

PFLUGERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

When all was said and done, we had heard back from a total of 34 classmates with 2 coming in under the wire! Here is a quick rundown of what the class of 76 is doing as of our 25th reunion in July 2001. If we somehow got the facts wrong, please forgive us. If we got any of the rest wrong, it was because we made it up!

(For additional alumni information, please see the 'Alumni News' section of the class website at <http://www.phsclassof76.com>)

Judy (Allen) Baker - Judy and her husband Chuck live in Pflugerville. She has two children and two stepchildren: Patty-24, Charles-22, Heather-18 and Jonathan-11. She is a buyer for Solectron Texas and Chuck works for the government as a truck driver and supply specialist.

Mark Allen - Mark and wife Dawn Deena have been married for 23 years and live in Pflugerville. They have two children: Andra-13 and Makayla-6. Mark is a Network Analyst in the Telecommunications Department at Austin I.S.D. and Dawn Deena is an English as A Second Language teacher for Hutto I.S.D. Mark is admittedly fond of his yard and recently joined the "Mulch of the Month" club. His motto: "Be the Best and Weed the Rest".

John Anderson - John lives in Pflugerville and has two children: Jennifer-21 and Jessica-17. He is a carpenter by trade and, in a survey question, picked a ZZ Top concert at Memorial Stadium in 1974 as the best concert he ever attended. John has only relocated a couple of times to Austin and Pflugerville.

Mike Bartley - We admittedly don't know very much about what Mike has been up to since the 70's but we are glad to have him with us after 25 years!

Mike Bartz - Mike and his wife Cindy live in San Marcos. He is a carpenter by trade and has lived in Sherman and Rosenberg as well as San Marcos. Mike and family have quite a menagerie at home with 4 horses, 3 cats, 2 dogs and 1 pony. For the upcoming feature film "ZEMBAC - The Motion Picture" Mike hopes to be portrayed by either John Travolta or Chuck Norris.

Joy (Bohls) Arnham - Joy and her husband Stan live in Manor. They have two children: Karin-15 and Scott-11. She is organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pflugerville and is a substitute teacher with the Elgin I.S.D. Stan works with the Fire Department in the City of Austin. When asked what her favorite TV program was, she said "is that what that big square box with the glass on the front is?". Something tells us that Joy doesn't have a lot of free time on her hands.

Patricia (Brown) Nuhn - Patricia and her husband David live in Austin and have two children: Lauren-19 and Ben-14. She is a legal assistant at the firm of Kendall & Osborn and David is a licensed Chemical Dependency counselor working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Program Administrator. Patricia wrote that she has also lived in Bryan/College Station, San Antonio and Round Rock and apparently has a cat named Saki who is the size of a Buick.

Keith Conner - Keith and his wife Julia live in Killeen and have two boys: Adam-9 and Travis-7. He works for an Army contractor at Fort Hood as a supervisor of Photo, TV and Graphics production sections. Julia is News Director at KLFX-FM, 107.3 and KIIZ-FM, 92.3 in Killeen and also does some acting and voice-work. Keith has been toiling away at a script for "ZEMBAC - The Motion Picture" for 25 years and believes that casting can start as early as next year. He hopes to secure Jerry Seinfeld or Garry Shandling for the part of Tom Ellisor.

Kerry Conner - Kerry and his wife Patty live in Austin and have two boys: Brian-24 and Ricky-21. Kerry is a Network Systems Manager for Americo Financial, Inc. and Patty is an Office Manager for Westlake Capital Group. For the first time ever, Kerry would like to announce publicly that it was Charles Courtney who had the idea to use the old 'heat balm in the shorts' trick as a way to once and for all put Steve Girdner in his place while roommates at Texas Tech. His lawyers have advised him to comment no further than that.

Charles Courtney - Charles and his wife Tonya live in Edmonson, Texas. They have two sons: Jacob-16 and Travis-14. Charles works as a Research Assistant at Monsanto and Tonya is a Secretary at the Roberts Company. Charles notes that they have moved four times since 1976 but to the same two houses, 1 in Lubbock and 1 in Edmonson. The community of Edmonson has a population of approximately 107 and is north of Lubbock between Plainview and Dimmitt. Charles recently had foot reduction surgery and can now turn around without having to go to the airport. When questioned, Charles flatly denied any involvement in the "heat balm" incident.

