, lifelong resident of Taylor was appointed to

the City Council. He is the owner of multiple manufacturing companies. He also services on the Planning Commission and Master Plan Steering Committee.

Richard Dodge, Taylor Center graduate was elected to the Taylor School Board. He was previously the Network manager of the Taylor School District before his retirement in 2006.

A great career in the making!.....by John Pantalone

Lynnea Winnie is a freshman at Truman High School. Lynnea is the daughter of Theresa Winnie, Principal of Hoover Jr. High and Dennis Winnie, Teacher at Truman and Truman graduate, class of 1976.

Now for the rest of the story. Lynnea is a singer. Not the ordinary freshman in high school singer but one who is well on her way to great career. She has sung the National Anthem at Comerica Park prior to a Tiger Baseball game, at Joe Louis Arena before Red Wings games on two occasions, at the Palace of Auburn Hills before five Piston games. She has been in the opening act for several top entertainers including: The Cheetah Girls, Terri Clark, Carolyn Dawn Johnson and Toby Keith. Lynnea will be meeting soon with Atlantic Records for a possible record deal. She sang a song at the Truman Homecoming entitled "Gravity". She hopes to record it as a single. It sure appears that the "Sky is the Limit" for Lynnea. The Taylor Alumni Association wishes you the best.

Taylor School News.....by Bea (Leonards) Benjamin

As Bob Dylan sang: For the times they are a-changing'. It sure is so with our school district! For the 2007-08 year, Wareing and Racho Elementary Schools have closed. Brake is no longer a Middle School, but now houses the Sixth Grade Academy.

For Report Cards, a continuum is used to grade Kindergarten through Third Graders, and a number system is used for Fourth and Fifth Graders. For Sixth through Twelfth Grades, a computer program is used by the teachers to calculate grades and GPA.

The MEAP test was given to Third through Eighth Graders this past October. By the year 2014 the State wants 100% of the students to get 100% on the test. We'll see!!

Taylor Teachers are working without a contract. They made an agreement with administration for a new one, but the School Board turned it down. Back to the Drawing Board!

Speaking of cutting back, did you know that most Field Trips require a fee to be paid to use the District School Busses?

Congratulations to Truman High Football for making the play-offs this year!!

Visit the Taylor School District Web site! You'll love it!! A lot of the work on the site is done by Taylor Alumni!! www.taylorschools.net

Lee Lewis, the Taylor School District Superintendent is retiring at the end of June after 35 years. A search is underway for a new superintendent.

City of Taylor News**City of Taylor Projects Receive State Wide Acclaim**

A "Good Will Garden" was developed on the corner of Northline and Pardee in Heritage Park. The first half of the garden is the service garden which is planted and maintained by community service workers under the direction of the the 23rd District Court. Judge Geno Salomone, 1973 graduate of Kennedy is a judge in that court and he started the project. Non-violent lawbreakers are ordered to tend the garden. The food is harvested and later given to food banks and low-income citizens. They have distributed more than 5,000 pounds of food.

The second part of the garden is the community garden. It gives Taylor residents the opportunity to grow their own vegetables or flowers. Plots are leased annually for a small fee.

Judge Salomone received a "Michigan Plaque" for his work as well as an individual service award from the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan.

Junior League World Series

The 27th annual Junior League World Series was held at Heritage Park in Taylor. A team from Hawaii representing Asia-Pacific was the winner. Teams from the following areas competed for the championship: Puerto Rico, USA East, USA South, USA Central, USA West, Latin America and Canada.

In the 27 years Taylor has hosted the tourney they have had teams from 27 different states and 14 other countries.

Current Detroit Tiger, Gary Sheffield played in the 1982 Junior World Series for the Tampa Florida team who were the champions that year. Other pro athletes who have played in the series in Taylor include baseball palyers, Delino DeShields, Javier Valentin, Erik Bedard, Brett Myers, Erubial Durazo, Chad Hermansen, Shannon Withem and Adam Loewen. National Hockey League plyers, Chris Dingman and Steve Reinprecht and New England quarterback Matt Cassel also played in the series.

