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NEW CONCESSION STAND AND MEDIA TOWER

“...the kids are so excited and so proud of their home field, they cannot wait for this day to come,” referring to the football team’s first home game since the completion of the new field. “That hometown pride and school spirit are back!”

—Sandi Schibi

PROJECT GRADUATION—2001 Seniors Bid Adieu to Friends and Classmates

On June 28, 2001, the graduating class of The Gilbert School departed on a very special journey. With diplomas in hand they were ready to face new challenges and explore the world. But first a journey of shorter duration, though no less meaningful. After the graduation ceremonies, more than 100 students boarded a bus and proceeded to a place where emotional good-byes would be tempered with fun, the sharing of memories—and a safe environment. Their destination: an all-night party.

Project Graduation was launched in 1989 by our school nurse, Sylvia Cederholm. The idea for such an event originated in Maine following a devastating weekend when several seniors were lost in accidents attributed to post-graduation partying. Some members of the State Police and others formulated the notion of an overnight party to provide a safe place for seniors to celebrate—and the idea has spread. Many area schools have now adopted programs of their own.

Gilbert physics teacher ‘

Kathy Cloud took over as advisor in 1994. Designed to be a safe, exciting way to constructively channel graduates’ energy, enthusiasm and newfound freedom, this final school-sponsored event of the year has become something that the senior class looks forward to with great anticipation. It is indeed an all-night party. It is a place where graduates can celebrate their accomplishments without the temptation of drugs, alcohol or general mischief—and parents can rest assured that their children are having fun and they are not on the road.

Chaperoned by parents of the junior class and staff volunteers, seniors leave immediately after the graduation ceremonies and are taken to an appropriate venue, the location of which is known only to parents and staff until that night. They are allowed to invite one friend along, and no one is allowed to drive to/from the event on his/her own. Once there, graduates are treated to a night of great entertainment, fabulous food, music, games—and lots of door prizes. In past years, the enter-

tainment has included magicians, hypnotists and caricature artists! After a full night of fun, students are returned back to Winsted in time for breakfast, held at either a local restaurant or right at the school.

Project Graduation enjoys the support of parents as well as friends, faculty, staff and local businesses. Many alumni have volunteered as chaperones and even lifeguards. The senior parents do all of the planning, handle all of the fundraising, including a very successful silent auction; they buy all the food, decorate the venue and secure the door prizes. While it is not mandatory that graduates attend, the program sells itself, with more than 95% attendance each year. The kids are always appreciative, often expressing their gratitude years later for such a memorable, safe experience.

Hats off to the many volunteers that continue to make this event such a success—what a wonderful way to mark memorable experiences and new beginnings. ❖

Many thanks to Kathy Cloud, Sylvia Cederholm and all the volunteers that work hard each year to keep our seniors safe. If you are interested in helping with *Project Graduation* through sponsorship or by volunteering, please contact the school or Email Ms. Cloud at cloudk@gilbertschool.org.



At a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on September 22nd, the Gilbert Football Spirit Club officially dedicated an impressive new concession stand and media tower at the edge of Van Why Memorial Field. Excited to be playing again on their home field after extensive renovations, the Gilbert sports teams look forward to welcoming local and visiting media as well as those wishing to purchase snacks and logo merchandise to help support the Yellow Jackets. The Football Spirit Club is to be applauded for their efforts—they not only raised funds for the structure, along with the help of The Gilbert School, but also provided the manpower and expertise to get it built. As was said by Sandi Schibi, Spirit Club Director, “That hometown pride and school spirit are back!”

ALUMNI NEWS



1921

Congratulations to *Rose M. Dyson*, who celebrated her 97th birthday on October 18th—Rose wishes to express her thanks for the good wishes and flowers received from the Gilbert School Alumni Association.

1926

Lewella (Hart) Francis writes, "On 5/29/01 I was one of eight elders honored by the United Methodist Homes with the *Senior Wisdom Award*. I continue to be active with usual house and garden chores and serve as substitute church organist occasionally." At the time of her note, Lewella was planning a Fourth of July family picnic for her son Sam '63, four grandsons, and their mom, Ruth. Additionally, she would like to be in touch with other members of the Class of 1926 and can be reached via the Gilbert School Alumni Office.

1934

Leighton J. Tiffault is retired from teaching but still keeps active in music, both playing the piano and working with high school students in order to "keep our great 20th century pop music alive." Leighton has had many of his own works published.

1953

If you read *Yankee Magazine*, then you may have noticed a piece in the June 2001 issue written by 1953 graduate *Richard Hughes* called "After the

Flood." Richard wrote about his event-filled trek home to Winsted from Spokane, Washington in 1955—arriving just ten days after the flood hit and in time to witness the horrible aftermath of "Black Friday."

