

Heidelberg High School Newsletter

The Early Years, Classes of 1947 to 1963

Spring 2008



From an etching, ca. 1957, by Maxim M. Elias (father of Max Elias '57 and Alix Elias '59)

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Most of us remember the lion and castle logos on **Joan Dickson's** HHS newsletters and her lion stamp (sometimes in blue ink) on her mailing envelopes. A line drawing of the castle graced the very first HHS newsletter as well. If space permits, we will reproduce them in future issues.

Max and **Alix Elias's** parents were both brilliant, prolific artists. The view above of the Altstadt from across the Neckar, a gift to your editor decades ago, shows the Heiligegeistkirche, Jesuitenkirche and Peterskirche (left to right), the Old Bridge, and a statue of St. Johannes Nepomuk that is probably by the same sculptor as the statue of the Virgin Mary in the Kornmarkt below the castle seen in so many postcards.

Do any of you have images of Heidelberg for our newsletter pages? One might become our regular logo, or we might use a different one for each issue. Pictures leave less space for written memories, but evoke memories of their own. Let us hear from you.

The First HHS Newsletter Ever

Ken Keene '58 has sent us a treasure: an original copy of the HHS Class of '58 newsletter that he and **Joan Dickson '58** put out on a Ditto machine (purple ink) at Miami University in Ohio. They sent questionnaires to everyone they could reach and printed the 23 responses they received. We will find the right archive for this precious original document and keep a photocopy in our files. Clearly, Joan was a born newsletter editor, and as we know, she was faithful to that calling until her death.

Memories of Our Editors Joan Dickson '58 and Glenda Casey Petrini '54, and Others

From **Glenda's** husband, Bill Petrini: Glenda and I made a lot of friends over the 50 years that we were together. Many of her HHS group became my friends also. I will always treasure those trips to Heidelberg and the reunions.

Anne Berger Stietenroth '61: I am sad to hear that Glenda has passed away. Such talented, wonderful people like Joan and Glenda will always be remembered.

Karen Houlihan Barletta '61: I am so sorry about the loss of Joan and Glenda. I didn't know them, except through the newsletter, but they seem like very special people.

Jo Ann Williams Rudesill '58: We were shocked to hear of Glenda's death. Please accept our sincere condolences, Bill. We hope you are doing OK and will remain a member of the HHS family.

Cynthia Gardner Valkavich '50: I was truly saddened by your news about Joan. She was such an energetic and kind soul and will certainly be missed. [Cynthia had not yet heard that we had lost Glenda as well; she thanked Glenda and Bill Petrini and the rest of the team for stepping into Joan's shoes. – Ed.]

Sandy Yon '56: I was so sorry to hear about Glenda, I liked her very much. Her passing is a great loss to HHS, as was Joan's passing. Years ago, I can't remember how long ago, Joan appointed me class agent for the class of '56. As class agent I sent out a lot of letters concerning reunions and trying to locate lost "Lions". I am sorry to say I only made it to one reunion, Las Vegas, because I was an elementary school teacher and they were either at the beginning or the end of the school year. I had made plans to attend the one in Heidelberg in 2001, but my father-in-law had a massive heart attack and I decided I better stay close to home. Joan and I were going to room together at that reunion. I learned of Joan's illness when I attended the screening of the military brats film, Brats: Our Journey Home. I ran into our old principal, Mr. Kyrios's, son. I called Joan, and we chatted for quite awhile, she sounded chipper and upbeat. So, I was quite surprised to learn of her death, not too much after that.

Ken Keene '58: Unfortunately, I was out of the country and unable to make it to Joan's memorial picnic. But I was certainly there in spirit. After graduating from HHS in 1958, Joan and I both went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. **Gary Foust** and **Gail Fedor** from the class before us were already there, and **Lurline Webber** transferred there the next year. Our first year there, Joan and I assembled a newsletter regarding our class which may have been the prototype which later inspired Joan to so ably found and nurture the Early Years format for so long thereafter. I am sending you my copy of that newsletter to include in the Early Years archives. We both left Miami after 3 years -- Joan graduated a year early, and immediately embarked on her very successful NSA career, while I left for an ill fated, manual dexterity challenged semester in dental school on an unlikely journey to a legal career. It was always easy to keep in touch with Joan through the newsletter; and whenever I got to the D.C. area, or she got to Colorado, we were able to get together (as well as several miscellaneous reunions).

Don Cork '59: I was sorry to hear about the passing of **Coach Venne**. I last saw him in Vegas.

Cindy Blackburn Hardy '83 remembers **Jack Ferrick '54:** I was deeply saddened to hear of Jack's death. Jack was a lot of help to me when I started this web site ["Gone, But Not Forgotten," the memorial pages at www.heidelberghighschool.com. – Ed.]. He scanned eight entire yearbooks for me (1948-1955), removed what autographs he could from the pictures, and sent them to me to post on this site. He gave me a history of HAHS, and sent old photos for me to post on the site. Jack let me know whenever he knew of fellow alumni/alumnae dying, an e-mail address change, etc. I never met him in person, but I really enjoyed his e-mails and phone conversations.