REUNIONS PAGE

Reunions Planned

Taylor Center High School Class of 1958. A 50-Year class reunion is planned for Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Taylor Meadows golf Club Banquet room, 25360 Ecorse Road, Taylor. Time: doors open at 5pm with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; 7pm buffet dinner, 8-midnight, music, dancing and renewing friendships. Cost is \$40 single or \$80 couples (includes everything except drinks). Reservation forms sent out in late October, early November of 2007. Golf reservations for Friday, contact Roger Bechtol (rbechtol@sbcglobal.net or 313-291-4254). All other questions please contact: Dave Evans (evans.david@att.net or 313-386-9547) or Barb (Weigel) Schultz (barbara0327@comcast.net or 734-374-6425)

Taylor Center Combined Classes of 1957, 58, 59 and 60 Reunion on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Course Banquet Room, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor. Time: doors open at 5:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; 7pm sit down dinner, 8-midnight, music, dancing & renewing friendships. Cost \$45 Single or \$90 Couples

(includes everything except drinks). Reservation forms sent out late October early November of 2007. Golf reservations for Saturday contact Roger Bechtol (rbechtol@sbcglobal.net or 313-291-4254); All other questions contact: 1957—Karen (Clement) Shonta (cshonta@charter.net or 313-386-9547); 1958-Barb (Weigel) Schultz (barbara0327@comcast.net or 734-374-6425); 1959-Kay (Zambeck) Roe (jackayroe@chartermi.net or 734-782-5242); 2960-Donna (Jones) Cory (dcory1@aol.com or 517-546-7484).

Taylor Center Class of 1973 is organizing a 35 Year reunion for November 29, 2008. Anyone with information on addresses and e-mail addresses please email to: cpatts@yahoo.com or call (313) 383-9271. Also organizing help needed. Know where someone from our class is? Get in touch with them and let us know. Contact person: Caroline (Craddock) Patts

Taylor Center Class of 1988, 20 Year Reunion, Saturday, October 4, 2008, 6pm, Holiday Inn-

Southgate, Michigan. Faculty Welcome. Contact Debbie (Tarnowski) Fiedler: dfiedler@comcast.net or Kim (Abruscato) Thompson, kthompson1022@yahoo.com

John F. Kennedy Class of 1988, September 20, 2008, 6pm at Andiamos of Novi, 42705 Grand River, Novi, Michigan. *Andiamos includes Second City Detroit and the Dirty Martini Lounge.* More information on the venue can be obtained at:

<http://www.andiamoitalia.com> or by emailing: HAV-ERYREUNION@AOL.COM. The reunion committee is: Tracy (Jones) Collins, Heather (McMillan) Avery, Danielle (Halwachs) Martin, Sherri (Taylor) Bronis. Contact info will be in your information letter

John F. Kennedy Class of 1989 is starting to plan a 20-year reunion. We need help! Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to contact Debbie Laramie at laramiesix6@yahoo.com

Kennedy & Truman Class of 1998 is planning a joint reunion. Please send your current contact info to Jill at jillkoro80@yahoo.com

Reunions—Taylor Center Class of 1996

Taylor Center Class of 1996 held their 10-year reunion on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the Park Cove Hall in Allen Park, Michigan. It went off without a hitch! There were many attendees and everyone had a great time. The Class would like to thank Eric Pawlak from the class for DJ'ing the reunion for FREE! They would also like to thank Nerissa Janiga's Mom for doing a whole chocolate fountain table with all the goodies free of charge! Attendees were treated to dinner, drinks, and music from 6-11pm. After the reunion, most of the classmates headed to Keefer's Bar in Taylor for drinks.

The reunion could not have been made possible without the help and dedication of a select number of classmates. Those who helped or did their part to help with the reunion are: Karen (Frazier) Berghuis, Shannon (Wheat) Cannon, Angie (Belcher) Winton, harmoni (Perri) Eggert, Amy (Smolenski) Creswell, Nikki (Jodoin) Korody, DeAndra Watley, Jennifer (Hall) Sarna, Lesley (Bruce) Stovall, and Meredith Wallace and also those who participated in making their own picture boards to set out. Everyone looks forward to future reunions and hope more classmates are able to make it out next time!



