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STUDENTS  
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ALUMNI FOCUS:  
1SG SEAN F. REILLY  
CLASS OF 1981

## ANNOUNCING THE 2006 GILBERT SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

As part of our celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of William L. Gilbert, we are pleased to announce the inauguration of The Gilbert School Distinguished Alumni Awards program.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 awards, which will be given as part of our Homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be our pleasure to honor and recognize outstanding achievements of alumni of The Gilbert School in five different categories. Criteria and nomination forms can be found inside this newsletter, and on our website.

The Gilbert School Alumni Advisory Council, representing all alumni of The Gilbert School, will review the nominations and present their recommendations to the Executive Committee of The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation for final confirmation. Nominations will be accepted from alumni and friends of The Gilbert School at large. Throughout its century-long history, The Gilbert School has educated and graduated thousands of noteworthy alumni. We look forward to this opportunity to publicly recognize members of that group for their part in bringing pride and honor to their alma mater as well as to their fellow classmates. ❖

THE FIVE AWARDS WHICH MAY BE GIVEN EACH YEAR ARE:

THE GILBERT HERITAGE AWARD  
YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
THE W.L. GILBERT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE  
OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

## ~200 FOR THE 200<sup>TH</sup>~ HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH A GIFT TO THIS YEAR'S GILBERT ANNUAL FUND

In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the school's founder, William L. Gilbert (December 30, 2006), a permanent exhibit of Gilbert artifacts and alumni memorabilia will be created in his honor. This exhibit will be housed at the school and on display for viewing by the Gilbert School community as well as visitors to the building. A portion of the monies received through the 2006 Gilbert Annual Fund will be reserved for the creation of this exhibit, which will be maintained on an ongoing basis by the Historic Preservation Committee of The W.L. Gilbert Trust.

Anyone making a donation of \$200.00 or more to the 2006 Annual Fund (or \$20.00 for young alumni in the classes of 1995–2005) will have an opportunity to recognize a special person or group, or have their own name inscribed on a special plaque that will be placed with the display. This opportunity is being made available for a short time and cards will be included with the spring annual fund appeal. For

additional information, call the Alumni Office at (860) 738-9439 or visit our website at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org) and follow the Alumni link to *Giving Back* for a downloadable form to send in with your check.

If you have items that you think might be of historical significance and would like to either loan them for this display or gift them to the school's archives, please contact Cindy Gould, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at the school. ❖

**William Lewis Gilbert**  
**1806—2006**  
**Celebrating our Heritage**

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### STUDENTS TRAVEL TO NYC FOR *BODIES— THE EXHIBITION*

Mrs. Galuska got the year 2006 off to a good start by organizing a field trip to *BODIES – The Exhibition* at South Street Seaport in New York City. Mrs. Galuska's anatomy and physiology class, Mr. Brady's EMT class, and a number of other students were invited to go along on January 11, 2006.

*BODIES – The Exhibition* is a museum of human cadavers and organs that have been preserved using a revolutionary silicon polymer technique. The bodies were dissected to show the different body systems. Exhibited were many organs of the human body including hearts, brains, stomachs, and livers. Healthy and diseased tissues were represented. No body organ went unaccounted for. Students were able to hold in their hands preserved organs including a brain, liver, stomach, and muscle.

Also exhibited were 22 whole body specimens. Each was artistically posed into different positions including the "thinker," shooting a basketball, and throwing a baseball. Other specimens were dissected to illustrate specific organ systems including the muscular, nervous and circulatory. By the end of the exhibition students saw everything there is to see inside and outside of the human body from birth to death.

