

# Bobcat Alumni *Banner*

• Grand Blanc High School • 12500 South Holly Road • Grand Blanc, MI 48439 •

810-591-7378 • [hswww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us/alumni](http://hswww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us/alumni)

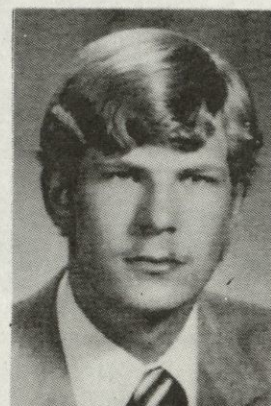
The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

## *Our Distinguished Alumni For 2005*

The Grand Blanc High School Alumni Association is proud to recognize four former Bobcats as Distinguished Alumni for 2005: Joyce (Sette) Horn '45, Tom Pettit '64, Dennis Smith '78 and Kam Towns '78. They were nominated by family and friends, then selected as distinguished alumni for their significant contribution to their local community, excelling in their career or profession, or the impact they have made on the lives of others. They will be honored during Homecoming weekend October 7th and 8th by riding in the Homecoming Parade, being introduced at the Homecoming game, and receiving their award at the Alumni Banquet.



**Joyce (Sette) Horn** is an accomplished pianist, teacher and professor of Music. She recently completed her 40th year teaching at Cornerstone University.



**Dennis Smith** spent many years working in the City of Grand Blanc as dispatcher, police officer, fire fighter and building inspector. He is currently the Fire Chief in Fenton and responsible for the Fire Engineering program at Mott College.



**Tom Pettit** has spent his life building the baseball program in the Grand Blanc community - including coaching kids and umpires, running tournaments, developing and managing the construction of baseball fields at Bocentennial Park.



**Kam Towns** has been the Prosecuting Attorney in the Homicide Division of Wayne County for two decades, successfully arguing hundreds of trials including 16 homicide trials with all guilty verdicts in one year.

We invite all Bobcat alums, family and friends to join us for our Alumni Banquet on October 8th to honor our four Distinguished Alumni for 2005. Reservations for the dinner can be made in September by calling (810) 591-6014. The cost for dinner is \$20 per person.



## A Message From the President

Hello Bobcat Alumni! The Alumni Association hopes you enjoy this edition of the Bobcat Alumni

Banner. If you are interested in continuing to receive this newsletter, please consider a contribution to the Alumni Association.

The Grand Blanc Educational Foundation has again underwritten the cost of printing and sending this newsletter to you, and we are grateful for their continued support of the Alumni Association. In addition, they have funded our efforts to complete Alumni Hall at Grand Blanc High School. We are continuing to scan and build composite pictures for all the graduating classes at GBHS, with the help of John Schlaud '52. Then we mount, assemble, frame and hang the pictures in Alumni Hall for all to see. Within the next year, we will complete this long project. You will be able to see all the graduating classes from 1927 until 2005 when you visit Alumni Hall.

Our 68th Homecoming will be October 7th and 8th, 2005. We invite you to join us for the festivities. The parade, football game vs. Flushing, half-time crowning of the Queen and King, and post-game band show will take place on Friday evening. Then, ALL GBHS ALUMNI, family and friends are invited to join us on October 8th for the Alumni Banquet. This has become a reunion for many former Bobcats. The Banquet will be held in the Perry Gymnasium starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. We will be honoring our Distinguished Alumni for 2005, and enjoying the 1985



Charlie Carmody  
GBHS '80

Girls Golf and Football team reunions too. Please call for reservations in September at (810) 591-6014.

The Alumni Association would like to give special thanks to Bobcat Alums: Mike Lyon, Don Clark and Joan Batchelor for their recent significant giving to the Alumni Association. We appreciate your gifts and will use them on future Alumni projects.

If you need to reach the Alumni Association, please call (810) 591-7378 or email me at [ccarmody@grandblancschools.org](mailto:ccarmody@grandblancschools.org). Thanks again for your continuing support of your Alumni Association.

- Charlie Carmody



## Great Bobcat Teams to Reunite This Fall

Homecoming 2005 will be a special time for two great teams from the athletic history of Grand Blanc High School. The 1985 Girls Golf State Championship team and 1985 Big Nine Championship Football team will be having their 20 year team reunions as part of Homecoming weekend. The teams will attend the parade and football game on Friday night October 7th where they and their coaches will be introduced at halftime. Then, Saturday evening, October 8th, both teams will attend the Alumni Banquet and be recognized for their accomplishments. At the banquet, Coach Judy Clegg will speak about her first championship team and what a year it was. Current Bobcat Head Coach Joe Delaney, the offensive coordinator that year, will reminisce about the great undefeated team from 1985. There may even be some football films to watch, too.

We hope all the team members, their families, and friends will join us for this special evening. Reservations can be made in September by calling (810) 591-6014. The cost of dinner is \$20 per person. Please contact Charlie Carmody at (810) 591-7378 with any questions.