Karen Frosch - Karen lives in Arlington and works in Information Technology at Alcon Labs, a manufacturer of ophthalmic products. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration at Southwest Texas State and has called Duncan, Oklahoma and Arlington home. In the music category, Karen told us that an Eagles concert in the early 80's was her favorite concert until May of this year when an Eric Clapton concert went to number one on her list. When we asked her on the survey if there was anything embarrassing in the trunk of her car, she replied "of course not!". When we thanked her for volunteering for the reunion committee, she replied "volunteer?"

Steve Girdner - Steve and wife Cindy have been married 19 years. They just moved to Atlanta in March of this year after living in Longview for many years. He is working for Eastman Kodak as an Engineering and Maintenance Manager but couldn't think of anything else to tell us since he was playing golf. He did manage to tell us that they have a pet chihuahua named "Carmen". He has attended U.T. and Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches and holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering as well as an M.B.A. When reminded of the now famous "heat balm" incident while sharing a room with Kerry at Texas Tech in the late 70's, Steve told us he had to go "tee off".

Vikki (Goergen) Branning - Vikki and her husband Rick live in Austin and have 3 children: Rick II-19, August-18 and Bailey-14. Vikki works as a District Commander, (Paramedic Supervisor) for Austin-Travis County EMS and Rick is the Regional Director for American Medical Response. Vikki told us she has moved 7 times in the past 25 years all in the Austin area. She is also a Paramedic instructor and has had 15 different cars since graduation!

Tim Heine - Tim and his wife Cheryl have been married 15 years and live in Manor along with Shelby-7. Tim is a farmer and Cheryl is a Manager for Beall's. A confirmed country music fan, Tim says the best concert he has ever attended was by Brooks & Dunn. We are still trying to pry a Senior Trip story out of him that, at the last reunion, he declared "unfit to print".

Connie (Johnston) Gray-Shallin - Connie and her husband Tony live in Georgetown and have three children: Kristoffer-20, Marie-18 and Travis-17. She has a stained glass company called Hill Country Stained Glass and works as an on-call Registered Nurse at Georgetown Hospital's Emergency Department. Tony is an Internal Medicine Physician in Georgetown. Connie wins the "Most Likely to Have a Large Supply of Cardboard Boxes on Hand" award since she has moved an astounding 19 times. We feel privileged being one of the few who actually knows where she lives at the moment!

Molly (Krause) Potts - Molly and her husband Randy live in Alpharetta, Georgia which is just north of Atlanta. They have three children: Christopher-17, Cathy-14 and Casey-11. She is an Assistant Manager for Regal Cinemas and Randy is a Director of Christian Education. Molly holds a secure 4th place among the people most likely to use a moving van with 14 moves to her credit. She also admitted to actually attending a Backstreet Boys concert and liking it!

Ronald Krueger - Ronald and his wife Sarah live in Austin and were married last July. Ron works for the State of Texas and Sarah works for Advanced Micro Devices. He holds down the 3rd place slot for the most moves by having relocated 15 times and is the blue ribbon holder in the "Most Recently Wed" category.

Jim Mason - Jim is a resident of Arlington, Virginia and is the acting director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He has lived in the Washington D.C. area since 1984. He told us he has only had two cars since high school and went carless for nearly 14 years before he moved to the D.C. suburbs a couple of years ago. Jim's educational credits include a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts), J.D. (Juris Doctor, we think that's what it stands for)

and M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration, ditto). For Jim's part in the upcoming "ZEMBAC - The Motion Picture", the casting director has already had promising talks with both Marlon Brando and Don Knotts.

Marcella Medford - Marcella lives in Round Rock and has two daughters: Stephanie-17 and Amy-13. She has worked at the Comptroller of Public Accounts for 17 years. She graduated from St. Edward's with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Business Management. For favorite concert, Marcella listed Janet Jackson at the top of her list.

Jeannie (Mills) Pennington - Jeannie and her husband Mel live in Spring which is just north of Houston. She is an Analyst for Verizon Wireless and he is a Cell Technician with Verizon. Jeannie holds the Class of 76 land speed record for "Female Married the Longest (to same man!)" having been hitched for 24 years!

