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The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

Homecoming Weekend to be 'special' for Coach Burroughs

Coach Doug Burroughs, who led the Boy's Soccer Team from 1985 until 1998, and the Girl's Soccer Team from 1996 until 1998, will be inducted into the Bobcat Sports Hall of Fame during halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 1, 2010. Coach Burroughs, who was the first coach for the GBHS girls soccer team, also successfully commanded 13 First Team All-State Soccer players.

Former soccer players, and their families, are invited to attend the Distinguished Alumni Banquet on Saturday, October 2, 2010 to honor and "roast" Coach Burroughs. This will be a great opportunity

for you to meet and talk with your former soccer teammates, people that you might not see at a typical class reunion, as well as re-acquaint yourselves with Coach Burroughs. You are welcome to bring spouses, families, and friends to this event.

The banquet will be held at the Elks Club on the corner of Maple and Vassar roads. A Social Hour will begin at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, and the ceremonies will start at about 8pm. Ticket prices will be \$30 per person and can be purchased beginning August 15th by telephoning the Alumni Office at 810-591-6021. The deadline for ticket purchase is September 15th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you live anywhere near the Grand Blanc area, and are a GBHS alumni, we would like you to represent your class and join the GBHS Alumni Association Board of Directors. We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, and on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in Room 234 at GBHS East Campus. Our meetings are from 7pm until 8pm. Help us plan our Alumni Homecoming Activities and the next Bobcat Alumni Banner newsletter. Visitors may park along the bus loading zone on Jewett Trail and come in the doors to the left of the library.



ALUMNI BANQUET

The Grand Blanc High School Alumni Association will be holding its seventh annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Elks Club. This is a great opportunity for all GBHS alumni to join us and renew their friendships with fellow graduates from the past. Nearly 1,000 former Bobcats and their families and friends have joined us for this annual event over the past six years. The Alumni Banquet is held each year on the Saturday during Homecoming Weekend. After a social hour, a dinner will be held and then a short program will follow recognizing the Alumni Awardees and other teams, or clubs, celebrating group reunions.

Reservations can be made beginning August 15, 2010 by telephoning the GBHS Alumni Office at 810-591-6021. The cost is \$30.00 per person and the deadline is September 15, 2010. You can charge the tickets using your VISA card, or you can stop by the Alumni Office and pay by cash or check. Please do not send your payment in the mail.

Celebrating our 74th Annual Bobcat Homecoming

Thursday - September 30, 2010

Queen's Court Assembly

8:00am - Tartoni Athletic Center

Friday - October 1, 2010

Interclass Games

8:45am - Tartoni Athletic Center

Parade

5:00pm - Saginaw Street Downtown GB

Game vs. Pinckney

7:00pm - Frank Thomas Field

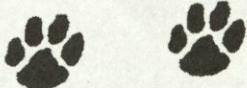
Half - Time Festivities

8:15pm - Frank Thomas Field

Saturday - October 2, 2010

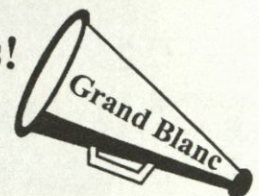
Alumni Banquet

6:00pm - Elks Club



Homecoming Notes

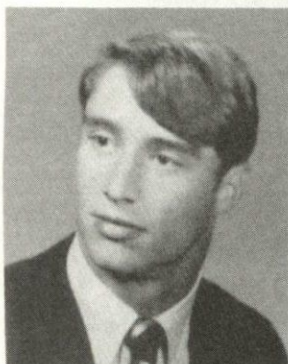
Go Bobcats!



- Our Grand Marshall will be announced at a later date.
- Tickets are on sale for the game during the entire week of Homecoming in the Athletic Office. Please get them in advance and save waiting in long lines at the gates. The cost is \$5 per person.
- The Parade begins at the High School East Campus at 5:00pm. It works it's way to the High School West Campus lower parking lot as a finishing area.
- Half-Time festivities include the introduction of our Alumni Award Winners and team reunions, the crowning of the Homecoming Queen, the Marching Band, and the announcement of the winning class float.
- Alumni Banquet tickets are available by calling the Alumni Office at 810-591-6021 by September 15, 2010. The cost is \$30 per person. You can charge them using your VISA Card, or stop at our Alumni Office and pay by cash or check. Please do not send your payment in the mail.

Distinguished Alumni 2010

The Grand Blanc High School Alumni Association is proud to honor three former Bobcats for their life's work and accomplishments, and the difference they have made in their community and the lives of others. Each will be joining us for our Homecoming 2010 weekend where they will ride in the Homecoming Parade and be introduced at our Homecoming Halftime celebration. Each of them will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award at the Alumni Banquet, Saturday night, October 2nd. Our honorees are **Scott Mitchell '70**, **Dr. Sandy McAllister '81**, and **Dr. Brian Reemtsen '85**.