Fan Mail (We Blush)

Anne Smith Atherton '55: Thank you for all your work and efforts in keeping our Heidelberg High School Newsletter going. I truly enjoy reading about my 1955 classmates as well as other HHS graduates. [Anne keeps all her HHS newsletters in a binder she bought at the 60th anniversary reunion in Heidelberg in 2006; I have now followed her example with my own collection. Thanks, Anne. – Ed.]

Bob Hess '52: You guys and gals are doing a great job with the newsletter. Here's a contribution for the mailing fund.

Ken Keene '58: Just received the newest edition of the Early Years Newsletter, which I always thoroughly enjoy. Thanks so much for agreeing to carry the torch so ably carried by Joan Dickson and Glenda Casey Petrini before you - a torch that continues to connect us after all these years to our great Heidelberg friends and experiences.

Karen Houlihan Barletta '61: Jan, Bob, and Bill, thank you for your work on the Early Years Newsletter--it's a very nice thing you are doing for all of us. I really enjoy reading it--harkening back to those long-ago days in Heidelberg, hearing from schoolmates with whom we share this unique history of attending US high school in Germany. I have quite fond memories of it. Patty Richmond ('61) and I were close pals and I'd love to get in touch with her. Does anyone know where she is? I last saw her in 1972 in West Palm Beach, Florida (I was living in California at the time). She was married to Buddy Wren; they had two children, a boy and a girl.

Anne Berger Stietenroth '61: I received the newsletter this week and read every interesting word. You and your friends have done a wonderful job.

Steve Waters '61: Thanks for all the work you've put into keeping the HHS Early Years Newsletter going!!

Howard Burd '62 (hbburd@yahoo.com): I would like to thank you for taking on the responsibility of pulling together all the Early Years information and doing the newsletter. I know it takes a big effort!

Early Heidelberg Memories

From **Mary Margaret (“Queenie”) Ellis McCollum '49**: Thank you's to all of you who work so hard to keep the newsletter coming. It's fun to read and always my own memories surface and I think I'll share these, but until now no time, so here goes!

My family and I arrived in Bamberg Nov. '46. We had a rough trip over on the little Gen. Heinzelmann. It was so rough we teens straddled chairs in the lounge and when the ship rocked we'd sail across the floor, quickly turn around to slide to the other side. Nov and Dec were stormy on the Atlantic!

I enrolled as a sophomore in the Erlangen Dependents' high school, which later moved to Nürnberg, and I moved into one end of a WACS barracks - this was the girls' dorm. I was alone in my room and the first morning I was awakened in the dark with someone opening my door...I could barely see a scraggy creature whose face was weirdly lit by a shovel full of red hot coals he was taking to the pot belly stove in the corner of the room. I'm glad I was too scared to scream. My very southern mother was aghast when she saw the huge billboard across the street asking WHAT'S YOUR VD SCORE? All the military companies listed their numbers. At 15 I didn't know what VD was.

We were army bused to 3 meals a day at a mess hall, to school and back, then one afternoon we were taken to a little PX and one night, heavily chaperoned, to a Red Cross club where there would be no fraternizing with anyone but our schoolmates. I'm sure we were taken home by 9:30.

We rode the train home on the weekends. The compartments had wooden seats and a lot of the windows were broken out. It was such a bitterly cold winter they gave us a month off at Xmas because of the coal shortage, they couldn't heat the school. After we returned to school they bused us to the war trials in Nürnberg. We watched and listened via earphones while war criminals, including Hitler's doctor, were being interrogated. Impressionable at 15, I'm glad my parents chose not to tour the internment camps like Belsen and Auschwitz. I'd heard enough horrors at the trials. What a moment in history to see.

On the lighter side my parents also decided not to show my little sister and I all of Pompeii!!!

In March '47 we moved to Heidelberg, and that spring the 6 dependents' high schools were having a basketball tournament in Frankfurt. We three girls who had moved from Erlangen decided we wanted to go to Frankfurt, so with permission we took the train to Frankfurt (you could ride free on German transportation by flashing your ID card). In the Bahnhof after many phone calls, the MP's directed us to the #39 streetcar and at some landmark we were to get off the car. We rode many miles past piles of rubble from the many bombings Frankfurt suffered. Not seeing the landmark we finally got off the car out where there was next to nothing. We didn't speak German, not that anyone was around, so on foot we went and by some miracle we found the school. We had a nice reunion with our Erlangen chums and our coach let us ride home that night on the team bus. Some years later I scolded my mother for allowing me to go because it was a really dangerous adventure for 3 young girls. There were GI's disappearing in those ruins and never heard from again.

The next year '47-'48 a lot of us went to Berlin on the train through the Russian zone late at night. Russian soldiers stopped the train. Came on board and banged on our compartment door demanding identification. They finally let us proceed. This was before the Berlin wall went up. When we visited the Reichstag, instructions were - take no photos. Several of the boys went out on Hitler's balcony and put their black combs to their upper lips and extended one arm in the “Heil Hitler” salute. Someone snapped a picture. I saw it. Maybe in the annual? [Yes - Ed.] Behind the Reichstag I remember looking at what was left of the bunker in which Hitler and Eva Braun hid until their deaths. That year my family did go up to see Hitler's Eagle's Nest.

