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The Yorktown Alumnus

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1.) NEWS

A. School

1. Academic

Yorktown's Theater Arts program, headed by Carol Cadby, has been chosen as a recipient of the Educational Theatre Association/International Thespian Society "Outstanding School" Award given to a maximum of 12 schools "which best exemplify and promote high standards of quality in education theater."

Yorktown's "Subway Dreams" won a Telly Award, a national award recognizing non-network film and video production and cable TV commercials, in a field of over 11,000 entries. The one act play was videotaped by Channel 30 and the Yorktown TV/video class. Students took home video cameras to record their reflections throughout the process. The project was conceived and directed by Cuong Lenguyen.

Yorktown placed in the top 10 Washington Area Public Schools – Challenge Index, which measures a school's effort to challenge its students. A numerical score is computed by dividing the number of Advance Placement or International Baccalaureate tests a school gave in 2000 by the number of graduating seniors. A score of 1.000 or above placed the a school in the top 5% of all U.S. schools. Yorktown's Score was more than twice as good at 2.145. Information from the May 10, 2001 Washington Post's Alexandria Arlington Extra.

Arlington Council of PTA's Annual Reflections Contest winners:

Visual Arts – First Place – **Elizabeth Althaus** YHS '03
Literature – Second Place – **Will Cocks** YHS '02
Music – Second Place – **Eric Wolff** YHS '03
Photography – **James Page**

Computer science instructor **Jeff Elkner** and two of his students **Justin Maurer** YHS '01 and **Jason Straw** YHS '02 participated in a panel discussion last Fall for congressional staff members on "Education Applications of Open Source Technology" based on their work in this area.

Latin instructor **Kevin Gushman** has been selected to be the director of the 2001 Governor's Latin Academy, held in July at Hollins University.

2. Athletic

2001 In Review

We're pleased to recap the Athletic Awards given this school year. The following list of YHS Athletic Awards was provided by **Cheryl Stotler** and **Jim Price**, YHS Activities Director. Thank you both for all you do for Yorktown. It's greatly appreciated.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable - **Eddie McGaffigan**

Most Improved - **Jim Morris**

Coaches Award - **Mike Belcher**

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable - **Meggy McGaffigan**
Most Improved - **Lilly Greenwood**
Coaches Award - **Anna Rosen**

GOLF

Most Valuable - **Chris McCartin**
Most Improved - **Michael Squires**
Best Golfer - **Adam Shipp**

FIELD HOCKEY

Coaches Award - **Kaylin Leavitt**
Best Offense - **Hannah Stubbs**
Best Defense - **Faith Meyers**

FOOTBALL

Most Valuable Player - **Delk Oden**
Most Outstanding Player - **Nat Bell**
Most Outstanding Player - **Byron Campbell**

TENNIS

Most Improved - **Julia Morton**
Coaches Award - **Cullen Dirner**
Coaches Award - **Diana Duarte**

YORKTOWN EXCELLENCE AWARD (FALL)

Kaylin Leavitt
Sara Ballas
Chris Broadway
Nadege McCall
Adam Nalls

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Most Valuable - **Emily Wren**
Most Outstanding Performance - **Meggy McGaffigan**
Coaches Award - **Kaylin Leavitt**

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Most Valuable - **Andrew Shreeve**
Most Outstanding Performance - **Luke Merkel**
Coaches Award - **Mike Belcher**

BOYS BASKETBALL

Most Valuable - **John Dewey**
Most Improved - **Carl Dykes**
Coaches Award - **Ryan Gall**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Most Valuable - **Leila Baghdadi**
Most Improved - **Michelle Magin**
Coaches Award - **Diona Fisher**

CHEERLEADING

Most Valuable - **Stephanie Santamaria**
Most Improved - **Reina Escobar**

Coaches Award - **Alexis Forman**

GYMNASTICS

Most Valuable - **Shannon Southard**

Coaches Award - **Julie Andrukonis**

Leadership Award - **Kelly Dye**

RIFLE

Most Valuable - **Keith Dowling**

Most Outstanding - **Nick Stern**

Coaches Award - **Kayla Scheiner**

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Most Valuable - **Mike Alderman**

Most Improved - **Scott Tsuchitani**

Coaches Award - **Andy Hanson**

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Most Valuable - **Meghan Thiel**

Most Improved - **Lauren Grimaldi**

Coaches Award - **Sarah Miller**

WRESTLING

Most Valuable - **Brian Marlow**

Most Improved - **Allen Ogle**

Coaches Award - **John Burton**

YORKTOWN EXCELLENCE AWARD (WINTER)

