

# ALUMNI NEWS

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## Alumni Association Cutting Costs

### Younger Alumni Have Newsletter Delivery Options

Your Alumni Association is THE voice for alumni striving to build relations with the school. Our philosophy is that together we can work to support our alma mater and its students. Toward this end, we award \$12,000 annually in college scholarships and help fund school projects such as the Leadership Wall in the main hallway, the school's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party, and the Academic Booster Club's student calendar. We publish a bi-annual newsletter to keep people "connected". We assist in planning and reporting on reunion activities. We recognize distinguished alumni, deceased classmates, and individuals who have been instrumental to Broughton's success. We maintain a website, archives, a database, and arrange for the publication of an alumni directory. To better serve you, we employ an executive director and carefully monitor our investments and expenditures.

To ensure that our Alumni Association is viable for years to come, the Board of Directors has analyzed its overall financial picture and, as a result, voted to cease mailing bi-annual newsletters to those graduates of the last two decades. **For individuals from the classes of 1990-**

**present, this newsletter is the last one that will be mailed via the US Postal System. Members of all other classes will receive hard copies as they have in the past.**

In making this decision, the Board considered the fact that, of the approximately 8,500 graduates of the past 21 years, only 87 have paid their \$25 membership dues (see chart). The Alumni Association cannot sustain itself with a 1 percent participation rate. It costs approximately \$.60 per copy to print and mail a newsletter. **The decision to stop mailings to the classes of 1990-present will save the Association some \$10,000 per year, an amount that represents over 21% of our current, total annual expenses.**

The Board also recognizes the shift towards paperless communication with the younger generation and the need to decrease its environmental impact.

**Members of the classes of 1990-present who wish to receive newsletters have the option to receive them electronically or as hard copies.** Just complete the tear-off form below, updating contact information and indicating the preferred manner of delivery and return in the enclosed envelope. This change is for the better - for

the Association, the classes impacted and the environment. While payment of dues is not a requirement to be a member of the Association and receive the many benefits, we cannot continue in perpetuity without your financial support. We continue to ask all members of our Association to, at a minimum, pay the annual \$25 dues. Personal checks may be mailed (with the membership form) to Broughton Alumni Association, P.O. Box 31464, Raleigh, NC 27622-1464.

Required information, and dues payment, can also be entered on our web site ([www.broughtonalumni.com](http://www.broughtonalumni.com)) where payment can be made using PayPal.

Make sure you take the steps that help the Association keep you connected!

2011-2012 Dues Paying Members	
Decade	Members
1930s	31
1940s	220
1950s	498
1960s	588
1970s	222
1980s	70
1990s	29
2000s	58

### Newsletter Delivery for Classes of 1990-2012

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Since this Alumni Association was founded in 1984, it has published two hardcopy newsletters a year and mailed them to all Alumni. Although we have some records which would yield the precise answer, I think that we were mailing approximately 15,000 or so newsletters twice a year in the early years.

We now mail approximately 25,000 hardcopy newsletters, twice a year to all Alumni.

While contributions from our alumni have remained strong and steady, we have struggled with escalating mailing and printing costs. In addition, hundreds of new alumni are being added to our mailing list each year. We concluded that this was an economic model which

was no longer sustainable, and we needed to determine what we could do to rectify the matter.

The first thing we did was to recruit two younger alumni who could bring a fresh perspective to the board and who could assist us in taking better advantage of the electronic age. Street Jones (Class of 2006) and Brooks Murphrey (Class of 2003) have done that. Their recommendations, as you can see from the front page article, has caused the Board to make some painful choices.

We have known all along that the primary financial support for the Association came from the 50s and the 60s (with solid support from the 40s and the 70s) but we were surprised to see that it was 62% of contributors! The

number of supporters from the 90s is particularly disheartening. For graduates since 2000, we would not anticipate hearing from many as people are trying to establish themselves in new jobs or are still in school.

Although we have been told by folks in the college alumni development business that our numbers are good, we did not feel we could continue to mail so many hard copies of the newsletter.