One of my senior '48-'49 year memories was when Cary Grant came to Heidelberg to make the movie “I Was a Male War Bride”. Several of us (only senior girls) were allowed to go to the call for movie extras. Imagine our feelings when we walked in wearing our outdated short skirts, bobby socks and polished saddle shoes and we saw these young new-to-Germany wives with their New Look long skirts and high heels. But my roommate, **Lyn Harpole Welles '49**, was chosen and did indeed play a WAC in a scene in the movie. Cary Grant came to our football banquet and presented a football to **Don Hoopert '49**, and a photo was taken and I have an 8x10 glossy print with “Greetings! Cary Grant” on it!

Well remembered is the Senior trip up the Rhine on Hitler's yacht.

As editor of the “Student Prints” our school newspaper, I was able to escape PE to type (cut) those old blue stencils. How well I remember counting out the 34 spaces to have the column margins more uniform. Then we'd run the copies off the old mimeograph machine. Oh for today's technology.

We had so few things and places to go, but we had each other and we were inventive. And yes, **Cookie Akin '48**, from your early tutelage, I continued cheerleading to the end of that senior year.

Graduation in the castle in long white gowns, carrying red roses (with THORNS!!!), and the boys in dark suits was just the icing on the cake!

In late June '49 my family and I flew from Frankfurt home. The Berlin Blockade was on and the phenomenal Airlift was in full swing. Our plane had to fly out between the 3-minute intervals (I think that's correct) of the lifesaving flights to Berlin. I attended the College of Wm. and Mary, married an Army Lt. and 10 years later returned to a fully restored Germany.

I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I retired last summer after 35 years in the antique business so I've had the time to reminisce with you. – Queenie Ellis McCollum, mccollum210@hotmail.com

From **Hudson "Bill" Phillips '52**: My wife, Betty, and I live in Austin, Texas (phone 512-451-5020). My brother, John ("Tony,") and I lived at Robinson Barracks, in Stuttgart. A few will remember that we got together a basketball team of Brats to play area service teams. Our name was the "Honeywagon 5." We dressed in bumblebee colors of yellow and black. I think we lost every game.

We did the commutes to Heidelberg during 1951 - 1952. I wonder if anyone remembers the challenge of wearing a new set of Levis. Someone would yell out, "Levi Tag," and everyone would pile on top of you and attempt to tear off your Levi tag. This was especially wild when it happened on the train rides.

The documentary, [BRATS: Our Journey Home](#), produced by Donna Musil, has quite a bit of archival footage of our classmates. Some may remember that a film was made by the military to promote our schools in EUCOM. It is a thrill to see how we looked then. Check it out on Google.

The funny thing about the BRATS film is that I mentioned to the producer that the armed forces publicity people had made a film about our graduating class at HHS in 1952. Munich had received a great coup on us by being featured in Life magazine in 1951. This was to be our payback. It was several weeks before our graduation, but the film people wanted us to have one for the sake of their film. We were driven up to the Schloss, garbed and tasseled, and called up one by one to receive a fake diploma. Our actual graduation took place under more humble circumstances. I was told that the film was to be shown on American television, but it ended up in the National Archives, without being viewed. Donna Musil was able to secure the film and use a good deal of the footage. She has promised to send me the whole shebang but she has been so busy that I have not followed up on that. People that I recognized, immediately in the footage used in the Brats film: **Jim Partin, Mary Peyton Burchelle, Jim Baker, Jim Skelly,** and **John "Tony" Phillips** (my brother). I am one of the people interviewed in the film and have appearances by all of my family members (including my sister, **Ann Phillips HHS '55**.) I was surprised at the amount of attention that was given to HHS in this film. Any HHS alum will want to have a copy (regardless of when they attended.)

HHS Memories on Film

[BRATS: Our Journey Home](#) (2005) by Donna Musil is a thoughtful, fascinating documentary of the tribulations and joys of growing up military overseas. AF brat Kris Kristofferson narrates, and songs drawn from his own experience underscore the narrative. Besides the beautifully filmed advance graduation **Bill Phillips** describes above, Heidelberg footage includes the 1998 Heidelberg Lions as AAA champions and the 1996 all-years reunion in Heidelberg. Clips of the Nürnberg (Nuremberg) war crimes trials back up **Queenie Ellis McCollum's** memories in this issue. Among the brats from all branches of service interviewed are **Norman Schwarzkopf '51** and **Bill Phillips '52**. This film was made possible by donations from brats from all over, including **Joan Dickson '58, Glenda Casey Petrini '54, Shirley Valentine Irvin '52, Rita Wycoff Zener '54,** and no doubt others from HHS. For more information and to order, visit www.bratsourjourneyhome.com. Highly recommended! – **Jan McLin** Clayberg '59

HHS Alumni News and Life Stories

Allan (Al) Hamilton '52: I was in Heidelberg only from March, 1952 to September, 1952. I went back to the States for college & when I returned, my father had been transferred to Stuttgart. I returned 7-8 yrs. ago to an all yrs. reunion but I was the only '52 there.

Mike (Bernard Michael) Davall, '53: I want to thank all of you that work so diligently on the newsletter, and to suggest that you can save postage and send mine by email to: mdavall1@cfl.rr.com. I currently live in Ormond Beach, Florida (just north of Daytona Beach) and run my own Real Estate Brokerage.