Randy Moe - Randy and wife Debbie are residents of Hutto along with 6 year old Kyler. He is President of R&R Ditching Co, Inc. and Debbie works at Austin Metro Financial Credit Union as a VP of Branch Services. Randy says he has moved five times to homes in the Austin, Pflugerville and Hutto area.

Sharon (Mogonye) Wood - Sharon and her husband Robert also reside in Hutto and have four children: Sarah-21, Josh-19, Cara-13 and Shawn-12 and one grandbaby: Aubrey-21 months. She is an Underwriter and Associate V.P. at Austin Surplus Lines Agency and he has his own Maintenance Company. Her and Robert had a more than memorable wedding night when their car was stolen. She has lived in Austin, Pflugerville, Sulphur Springs and Hutto.

Grace (Muehlbrad) Watkins - Grace and husband Paul live in Gonzales, Texas and have three children: Paul Jr.-21, Nathan-19 and Rebecca-13. She is a Second Grade Teacher with the Gonzales I.S.D. and he is a self-employed Attorney. Grace holds down 2nd place honors in the "Most Likely to be Seen Driving a U-Haul" category with a whopping 16 moves to Seguin, Palacios, Port Lavaca, Needville, Rosenberg, Austin, Houston, Cuero and Gonzales.

Victor Pena - Victor and his wife Bertha have been married for 17 years and live in Round Rock. They have two children: Victor-14 and Amelia-11. Victor is the Latin American Sales Manager for Hydrolab Corporation selling water quality monitoring equipment for the environment and Bertha takes care of business on the home front. Victor has a BA in Physics with a Minor in Chemistry from Southwest Texas State. Vic told us about falling out of the bed of his dad's pickup one Sunday morning and scaring his mom, who thought he had broken his neck. He recalls having to calm his mom down and putting up with his laughing friends. For relaxation, Vic enjoys getting up early on Saturday mornings, going to his favorite coffee house and just reading the newspaper.

Sheila (Randig) Anderson - Sheila and her husband Bobby live in Hutto and have one son: Jason-22. She is the Director of Records for the Texas Department of Human Services and he operates his own Construction Business. They are one of four couples that we know of who have been married for 23 years or longer!

Mike Rhodes - Mike and wife Teri live in Andrews, Texas which is north of Midland-Odessa. They have two children: Jamye-17 and Rett-14. He is a High School Principal with the Andrews I.S.D. Mike enjoys playing golf, working in the yard and watching his kids grow!

Larry Root - Larry and wife Martha reside in Dripping Springs and have been married for 22 years. He is Shop Manager for Kirk Root Design and she is a facilities coordinator for National Instruments. When he isn't working, Larry told us he likes to go kayaking. For pets, Larry and Martha have two Catahoula Curs (dogs) and a black& white Tegu lizard.

Stacey (Seale) Barlow - Stacey and her husband Rob live in Sedalia, Colorado which is a couple dozen miles south of Denver. They have two children: Joe-12 and Jennifer-8. Stacey is a Mom and Part-Time RN for Kaiser Permanente. Rob is a Self-Employed Custom Home Builder for Barlow Homes. Stacey listed a concert by Elvis as the most favorite performance she has attended. Her family also has three elderly goldfish named Mo, Larry and Curly.

Gayle (Stabeno) Campbell - Gayle and her husband Neal live in Pflugerville and have two children: Gary-16 and Debbie-12. She works in Customer Service for Farmers Insurance and Neal is a Device Technician for Motorola. When we tried to pin Gayle down on how many pairs of shoes she owns, she told us that she lost count a while back. She counts as her favorite concert(s) George Strait and The Dixie Chicks.

Bridget (Strange) Holland - Bridget and her husband Ron have been married for 22 years and have three children: Julie-21, Maggie-17 and Samantha-14. Bridget works as a Contract Manager for the Texas Department of Economic Development and Ron is a Rancher and Manager for Mister CarWash. Bridget told us that she has attended Texas A&M, Southwest Texas, Austin Community College and U.T. Even with all of those schools she has not yet received a degree, but is attending SWT in the fall to finish what she started many years ago.