## ***Coming Soon... A Last Night in the Old Gym***

With the construction of the new field house on schedule for completion in December, the final night of varsity competition will be held in the old gymnasium in mid-December, or early January 2006. The Alumni Association will be sponsoring a "Last Night in the Gym" celebration at a date to be announced this Fall and is inviting all former coaches and players to meet, reminisce and have one last shot in the home of Bobcat indoor athletics since 1964. The night will end with the nets being cut down one last time.

The 2,200 seat gymnasium has many fond memories from the Creasey championship years of the 1960's and '70's, to our 2005 Big Nine Championship under Matt Shanafelt. The gym will still be utilized for many events every year, but most varsity events will move next door to the 3,000-seat field house. The new building will have three full basketball/volleyball courts, a running track on the second level, a fitness/weight facility, locker rooms, and new athletic offices.

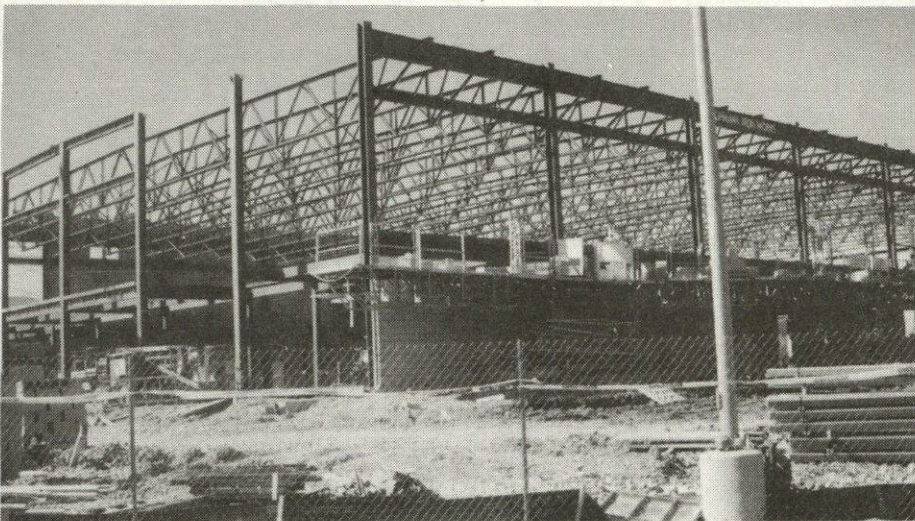
We hope you former Bobcats will join us this winter for the "Last Night in the Old Gym" celebration. Please visit the Alumni Website at [hswwww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us/Alumni/index.htm](http://hswwww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us/Alumni/index.htm), or *The Flint Journal* for more information.

## **New Gymnasium Construction In Progress**

*Photos by John Schlaud, Class of 1952*



MARCH, 2005



APRIL, 2005



JUNE, 2005



## *...Reunions and Messages...*

**Class of 1933** - Margaret (Waeiss) Davie asks her friends to please write her at 21 Faith Lake, Palm Coast, FL 32184, or telephone her at (386) 445-3184.

**Class of 1936** - Don Hodges says, "Let's get together, you all!" Contact Don at (810) 629-3155.

**Class of 1946** - 60th class reunion will take place in early Fall, 2006. Details will be sent at later date. Contact Dean Thoroman at (810) 655-8967.

**Class of 1955** - 50th class reunion is scheduled for October 8, 2005 - Contact Dolores (Del Duca) Cooke at (810) 694-9494 for more information.

**Class of 1965** - The class of 1965 will be holding their 40th reunion the weekend of September 17th, 2005. For more information or details please call Joyce Stokes Kalbfleisch at (810) 743-0709, or Jim Jewett at (517) 321-3614.

**Class of 1972** - Donna (Krutka) de Kay shouts out to all of her former classmates, "Let's have a 35th reunion!" She can be found in California at (650) 592-1617.

**Classes of 1972 and 1973** - Pamela Heos, '72 writes and tells us that she and Jeffery Brancheau, were wed over the July 4th weekend and now reside at 620 Whitehills Dr., E. Lansing, MI 48823, telephone (517) 333-8385. Friends can email Pam at heos@netzero.net. Pam also says that the Class of '73 meets monthly for dinner in Grand Blanc area and that anybody interested should contact her for more details.

**Laura (Clingsmith) Lonergan, Class of 1983** - In memory of Janet Best: "To a great teacher and friend that will never be forgotten. Thank you for all you did for the students who passed through your door."

**Christopher Hoadley, Class of 1987** - "Recently saw Scott Fritzen, '87, at his university in Singapore. Also, a shout out to Steve Carpenter, '87, who is getting married this year."

**Class of 1995** - Ten-year reunion, October 8th, Woodfield Country Club. Contact Mindy at c\_mransdell@netzero.com

Non-profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 10  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Grand Blanc High School  
12500 S. Holly Rd.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Bobcat  
Alumni  
Banner