

High School Newsletter

The Early Years, Classes of 1947 to 1963

Fall 2008



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

Corrections Department

FIRST, A VERY HAPPY CORRECTION: Coach Clifford Venne is alive and well at 82. Coach Venne called Bob Hines with the good news. His wife had gotten two condolence notes and a phone call from kindly Heidelbergers!

The Vennes are now in Boise (wish we'd known that when the Overseas Brats Gathering was held there in October 2007): 12106 West Emerson Dr., Boise, ID 83709, phone 208-672-8299.

To the Vennes, our abject apologies! Our source for the mistake is lost in the mists of time. Coach, you are now our Mark Twain, whose concise response to the publication of his obituary was this cable: "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

In the Fall 2007 issue, I wrote that our founding editor **Joan Dickson '58** was in Heidelberg from first grade through graduation. Earlier newsletters tell me that it was **Lurline Webber Nicolary '58** who had that great distinction, but Joan *was* in Heidelberg from **fourth** grade through graduation, and she knew *everyone*.

Terry Rooney-Ganley, whose death in May 2007 was reported in the Spring 2008 issue, was in the class of **1959**. At the time, we didn't know her year. Thanks to her friend **Pam Brundage Meek '59** for telling us.

Also in the Spring 2008 issue, I said "**Luke and Sally Irwin Williams (both '58)**". Luke is indeed in the class of '58, but Sally is in the class of '59 – sorry, Sally, for mistakenly adding a year to your age!

Reunion October 30 - November 2, 2008 - Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA, near Washington, DC

This Overseas Brats Gathering is for all schools and all classes, but **the class of 1958** will be celebrating its **golden anniversary**, and classes on either side will be joining in especially. As **Luke Williams '58** says, "**FIFTY YEARS LATER, or, SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY**. It is time to come together and renew our bonds." Check it out and **register at the OSB site, www.overseasbrats.com**.

HHS alumni planning to attend at press time are **Joan Wauchope Orvis '51; Bob Hines and Reid (Skip) Grover '54; Gerald (Sam) Berry and William Gibson '57;** from the class of '58 **Luke Williams, Ken Keene, Mike Banks, Roger Perez, Eleonore Reif Matthiassen, Lola Schonholz Stewart, Kay Kidwell Calvert-Hoech, Linda Hunsaker Vaughan, Joel Allen, Carolyn Thune Knutson and Judy Wright Hays;** from the class of '59 **Sally Irwin Williams, Pam Brundage Meek, Mike Podufaly, Jan McLin Clayberg and Jeri Wright Baldwin; Katharyn Thune Batey '60;** from the class of '61, **Anne Berger Stietenroth, Margaret Peyton Stem, Sally Bless Roberts and Charles Rose; Jim and Penny Kennedy Wortham, '62; Karren Farr Keller and Michelle Stewart Archer '63 – and Coach Clifford Venne!** Many more are still making up their minds.

Remembrance Concert

On November 2, the Sunday afternoon of the OSB reunion, at 3 pm, the Choral Arts Society of Washington will sing Verdi's Requiem at the Kennedy Center at 3 pm. This glorious work – some call it one of Verdi's greatest operas – is also profoundly thoughtful. Heidelbergers might like to attend, in memory of **Joan and Glenda** and all our lost classmates and loved ones. Joan attended several Choral Arts concerts and your editor is a longtime member of the chorus. Discounted tickets: janclayberg@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Mail and Memories of Lost Classmates

Jean Edward White '51 (February 2008): Sorry to hear about **Bill Katsarsky's** death. He and I were in the dorm as seniors in 1951. Also **Dot Nelson '52. Joan Wauchope Orvis and Carol Wilson King** were also part of the group of '51 grads. Thanks for keeping things going and changing my address. [3420 Jackanicz Road, W. Frankfort, IL 62896]

Ellie Smith Fox '55: Just finished reading my copy of the Spring 2008 newsletter. Want to send a big THANK YOU for carrying on after **Joan and Glenda's** passing. Thanks again for all your wonderful news and keep up the great work. Much love, Ellie

Joan Kasdorf Brooks '58: Got your mail today and thank you for “trying to find me (again)!” **Joan [Dickson]** had my SC address but my email had changed and I didn't think of trying to find someone to notify. I did know about Joan's passing. I had been in touch with her – actually stayed at her home on my way to Massachusetts a few years ago and had several conversations with her during her illness. How sad and so unexpected. I remember how concerned she was about **Mary Field Banks '59.** Joan was special to everyone as the glue that held the Lions together for so many years. No doubt she has brought another group of HHS Lions together in the sky!