Aaron Thomison - Aaron and his wife Brenda live in Hutto and have three children: Terilyn-21, Aaron, Jr.-18 and Will-13. Aaron is into construction and is self-employed as a Masonry Contractor, Masonry Supply House Owner and Home Builder. Brenda is Secretary to all of those businesses. Aaron holds a couple of records in the Class of 76! He is listed as the Male Married the Longest (to the same woman!) since he and Brenda have been married since June 11, 1977. Aaron also nailed the top honors as class member with the most vehicles in the past 25 years with a total of 22!

Bobby Vitek - Bobby and his wife Tammy live in Fredericksburg and have two children: Katy-14 and Andy-12. Bob is the Co-Pastor at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church (serving with Pastor David Priem, PHS Class of 79) and Tammy is a 4th Grade Teacher and Department Head at Fredericksburg Elementary. He holds degrees from Texas Lutheran and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Bob told us that he has two pet chickens named Chip & Dale and that he is going to get a tattoo of the Christian Symbol on his upper tush as soon as his wife lets him.

Doug Walther - Doug and his wife Karla live in Lorena (south of Waco) and have three children: Erica-20, Jordan-16 and Lindsey-14. He is the Assistant Manager for McCoy's Building Supply Center and she is a Student Payroll Clerk at Baylor University. For his favorite concert, he listed the Willie Nelson Fourth of July Picnic in Liberty Hill in nineteen seventy something.

Glenn Zwerneman - Glenn and wife Judy have been married for 19 years and have three children: Casey-16, Tara-14 and Troy-12. Glenn is an engineer for Raytheon and Judy is a Secretary for Lakewood Elementary in Belton. When asked what he listens to these days, Glenn told us that he likes talk radio, but threw in "that's bad, isn't it?". His family has several pets - an English Springer Spaniel, two mice (both males this time) and a brown chicken. Casting agents for the upcoming "ZEMBAC - The Motion Picture" are considering Drew Carey or Mike Myers to portray Glenn as a teenager.

WE FONDLY REMEMBER . . .

KIRK HARRIS

We were saddened to learn about the passing of one of our classmates from Ron Krueger in February of this year. Kirk Harris died February 6th from heart failure. He is survived by his brother Doug. A memorial service was held on Friday, February 23rd at the Harris family cemetery in San Saba. Ron visited with Kirk about three weeks before his death at Brackenridge Hospital and told us that he was being treated for diabetes. As you might remember he loved reading, and his room was filled with books. They visited for a couple of hours and reminisced about days gone by. They talked about having it pretty good growing up among the dairy farms of northeast Travis county. Kirk took care of his mother until her death last year. Our thoughts go out to Kirk's family. Our thanks to Ron for forwarding the information so we could share it with everyone.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!!

According to the 31 respondents whom we received surveys from, the Pflugerville High School Class of 76 has racked up some impressive stats. We received surveys from a total of 16 guys and 15 gals. After 25 years that is a pretty darned good response!

Academically speaking, the 31 respondents attended a total of 35 colleges. We neglected, however, to acquire statistics on how many actually graduated.

Someone in our class moved on the average of once every 50 days (a total of 183 moves). This was admittedly hard to pin down because of feeble memories. For those of you who couldn't remember, we put you down as moving at least twice in the past 25 years.

One of your classmates bought a vehicle on the average of one every 45 days for a total of 207 vehicles. One of our classmates acquired a vehicle on the average of once every 417 days in the past 25 years.

A member of the Class of 1976 acquired another member of their family on the average of once every 148 days (61 children and step-children and even 1 grandbaby). A statistic that is of no significance whatsoever is that if you add up all the ages of all the children and grandchildren of the 31 respondents it comes to 933 years. This may have already changed depending on birthdays.

The Class of 76 has its share of pets with a menagerie totaling 85 animals for the 31 classmates responding. For the record, the total included 36 dogs, 27 cats, 5 horses, 4 fish, 2 birds, 1 lizard and 10 "others". Each classmate had an average of 2.7 pets.

In the clothing department, 12 women in the class own between 12-23 pairs of shoes. Only one had less and one other, whom shall be known as "Imelda", had more. Among the guys, briefs were the overwhelming style of "undies" with 7 votes, brief/boxer hybrids receiving 3 votes and boxers getting 2 votes. (Editor's Note: there were 4 guys who did not respond to this question and we truly appreciate none of them checking off the "thong" selection)

The egg question yielded the following "hard-boiled" results: 17 of you love them scrambled, 9 like them fried and 3 of you go for poached. Instead of orange juice with your eggs, the class is most likely to wash them down with Dr. Pepper. 13 of you love the carbonated prune juice from Waco, 10 voted for diet drinks, 3 for "other" (Mountain Dew and "one of the clear ones"), 3 for Pepsi and only 1 of you went with Coke.