"*BODIES – The Exhibition* was a great field trip because we were able to see first hand what we are learning about in anatomy and physiology, as well as in EMT training. It allowed us to see what our bodies look like from the inside out— including how they look when we destroy them by smoking, when we develop cancer or experience a stroke. The field trip was a fascinating experience and helped to foster the desire for further pursuit in scientific fields of study for many of the students who attended. We highly recommend this experience for anybody who has the ability to go." ❖

—T.J. Retallick '07, Anna Lincavicks '06,  
Mrs. Andrea Galuska

*A portion of the cost of this trip was provided through a grant from the Fred and Mary Centrella Fund for Faculty and Student Enrichment.*

### YOUNG ALUMNI DAY AT GILBERT



Recent graduates visited The Gilbert School for Young Alumni & Career Day on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alumni from the Classes of 1996–2005 were invited to The Gilbert School for a special breakfast and to talk with our current seniors about college, work experiences and life in general beyond Gilbert. This year, sixteen alumni took time out of their busy schedules on the day before Thanksgiving to visit Winsted and share stories and advice.

This annual program is hosted by the Alumni Office and the Guidance Office. Graduates from the past ten years are invited to participate. If you would like to join us next year or at another time during the year to visit classrooms and share stories about your own experiences in the business world, please contact Mrs. Barber in the Guidance Office at [barberf@gilbertschool.org](mailto:barberf@gilbertschool.org). ❖



## SPORTS NEWS

ANNUAL ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL  
MATCH—NOVEMBER 23, 2005

Four decades of alumni were represented in November for the Annual Alumni Volleyball Match held the day before Thanksgiving at Gilbert. There were some competitive games, lots of laughs, and the players from the 1983 state finalist team enjoyed learning about and playing with the new rules that have been adopted since their graduation.

*Pictured L to R (front row): Alison Jones '04, Ashley Baril '04, Audra Vaccari '04, Erin Keefe '05. Jones plays for Smith College, Vaccari for Johnson & Wales and Keefe at Arcadia College.*

*Second row: Alesia Vaccari '02, Michele Blakeney '93, Carol Daukas Mierzwa '88, Jessica Leifert '01, Amanda Jassen '01. Vaccari and Mierzwa played at Springfield College, Leifert and Jassen played for Eastern Connecticut State University.*

*Third row: Brian Seaback '02, Trish Fisher Barrios '84, Maria Day Smith '84, Alyson Gunzinger Calafiore '84, Sue Emond '84, Tracey LaForge Gangi '84, Cindy Fixer '78, Tom Wood '02. Cindy Fixer is head coach for the current volleyball program at The Gilbert School.*



The Vaccari Sisters

*Audra '04 and Alesia '02 as pictured in the January 2006 issue of Volleyball Magazine (photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Vaccari). See the magazine for a full story on the Vaccari sisters.*

Audra and Alesia Vaccari are practically legends in the halls of The Gilbert School. They were both star volleyball players and members of the team that won the Class S state title for Gilbert in the 2000–2001 school year. Having chosen different colleges upon graduation, the sisters don't have the chance to play together much these days. That changed this past season when an opportunity presented itself and they were on opposite sides of the court—Audra for Johnson & Wales (RI) and Alesia for Springfield College (MA). Springfield won that match 3 – 0.

Kudos to both women—and best of luck for continued success—both on and off the court! ❖

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LWINTER SPORTS WAS OFF TO A GREAT START  
WITH 120 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING

## FALL NOTEWORTHY:

- Danielle Niculescu, 2nd Team All League, Soccer
- Ted Michelson, 2nd Team All League, Soccer
- Hannah Kenney, 2nd Team All League, Volleyball
- Eric Riiska, All Uncas Division of Pequot League
- Ben Kendrick, All Uncas Division of Pequot League
- Justin Arcelaschi, All Uncas Division of Pequot League

## FALL HONOR ROLL:

- 32 of our athletes made All Scholastic Berkshire League (88 average or better) for first quarter.
- 60 athletes made the Honor Roll.
- Girls Volleyball was the winner of the Ted Alex League Sportsmanship Award.

