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2003 REUNION WITH OSBRATS

Since we had such a small response to the proposed reunion in Oklahoma City, that event was cancelled. Many thanks to **Linda Drumm** Bone for volunteering to be the organizer. Instead, we have decided to join the Overseas Brats in their annual "Gathering" in Asheville, NC, Halloween weekend. We will be one of several schools having a reunion at that event. Enclosed is a flyer with more information. I hope to see many of you there. In addition to registering with Overseas Brats, please let me know if you plan to attend. We might be able to schedule a separate event for the HHS attendees.

NOVEMBER 02 REUNION IN CONROE, TX

What started out to be a small gathering of the mid-50's turned into a much bigger affair, hosted by Glen Mease '54 and his wife, Catherine, in Conroe, TX. It was such a success that they plan to repeat in 2004.

Approximately 75 people (classes of '48-'59) attend some or all of the events, which included a gathering at the Mease home on Thursday, an outstanding Texas barbecue at the Mease home on Friday, dinner at the Club on Saturday, and a brunch at the Club Sunday. There was also time on the golf course, some shopping trips, and much time spent in the Mease's home going through yearbooks and scrapbooks, and recalling the Heidelberg days.

The food was great and the camaraderie was beyond words. I have attended all the Early Year's reunions, and this was one of the best! Many thanks to Glen and Catherine!

52 MINI REUNION

by Roger Hall

In September Bob/Betsy Springer, Bob/Kaye Hess, Jim/Kathie Baker, Janet/Cob Bakken and Roger Hall got together for a mini reunion in Denver at Cob's cabin in the mountains. We exchanged lies about how great we were in Heidelberg 1951-1952 and had a great time. We went to a German restaurant, did some sightseeing, ate and drank for 2-3 days. I had not seen any of the people since Germany so I had a lot of catching up to do and did.

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RESPONSES TO PATTON BROOKS

Pat Brooks' questions about Herr Goldhagen and the possible "perp" in Herr Goldhagen's German class triggered several responses, more that we usually receive on subjects other than sports.

from Jim Moyers '54 - Alas, I cannot answer the questions posed by alumna Brooks inasmuch as my Heidelberg days were only from 3/48 — 11/53.

However, based on my experience and recall (the latter, admittedly less than perfect), I can only say that I am almost certain that the teacher in question had to be [Herr] Konrad Goldhagen. I can recall a couple of incidents in school year 1950-51 (in Deutsch I, when I was 9th grade) when "Goldi" would throw (by lofting, not by hurling) erasers or whatever when target perp(s) was/were not giving that revered ex-Wehrmacht (maybe Luftwaffe?) veteran Offizier his deserved attention. In those "good old days" there was no such animal as political correctness, each perp snapped to (or pretended to do so) and, to our knowledge, nothing came of it administratively speaking. For all I can recall, I might even have been such a perp myself at one time! I certainly would not have told my parents because I would have been similarly (or worse) rebuked for having caused such a response from the establishment.

Goldi seemed to be to be a ferocious sounding and acting paper tiger. Never has any teacher intimidated me (until law school, when the Socratic method seemed to be an excuse for sadists to do their thing) like that chap. Yet he was incredibly fair, and (yes, even so) caring and kind. Thanks to him, I finally started comprehending English grammar — you know, realizing that Nominative meant subjective, Accusative the objective, and other goodies like that. And thanks to him and, of course, also to the constant German exposure due to my lengthy sojourn in Heidelberg, German was a snap for me in college, and English was not the bane it was for so many other males of my generation -- at least at L.S.U. were English sometimes seemed a foreign language. Not everyone "worked" for Goldi, however; he gave out quite a few Fs — at least for the first five marking periods. Obviously, those who failed the course for the entire year will have less fond memories than I.

Sorry I can't give more input than the above. I do remember Goldi with fondness, however, no matter how I was squirming in my seat when he called on me or looked my way as tho' he was gonna do so. If he did indeed hurl the eraser at the perp as recounted by Pat Brooks, then mayhaps said perp might have done more than merely squirm in his seat?

from Bob Muschamp '55 -- As another who spent seemingly endless hours in Herr Goldhagen's German classes (bet. '49-'52), I can confirm Herr Goldhagen frequently zinging an eraser (believe also chalk) toward some disturbing miscreant.

I plead "hazy memory" as to whether I was ever a target but very well may have been. I also recall another of Herr Goldhagen's traits. When class was taking a quiz or test, or doing workbook assignment, Herr G. would patrol the aisles carrying a rubber-tipped pointer, often coming up on students from the rear. If/when he spied someone talking, doodling, passing notes, etc., the pointer would be slammed down on that miscreant's desk - scaring the #*+^@ out of the "perp", and all those nearby. Here's a follow-on trivia question: How long did Herr Goldhagen teach German, and throw erasers @ HHS? At least between 1949-1952 per my experience; and as late as 1958 (?) per Pat Brooks original trivia question. Let's hear from others.

from Carolyn Thune Knudson '58 - I certainly remember Mr. Goldhagen. I thought throwing blackboard erasers or chalk was something he did regularly to those who weren't paying attention in the way he wanted. I was so sure I would find something in my diaries from '55-'56 that I read for a couple hours! But alas, I could only find a couple disgruntled, non-specific complaints about him. Mr. Goldhagen had a lot of peculiarities as far as American children were concerned. We had to jump to our feet when he entered the room and say, "Gut Morgan, Herr Goldhagen." He also made cruel and crude personal remarks about individual students, certainly not PC today. I remember he did not teach the next year. We had a sweet blond, German woman, so there may have been some complaints to the administration.

And from your editor, Joan Dickson, '58 -- Yes, I was terrified of Herr Goldhagen, and remember him throwing objects at students who did not live up to his expectations. His insistence on teaching us English grammar before we could tackle the German language was a valued gift.

Clarification to some of the above: -- Pat Brooks was class of 58 -- did not stay to graduate. The 1955 yearbook was the last Erinnerung to include Herr Conrad Goldhagen. At one time I thought I had seen Herr Goldhagen interviewed on a program on the History Channel, but could not get that verified. (jed)

THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE

My sincere thanks to Glenda Casey Petrini '54 for her proofreading and editing assistance, to her and her husband for hosting our mailing session (Bill's culinary skills keep me and others asking them to continue to host these sessions). Thanks to all who showed up to help get this newsletter in the mail -- Joan Wauchope Orvis '51, Ed Plitt '54 and his wife, Anna. If you live in the DC area and would like to assist in the future, please let us know.

MEMORIES

by Helen Hunt Valence '52

I went to the reunion in November, and saw friends I haven't seen in years. The reunion was for those who went during the early years of the occupation. There were only five high schools in Germany at the time and if you didn't live in a city where there was one, you traveled by train or bus to the nearest one. Those of us who lived in Stuttgart got on a train on Sunday evening and traveled to Heidelberg, stayed in the dorm, and on Friday after school we went back to Stuttgart by train. It was a different time and one we will never forget. Stateside high school students could never have had the time we had. Who, in the states, could say they had their Jr/Sr Prom or their graduation ceremony at a castle and in the main hall at that?

