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Achieving Excellence

Graduate spreads GB tradition to community

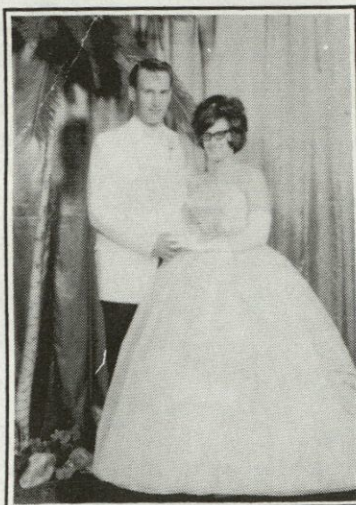
Karyn Jensen, a 1984 graduate of Grand Blanc High School, continues to carry on the Bobcat's tradition of excellence. This commitment to excellence is a tradition that she has willed not only to herself, but to many others who share the same vision of excellence. Jensen has recently opened Positive Image Day Spa at 5337 S. Dort Highway, where she is creating an environment that promotes, encourages, and helps to protect the positive image that we have of ourselves and of others.

Positive Image Day Spa developed out of a commitment that Jensen made to herself. Determined to better understand the process of personal growth, Jensen embarked on a journey of exploring her own aspects of mind, body, and spirit. From that journey, Jensen became more aware of the importance of having a positive self-image and its effects on our ability to develop a true vision of who we are. Inspired by Marianne Williamson, a gifted interpreter of A Course in Miracles, Jensen is taking what she has learned and integrating a similar paradigm of thought - one that promotes, encourages and helps

to protect the integrity of love's presence.

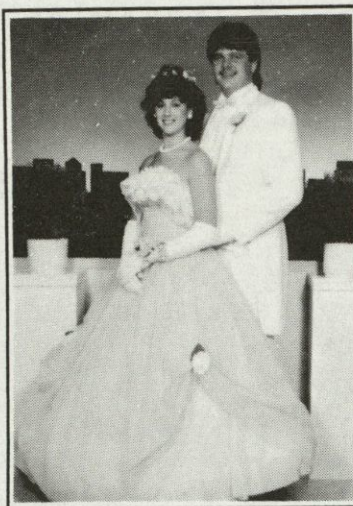
As a business owner, Jensen is committed to maintaining a tradition of excellence that has evolved through generations of Bobcats. A tradition that many in the community share. As the daughter of two former Bobcats, James Jenson (1965) and Connie Phillips (1967), Jensen has had the opportunity to experience tradition in a "true" sense of the word. From her first day as a student at McGrath in 1972, Jensen has been a part of a tradition that is still maintained by her brother, Jason Hertzberg (2002), the youngest of five siblings that have shared memories of being a Bobcat.

Jensen's mom, Connie Phillips, remembers her own cherished moments from high school and still holds most close to her the feeling she had the day Karyn wore the very same dress she had worn to her senior prom 17 years later. Phillips believes that "it's memories like this that hold tradition together" and expressed how proud she is of her daughter's vision of excellence. A vision that Jensen not only shares for herself, but on that she is committed to sharing with others.



Left: Connie Phillips at her senior prom in 1967.

Right: Phillips' daughter, Karyn Jensen, wearing the same dress to her senior prom in 1984, 17 years later.



A Message from the President

*Charlie Carmody
Alumni President, '80*

Hello GBHS grads - I hope you enjoy another edition of the Alumni Banner. We'll continue to produce two newsletters each year with the help of the Journalism students. If you enjoy getting this publication, please consider a financial contribution to the Alumni Association and we'll continue to mail to you. All our financial resources go towards our newsletter and the completion of Alumni Hall.

Our website is ever expanding with a new Alumni Email Database, thanks to the efforts of Nelson Bradford '52. We have over 1100 alumni emails listed, so find an old friend today. In the near future, our Bobcat souvenirs will be up online for you to see and order. Also, check out our Alumni Message Board at the website - want to find an old friend? Post your inquiry here!

The Alumni Association has installed its first Board of Directors. We included their picture - do you recognize any old friends? The Board members will help with all alumni activities - including our first ever Alumni gathering this fall after the Homecoming Football game. We will publish the details in our next newsletter. Our next Alumni meeting will be Wednesday, May 2 at 7pm in room 234 at GBHS - come join us!