## WINTER CAPTAINS:

- Boys Basketball—Dan Hicks
- Girls Basketball—Stephanie Jones, Brittany Smith
- Swimming—Danielle Niculescu, Nick Cappabianca, Gabrielle Groth
- Wrestling—Ben Kendrick, Chris Shank, John Groth
- Cheerleading—Caroline Seaback, Hilary Upton, Ashley Hoxie, Shannon Bailey

—Michael Gamari, Athletic Director

Yellow Jacket sports schedules are posted on our website at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org).





# REUNIONS

## 50<sup>th</sup> 1955

A 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion luncheon for the Class of 1955 was held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Old Newgate Coon Club in Norfolk. Special thanks to Josephine Radocchio, Betty Curtiss Driscoll and Beth Doty Breakell for creating a special event.



## 35<sup>th</sup> 1970



**T**he Class of 1970 held its 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion on November 26<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Peak in Winsted. Many classmates got together early to celebrate the night before at Jessie's Restaurant.

In honor of their reunion, members of the class are making contributions to the Class of 1970 Memorial Landscape Fund. This is a special fundraising effort which is expected to continue until the class holds its 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2010. At that time it is hoped that the \$10,000 minimum required for a permanent fund will have been raised for purposes of enhancing the school's landscape in memory of deceased classmates. Those interested in contributing to the fund should contact Joanne Cannavo Marzullo or the Gilbert School Office of Development and Alumni Relations. ❖



Thanks to everyone who made our reunion so much fun! Thank you to all those who participated in the reunion committee, and to all of you who bought tickets and attended the reunion, and some who even traveled a great distance to get there! We would like to make special mention of Cindy Eseppe Rines, who not only helped book the band for our gig, but then proceeded to entertain us, too, both at the reunion and at the after-reunion party at Mario's on Main Street. Thanks, Cindy, for keeping our feet moving!

One of the most successful ideas was to include the *Class of 1981* in our festivities. We've even gotten some feedback that we should do it again like that...but it will be a while before we start making any plans, so let's just enjoy the fond memories we have of this reunion.

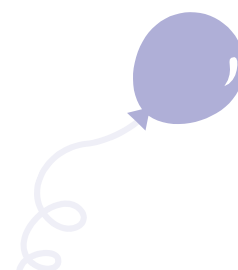
A special gift in honor of our reunion was made in memory of Barbara Ryan's sister Sheila and her father Ed Ryan, a guidance counselor at Gilbert for many years. The class gave nearly \$1,000 to the Edwin M. Ryan Scholarship Fund.

Until next time...

-Susan Gifford-Deleon and Julie Phillips

Visit [www.gilbert80.com](http://www.gilbert80.com)  
for more information  
on the Class of 1980 and the reunion

25<sup>th</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>  
1980 & 1981





# 20<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup> : 1985 & 1988



Thanksgiving weekend came and went for most people. For the Gilbert graduates of 1985 and 1988 it was time for their 20<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> reunions, respectively. This was the first-ever reunion for the class of 1988; the Class of 1985 previously celebrated a 10<sup>th</sup> year reunion.

"The event was held at the Cornucopia. Delicious food was served and there were many things on the tables to help keep us nostalgic. Everyone was so excited to see each other that no one danced! The reunion sparked a blog at [www.gilbert85.blogspot.com](http://www.gilbert85.blogspot.com) where classmates can keep in touch. Although there were signs up on each display urging people to register at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org) it is not happening—please register there if you haven't already! Looking forward to the 25<sup>th</sup>!"

—Kathleen Oyanadel

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

### 2006

Representatives of the following classes have been in contact with Alumni Office with regard to planning of a reunion. For more information, contact Cindy Gould at (860) 738-9439. Details will be posted at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org) as they become available.

1951—October 13 (Homecoming Weekend)

1971—October 14 (Homecoming Weekend)

1976—Date TBA

1986 & 1987—Date TBA

1996—Date TBA

2001—Date TBA

### 2007

Date Confirmed:  
50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the  
Class of 1957—October 6, 2007

Classes ending in 2 and 7 will celebrate during 2007. If you are interested in planning a reunion for your class, send an email to [gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org](mailto:gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org) or call (860) 738-9439. It's never too early to get the ball rolling!