Kitty (Kathryn C.) Sherlock '60 (November 2007): I was sorry to hear of **Glenda Casey Petrini's** death. The newsletter is important to me, and I appreciate her efforts to keep it going. And yours.

Pat Flinn '60: Thanks to you and everyone else that works on the newsletter. Thanks for all you do to help communicate. (Pat has moved from Florida to Georgia; see Address Section

Nandi Devam '62 (formerly **Terry MacNeil**): Thank you for the last issue of the Heidelberg Newsletter. You all are doing a great job! I have moved next door in our duplex, to 1745 9th St., Berkeley, CA 94710, nandidevam@hotmail.com.

Early Heidelberg Memories

Margaret Raymond Peck '47, margpeck@gmail.com (February 2008): Congratulations and many thanks for agreeing to carry on **Joan and Glenda's** good work. I always enjoy reading the newsletter and the updates on other H'bergers, although I seldom hear about anyone from the Really early years. **Queenie Ellis,** in the current newsletter, is the exception. I remember her very well from high school, and saw her in Arizona a few years back at a reunion. I have to comment on **Bill Phillips '52's** memoir, in which he states that Munich was featured in Life magazine in 1951. Heidelberg High School was in Life with a nice article and cover picture. Check out the July 21, 1947 issue. [We stand happily corrected, and thanks! But how do we get a copy of that issue? I'll try the Internet – Ed.]

David Rogers '53 (from a December 2006 letter to **Joan Dickson '58** that arrived too late but was forwarded to us; sorry, David, for taking so long to include this): Although I consider myself to be a full-fledged member of the HHS Class of 1953, I did not actually graduate from Heidelberg. I came over to Germany with my family in the summer of 1949 on the USTS Breckenridge (I think), and completed my freshman, sophomore and junior years and a good part of my senior year at HHS. My family and I lived in a German family's home on Am Bogen Strasse in Feudenheim Kreis Mannheim during those 3½ wonderful years, and I remember vividly every school day riding those big, boxy, olive drab army buses from Feudenheim to the American school compound in Heidelberg. The Radcliffe brothers were my morning bus-mates (all right, my sister, too ... she sat up in front), and in the course of those rides, I managed to develop a terrible crush on **Sara DeJuhasz**, another co-rider!

In addition to keeping my academics high enough to join the Honor Society, I found enough time to run on the track team and serve as the team manager for the football and basketball teams. When sports or other activities prevented me from catching the army buses for the trip back to Feudenheim, I was forced to gather my *Pfennigs* and ride the OEG (pronounced Oh-A-Gay) to Mannheim and from there the *Strassenbahn* over to Feudenheim, which was always an adventure from start to finish!

However, my fondest memories of my high school years would have to be the EUCOM High School Basketball Tournaments staged every year in Frankfurt ... and especially the all-school dances held in the gymnasium (socks only) on the Saturday nights of the tournament, and hosted graciously by Frankfurt High School (who didn't have to do any traveling). As I recall, our "Lions" played pretty well in the three tourneys I attended, winning all three with a strong team that included **Morgan Mason ('52)** at forward, **Robert Hess** (also '52) at guard, and **Larry Burchell ('53)** at center.

I desperately wanted to finish my high school years at Heidelberg, but unfortunately my father received his orders to report to the Pentagon and so we all had to fly back to the "Z. I." in November of 1952. I attended Falls Church (Virginia) High School then, graduating in June of 1953. Following West Point, Viet Nam and resignation in 1968 to return to civilian life, I got a law degree from UNC in 1975, and after knocking my head against the North Carolina judicial system for 28 years, retired completely in 2003. Today I find myself busier than ever ... half-way thru my Master's Degree program in Public Administration at N. C. State University here in Raleigh, and half-way thru my radiation treatments at the VA Hospital in Durham for the touch of prostate cancer they found last September. No problem...

Now that I enter my seventh decade of wandering this planet, a bit worse for the wear, I am frequently flooded with nostalgia for those halcyon days at HHS ... and the words ring again in my heart: "*Alt' Heidelberg, du Feine, du Stadt an Ehren reich.*" - Warm regards, David

Joan Kasdorf Brooks '58 (February 2008): Heidelberg (even for just one year) was the "magic," unforgettable, place that I lived in while growing up in the military. It was the beautiful city, but much more than that, it was ~ the kids that made it so! I have not been in constant touch over the years, as many others have been (but I did have a wonderful time when I returned for the 2001 reunion). Yet all my life, I have recalled, with great fondness, that one very special year with very special young people who seemed to have grown up the same way – caring, connected, and still Very Special! I am glad to be back in touch.