We considered a number of alternative ways to confront the situation. None of them were "good". Our decision is set forth in the lead article of this newsletter. We would strongly encourage feedback from any Broughton alumni, particularly from those who have graduated in the last twenty years.

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## Broughton Graduate Wins NCAA Coolest Name Tourney

*Debbie Martin '69*

The scores were never even close! 2011 Broughton graduate (Mial Williamson winner) and NC State freshman basketball walk-on Staats Battle steamrolled to the "Coolest Name in the NCAA Basketball Tournament". From a field of 64 all the way to No.1, Staats never got less than 63% of the vote in each round - three weeks of voting. So what is so cool about the winning name? Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Staats is a palindrome (a word spelled the same forward and backward).
- ◆ An old Dutch name, Staats has been a family name for 5 generations.
- ◆ In basketball, "Staats" are a big issue and become part of each game's official record; and certainly-
- ◆ In the NCAA Championship Tournament, every game is a "Battle".

What a special ending to a great NCSU Basketball season to have our own Broughton graduate take the trophy for the "Coolest Name in the NCAA Tournament".

**Congratulations Staats!**



# 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award

## We Celebrate the Mystery

Charles Johnson '72

The NBHS Alumni Association is proud to announce that Anne Phyllis Tyler Modarressi ('58), a world renowned novelist, is the recipient of its 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Known professionally as Anne Tyler, our honoree was a child prodigy: writing stories at age 7, graduating from Broughton at 16, attending Duke University as an Angier B. Duke Scholar and graduating at age 19, winning two Anne Flexner Awards for creative writing while a student at Duke. In her childhood, Ms. Tyler's family lived in several Quaker communities including the Celo Community in the North Carolina mountains. Celo operated on a shared labor basis, and the communal activities and group experiences clearly influenced Ms. Tyler.

One critic has said her stories are "commonplace dramas of family and community life". Her gift is the ability to make her readers believe in the reality of her fiction. Every chapter she writes will refresh your memory, stir your emotions, and tug at your heart-strings. Ms. Tyler once stated that "good novels celebrate the mystery in ordinary life". She relishes that mystery. Read an Anne Tyler novel if you want to learn a bit about humanity.

Ms. Tyler was encouraged to write by another distinguished Broughton alumnus, Reynolds Price ('51). Her first novel was published in 1964, and her 19<sup>th</sup> novel was published this spring. She has written two children's books and contributed short stories, articles, and poetry to national magazines such as *The New Yorker*



and *The Saturday Evening Post*. Several of her books have been made into films both for motion pictures and television. One of her novels, *The Accidental Tourist*, was #1 on *The New York Times* bestseller's list.

In 1990, Ms. Tyler was recognized by *Time Magazine* for writing one of the "10 Best Novels" of the previous decade. She has been the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize, a National Book

Critics Circle Award, the Janet H. Kafka Prize for Fiction, a William Faulkner Award from the PEN International Writers Organization, and an American Academy & Institute of Arts and Letters award for "literary excellence and promise of important work to come". She has earned recognition by *Marquis* as a Who's

Who in America and Who's Who among American Women. She has been called "one of America's most influential authors". It has been said that "her position in the American literary firmament is as secure as (H.L.) Mencken's".

In response to a question once asked of her by USA



Today, Ms. Tyler replied that her purpose in writing is "to convince my readers that they're living inside the world of my book". I suggest that if you read one of her novels you will be drawn into her world: a world that is real; a world where characters come alive. I've just finished

reading *Noah's Compass*. It's about an aging, dysphoric male who wants more from life, and I'm convinced she's writing about me. So, Ms. Tyler, where's my royalty check?