1955

Greetings from *Rose Marie (Brady) Smith*! Rose Marie writes that she is married with five children and six grandchildren; has been working for the past twenty years as an aide for special education children on Long Island, New York.

1956

Congratulations to *June (Cadrain) Senack* on the publication of her book *Images*, which is a photographic history of Winsted, with photos dating from 1835 to 1955.

1964

Wendy (Viall) Lewis and husband Peter have retired to Virginia as of this past July. We wish them well.

1966

Visit www.poetry.com to read a poem by *Cindy Sherwood*. Cindy is an avid writer, currently finishing up a project on the Revolutionary War while at the same time doing some genealogical research.

1969

Greetings to Gilbert School alumni and the Class of 1969

from *Stephen M. Vinisko*. Stephen lives locally, has been involved in Scouting for 47 years and currently holds the rank of Assistant Scoutmaster. Stephen received the International Friendship Award from the Boy Scouts of China while attending a Jamboree in Taiwan—his is only one of two such awards in the United States! Congratulations, Stephen!

1971

Congratulations to *James A. Pettit*, who was recently named a Trustee of The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation.

1973

Kudos to *Ronald R. Hiller*, a poet with published works in *A Sea of Tranquility* (1998).

1979

Robbin (Schnier) Beauchamp is currently the associate director of career services at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. Previously she worked in television production, both in Hollywood and Boston. She then spent ten years in human resources before moving to higher education.

1980

Congratulations to *Nadene Stein*, who started a new job this past July as Principal of the Northeast Elementary School in Waltham, Massachusetts!

1981

Congratulations to *Judith Counihan Palmer*, the new Superintendent of Winchester Schools as of July 1, 2001.

1982

James Langer, Jr. writes, "I married Joanie Flynt of King, NC, on July 22, 2000. I am in my 7th year of teaching art at Greensboro College, and I also teach honors courses in Shakespeare Performance. I exhibit drawings, paintings and installations. I also direct/act, including *Measure for Measure* in Riverton (August 2001); previously seen in Riverton's *St. Joan*; *As You Like It*; and *Twelfth Night*. Wife Joanie is a new teacher in the Guilford County Schools and teaches French summer camp at the Montessori School.

1984

Congratulations to *Nanci McBrearty*, married in October of 2000 to Thomas S. Pelati. Nanci graduated from the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy in 1998, after spending many years in special education. She owns her own massage therapy practice in Vernon, Connecticut.

1985

If you've read the August/September 2001 issue of *Muscle & Fitness/Hers*, then you've read about *Amy Tresky-Haddad*. Amy is a physical therapist and fitness competitor and inspires us all to take care of our physical well-being.

1986

Congratulations to *Priscilla "Lilly" Allen*, who received her Ph.D. in Social Work from Fordham University this past spring. Lilly is currently teaching Gerontology Policy at Louisiana State University.

The 2000-2001 Gilbert Annual Fund Honor Roll of Donors



The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation and The Gilbert School extend sincere appreciation to all those who so generously contributed to the 2000-2001 Gilbert Annual Fund. These gifts, totalling nearly \$26,000 and representing an increase of 28% over last year's effort, will be used to further enhance the learning experience of Gilbert students above and beyond what is provided for by the school's budget. These enhancements make possible the learning and teaching opportunities that have become the hallmark of The Gilbert School. Additionally, we wish to thank those who have provided ongoing support for our many scholarships and named funds. Your generosity enables us to provide assistance to students who wish to continue the pursuit of knowledge beyond the halls of The Gilbert School.

Every gift is important and every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your confidence and your support.

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YOUNG ALUMNI CIRCLE

(ten most recent classes)

Mrs. Julie Anderson Dowling '91
 Mr. Robert A. Davis '91
 Ms. Marisa Evonson '91
 Ms. Gwendolyn Nardi '91

The Young Alumni Circle is a Special Giving Club that recognizes contributions from graduates of the ten most recent classes. Young Alumni represent a promise for the future—both on a global scale and here at home. Support from this group is critical to the ongoing mission and goals of The Gilbert School. If you graduated in the last ten years, please consider adding your name to this list!

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It has been customary for members of the senior classes to present a gift to The Gilbert School upon their graduation. We gratefully recognize and acknowledge these gifts for our campus, made by the two most recent classes:

*The Class of 2000 – Flagpole
 The Class of 2001 – Outdoor Tables and Benches*

CLASS OF 1951 50TH REUNION GIFT

In honor of their years at The Gilbert School, these members of the Class of 1951 have made a contribution toward a gift presented to the School during their 50th Reunion Celebration. We are grateful for their continuing spirit of philanthropy and wish the class well.