John Arnold '58 (February 2008): Greetings to all other "the early years" senior geezers. I was saddened to have learned of Glenda's passing. As I age I guess I have to accept the passing of my friends and acquaintances as a fact of life - but, it doesn't make it any better or easier. All will be sorely missed....

In reading all the memories of my friends, associates and other *old timers* I am brought back to a fairly happy and simpler life I had many many years ago.

It is with sadness and a bit of regret that I and my sister never could attend the many functions or be listed or photographed due to my father's job while there. We were not allowed to be photographed or acknowledged as being present. At the time I and my sister thought everything to be normal but later in life I understood some of the whys and wherefores. After my father's death eight years ago my mother kinda filled me in on some things but I guess many questions will never be answered.

This being an "unknown" has caused many problems throughout my young adult life, getting a correct birth certificate and my first driver's license, entering my own military service at 17 years of age, and later on receiving my own personal passport. But, all is solved and I am here, now ... and can be recognized. - **John Arnold**, PhD, ScD, Heidelberg, '58, a46ercoupe@hotmail.com

Jan McLin Clayberg '59 (or, **meet your editor**): My bond with Heidelberg has never been broken; I lived there in 1953-57 and 1968-69, and I visit Germany often. In 1978 I took my three sons (then 15, 13 and 11) back to Heidelberg, and I hope one day to take my grandchildren as well (twin boys 17, girls 12 and almost 15). Three of them so far have visited France and Spain with their 8th grade French and Spanish classes. When I was in 9th grade, our French classes went to France, too - but we didn't have to fly the Atlantic; we took the overnight train to Paris. **Tony Cole '59** and others sang most of the way. I remember a delightful dinner in Paris with several classmates and our biology teacher, **Joy Hiney** Kinnally.

Heidelberg especially means music to me: In 1954, I joined the school chorus directed by **Lou Celle Nelson** Fertik. In March 1956, I heard the Mozart Requiem at the Patrick Henry Chapel. Günter Mohrig (the Protestant Chapel organist and choir director 1955-1978) conducted, and his wife Christa was the radiant soprano soloist. A few years ago, Christa gave me an Army photo of that concert, with **Sylvia Cottingham Smyth '56** and **Judy Wright** Hays Harris '58 in the choir. (Sylvia and Judy, I meant to send you each a copy, or did I forget?) That fall, I joined the chapel choir and have been singing ever since.

In October 2006, after celebrating Christa Mohrig's 80th birthday with her family and friends, her daughter Nela and I strolled along the Neckar. Looking across at the Old Town brought vivid memories to mind of Saturday walks down the Hauptstrasse, boating on the river, and castle burnings with **Jeri Wright** Baldwin, **Shira Tannor** Karpati, **Sharon Leahy** Mahar, **Alix Elias**, **Judy Hackett** Brodhead, and **Jock Butchart** (all class of '59); concerts at the Peterskirche with the Mohrighs and the German-American Kantorei; and ballet classes at the Städtische Bühne with **Shira Tannor** Karpati '59. One year, Shira and I danced as fir trees (the younger girls were rabbits and mushrooms) in quite a few performances of a fairy tale, *Prinzessin Gänsemagd*, staged at local German schools by the Städtische Bühne. Not only did we get out of school for it, we were even paid! (Shira, was it DM 1.50 per performance?)

Professionally, Heidelberg gave me my livelihood: I translate patent applications from German and French to English, and so do my husband Olaf Bexhoeft, my middle son David, and his wife Robin.

When **Glenda Casey** Petrini '54 was looking for a Heidelberg newsletter editor last year, I hoped someone else would volunteer – but printer's ink runs in the family veins: Mother was Editor-in-Chief of her college newspaper, and Daddy succeeded her the next year. On a very small scale, before graduate school and joining the working world in 1978, I co-edited a mimeographed community newsletter in Garmisch (1966-68), the monthly *Cathedral Column*, printed with hot lead on a Linotype, in Izmir, Turkey (1970-72), and *Spectra*, a glossy Arts Council magazine, in Fayetteville, NC (1974-5). Now look at what we can do on our own computer! So I said yes to Glenda, and it is a joy, meeting fellow HHS attendees in person and by e-mail and sharing memories of that wonderful town. (Remember **Sylvia Cottingham** Smyth '56 in "Wonderful Town"? Delightful.)