Carol Diggs Heinze '54 (in response to an item in a recent issue): No, I was not short in high school. I went around with **Jack, Mike** (dating them both for some time but not the same time, we were all close friends), **Bobby C, Jane Snyder, Helen Paul,** a bunch of girls from the dorm. What a great time we had. But no I was never short, but thanks for the laugh anyway. Keep in touch (Cadiggs99@aol.com). I was very active in the early 90's (before the internet) helping **Joan** find people from my three years in Heidelberg. I worked with her on putting the class lists together for

the early 60's classes. (She came out to the Puget Sound area once for a visit. She was trying to sell a piece of property she inherited on the Hood Canal.) I organized an early 60's reunion back in 1994 at one of my classmates homes in Fairfax Station, VA and have attended several other reunions. I have not been actively involved for about ten years now. I received a call from **Anne Berger Stietenroth '61** a few days ago [September 2007] about getting together at the Overseas Brats Gathering in Boise, Idaho. We put together one of these gatherings with a H'berg reunion in 2003 in Asheville, NC and got about twenty H'bergers to show up including **Joan Dickson**. Joe Condrill does an excellent job of organizing these events. [See **Reunion News** on page 7 – Ed.

Sandy Yon '56: Just a short note about what I have been up to since retiring from teaching in 2000. I do a lot of volunteer work, 36 hours a week at a local hospital, in many departments, including the emergency room. I also spend many hours as a docent at the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center. I have come to love stingrays and horseshoe crabs. I also go out on many dolphin watch boats trips in the summer and whale boat trips in the winter. It is just too fantastic to see those amazing creatures, especially the whales, rise up out of the water.

I take about three trips overseas a year. Most interesting ones recently were to Iceland last month, South Africa on Safari in July, Burma and Viet Nam in March and I spent Christmas in Timbuktu in Mali. I have been to over 80 countries, including Antarctica.

If there is anything I might be able to do to help your efforts, please let me know. My best to you, keep up the good work and my best to all the "LIONS" out there. My phone # is (757) 481-4027 and my e-mail address is syon@cox.net.

Ken Keene '58: I am still practicing law, specializing in estate planning and probate, with no plans to retire. I have a young woman partner whose Harvard Law School degree certainly dresses up mine from the University of Nebraska. I am a Cornhusker fanatic, as no one is permitted to leave the state without signing a loyalty oath. Our firm website is www.keeneandsparks.com. Outside my law practice, my current passion is as immediate past president and long time board member of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo here in Colorado Springs. If anyone is ever in the Springs, I would certainly recommend a visit (as well, of course, as calling me!). I'm certainly biased, but I think it is one of the premier small zoos in the nation, and one of the few not taxpayer supported. All my kids (3) and grandkids (4 1/2) are in Texas (go figure, the kids were born and raised here). I took them all on a Mediterranean cruise this summer -- one of the most spectacular vacations of my life, and fun spending their inheritance with them. I am a confirmed bachelor of 16 years following a 25 year marriage which ended in divorce.

Alix Elias '59 can be seen on YouTube in a piece she also wrote, *Nobody's Perfect*, Parts I and II, 2007.

Joe Steffen, faculty 1959 - 1961: I am a former member of Heidelberg High School. I taught Social Studies, Physical Education and coached football and basketball and track. **Al Kyrios** was the principal and **Phil Young** the assistant principal. We had the makings of a good football team but lacked a quarterback. However when **Bill Allison, class of '61** arrived, a senior was a left handed quarterback. Needless to say with a strong team, we had an undefeated season. I have heard from some of the former players but never heard what happened to Bill Allison. If you have his present address, I would appreciate you sending it to me. [**Bob Hines** called **Joe** and **Bill** and put them in touch with each other.] Presently I am retired and live about 45 minutes from Palm Springs and 1/2 hour from Riverside and 20 minutes from March Air Force Base. I worked 27 years for DOD schools in various parts of the world. My wife and I enjoy our retirement. We play golf and swim in our parks pool. I enjoy participating in Senior Olympic Swim Meets. We are 87 years old, but still get around. I enjoyed your newsletter, I still remember some of the students mentioned. My daughter **Joellen, class of '61**, is now retired from the LAX Police Department with a rank of captain.

Mike Doré '61: Graduated June 1961 from Heidelberg Castle after attending our prom there in May. Went to the University of Maryland in Munich and met my wife, Ruth Ann Patrick. We were married in 1965 at Ft. Riley, Kansas after finishing at College Park U of Md. I continued to get my MBA there as Ruth taught. We have two children who teach in New York and Connecticut. I worked for IBM from 1967 to 1993, when I took an early out and formed my consulting company. We spent three years on assignment with IBM in Paris from our home in Pound Ridge, NY. We moved to Austin, Texas in 1998, where I consulted and now do volunteer work for SCORE and my wife's nonprofit. She is Volunteer Coordinator for Mobile Loaves and Fishes in Austin, which feed the homeless and working poor in six cities around the country.