Reunions-Truman Class of '77

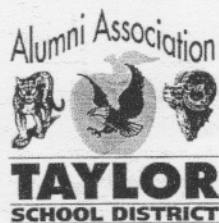
Truman High School, Class of 1977 held their 30 year reunion September 28– 29, 2007. They started with marching in Truman's Homecoming parade on Friday, September 28 (and everyone made it down Brest to Beech Daly and all the way to the football stadium!), followed by renewing old friendships under a tent during the game. Some former teachers and administrators stopped by the tent. Truman beat the Belleville Tigers that night! After the game, everyone gathered at the home of Bob and Kim Combs for pizza and drinks around a bonfire! Early Saturday morning, some classmates participated in a golf outing at Riverview Highlands while others gathered for breakfast at Leon's Family Dining. The formal banquet was held at Dearborn Hills Golf Course starting at 6pm (well actually some started arriving earlier, so anxious to continue the fun!) The class viewed a slide show which featured the names and pictures in memory of our classmates who have passed away while the class song "Yesterday" by the Beatles played. After the memorial classmates were treated to a slide show featuring the pages from the senior section of the 1977 yearbook and many candid shots collected from events, parties, swing out, classrooms, etc. Along with the DJ, the class of '77 was lucky enough to see a performance of *Don't be Cruel* by the class' very own, "Coney Dave" Colura. After the banquet ended at midnight, many classmates converged on McGuckin's Pub on Goddard Road in Taylor because they just didn't want the fun to end! Many classmates flew in or drove in from as far away as California and Florida for the festivities. The class has decided to get together every summer for whoever might be in town at the time. The web page used for reunion info is going to remain up and running so Class of '77 check it out periodically for events that might be upcoming! It is www.hst1977reunion@googlepages.com.



MEMORIAN

The Alumni Association expresses their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

- Carl Stowers, Sr.**, June 7, 2007, father of Truman graduates Patsy, 1979, Lori, 1983 and Carl, Jr. 1987
- Mitsuko Hunt**, June 9, 2007, mother of Taylor Center graduates Morio, 1970, Norika Hunt Block, 1972, Hideko, 1973, Janet Hunt Mullins, 1981, Don, 1983, Danny, 1985, Mitzi Hunt Clark, 1993
- Tom Moore**, July 4, 2007, Taylor Center 1960
- Stephanie Pierceall**, June 11, 2007, wife of Fred, Kennedy, 1985, brother-in-law Jerry, Kennedy 1988, sister-in-law Andrea, Kennedy 1995
- Selma Boughner Wilson**, February, 2007, Kennedy 1985
- Steve Lojewski**, husband of Rosalind Simms Lojewski, Taylor Center, 1969
- Park Gregory**, former teacher at Kennedy
- Parker Salowich**, former teacher at Kennedy
- Kerry Swartzentrover**, November 29, 2003, attended Taylor Center 1964-1966, sister of Carol (Swartzentrover) Fisher
- Ken Wood**, October 24, 2007, Kennedy, 1977, husband of Kandi (VanHook) Wood, Kennedy 1976
- Bill Fuhrman**, October 12, 2007, teacher and principal, schools: Federal, Pine and Blair Moody
- Tom Tear**, October 10, 2007, teacher and counselor in Taylor Schools from 1963-2000
- Clifton Shelton**, Kennedy 1968, November 22, 2006, brother of Lou Ann Wurth Shelton, Kennedy 1971, Brenda Shelton Mills, Kennedy 1967, brother-in-law of Eva Wurth Gudeth, Kennedy 1967
- Debbie (Toffen) Martin**, October 8, 2007, Kennedy, 1975
- George Milne**, October 5, 2007, husband of Linda (Shelton) Milne, Kennedy 1966
- Floyd Davis Jr.**, Taylor Center 1972, brother of Taylor Center graduates, Zora Park, 1973, Brenda lavelly, 1978, Terry Davis, 1980, Debbie Davis, 1975
- Patricia (Williams) Milinski**, May 30, 2007, Taylor Center 1962
- John Neddo, Sr.**, early May, 2007, father of John, Kennedy 1977, Don, Kennedy 1982 and Tom, Kennedy 1985. Grandfather of Christie McPherson Kennedy, 1990 and Jim PcPherson, Kennedy 1995 and Krista Kaifesh ??? 1996
- David Owen**, father of Liesa (Owen) Swejoski, Kennedy 1982
- Jesse Sexton**, April 23, 2007, Taylor Center 1959
- Arthur Aucutt**, Taylor Center, 1957
- Joseph Sutyak**, May 21, 2007, father of Kennedy graduates, David 1981, Joseph 1993 and leann 1986
- Bob Kalich**, May, 2007, Kennedy, 1966
- Florence Peruski**, May 12, 2007, mother of Kennedy graduates Christine, Joseph, Carolyn and the late Cynthia
- Emily "Babs" (Makar) Bannon**, November 12, 2007, Taylor Center 1960
- Mark Varoskovic**, November 23, 2007, Truman, 1978
- Jan Craig, December 4, 2007.** Jan is the daughter of Roger and Joan Craig. Roger was Band Director at JFK, Principal at West Jr High, Principal at HST
- Emily (Babs) Makar Bannon.**, November 12, 2007, Taylor Center 1960 She is survived by her husband, Al; Son, Stephen; Daughter, Sandy; and Sister; Pam Jones (TCH '63) and Brother; John Makar (JFK '74)
- Sandra Logan Hoffa**, Taylor Center, 1964
- Leticia Common Pariseau**, Taylor Center, 1962
- Mary Latendresse**, retired crossing guard
- Andy Gerick**, January 23, 2008. Wife Sonja Hoffman Gerick is a 1958 graduate of Taylor Center
- Pat Rooney Jozsa**, January 30, 2008, Taylor Center 1960
- Jerry Kaufman**, February 13, 2008
- Stanley Low**, February 11, 2008, Survived by Lori Low, Taylor Center 1992, and David Low, Taylor Center 1994
- Brian Elko**, February 17, 2008, Taylor Center 1996
- Larry Kovoch**, February 24, 2008, Taylor Center 1957, Survived by sister Danielle Kovoch Gardner, Taylor Center 1958 and brother Ted Kovoch, Taylor Center 1963