Let's move on to entertainment and disclose that, if the class was to set out on "a fateful trip" and end up on an "uncharted desert isle", the overwhelming choice to also be on board are the Professor and Mary Ann. Among the ladies of the class, 8 voted for the Professor, 1 voted for the Skipper and 1 of you pulled a "sugar-daddy" for Mr. Howell (you know who you are!). The men clearly preferred Mary Ann with 12 votes to her credit. Absolutely no one chose Ginger and one of you sickos preferred Mrs. Howell.

Sean Connery crushed the competition among the class with 17 of you picking him over other versions of 007. Shaken (but not stirred) out of the competition was Pierce Brosnan with 7 votes and Roger Moore with 3. As far as late night entertainment goes, the vast majority of you don't even realize that there are other programs on after the credits roll on "Law and Order". 15 of you don't stay up late, 8 of you like David Letterman and only 1 of you likes Jay Leno.

If you were to gauge our favorite movie quotes against the number of actors working in 1976 you would have to conclude that Clint Eastwood had one heck of a writing staff. He had the overwhelming majority of favorite lines lifted from movies. Among them were "Ain't you gonna bury him, Josie? Birds & worms gotta eat just like me and you", "There ain't no forgettin'." and "A man's got to know his limitations". Other highlights included Damon Wayans from Major Payne: "Killin' id my bidness an bidness is goo", Jack Nicholson in A Few Good Men: "I eat breakfast 300 yards from 6000 Cubans that

want to kill me, so don't think you can walk in here in your fa&# dress whites and make me nervous" and a quote that we believe is a Lonesome Dove excerpt, Bad Bob: "Little Bill, I thought you were dead!", Little Bill: "I thought I was dead too, then I realized I's just in Nebraska". The Duke has 2 favorite lines with "By God, she reminds me of me" from True Grit and "are you the new school marm?" from an unidentified movie. A more recent favorite came from Shrek: "I'm Making Waffles".

As musically inclined as we were there were some surprises in the survey. This editor remembers seeing a ZZ Top 8-track in almost every vehicle in the PHS parking lot. However, the survey results had the Eagles as the #1 favorite group followed by the Doobie Brothers. The "little ol' band from Texas" came in 3rd place tied with Chicago.

As of today, the respondents are a mixed bunch as far as their musical tastes go. Most of the members of our class listen to oldies and C&W. There are a couple of you with eclectic tastes ranging into folk and other traditional music like bluegrass. A few of us hang out on the AM band and listen to talk radio.

Those of you who like the C&W side of the house were more likely to have gone to George Strait concerts and a Willie Nelson 4th of July Picnic in Liberty Hill and one at Willie Nelson's 4th of July Picnic in the Cotton Bowl. There was one mention each of having attended concerts by Charlie Pride, Eddie Rabbitt, the Dixie Chicks, Brooks and Dunn, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley and Kenny Rogers.

Among the tops in the rock arena were those who went to see the Eagles. One went in 1977, another went in 1980 and another poor soul who apparently can't let go of the seventies saw them four times (Palmer Auditorium, the Erwin Center, the Alamo Dome and at Memorial Stadium).

A couple of you saw ZZ Top live and one of you saw Linda Ronstadt more than once. Stacey was the only one of you who saw Elvis in concert. Others went to see the Rolling Stones, the Doobie Brothers, Santana, Tina Turner, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Paul Simon, the Police at Armadillo World Headquarters, Dan Fogelberg, Judy Collins, Janet Jackson and the Back Street Boys. One of us enjoyed most the music heard at their daughter and sons High School band concerts.

And now for some truly disturbing news. Some of the things that the Class of 76 does to amuse itself will shock you. Put this booklet down if you are at all squeamish. The number one thing that some of your classmates, perhaps even the ones sitting next to you right now, enjoy doing is WORKING IN THE YARD.