My Life as an "Overseas Brat", and Thereafter Erika Herbster ("Herbie") King '60

In 1950, at age 8, I arrived in Heidelberg with my mother via the S.S. America – and a quick trip through Paris and Brittany – to join my Dad, who had been hired to set up the University of Maryland Overseas Program. We were given a nice fully-furnished apartment on the Werderstrasse and I quickly made friends with both American and German neighbors. I had a distinct advantage in that my parents both spoke perfect German since they were both good Philadelphians from German parents. I picked up the language fairly easily, as we had German maids who spoke no English, as well as some distant relatives whom my parents insisted on visiting practically every weekend.

The U.S. Dependents School was fairly close by; I believe it had been a hospital or something because I remember a huge red cross on the rooftop. We enjoyed all the perks of the American Military – free transportation, free cars, free medical attention and housekeepers – while much of Germany still remained in bombed-out ruins, many people still living in and around those horrifying conditions. It was quite a wonderful experience growing up in a dual culture, and watching the very industrious Germans as they rebuilt their country with our help! We stayed 10 years, through my senior year at Heidelberg High.

When we moved to a beautiful home on a very quiet street, my artist Mom set up a basement studio and had well known German artists give lessons to her friends. We all enjoyed painting as a hobby and my Mom arranged a "family exhibition" at the Amerika Haus downtown. Eventually we moved to Patrick Henry Village and from there to "Little America" where I could actually walk a few blocks to school.

Those were fun days, and my best friends were **Liz Atkinson, Wendy Hankinson, Judy Terrell** and **Sharon Wood**. We used to meet at Judy's place before class to smoke a cigarette. The worst thing we ever did was one night a group of us girls went to the local beer-keller and got pretty sloshed until Liz's Dad, a general, had the M.P.s come and pick us up. I think we were reprimanded somehow, but life went on. The love of my life, **Willy Brucker '59**, was president of his senior class as well as captain of the football team. We had wonderful times together until his father, also a general, was transferred to Kaiserslautern. They moved, my heart was broken, and he ended up marrying the next girl he dated, had some kids, and now lives somewhere around Boston, I believe. My passion became traveling and art.

After graduation and proms in the magnificent Heidelberg Castle, Fastnacht and the Student Prince on the Hauptstrasse, sports and teen club events, I went back to the U.S. and spent 2 years of college at Earlham in Richmond, Indiana, with summers in the Poconos, but I was homesick for Europe. My parents were living in Lucerne, Switzerland, where there was quite a good art school. It was lovely living by Lake Lucerne and doing the Swiss thing, but my dream was to study art in Paris. A cousin living there arranged for a place to stay while I studied French and art and lapped up the Parisian lifestyle. It was the best years of my life, and Paris is to this day my favorite city of all the 40 different countries I have lived or travelled in.

After that fascinating year, I craved a place in the sun. The southern coast of Spain beckoned me, and I hopped on a train to my new found paradise: Torremolinos, a small fishing village and emerging tourist destination on the Mediterranean. It was 1964 and rents were cheap - \$50 per month for a spacious studio with a large terrace. I set up shop, doing my artwork – abstractions of Spanish architecture and figures – while arranging exhibitions to show and sell the work. Whenever I sold well, I travelled – to Morocco, Palma de Mallorca, Beirut, London, Munich, Algeria. Four action-filled years passed by quickly until an American friend, Bill Cox, told me that if I was a really serious artist, I needed to be in New York! Not long thereafter, I packed up, left my bohemian life in Europe, and moved into New York City.

What a culture shock! My café-society, carefree life came to an abrupt end. I actually had to work for a living to keep up with my new lifestyle, first in a furniture showroom, and then in a huge art studio where we were paid by the hour to paint canvases and sign phony names for a mass-production art business.

After a year it was off to San Francisco where I continued to paint, work part-time in a fancy gallery on Sutter Street, and get my work in as many shows as possible. Another magical year, then destiny stepped in. The lawyer of my Swiss friend Ernst Aebi had bought a building in Coconut Grove, in Miami, Florida, and asked me to open an art gallery, with a house and salary included. I had wanted to move to Mexico to return to the sun, sea, and the Latin flavor – and Coconut Grove had lots of sun, was on the sea, and had lots of Latin people! That was 1970. The rest is history – I am still there and still love it. I create collages, mostly commissions for corporations, families, celebrities, sports teams, and commemorative events. I exhibit occasionally and support community charities by donating works to fundraising events. My NBA-licensed collages can be seen on my website at erikaking.com.