Organizing Committee

Nancy (Vauris) Myers	JFK 1968
Nancy Mascaro-Miller	JFK 1967
Linda Pilous	JFK 1967
Barbara (Weigel) Schultz	TCH 1958
Mickey Turcheck	TCH 1960
Gloria (Villet) Blommer	JFK 1967
Claudia (Michael) Boyda	JFK 1967
Mary (Swartout) Rusnak	JFK 1972
Lora Coats	HST 1983
Sharon (Campau) Barnett	TCH 1964
Clair (Wasil) Conway	JFK 1967
Bea (Leonards) Benjamin	JFK 1985

Advisory Members

Charles Dickleman	Faculty (Retired)
Robert Haarala	Faculty (Retired)
John Pantalone	Faculty (Retired)
Amy Skehan	Executive Director, Taylor Foundation For Education Excellence

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Taylor Schools Alumni Association's purpose.

To enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District by developing an active alumni association for the common good of both the graduates and the school district.

Alumni Directories We still have some 2003 directories for \$5 each. The new 2008 will be coming soon

Alumni Mugs \$5 gray with all 3 mascots on them

Window Clings \$1 Alumni Association has Ram, Cougar & Eagle on it.

Taylor Center Pins \$3 It says 1953-1997

Taylor Center Brick \$10 (comes with a certificate of authenticity)

Alumni Association Membership Benefits...

The Alumni Association is often asked "what benefits do I get for joining the Taylor Schools Alumni Association"? The first and perhaps most important benefit is being able to stay in touch with people like you, Taylor Schools Graduates. Our website has great connections with the high schools and city so even if you no longer live in the area you can keep up to date with what is happening in your old hometown and high school. There are news items posted, class reunion informa-

tion, a chat room and bulletin board. There is even a yellow pages section where alumni with businesses can post their information. Visit the website at www.tayloralumni.org. Receive free admittance to sporting events at the high schools for active members. We have lots of other ideas but need everyone we can get to provide input and help. Remember, any association is as good as its members. Please consider joining today!

Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Officer Election

The Alumni Association held its annual meeting and officer election on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The following individuals were elected to three-year terms:



Vice President, Taylor Center High School	Jennifer Fowler-Glumm, Class of '92
Vice President, John F. Kennedy High School	Mary (Swartout) Rusnak, Class of '72
Vice President, Harry S. Truman High School	Sheri (Graham) Engelbrink, Class of '77
Treasurer	Nancy Mascaro-Miller, Kennedy Class of '67

The President and Secretary terms will be up in November of 2008. Current office holders are: President, Caroline (Craddock) Patts, Taylor Center Class of '73 and Sandy Kyte, Taylor Center, Class of '62.

Front Row L-R:

Mary (Swartout) Rusnak, Jennifer Fowler-Glumm, Sheri (Graham) Engelbrink, Nancy Mascaro-Miller

Back Row L-R: Sandy Kyte, Caroline (Craddock) Patts

2007 MARKED THE 50TH YEAR SINCE THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS IN TAYLOR HISTORY

Taylor opened its first high school, Taylor Center High School in September of 1953, starting with 9th graders only and then progressing with that grade until its first graduating class in June of 1957. In June of 1957, 299 students graduated from Taylor Center High School.

As we celebrated the 50th year since the first graduating class in Taylor history, John Pantalone started a "Walk Down Memory Lane" series of e-mails which are sent out to all classes of Taylor Center. This continued throughout 2007. These are the final "walks" for 2007. Thanks to John for doing this. Remember, even though the school is closed the memories live on forever!



"Walk Down Memory Lane".....by John Pantalone

CLASS OF '87 JUST CAME ACROSS AN ARTICLE LISTING THE FOLLOWING:

VALEDICTORIAN - STEVE CHORIAN SALUTATORIAN - LISA JAMULA JENNIFER SMITH RECEIVED A SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY IN JAPAN

WHAT YEAR IS THIS??? SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS IT BEFORE YOU GO DOWN TO THE ANSWER

NEW THIS YEAR TACO BELL, DIET RITE COLA FIBER TIPPED PENS

THE PRESIDENT ORDERED A NAVAL BLOCKADE OF CUBA

JAMES MERIDETH, AN AFRICAN AMERICAN, APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND WAS DENIED. THE U S SUPREME COURT ORDERED HIS ADMISSION. THE MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR ORDERED STATE TROOPERS TO BLOCK THE DOORS. VIOLENCE ERUPTS UNTIL THE PRESIDENT ORDERED IN FEDERAL TROOPS.

JOHN GLENN BECOMES THE FIRST AMERICAN TO ORBIT THE EARTH

MARILYN MONROE DIES AT AGE 36

THE MOVIE "WEST SIDE STORY" WON THE BEST PICTURE OSCAR - OTHER MOVIES WERE "THE LONGEST DAY", "BIRDMAN OF ALCATRAZ" AND "THE MIRACLE WORKER"

GAS WAS 31 CENTS A GALLON

BEVERLY HILLBILLIES WAS THE HIT TV SHOW

TOP SONGS INCLUDED BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY, DUKE OF EARL, AND SHEILA

WILT CHAMBERLAIN SCORED 100 POINTS IN AN NBA GAME

WHAT YEAR??? IF YOU GUESSED 1962 YOU WERE RIGHT.....

MEMORIAL DAY IS APPROACHING AND I THOUGHT WE WOULD REMEMBER THOSE FROM THE EARLY CLASSES THAT ARE DECEASED - IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY CORRECTIONS TO THE LISTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW

IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED OF THE CLASS OF 1957

BURNS ALEXANDER
JANICE BERRY
BUDDY BOSSICK
CLARENCE (BUSTER) BROWN
LINTON CANTE

ROBERT ALLEN
MILTON BOIK
GAIL EVANS BOYER
SEAN CALNAN

JANET MARQUARDT COMPEAU
LAVERNE DROUILLARD
MARY LYNNE FIFE HAMRICK
ROLLIE HOPGOOD
SHARON COLWELL LAKE
MICHAEL J MCINNIS
WESLEY PINGILLEY
THOMAS E ROBERTS