We were disgusted too. A total of 5 of you enjoy it and one of those five is admittedly obsessed with it. He confessed that he could spend every waking moment out "there" digging and moving plants around. As he reads this, he is probably thinking about that riding mower he saw on sale at Home Depot the other day. You know, the one with the mulching blades, 8-point suspension, custom molded seat and air bags. We expected so much more from you Mark!

Several other (more normal) classmates enjoy fishing. One likes to go fishing in Louisiana while another likes saltwater fishing. Other outdoor sports that we like are hunting, hiking, camping, water skiing, swimming, boating, kayaking, going to the lake, golfing and riding bikes.

Some of you enjoy working with your hands while making cloth dolls, painting and playing guitar. Several of you enjoy reading (one really likes romance novels) and a lot of you like listening to music.

A few of you take pleasure in cooking, traveling, going to the movies, being with friends and family and sneaking off to enjoy peace and quiet. One of you is fond of going to Wimberley, Gruene and Fredericksburg and likes to shop (for shoes, no doubt) while another watches their kids play soccer and other sports. One confused soul really likes learning new things on the computer and became infatuated with putting our web site together.

Last but not least is our weakest showing. Of the 31 alumni responding to the survey only one of us managed to stumble into a tattoo parlor and acquire a tattoo that they freely admit to. (Editor's Note: This statistic is wide open to speculation and proof is not needed for any claim however outrageous it may be)

Thanks for participating in the survey. It is quite apparent that most of you have pulled through the past 25 years with your sense of humor completely intact! We hope you are every bit as lively at the 50th reunion!

The passage of time continues...

As of the scheduled start time of this reunion, it has only been 25 years and a couple of months since the evening of Friday, May 28th, 1976. That was the day that the Graduation Ceremony was held for the PHS Class of 1976. 25 years does not sound so bad and if you are into details, it has only been 9184 days and 18 hours since that event.

If you occasionally enjoy insignificant statistics, it has been 220,434 hours (not long at all). For the mildly curious it has been 13,226,040 minutes. And yes, we DID actually figure out that it has been an incredibly whopping 793,562,400 seconds since that hot night in the gymnasium.

THE 1970'S

The economy in the 70's sucked. Long gas lines, during both the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations were typical, and during the '70s, fuel prices went from under 30 cents a gallon in 1970 to over a dollar a gallon in 1980.

In 1976, the country was being watched over by President Gerald R. Ford who had been sworn into office on August 9, 1974 following the resignation of Richard Nixon. Ford was the first president not elected by the people to become president. He became vice president when Richard Nixon's elected vice president, Spiro T. Agnew, resigned. He then became president when Nixon resigned. Ford was also the first president to pardon a former president.

Ford was the only president whose two assassination attempts against him were made by women, one of who was named "Squeaky". Both attempts were made in California within seventeen days of each other in September of 1975.

When Gerald Ford tried to turn around the economy, one of his bigger ideas was to go on TV and offer Americans buttons which read "WIN", meaning "Whip Inflation Now". Critics turned the buttons upside down and declared it to stand for "No Immediate Miracles".

On August 18, 1976, Ford received the Republican Party nomination for the presidency. One of the notable events of his campaign happened during a tour of the southwestern United States when he attempted to eat Mexican tamales without first removing the cornhusks.

On a related note, Jimmy Carter was named as "Time Magazine's 1976 Man of the Year".

In May of 1976, the son of the man that Gerald Ford picked as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency was a single man living in Midland, Texas. George W. Bush, Jr. had a business that bought and sold oil leases. In just a few months, he would marry the former Laura Welch and run an unsuccessful campaign for a seat in Congress.

ENTERTAINMENT

Punk and New Wave music were still 1 year away.

POPULAR SONGS IN 1976

Silly Love Songs -Wings

Don't go Breaking My Heart - Elton John and Kiki Dee

Tonight's the Night - Rod Stewart

Play that Funky Music - Wild Cherry

Kiss and Say Goodbye- The Manhattans

More, More, More - Andrea True Connection

Love Machine - The Miracles

50 Ways to Leave your Lover - Paul Simon

Love is Alive - Gary Wright

A Fifth of Beethoven - Walter Murphy and the Big Apple Band

Let Your Love Flow - The Bellamy Brothers

Boogie Fever - Sylvers

Welcome Back - John Sebastian

Disco Lady - Johnnie Taylor

Show Me the Way - Peter Frampton

Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen

In England, Abba was at the top of the charts with "Fernando" on May 28th, 1976.