I attended one reunion about 20 years ago, where I remember catching up with **Mike Abell, Mike Podufaly, Liz Atkinson, Pat Flinn**. We stay in touch sporadically and the newsletter does the rest. I am anti-tech, preferring the phone and my paint brushes to computers and e-mails.

I am long divorced but go out almost every evening to social and business events, dinners, theater, and art openings. No children or family here; my parents passed away in 1997 and 1998, Dad then still in Germany and Mom still creating her artwork at age 90, here in Miami. I am still looking for my “soul mate” and continue to enjoy life in our tropical paradise.

Thanks to your newsletter, I have been in touch with **Steve Geng '61** and a few others over the years. I am always interested in the lives of other classmates who “report in”. Of course I was very saddened to hear of **Joan's** passing, but trust that you all will keep things moving along, reunions and all. I hope to make the next Heidelberg one should there be one scheduled! I also reminisce on old HHS days and some of our eccentric and outstanding teachers, such as **Miss Fowlkes** (English), **Mr. Bova** (biology) and **Miss Caulfield** (math); any news of them? Enough for now; keep up your good work! Best regards, **Erika Herbster King**, 305-448-1694.

HHS Alumni News

Ellie Smith Fox '55 and her travels were written up in a newspaper in Brest, Belarus, in July 2007. She has visited 133 countries so far - can any of us top that? It sounds like a record!

Sally Brown Hagel '54 (February 2008): **Dacia Custer Salopek '54** built a lovely patio home in a beautiful area on a golf course. We see each other frequently as I visit Silver City, NM, frequently. My sister and brother-in-law and my mother live there now. I adore New Mexico! Dacia's sister Bunner (now Liz) and Robert Hall (widow and widower respectively) recently met up again and have become a romantic item. They travel all the time. You never know what's right around the corner.

It's rather chilling to read about my fellow classmates dying. Are we really at that age?? I tell myself no, but the evidence suggests yes. I better keep moving.

Bob's Parkinson's is pretty bad now. He really can't live without a caregiver and at the moment that would be me. He tries so hard to be independent but this disease really takes a toll as time goes on. A real bummer. We're thinking of moving to the Southwest ourselves, although it will be hard to leave friends and family on the east coast.

John (Texas Jack) Arnold '58 (May 2008): I thought I'd take the time to write and update you (or any Heidelberg that knows *of* me) regarding my recent developments.

First off, I am going through the "Empty Nest" syndrome - most likely for the last time (I hope). My "little one", a live in rug rat for the past 7 years and one I have taken care of for the past 14 years, is now a beautiful well adjusted young lady, who graduated high school a year early (2007) and is now heading for college at the University of Texas, in Austin. This leaves me "alone" again and I have mixed emotions - I am happy for her and also quite happy to now be able to rearrange my own life - but a bit depressed and saddened that she is now mostly out of my life, out on her own, and I will not be seeing her as much as in past years. However, I will survive this situation as I have other "distasteful and stressful" happenings in my life. I think some Jarhead coined the saying: "*That which does not kill you will make you stronger*" ... right?

Being retired (yeah, right!) for the past 22 years has not given me the opportunity to kick back, fish or relax - just the opposite; I like to tell folks that I have been busier than a one-armed paperhanger in a Texas twister! I pray that I am not now too old to make a future plan for ME - and I am working on it.

I just purchased a new RV with all the bells & whistles & luxury and have sold my house and all other real estate - basically, I guess I can be considered "homeless"? I am now living in the RV at a nice resort in Dickinson, Texas and am getting ready to pull out *for parts unknown very soon!* For the foreseeable future, wherever the rig is - is where my home is. Plan is to see that my rug rat gets settled in Austin and I am off to satisfy my wanderlust and Gypsy side with the wonders of this country, the adventure and anticipation of each day's travel and meeting new friends along the way. Maybe I will run into some of you Heidelberg folks? Let me hear from anyone thinking of full-time RV'ing or planning to be close to wherever I will be - a steak dinner is on me! - John Arnold, a46ercoupe@hotmail.com.

From **Mike Podufaly '59** (May 2008): Like most of us, I have good days and bad days. But like all brats, we just plain don't give up. Hope to see you in the fall. Take care, Mike

Kitty (Kathryn C.) Sherlock '60 (November 2007): I retired in 2007 as (NCLB) Title III English Language Acquisition Coordinator for the New Mexico Public Education Department here in Santa Fe.