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**M**usicians take note: The Gilbert School Alumni Band, under the direction of former music director Ed Keeley, once again “wowed” guests at Homecoming 2005 with their talent and enthusiasm. We are proud to welcome this group to our stage every October. If you are interested in joining the group, or know someone who might be, please contact the Alumni Office. Family and friends of alumni are welcome, too! Rehearsals are generally once a week for the three weeks prior to Homecoming. ❖



**H**appy Anniversary to St. Anthony's School! During 2005, St. Anthony's celebrated 140 years of Catholic education. We invited those alumni who attended both Gilbert and St. Anthony's to gather for a photograph in honor of this special occasion. St. Anthony's Principal Mrs. Pat Devanney was presented with a citation from Gilbert Trust President Tom Botticelli honoring St. Anthony's as a partner in education. Mr. Botticelli is pictured at left with Mrs. Devanney; Gilbert's Superintendent Dr. David Cressy is pictured on the right.

If you are pictured and have not received your copy of this photo, please contact Gilbert's Alumni Office at (860) 738-9439 and we will be sure to get one in the mail to you. ❖



**T**he Gilbert School Chapter of DECA, started in 2003 under the leadership of faculty member and alumnus John Dombrowski '73, set up shop for the Homecoming festivities in October.

DECA, which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America, is active at the school and in the community. The group operates the school store, where students can purchase supplies and a wide variety of logo merchandise such as sweatshirts, hats, sports bags, etc. Logo items can be viewed and purchased on the Gilbert School website at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org). ❖



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[www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org)  
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## ALUMNI FOCUS—



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT SEAN F. REILLY '81 UNITED STATES ARMY



*Pictured left: Bravo Company Commander, Company Executive Officer, Platoon leaders, Platoon Sergeants, ISG Sean Reilly (far right).*

Members of the school's National Honor Society along with students in Deb Poirier's American Studies classes came together in December to support a Gilbert School alumnus and his troops in Iraq. First Sergeant Sean F. Reilly '81, son of Gerald Reilly '54 and Patricia Linkovich Reilly '56, was deployed to Iraq in the fall—his fourth deployment in more than 16 years of service with the United States Army. He leads 109 soldiers of Bravo Company—both men and women—in the town of Ar Ramadi.

Wishing to do something special for Sean and his fellow soldiers at the holidays, Ms. Poirier and her students immediately went to work and organized events that brought in food and supplies for the troops. By the time school was in recess for the balance of December, three huge boxes had been packed and sent off to Iraq, providing some much-needed support—both moral and physical. In emails to Ms. Poirier and her classes, Sean wrote, "To all of you who have shown care and concern for what I consider my family here in Iraq, I thank you and wish you a safe and happy New Year." When the last of the boxes arrived in early

January he wrote, "We received the third very large box a couple of days before I left for Jordan; it was like Christmas all over again. I hope everyone back there is proud of what you have done for a bunch of kids trying to get

company has found 92 IEDs and 30 have found them—meaning that 30 exploded under the patrol vehicles. The 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon continues to provide escort/security to just about anybody or anything throughout

Bravo Company's missions in Ar Ramadi are mainly convoy escorts, IED search and route clearance. Convoy escorts go ahead of a convoy to ensure the area is clear of insurgents and they also maintain a presence in the rear of the convoy. The convoys could be transporting troops, supplies, etc. As you might imagine, the missions are not troop-friendly. The Gilbert School community wishes the very best to Sean and his fellow soldiers as they continue to serve and protect our country.

## GILBERT STUDENTS BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS FOR SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

through a pretty tough year. Thank you for putting this together...you've made a difference."

