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Broughton Alumna Celebrates her 102nd Birthday

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I have been blessed to call Ruth Williamson Waddell a friend for almost all of the years I have been alive. Our families met 39 years ago when I was five years old. Ruth was then only 63 compared to the age of 102 she is today. She reached the milestone in February of this year, and as I write my tribute to her, she may be the oldest living alum of Broughton High School.

When Ruth Williamson entered Broughton's inspiring and now iconic building, the school had just opened. She was a freshman and when she graduated she was one student of many in the first full graduating class the school produced. Now decades have progressed, Broughton's identity is well-established, and as happens with time, people pass on. Lives end, but legacies never do. Footsteps still, but their echoes linger long in hallways. Voices cease, but their spirits carry on.

Listening to Ruth share her stories about Raleigh is like opening a local history book that can speak. Ruth was born in Raleigh and until moving to Hendersonville, NC in 2013, she lived her entire life here. Actually part of the time she lived outside of Raleigh, but only because the city's boundaries didn't reach her family's land yet.

Ruth describes how her parents met. Her mother, then a widow with a young son, operated a boarding house near Seaboard Station when trains were the common mode of travel. Like other people departing the train, Ruth's father rented a room from her. Between them evolved a romance which became a devoted marriage. Her father worked for the railroad to support his family, and Ruth's mother knew how to stretch resources to make ends meet through difficult times. Ruth was two when her half-brother passed away at the age of nine.

When Ruth was a young girl they lived in what is now Historic Oakwood at the corner of Polk and Elm Streets. The family then resided for a time in one of the first houses built in the Hayes Barton neighborhood. She told me of a railroad accident wherein her father was severely injured. She and her mother walked every day to see him from Oakwood to Rex Hospital (then on South Street) where he was healing.

It was to Avent Ferry Road (near Gorman Street)



Ruth Williamson Waddell

where Ruth and her family moved on Thanksgiving Day 1929. They purchased land out in the country between Raleigh and the Nazareth community close to where the Catholic orphanage was located. They moved into an old farmhouse while their home was built. That home served the family for generations and continues to do so for another family today.

Ruth lived in this home for 84 years, initially surrounded by farmland. She walked to Broughton across fields and in between neighborhoods, except for the days when a neighbor drove her to and from school. After school she went to the

Olivia Raney library on Fayetteville Street and completed her homework there while waiting for her neighbor to be finished with his day's work.

In time within the same home, Ruth married Clarence who she met at Kaplan's Dairy nearby. Together they raised three children. Their eldest daughter passed away in 1993 with her husband following a few years later. Ruth has since moved to Hendersonville with her youngest daughter, but her son and his family still call Raleigh home.

Thankfully Ruth is still with us, a living legacy. She is in good health with no need of any medication. What I and many others remember and will always remember about Ruth is her beautiful garden and her exquisite quilting. My family and I spent many hours with her and her family, and some of my most treasured memories are of walking with her through lilies, peonies, and irises. She had roses that wound around an old fence, and a large vegetable garden. There were hand-sewn quilts made by Ruth in the bedrooms.

What I also value more than I can write is her endless example of resilience, faith, and inner joy.

Two years ago approaching Ruth's 100th birthday, I called Broughton to ask if someone would be so kind to send her a note of good wishes on the high school letterhead. Then Principal Stephen Mares did that and so much more. Ruth received a box for her birthday with another diploma, a cap with a tassel, a framed photograph of Broughton, and other special gifts. This generous package truly added to her celebration, and it was a gift that she and her family appreciated very much.

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When Ruth lived in Raleigh, sometimes she would show me her pin that she received when she graduated from Broughton. Ruth would open a small dresser drawer and tell once more of how she wanted a pin instead of a ring. She would describe again of a different time when she walked across an orphanage and a field to go to school.

Footsteps of long ago, but somewhere under the concrete surely the earth remembers. Many voices quieted, yet still telling their story through

us each and every day. Some, like Ruth, still with us and giving us the precious gifts of her stories and her presence. In a time when much of what we read regarding Raleigh is about growth and change, it is important for a community to look back to the earlier generations who brought us to where we are today.