NANCY BIGOS CONE
ROBERT FRAZIER
RALPH HERKIMER
DONALD KELLEY
KEN LANE
KAREN MONTAYNE
BILL PORATH

NUNE WERNER SALLIOTT
BARBARA SILKA STAMPER

LEE SCHMIDT

GERVIN STEVENSON

NICK ZAMBECK

“Walk Down Memory Lane”.....by John Pantalone

QUOTES TAKEN FROM THE 1997 RAMPAGE - THE FINAL EDITION

ROLLIE HOPGOOD CLASS OF 1957 TCHS WAS THE LAUNCHING PAD FOR MY FUTURE. BUT EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW IT WASN'T THE BUILDING THAT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITIES. IT WAS THE PEOPLE. THE TEACHERS WHO TAUGHT ME HOW TO LEARN. MY CLASSMATES WITH WHOM I GREW UP AND ENJOYED BEING THE FIRST TO ATTEND A TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL. TCHS (THE BUILDING) WILL SOON BE GONE - BUT THE MEMORIES ARE ENGRAVED IN THE TABLET OF LIFE

SANRA LEVERGOOD LAWSON CLASS OF 1960 TC GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE THAT THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO LIFE THAN WITH-IN THE BORDERS OF TAYLOR. IT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING, TRAVEL AND TEACHING. IT GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO DEVELOP LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS.....

25 PAST HOMECOMING QUEENS RETURNED TO TCHS FOR THE FINAL HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY SHIRLEY KRAHNER PICARD 1957 HOMECOMING QUEEN, DOROTHY GIRAUD KELLY 1957 HOMECOMING QUEEN (BOTH LISTED AS 1957) AND CAROLYN BERO CALABRESE 1960 HOMECOMING QUEEN WERE TWO OF THE RETURNING QUEENS

RETURNING FOR THE LAST HOMECOMING WAS BARBARA WEIGEL SHULTZ - BARB AUTHORED THE ALMA MATER AND LED THE SINGING AT THE LAST ASSEMBLY

PAST AND PRESENT PRINCIPALS ATTENDING WERE - MRS JUDITH GORSKI, JAMES RYAN, ROBERT HAARALA AND ALVIN WHITED

TCHS GRADUATES WHO WERE TEACHING AT TCH IN 1997 - THE FINAL CHAPTER

BILL TELLER, MICKEY TURCHECK, TOM KURGINSKI, LINDA HALBROCK, PATRICIA SHALOGIAN, KEITH MERWIN, FORREST BONE, CHUCK SUTTLES AND KEN AVERY.

CHARLES DICKELMAN STARTED TEACHING IN TAYLOR IN 1956 AND WAS TEACHING AND FACULTY ADVISOR OF THE YEARBOOK IN 1997

LET US REMEMBER OUR DECEASED CLASS MATES

1958

MURIEL ACHTERKIRCH

JUDITH BISZALIK BANGS

DUNCAN BONE

ELWYN DUBKE
JANET WALTERS HAMILTON
HERBERT KELLER

BARBARA SMITH PAICE
WILLIE PATRICK

JACQUILINE MOORE POWELL
DOLORES ZUANI RINTZ

VELMA DAVIS SCHULTZ
ARTHUR VICKERY
PEGGY WALLEN

LINDA WOMER
LAMARR WRIGHT

BETHEL CONNELLYH ZAHARI

1959

SHARON DUNLAP BARNARD
JANICE MARQUETTE BOLTON
RONALD COOK

ROBERT DRINKERT
BARBARA FRANCETICH
SHIRLEY HAGGARD

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The Story of John F. Kennedy High School....taken from a paper written by Donald Powesland

The Need: A nationwide increase in enrollment reached the high schools in the 1960's. The effecting the Taylor Township Schools was an increase in senior high enrollment from 1,716 in 1960 to 2,596 in September of 1964. Serious overcrowding in Taylor Center High School coupled with a forecast of continued increase in enrollment in the future called for the planning of a second high school.

In 1961, the Board of Education decided that another high school was needed in the south half of the district. On October 31, 1961, a \$5,872 bond was approved to be used to build elementary classrooms, a junior high and a senior high. On September 12, 1963 the contract was let to Robert J. West Architects for construction of the John F. Kennedy High School.

John F. Kennedy High School opened for classes on February 8, 1965. The 1965-66 enrollment was 1,359 students. Features of the building included a combined lunchroom and auditorium to offer more flexibility. A large library, classrooms grouped by departments and grouping of musical facilities.