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1987

For those of you who live in Connecticut, tune in to the 10:00 PM news on Fox 61 and watch *Shelly Sindland* as she reports on happenings in and around the state.

1990

Best wishes to *Brian Stannard*, who was married to Dana Slate in Atlanta, Georgia, this past April.

1991

Catherine (Cull) Tatar writes, "Married Chris Tatar in October 1998. Bought a house in Endicott, New York, in April 2000; had a son (Jacob Christopher) on August 7, 2000, and another son (Zachary Brian) on July 20, 2001." Congratulations, Catherine—keep in touch!

1993

Congratulations to *Mark Stannard*, who was married to Jill Cisowski in May. Best wishes!

1994

Ryan Moore writes that he graduated from Brigham Young University in April of 2001 with a degree in finance, is working for American Express Financial Services and married Rebecca Smith in April of 2000. Congratulations and best wishes!

1997

Congratulations to *Brandie Schieb*, named Valedictorian of the graduating class of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy!

1999

Kristen Hafford writes, "Hi everyone! I'm currently attending CAP21, a professional acting studio for musical theatre here in NYC. I'm graduating next year from NYU/Tisch School of the Arts with a BFA in Dance and a minor in Sociology. Upon graduation, I'm looking towards Broadway or to dance with a professional company." Good luck, Kristen!

2000

Congratulations to *David Botticelli*, who recently became a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). The NSCS recognizes undergraduates who excel academically. David is beginning his second year at the University of Rhode Island and will be honored in a ceremony there this fall.

2001

The Alumni Office wishes to thank its two newest Alumni Class Officers—*Kristin Kittelsen* and *Jessica Leifert*—who will represent the Class of 2001 in this volunteer assignment. Kristin and Jessica will be in touch with their classmates soon to gather news for this section and to help keep our address information up to date so that we can bring you news of happenings here at the School.



ATTENTION GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1997

We have discovered a number of individual photographs taken by the professional photographer at your graduation. They were snapped as you received your diploma and as you exited the Auditorium. If you would like us to mail your photos to you, please contact the Alumni Office before December 31, 2001, at which time the photos will be discarded.

We'd like to expand the Alumni News section of the Yellow Jacket. Whether you've recently married, celebrated a landmark anniversary, made an addition to your family, received a promotion, changed occupations, started a business, written a book, or won an award—let us know! Simply fill out the form on the back page and mail it to the Alumni Office or send us an email! We'd enjoy hearing from you!

If you are interested in volunteering as an Alumni Class Officer for your class, contact Cindy Gould:

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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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Elizabeth Finn Bequillard '61
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June 10, 2001
Robert H. Day '29
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August 5, 2001
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May 20, 2001
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Earle R. Julian '52
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August 21, 2001
Camilla Radocchio Rovero '47
July 2001
Mary Slocum Russo '36
May 24, 2001
Donald R. Simons '40
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September 9, 2001
William A. Tierney '44
September 6, 2001
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September 2001
Richard F. White '51
June 2001

We extend sincere sympathy to the families and loved ones of deceased Gilbert graduates.

Memorials are included up until press time and reflect information received since publication of the prior issue of the Yellow Jacket. Information to be included here may be forwarded to The Gilbert School Alumni Office.

CAREER FAIR—APRIL 2002

The Gilbert School will join with Northwest Regional High School and Torrington High School for a Career Fair planned for April 2002. If you are interested in participating as a representative of the workplace, please contact Jack Oris at orisj@gilbertschool.org. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to explore a variety of career options with a gathering of professionals.



Calling all alumni! Send us your news for the next issue of *The Gilbert School Yellow Jacket*. Keep in touch with classmates and let them know what you've been up to!

Your name: _____

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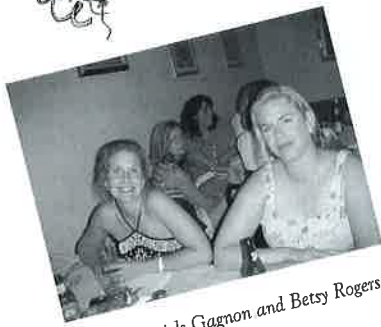
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The Class of 1981 Celebrates 20th Reunion!

Travelling from near and far (Betsy Rogers from Seattle and Peter Dutton from Georgia), classmates met at Monaco's in Winsted, to reminisce and trade stories about what's been happening over the past twenty years.



Lisa Daniels Gagnon and Betsy Rogers



Mary Jane Nanni Ugalde
Lisa Lamoureux Garrahan
Gina Mariano Bunch



Maureen and Peter Dutton



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