Many thanks to Faye Senter and Randy Worth for their part in helping honor Ruth.

Broughton Welcomes a New Principal



The Alumni Association welcomes Broughton's new principal, Elena Ashburn. Mrs. Ashburn started at Broughton February 1 replacing Stephen Mares, who moved on to be principal of Athens Drive High School. Roy Teel served as interim principal between Mares' departure and Ashburn's arrival.



Elena Ashburn

Ashburn, 31, is just the fifth principal at Broughton since 1970. She comes to Broughton from East Garner Middle School where she has been principal since 2014. Prior to that, she was assistant principal at Fuquay-Varina High School. She worked as a principal intern at Holly Ridge Middle School after starting her teaching career as an English teacher at Southern Durham High School.

Ashburn is excited to be the principal of Broughton and is looking forward to working with parents, students and teachers to shape the school's future.

"I love working in high school. I cannot wait to get to know the amazing students at Broughton and to be involved in the many events and extra-curricular opportunities that make high school such a fun experience," Ashburn said.

Before Ashburn began her career in education, she attended Longwood University as an undergraduate and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for her Masters of School Administration. Ashburn is currently a doctoral candidate at UNC-Chapel Hill in the Educational Leadership program.

Aside from school and work, Ashburn has a fun life with her husband, Matt, a Broughton graduate, and her two daughters named Lucy and Reeves, who will eventually attend Broughton.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as Broughton's next principal. Broughton is a unique school rich with history and tradition. I look forward to honoring the school's past while also working alongside students, staff, and the community to ensure Broughton is an exceptional place to teach and learn," Ashburn said.

Credit: "New principal arrives." Broughton Hi-Times January 5, 2017. Web. March 15, 2017.

'59 Little Darlin's Help Buy Books for Current Caps



In 2009, after the 50th Class Reunion, Donna Wilkerson Daughtry and Donna Matthews Nye organized a group of the ladies of the class in order to get together more regularly. The group named itself the '59 Little Darlin's from a popular song of their day and began meeting for lunch every other month since 2009 with a regular attendance of 20-30 ladies.



Donna Wilkerson Daughtry loved to read and share books with others.

On November 28, 2016, Donna Wilkerson Daughtry died unexpectedly. Because she made many significant contributions to the class and particularly to the Little Darlin's, the group decided to honor her in a special way. They established a Donna Daughtry Memorial fund, and have collected \$1,275 to date. Donna was an avid reader. So to honor her, the funds go to the Broughton Media Center for the sole purpose of purchasing books to fuel the minds of the next generation of Caps.

The Class of 1959 highly value the education they received at Broughton, and are pleased to do something that both benefits that wonderful school while honoring a dear friend, Donna Wilkerson Daughtry.

Current Caps Organize to Fight Hunger



The current Caps are trying to change the world one meal at a time. The Broughton Food Ark is an active club that gives back to the community by fighting hunger.

"It's by far the most active club in Broughton," junior Elle Hodges said, "We have constant community service opportunities and really are dedicated to improving our community."

This unique club began after a student at Enloe started the Enloe Food Ark in the fall of 2014. In the winter of 2014, senior Mackenzie Dion—then a sophomore—followed suit.

The two clubs began working together and eventually formed the 501(c)3 nonprofit The Food Ark, which now includes seven different chapters.

"In America, food insecurity often goes unseen, and The Food Ark aims to become educated about the causes and effects of food insecurity so we may spread awareness," senior Mackenzie Dion said.

The Broughton Food Ark club is best known for its extensive gardens growing in the courtyard.

"We grow a lot of greens such as kale, collards, spinach, and lettuce, but we have also grow several other vegetables like carrots and radishes. The food we grow is either used in Broughton's cooking classes, or it is donated to Inter-Faith Food Shuttle who then distributes them to families who have difficulty affording fresh vegetables," Dion said.

Members also volunteer in the community at least once a month in places such as food pantries and community gardens. Not only does this give members a way to give back to Raleigh, it also serves as an opportunity to earn community service hours and show creativity.

The effort of the Broughton Food Ark has been recognized throughout the community. Last year, the club won the City of Raleigh Environmental Award for Urban Agriculture and \$1,000 to supplement its projects.