MS. FOWLKES REMEMBERED

by Anne Knauerhase '60

I really enjoyed the vignette of Virginia Fowlkes in the newsletter. She must be one of the all-time memorable people in my life, let alone Heidelberg.

She once told the class that when she taught in North Africa she had rats in her room. They came up into her bed at night, she claimed, and she learned to tolerate them, though didn't like them up around her face. I've wondered afterward if that wasn't a bit of an exaggeration.

57 CLASS TRIP

Mary Mansfield Reid's article about the '57 class trip prompted the following information:

From Diz Dismukes '57 - Mary failed to mention the remark by Coach as he and the Mrs. departed with us that evening, "All the old fowlkes are staying here!" Nor did she mention the thoughtful student who brought Miss Fowlkes a memento of the evening - one of the miniature "stogies" so many Danish women seemed to enjoy. I believe she used it to stir her coffee!

AN IRISH PROVERB

from Ellie Smith '55 Fox

Dance as if no one were watching,
Sing as if no one were listening,
And live every day as if it were your last.

HHS ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS

Membership in the Heidelberg Alumni Association is now free. You can find them at <http://www.heidelberghighschool.com>. For those of you who are not on-line, you can send \$12 to

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to receive the monthly newsletter via regular mail..

Membership in HHS Early Years still costs \$10 for 3-4 years to cover postage and copying since we have many members who are not on-line. We are working to reduce the costs for those of you who are on-line by posting our newsletter and more timely information on the Heidelberg Alumni Association web site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DC Area Oktober Fest, Clyde's in Reston, VA. HHS folks plan to be there on **Saturday, 20 September, at 2pm.** Mark your calendar now. More information to follow in the next newsletter

Early Years Reunion with Overseas Brats - Halloween weekend 2003 -- See separate article.

Overseas Brats Activities

2003 - Regional events planned for Brats who live in the Phoenix, Southern California, Central Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Houston, and possibly the Seattle-Tacoma areas.

For more information on these events, contact Joe Condrill, e-mail: JoeOSBPRES@aol.com, or regular mail: Overseas Brats, PO Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201; telephone & FAX 316-269-9601. Web site: <http://www.overseasbrats.com>.

DECEASED

48 JEANNE WERRELL Brady (from David Klinger, Frankfurt) - died of lung cancer on 28 May 2002. Those who wish to contact Jeanne's family should write to James M. and Eloise G. Werrell, 86 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC 29401-1223, phone 843-577-0620.

52 DONNA JOHNSON Melland (from Bill Schoonover - found in the local college faculty and staff newspaper, 4 April 2002) - Died at age 67 in Bellingham, WA on March 26 2002. She retired after 19 years at Western Washington University. She is survived by three children, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

54 FRANK CHILTON - In the last issue we reported his death and the request by his daughter for information on his youth -- **Bob Muschamp** provided the following:

I was a classmate and friend of Frank Chilton at both Heidelberg HS ('49 - Oct. '52); and again at Washington-Lee HS, in Arlington, VA, '53-'54.

Too many years have passed for me to remember exactly when our paths crossed @ HHS. I got to Heidelberg in '49 (after 2 yrs at Wiesbaden), was at the alte Schule. We likely became classmates sometime in '49, or '50.

In my mind's eye I can still picture a young Frank whom I recall as being one of the really smart ones in our classes at HHS (and later at W-L HS). We spent hours together with friends at the large building at Campbell Barracks (USAREUR Hdqts), or was it Patton Barracks; which was 1/2 bowling alleys and 1/2 gym - basketball courts. We were on same intramural-league bowling team (15 cents per game; 5 cents for shoes!!), and played a lot of basketball together w/friends. Besides being an outstanding student, I remember Frank as being quite a competitor in athletics.

We parted company in Oct. '52, beginning of Junior yr. when I returned to States, and completion of Jr. year in Connecticut. When family relocated to Arlington, VA in mid-1953, and I enrolled at Wash. Lee HS, I was surprised, and pleased to find not only Frank Chilton there, but two others from our same class at HHS - Ralph Buck, and Al (Jiggs) Evans. I lived close enough to Frank in N. Arlington to easily resume our friendship for that senior year.

And from **Jerry Moyers** '55: I knew Frank fleetingly when we were classmates from grades 8 - 10. He was incredibly intelligent, seemingly very mature beyond his years and also quite athletic. I was not surprised to see that he earned the Ph.D. in a very difficult and technical subject. I can only infer from my recollection and the bit I read in the last newsletter that he lived up to most or all of the very promising potential he showed as a young teen.

56 RAY NAGY (from Sylvia Cottingham Smyth) - Ray died on 22 September after a long battle with diabetes. Dialysis was working but then his heart failed. He died peacefully with his family around him. I'll never hear "Golden Days" or "I'll Walk With God" without seeing his face and hearing his glorious voice. How grateful I am to LouCelle Nelson Fertik for arranging that reunion in Feb 99 when we got to sing together one last time. Via Con Dios, dear friend, Ray. We'll miss you but know we'll hear you in the angel chorus this Christmas!

(from LouCelle Nelson Fertik - faculty) Ray had a beautiful tenor voice, always using it to the glory of God. Whenever Ray and his wife, Dee, came from Detroit to visit me, he always sang a solo at by church.

57 SUSAN PAPPAS Young -- died 17 November in Cripple Creek, CO. She was an outstanding artist, a professional and a teacher. She, with her husband, owned and operated the Golden Palet Gift Shot in Cripple Creek. She is survived by her husband, her mother, two children, 3 grandchildren, and her sister, Judy, who was in Heidelberg but had already graduated from high school. Ken Keene '58 remembers the family well since they arrived in Germany on the same ship.

58 CHARLES BOVET - died 13 January 2003 in Queens, NY, following a prolonged illness. He was a seminary graduate of Nashotah House. He married Susan Louise Fry in 1992, and was a member of the St. Genesis Guild (drama) at the church. Charles held dual Swiss and American citizenship. He was a lifelong Episcopalian, a world traveler and a unique spirit. While Charles and Susan were divorced, she was in touch with him until the end of his life. She had been visiting him in various hospitals since the summer of 2000.

58 ALICE RORABAUGH Morris (from her husband, Frank) - died 12 June 2002. She was born in Manila, Philippines. She was at her parents' home when she decided to take a bath; had a seizure, and drowned. I was in

Colorado, and I talked to Alice the evening before and told her I was on my way home. I called the next morning and her father told me what had happened. I do miss her so very much. She had a great time at the 2001 Heidelberg Reunion.