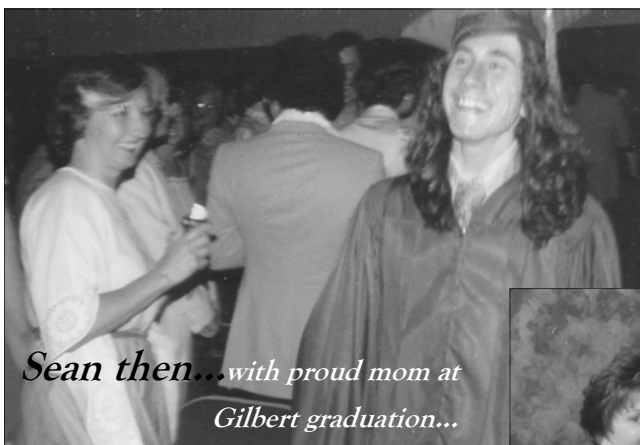
Sean has been very gracious in taking the time to communicate with Ms. Poirier's students and to provide them with some insight into his role as an American soldier. He writes, "My most recent activities included a trip to the Jordanian border with our 1<sup>st</sup> platoon. It was an escort mission bringing medical personnel and supplies from the border to Falujah. Long trip! The 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon continues to work the downtown Ramadi area five nights a week searching for and destroying IEDs (improvised explosive devices). To date, the

the Al Anbar Province. When I say "escort" this means a platoon of soldiers and eight M1114 heavily armed and armored trucks providing security out on the road. These platoons are what you might call rolling body guards and the vehicles are the best the Army has and offer the most protection."

A combat engineer specializing in explosives and demolitions, Sean is with the 54<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion stationed in Bamberg, Germany. After spending a few weeks training in Kuwait, his unit moved to its current location in Ar Ramadi, which is within a province that is populated by the Sunni. The Sunni are Saddam supporters.

Sean graduated from The Gilbert School in 1981 and moved to Florida where he lived for several years, returning to Connecticut in 1988. He decided to join the military and enlisted in the United States Army in 1989. He met his wife Cherie in 1991 while stationed in California and they were married in 1992. Sean was pleased with the discipline, direction and opportunities that the military provided for him and made the decision to remain enlisted. He has been stationed at Fort Ord, California; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Polk, Louisiana and Bamberg, Germany. ❖





Our thanks to Cherie Reilly and Sean's parents for providing background information and photographs to share with the Gilbert School community. Special thanks to Ms. Poirier and her students for reaching out to Sean and his comrades. If you would like to write to Sean and the members of Bravo Company, please contact the Alumni Office for a mailing address. Letters of support would be greatly appreciated.



Sean has been in the Army for almost 17 years. Here is some background of note:

#### Deployments:

- 1989: to the Republic of Panama in support of Operation Just Cause
- 1991: to Iraq during Operation Desert Storm in support of the liberation of Kuwait
- 1996: to the Sinai Peninsula
- 2005: Ar Ramadi, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sean is a Master-rated Jumpmaster (parachutist), performing more than 100 jumps both during the day and night, with light and heavy load.

In September 1997 he participated in the longest flight in history during an Airborne mission: flying 19 hours non-stop from the United States to the Republic of Kazakhstan. This mission earned him the Russian Parachute Badge.

In 2003 he was a recipient of the Army Corps of Engineer's Bronze de Fleury Medal. To receive this award you must be nominated by your peers for "...significant service or support to an element of the U.S. Army Engineer Regiment."

*Alumni Focus* is a continuing feature in the *Yellow Jacket*. Suggestions for future articles are always welcome. Contact The Gilbert School Alumni Office by phone or email: [gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org](mailto:gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org).

## ALUMNI NEWS



## 1937

*Harry Risedorf* writes, "Still working full time for Avis Rent-a-Car System at Windsor Locks and still playing trumpet in my Dixie 4 group."

## 1944

From *Beverly Bradshaw-Carbonella*, "I downsized, sold the historic Italian Consulate and moved across the square to a townhouse where my son John was born in 1964! I am right back where I started from forty years ago. Wooster Square (Conn.) is a national landmark and a historic district. I was a commissioner for ten years."