Credit: Cate Brewer "Food ark club serves community." Broughton Hi-Times February 23, 2017. Web. March 15, 2017.

Reunion News



Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 has planned a fall gathering at 18 Seaboard for October 13th. Contact Shirley Merriman if you are able to attend.

Class of 1957

The Class of 1957 is planning their 60th Reunion for October 27th and 28th, 2017 at the Marriott at Crabtree. For more information, check out the class website at www.broughton1957.com.

Class of 1964

The Class of 1964 will celebrate their 70th (and 71st) birthdays at the beach March 31 – April 2.

Class of 1966

The Class of 1966 will continue its 50th reunion celebration April 1 and 2, 2017. Go to the class website www.broughton66.com for all the details.

Class of 1967

The Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th reunion on September 16, 2017 at Carolina Country Club. A tour of the school is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. For further details, contact John Jenkins at jnj3006@nc.rr.com. Sign up at the class website, www.broughton67.com.

Class of 1977

Class of 1977 will be celebrating their 40th reunion on October 21st at the North Hills Club in Raleigh from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, music and LOTS of FUN! We will have a free event on Sunday afternoon at Broughton to include a tour of Broughton, food, music and more. We want to invite all members of our class to join us on Friday night for a Broughton football game at 7:00 p.m. Come see the football field, which was not there when we graduated, and cheer on the CAPS! If you have any questions or want more information please contact Allison McDonald Jourdan at allisonjourdan@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook website that all members can join, and we often post updates there. We hope to see all members of the Class of '77 in October.

Class of 1982

The Class of 1982 is celebrating its 35th Reunion on Saturday, October 21 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at The Lonnie Poole Clubhouse on NCSU's Centennial Campus with a Casual BBQ Dinner! The Entertainment Committee will be accepting photos soon for a slide show and your favorite song choices. Gather with old friends to tell around the fire pit while enjoying an incredible view of downtown Raleigh at Sunset. Laugh, dance and even win a door prize! Invitations will be emailed and shared on the class Facebook page. So make sure to update your contact information and join the Facebook group.

Class of 1987

Class of 1987 will hold its 30th reunion in the Fall, 2017. Stay tuned to the class Facebook page and to <http://bbs-87.com> for further details.

Class of 1997

The Class of 1997 is planning their 20th reunion for October 20 – 21. Keep abreast of the details at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/broughton1997>. Please fill out the questionnaire at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSjfnWcHZ9N1RjgrTiU_SFbUFgu4Rpi1ptobZ7CjuPTZpPgX1gA/viewform. We need to hear from each of you.

2018 Reunions

Class of 1953

The Class of 1953 is planning their 65th & Final Class Reunion for November, 2018. Contact Ivan Joslin at (352) 430-0212 or iljnmj@gmail.com.

Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 will hold its 50th reunion on October 20th, 2018 at the North Hills Club. Classmates can go to www.broughton68.com for more information or contact Louise Hube Bame, Bryan Check, Tod Allen or Thad Ellington at thad@pfssales.com.

Reunion ReCAP - 2011



The Class of 2011 enjoyed their 5-year reunion on December 23, 2016 at Boxcar Bar + Arcade in downtown Raleigh. Attendees spent the night playing games and catching up. Many were home for the holidays, so classmates reunited with old friends from near and far. Big thanks to the class president, Tom Gill, and all others who helped make the night a success!



Members of the Broughton High School class of 2011 celebrate and catch up on life since graduation.



BY TIM STEVENS

David Riggs is not surprised by the success of the players from his 1970 Broughton High football team.

The Caps won the N.C. High Athletic Association 4A championship that year, in Riggs' first season as a high school coach.

Among the now middle-aged men from that team are college professors, chief operating officers of multimillion-dollar firms, lawyers, real estate executives, assorted entrepreneurs and at least four doctors. Two of the former players have been Presidential Command Pilots, ferrying presidents in Marine 1.

But none of those accomplishments were on Riggs' mind when he complimented his former players.

Society may define success in terms of wealth, prestige and power, but Riggs has different criteria in making his assessment.