Anna Tsuchitani

Patrick Rainey

Jennifer Keegan

Corie Dean

Vinita Acklin

Chris Spangler

Keith Dowling

David Andrukonis

Kristen Mirick

Tony Viviani

BASEBALL

Most Valuable: **Paul Fischer**

Most Outstanding: **Andrew Shreeve**

Coaches Award: **Thomas Schneider**

CREW - BOYS

Most Valuable: **Rob Maddox**

Most Improved: **Tyler Anderson**

Coaches Award: **Andrew Fishbein**

CREW - GIRLS

Most Valuable: **Rebecca Niesen**

Most Improved: **Natalie Alfonso**

Coaches Award: **Caitlin Corcoran**

Soccer - Boys

Most Valuable: **Armando Romero**
Coaches Award: **Coco Vacaflores**
Coaches Award: **Jimmy Flores**

Soccer - Girls

Most Valuable: **Katelyn Jones**
Most Improved: **Elizabeth Oliphant**
Coaches Award: **Shannon Ducrest**

Softball

Most Valuable: **Adrienne Miller**
Most Improved: **Kristy Sterling**
Coaches Award: **Karen Pleasant**

Outdoor Track - Boys

Most Valuable: **Steve Caldwell**
Most Outstanding Performance: **Tony Viviani**
Coaches Award: **Chris Broadway**

Outdoor Track - Girls

Most Valuable: **Shannon Southard**
Most Outstanding Performance: **Kaylin Leavitt**
Coaches Award: **Emily Wren**

Cross Country, Indoor Track & Outdoor Track

Most Valuable Volunteer: **Charlie Lihn**

Tennis

Most Valuable: **Alex Meditz**
Most Improved: **James Kaylin**
Captain's Award: **Nick Gamse**

Boys Gymnastics

Most Valuable: **Ian Morris**

Lacrosse - Boys

Most Valuable: **Chris Spangler**
Most Improved: **Minh Nguyen**
Coaches Award: **Paul Sonenthal**

Lacrosse - Girls

Most Valuable: **Lesley Oot**
Most Improved: **Julie Anderson**
Coaches Award: **Beth Watson**

Yorktown Excellence Award (Spring)

Duncan McNabb
Greg Neam
Katie Read
Alex Meditz

**Lucy Leitner
Nate Cox
Anna Jurkevics
Katie Heffner
Amy Lunde
Jason Lynch
Paul Sonenthal**

2000-2001 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: **Kaylin Leavitt**

2000-2001 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: **Scott Nole**

B. Alumni

On Saturday November 18, 2000 **Corky James** (Jimmy McCorkle YHS '72) and his gang recreated the environment of a Yorktown High School open house of the early 70's at Whitey's restaurant in Arlington.

The band, assembled just one week prior to this engagement, sounded as if they had been playing together for the last 30 years. The band's line up featured Corky, guitar & vocals; **Mike Tramonte** (YHS '70), keyboards, **Richard Thomas Alan** (YHS '69), bass & vocals, D.J. Plaskin, drums, **Mike Caffi** (YHS '69), saxophone & harmonica; **Rob Vetter**(YHS '73), trumpet; **Ashley Caruthers** (YHS '99), vocals; **Sandy Harwell** (YHS '69), steel guitar, 12 string guitar & vocals; **John Lorenz** (YHS '71), acoustic guitar and vocals, Mike Downey (Wakefield '66), vocals; and Paul Wolff sound.

The band's sets included rock and roll classics including Shake Rattle and Roll, Sunshine of your Love, Crazy, Piece of my Heart, While my Guitar Gently Weeps, Soul man, Good Times Bad Times, Brown Sugar, The Letter and Light My Fire.

The bar at Whitey's was basically taken over by Yorktown alumni, all notified by word of mouth. Some of the regular Saturday night crowd from Whitey's was overheard saying, " I don't know where all of these people came from tonight, but the band is awesome."

Write up & [eventually] pictures (on website) by **Ron Watts** YHS '72. Thanks Ron.

Pictures from the 10th Reunion of the Class of 1990 are on our website. [Keep checking, we're having trouble getting them to load].

C. Corporate

Wow, and we thought things were busy getting this organization started! It's been pretty wild and crazy here in P.O. Box 7698.

Since April 1st we've:

- added considerable content to our website (although there is a long way to go to overcome almost 40 years of neglect, and our webmaster has been ill – so get well soon Rebecca, we miss you)
- had almost 1,500 visits to our website
- located volunteers to serve as their class's first moderator, thus permitting activation of half a dozen previously inactive yahoogroups.com electronic class mailing lists
- received membership applications and dues from slightly less than a hundred new members from virtually every class