ZZ Top released "Tejas" in 1976 which many critics considered to be the band's high point even though "Eliminator" sold billions more copies a few years later.

The "King", Elvis Presley was in the middle of one of his last tours in 1976. On May 27th he appeared in Bloomington, Indiana and on May 29th he had a concert in Oklahoma City. This would seem to substantiate the rumors that he was in attendance at our Graduation Ceremony on the 28th. If anyone has pictures of this historic event, please bring them to our attention. Elvis' whereabouts today remain a mystery. The most recent sighting was by Mike Bartz who spotted the King selling lug nuts in a Lowe's in downtown San Marcos in 1994.

ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sylvester Stallone's "Rocky" was awarded the Oscar for the Best Picture of 1976 at the 49th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony.

Other Popular Movies during that fateful year were The Outlaw Josie Wales, All the President's Men, Network, Taxi Driver, King Kong, Carrie, Logan's Run, The Shootist and A Star is Born.

ON THE SMALL SCREEN

"Saturday Night Live" was in its first season in 1976, Barbara Walters became the first female news anchor on ABC and on March 21st, 1976 more than half the TV sets turned on in America were tuned to the pilot of Charlie's Angels.

Top TV Shows in 1976 were: ABC Monday Night Movie, ABC Sunday Night Movie, Baretta, The Big Event, Charlie's Angels, Happy Days, Laverne & Shirley, MASH, One Day at a Time and The Six Million Dollar Man.

SPACE

The U.S. manned space program was at somewhat of a standstill with the moon landings having ended in 1972 and the Apollo Soyuz Test Project having taken place in July of 1975. The first manned launch of the Space Shuttle did not occur until 1981 when Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral. In June of 1976, the Soviet military space station Salyut 5 was launched, remaining in orbit until August 8, 1977. The Russians successfully sent an unmanned Luna 24 space vehicle to the moon and back in August of 1976. The U.S. was not completely without a presence in space in 1976 because the U.S. space probe Viking I landed on Mars on July 20th that year.

SPORTS

In the 1976 World Series the Cincinnati Reds battled the New York Yankees. The Reds blitzed the Yankees in four straight games and the series MVP was Johnny Bench.

On January 18th, 1976 the Pittsburgh Steelers of the AFC won Super Bowl X in Miami, Florida. Their opponents were the NFC Dallas Cowboys. The score was 21 - 17.

In the Stanley Cup Championship, the Montreal Canadiens won over the Philadelphia Flyers, 4 0.

At Wimbledon, Bjorn Borg and Chris Evert were the big winners.

Raymond Floyd won the 1976 Augusta Masters of Golf Tournament.

On the Olympic front, the Winter Olympic Games were held February 4th 15th in Innsbruck and the Summer Games were held July 17th 31st in Montreal.

PASSAGES

PEOPLE WHO ARE FAMOUS NOW BUT WHO WERE JUST LEARNING HOW TO POOP IN THEIR DIAPERS BACK IN 1976

Emma Lee Bunton, (a.k.a. "Baby Spice"), born January 21st, 1976

Freddie Prinze, Jr. (actor), born March 8th, 1976

Reese Witherspoon (actress), born March 22nd, 1976

Keri Russell (actress, "Felicity"), born March 23rd, 1976

Josh Saviano (Paul Pfeiffer on "Wonder Years"), born March 31st, 1976

Candace Cameron (actress, "Full House"), born April 6th, 1976

Melissa Joan Catherine Hart (actress, "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch"), born April 18th, 1976

Heather Kozar (1999 Playboy Playmate of the Year), born May 4th, 1976

Kelly Monaco (May 1997 Playboy Playmate), born May 23rd, 1976

Joshua Scott Chasez (a.k.a. J.C. Chasez of N'Sync), born August 8th, 1976

Colleen Marie Haskell (actress, "Survivor"), born December 6th, 1976

THE FOLLOWING FAMOUS PEOPLE PASSED AWAY IN 1976

Howlin' Wolf (blues musician)

Agatha Christie (novelist)

Vince Guaraldi (jazz musician)

Percy Faith (musician)

Lee J. Cobb (actor)

Sal Mineo (actor)

Florence Ballard (singer)

Busby Berkeley (famous movie choreographer)

Howard Hughes (gazillionaire)

Mao Tse Tung (Chinese Communist Party Chairman)

TECHNOLOGY NOTES

Nothing much happened in the world of technology except for at least 3 earthshaking inventions that are still revolutionizing the world we live in at our 25 year milestone.