***Please contact us with recommendations if you wish to nominate someone for this award.***

# *In Honor & Memory of...*

*In Honor of the Class of 1954  
By Danny Jones '54*

*In Honor of the fine members of the Class of  
'67  
By Barbara Dick Perkins '67*

*In Honor of Bill Teague '48 for all his fine  
work!  
By Nancy Fairley Spillman '48*

*In Honor of W. E. (Bill) Rouse '47  
By Billy Dozier '52*

*In Memory of W. Edward Anderson '48 &  
Frank R. Anderson, Jr. '43  
By Graham M. Anderson '51*

*In Memory of Dianna Worth Foster '61  
By her brother, Tom '59 &  
Sherry Cameron Worth '61*

*In Memory of Isobel Hubbard Lynch '58  
By Bill & Jane Jordan Hubbard '58*

*In Memory of Jack Coble '69  
By Nancy H. Grigg '67*

*In Memory of Carey Dowd '58 & Jim Byrd '58  
By Dick Tindal '58*

*In Memory of Skellie Hunt '58  
By Bill & Jane Jordan Hubbard '58*

*In Memory of William "Gump" Easterling '49  
By Andrew "Bud" Clement '49*

*In Memory of Capt. Walter N. Perry, Jr.  
By Gaston D. Perry '50*

*In Memory of Isobel Hubbard Lynch '58  
By Wallace & Betsy Anne Lambe Price '58*

*In Memory of Edith Burgess Futrell '43  
By her niece, Meg Burgess Byron '69*

*In Memory of Troy "Jimmy" Dean, Jr. '57  
By Bruce Raynor '57*

*In Memory of Bill Brogdon '52  
By Billy Dozier '52*

*In Memory of Walter (Rudy) Wagner '55  
By his wife Ann Bailey Wagner '56*

*In Memory of Skellie Hunt '58  
By Nancy Swicegood Reid '58*

*In Memory of Skellie Hunt '58  
By Irene Link Baker '58*

*In Memory of Marilyn Maki Kim '58  
By Patricia Ireland '58*

*In Memory of Phil Blake '55  
By Lois Ellen Rogers '56*

*In Memory of Skellie Hunt '58 & Sally Kesler Hunt '58  
By Reggie & Betsy Stevens Brown '58*

*In Memory of Arthur "Fuzzy" Palmer '54  
By Pete '54 & Mary Catherine Eberhart '56*

*In Memory of Skellie Hunt '58  
By Ann Clark Bellinger '58*

## \$250 Plus Alumni Contributions

'56 James (Mike) Simpson  
'58 & '60 Burley & Lou Willett Mitchell  
'61 Carolyn Cherry Gauntlett  
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# Reunion News

## Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 held its 60<sup>th</sup> reunion on April 27-28, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott with a social hour and cookout at the hotel on Friday night and dinner at the Carolina Country Club on Saturday night.

## Class of 1957

The Class of 1957 will hold its 55<sup>th</sup> reunion on September 14 – 15, 2012 at the Crabtree Marriott. There will be a poolside social on Friday night, September 14th and a banquet with music and dancing on Saturday the 15th. For further information please contact Judy Allen at jbxandie@aol.com.

## Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on October 12-13, 2012. Reunion headquarters will be the Renaissance Hotel, North Hills. Festivities begin early Friday evening at the Renaissance with a Welcome Reception (cocktails and hors d'oeuvres only) for all classmates. A school tour and golf are planned for Saturday. An evening party on Saturday will be held at the Carolina Country Club. Class members are asked to watch for details on the class website, [www.nbhs1962.com](http://www.nbhs1962.com).

## Class of 1963

The Class of 1963 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2013. The committee is just beginning to make plans, but we will have a fun reunion! Rusty Britt will accept e-mails & addresses at [ghb2jr@earthlink.net](mailto:ghb2jr@earthlink.net). Please make sure he has your correct information. Contact Ed Morris ([emorris31@nc.rr.com](mailto:emorris31@nc.rr.com)) or Audrey Wall Black ([ablack3309@aol.com](mailto:ablack3309@aol.com)) if you want to help or have suggestions.

## Class of 1964

The Class of 1964 is at work on its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Contact Randy Worth at [worthlaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:worthlaw@bellsouth.net) or 919-571-6464.

## Class of 1967

The Class of 1967 will hold its 45<sup>th</sup> reunion October 12-13, 2012. Plans include a barbecue dinner on Friday night at the Stag Club and a party Saturday night at the Shrine Club. Details can be found at [www.broughton67.com](http://www.broughton67.com).

## Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 is in the planning stages of its 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. The reunion is scheduled for March 16, 2013 at the North Hills Club. Contacts are Thad Ellington and Bryan Cheek. Email addresses [thad@pfssales.com](mailto:thad@pfssales.com) or [bryancheek1@gmail.com](mailto:bryancheek1@gmail.com). A web site will be up soon.

## Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 is planning a mini-reunion in Raleigh. Target date - late September or early October. More information will be available soon.

## Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 is planning its 40<sup>th</sup> reunion for October 5-6, 2012. Our Saturday evening event will be held at the North Hills Club from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Details will be posted on our class website [www.nbhs1972.org](http://www.nbhs1972.org) when available. Class Agent Charles Johnson can be reached at 919/319-9039 or by email at [drcjohnson@bellsouth.net](mailto:drcjohnson@bellsouth.net).

## Class of 1982

The Class of 1982 will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion October 26-27, 2012. Plans are to attend the football game at Broughton on Friday. There will be a campus tour including Teel Tower on Saturday afternoon. Everyone will gather at Flanders Gallery, 302 S. West Street, on Saturday evening. For further information, contact Lori Shropshire Walker at [bitsyfae@gmail.com](mailto:bitsyfae@gmail.com), Anne Douglas Scruggs at [anne.scruggs@pruysu.com](mailto:anne.scruggs@pruysu.com) or join our class Facebook group (Broughton Class of 1982 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion).

## Class of 1987

The Class of 1987 will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> reunion in the fall of 2012. More details to come. Contact Dana McCall at [dana@danamccall.com](mailto:dana@danamccall.com).

## Class of 1992

The Class of 1992 20<sup>th</sup> reunion is being held October 5 – 6, 2012, homecoming weekend. Bring the family. Contact Cindy Staton Sloan at email [Broughton92alum@gmail.com](mailto:Broughton92alum@gmail.com).

## Class of 1993

The Class of 1993 is in the beginning stages of planning and preparation for its 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. Please contact Bryant Paris at 919-781-0613 or at [bdpiiipllc@hotmail.com](mailto:bdpiiipllc@hotmail.com) if you would like to help.

## Class of 1997

The Class of 1997 will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> reunion on June 30, 2012 at Fletcher Park, across from the school. Lunch will be served around 1 pm. Families are welcome.

## Class of 2002

The Class of 2002 will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2012. More information to come. Contact Bill Duff with any questions at [wpduff@gmail.com](mailto:wpduff@gmail.com).

## Class of 2007

The Class of 2007 will have a five-year reunion, likely around the end of the year probably between Christmas and New Year's. Contacts: Greg Randolph at [ggrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:ggrandolph@gmail.com) and Lillian King at [lillian.king11@gmail.com](mailto:lillian.king11@gmail.com).

# Reunion Reflections

## Class of 1986 - 25th Reunion

The Class of 1986 held their 25th reunion dinner/dance on October 1, 2011, at the Brownstone Hotel. The evening was a great chance to catch up with friends and we were treated to the DJ skills of our own classmate, Tim McCulloch. Special thanks to everyone for attending and to Monica Elston, Michael Propst, and Lisa Vanderberry for coordinating. See you at the 30th!



*1986 BHS*

## Class of 2006 - 5th Reunion

The Class of 2006 had an excellent turnout at our five year reunion on December 23, 2011. Over 225 graduates gathered to celebrate at The Hive on Wilmington Street in downtown Raleigh. Thanks to mailed invitations and our class Facebook group that was created after graduation, the reunion committee was able to spread the word.

Classmates enjoyed catching up and reconnecting as a lot has changed for many over the past five years! We were also excited about having our class advisors present to reminisce over our Broughton days and cheers to our accomplishments. These teachers, who volunteered as advisors, did so much for us while we were at Broughton and their presence at the reunion continued to show their dedication to our class.

Our class is proud to have many members that serve in almost all branches of our nation's military. With our reunion amidst the holiday season, many were able to be with us. We, as a class, cannot thank you enough for your commitment to our nation and to the preservation of freedom that allows us to have celebrations such as this one. You make us proud.