Scott Mitchell

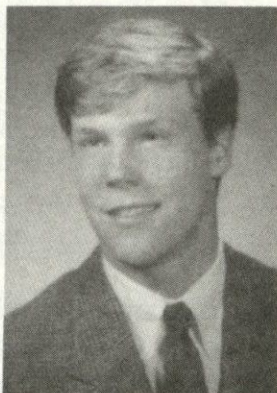
Scott Mitchell graduated from Penn State University as a scholar athlete in 1974. Scott played football for the Nittany Lions under Coach Joe Paterno and played in the 1972 Cotton Bowl, the 1973 Sugar Bowl, and the 1974 Orange Bowl. He continued his education receiving his MBA from Michigan State in 1988, and completed the

Management Program in 2004 at the University of Chicago.

Scott has worked for General Motor's AC Division & DELPHI for 35 years starting in Flint at AC Spark Plug as a Manufacturing Supervisor. He's also worked in Labor Relations/Personnel, Plant Manager in Lockport N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., and Sandusky, OH. Scott was the Director of World Manufacturing for DELPHI, Director of the Saginaw Steering Group, General Director Delphi Auto Holding Group and Scott is currently Vice President of Global Operations for Delphi.

Brian Reemtsen received his undergraduate degree from UCLA in 1990, and received his medical degree from the New York Medical College in 1995. Brian completed his internship and residency in surgery at UCLA from 1995-2002. He has completed Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowships at the University of Washington Medical Center and the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

Dr. Reemtsen has built the top-notch Pediatric Cardio-Thoracic Surgery program in the new Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, where he saves the lives of children every day.



Brian Reemtsen

Sandy McAllister graduated from GBHS in 1981, and took classes at the Antwerp International School where she did some great traveling through Europe with her family. She then went to U of M 1982-1986. Loving both science and business, she started off with a foot in each camp until international business won out (it was the 80's and international business was the thing to do back then!) Plus, she was very inspired by her accounting teacher from GBHS, Mrs. Best.



Sandy McAllister

After U of M, she worked in the incentive travel business in St. Louis where she was able to travel around the world with other people her age right out of college.

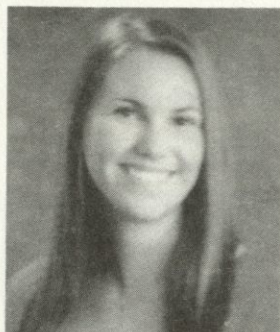
After some years of traveling, she realized that her real passion was for science (inspired by GBHS teachers: Mr. Schauer (biology), Mr. Peterson (chemistry), Mr. Mackey (physics), to name some). She believes Mrs. Elledge (calculus) challenged her the most.

While working in marketing for the travel company, she began taking science classes in the evening at Washington University in St. Louis. She enjoyed it so much that she knew she wanted a career in scientific research. So, Sandy left her traveling job and found a job in a research lab studying heart disease. She worked full time in the lab and took undergrad classes in order to fulfill requirements for graduate school. Four years later, Sandy finally entered graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis. After getting her PhD at Wash. Univ., she did her post-graduate training at MIT in Cambridge, MA where she worked in the lab of one of (if not) the most famous cancer researchers in the world, Dr. Robert Weinberg. Then, Sandy was hired on to the faculty of Harvard Medical School as an Asst. Professor where she has her own research laboratory studying breast cancer.

In 2009, The McAllister Lab at the Harvard Medical School was named after Sandy for her research work related to cancer.

Sandy will be coming to Grand Blanc for Homecoming week and speaking to the Advanced Placement classes in Chemistry and Biology about her work, and how Grand Blanc High School prepared her for success.

Milian's Math Skills Add Up for Ball State



Elizabeth Milian, GBHS Class of 2006, is an aspiring math teacher and a pitcher for Ball State with a penchant for piling up numbers. Elizabeth ranks among the national leaders in earned run average, wins and strikeouts per seven innings. Ball State is a productive team at the plate, but when Milian pitches, the math is pretty simple.

"We don't have to press offensively," Cardinals coach Craig Nicholson said. "We can stay relaxed and we know that she's going to give us a chance to win. It doesn't mean we're going to win every time she pitches, but we know that, hey, we're going to have a chance to win. And if we have to win 1-0, we can do that with her on the mound."

Milian, whose last name is fittingly pronounced like the seven-digit number, can handle slightly more complicated equations. In fifth grade, a teacher noted she had a particular aptitude and affection for math and gave her both extra encouragement and extra lessons in algebra, and she found her calling. Now majoring in secondary math education, she carried a 3.97 GPA into her senior year and hopes to eventually teach at the middle school level.

Her passion for math might not be quite as unique as her skills in the circle, but both distinguish her from large numbers of her peers.

"I'm the crazy math girl on our team. It's all right; I'm OK with it," Milian said.