- added payments by MasterCard® and VISA® as payment options through PayPal.com
- changed our mailing address to a Post Office Box to speed delivery and reduce the administrative burden on the YHS Staff
- added reunion committee mailing lists for internal communications within reunion committees
- continued to develop our knowledge-base of Reunion Committee resources
- created a current and former YHS staff mailing lists (currentyhsstaff@yahoo.com & formeryhsstaff@yahoo.com, respectively) by which we hope to keep both groups advised of YHS Alumni events, and news
- hosted a meeting with our counter-parts from Wakefield, W-L and O'Connell to share information and undertake projects of mutual benefit (the first benefits of which are discussed below)
- collected more than \$1,000 in gifts towards various activities
- worked with several reunion committees planning events this year
- started working with a professional money manager who is structuring a proposal in response to our needs
- commissioned Harris Publishing Company to update the Alumni Directory first published in 1998
- and kept in touch with old and new friends

2.) SCHOLARSHIPS

Two exciting, but unrelated developments have occurred since our first newsletter:

First, we put our effort to catalog, and web-enable a list of existing local and state scholarship opportunities on hold. Instead of just Yorktown undertaking this task alone, we are working on making this information more readily accessible County-wide. To do this we met, and are joining forces with, our counterparts from Wakefield and Washington-Lee High Schools to request that the School Board maintain the database. Input from each school's Guidance Office, and input from us, and our sister organizations – the Washington-Lee Educational Foundation, Inc. and Wakefield High School Education Foundation will insure the is comprehensive. Before submitting our proposal to the School Board for consideration, a representative from each organization is seeking the input from their school's Guidance Office for suggestions and improvements to the proposal.

We hope to have our discussions completed by the end of July, and to submit our proposal to the School Board in August for implementation this coming winter. Details when they've been resolved. If the County-wide effort fails or will be untimely we will reactivate our own initiative and do it internally.

Either way, when we're done, a student will be able to easily search for Arlington or Yorktown sources of funds by area of interest on the internet.

We don't plan to duplicate the numerous sources of scholarship information available at the national level, but we do hope to provide an interactive database where you can readily locate information about scholarships for former Jamestown students, Yorktown alums, or Arlingtonians, or by field of proposed study.

We're also continuing our efforts to obtain specifics on funds administered by the school, what they are for, and how to contribute to them. We will list details on our website, and through future issues of this newsletter and by email.

Once we have a complete list of what's currently available, we'll see if there are any holes in coverage, and make it easy to fill that void. That's where our second initiative comes into play.

Second, we decided to invest and manage our own scholarship funds instead of relying on an outside party. We are currently in the process of negotiating with a professional fund management and investment counsel to guide us in this effort.

We also joined the Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) as a member. CASE (www.case.org) is a national, non-profit organization whose membership benefits include information on over 7,500 corporate gift-matching programs to help you leverage your gifts. Keep an eye peeled for changes in the Planned Giving section of our website for developments.

We are currently registered to conduct charitable solicitations in both Virginia and Maryland. A financial statement is available from the Virginia State Office of Consumer Affairs on written request.

Because the treatment of internet, and email charitable solicitations varies from state-to-state, if you want contribute to any of the Patriot Funds (see the Scholarship and Planned Giving sections of our website) please let us know. We'll check to see if your gift is eligible to be matched by your employer, and will register in your state if other than Virginia or Maryland.

Because the IRS has recognized our charitable purpose, your contributions to support a cause near and dear to your heart are tax deductible!

If you're interested in setting up a new scholarship to honor a special teacher, classmate or coach, please get in touch and we can discuss how easy it is to structure scholarship funds through us, have access to professional-fund managers, and provide your contributors a tax break all at the same time.

3.) REUNIONS

Here's the latest on Reunion News, check our website for current details. Email us with inquiries and info reunions@yorktownalums.org. Please include your Class.

35th Reunion - Class of 1965

Next Reunion will be our 40th
Out of touch? Join YHS65@yahoogroups.com

30th Reunion - Class of 1971

Friday, October 12th @ Whitlow's Bar in Clarendon
Saturday, October 13th - Dinner Dance @ Knights of Columbus
On-Line registration on our website under Reunions.
Charlie Clark (CClarkjedd@aol.com), Susan EASTLING Schoegler, Sandy WILSON
Yancey (NewMexGal@aol.com)et al.

Stay informed. Join YHS71@yahoogroups.com

25th Reunion - Class of 1976

Saturday, October 6th @ Washington Golf and Country Club.
Contact First Class Reunions (703) 222-1984, (888) 327-1984

Other Class News? Subscribe to YHS76@yahoogroups.com

20th Reunion - Class of 1981

Friday, October 19

Morning/Afternoon Registration at YHS
Early Evening Registration @ Homecoming Football Game
Post-Game Gathering (Site TBD)

Saturday, October 20

Late AM/Early PM Family Picnic (most likely site: Upton Hills)
Evening Gala 20th Reunion @ Clarendon Ballroom (time TBD)

Sunday, October 21

Attendees will be on their own although we will negotiate Brunch specials at various locations.

Hani Elnaggar and Anna Cainelli are leading the Committee
Stay advised via YHS81@yahoogleroups.com

15th Reunion - Class of 1986

No reunion data established yet.