If you have questions for the class or need help reconnecting with a classmate, email us at [broughtonclassof2006@gmail.com](mailto:broughtonclassof2006@gmail.com), and we will do our best to assist you. With the success of this reunion, our class is very much looking forward to our next reunion in 2016.



*Back Row: Beth Ingram, Martha Browning,  
Ashley Day, Liz Laney, Kristin Bennett,  
Lucy Roberts  
Front Row: Ali Dixon, Jeanne Vodicka,  
Jennifer Forrest, Mary Proctor*



*Shonda Peoples, Mary Clare Freeman,  
Tatiana Crichlow, Danyell Twyman*



*Kelly Tomlinson, Hieu Nguyen, Marc Taris*

# The Queen of Hearts: Redressed

Brad Rudolph, '83

The Queen of Hearts is a long and storied tradition at Broughton. Numerous pieces have been written chronicling the event and people. So much so that I wondered where fact, legend, and myth ran together. What is the history of the Queen of Hearts?

Undertaking this project, I could hear Mr. (Rusty) Versteeg, Class of '72, my Ancient World teacher at Broughton, saying, "Sources, sources, sources." The original Greek word for "inquiry" passed into Latin as *historia* and on to us as history. So Herodotus "Histories" is actually *Inquiries*. My apologies - Herodotus, I am not. After consulting numerous *Hi Times*, *Latipacs*, *Raleigh Times*, and *News and Observer* articles, it is sufficient to say...I'm confused. It seemed easy enough just to start at the beginning and go from there. It is precisely there that I ran into trouble. The article *Moments in Time - Queen of Hearts* states that the first official Queen of Hearts and her court were presented in 1943. This is also stated on page 11 of the 1996 *Alumni Directory* published by Harris Publications. So that means the first Queen of Hearts was Miss Anne Johnson.

Not so fast! Two mid-2000s *Hi Times* editions present Miss Lydia Moore, Class of 1941, as the First Queen of Hearts. The *News and Observer* records this as well in her January 2003 obituary: "Mrs. Moore, a rare Raleigh native who graduated from Needham B Broughton High School in 1941, where she was crowned the first Queen of Hearts in February of that year." Surely this seems in line with the



Dot Shannonhouse, David Willis, and Betty Bryant  
1940 Queen of the Carnival

"accurate" reporting we have come to expect from the *News and Observer* through all these years? Hello, Mr. A.C. Snow (*News and Observer*), whose daughter Melinda, Class of 1983, was on the steering committee that helped establish this alumni association.

Adding more clarity to all of this: the March 1955 *Hi Times* records that "The Silver Years, a pageant celebrating the first twenty-five years of Broughton, will be presented starting March 25<sup>th</sup>." The article describes the pageant and says in the second paragraph, "in the second part, from 1931-1940, scenes showing the majorettes, Broughton becoming an accredited school, the change from Carnival Queen to the Queen of Hearts, and the founding of the National Honor Society are shown. Reviewing the actual script of this pageant, it specifically points to 1940 as the first Queen of Hearts."

If they are putting on a pageant honoring the history of Broughton they had to be right. This means that Dot Shannonhouse would be the first Queen of Hearts?

Herodotus had it easy.

Seemingly getting nowhere, I decided to use something Herodotus didn't have: photographs.



The Queen of the Carnival (1941)  
R. Moore, P. Wells, L. Moore, J. Rhodes

I found the 1945 yearbook, with our alumni board member Sally Stevens as mascot, and her eyewitness account of the photograph, but that was not the first.

The first specific mention of a Queen of Hearts (Miss Shirley Lee Myatt), and picture that I could find comes from the 1942 yearbook. The first picture I could find of the Carnival Queen is from the 1940 yearbook. The 1941 yearbook also lists it as Carnival Queen. These individuals' senior captions list them as Carnival Queen or Queen of Hearts.



Sally Hayes Stevens '58 and Johanna Johnson Smith '58

So, being presented with all this information, it made my choice of the first Queen of Hearts fairly obvious. It is Miss Mary Lilly Cromartie, the first Carnival Queen, Friday, November 10, 1933. I think Miss Stein had it right: "A rose is a rose is a rose."