Comments by John Pantalone:

It is amazing that \$5,000 could do so much. High schools that have been built recently in Novi, Northville and South Lyon cost in the vicinity of \$50 million dollars.

The Kennedy High School building was designed to allow for additional wings to accommodate increased enrollment. However, the enrollment increased so rapidly that rather than expand the Board chose to open a third high school.

Prior to the opening of Truman High School, JFK's enrollment hit an astronomical 2,100 students. This caused a schedule that started at 7 am and ran until 5pm. Every possible space was used for classrooms. The cafeteria was used for large group instruction holding 90 students. We needed the library to teach English and Reading classes. We had lunch stands in the halls. It all worked by everyone was very relieved when Truman opened.

THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A TREMENDOUS RESPONSE FROM THE TAYLOR CENTER GRADS ON HOW MUCH THEY ENJOYED THE WALKS DOWN MEMORY LANE, I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY IT WITH JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL.....John Pantalone

I REMEMBER ---

FEBRUARY 1965 WHEN WE MOVED FROM TAYLOR CENTER HIGH TO A BRAND NEW SPARKLING KENNEDY HIGH. WE ONLY HAD 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS THAT SEMESTER FROM THEN ON EVERYTHING WAS A FIRST IN OUR SCHOOL LIVES- BEING A MEMBER OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS IN 1966 - THE FIRST MARCHING BAND, THE FIRST FOOTBALL GAME AND ON AND ON.

I REMEMBER HOW BIG THE BUILDING SEEMED AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECAME OVER CROWDED AND WE HAD TO GO TO SPLIT DAYS WITH THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASSES IN THE MORNING SESSION AND THE 10TH GRADE IN THE AFTERNOON. I RECALL HAVING CLASSES IN THE LIBRARY AND LARGE GROUP SESSIONS IN THE CAFETERIA WITH 3 TEACHERS TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES TO ONE LARGE GROUP.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE CAFETERIA WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO FEED EVERYONE AND WE HAD TO HAVE FOOD STATIONS AT THE ENDS OF THE HALLS. AS CROWDED AS WE WERE IT WAS STILL A SAD DAY WHEN IN 1972 TRUMAN HIGH WAS OPENED AND WE LOST A PORTION OF OUR STUDENT BODY AND OF OUR EXCELLENT TEACHING STAFF.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE GREAT MARCHING BANDS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROGER CRAIG. INVITED TO PERFORM AT LIONS GAMES- THANKSGIVING DAY PARADES, ETC. THE BAND BUILT THEIR OWN BRIDGE OVER A LITTLE CREEK NORTH OF THE BUILDING SO THEY COULD PRACTICE ON THE FIELD BETWEEN NORTHLINE AND JFK

HOW ABOUT THE SPEED BUMPS ON THE DRIVE COMING OFF OF NORTHLINE.. ON A WEEK END NITE SOME ONE CAME IN AND

REMOVED THEM.. NEVER DID FIND OUT WHO... IS THERE A CONFESSION OUT THERE?

WHAT GREAT ATHLETIC BANQUETS. IN 1970 MR HAARALA WAS THE MC AND THE GUEST SPEAKER WAS - CAN YOU BELIEVE - GORDY HOWE OF THE DETROIT RED WINGS

IN 1974 THE MC WAS DONAVAN HANSON AND THE GUEST SPEAKER AGAIN HARD TO IMAGINE BUT IT WAS BO SCHEMBECHLER (I THINK MR DICKELMAN HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS) AND THE IN 1975 WE HAD DICK VITALE AS THE GUEST SPEAKER.. I CAN NOT IMAGINE THERE ARE MANY HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY WITH A LINE UP OF GUEST SPEAKERS LIKE THAT..