Join YHS86@yahoogleroups.com to stay informed.

10th Reunion - Class of 1990

Pictures from the 10th Reunion of the Class of 1990 are on our website.

10th Reunion - Class of 1991

Friday, Nov. 23rd

Casual get-together / Happy Hour -probably at the Sand Bar (attached to Whitlow's on Wilson)

Saturday, Nov. 24th. Event location and specifics TBD.

The location for Saturday night's event is TBD
Reunion Celebrations has been retained to plan the event. Contact information on receipt.

Mimi Rowe is heading up this effort.

Stay informed. Join YHS1991@yahoogleroups.com

5th Reunion - Class of 1996

No reunion planned until 2006

Keep in touch. Join YHS96@yahoogleroups.com

Reunion Committees

Join our developing knowledge base of local do's and don't for class reunion planners. Contact reunions@yorktownalums.org for details.

FUTURE REUNIONS – 2002

It's about time to start planning for next years. Here are the contacts we've identified for the following upcoming reunion classes. Any comments, questions or interest in helping please contact us at reunions@yorktownalums.org.

To stay informed with class and YHS news and activities, please join your class list. You'll stay current, and help keep costs down for your reunion by keeping in touch electronically instead of by mail.

Class of 1962 – 40th Year Reunion

YHS62@yahoogroups.com

Class of 1967 – 35th Year Reunion

YHS67@yahoogroups.com

Class of 1972 – 30th Year Reunion

Marie-Anne STARN Lillis gmal.theark@gte.net YHS72@egroups.com

Class of 1977 – 25th Year Reunion

Dean Nettles DeanNet@aol.com YHS77@yahoogroups.com

Interested in determining interest in holding a reunion.

Class of 1982 – 20th Year Reunion YHS92@yahoogroups.com

Class of 1987 – 15th Year Reunion YHS87@yahoogroups.com

Class of 1992 – 10th Year Reunion YHS92@yahoogroups.com

Class of 1997 – 5th Year Reunion YHS97@yahoogroups.com

The mailing list for the Classes of 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997 require a moderator or moderators before they can be activated. If you're from one of these classes and want to help, get a couple of friends together and chip in for a while. It's doesn't take much time, and is a great way to keep in touch with friends. Interested? Email reunions@yorktownalums.org.

Not all list moderators are able to help plan their reunion. But they should know how to contact who is in charge. Each list has an archive of messages, so please check your class message archive before asking about your reunion.

Reunion planners, please let us know details about your reunion and we'll post it on our site for you. We've assembled a number of resources to help make your planning easier. Let us know how we can help.

4.) CLASS NOTES

Here's the place for quarterly Yorktown-related news. Marriages, Births, Degrees, Reunions, Memorials, What Are They Doing Now, and Wants to Hear From Sections, brimming with info to share with friends and family. A few entries in this second newsletter are below to give you a flavor of what's in store, so send your news to: news@yorktownalums.org.

A. Births

None known.

B. In Memoriam

Staff

We're sad to report the demise of **Richard Rife**, former member of the Staff at Yorktown, who completed his career at Wakefield HS. Mr. Rife worked with head coach Bill Stewart, Sr. in the late 60's and early 70's in the initial years of the rowing program at Yorktown. He died in early January in San Diego.

Class of 1977

Nancy L. Hines died last year but was only recently brought to our attention. The Alumni Association is entering an alumni boat in the Annual Potomac Boat Club Crab Feast Regatta on July 7th as a Memorial Row and fund-raiser to support the Alumni Crew Equipment Endowment Fund.

1984

Jennifer Lynn Keys died at Duke University Hospital, Wednesday, April 11th when she was only 35. After a viewing at Murphy's Funeral home, and a memorial service at St. Anges Catholic Church, our colleague was interred at Columbia Gardens Cemetery. Our condolences to her mother, Chichy Keys, and brother Peter Keys both of Arlington, and her sister Betsy Carlson of San Diego.

C. Degrees

Class of 1994

Allison Clark earned her Masters Degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Class of 1996

Kathryn Belcher earned her Bachelors Degree from James Madison University over the summer.

Grace Curry is starting medical school in the fall.

Bernard Doyle earned his private pilots license and hopes to continue his interest in airline safety matters professionally.

Kate Fenner just earned her Masters Degree from Uva and is off to teach for a year in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

May Chris Moore graduated magna cum laude from Duke last year, and is planning on attending law school at Uva on return from her Fulbright in Bolivia.

Rebecca Oser (a/k/a "blue water Becca") is working on public health issues in Honolulu this summer. Her work is in furtherance of a Masters Degree in epidemiology from Emory.

Mike Parkard earned his undergraduate engineering degree from Virginia Tech and is a practicing engineer in Alexandria.

Alison Sanchez earned a place on the dean's list this Spring at Mary Washington College.