She is survived by her husband, her parents, 2 brothers, 2 step-sons, 3 step-daughters, 9 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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NEWS

Faculty LOUCELLE NELSON Fertik (Dec) - 2002 has been a very interesting year for me. Life goes on even if Sam is not here. I want to live each day to the fullest. My sister and I went on a 7-day cruise in the Caribbean. Good food, good exploring. I spent 3 summer months in Iowa visiting many friends and family. In August I attended the "Sixth World Symposium on Choral Music" in Minnesota. There were 22 choirs from other countries. A Youth World Choir from 30 countries with 90 singers presented their concert at the St. Paul Cathedral. My suggestion to all is to get involved in choirs, singing, solos, music, and have your children and grandchildren interested. We all will need it if we really go to war with Iran. I had planned to attend the reunion in Houston; instead, in December I went to the graduation of my grand nephew at West Point. No one in our family has done this before.

49 BONNIE HURLEY Speckels (from FHS newsletter) - Recovering slowly from her stroke of last year but she is making progress. She is still in an assisted care facility in Angles Camp, 1400 Foothill Village Drive, Suite 135, Angels Camp, CA 95222, phone 209-729-2028.

51 PATRICIA ANN INGRAM Meis (Feb) - In the last 10 days I have lost 2 sisters, one with a stroke and one with lung cancer.

51 RONNIE SHORT (from FHS newsletter) - suffered a stroke last spring and is at home and recovering slowly. Ron and Sarah had been to Hot Springs with several friends to attend the races. It was their first outing since Ron's stroke. He is walking better but still doesn't have as much use of his right arm as he would like.

51 JOE TISDELL (Oct) - We have been awfully busy during the past several months. We finally reached the point wherein the work load of maintaining our house was too much for the both of us so we decided to sell and move into a luxury apartment which we really love. It has all the good things we need and none of the workload. We also gave our computer to our grandchildren and thus have gone back to snail mail.

52 COB BAKKEN (Oct)- When the Nov. San Antonio 50 year reunion was cancelled Bob Hess, Bob Springer, and I decided to find some others to join us in Colorado for a get together in Sept. We were able to get Roger Hall and Jim Baker to join us. Janet and I have a newly-remodeled mountain house for entertaining family and friends where we gathered and had a wonderful time. It was the first time I'd seen Jim and Roger in 50 years I would like to extend an invitation to others that were in Heidelberg from 1950 to 1952 when I was there to get in touch if they are going to be in the area. We love getting together with old friends. In January we entertained Sari (DeJuhaz) and husband Peter Ganzel, Karin (DeJuhaz) Henzy and Bob and Kaye Hess at the "cabin. It is always fun to get together with other Heidelbergers.

52 HELEN HUNT Valence (Jan) - My son and daughter saw me through a lot after my husband's death in April and were a big help in that regard. I am doing OK and I hope I have everything in good order. I guess it's the age we are, but I seem to have written more condolence cards this year than I have in a long time. I keep myself busy in my "free time" bowling on a ladies league, singing in my church choir, volunteering at the Institute of Texan Cultures, and just having fun with the Alamo Dressage Assn when I run the part of the shows where the scores are added and posted.

52 JERRY MAURER (Oct) - I'm retired now - third year. Staying with my Mom since my Dad died in January - she is blind. I shuffle back & forth to my house to pick up mail and water plants, etc., during the day.

52 BILL PHILLIPS (Oct) - For those who were stationed in any of our former bases in Panama, I want to share the following: I am living, temporarily, in Balboa-Ancon (in the former parsonage of the Balboa Union Church). Each morning I look up to a huge Panamanian flag that waves over what was once home to Americans who worked with the Canal. Though retired, I have been actively working with my wife, Betty, on a project to develop Panamanian opera singers. We will probably remain in Panama through their Centennial of next year, and then we will return to our permanent address in Austin, Texas. I will be thinking of the HHS alums who are attending the current reunion in Conroe. You are all very special to me.

52 SHIRLEY VALENTINE Irvin (Jan) - I lost my husband, COL (Ret) I.J. Irvin, on December 10, 2002, to lung cancer. It was a short, but valiant fight. After he retired from 33 years in the Army, he didn't retire. He was executive director of the chamber of commerce in Wharton, TX, and then he served as county judge for ten years. His influence was great and he accomplished many good things for this area. In November I asked him if he would like to go with me to the reunion in Conroe, just about 100 miles north of here. He was game, but we were only able to stay the first night for the party at Glen and Catherine Mease's home. We had 14 wonderful years of marriage. (By the way, he quit smoking in 1964. It comes back to haunt you!)

53 MARIANNE (JILL) MUDGETT Wiegand (Sept) - I am presently living in a beautiful North Georgia resort called "Big Canoe". Since my husband of 40 years death (Bob Wiegand, class of 1955 West Point) in 1996, I have lived here (the longest in one place all my life). We spent 35 years in the Army living abroad in some exotic places such as India, Brazil, and Egypt with even a return to Germany. We were gypsies in retirement as well, living and working in Kuwait until my husband's untimely death due to a heart attack.

Since that time I have faced a few new challenges in addition to widowhood--cancer and obtaining masters degree in missiology (mission work). Cancer is gone and degree in hand (even done by long distance education requiring that I become computer literate). Actually I'm "employed" in mission work and have been to 12 countries since becoming a widow. Besides that busy schedule I manage to stay connected with 4 children and 16 grandchildren who are spread out 2,000 miles from each other. Pleasant side trips this year included a month in Australia traveling with Australian friends and my goddaughter, plus a week at Hilton Head. Do take a look on the Big Canoe website to see just how nice a place for retirement it is.

53 GARRY ROOSMA (Jan) - Jill just had a bad fall on the ski slopes and has a compression fracture of the 1st Lumbar. She is has been in bed for the past three weeks. After several weeks of much pain and taking pain medication she is much improved. Jill gets out of bed for short periods of time and expects to be back to normal functioning in a few more weeks.

54 GLENDA CASEY Petrini (Feb) - Bill and I spent most 2001 and 2002 working on the sale of his house in Florence, Italy. We negotiated a maze of obstacles including bureaucratic misery and antiquated socialistic customs. Thanks to "tips" from good people like Anne and Kevin O'Neill (who tried to be owners of a Portugal Villa), we created a good plan. We found a bilingual American lawyer living in Florence to represent our interests. And, in case all else failed, we prepared to close our Virginia house, move to Italy, reclaim our property, and renovate the place so we could "throw the rascals out!" That worked! Faced with our persistence, Bill's squatter cousin accepted Bill's offer and finally bought the place. To all our friends who worried along with us -- it is OVER!

We arrived back home to find that my Dad was in decline. We traveled to Oklahoma in August, September, and in November trying to help the situation. After an unsuccessful experience at the Veterans Hospital and another at the public hospital, he refused to go back to either one of them. Dad died in January, at home, asleep in his chair. He was buried in his dress blues and his 32nd degree Mason apron, with full military honors at Fort Gibson Cemetery, Muskogee, OK.