## 1948

From *Mildred Lambertson Loomis*—"Married *Henry Loomis '46* (passed away in May of 2005); have three children and seven grandchildren. Moved to Marblehead, Mass.; love it in the winter."

## 1949

Congratulations to *Bill Hutton*, who was recently appointed National Secretary for the Korean War Veterans Association. Bill writes that he is "officially retired; Sandy still selling bonds. Recently, we moved into a condo at Belleair Biltmore area, Florida."

## 1953

*Jack Darcey* writes, "On November 8, 2005 I was re-elected to the West Hartford Board of

Education for a second four-year term. Two weeks later I was re-elected Chair by my fellow Democrats. This will be my fourth one-year term as Chair. I continue to teach Spanish at UCONN, West Hartford campus. I went there for one semester and eleven years later I'm still on the faculty! One of these years I plan to retire completely, but in the meantime I'm having fun. When that's no longer the case, I'll say adios to both "jobs."

## 1954

*Anita Caine Rocheleau* is retired and living in Florida for the past nine years. She writes, "Very active in my community; I do the audit for the association as well as host many events. I've directed two plays and love playing bingo and doing many crafts. I have four children, one in Ohio, one in California and two in Connecticut. I have seven grandchildren and am expecting my third great grandchild in March. None of the hurricanes have affected me, as I am quite central. My husband and I will never move back north—we love the Florida sunshine! Hello to all my fellow classmates."

## 1966

Kudos to *Lucinda Sherwood* on the recent publication of her book, entitled *The Adventures of Sandy Woodland*.

## 1974

Congratulations to *Walter St. Onge*, who was recently honored by his peers for inclusion in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in*

*America*. Walter is a partner with the Boston law firm of Palmer & Dodge.

## 1978

*Ron Mele*, a retired Air Force Officer, recently began flying a Canadair Regional Jet for Northwest Airlink (operated by Pinnacle Airlines). He lives with his 18-year-old son in South Dakota and flies out of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

## 1982

Congratulations to *Todd Schaller*, who took over as commander of the investigative services division of the Torrington Police Department on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 1985

From *Sandi Lynn Fratini Scherer*, "We very much enjoyed the 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion! Thank you to Kathleen for all of her hard work. We can't wait for the 25<sup>th</sup>!"

## 1990

From *Lynn DeFranceschi Amato*, "My husband and I finally moved into our new house that we've spent over two years building and designing. We also just had our first son—Jason Michael Amato—born on September 6<sup>th</sup>."

Congratulations and best wishes to *Cory Hudak*, who was married on September 3, 2005 to Tracy Ann Sullivan at the St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Sound Beach, New York. A reception followed at Lombardi's on the Sound at Port Jefferson.

## 1993

Congratulations to *Kerri Burch Battistoni* and *Paul Battistoni '91*, who welcomed twin boys Jake David and Dylan Ray on July 23, 2005.

## 1997

Kudos to *Air Force Captain Gregory T. McCann*, who is currently piloting the C-5 cargo plane pictured below—the largest in the Air Force fleet. Greg graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2001, received his pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base and is currently stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. His missions have included flying cargo planes into Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq as well as flying presidential support missions to those areas.



Greg's brother *Timothy McCann '95* also graduated from the Air Force Academy, Class of 1999. Tim flies C-17s (cargo) for the Air Force and is stationed in Charleston, South Carolina.

## 2000

Best of luck to *Matt Flaherty* who recently accepted a position as a paralegal for a Wakefield, Massachusetts, law office.