Class of 1997

Sarah Knisley – earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, from Emory University.

Stephen Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and business from Virginia Military Institute.

Dana Ginsburg was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa at Amherst College.

Kristin Haworth earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from Dickinson College.

Andy Ivie continues his track and field career as a member of the Wm. & Mary's men's 400m relay team which finished 6th in the NCAA DIII championships.

William Schneider earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

D. Marriages

None were brought to our attention since April.

E. Updates

1965

Virginia State Senator **Emily Couric** ended her candidacy for the position of Lieutenant Governor as the front-runner for health reasons. She was subsequently elected General Chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party in December.

1971

Harvey Banks was the assistant coach to the Freshman Football Team which went undefeated in a 10 game season (instead of the normal 7 games) last Fall. It's believed that this is a first in Yorktown history.

1975

Katie Couric's five-part series "Confronting Colon Cancer" aired on NBC's Today show last year won the show broadcast journalism's highest honor – the Peabody Award. This is the first Peabody awarded to the Today show in its 50-year history. Last year Katie helped found the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance www.nccra.com/index.htm, and helped launch the Colorectal Memorial Health Fund, a joint project of the Arlington County Medical Society Foundation and the Arlington Hospital.

1993

If you are just returning from your trip to Mars, you missed **Tom Dolan** winning his second Olympic Gold Medal in the 400 m individual medley with a world record time of 4 min. 11.76 seconds, breaking his former record set in 1994 in the process. Tom is one of only two men to win two Olympic titles in the 400 IM. He also won a Silver Medal in the 200 m IM. Tom's swimming accomplishments were officially recognized by the County Board Chairman Barbara Favola proclaiming Saturday, October 14, 2000 "Tom Dolan Day."

Drew Greve is engaged to Lynda Carol Smith. An August wedding is planned. Ms. Smith is a graduate of Christopher Newport University and works for the Matthews County Land Conservancy when she's not singing professionally and composing. Drew, earned his Masters Degree from Marymount while coaching crew for Yorktown. He's a guidance counselor for the Lancaster County Public Schools.

1996

H.T. Gold – is playing with the Washington Redskins Marching Band.

1997

Kendall Eddy is majoring in jazz on the double bass which he took up after arriving at Virginia Tech.

1998

Amelia Doyle parlayed a chance meeting in Savannah into working on a 160' sailboat. She was flown to Barcelona where she joined her shipmates for a summer in the Caribbean.

Katherine Bennett Jones is majoring in psychology at Wake Forest, and made the dean's list for this spring.

Justin Miller was named to the dean's list for last fall at the College of William & Mary.

Kathleen McNamara was named the Robin S. Cramer Scholar for 2000-2001 at Sweet Briar College last summer.

Alison Rapp who attends the College of William and Mary, is studying abroad at the University of Tubingen in Germany.

1999

Elizabeth ("Libby") Eddy is pursuing her degree in early childhood education at Mary Washington's innovative program which stresses student teaching from the time a major is declared. She earned a place on the Dean's List this spring.

Laura Erickson was named to fall dean's list at James Madison University last fall.

Sandy Eng was named to the dean's list last fall at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Heather Green was named to the Wake Forest dean's list for the Spring 2001 semester at

Erik Kolb was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2000 semester at Wheaton College.

Alyson Rose-Wood was named to the dean's list for last fall at Trinity University.

2000

Nalani Fraser was named to the dean's list at Mary Baldwin College last fall.

James Rapp and **Laura Sweterlitsch** were named to the dean's list last fall at James Madison University

2001

Keith Dowling was selected as a first-team selection by the Potomac High School Rifle League. Keith who has served as team Captain for three years was named the squad's most valuable athlete and received the Yorktown Excellence Award.

Aaron Fast & Emily Green won scholarships from the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers for students pursuing a career in education. Aaron also won a scholarship from the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

Michael Goodell was awarded a Corporate Merit Scholarship.

Emily Anthes, Mercedes Asp, Nathan Cox, Michael Goodell, Lars Hanson, Michael Lovinger, Faith Meyers, Andrew Newby, Aaron Robinson, Matthew Salvatierra, and Patrick Wright were named National Merit Semifinalists.

Justin Maurer, Jason Straw YHS '02 and their computer science teacher – **Jeff Elkner** – participated in a panel discussion last Fall for congressional staff members on "Education Applications of Open Source Technology" based on their work in this area.

Nora Gray & Matthew Salvatierra are the initial recipients of the Mr., and Mrs. C.R. Parekh Scholarships. Matthew was previously recognized as a Scholar Finalist in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Ian McWelty – was named a 2001 Presidential Scholar for his achievements in theater arts.

Luis Padilla will receive the AGLA scholarship. Anyone know what these initials mean?

Patrick Wright earned a National Merit Scholarship to Grinnell College.