We of the "early years" at HHS were truly "Children of the Warriors and Heroes." I bet we all could tell great things herein about our parents in tribute to that generation. My Army Officer dad was exceptional! (please e-mail me at drgpetrini if you would like to read my tribute to my father).

54 DICK LACEY - He is a professional guide at Lake Sam Rayburn, TX.

54 LENNY KATSARSKY (from Rita Wyckoff Zener) - In January, while in Hawaii, Karl and I were able to have dinner twice with Lenny Katsarsky. He is still a charmer with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He was extremely busy in January because he was retiring from his full time job selling insurance with John Hancock. He will continue working with them but in a different format. His speciality is long term care. Besides celebrating his retirement, he was celebrating his birthday as well. He was open to the idea of attending a Heidelberg reunion, but the timing has to be right. We met his wife Honey Jean, who will make a lively and wonderful addition to our "reunion spouses."

54 GLEN MEASE (Jan) - My father, John W. (Jack) Mease died 1 January in Albuquerque, and was buried in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe.

54 BOB VAN HORN (Dec) - Did a 12,000-mile, 83 day trip around the US with the 5th wheel and over 250 hours on the airplane. Flying for Civil Air Patrol and Angel Flight West. Got to visit 5 of our 6 grandchildren and visit Oshkosh.

54 RITA WYCOFF Zener (Dec) - We are celebrating our 13th wedding anniversary this month - 13 good years together! We are enjoying our remodeled apartment as much as we had hoped. Our health is generally fine with a few ups and downs. Life is good. The big change in our lives is the birth of grandson Sean in May 2001 in Cincinnati. I stayed with them for 2 weeks when he was born, and we have gone together for weekend visits about every two months.

55 JIM BROWN (Oct) - Seems like being retired is one long series of visits to the VA hospital for so far mostly minor stuff except for the back and the old broken ankle which seems to be unfixable. I REALLY would not have done some of the things I did back when I was a young 24 or 25 year old Army LT if I had known how much those "little dings" would hurt when I got past 40!! (Way past forty). However, a lot of guys in my year group got dead or hurt a lot worse than I did, so all in all I feel pretty good. And of course Miss Sarah, the soon to be ten year old young daughter, helps. When she turns into the monster at 13 maybe I will be distraught but for now, she is great!!

(Feb) - Still hiding out in the Florida Keys. Had hoped to go to Germany to see old German friends in Heidelberg this past summer, but didn't make it. Sunny and Sarah went to Korea and China instead, and I went to NY to spend time with Mom, now 96 years of age and still hanging on and doing well, but getting tired and can't do all the things that she wants to do. Hell, I can't either and I am a lot younger!! Anyway, here is the email address, browncho@aol.com. If the stock market does not come back we will be sending Sarah to the community college instead of the Ivy League, if she can get in one of them of course!!

54 JIM MOYERS (Dec) - We have had a very active year and have been blessed by the Lord in many ways. Our health is overall very good; Cora's still having residual side effects from the cancer medicine she was taking. Her markers are showing no indications of cancer. Jim's cancer scare is apparently all over inasmuch as the dermatologist removed all of the cancer remaining on his ear and it wasn't diagnosed as being the aggressive kind of skin cancer that should cause immediate concern. We'll visit the doctor again in 6 months and see what gives then.

We had a wonderful vacation in late July thru mid-August with Grand Circle Travel's "Great Rivers of Europe" cruise. We started with three days in Vienna (totally on dry land), followed by a 15-day trip up the Danube, Danube-Main canal, Main, and Rhine, terminating in Amsterdam. All of the places we saw and where we dined and visited were truly lovely. We even took a side trip to Heidelberg. This caper was a lifelong dream come true. Just before that (over May 20th) we took a 5 day cruise with Carnival to celebrate our anniversary. That was also lovely. In early November, we visited Houston and San Antonio, Texas as well as seeing old Heidelberg classmates of Jim's from eons before. It was a wonderful visit on all counts. Isn't it funny how others age and we don't? Just like our children and grandchildren!

55 ELLIE SMITH Fox (Dec) - This has been a great year for my main passions -- bridge and travel. With many first and second place results in several tournaments I now have 520 master points and was named Player of the Month in April. I continue learning and improving my game with weekly bridge classes.

In January 2002 Ed and I again sponsored the 4th annual "Night of Light" for the Alvin Dubin Alzheimers Resource Center. It is such a wonderful organization for those of us dealing with the disease. Ed has been in a nursing home for over 5 1/2 years now. In October I moved him to a privately-owned facility in Cape Coral.

Travel took me to China in June/July for the opening of our factory with our Japanese partners in Wujiang, about 1 1/2 hours from Shanghai. While there I did some sightseeing of Shanghai and nearby cities. China is fascinating -- with 1/4th of the world's population -- and 30 cities have a population over one million. I was very impressed and have already planned to return next spring to see the northern area. In October/November I spent 2 weeks in Australia and 2 weeks in New Zealand. Had a wonderful time -- though NZ was much colder than I anticipated. We traveled through sunshine, snow, hail, rain, and lots of wind.

On the way home, I spent 9 days with my twin sister, Anne, and her husband, in Los Angeles. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we attended a service at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA. What an awesome place! We also took a tour of the new Kodak Theater on Hollywood Blvd which was built for the annual Oscar awards. It is a

beautiful building and very brilliantly designed with state-of-the-art electronics -- all hidden from view. It is in a shopping center and the red carpet passes small shops along the sides. So at Oscar time, the shops are cleverly hidden behind gold drapes as the celebrities make their entrances. During the tour we were taken on stage, and through the audience area. I was able to sit in the same seats that Julia Roberts and Halle Berry occupied at this year's Oscars.

56 SYLVIA COTTINGHAM Smyth (Nov) - I've recently joined an early music group of 12 called "Ara Coeli." It is fun (and challenging) to sing 16th-18th century music. My other project is the design of a (9-foot diameter) stained glass window for a chapel. Just handed the design over to the glass artisan to cut.

57 SAM BERRY (Sept) - Doing very well but, as most of us from our years are, am slowing down. Our daughter, Susan, is still in Germany and we're thinking of going back again next summer. My book is on its last rewrite and if it doesn't fly this time, I think I'll just run off five copies and call it quits. I have enjoyed working on it since 1990. Unfortunately, back then I was writing about the terrorism going on now. C'est la vie.

57 BILL GIBSON (Sept) - We are moving to Big Canoe, which is in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains about seventy miles north of Atlanta. We have had a vacation house there for about sixteen years, and finally decided to move there full time. Our Atlanta house is under contract, and we will have to move by November 15th. The new house at Big Canoe won't be ready until January 2003. It was supposed to be finished in June of this year, but things have a way of slowing waaay down in the mountains- there's turkey season, followed by deer season, with dove season (just opened) quail season, duck season and several other seasons thrown in- no one will work on Fridays or Mondays!