Steve Waters '61: I've been retired Boeing/military contract work for a little over 2 years and have found retirement very different from what I expected. We are very lucky to have both our daughters/family living within 8 minutes of our home. Rather than a retirement of traveling/leisure activities/hobbies/volunteering, we are staying very busy helping with our 5 grandchildren (Ages 5, 5, 7, 10, & 14) as both our daughters & their husbands work full time. The grandkids all go to different schools and have different activities. We still manage to fit in a few vacations (especially

to Cannon Beach on the Oregon Coast) and will be taking an 11-day Caribbean Cruise in the Spring. I have many great memories of Heidelberg and hope to take a trip back sometime in the next few years. I'm looking forward to the Early Years Web Page & hope the Alums send in lots of pictures.

Jim Moyers '62: After 10 lovely days in Italy, on October 2nd, Cora stumbled on an irregular cobblestone at the "Plaza of Miracles" (English translation and, in our case, a seeming misnomer) in Pisa, fell hard onto the rough terrain, and broke her left hip and upper femur. We were on our second Cosmos tour, having seen Rome, Capri, Pompeii, and Sorrento. Following Pisa, we were to visit Florence, then Venice from which we'd be cruising back to Ft. Lauderdale on the *Emerald Princess*. Obviously, that salivating itinerary ended in Pisa. Six days later Cora had a successful left hip replacement and upper left femur repair at the Pisa orthopedic hospital. Italian hospitals are quite an experience. We're not being negative here; some aspects are better than stateside, some are worse. We're omitting some nitty-gritty here, but now that we're home, the most important thing is that – that we are home! Cora's sister, Solange, did yeoman work for us stateside, including (certainly not limited to) contacting the Cosmos-based insurance and our Princess cruise travel agent. Home Sweet Home!! Cora & Jim

Jim Fry '62: In reply to your question, yes, I am married to **Kaye Leverette ('64)**, who is **Pat Leverette's ('63)** sister. We all met at HHS. I started out as a member of the class of '62, but wound up graduating with the class of '63. **Jack Dell'Omo** was a friend from the class of '62, as was Pat's future husband, **Jay Tabb**. Jack and his wife Diane were here in Columbia with us, but they re-located this summer in the vicinity of Ft. Lee, VA to be near Grandkids, etc. After attending HHS for three years, Pat and Kaye moved Stateside to graduate from Fairfax HS in Northern VA. After leaving H-berg, I went to the Univ of Tennessee then served in the Army for 30 years. Jay and Pat went back to Texas after Jay retired from the Air Force. They currently live in Nacogdoches. I think there are several married couples from '62 and '63, but Jay and I may be the only, or very few, HHS grads who married sisters they met while attending HHS. Whenever we get together, we have a "mini-reunion!" On a different note, both '62 and '63 had fewer than 100 students each, if I remember correctly, and we all knew each other well. I consider myself to be supremely fortunate and blessed to have known everyone from both classes. They were all good people who have contributed much to our country since then. It is so amazing to hear through the newsletter what everyone has done. I am also sending this to **Bobbie Jaquot Jackson ('63)**, who married **Reilly Jackson's ('62)** brother, **Bob ('63)**. She and Bob live about an hour and a half from me, and I think she has kept up with many of us. Good luck with the newsletter! Sincerely, Jim Fry (home) 803-333-9906, (cell) 803-466-9095.

Pat Leverette Tabb '63: I have been married to **Jay Tabb '62** for 44 years as of Sept. 30th, 2007. We dated in Heidelberg High before we were married. We have 2 grown sons, 2 grandsons (12 & 14) and 1 granddaughter who is 11. Jay's best friend in high school (**Jim Fry**) married my sister **Kaye Leverette Fry**. We live in Nacogdoches, Texas in the thick piney woods and beautiful rolling hills. We are 3 hours southeast of Dallas and 2 hours northeast of Houston. I married a Texan; what can I say!!!

The Bookshelf: Works by Heidelberg Students and Faculty

Lou Celle Nelson Fertik, faculty 1954-1958: *Beyond the Fields – World Travels: Autobiographical Memories* (Vantage Press, 1998). Life as a music teacher overseas, imbued with her delight in her students and her travels. (I have this book – it is wonderful.- Ed.) Most of the remaining copies are in the archives of the planned Overseas Teaching Association Museum in Kansas, but www.amazon.com still has four copies (as of November 2007).

Charles (Chick) Williams '55: *Winds Aloft: A Pilot's Diary* (2004) can be ordered from Trafford Publishing at www.trafford.com, where you can also read samples of Chick's humorous and sometimes hair-raising stories of his life flying planes. (A fascinating book; I read it over Christmas. –Ed.)

Sam Berry '57: *When Eagles Are Silent* (2004) and *The Eagle's Scream* (2006) are available at www.amazon.com under Sam's full name, Gerald J. Berry. *The Eagle's Scream* is related to Sam's first book but is not a true sequel. Sam says *When Eagles are Silent* is about "the aftermath of 9/11 and what the next twenty years will bring. It is fiction – but some of what I predicted in 1990 (when I started the project) has already happened. I think that is what got the publisher interested.... Our esteemed English teacher, **Virginia Fowlkes**, always encouraged me to write."