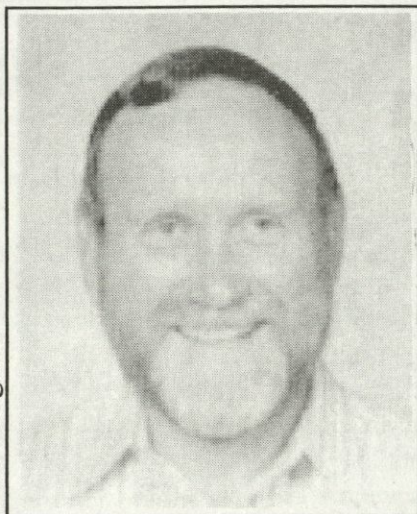
Alumni Hall is continuing to grow. Stop in the new entry way at the high school to see the class composites from 1927 towards the present. We continue to frame and hang pictures from our graduating classes as they become available.

To contact us: hswww.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us and tap on the "Alumni" icon or call 810-591.7378.

Thank you again for your support of the Alumni Association.

Teacher "graduates" after 33 years at GBHS

Dale Wolfgram



Dale Wolfgram wrote the Alumni Association in December. His teaching career touched so many students' lives that we thought you would enjoy reading it.

I taught at GBHS from 1967 until June, 2000. I would love to hear from former students, but please understand that I will not remember all of you.

I use the word graduated since I do not feel I retired. I simply ended my tenure at GBHS so I could pursue other interests. This first year I am dedicating to doing some things which I could not do while teaching and also deciding what I want to do when I grow up. I do not know what comes next, but I'm excited about the possibilities. I have limited computer access, but I will respond to each contact in due time.

I hope you all have a wonderful year. Peace, Dale Wolfgram.

To contact Mr. Wolfgram, go to our website and click on the Alumni Message Board.

Family Legacy Brewer/Day family produces 32 GB grads

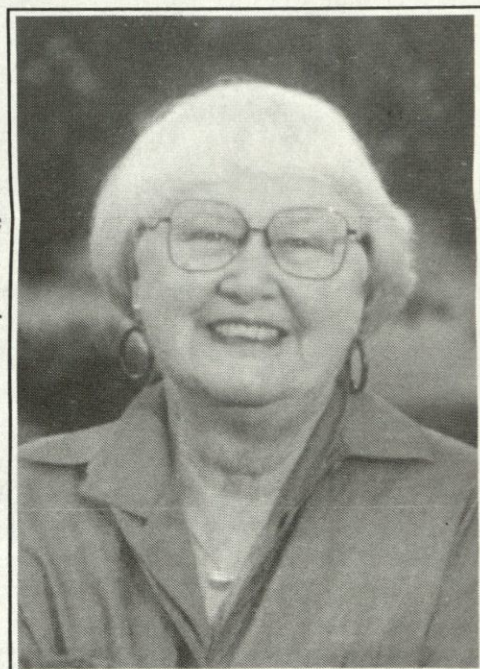
The Day family and their descendants have been a part of the GB schools since the 1860's, beginning with Emma Jane Covert Day and then her sons, Cash, Homer, and Floyal Day.

The current matriarch of the family is M. Jane Day Ward '37 (daughter of Cash), who is pictured here. Her family has not only graduated from GBHS - 32 graduates in all - but have served the school system too.

William Day (father of Cash) was school director, followed by Homer serving on the school board in the 1930's. Airleen McNeil Day (daughter-in-law of

Cash) was a secretary and substitute at Brendel in the 1950's and 1960's. Jane Day Ward was a teacher for 13 years in the school system. Her daughter, Jane Ward Brewer, is currently a member of the school board. Jane Brewer's husband, Ron, and son-in-law, Bryan Klochack, currently teach and coach at GBHS.

The Day family continues to be proud of their ties to GBHS. They welcomed another future Bobcat into their family this past year when Heidi Brewer Klochack '90 and her husband, Bryan, had a son - Peyton Klochack '19!



Board of Directors

Welcome to our first ever
Board of Directors!

from left to right: Jackie (Jones) Perigo '86, Wilma (Schollard) Palmer '48, Connie (Phillips) Hertzberg, Brenda (Debus) Peterman '57, Jerry Wolfgang '69. missing: Julie (Forrest) Williams '85, Charlie Basel '58



GB Educational Foundation update

The Ed Foundation is once again proud to sponsor this Alumni Banner. The Foundation, along with your alumni donations, continue to make this Banner available to contributing GBHS Alums from across the country.