57 MARY MCMORROW Swanson (Dec) - As we near the close of 2002, despite the hardships of the economic downturn, I'm grateful for my family's good health, and for a year without overt war. Now I'm hoping that our government will be able to sustain peace through 2003.

For me, the year was full of travel, mostly business, but enough personal, fun stuff sprinkled in to keep it exciting. Spending time with family and friends becomes even more precious to me as the years slide by. Most of my vacation days this year were spent in Florida or Colorado. Typically, I just can't get enough of those grandkids. 2003 promises to be more of the same for me, as I don't expect to retire from Fannie Mae for some time yet. (Or possibly never, if the stock market doesn't recover???)

57 BILL RITTER (Sept) - I am going to the Brats reunion in Savannah in October, then going to Hilton Head to play golf. Lightning struck my telephone line (underground) last month. It zapped my new computer, one of my back-up computers, HP all-in-one printer, and five phones. Florida is the lightning capital of the US.

58 GEOFF CORBETT (Feb) - In September we celebrated The Final Corbett Wedding. Karoline and Tim were married on a gorgeous day in our backyard which, after moths of planting, watering, and weeding, was transformed into a beautiful garden. It was a very festive occasion as we welcomed our fourth son-in-law into the family.

During the year we explored Florida in search of a possible warm-weather retreat and unexpectedly purchased a home on Sanibel Island which we hope to rent until time allows us to use it.

58 DORI DAVISON Comer (Feb) - I retired from the University of Florida on October 1. C.W. and I spent a grand fall in Maine. We returned to Gainesville to close the house and I reluctantly agreed to teach one of the core classes for my department. We will depart Gainesville permanently at the end of April and move to the coast of Maine. We will temporarily live in the old farmhouse that is on my aunt's property while we make arrangements to build a house of our own. We really do love the peace and quiet of the coast. It is even worth being reminded all the time that we are "from away."

58 JOAN KASDORF Brooks (Oct) - For now, a quick version of the past year plus. My world started to fall apart the day after I left a glorious and memorable time in Heidelberg. First, my husband got fired from his job in Austria. We left there the day after, spent a few days in Bavaria and came home. My sister had major surgery on her back, my marriage fell apart, I lost two of my dearest pets within 2 weeks of each other and in late June, I moved to Myrtle Beach SC. I am trying to adjust to so much. I have a new home, two grandsons (6 & 1) to spend time with, have been doing volunteer work at the local Animal Shelter and now have a new little doggie. I am exploring new business opportunities and am determined to begin once again. And I hope that will include attending more Heidelberg reunions.

58 KEN KEENE (Feb) - Things are great here, though not much in the way of startling news. Judy and I have been hanging out together for over 11 years. The best antidote to a divorce is a great new life. My mom will soon be 88, and is doing very well, actually better mentally than she was several years ago. Reads two books and Time magazine every week, and that seems to keep her mind sharp. All three kids (and 3 ½ grandkids) are in Dallas, and very easy to visit with a direct 1 ½ flight from here. They are close in age (29 months between oldest and youngest), and being near each other has really been fun for them. And a good support system. It is going to be sad when work takes them to other locales (which is likely for two of the three). All are doing well with families and careers. I continue to enjoy the law practice, and have no plans for retirement so long as physical and mental health hold up. Unlike my colleagues in the high stress litigation and transactional areas, who often experience burnout, the trust and estates area seems to permit, even encourage, longevity. As I get older, it's a bit sad seeing some of my long term clients die, but representing their kids provides some comforting continuity.

No big trips planned, particularly overseas, until things calm down a bit internationally. But we have a place in Scottsdale, and we try to get down there as often as possible. Love it down there. And I love to get to Las Vegas a couple of times a year. Dallas, Scottsdale and Las Vegas seem to pretty much fill up the travel calendar right now. But when things do calm down, we plan on a trip to Spain and Italy.

58 CAROLYN THUNE Knutson (Sept) - Roger and I had a great trip to Paris and Southern France last May. We went on our own and picked up a car in Nice. In June our younger daughter finished her OB-GYN residency in Utah, married a pediatrician, and moved to Boise, ID. We also got to spend time in the SF Bay area with our other daughter, and her husband, and our one and only grandchild. When we are in town, I hike nearly every week. Our group goes anywhere we can drive in 2-3 hours from Portland, OR. Beautiful mountains and beaches. We try to stay home July-Oct when the weather is fantastic.

58 LURLINE WEBBER Nicolary (Oct)- I am still busy building my business and it is starting to grow so fast I can hardly stop to take a breath. I am grateful that the clients are jumping on board but it sure keeps me hopping.

59 GINNY BRENNAN Galvin (Nov) - All is well here with us. I'm on the board of our homeowners assoc...also on the social committee for the assoc., and finally, Pres. of the women's assoc. As you can imagine, lots of meetings...and always jobs to do on all of them. I never realized retirement was so busy! Jack's still working on the book and hopes to have enough to go to an agent by next summer. It is still a couple of years from completion...and he works on it every day and into many evenings...but it is such a big undertaking that it's going to take a long time to complete it.

59 PAM BRUNDAGE Meek (Nov) - Ron & I just returned from the West Coast -- we took to northern route out & the southern back. It was fantastic & we saw so much -- our country is just gorgeous. We stayed with our daughter for 2 weeks & that was wonderful. The girls are already 10 & 5 -- wow!

59 ROGER BURR (Dec) - Kay Kidwell '58 and husband George were here for 3 days earlier this year in October. We had a nice lunch with Joan Reitzel '59 & Lucy Ranck '59 (with her husband, Joe) in Venice, CA. We were blessed to see so many from HHS this year.

59 DON CORK (Dec) - Despite our approaching the senior citizen years, and a few aches here and there, we find ourselves lucky and blessed with fairly good health. All of our kids and grandkids are healthy and seem to be enjoying life. We are now owners of two Rotties, one age 10, the other 18 months. We got to see Don's uncle from Germany this summer and his mom will be visiting during Christmas.

59 MIKE PODUFALY (Dec) - We made a trip to California this August. We were able to visit with my wife's brother and my sister. We got the bonus of being able to visit with all the nephews and nieces, and their families. This Christmas will be very special for us. All of our children and their families will be here. It has been a long time since this has happened.

59 LUCY RANCK Roubal (Feb) - Joe and I have moved to Oak Park, CA. It is the Ventura County part of Agoura in the west San Fernando Valley past Calabassas. We bought the home directly behind my son, Scott, and have already cut an opening in the wall and are in the process of installing a gate.