In March, 1976, Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs finished work on a computer circuit board that they called the Apple I computer. Apple Computer Corporation was officially formed on April Fool's Day of 1976. The Apple I was Steven Wozniak's first contribution to the personal computer field. It debuted in April 1976 at the Homebrew Computer Club in Palo Alto, but few took it seriously. It was sold through several small retailers and included only the circuit board. The Apple I's initial cost was \$666.66. It had a CPU speed of 1 mhz with a whopping 8k of RAM. A floppy drive was optional. The display operated at 40 X 24. Apple did not begin to take off until 1977, when the Apple II debuted at a local computer trade show.

Intel introduced the 5 MHz 8085 microprocessor in 1976. The speed was 0.37 MIPS, it used 6500 transistors, supported an 8 bit bus and operated on a single 5 volt power supply (Editor's Note: It probably came bundled with Windows and an AOL CD). In July of 1976, Zilog released the 2.5 MHz Z80, an 8 bit microprocessor whose instruction set was a superset of the Intel 8080. Michael Shrayner completed writing Electric Pencil, which was the first word processing program for microcomputers.

Also in 1976, Tim Berners Lee graduated from the Queen's College at Oxford University in England. In 1980 he wrote a program for his own private use for storing information. He called it "Enquire". In 1989, he proposed a global hypertext project for sharing information. His project picked up momentum starting in 1991 and was known as the World Wide Web.

Oh yeah in 1976, JVC officially introduced their VHS based ½ inch VCR.

AND NOW SOME REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF

On California's 1300 foot Pine Mountain, on the morning of October 21st, 1976, the first "official" timed mountain bike race was held.

In Scotland, the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries Act was passed.

EDITORIAL

(Article from the "Star Spangled Senior Star", dated May of 1976. Reprinted without permission.)

What's all this we hear about senioritis? It's about time that this periodical took a firm stand on an issue that has plagued mankind for centuries. When this reporter visited a nearby high school, he was shocked to find 57, (count them), 57 terminally infected seniors. They were carriers of various strains of the disease known to biologists as pneusenioritisenza. This disease is a thousand times more widespread than the recent outbreaks of swine influenza could have ever been. Has the federal government poured any funds at all into the study of this disease? The answer to that question, which has this reporter outraged, is no.

In order to define senioritis, we turn to Websters' Fifth Collegiate Dictionary. Websters' calls it "a widespread affliction, which commonly infects homo sapiens in the last year of high school. This disease, when untreated, promotes insensible actions, ludicrous statements and endless exhibitions of raw, unharnessed nervous energy."

Having all the preliminaries now out of the way, I'm going to get to the real heart of the issue. Just exactly what has caused the uproar over having fun? What's wrong with having a little fun? Why, people have been having fun ever since the whoopee cushion was invented in the East African nation of Tanganyika in prehistoric times. Since that time long ago, and for times always to come, man will be having fun.

Seniors! Go ahead and have your fun, because you deserve it.

(Author unknown)

A WORD FROM KERRY:

For as small a class as we were, you guys are really hard to find! We started out in March of 2000 knowing where only a couple of you were. We had a couple of email addresses and a lot of really old mailing addresses from our 15th reunion. From that beginning, it took about 16 months of mailings and 'networking' to find about 42 of you.

Many thanks to the reunion committee: Keith, Glenn, Joy, Patricia, Connie, and Karen. We traded MANY emails back and forth with discussions, hints on alumni, and lots of other things. I enjoyed all of them.

I also had a blast communicating with each of you - it was a hoot!

A special thanks to Keith for writing everything in this book except for these few paragraphs and the excerpts from some High School newsletters that he still has. It was a lot of fun to read and I hope that the voices don't keep you up at night.

Please remember our web site address:

<http://www.phsclassof76.com>

To make the next reunion a LOT easier to organize, please visit the site and send us an email when you move or change email addresses. If you don't have Internet access, then please look me up in the Austin phone book and send me a letter or call.

Kerry