Included in my travels since retirement is a visit I made to Fort Sill, Oklahoma in July. I was born there in 1943, and I came back for two years in adolescence - 8th and 9th grades in Lawton, OK. I had not been back there for 50 years. It first seemed like a trip to a different planet altogether, but eventually I found the little cottage my family had lived in from 1955-1957 (I'd been told it was destroyed many years ago) and the environment fell totally into place. Changes? The trees had grown, and family housing looked very neglected. It was beautiful in a green oasis kind of way, in the middle of a starker (SW Plains) landscape. I was allowed to wander all over the old post, on the west side of the Interstate. The east side of the Interstate looked developed (militarily), but was off limits. Lawton had grown right up to the fence of Fort Sill (it had been 20+ miles of pasture before). So far, this is my only "going-back" experience re my life as an Army Brat. I met with **Anne Knauerhase** in Washington, D.C. in June, when I did my annual Congressional lobbying for RESULTS (an international grass-roots anti-poverty organization). That meeting was great - we shared very different perspectives on life at Heidelberg HS. I wish I had been able to attend the Heidelberg reunion last year. Did it feel **surreal** to anyone? I think that is the keyword for my life, overall.

Charles Rose '61 (March 2008): Retirement has been great as last summer I was able to hike the Long Trail. This trail goes from the Massachusetts border to the Canadian border. I would backpack four or five days and then come home for a week or two and back up again as I live in Connecticut. It took me all summer to do the 274 miles and had good days and bad days but enjoyed it all, look forward to some more backpacking this summer. Just got back from taking my three sons and their wives and seven grandchildren on a seven day cruise of the western Caribbean, what a blast that was. Till I retired the last time I was on cruise when the senior class took a boat ride up the Neckar. This was our fourth cruise and I am hooked. My wife and I hope to make the Gathering in October. Charlie

Joy Hiney Kinnally, faculty (January 2008): The newsletter copies brought to mind bright memories from half a century ago. Thank you! Now that I have returned to snow country I find that the grandchildren (who live in Florida and North Carolina) love to visit and ski and snowboard and otherwise enjoy the white gold of New Hampshire. This makes winter especially interesting for the whole family.

Helen Anderson (faculty) (April 2008): I taught mathematics from the fall of 1957 to the spring of 1959. I enjoyed the students and faculty there and especially enjoyed the travel experiences. Barbara Rankin Csomay and I shared many trips until she returned to the States in 1958. In 1959 I returned to Maryland and taught in my former high school until I retired in 1970. I've been living in North Carolina and am preparing to move to a retirement community in Brevard, NC. Moving from a house to a two bedroom apartment required downsizing. I thought someone would enjoy having the yearbook [1958, generously donated to us; our Archivist **Luke Williams '58** will keep it for now]. My new address is 100 N. College Row, Apt. 146, Brevard, NC 28712

The Bookshelf: Works by Heidelberg Students and Faculty

Jane Chance '63 (March 2008): My book publications (22! I'm tired!) are:

The Genius Figure in Antiquity and the Middle Ages (Columbia UP, 1975);

Woman as Hero in Old English Literature (Syracuse UP, 1986);

Christine de Pizan's "Letter of Othea to Hector" (D.S. Brewer, 1990);

Medieval Mythography: From Roman North Africa to the School of Chartres, AD 433-1177 (UP Florida, 1994)--winner of the 1994 South Central Modern Language Association Book Award;

Chaucer's Mythography: The Fabulation of Sexual Politics (Minnesota UP, 1995);

several collections, including *The Mythographic Art: Classical Fable and the Rise of the Vernacular in Early France and England* and *Gender and Text in the Later Middle Ages* (both UPF);

Volume 2 of *Medieval Mythography*, subtitled *From the School of Chartres to the Court at Avignon, 1177-1350*, was published in the fall of 2000 by University Press of Florida.

An essay, *Beowulf*, "The Structural Unity of *Beowulf*: The Problem of Grendel's Mother," printed in seven venues from 1980 to the Norton *Beowulf* critical edition (2001).

My edited collection of essays, *Women Medievalists in the Academy*, was published by University of Wisconsin Press in 2005.

I have just published *The Literary Subversions of Medieval Women* for the New Middle Ages Series at Palgrave Macmillan.

My essay on Heloise's letters to Abelard won the first biennial Best Essay prize from Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship in 2005.