In addition, the Educational Foundation supports the teaching staff and students in the GB School District through its mini-grants project. In the past year, the Foundation has purchased digital cameras for our elementary schools, sent elementary school students to an ecology boat trip on the Saginaw River, and helped a high school physics class enter a rocket building competition by purchasing needed materials.

To fund these endeavors, again the Foundation is sponsoring their "Duck Race" at the Grand Blanc Summer Festival in July. Tickets for this annual classic are on sale in the GB School Buildings for \$5, with a \$500 top prize to the winner. Other prizes are given to ducks finishing in places second through seventh.

Contact the Foundation at 810-591-6014 for more information.



'48 grad hits the big time.

Stephen Smale '48 is now considered one of the most important mathematicians of the 20th century - he's the man who "broke the dimension barrier," according to Steve Batterson's book on Smale that was published last year.

"I would hope he could be an inspiration to students in the Flint area," said Batterson, a professor of mathematics at Emory University in Atlanta. "He is one of the great mathematicians of his generation."

Smale won the mathematics equivalent of the Nobel Prize - an international honor called the Fields Medal - for revolutionizing the way academics and scientists think about the complex, abstract world of transforming geometric shapes.

As for his childhood, Smale was born in Flint in July 1930. He moved to the Grand Blanc area during the depression and attended school here. According to former classmate, Wilma Palmer, "Stephen was a good chess player, and smart. He was a low-key kind of guy."

Smale is currently living and teaching in Hong Kong with his wife, Clara Davis of Dearborn.

My first day in a GB school



By Jerry Wolfgang '69

I still remember my first visit to school. It was September, 1956, and my mother and I were to meet with my Kindergarten teacher. The concept of school, in my five-year-old mind, was not nearly as terrifying as the school itself. I was terrified of the building.

The building I'm referring to is the old high school, the one that faces S. Saginaw Street at the Perry Road junction. I imagined it to be much like a castle. The building was enormous, at least it seemed so in my young eyes, and ancient. It was assembled with dark colored, almost sinister appearing, brick. Even the

mortar binding the bricks had darkened over time. The only thing missing were turrets and a moat. I half-expected to see knights guarding the entrance. To use current technology, the school definitely did not appear "user friendly."

My mother and I walked toward the north entrance. There was nothing to fear, my mother reassured me, my father had attended this very school. I imagined her point was "...and he survived." Although that was little comfort as we were about to enter the belly of the beast. Though you could not see inside, its doors were wide open and ready to swallow young children in a single gulp.

Darkness. We had come from bright sunshine into a darkened hallway and I just knew my worst fears were confirmed: the dragon inside the castle had swallowed us! Once our eyes had ad-

justed to the dim interior lights, we saw a young female teacher, standing outside a classroom, waving to us. We walked toward the smiling face. I held on tightly, overwhelmed by the labyrinth of hallways.

My teacher spoke softly and reminded me several times how to find the classroom - come through the doors and turn left. My room was the first door on the left. That didn't seem so hard - I could do that! I could overcome the dragon and learn my way around this castle!

Of course, it wasn't quite so easy, without my mother and the hallway filled with hundreds of students, from kindergarten to twelfth grade. All trying to get in and out of their lockers and to their assigned starting places on time. But I survived, for there would be many more monsters to battle in the years to come.

Reunion Info

1971	June 23	Register at GBHS Class of P.O. Box 383 Grand Blanc, MI 48439
1971		
1976	July 28	Contact: JoAnn (Adkisson) Goodall - 810.603.1702
1981	August 10	Contact: Joan (Rynearson) Moul - 810.953.1288
1982	Date TBA	Contact: Greg Mulholland 810.591.6504 gmulholl@central- office.grand-blanc.k12.mi.us
1986	November 23	Contact: Jeri (Laferney) Kaupp - 248.969.0246
1991	May 19	Contact: Meridith Anderson 810.695.7824 snoopy101573@aol.com

Married, Anyone?

Are you GBHS grads still **married**?

Write us - tell us your story for the Fall Issue of the Alumni Banner!

Congratulations!

Sharon Dickie '98 earned All-American Honors in Cross Country at the University of Tennessee this past fall.

Wagon on the Stack

One of our alums recently inquired about this story. Help us remember if it's true or just a myth!

It is almost Halloween. In the late 40's/early 50's, each Halloween one of the wagons from Troops Farm Store was up on the tall stack. Looking back at this, I am suspicious of the school administration and Troops. How else could this have been accomplished, considering the watchful eye of the police force of one, Gordie the Cop. Does anyone know the true story? Any confessions?

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