"Do you love other people? Are you honest? Do you treat people well? Are you happy? Are you reliable? Are you a good father? Are you good to your wife? All those things mean a lot more to me than if you made a lot of money," Riggs said.

"I'm not surprised that they've been successful in those terms. Most of them were well on their way to being good people before I coached them."

Tracking down the former players and talking to them about what that season so long ago has meant to them has been the great joy of Riggs' years-long efforts to chronicle the events in a book.

"I don't know if there is anybody in the world who would want to read a word of it. But I think the boys will," Riggs said. "This is their story."

Riggs, 70, thought it would take a few months to write the book, but life interfered. People he loves have battled dementia. Others have fought cancer. Some players, including running back Jim Bass, perhaps the team's best player, and Roland Massey, one of the club's most beloved players, have died. Massey, who had pancreatic cancer, was a great motivation to write the book.

"He said to hurry up because he wanted to read it," Riggs said.

Practicing the perseverance in tough times that he taught his teams, Riggs has almost finished the book, titled "Play With Your Hearts."

He has pored through newspaper game accounts and talked to his former assistant coaches. Mostly though, he has tracked down the players of 1970.

"The book is mostly about the players – their memories, their stories," Riggs said. "Some are hilarious. Some tell me things I never knew. Other stories will make you tear up. I'm not a writer, not an author, but I have collected their stories."

The title season probably affected his life as much as it did any player.

A player at the award banquet for the state championship team asked Riggs a simple question that he could not answer.

"Is this trophy all we get for winning the state championship?" Riggs was asked.

"That comment had a tremendous impact on me," Riggs writes in his book's epilogue. "I went for weeks thinking about what a good question that was. As I thought about all the sprints, calisthenics, weight lifting, time put into football, and all the planning that went on for months, I became tired myself just thinking about it all. Then the question, 'Is this trophy all we get?'"

1970 Broughton Football Season

Greensboro Grimsley 8, Broughton 7

Broughton took the lead on a 74-yard run by Jim Bass at Raleigh's Devereux Meadow, but Grimsley returned a punt for a touchdown and



Coach Riggs inspired generations of students as a coach at several area schools.

converted a 2-point conversion for the win. It was Dave Riggs' head coaching debut.

Broughton 19, Winston-Salem Reynolds 6

Quarterback David Turner scored two touchdowns on sneaks after Bass had opened the scoring with an 8-yard run. Jim Durham made a key interception to stop Reynolds when the Caps led 12-6 at Devereux Meadow.

Broughton 20, Enloe 7

The Caps played Enloe at N.C. State's Carter-Finley Stadium as part of a high school doubleheader that attracted 10,000 spectators. Bass scored on a pair of 2-yard runs and Turner capped a 19-play, 67-yard drive with a 1-yard sneak.

Rocky Mount 19, Broughton 15

Rocky Mount scored in the final minute after Broughton attempted an on-side kick after taking a 15-13 lead on a Macy Falkner 23-yard field goal.

Broughton 21, Hillside 0

In 1970, a three-touchdown win was considered to be a blowout. Bass scored on a 10-yard run, John Holding passed to Billy Starling for a score and Height ran 3 yards for the final score. The big impact of the game, though, was that Riggs switched Broughton's defensive alignment from five lineman and two linebackers to four linemen and four linebackers.

Wilson Fike 14, Broughton 7

Fike scored with two seconds left to drop the Caps to 3-3.

Broughton 16, Sanderson 7

Bass broke scoring runs of 67 and 54 yards as the Caps rallied from a 7-3 deficit.

Fayetteville Sanford 28, Broughton 7

Broughton was physically pounded and thoroughly beaten in the second half.

Broughton 19, Raleigh Ligon 0

The Caps won at Chavis Park on Halloween night. Bass scored on a pair of short runs, and Holding hit Massey with a 13-yard scoring pass. The shutout was the first of five straight.

Broughton 13, Durham 0

The conference championship and a playoff berth (teams had to win their conference to advance to the playoffs) was on the line. Bass scored on runs of 5 and 11 yards.