59 MARK SLOVACEK (Oct) - We finally got 911 and assigned street names and numbers out here in rural Pennsylvania!

59 BOBBIE WILES Davenport (Dec) - Our Würzburg High School Reunion in Würzburg in October was awesome. I am so blessed to have attended two high schools in Germany and to have Heidelberg reunion one year and Würzburg the next (WHS 55-58, HHS 59). Len & I have been blessed with our family (5 married children, 12 grandchildren & 1 1/2 great-grandchildren) and travel. We love the motor home, while continuing to maintain our permanent home in El Paso (come visit). Europe was beautiful -- we especially were fascinated with the former Soviet-controlled cities -- Prague (Wow! awesome, as was Budapest), Dresden, Leipzig, Meissen, Wittenberg (Martin Luther). We watched them make Hummels in Rodental (West Germany near Bamberg). Cruised the Main River with the WHS reunion, and the Rhein, while we enjoyed Rudesheim. By the way, the military has some great inns in Europe -- good prices, great suites, Book of Inns available through PX's -- for those with ID cards. Würzburg's PX is fantastic -- biggest in Europe, General Patton is still open - our balcony looked right at the Zugspitze.

(Jan) - I am so excited because today Len found all five of my Erinnerungen. (two for 1959...they split the schools up that year and since Würzburg was in one and Heidelberg was in another, I got both). But what fun it was to go through both and see all the people from the reunions - back in our hey day. Weren't we cute then...and thin and all that comes with youth! Len and I are getting ready to hit the road again. A couple of months in the Texas Hill Country where two of our five grown children live with five of our twelve grandchildren and 1 and one half great grandchildren. San Antonio, New Braunfels and Fredericksburg as well -.want to be there for the bluebonnets. At my Würzburg HS reunion I met some very dear people who live in Seguin and that is 15 minutes from our son in New Braunfels.so we look forward to renewing a reunion friendship. I didn't know them at school as they came after I went to HHS.

60 LINDA BULLOCK Montreuil (Oct) - I toured Germany & France this May & June. Heidelberg never looked so beautiful! It brought back wonderful memories of the five years I enjoyed there.

60 RON LAMAR (Feb) - I am getting married on 3 March 2003 in Maui, Hawaii to Beverly Harrell. Beverly has been a friend of mine since 1989 and thru the years things have changed in both our lives that made this day possible. We will be living in NC in my house at the beach and traveling back and forth to Washington, DC, Atlanta, GA and Heidelberg, Germany. We realize that Hawaii is too far away for most of you to attend the wedding but because we love Hawaii so much we decided that would have to be the place. Please think about me at 1500 hours EST on 03-03-03 as I take my last single step from me to we.....

61 WEAVER GAINES (Dec) - At the Ixion Biotechnology board meeting on December 21, 2002, I resigned as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective January 1, 2003. At the request of the directors, I agreed to remain Chairman of the Board for the time being. During the decade of my tenure as Chairman and CEO, the people of Ixion, by prodigious efforts, sweat, and sacrifice, have driven our pioneering science from dreams to clinic. Our once imaginary products are now in real human clinical trials - and we can see, in the twilight, the prospect that men, women, and children dying of diabetes and oxalate poisoning may soon slam the door on the doctor's nose. Our arduous anabasis was done on a shoestring, during an ice age of biotechnology financing. I'm proud of what our scientists and businessmen and women have accomplished. Never has so much, been done by so few, with so little. It was a privilege being their leader.

I haven't decided what I will do next from among several options on offer, but remember, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?

62 ELIZABETH ATKINSON Deputy (Oct) - Bob returned to USNA for a class of '62 reunion. Hard to believe that we are as old now to a plebe's eyes as the classmates from 1918-22 were when he first donned the uniform at Annapolis! The big 40th welcomed 770 wives & classmates back to the yard. Amazing group!

We did a quick run to N. Virginia since I learned that Marsha Patrick had moved back from years on Oahu! She dragged brother Pat along & we lunched in Shirlington right in front of the old theater where I watched many cartoons on Saturday mornings in 1952! She looks great & is glad to be back among her Virginia family

Our tribe has regathered in & near Dallas again. Son Steve's family (+ the 2 grandkids) just completed a 16-month assignment for Accenture in Singapore. Our two girls have careers in Dallas. Don't see us leaving Texas anytime soon.

62 NATALIE BRUNDAGE Martin (Dec) Our transition to South Carolina is going well. We love our new neighborhood. We see Pam & Ron often.

62 RIC KAUTZ (Oct) - I finally retired, sort of. I retired from the City of Hagerstown after 24 years. I stayed retired for 2 months but am about to start work for Sussex County, DE.

62 POPPY MCDERMOTT Cumpson (Oct) - I moved to Virginia last August. As soon as I moved, I started going to Massage Therapy school, and have just finished the program, and am very excited about it. It's been a busy year. also bought an old house, so now that I'm out of school and hopefully will have more time, I plan to get some renovating done.

BIOS

52 ROGER HALL - After Heidelberg I went to Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin. It is now a University. I graduated in 1956 BA and headed out to the US Navy for two years. Came back from all of their delightful cruises and went to work in the Cruise business....Matson Lines which basically operated in Hawaii and the South Pacific. Moved over to Royal Viking Line and then American Hawaii Cruises, and finally Sun Lines.

I have been married once and was for 42 years but several years ago divorced and am now solo. I have two daughters who are married and one has presented me a granddaughter - 7 years old.

I currently am living in Kentucky and am about ready to put up a log home in the back hills. All I do is travel now...last year I was gone for 9 months and already have myself booked up through April, 2003 on trips. Lots of laughs and fun and am enjoying retirement. Oh, by the way I owned and operated a logo watch company....you know when you got on the planes and looked at their in-flight publication you saw ads "Your logo Here"....that was us. I sold my interest just last year. It was a winner and still is.

53 ROBERT H. BORGWARDT - I arrived in Heidelberg during the summer of 1948 and attended HHS until graduation at the Schloss with the class of '53. From there I went to MIT where I received a degree in chemical engineering. During that time, my parents moved to Munich where I spent several happy summer vacations. After MIT, I completed military service at the Army Chemical Center, MD and my engineering career began in Lakeland, FL with an environmental research lab. In 1964 I moved to Cincinnati to join what later became the US Environmental Protection Agency and remained with the EPA for the rest of my professional career developing air pollution control technologies and assessments. Our group was transferred to North Carolina in 1971, where I worked at the Environmental Research Center at Research Triangle Park in the Raleigh-Durham area until my retirement in 2002.

A number of activities that I was exposed to in Germany became part of my later life: HHS had a rifle team in 1952 and I continued that sport at MIT where I was on the All America team in 1957. I also learned skeet shooting at the Heidelberg Rod & Gun Club which I picked up again in Florida and added trap when in Ohio. One of my fondest memories of Heidelberg is the big Olympic pool out by the Neckar; I still swim regularly, but not again in such a beautiful place. Current pastimes include sailing on numerous lakes in the North Carolina area where I still live, and traveling. I've been back to Europe many times on EPA business or as a tourist, either on my own or with an opera group (another interest acquired in Germany), but always making nostalgic stops at Heidelberg or Munich.