You see, in researching the Queen of Hearts, I discovered the Carnival Queen that has been furtively mentioned throughout this writing.

Evidence that the Queen of Hearts tradition and history evolved, if not directly, then indirectly, from this Carnival. An election of a Queen, a court, performances for her majesty, and later a dance. Specific mention of this by the *Silver Years* pageant. Additional history and evidence I could present to you.

That, my friends, is for another time, when we can start at the beginning...



Shirley, Queen of Hearts (1942), and Her Court

# Passings

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|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| '36 Edna Earle Barnes Taylor         | '52 Woodrow T. Tucker, Jr.              | '69 Wayne K. Ruth, MD               |
| '37 Louise Combs Wall                | '54 George Elliott Moore                | '69 J. Austin Lewis (died 6-09)     |
| '38 Ruth Davidson Carlisle           | '54 Rebecca King Morris                 | '73 Judith Abbott Goodman           |
| '41 Leroy Allen, MD                  | '55 Jerry Jones, MD                     | '73 Donnie W. Raybon                |
| '41 Benjamin P. Terrell, Jr.         | '55 Walter Rudolph "Rudy" Wagner        | '75 Michelle Morgan Avent           |
| '41 Julia Geiger Bostic              | '56 Donald R. Hewitt                    | '77 Beth S. Pierce                  |
| '41 Frank R. Turner, Jr.             | '58 W. Skellie Hunt                     | '87 Faith Young Eury                |
| '41 Nell Mason Barr                  | '58 Isobel Hubbard Lynch                | '87 Vicky Buffaloe Barbour          |
| '42 Celia Rothgeb Webb               | '58 Linda Faucette Tutor                | '01 Virginia "Ginny" Bowen Lyons *  |
| '42 Errol Marshburn                  | '59 George L. Batts                     | '05 Samuel "Zach" Johnson           |
| '42 Herbert L. Peebles, Jr.          | '59 George F. Bryan                     |                                     |
| '42 Dr. Russell C. Walton, Jr.       | '59 Brenda Allen Lassiter               | Faculty:                            |
| '43 Edith Lee Burgess Futrell        | '59 Eddie Sugg                          |                                     |
| '43 Vernon Lee Smith                 | '59 Robert Edward Neal, Jr. (died 3-10) | Mary B. Donavant                    |
| '44 Marjorie Caveness Hales          | '60 James (Jimmy) Emmons                | Science Department Head             |
| '45 Ervin Dewey Cherry               | '60 Robert "Bob" Thomas                 |                                     |
| '45 Ray L. Wilder                    | '63 Dianne Cox Harrison                 | Audrey Anderson Benrud              |
| '46 G. Woodson Lynn, Jr. (died 2010) | '65 Walter "Bob" Lowry                  | Teacher & Librarian                 |
| '49 William E. Easterling, MD        | '67 Philip E. Greer                     |                                     |
| '49 Charles Edward "Chick" Grandy II | '67 Herb Owenby, Jr.                    |                                     |
| '49 Joanne Ruth Strickland           | '67 Michael G. Bolton                   | *Information incorrect in Fall 2011 |
| '51 Thomas C. Johnstone              | '69 Jackson "Chip" Coble, Jr.           | newsletter.                         |

## Broughton Vocal Music Program

### To Participate in London International Choral Festival

*Latest email from the Chorus:*

In May 2011, the Broughton Vocal Music Program applied for and received an invitation to participate in the International Choral Festival in London December 28, 2012 through January 4, 2013. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Director of the Festival came to Broughton in the fall to extend our official invitation. We accepted.

The cost of the trip is \$3,100 per student. We are doing as much fundraising as possible with some students paying out of pocket, but we still need assistance and are looking to Broughton graduates. Your help will give the students of the Broughton Vocal Music Program a chance to experience this unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Contact Christine Conley at [cconley@wcpss.net](mailto:cconley@wcpss.net) or 919-856-7824.



Please note:  
Deadline for articles  
for the Fall 2012  
newsletter is  
September 15, 2012!