Playoffs

Broughton 21, Greensboro Dudley 0

Dudley entered the first-round game at Greensboro Grimsley High with a 9-1 record but was stuffed. Broughton outgained Dudley 199 yards to 9 in the first half. Bass scored on runs of 3 and 13 yards, and Turner hit Sandy Goodwin with a 40-yard scoring pass.

Broughton 6, Goldsboro 0

More than 6,000 fans filed into Devereux Meadow. The 158-pound Bass made a remarkable 52-yard scoring run on Broughton's first possession of the second half.

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Broughton 14, Charlotte Olympic 0

Broughton opened the game with a methodical 78-yard, 13-play drive that was capped by Turner's 10-yard touchdown pass to Charles King. As he came off the field, he said it was his only reception of the season. The Caps defense made a key fourth-down stop, tackling future Georgia Tech star Randy Rhino at the 1. Bass wrapped up the win with a 7-yard scoring run.

1970 Broughton Caps

HORACE AYSCUE Junior---5' 9"---185---OT Unknown
CHARLES BANKS Junior---5' 10"---172 _ DE _ Railroad
JIM BASS Junior 5-9 160 _RB- Real estate
SAM BEARD Senior---5' 9"---151 Center- Unknown
GORDON BLAKE 1969 graduate Manager – Security
Dr. STEVE BREWBAKER Senior---5' 11"---185 – L _OB-GYN
MARK CAUDLE Junior 5'8"---130 – WB – Unknown
JOHN CLARKE Senior---5' 10"---182 – C _ Pharmaceutical industry
JIM CORTER Junior---6'2"---175 – DL – Columbia University professor
DAVE DUPREE Senior---5' 10"---162- DB _ Founder and senior partner Halifax Group
JIM DURHAM Senior---6'---165 – DB _ Financial planner
Dr. WELLS EDMUNDSON Junior---5' 11"---197 ---Medical doctor
***RICK EUDY** Senior---6'---192 – TE _ Police officer
MACY FALKNER Junior---6'---180---K/FL - Owner/CEO of National Water Technologies Inc.
PHIL FICKLIN Senior---6' 1"---180- TE – IBM
JIMMY FITZGERALD Junior---5' 9"---170 – G –Professional Sales
JOHNNY FORD Junior---5' 11"---174---TE---Barber
***SANDY GOODWIN** – Sophomore -- 6-foot, 170 pounds-- - WR Unknown
ERIC HANDY Senior---5'9"---156---WB-- U.S. Army commissioned officer
SKIPPER HAWKINS Junior---5' 8"---157 - - Unknown
LARRY HEIGHT Junior---6'2"---222-FB- Lawyer
VANN HINTON Junior---6' 1"---158 – WR _ Unknown
JOHN HOLDING Senior---6' 2"---173 – QB – Business
MURRAY HOWELL Senior---5' 10"---195 – OB --- NCDOT engineer
BUDDY HUDSON Sophomore xx xx DB – COO of PMC Inc.
RICK HUNTER Junior---5'10" – 160 – OG –Lawyer
***ROBBIE JONES** Senior manager
CHARLES KING Senior---5'10"---175 – FB/LB – CPA
Dr. KENT KISTLER Senior---5'8"---164 – OG -Neurologist
GEORGE LATTIMORE Senior---5' 10"---170 – LB – ARM Holdings