Mary Williams Schaller '61: *Heidelberg Daze* (out of print); *Beloved Enemy* (2004), a Civil War novel; and *Quest For Glory: The Civil War Letters of Colonel Frank Schaller CSA* (forthcoming); Col. Schaller, a distant cousin of Mary's husband, left 1200 pages of letters for posterity. Mary has also written numerous Harlequin novels, under various pen names.

Mike Doré '61: *Thinking Strategically Within Nonprofits* and *Thinking Strategically Within Your Company* (both 2003) can be ordered from www.groundbreakingpress.com.

Steve Geng '61: *Thick as Thieves: A Brother, a Sister – A True Story of Two Turbulent Lives* (2007). Part memoir, part elegy for his sister **Veronica Geng '58** ("Ronnie" at HHS), and all powerfully frank, it is available at Barnes and Noble and amazon.com and comes out in paperback in March 2008. For remarkable interviews with Steve and excellent reviews of this stunning book, google Steve's name and the title.

Some Heidelberg authors have been listed in our newsletter before and will be again – for instance, if you google **Charles Levendosky '54**, you'll find all 12 of his books of poetry and many of his newspaper articles. Someday I'd like to make a complete list of all the books any of us ever wrote through the years. If you know of others, let me know. For now, I've listed recent works and those especially focused on Heidelberg memories. – Ed.

Your Place Tomorrow

The best feeling is for wars to end
and soldiers to come home to hugs
your pillow tells you dreams of smiles
the rest of growing
your place tomorrow
the lights go on again in darkest places.

Happy New Year, **Bill Phillips '52**, 12/30/07

Reunion News

From **Anne Berger Stietenroth '61**: It was fun to reunite with Heidelberg classmates at the Overseas Brats Gathering in Boise, Idaho, in October. My husband and I were there with **Charles Graft '61** and his wife Patricia, **Howard Burd '62**, and **Luke Williams '58**. We enjoyed a tour of Boise which included a Warhawk air museum, the World Center for Birds of Prey, and a Basque museum. We were served a Basque dish for dinner. Friday evening was a horse-drawn wagon ride, dinner, and entertainment at the Bogus Creek Ranch. Saturday night was "A Night at the Oscars" with dancing and a whole lot of fun.

SAVE THE DATE: October 29 – November 2, 2008

Overseas Brats Gathering in the Washington, DC area, at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA

Luke Williams '58 is planning thoughtful, memorable and delightful **50th reunion activities for the class of 1958** at this Gathering, but all Early Years alums are encouraged to come. From **Luke**:

FIFTY YEARS LATER, or SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

It is time to come together and renew our bonds.

The suggested agenda for the class of '57, '58, '59 reunion is arrive Friday (Thursday evening is good too), come check in at the Hospitality Suite, OSB first then Class of '57, '58, '59, visit, tell stories (subject to verification by the class of '57 and '59), go to dinner with the OSB outing.

Saturday morning, visit the hospitality suite for activities. The Air and Space Museum annex is close, Washington, Arlington, WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and all the Washington sights, are accessible. I will be happy to host those wishing to visit **Joan's** grave.

Saturday evening is the dinner-dance that we expect to dominate with our huge attendance, including "Heidelberg über Alles" cheers, "Lion Born, Lion Bred" and "Ich hab' mein Herz in Heidelberg verloren", "Ein Prosit", and all other outbursts to demonstrate our superiority over any and all other other DOD schools, especially Frankfurt, Kaiserslautern, Mannheim, and Karlsruhe. Sunday morning is breakfast and departure.

Mark your calendar, let me know that you will attend (so I can get the OSB stuff out to you), get your reservations to take advantage of advance purchase discounts and to cash in the frequent flyer miles (before the airlines do away with them altogether), and call the Hyatt (1-800-233-1234; \$99/night for up to four in a room; specify "Overseas Brats DC Metro Gathering at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA").

Luke can be reached at 103 Linwood Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681, phone (864) 963-2764, or by e-mail at clukewilliams@mindspring.com.

The total cost for meals and events at the October Gathering will be about \$160 per person, or \$265 per couple (less, for those who can't attend all four days). Overseas Brats president Joe Condrill writes, "Heidelberg alumni have been involved with OVERSEAS BRATS and these annual FUN and MEANINGFUL Gatherings since 1986. Stay tuned for details or visit www.overseasbrats.com. Questions? Contact Honorary Heidelberg Lion Joe Condrill at joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net."

Anne Berger Stietenroth '61 says, "Many Heidelberg alumni live in or have relatives around DC. It would be great to have a reunion group from Heidelberg American High School in attendance at this Gathering. One does not have to be a member of Overseas Brats to attend. Are you interested? We had a large group in Asheville, NC, a few years ago, and it was wonderful to see so many friends again. Bill and I are planning to attend."

Deaths in the HHS Family

Hazel Brown '50, date unknown.