I'LL FOLLOW THIS UP WITH MORE MEMORIES SUCH AS THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTIC TEAMS - THE SUPER THEATER PRODUCTION OF GODSPEL AND MORE

Memory Walk—John F. Kennedy High School....by John Pantalone

MEMORIES - I ASKED FOR PEOPLE TO SEND IN THEIR MEMORIES ABOUT KENNEDY AND RECEIVED THIS GREAT EMAIL FROM ROGER CRAIG

THE KENNEDY EAGLE MARCHING BAND WAS RE-HEARSING AS USUAL ON THE PRACTICE FIELD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL- THE BAND HAD BEEN SELECTED TO BE THE FEATURED MARCHING BAND AT THE DETROIT LIONS-MINNESOTA VIKINGS FOOTBALL GAME DECEMBER 17, 1967. AS WE WERE REHEARSING AND I WAS YELLING AT THE BAND (AS USUAL) TROUGH MY PORTABLE PA SPEAKER, A BIG BLACK CADILLAC LIMO DROVE ONTO THE FIELD AND PARKED RIGHT ON THE FIFTY YARD LINE. THE BANK AND I WERE ASTOUNDED AS JUMPING OUT OF THE CAR WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HUBERT HUMPHREY. THE BAND- TO THEIR EVERLASTING CREDIT- FROZE AT ATTENTION AND DID NOT MOVE AS I GREETED THE VICE PRESIDENT AND ALL THE OCCUPANTS OF THE LIMO- CONGRESSMAN BILL FORD, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER, RAEFER JOHNSON AND A HOLLYWOOD STARS AND SECRET SERVICE MEN SURROUNDED THE FIELD.

MR. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY YELLED HIS PRAISES TO THE BAND AS ONE OF OUR RESERVE BAND MEMBERS RAN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL TO TELL PRINCIPAL JAMES MALEY THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS ON OUR PROPERTY. IT WAS LUNCH HOUR BUT NOTHING STOPPED ABOUT 1400 STUDENTS FROM RUNNING TO SURROUND THE FIELD. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY STOOD ON TOP OF HIS LIMO AND USED MY PORTABLE PA TO TELL ALL THE STUDENTS HOW PROUD HE WAS THAT OUR SCHOOL WAS THE FIRST SCHOOL EVER TO BE NAMED AFTER FORMER PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT WHEN HE WAS

ELECTED PRESIDENT HE WOULD GIVE OUR BAND THE PLACE OF HONOR IN HIS INAUGURAL PARADE DOWN PENNSYLVANIA AVE IN WASHINGTON D.C.. OUR STUDENT BODY ROARED AND CHEERED.

I DIRECTED THE BAND IN A SPECIAL SONG DEDICATED TO RICHARD NIXON CALLED "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE". MR. HUMPHREY LOVED IT. I AM SURE THAT WE CAN THANK CONGRESSMAN BILL FORD FOR THE IMPROMPTU STOP AT OUR SCHOOL AND JUST MAYBE THE FACT THAT HIS DAUGHTER MARGARET AND SON BILL WERE MEMBERS OF OUR BAND HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, MR. NIXON WON THE ELECTION THAT YEAR AND THE EAGLE MARCHING BAND NEVER GOT TO WASHINGTON D.C. HOWEVER, THE BAND DID DO A GREAT JOB AS THE FEATURED BAND AT THE LIONS-VIKING GAME BEFORE 50 THOUSAND PEOPLE. WHAT A MEMORY!

P. S. WHEN GORDIE HOWE WAS HONORED AT JFK DURING OUR VARSITY CLUB AWARDS NIGHT, I WAS THE OTHER HONOREE THAT EVENING. I STILL CHERISH THE JFK BLANKET PRESENTED TO ME AND REMEMBER WITH PRIDE THE NIGHT I SHARED THE STAGE WITH MY HERO, GORDIE HOWE. MY DAD WAS THERE TOO AND HE WAS HAPPY TO BE CLOSE TO HIS HERO, GORDIE, AS WELL.

MEMORIES ARE GREAT AND I HAVE HAD MANY WONDERFUL ONES FROM MY DAYS AT JFK....ROGER CRAIG

ISN'T THAT A SUPER LETTER... AND WASN'T MR. CRAIG A SUPER BAND DIRECTOR AND MAN..

Hey All you Truman grads, let's start a memory walk for Truman. Please share your memories to be e-mailed out to all the Truman grads and published in subsequent newsletters. E-mail your thoughts and memories to the Taylor Alumni Association at: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com