JIM LITTLE Senior---5'8"---168---OG – CFO Keystone Corp.
JIM LUMSDEN Senior---5'11"---170 – LB – President Fairview Land and Venture LLC
***ROLAND MASSEY** Senior---5'8"---155---WR – U.S. Marine presidential command pilot
CHRIS MORGAN Senior---6' 2"---270 – DT – Raleigh police lieutenant
JAY MORGAN Junior---6' 2"---195---OT -- N.C. Highway Patrol telecommunications
GRIGG MULLEN Junior---5' 6"---189 – L _ Unknown
DOUG MURRAY Senior---5'10"---180 LB – High school teacher and coach
GARY NEAL Junior---6' 1"---180 – DT _ Unknown
LARRY OTTO Sophomore 5'9 – 165 – LB – Produce industry
ALLAN PARNELL Junior---6'---165---DB – Civil rights analyst and advocate
DOUG PERRY Junior---6' 1"---160 – TE __ Home builder
***WILLIS PRICE** Junior---5' 8"---155 –OG – Deceased
RANDY PROCTOR Junior---5' 8"---163 – OL _ Insurance
DAVID REYNOLDS Junior---5' 11"---204---OT __ Commercial landscaper
PRESTON RUTH Senior---6'---165---DB – U.S. Marine presidential command pilot
MARK SHANER Senior---5' 9"---207 – DL – Entrepreneur
ASHLEIGH SPAIN Senior---5' 11"---175 _ L _ Blacksmith
Dr. GARY STAINBACK Senior---6'---163 – SE/K – Psychologist
BILL STARLING Senior---6'2"---180 – WR __ CEO of Synecor Co.
JIM STONEHAM Senior---5' 10"---175 – DE __ Business development in logistics
DICKIE THOMPSON Junior---5' 8"---150 __DB --J.M. Thompson Co.
DAVID TURNER Junior---5' 10"---145---QB – Home appraisal
PAUL USSERY Junior--- 5' 11"---180--- Department of Defense; technology and software
HARRISON WARD Senior manager – WATCO Corp.
BERNARD WILLIAMS Junior---6'---152---OE/DE – U.S. Navy; machinist
BOB WOMBLE Senior team trainer – Corporate and tax lawyer

Heights and weights are from 1970. Professionals were provided by coach David Riggs. Unknown designates that Riggs has been unable to locate the player. * _ deceased.

Credit: Stevens, Tim "Former Broughton football coach looks back on championship, life's lessons." The News and Observer September 23, 2016. Web. March 15, 2017. Photo: Seward, Chris "Former Broughton football coach looks back on championship, life's lessons." The News and Observer September 23, 2016. Web. March 15, 2017.

Capital Spotlight



Lifelong Friends Find Success in Fashion Accessories

Broughton grads, Whitley Henderson and Harris Parker, have taken the beading community by storm with their startup fashion accessory business, Boho Beads. The lifelong friends have shared a passion for beading since their days making bracelets in middle school. The pair started small making their original beaded-tassel necklaces for friends and acquaintances, and later grew their business using social media. Henderson and Parker solidified their efforts and established Boho Beads in 2013. Ever since, the childhood friends have enjoyed increasing success. They can now claim dozens of retailers carrying their fashion accessories around the world. The rest of the Caps wish Whitley Henderson and Harris Parker continued success in their endeavors.



Whitley Henderson and Harris Parker

Poole Brothers Move Bowling Alley Fixture to Durham

The Poole brothers, Jimmy (1998) and Chris (2003), purchased the Alley in 2008. A Hillsboro Street fixture since the 1960's, the Alley was known for its classic hardwood lanes with "character" and the paper scorekeeping system. The Alley was also home to the North Carolina State bowling classes for many years. Chris and Jimmy took over the Alley at a time when it needed a shot of new life. They learned the bowling business from employees and built ties with the surrounding student communities. All of which allowed them to expand their operation to another site in Charleston. In November of 2016, the original Alley on Hillsboro saw its last strike when the doors closed for good at that site. The Alley is moving to a new site in Durham's Liberty Warehouse on Foster Street with an expanded dining area and fewer lanes. The Alumni Association hope the brothers bowl a perfect game in their new location.

Matthew Forces Reunions to Reschedule



Due to Hurricane Matthew passing through Raleigh on Saturday, October 8, the Class of 1966 cancelled their 50th reunion plans. They rescheduled their events for April 1 – 2, 2017. A Reunion ReCAP will appear in the Fall, 2017 issue.

Also succumbing to Matthew's presence was 70th Birthday Beach Party the Class of 1964 scheduled at the coast. The party was also rescheduled for April 1. We are all looking forward to the ReCAP in the Fall, 2017 issue.