2002

Dan Harlan was elected vice chief of the Chain Bridge chapter of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout honor society.

Jason Straw, Justin Maurer YHS '01 and their computer science teacher – **Jeff Elkner** – participated last Fall in a panel discussion for congressional staff members on "Education Applications of Open Source Technology" based on their work in this area.

2004

Benyam Muluneh, Abed Salamawit and Melody Murray received scholarships from the STAR Scholarship Foundation 9- 11th graders.

F. Missing

As we refine our mailing list we'll list those alums and faculty who we've lost track of with the hope that you'll be able to help us stay in touch. For now, please forward this Newsletter to classmates and ask them to contact us with their email address if they didn't receive it. Just be

sure to include Graduating Class and email address. We can be reached at admin@yorktownalums.org. Thanks.

G. WANTS TO HEAR FROM...

Lost track of an old YHS prof, coach or friend? Drop us a note at news@yorktownalums.org, and we'll publish your interest in getting back in touch in our next newsletter in September.

5.) OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & COMMITTEES

This year's Board of Directors are:

Kim McHUGH Arthurs YHS '72 karthurs@akingump.com (Term expires 2001)
Marie-Anne STARN Lillis YHS '72 gmal.theark@gte.net (Term expires 2002)
George Becerra YHS '90 george_becerra@hotmail.com (Term expires 2003)

This year's Officers are:

President: Ginna Schneider (Carry-over per ByLaws. Successor Needed)
Treasurer: Mack Brown (Carry-over per ByLaws. Successor Needed)
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Brown YHS '72 ronwatt@mindspring.com
Secretary: Ralph C. Oser (703) 536-6672 osers4@erols.com

Committees Chairs:

Administration: Ralph Oser (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Agent, Corporate Registered – currently Joseph R. Tiano, Jr. Nate Adams YHS '73 (aklaw@visuallink.com) who practices in Winchester has volunteered to serve as our Agent. We're working on the change now. Thanks Nate.
Awards, Open, Chair Needed (historian@yorktownalums.org)
Budget Committee, Chaired by Treasurer – Needed treasurer@yorktownalums.org)
ByLaws: Ralph Oser (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Class Liaison: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72 (gmal.theark@gte.net)
Communications - Open, Chair Needed (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Database Czarina: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72 (info@yorktownalums.org)
Executive – Ralph Oser (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Faculty Liaison: Jim Allen
Fund-Raising: Open, Chair Needed
History: Open, Chair Needed (historian@yorktownalums.org)
Liaison: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis '72 (gmal.theark@gte.net)
Newsletter: Open, Chair Needed (news@yorktownalums.org)
Nominations: Open, Chair Needed (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Membership: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis YHS '72 (gmal.theark@gte.net),
Chair Needed (membership@yorktownalums.org)
Public Relations: Open, Chair Needed (info@yorktownalums.org)
Planning: Open, Chair Needed (admin@yorktownalums.org)
Reunions: Marie-Anne STARN Lillis YHS '72 (gmal.theark@gte.net),
(reunions@yorktownalums.org)
Scholarships: Open, Chair Needed (scholarships@yorktownalums.org)
Website: Rebecca L. Fox (webmaster@yorktownalums.org)

Special Thanks goes to those who have agreed to help since our launch in April:

New Class List Moderators

A number of individuals have volunteered to serve as a class mailing list moderator, helping us administer our lists.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the following individuals who have agreed to serve as the initial moderators for their class: **Mike Ostergard** YHS 62; **Bruce Klein** YHS 63, **Susan ALLENDER Hagedorn** YHS 64, **David Swerdloff** YHS 67, **Phil Brown** YHS 71, **Dean Nettles** YHS 77, **David Gnuse & Meg Rowe** YHS 92. Thank you all!

Lastly, we would be remiss if we failed to thank **Ron Watts** YHS 72 who is has volunteered as our Assistant Treasurer to help implement improvements in our cash-management practices.

6.) COMMUNICATIONS

A. CLASS MAILING LISTS

Each class has it's own non-commercial, free mailing list. You do not have to be a member to be listed, although we obviously invite your membership to make our efforts possible.

Classes for which we have a moderator or moderators to screen applicants are indicated below, with thanks.

Classes for which we have no moderator(s) are in regular text because those list, while created, are not operational. If you or a few of classmates would be interested in volunteering to help by serving as your class moderator, please email admin@yorktownalums.org. The job is easy, and doesn't take much time, and is a great way to keep in touch with classmates. For an overview and detailed instructions on what involved check our website.

For those that have joined their class list already, feel free to use it to keep in touch with your classmates. None of the lists have had much usage yet, except those classes holding a reunion this year, but feel free to use it to keep in touch. That's why we created them. Please encourage your classmates to join to stay informed of YHS-related news, and contact your class moderator directly if you'd be willing to help them. We all have busy schedules, and sharing the load makes it easier on other volunteers who have graciously agreed to help.