Bill Katsarsky ("Bill Kats") **'51** (Major, US Army Ret.), August 28, 2007. Excerpts from his obituary: Since his Cadillac chassis was left with only a Volkswagen engine, Bill surrendered peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family and friends. As a military brat, Bill lived in Hawaii, Idaho, and Germany. He joined the Army in 1954 and served his country for 21 years as an infantryman, with three tours in Vietnam. He leaves behind Kathy Cooper, the love of his life for the past 30 years, his brother, Lenny [**'54**], of Honolulu, HI, beloved cousins, and his chosen family. Bill was an avid book collector, computer enthusiast, movie buff, and QVC shopper who enjoyed good company, good debates, and good food. Memorial donations may be made to the Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation, PO Box 96046, Washington, DC, 20077, the Franciscan Hospice, PO Box 1502, Tacoma, WA 98401, the Point Defiance-Ruston Senior Center, 4716 N. Baltimore, Tacoma, WA 98407, or any charity of your choice.

Dorothy Nelson Simmons '52, June 14, 2007, of acute myelocytic leukemia, in Goliad, Texas. Her son and daughter-in-law David and Karen Simmons sent us the news.

Scott Marshall '53 (from **Gary Roosma '53**, groosma@earthlink.net), September 10, 2007, in Ellington, CT. He graduated from Heidelberg High School in 1953 and from the University of Maine in 1961. Prior to his retirement he was employed by W. T. Grant Company and Follett College Bookstores. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dottie Richards Marshall, three children, and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Alpha & Omega, Inc., 8 Leila Lane, Ellington, CT 06029.

Terry Rooney-Ganley, class unknown, May 6, 2007 of lung cancer; her son let us know.

Visit <http://heidelbergalumni.homestead.com/memorial/html> for memories and biographies of many of our classmates. The site can also be accessed from www.heidelberghighschool.com.

Finding Each Other

Our master address list, compiled by Bill and **Glenda Casey Petrini '54** and **Bob Hines '54**, is updated continually by **Judy Hackett Brodhead '59**. We hope soon to offer it on CD, but aren't quite ready yet.

www.military-brats.com has at least 70,000 names registered, along with memories, stories, and links; www.classmates.com, is free but urges you to sign up for upgraded service for a (low) monthly fee.

Our own website, www.HHSearlyyears.com, has copies of the last seven HHS Early Years newsletters Joan Dickson edited. The all-years website, www.heidelberghighschool.com, administered by **Bob Flores '71**, has posted our Fall 2007 Early Years newsletter and will post future issues. Phenomenally, this website also has the **HHS sections from the 1948-1955 and 1983 annuals**, scanned in for all to enjoy! More will be added as resources permit.

Address Changes and Additions

1949 Mary Margaret ("Queenie") Ellis McCollum, mccollum210@hotmail.com

1951 Nancy Williams King, 805 4th Ave. North, Apt 203, Seattle, WA 98109

1951 Frank Schoonover, frs5@comcast.net

1952 Hudson ("Bill") Phillips, Austin, Texas, 512-451-5020

1952 Allan Hamilton, 307 Moody run, Williamsburg, VA 23185, AHamil2719@aol.com

1953 Mike (Bernhard Michael) Davall, mdavall1@cfl.rr.com

1954 Marion Burlingham Jackson, 8810 Walther Blvd. Apt 1006, Parkville, MD 21234

1955 George Beasley, 33 Main St., Thomaston, ME 04861, gfbasely@verizon.com, 207-354-3542

1957 Paul Jennings, 1795 J A Forehand Road, Bonifay, FL 32425
1957 Mary McMorrow Swanson, 7844 Antigua Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, 719-262-0600
1958 Kenneth P. Keene, Esq., Keene & Sparks LLP, Alamo Corporate Center, 102 S. Tejon Street, Suite 460, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, 719-577-4800, kkeene@keeneandsparks.com; website: www.KeeneAndSparks.com
1958 Judy Wright Harris Hays '58, 8556 Finlarig Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017, 614-766-7047, JHDiva@aol.com
1959 Jeri Wright Baldwin '59, 195 Alpine Drive, Lexington, VA 24405, 540-261-1895, jrbaldwin@planetcom.net
1959 John Arnold, 2925 Gulf Freeway, Suite B260, League City, TX 77573, 281-557-3005, a46coupe@hotmail.com
1959 Margie Foster Beck, 3422 Yellowtail Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90720
1960 James Cotton, 110 Puller Drive, Jacksonville, NC 28540
1960 Marshall Winokur, 128 Dickey Hill, Hillsborough, NH 03244
1960 Mike Abell, 6583 Castlebay Court, MD 20777, mabell@cesjes.org
1961 Joan Agnew Horn, 407 Rock Spring Ct., College Station, TX 77845
1961 Robert (Bob) Panke, 10065 Briarwood, St. Louis, MO 63124
1961 Steve Geng, 527 W. 22nd St., New York, NY 10011, 212-989-6081, stephan.geng@verizon.net
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Joyce Hiney Kinnally, 6 Newbury Road, Bradford, NH 03221, 603-927-4136

Newly found, or re-found:

1954 Carol Diggs Heinze, 59 Wood Stream Drive, Langhorne, PA 19053, Cadiggs99@aol.com
1960 Tony Donovan, KFUPM Box 1338, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, tdono33@yahoo.com
1961 Michael (Mike) Doré, 3100 Point O Woods, Austin, TX 78735-1500, 512-892-7139
1961 Joellen Steffen, 2061 Main St., Comer, GA 30629
1961 William B. (Ben) Gorn, 114 Evian, Hilton Head, SC 29928
1963 Pat Leverette Tabb: Jay & Pat Tabb, 482 CR 524, Nacogdoches, Texas 75964, 936-564-1011; Jay's cell: 936-559-3525; pattabb@suddenlink.net and jaytabb@suddenlink.net