NBHS Alumni Association Establishes Super Donor Program



The Alumni Association pursues many activities to assist alumni, such as maintaining the database of alumni names and contact information, providing loans and resources for organizing reunions and preserving the history of our esteemed alma mater. To assist the Alumni Association is furthering its goals, we are establishing the Super Donor Program. The funding realized through the Super Donor Program will help the association to do the following things:

- Maintain a database of contact information for class reunions and keep track of class agents as they change over time
- Continue producing the newsletter, which updates classmates of activities around NBHS, reunions, classmates who distinguish themselves, and scholarship winners
- Modernize our database system to better serve all graduates
- Endow our scholarships over the next 20 years
- Increase the amount of the scholarship at least to compensate for inflation

Therefore our campaign will target increasing the number of dues paying members and giving recognition to those donors who are willing to increase their contributions to the scholarship fund as follows:

DIAMOND DONORS – Those individuals or classes contributing \$10,000 or more to the scholarship fund preferably in a single contribution but can be accepted over a 5 year period.

GOLD DONORS – Those individuals or classes contributing \$5,000 to \$9,999 to the scholarship fund preferably in a single contribution but can be accepted over a 3 year period.

PURPLE DONORS – Those individuals or classes contributing \$1,000 to \$4,999 to the scholarship fund in a single contribution.

Gold and Diamond donors will be recognized on a plaque to be displayed in the front hall of NBHS. Contact the Alumni Association to participate.

Class Agent Meeting Report



The Alumni Association held its annual Class Agent and Decade Captain Meeting March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University. The 1950's and 1960's showed up in the largest numbers followed closely by the 1970's. The 1980's, 1990's and 2000's brought up the rear. Thank you to all who came to the meeting and contributed to the lively discussion. If your class or decade was not represented, please encourage your class agent or decade captain to attend the next meeting. If they cannot attend, volunteer to go in their place. New faces are always welcome at the meetings.

Class Agent Meeting Attendees:

1950's = 9
1960's = 7
1970's = 6
1980's = 1
1990's = 2
00's = 4

Association President, Randy Worth, opened the event with a few words of welcome followed by board member introductions. All of the board members in attendance were sporting their Alumni Association t-shirts as well. Street Jones gave a positive report from the investment committee. Investments for the Association are up 9% in the last quarter. Barbara Perkins continued with a treasury update. We are seeking a new treasurer for the Alumni Association, preferably somebody with a financial background. Interested parties should reach out to the board for more

information. Barbara also introduced a new Super Donor Program for the Alumni Association. Additional details on that program are available on this page.

Review of the Super Donor Program led to a further discussion of overall fundraising efforts and outreach program ideas. The Alumni Association is taking the ideas discussed in the meeting and forming a committee of association members to synthesize a plan to increase outreach to younger classes. Please contact the Alumni Association to participate in our efforts to reach out to and include younger classes in the Association. The scheduled program for the evening dealt with techniques for finding classmates for your upcoming class reunion. Tom Hamilton and Barbara Perkins shared websites that have been successful for other Association members, which are listed below.

As always, thanks go out to Randy Worth, Kathie Raymond and Barbara Perkins for pulling off another successful class agent meeting.

Useful websites when searching for classmates:

www.wakegov.com/realestate/
www.anywho.com
www.intelius.com
<http://www.classmates.com/>
<https://www.ancestry.com> (free trial and paid)
<https://northcarolinareresidentdb.com/>
<https://www.truthfinder.com/dashboard> (paid)
<https://www.google.com/>



If you are interested in setting up a website for your class, contact Steve Stephenson at 919-782-8944 or steveref45@bellsouth.net He has offered to lend a guiding hand

Letter to the Editor



As I read the latest Alumni News from NBHS, I realized how blessed we are to have such a variety of contributors. It's got to be the most interesting high school alumni newsletter in the nation. Our new football coach sounds so inspiring it makes me want to try out for the team. Having raised 5 children, I'd make a dynamite running back. "Saluting a Fallen Cap" was beyond words in its beauty. Isn't it amazing how one moment in time can stick with a person forever?

When I saw Mrs. Phyllis Peacock's photo on page 2 of the newsletter, I settled in to read about one of my favorite teachers. I remember it all. That first day of Junior English, the same autumn that Hurricane Hazel paid us a visit, we were all abuzz. Outside a storm was brewing. The wall of windows in our classroom framed the courtyard trees as they bent in the wind. Suddenly a wall of silence began at the front of the room and crept back through us. There at the chalkboard stood a small figure. A woman with upswept hair, hands at her side.