She accompanied that admission with a laugh, the way she prefaces and punctuates a lot of sentences, but she wasn't kidding about the extent of the eccentricity. Growing up, she wore No. 7 and eventually No. 77 in softball. When the latter wasn't available in volleyball, she picked No. 27 because, as she explained, it was "two sevens" instead. When she got to high school and No. 27 wasn't available, she picked No. 9 because, well, it was the sum of two and seven.

Her number at Ball State? No. 16. You do the arithmetic.

"I mean, I can't help it," Milian said. "Sometimes my brain -- I'll look at license plates and figure out patterns. It just doesn't really shut off, so I guess you could say I was born to love math."

"In the beginning of the season, I literally have to stop myself [from] keeping stats in my head," Milian said. "Or else I would have my batting average calculated or my ERA calculated in my head, if I didn't literally shut it off when I was playing. So I have to purposely not think about those things, so that it's not on my brain when I'm pitching or hitting."

Not that it's easy to find flaws in the results. She has been Ball State's ace since she arrived from Grand Blanc, Mich. (sister Rebekah, GBHS Class of '03, started as an outfielder for Michigan's national championship team in 2005). She struck out a modest 113 batters in 221 innings as a freshman and 139 in 217.1 innings as a sophomore, posting 18 wins the latter season, good at the time for fifth in program history. Yet not satisfied, she said she went home to Michigan the summer before her junior season with a goal of reinventing herself, working on new pitches and retooling her approach. The result last season was 21 wins and 204 strikeouts in 224 innings. And after another summer of work, she's on pace for her best season yet.

It's a bit of an unusual mix for an ace -- the bubbly, cheerful personality mixed with the intense work ethic and self-awareness, as if the two components leave little room for the glowering, the posing or the faux nonchalance of more than a few pitchers in the college ranks. While some pitchers seem to want you to believe they're too cool for school, as the saying goes, Milian seemingly can't help but enjoy herself. As you might expect from someone with such an affection for school.



Would you like to join us for the Alumni Banquet?

It will be held on
Saturday, October 2, 2010
at
the Elks Club on the corner of
Maple Road and Vassar Road.
Social hour is at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm
Program begins at 8pm
The cost is \$30 per person.
Beginning August 15, 2010
you may make your reservations
by calling
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The DEADLINE is September 15, 2010.
We are expecting a full house, so don't
wait until the last minute to make your
reservation and miss out on this
memorable evening.



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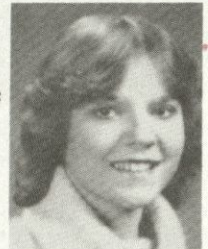
You can reach the
Grand Blanc Alumni Association
on the web at:
www.grandblancalumni.schoolfusion.us
Each class has their own class website,
with more detailed info about it.
You can also reach
Charlie Carmody, President
of the Alumni Association, at:
ccarmody@grandblancschools.org

GRAND BLANC GRADS HELP STEER SCHOOL SUCCESS



Jane (Ward) Brewer attain this position.
Having been a member of the
School Board for twenty years, Jane
began her tenure in 1990, and has
been the Board President since
2006. Jane retired in July from the

For the past four years, the
president of the School Board for
the Grand Blanc Community
Schools has been Jane Ward
Brewer, GBHS Class of '66. She
is the first ever GBHS graduate to



Debbie Armour
Hancock

Board. However,
she will hand the
torch as School Board President
to Debbie Armour Hancock,
GBHS Class of '81.



Larry Polzin

Debbie has been on the Board
since 2001 and becomes our
second GBHS graduate to preside
over the Board.

In addition, Debbie's Vice-President is also a
GBHS graduate - Larry Polzin, GBHS
Class of '63.

Larry has been on the Board since 1996 and
was a recipient of the GBHS Alumni Association
Distinguished Alumni Community Service award
in 2009.

Best wishes to Jane in your retirement and to
Debbie and Larry as you continue to lead our
school districts Board of Education.

How Times Have Changed



John Ward

This picture is from the
1966 Echo. Here you see
John Ward, Class of '69,
Jane Ward's brother, in an
ad for Day Bros. Hardware.

MESSAGES, REUNIONS, ETC.

REUNION

The Class of 1984 is once again planning next year's
'80's Bobcat Bash to be held on
Saturday, July 23, 2011
at

The Jewel of Grand Blanc, formerly the
Grand Blanc Country Club on Perry Road.
There will be a "Happy Hour" for the Class of '84'
from 5-7pm and then the club will be open to all
Bobcats and guests at 7pm. The Classes of 1980,
1985, and 1986 are all planning their class reunions
around this event. There will be more details from
each class in the 2011 Spring issue of the Alumni
Bobcat Banner.

Class of 1960

Vada (Bryant) Riederich writes,
"I'm new at maintaining our class web page
(<http://grandblanc.alumni.schoolfusion.us/>) but I'm
having fun with it! Don't be afraid to take this task
on for your graduating year!"

Class of 1967

Sharon (Coats) Brown writes,
"Would love to hear from anyone from
Class of '67, especially Harriet Blodgett."



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