LOST (last known location): 1952 Barbara Gausditis Vlachich (Freehold, NJ); **1953? Margaret Janus Stables** (Ft. Collins, CO); **1954 Dacia Custer Salopek** (Cloudcraft, New Mexico); **1955 Nancy Reed Kennedy** (San Diego, CA); **1958 Marilyn L. McKay** (Oviedo, FL); **1958 Joan Kasdorf Brooks** (West Hills, CA); **1959 Beverly Blackburn Fribble** (Spring, TX); **1960 Langdon Bedell** (Eugene, OR); **1960 Carolyn Rose Dillon** (McLean, Virginia); **1960 LTC John Wattendorf** (West Point, NY); **1961 Patty Richmond Wren** (West Palm Beach, FL); **1962 Fredrick Richmond** (Rockville, MD); **1963 Karl H. Henry** (Murphy, TX); **John Payne**, class year uncertain (possibly at 101 Hilton Road, Surrey, England).

DONATIONS

Good news: We have received the newsletter funds from **Joan Dickson's** estate. Joan's 1957 yearbook has been spoken for with a very generous donation from **Frank Caufield '57**. Other recent contributors are **Mary Margaret Ellis McCollum '49**, **Cynthia Gardner Valkavich '50**, Ometa Kay and **Bob Hess '52**, William and Susan Gibson, **Frank Kellers '53 (Bob Hines's old roommate)**, **Mary McMorrow Swanson '57**, **Luke and Sally Irwin Williams** (both '58), **Kenneth Keene '58**, **Lucy Ranck Roubal '59**, **Kathryn Sherlock '60**, Joe and **Karen Houlihan Barletta '61**, **Robert Panke '61**, **Stephen Waters '61**, and **Penny Kennedy Wortham '62**. Donations to help with copying and mailing the newsletter are still quite welcome; checks to HHS Alumni should be sent to **Bob Hines**. Thanks, all.

HHS Early Years, LLC: Rita Wycoff Zener '54 Is Our New President
 by **Dave Murphy '53**

At a recent meeting of your Board of Directors **Rita Wycoff Zener '54** was unanimously elected by the existing board members to serve as president of HHS Early Years, LLC.

The untimely and sad passing of **Glenda Casey Petrini '54** left our organization without a president. Normally the vice president assumes the duties as president. **Bob Hines '54**, our vice president, was willing to assume the presidency but would have been forced to give up being Treasurer since our Articles of Organization prevent any one individual from serving in both capacities. **Rita** was induced to run for President. Bob continues to

serve as Vice President and Treasurer, and **Dave Murphy '53** continues as Secretary. **Jan McLin Clayberg '59** was unanimously elected Newsletter Editor, having taken over for Glenda with the fall issue in 2007. The position of assistant treasurer, with the right to sign checks, was created, and **Joan Wauchope Orvis '51** was elected to that position.

Your Board is currently planning the next general meeting of all members. Watch the newsletter for details. A new Board of Directors will be elected at that meeting. The current officers may or may not run for the offices they presently hold. This new Board of Directors will serve until the next general meeting.

Treasurer's Report
by **Bob Hines '54**

Our request for donations to get the Newsletter back on its feet brought many donations and we thank all of you. When Joan Dickson died, we didn't think we would be able to retrieve any of the money she had in the Heidelberg accounts. Finally, after some persistent followup, we managed to get a large chunk of it in August. Our treasury is in good shape and we can fund several more newsletter issues. The money is in a high interest money market checking account and we have two people who can sign checks or withdraw money so we won't get into the position we found ourselves in at Joan's death. The generous contributions of those who attended Joan Dickson's memorial picnic exceeded the expenses reported, so the rest is in our general fund.

Details, for all of 2007:

Income:	Donations	\$ 6,630.00
	Interest	115.87
	Joan's Estate	<u>4,095.46</u>
	Total income	\$10,841.33
Expenses:	Newsletter printing & postage	\$ 1,756.99
	LLC registration & web site	118.34
	Miscellaneous	71.99
	Dickson memorial picnic	<u>881.50</u>
	Total expenses	\$ 2,828.82

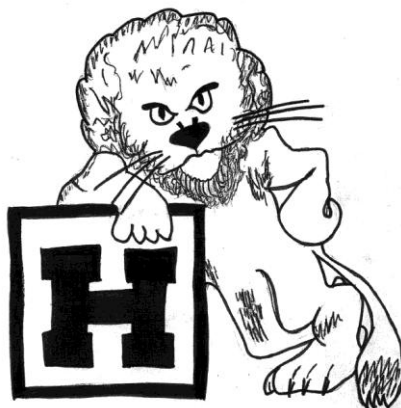
Balance as of 31 December 2007: \$ 8,012.51

PLEASE FEED OUR HHS EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER
(E-mails especially preferred; put HHS first in the subject line)

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(Thanks to **Luke Williams '58** for this Heidelberg Lion)