54 YVONNE VIGNERAS Duiker - After graduation from Smith College in 1958 I met my future husband in a Russian folk dance group at Georgetown University. We were in Taiwan and in Saigon where Bill was a Foreign Service officer. In 1965, Bill left the State Department, completing his doctorate and accepting a teaching position in Asian history at Penn State U. We brought up our two daughters in this bucolic setting while I complete my doctorate and taught French and piano for 30 years. In 1999 we moved to the warmer climes of the Outer Banks where we continue doing research on revisions for a college text, World History, and leading tours abroad for a travel company in California. Here, we enjoy walking, biking, and toasting the sunsets over the Currituck Sound. We are most thankful for our two grandchildren, our good health, and our full lives.

HEIDELBERG COUPLES

Chris Calcutt, editor of the newsletter for the Heidelberg Alumni Association, had the brilliant idea of a special on Heidelberg couples for her February edition. With her permission, I am including the information she received from the Early Year's couples.

JANE SIMMONS (49) and BILL BOND (49)

We were in Germany during the 1946-49 era. We did not date one another during our HS years. We started seeing one another, as very good friends when we returned stateside for school--- Bill to Ursinus College & Jane to Temple Univ School of nursing. We eventually married in Aug, 1954, in Philadelphia, PA, while Bill was still in Dental School at the University of PA. There were 8 fellow HHS classmates at the wedding, including the maid of honor and best man.

Bill went on active duty with the US Army in 1954 & in 1955 proceeded on to a rotating internship in Washington state. Five children (4 boys & 1 girl) came along between 1955 & 1965. Post graduate studies, grad school of medicine and residency training were completed during this period as well. Duty assignments took us to Panama, many major stateside hospitals, as well as 2 more trips back to Germany.

In 1975, Bill retired from Fitzsimmons General Hospital, where he was Department Commander & consultant to the Surgeon General. We went on to private practice in Fargo, ND; associating with Dakota Clinic, LTD for the next 17 years.

The children continued on to finish schooling, get married & produce 7 grandchildren for Jane & Bill to dote on. Right now, 2 of these grandchildren are in college, & all are actively involved in their activities. All are living in the region from Fargo, ND to Minneapolis, MN. Bill fully retired from practice in 1992 & we have been living the good life since.

In 1987, we discovered Green Valley, AZ & built our 1st winter home. Initially, we were only able to spend a few weeks a year in AZ. This has increased over the years, so that we are now in AZ 6 mo/yr, & the other 6 mo we are in our 37' EXCEL 5th Wheel RV, spending time traveling and with families in ND & MN.

Jane is deeply involved in volunteer work, doing lots of reading and taking very good care of Bill & Sadie (our Golden Retriever). She is very proud of the fact that her thrift shop donated \$1 million to the community last year!!!! Bill is all wrapped up in competitive swimming, golf, hiking and traveling.

We have actually sponsored 3 very olden years reunions here in Green Valley and Tucson. For a while there were 4 married couples here, 7 of the 8 all went to school together at HHS.

JILL CARSON (55) and GARRY ROOSMA (53)

While we knew each other for awhile we did not start dating until the fall of 1952. That December we started going steady. Jill was one of the Heidelberg cheerleaders and I participated in many of the sports, therefore, she wore my gold football which was given to the football team for the fall of '52 championship. I was the team manager. She still has the football to this day.

After I left for the states in June 1953 we continued to write. Jill had enough credits accumulated so she was able to graduate with the class of '54. She came back to the states the summer of '54 and went to nursing school. We dated during my four years at West Point and were engaged Ring Weekend at West Point in the fall of 1957. We had to wait until 1959 when she finished nursing school to be married. This July will mark our 44th anniversary.

ANNE (56) AND KEVIN (55) O'NEILL

Ours was not a romance that went directly from HHS to the altar. As a matter of fact, neither one of us would have put money on our getting together.

Kevin actually knew Anne's brothers before he met Anne. Kevin's family was in Heidelberg from 1950-1953. Anne's father was stationed in Stuttgart when he first arrived in Germany in 1951, so when Anne, her mother, and her brothers arrive in January of 1952, Anne was in the 8th grade and went to school in Stuttgart, while the boys went to HHS and lived in the dorm. Her brother Don was in Kevin's class and they became friends.

In September 1952 when Anne was in the 9th grade, her father had been transferred to Schwetzingen, where he commanded the Engineer Group, and Anne finally went to HHS and showed up on Kevin's radar. Even then, we didn't date much. We both went to parties/dances with a group rather than as a couple.

In 1953, Kevin moved to Arlington, VA, when his father was transferred to the Pentagon, and we stayed in touch -- sort of. Anne's family moved to Ft. Belvoir, VA, in 1954, and we saw one another occasionally. Then Kevin went to West Point, and Anne would occasionally come up, mostly to date someone else. Unfortunately, the someone was frequently a guy in Kevin's company who was a year ahead of Kevin. Sunday night it was frequently, "Guess who I dated this weekend. Anne Parsons." Nice guy.

We both thought we'd remain just friends, but Anne's family came to West Point in June 1958 when her brother David was going to graduate. Kevin found out they were there, so he went to the guest reception building to say hello to the family, and lo! There Anne was in all her glory! David had arranged for a friend of his, who was engaged, to escort Anne that weekend, but he was happy to let Kevin take over that duty. We had a great weekend, and THAT led to the altar. We started corresponding seriously, and when Army played (and beat!) Notre Dame in November 1958 at South Bend, Anne came to the game, and we got unofficially engaged after the game. We got officially engaged when Kevin gave Anne a ring in the Ratskeller of the O Club at Ft. Sheridan, IL, at Christmas 1958.

It took us two years for us to get married 29 December 1960, Ft. Bliss, TX, because Anne's mother was afraid we'd get married before Anne finished nursing school, and we didn't want that. Also, Kevin had a lot of initial Army training to do and was moving around a lot. It worked out nicely, and we've been married 42 years, have four wonderful grown kids and five wonderful grandchildren.

We enjoy going back to Heidelberg whenever we can. We visited there while we were in the Army and were stationed in Germany, and we've made all three HHS reunions in Heidelberg. We love the place. After all, "Ich hab' mein Herz in Heidelberg verloren."

RON BYERS (57) AND JAN CAUSEY (59)

We met in the PX in Karlsruhe in May 1957, the day Jan arrived in Germany. Ron was a senior about to graduate and Jan was in the Class of 1959. We had a date the next evening and basically have been together ever since. We became engaged on Jan's 17th birthday in 1958 although it was nearly five years, several minor breakups, and a few thousand miles before we were married at Ft Jackson, SC in June 1962. By then Ron was in the Army and on orders for Germany. When he asked Jan if she wanted to get married before he left or wait until he came home, her response was "I have been to Germany; you aren't going alone."

We spent several tours in Germany and a couple in SE Asia then retired and finally ended up in Loveland, CO. We travel a fair amount both with our RV and when the cookie jar will support it overseas. We never have quite gotten over being gypsies. Our HHS romance is still going on and we think that after 45+ years together, 41+ of them married, two children and three grandchildren we will probably make it.