We still have email addresses for only a fraction of our community, so please forward this newsletter to your classmates and friends incase we haven't found them yet.

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To subscribe to any of the lists with moderators listed above please send an email to your class list as written above. Several lists vary from the standard because the names were taken by another YHS in New York. This is the general form, which the members of YHS1991, YHS1999, YHS2000 and yhs90 will have to modify accordingly:

To Subscribe:

YHS##-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To Unsubscribe:

YHS##-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

We also have a number of administrative lists for managing the corporation, including one for Reunion Committee Members mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter:

YHSReunions@yahoogroups.com

C. LINKS

For the web enabled, here are some useful YHS-related links:

Alumni & Friends of Yorktown High School, Inc. www.yorktownalums.org

Yorktown Crew Boosters, Inc. www.yorktowncrew.org

Yorktown High School <http://yhspatriot.yorktown.arlington.k12.va.us/>

D. Deadline for our Fall Issue

Deadline for the Fall newsletter is the end of August.

7.) OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

The Arlington Boathouse Foundation:

A local group working with area governments to build a community boathouse facility south of Key Bridge in Rosslyn. www.arlingtonboathouse.org/

8.) HALL OF FAME ENTRIES

Class of 2001

Cheryl Stotler of the YHS Student Activity Office graciously provided us with a copy of the 2001 YHS Academic Awards catalog. Unfortunately, the press of other events has precluded our including most of that information by our deadline for this newsletter..

Our apologies to the awardees and their families for their omissions from the following information obtained during the last three month. Congratulations to all that were recognized. We'll present this information in a convenient, readily accessible format as soon as possible.

Partial List:

Lars Hanson & Matthew Salvatierra – \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship winners.

George Wilmouth – Received the Paplin Leader Award – a one-year scholars to attend Virginia Tech.

Sports

Lacrosse –
All-National District First Team
Chris Spangler – YHS '01 Goalie
Paul Sonenthal – YHS '01 Defenseman

Honorable Mention
Myron Gains – Midfield
Michael Squires – Midfield
Brian Stansfield – Defenseman

Tennis
All-National District Team selected by league Coaches:
Alex Meditz at No. 1 singles
James Kalin at No. 3 doubles
Farshad Garakani at No. 5 doubles
Meditz and Garakani at No. 1
Nick Gamse and Kaylin at No. 2
Anoush Garakani and Jason Ng at No. 3

Boy's Tennis – Yorktown won the Spring 2001 Northern Regional title with a 12-0 record, as it has since the National League began in 1995.

The Better Sports Club recognized **Leila Baghdadi** YHS '01 (Basketball), **Kaylin Leavitt** YHS '01 (Field Hockey), and **Cullen Dirner** YHS '01 (Tennis) as members of their Arlington Sports Hall of Fame.

9.) MEMBERSHIP

All of this takes money, but to make sure everyone can afford to join us in these efforts, and those that are planned for tomorrow, we've set our annual dues at just \$10 per year, per person. For this you get access to a free class mailing list, a quarterly newsletter, help with reunions, an easy way to remember a friend or individual instrumental in your past. Please join your classmates and friends by completing the Membership Application and mailing it to us, along with your 2001 dues today. When you include your email address we'll add you to your classes mailing list right away. Or save yourself \$.34 cents, and register on line from our website. We now take VISA® and MasterCard® from the website.

We've encountered two negative reactions to our organization, and what we're trying to do.

The first was skepticism about who the leaders are, and their motivations. While that's understandable, we'd like to reiterate that no one has made a penny from our donation of countless hours over the last three years. Nor is it our intent, or desire to do so. Neither is it our intent to channel funds raised by us for scholarship purposes to the families of those leading the organization, as one individual questioned.

The exact terms of any scholarships, eligibility requirements and selection procedures have not been developed yet, because there are so many more immediate issues to address, and because we haven't even identified a need yet, let alone start fund-raising to meet those needs that are developed. If you'd like to get involved into this area of potentially enormous good to the Yorktown community, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The second criticism was from two people accustomed to free membership in their college alumni associations who questioned our need for the \$10 dues which they considered a nuisance.

We agree that the cost of membership is a bargain, and we'd love to have a revenue source other than member dues. However, unlike a university or college that includes the costs of operating their alumni functions in their institutional overhead, we are totally independent of the school system (although we work closely with a variety of offices at Yorktown). Neither do we have any corporate sponsors. In fact, we hope to be able to help augment Yorktown's budget once we have repaid those who have dug into their own pockets to fund our start-up, and establish a solid financial foundation.

It is our hope to do away with dues all together sometime in the future. However, first we have to find a revenue source to pay for our website, post office box, postage, corporate and fundraising regulatory filings, software, and other direct operating costs. Your ideas as to how to accomplish this are welcome. Until then, we rely on your dues to fund our operations.