Two monographs on Tolkien, *Tolkien's Art: A Mythology for England* (Macmillan Ltd., 1979) and *The Lord of the Rings: The Mythology of Power* (G. K. Hall, 1992), were reprinted in revised editions in 2001 (Kentucky UP) and the latter has been translated into Japanese (Hayakawa Shobo, 2003).

Tolkien the Medievalist, my edited collection of essays by others, appeared in the fall of 2002 (Routledge Ltd.) and was selected as a finalist for the Mythopoeic Award in Inklings Scholarship in 2004 and 2005; a second collection, *Tolkien and the Invention of Myth: A Reader*, was published in 2004 (University of Kentucky Press). *Tolkien's Modern Middle Ages*, coedited with Alfred K. Sewers, appeared in November 2005 through Palgrave Macmillan. I have also guest-edited two issues of *Studies in Medievalism*, on *Medievalism in the Twentieth Century* (1982, rpt. 1991) and *The Inklings* (1991).

My life-story: after graduating in Heidelberg in 63, I attended Purdue U. 1963-67, receiving a BA, and married in 1966 (divorced in 1968), with one child (Tracy, now 41), and then attended U. Illinois-Urbana for an AM and PhD in English. I taught for two years at U. Saskatchewan-Saskatoon, then moved to Rice, where I have taught ever since. I remarried in 1981 while on a Guggenheim in Rome, Italy, and had two sons, now 21 and 25; became divorced in 2002. Along the way I have enjoyed wonderful sabbaticals in London, England, Princeton, NJ, Salt Lake City, Utah, and traveled to conferences (and for fun) all over the world! Being a brat never ends.

Anyway--material for the next Newsletter! Best, **Jane Chance**

[Jane, congratulations! Jane is Professor of English and Director of the Medieval Studies Program and Workshop in the English Department at Rice University in Houston.]

Finding each other again

Through www.whitepages.com, **Karen Houlihan** Barletta '61 recently found her classmate **Patty Richmond** Wrenn, and **Phyllis Boyd** Mitchell '54 found **Joan Kiernan** Schminke, who had moved after the death of her husband. This site is easy to use and is free.

With his letter to **Joan Dickson** (see above), **David Rogers** '53 sent some clippings about classmates and high school sweethearts finding each other again. They are worth citing here:

From www.accessmagazine.com, March 12, 2000, an article headed "Military brats find a home – online" by Terry McManus listed the Military Brats Registry at www.military-brats.com, linked with Military Brats Online at www.militarybrats.com, along with www.nomad-tbj.com, the newsgroup at alt.culture.military-brats, Operation Footlocker at www.tckworld.com/optfoot, and the Overseas Brats website, www.overseasbrats.com.

Other resources listed in a sidebar are www.alumni.net (links to high schools and colleges in the US and worldwide), Global Nomads International at www.globalnomads.association.com, Overseas Brats On-Line at home.capu.net/~mcl/osh/osbmain.htm, and Sgt. Mom's Military Links: Military Brat Links at www.sgtmoms.com/mil11.htm.

"How to find your ... Lost Love" by Janna L. Graber (date and periodical unknown) reports that an ongoing survey called the "Lost Love Project" has found that marriages between sweethearts reunited after many years are highly successful. This article mentioned www.classmates.com as a possible place to find each other.

From AARP, July/August 2004, "Life Etc.: A guide to everything that matters" by Denis Boyles, tells why we fear reunions before attending them, but love them when we go. Good point - and an incentive to attend the **OSB Gathering October 29-Nov. 2, 2008!**

Deaths in the HHS Family

Richard Kyser '54, June 2007, after a short illness.

Marion Burlingham Jackson '54, July 26, 2008, of cancer. Marion attended Heidelberg as a dorm student in 1953, then graduated in Stuttgart.

Elizabeth (Libby) Shinn Maffre '55, in September 2007, of cancer.

Sam Plemmons'62, in 1992 at age 49. **Bob Badger** '62 let us know.