JIM ASHBACHER ('58) & CARLEEN GRIFFIN (60)

Jim and I met in 1956 when I was a Freshman and he was a Junior. We "went together" as we called it in those days, though I don't know that we ever had a "real" date. We just hung out with everyone else at the Teen Club and sat on the bus together, etc. When we returned to the States, Jim went to the Washinton, DC area and I went to Ft. Sheridan, IL.

We wrote back and forth, and after I graduated from high school, I went to Virginia to visit him and his family. I stayed for a couple of months and we talked about getting married, but we were so young. I returned home to my family in Indiana and we both eventually married other people. We did continue to keep in touch for a number of

years, mostly with Christmas cards. I knew that Jim and his wife had two little girls, and that they had moved to Florida, but then we lost touch.

About thirty years later, I was planning to come from Minneapolis, MN to Florida on vacation. I had an old address for Jim in Naples. Just for the heck of it, I looked on a map to see how far it was from where I was going and found it wasn't too far away. I tried the old phone number I had but it was no longer working. I called information to see if they had a new number. They didn't have a number for him, but they did have his mother's phone number. When I called her, he just happened to be there and answered the phone.

He said that when I told him who it was, he had to sit down. He couldn't believe it after all these years. The last time we saw each other was in 1960. We talked for quite a while and made arrangements to meet when I came down. I learned that he was divorced and I was in the process. When he hung up the phone he said to his Mom, "Guess who that was" and she said "It was Carleen".

When I was in Florida we went out to dinner. While we were in the restaurant he pulled out his wallet and showed me that he still had my high school senior picture in his wallet. I think that's what did it for me! After I went home, there was a definite increase in business for the phone company between Minnesota and Florida. We visited back and forth and met in the middle a couple of times. Now we are happily married and raising parrots in Southwest Florida.

A few statistics: I have a son and daughter and two granddaughters all living in Minneapolis, MN. I miss them terribly and try to visit as often as I can. Jim has three daughters and a son, three step-daughters and thirteen grandchildren all living here in the Naples area. They are all wonderful and have made me feel a very welcome part of their family.

BILL WANNER (58) AND JUDY CLAYMAN (59)

We met outside the Patrick Henry Village Bowling Alley in the summer of 1957. We went back to see the spot where we first "eyed" each other during the HHS reunion of 2001. We met, we "went steady." We first separated in late summer of 1958 because Bill went stateside for school. We kept in close touch with each other. We next saw each other again in Spring of 1959 at Fort Bragg, NC, where we broke up (we now know that that was a very dumb thing to have done.) We both married other people, had children, raised our families, and, during that time, we both felt "not whole."

Almost 42 years later Judy found that the "early years" alumni assoc. existed. Judy talked with Joan Dickson who asked Judy if she knew where Bill Wanner was. Judy's answered "not since 1959." That question started the ball rolling. Judy decided to see if she could perhaps find Bill on the Internet. Fate took a hand. Judy somehow wound up on a search engine called Bigfoot, and found ONE Bill Wanner. She sent a message saying "if you are the Bill Wanner who graduated from HHS in 1958, get in touch with the HHS alumni Assoc." Bill read the "from" line on the e-mail and both deduced and hoped that the "Judy" listed there was HIS Judy. E-mails flew, and a phone call ensued. It took only that one call for both of us to realize that we were still in love. We both felt it, but didn't verbalize it until the next phone call.

The rest is history. Since both marriages were over, we felt we were lucky to be in that position and felt free to meet again. We got together and all the love, feelings and magic were still there. We now live together in the woods on a mountain in Colorado, at 9,000+ feet, where the sunsets are knockouts, the air is clean and crisp, it's very peaceful, and our love is stronger than it ever was!!! Just "shows to go ya," sometimes your first love is your life's true and only real love.

LUKE WILLIAMS (58) & SALLY IRWIN (59)

We went steady in Heidelberg 1957-58. Luke graduated and went back to the states to college. We stayed sweethearts for a year and I met Sally in New York when she returned to go to college. I was at Penn and she went to Wesleyan in Macon, Ga. We wrote for some time but could never manage (usually financial) to get together. We eventually drifted apart and went our separate ways. She became a teacher and got married in Georgia. I went into the Navy, got married, and wound up in Schenectady, New York.

I got involved in the reunion committee contacting graduates of the later years for the 1988 reunion in Washington. One of the names I got to locate was Sally, based on a list of "home of record" that one of her classmates collected before the class broke up after graduation in 1959. I called the number, which turned out to be her Uncle's home in Georgia. I got the Irwin residence number and called. As luck would have it she answered, she said "Who is this?" and I said "Luke". She said "Luke who?", followed by a pause and immediately recognized who it was.

She could not make the February 1988 reunion so I managed to visit her shortly afterward with all my annuals and the pictures from the reunion.

We ran across each other again in October 1989 at an Overseas Brats gathering in Denver. As it happens we both had divorced. One thing led to another and we were married in May 1990. This coincided with the All Years Reunion in Heidelberg, June 1990. As it turns out, Sally's Mom wouldn't let her go to the reunion unless we were married.

As they say, we are living "happily ever after" in South Carolina where Sally is an Assistant Principal at Bryson Elementary School and I work as a consultant after retiring from General Electric.

JAY TABB (62) AND PAT LEVERETTE (62)

Pat and I became a steady couple in my senior year; ('62). Pat was a junior; ('63) I went on to the University of North Texas where Pat joined me after she graduated from Fairfax High School, (in Virginia), the following year. We married in my sophomore year at UNT. We have two sons, (one married), and two grandsons.

JIM FRY (63) AND KAYE LEVERETTE (64).

Jim was best friends with Jay Tabb '62 in Heidelberg. He married Pat's younger sister, Kaye, while he was attending the University of Tennessee. They are also still married. Kaye and Jim have a son and daughter, and five grandchildren.

Other HHS Early Years Couples:

Tom Nelson '49 and Charlotte Lundy '54
Ruby Fisk '50 and Ray White '50
Barbara Adams '53 and Chuck Cunningham '53
Larry Burchell '53 and Mary Peyton Burchell '54
Shirley Fladeland '55 and Paul Macdonald '56
Barbara Georgia '56 and Leon Hawkins '56
Maureen Bensak '56 and Tom Gunther '57
Mike Banks '58 and Mary Field '59
Mike Holland '60 and Anne Leneten '59
Robert Davis '62 and Susie Waldie '62
Penny Kennedy '62 and Jim Wortham '62
Bob Jackson '63 and Barbara Jacquot '63

We have a few others who were Heidelberg couples, but one spouse has passed away*:

Chuck Spelman* '48 and Tincy Keller '49
Ellen O'Meara* '53 and Gus Johnson '53

And there were a couple of divorces -- not listed here.

If I have left anyone off this list, I apologize, and please let me know so I can correct my files.