**BIRTHS**

Lynn (DeFranceschi) Amato '90 and husband  
Son, Jason Michael, born September 6, 2005

Kerri (Burch) Battistoni '93 and Paul Battistoni '91  
Twin sons, Jake David and Dylan Ray, born July 23, 2005

Willis Whalen '84 and wife  
Son, Austin James, born July 21, 2005

**MARRIAGES**

Cory L. Hudak '90 and Tracy Ann Sullivan  
September 3, 2005

**UPDATE:****2006 ALUMNI DIRECTORY**

By now, you should all have received at least the first mailing from Harris Connect with a questionnaire asking for updates to your alumni profile. Please take a few moments to complete and return the questionnaire. Anticipated release date for the new directory will be late 2006/early 2007. Please contact the Alumni Office with any questions you may have about this process. ❖

**IN MEMORIAM**

Paul L. Allan '29  
February 5, 2006

Arthur M. Goddard '43  
February 3, 2006

Henry Loomis '46  
May 2005

Frank J. Staszowski '35  
February 20, 2006

Rebecca Hansford Beach '35  
November 24, 2005

Edward P. Goodrow '41  
June 17, 2005

Barbara Peck Louchen '51  
February 19, 2006

Edward (Ted) Saunders '53  
March 10, 2006

Flavian A. Blasette '52  
September 27, 2005

Bertha Hobson Hamm '54  
February 9, 2006

Helen Stacy Maxwell '50  
December 9, 2005

Roberta Barrett Vaccari '39  
March 9, 2006

Leon A. Deloy '44  
Date unknown

Gail Hawley-Zygmunt '79  
January 3, 2006

Eugene F. McMahon '57  
November 5, 2005

Rosemary Larson Williams '50  
March 19, 2006

Shirley Carotenuti Dembushack '51  
October 14, 2005

Carolyn Fancher Hodge '36  
December 8, 2005

Catherine Weigold Osborn '48  
October 28, 2005

Robert O. Zecher '38  
November 26, 2005

Janet Nalette Dupont '53  
September 18, 2005

Roy Kent, Former Gilbert Coach  
October 2005

Joann Ostrowsey Pelgar '49  
September 11, 2005

Ines Fragale Ginella '39  
September 7, 2005

Augustin (Augie) Lizotte '44  
December 5, 2005

Irma Spring Phelps '40  
January 3, 2006

**Concerning items in  
Alumni News**

Items included in the *Alumni News* section of the *Yellow Jacket* are submitted directly to us by alumni or are gathered from public sources such as local newspapers. The purpose of *Alumni News* is to pass on good wishes, thoughts and news of your classmates and to recognize accomplishments. If you prefer that we do not include you by name in future issues, please notify the Office of Development & Alumni Relations in writing.

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*Let us hear from you!*

Whether you've recently married, celebrated an anniversary or an addition to your family, received a promotion, changed occupations, started a business, written a book, won an award—or just want to send greetings to your classmates—let us know!

Fill out this form and mail it to the Alumni Office, submit online at [www.gilbertschool.org](http://www.gilbertschool.org) or send us an email! We—and your classmates—would enjoy hearing from you!

Photos for publication in the Yellow Jacket are always welcome!



Calling all alumni! Send us your news for the next issue of the *Yellow Jacket*!

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Office of Development & Alumni Relations, The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Avenue, Winsted, CT 06098

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Coach Youmans  
Memorial Golf  
Tournament**

**Torrington Country Club—July 24, 2006**

This annual golf tournament is held each summer and a portion of the proceeds goes to the Charles E. Youmans Memorial Fund at The Gilbert School for the benefit of the athletic department. If you are interested in either playing in the tournament or participating as a sponsor, please contact the Gilbert School Alumni Office for details.

**SPRING ALUMNI GATHERING—MAY 6:**

Warner Theatre, Torrington, CT

Special Pre-show Reception and Tickets to “CATS”



**SPRING CONCERT—MAY 9:**

featuring

The Gilbert School Concert Choir  
and Symphonic Band

**BLUE & GOLD REUNION—MAY 19:**

Special Celebration for Classes of 1956 and earlier

Watch the mail for your invitation!

**BLUE & GOLD GOLF TOURNAMENT—MAY 23:**

Oakridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

For details, visit our website or call Mr. Gamari at the school.

***Save the Date: Homecoming: October 14, 2006  
Featuring the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Awards***

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