Linda Carol Steyer, '63, in Brazil, of cancer. Her daughter writes us:

We've been receiving letters from the Alumni association of the Heidelberg High School and we'd like to inform all of my mother's ex-classmates that she passed away last July 3rd (2007) of cancer. It was an almost 3 years long battle, in which we eventually lost her in Brasilia, Brazil, where she had been living for the past 36 years. She was a plant physiologist, with an undergraduate major from Georgetown University and a PhD from Ohio State University, very well known for her research on the vegetation of central Brazil and her work towards the conservation of this vegetation, which is one of the major world's hot spots for conservation right now. She married our father, Ruy de Araujo Caldas, when they were both graduate students at OSU, and then they moved to Brazil, where they had my brother, Pedro Jaime de Araujo Caldas, in 1972, my sister, Cristina de Araujo Caldas, in 1974, and me, Juliana de Araujo Caldas, in 1985. Certainly her time spent in Heidelberg was very important for her, and we'd like to be available for contact. Thank you for your attention, Juliana Caldas, jacaldas@gmail.com.

Address Changes, Corrections, and Additions

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1951 Jean Edward White, 3420 Jackanicz Road, W. Frankfort, IL 62896

1951 Norman Schwarzkopf, 1469 Harbor Walk Rd., Tampa, FL no phone

1953 William D. Parsons, 28522 Ligurta Lane E., Wellton, AZ 85356

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1958 Judith Melcher Brunstrum, 1138 East Linda Ave., Pueblo West, CO 81007

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1963 Jane Chance '63, 1207 Post Office St. (Ave E), Galveston, TX 77550 409-763-6066 (same old email, but you can add janehous@gmail.com)

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1963 Michael Pumphrey, 827 Union Pacific Blvd., Laredo, TX 78045

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1954 Dacia Custer Salopek, 6922 Camino Blanco, Las Cruces, NM 88007, 505-527-0305

1958 Bill DeVaux, 402 Oak Brook Court, Smyrna, GA 30082, BishopDev@aol.com

1958 Joan Kasdorf Brooks, 3605 Fire Ring Court, Myrtle Beach SC 29579, 843-236-0770

LOST (last known location):

1954 Frances Fields Langdon (Moreno Valley, CA)

1955 Nancy Reed Kennedy (San Diego, CA)

1958 Edward Janes (Rome, GA)

1956 Stuart Douglas Sims (St. Augustine, FL)

1959 Rosemarie Curteman Nelson (Seattle, WA)

1959 Diane Wiatt Rich (Daphne, AL)

1960 Marshall Winokur (Hillsborough, NH)

1960 John Payne (Surbiton, Surrey, England)

1961 Sally Bless Roberts (Springfield, MO)

DONATIONS

Helen Anderson (faculty) donated an almost perfect 1958 Annual to us in April 2008, just in time for the 50th anniversary of the **class of '58**.

Contributions from **David Rogers '53**, **Ellie Smith Fox '55**, **Charles Rose '61**, **Barbara Hague Heburn '61**, **Carole O'Pry Phillips '63**, and **Erika Herbster King '60** will help keep this newsletter going. Thanks, all.

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All HHS attendees 1946-1963 are members; spouses and friends are welcome. Our officers are **Rita Wycoff Zener '54**, president; **Joan Wauchope Orvis '51**, vice president (authorized to sign checks if Bob is unavailable); **Dave Murphy '53**, secretary; **Bob Hines '54**, treasurer; and **Jan McLin Clayberg '59**, newsletter editor. **Luke Williams '58** is our new historian and archivist.

Bookshelf, P.S.: Preview of Coming Attractions

Phyllis Boyd Mitchell '54 sent us a booklet, published in 2000, of some of her several years of weekly columns, called **Sounding Off: An Occasional Few Words**. We will print some of these from time to time for all to enjoy. The booklet can be ordered from Phyllis at P. O. Box 213, Norridgewock, ME 04957; her e-mail address is tpreuille@yahoo.com.

Steve Geng '61 has sent us his chapter on Heidelberg that his publishers considered not racy enough for inclusion in his book **Thick as Thieves** (now out in paperback as well and highly recommended). If the rights can be cleared, we will publish at least part of it. (Some names may be changed to protect the innocent.)

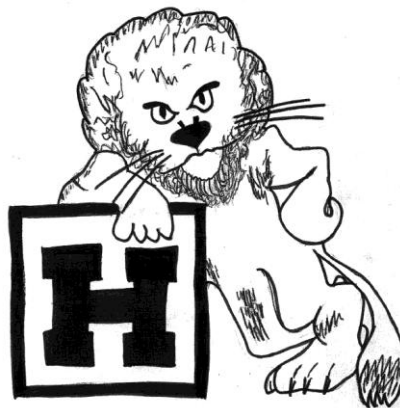
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(E-mails especially preferred; put HHS first in the subject line)

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(Last time we thanked **Luke Williams '58** for this Lion; it turns out his daughter Julie drew it, from his letter jacket!)