## Classes of 1939 & 1940

*The classmates of 1939 and 1940 at Broughton High have many great memories. However, with the passing years, we find it difficult to again have one of our great reunions. Therefore, as your class agent, I felt it important to say to all of you, stay in touch, as we think of each other often. Send a note or two to let us know what you are doing.*

*Best wishes to all,*

*Blanche French Honeycutt  
P. O. Box 33219  
Raleigh, NC 27636*

# A Letter from Mary Laurence McMillan, 2007 Mial Williamson Scholarship Winner

I was Tar Heel born and now it's official, I am Tar Heel bred. My four wonderful years in Chapel Hill as a student at UNC came to a close with graduation in May 2011. I graduated with a double major in Economics and Religious Studies. One of my favorite organizations on campus was the UNC Dance Marathon, a student run non-profit benefiting the NC Children's Hospital. My junior year, several other students and I had the privilege of running the non-profit and leading efforts to raise over \$400,000. Senior year I had a wonderful experience as an intern for Campus Crusade. These and other academic, leadership and volunteer opportunities contributed to an awesome experience and great growth for me in Chapel Hill. Since graduation I've had equally



*Mary Laurence McMillan '07 with some of the kids from the sports day camp she started at the YMCA in South Africa*

South African YMCA. While I was there we improved policies and practices for their high school after-school program and started a summer sports day camp for younger kids. This spring I went to Port Townsend, Washington, where I worked on a sailboat with a non-profit organization that couples sailing and environmental education for school groups of all ages. I will be back at Camp Seafarer this summer.

rewarding and unique experiences as part of a post-graduation gap year. Last summer I was the Sea Director (managing sailing, skiing and powerboat instruction) at Camp Seafarer, a girls' summer camp on the Neuse River. From October to January I worked with youth programs at the

I'm thankful for the support from Broughton and the Alumni Association that I got during my high school years and in years since. I'm Tar Heel born and bred, but just as importantly Broughton bred, and PROUD of it.

## Broughton Past Scholarship Recipients, Where are you now?

Each year, the Broughton Alumni Association grants two scholarships to two deserving Broughton seniors. Both the Alumni and the Mial Williamson awards recognize students who have shown outstanding service to Broughton and our community, exemplary character and scholastic standing. The Alumni Scholarship is a now a \$10,000 award payable over 4 years. The Mial Williamson Award, which honors Mr. Williamson's love of sports, additionally considers athletic involvement in awarding the one-time grant of \$3,500.

Since 1987, when the scholarships were initiated, there have been a total of forty-seven recipients. The Alumni Association

would love to hear from those students who were awarded these honors. With such great involvement at Broughton, the recipients can serve as Alumni Ambassadors to current students as well as help reconnect alumni from their classes. Please email the Alumni Association with updates, photos and how being awarded the scholarship shaped your life.

Contact Brooks Lester Murphrey '03 at Brooks.Murphrey@gmail.com or go online to [www.broughtonalumni.com](http://www.broughtonalumni.com) (click on contact) to submit an update for future submission in our newsletter.



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## *Alumni Decade Captains*

To improve correspondence between class agents and alumni, the Alumni Association created "Decade Captains". For each five years, one captain is designated as liaison for those classes and the NBHS Alumni Association. For example, for classes graduating in years 1980 through 1984, there is one designated captain to contact for any changes in class agent representative, addresses, phone numbers and reunion information. For classes graduating in 1985 through 1989, there is another person designated as the captain for those years, and so on. The Decade Captains are also responsible for contacting the class agents in their group to remind them of their respective upcoming reunions.

The captains follow up with class agents or their reunion coordinator(s) and request they send in reunion news, summaries and pictures for publication in the Alumni Newsletter.

Below are the decade captains who have graciously volunteered to serve as liaisons to the Reunion Committee. Contact your decade captain if you are unable to contact your class agent. We are in need of a decade captain for 2010-2014. Please contact Brooks Lester Murphrey '03 at [brooks.murphrey@gmail.com](mailto:brooks.murphrey@gmail.com) or 919-902-3578.

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