Having addressed the negatives first, we should stress that by far the vast majority of people have been very supportive, and enthusiastic. The consensus seems to be that this effort is long over-due and welcome. We agree, and are flattered by the many compliments we've received.

At the same time we're not even close to being satisfied with our current operations or the benefits we currently offer the Yorktown community. Please look at the volunteer opportunities listed below, and chip in to help. There's more than enough work yet to do to go around, and we are actively inviting you to join us in our activities

Thank you.

A. Volunteer Opportunities

We're in the process of developing a detailed description of volunteer opportunities, but for now this list will have to do.

If any of the following jobs strike your fancy, please email admin@yorktownalums.org and let us know which one, and how to reach you to discuss what's needed. Don't see anything you'd like to do? Drop a line to the same address and let's see what we can do. Thanks.

- **Board Member** for next year
- **Treasurer** - preferably a fiduciary with "funds accounting" background and familiarity with QuickBooks
- **History**
- **Awards** – Both former and future. Could be combined with the History Committee,
- **Membership Chair**
- **Graphic Artist** to design logo & corporate visuals
- **Software Wizard** to help us port data from run-time version of FileMaker Pro to server-side mySQL, and MS Access and export class data to a third database used for reunion planning and management
- **Mentoring Coordinator**

- **Newsletter Editor** to help with quarterly newsletter
- **Communications Coordinator** - familiar with yahoo groups
- **Public Relations Chair**
- **Fund Raising Chair**

B. Staff

Our attempts to meet with the faculty and staff to explain what it is we're doing, and how it might be of interest to the Yorktown Staff have been unsuccessful to date. However, given the vigorous, enthusiastic support given by your counterparts at W-L & Wakefield, we're confident it's just a matter of trying to figure out an effective means of getting the word out.

One initiative we've implemented is an effort to increase communications within the extended Yorktown community. This quarterly newsletter is part of that effort. But we've also created two electronic mailing lists for current and former members of the YHS staff. The lists are currentyhsstaff@yahogroups.com, and formeryhsstaff@yahogroups.com and a single message to either list automatically goes to everyone on the list by email. Responses are to the sender only (though that can be changed if desired). They're both free, and anyone who has worked at YHS is eligible to be on both lists if they choose, and we never sell or rent or disclose to non-members the participants in our lists. To join one, or both lists, just send an email to the list(s) and we'll get it done with dispatch.

And illustrative of the crying need for improved communications within the community, after almost a year of searching, we've finally located Wm. Cogswell, the Membership Chairman of the Arlington Retired Teachers Association (if that's not the correct name, we'll let you know). We are just now beginning to see how we might lend support to that group that serves this critical sector of our community. Stay tuned.

And somewhat closer to home, we're confident the adult leaders of the various YHS-based programs will support our efforts to document their professional accomplishments, and those of their students. We've either been directly involved in, or watched as countless hours are devoted to pet projects and activities, and trust in time our planned Hall of Fame will be embraced as one vehicle to showcase these efforts. That's why we're creating it.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join, complete this page and mail it with your \$10.00 annual dues to the above address.

Complete Name (please capitalize Maiden Names, e.g. Mary SMITH Jones) & print **legibly**:

_____ Class: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: (____) ____-_____
Home Fax: (____) ____-_____
Cell Phone: (____) ____-_____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____
Work Address: _____ Work Phone (____) ____-_____
Work Fax: (____) ____-_____
Pager: (____) ____-_____

email address: Home: _____ Work: _____

Spouse's Name _____. If an alum, Maiden Name and Class _____

Children _____ YHS ' ____ Children _____ YHS ' ____ Children _____ YHS ' ____

We will sign you up for your class mailing list at whichever email address you circle, unless you do not wish to be included. You can remove yourself from any mailing list at any time.

Please mark the following box if you do not wish to be part of your class mailing list:

Please use my (circle one: Work/Home) address, and (circle one: Work/Home) email.

News for next newsletter – Please attach on a separate sheet of paper with your full name & class.

I'm interested in serving as my class mailing list moderator:

If interested in helping, please indicate your areas of interest: _____.

If you, or any member of your family, will need special accommodations to participate in any of our activities due to a disability of any kind, please let us know what we can do to make participation most enjoyable: _____

Help us find missing classmates and friends. Check our new website (www.yorktownalums.org) or contact us for a list of those whose contact information we have been unable to locate.

Virginians & Marylanders - In addition to my dues, here's my check for \$ _____ to support the following activity (please circle your choice): Alumni Annual Scholarship Fund \$ _____, Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund \$ _____; Other (specify) _____. Tell me about corporate gift matching programs . If you live in another state and want to contribute to one of the Patriot Funds, please let us know and we'll register in your state. A financial statement is available from the Virginia State Office of Consumer Affairs on written request.

Thank you for your support!