Our Broughton teachers already had a reputation for being original in their teaching methods. Beloved Mr. Norwood Smith had even lain down on the floor in class to demonstrate the difference between "lie" and "lay", cautioning us never to use the phrase, I'm going to lay out in the sun unless there was an egg involved. So we had heard tales of how Mrs. Peacock started her first class the previous year. Draped in a sheet, she had made her entrance, rubbing her hands together. "Out," she whispered. "Out damn spot!"

Not this time. Not this year. She stood, silent as the tomb. Slowly she lifted one arm and pointed to the wall of windows. "Lo," she intoned in a deep voice. "Great jade elephants stand, straining at their chains." No one had to tell us she was speaking of the courtyard trees. She had us in the palm of her hand, proving a truth Neil Simon wrote about in Biloxi Blues. "Never underestimate the power of eccentricity."

One morning, after bidding farewell to T. S. Elliott and his Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, she introduced us to Carl Sandburg, a North Carolina poet. Brock Stapleton (not his real name, but I remember it yet) was seated front and center. Mrs. Peacock may have been a petite woman, but she had Brock Stapleton's number. She sat the person who disliked poetry most right under her nose. No matter that every Friday night he charged up the gridiron, carrying a football to the far goal post. She was determined to hammer poetry into Mr. Stapleton's thick skull.

"This morning, I am going to read Sandburg's poem entitled Chicago," she said in a solemn, hypnotizing voice. "This poet has a gruff, raspy voice. I am going to read it in his voice."

She cleared her throat, held the open book at Brock's eye-level, and began.

Caps from the Past



While doing research for another article, your friendly newsletter editor reviewed the 1958 Latipac and thought it would be fun to share a bit of Broughton School spirit from that generation by publishing the Fight Song and a picture of the cheerleading squad, who undoubtedly led many students and faculty in singing the aforementioned song. Pictured from left to right are: Jenny Davis, Nance Swicegood, Patty Cooper, Connie Pinyoun, Kate Johnson, Ginny Sears, Sally Hayes, Sandra Shaw and Susanna Coley.

Fight Song

Cheer Raleigh High School
Raleigh Must win
Fight to the finish
Never give in (Rah, rah, rah)
You do your best, boys
We'll do the rest, boys
Fight on to victory
Rah! Rah! Rah!

"HOG BUTCHER!" She roared.

We all jumped. Not nearly as high as Brock Stapleton. He was so startled his knees hit the underside of his desk. There was total silence. Then all the air that had rushed out of Brock found its way back in and he released it in a long, hissing spittle. Following which, his 42 inch shoulders began to pump up and down.

Mrs. Peacock looked down at him. Rather glared at him, but he couldn't stop himself. She had done what no opponent on a football field had ever been able to do. She had ripped him apart at the seams. He was helpless to his emotion. Some of us later said we had thought he was crying.

Pointing her finger in the direction of the hall door, she whispered, "Out! OUT!"

As we discussed this in the days that would follow, we all agreed on one thing. We may not have been privileged to watch Out, out damn spot, but we did see firsthand Out, out, Brock Stapleton.

I so wish those brave and, yes, eccentric Broughton teachers who commanded those classrooms in the fifties could see what became of us. For goodness sake! We have doctors, college presidents, authors, nurses, teachers ... folks who have changed the world after walking across that stage to receive our diploma. A man named Neil Postman once said something about children and parents. I would suggest it also applies to teachers, as well. Mr. Postman said: "Our children are messages we send into a time and place we will never know."

The shoulders we stand on to watch the parade were broad and strong and brave. Not afraid to whisper or shout or lie down on the floor, if that's what it took. I reflect on what the class of 1955 accomplished and am so glad to be counted in their number.

Houghton Mifflin published five books of mine. My first novel won a national award, Now Houghton Mifflin has put up as e-books all but one. That one, my first book, How the Stars Fell Into the Sky, is in its 32nd printing. I'm so glad I dedicated it to Mrs. Peacock, "a teacher who would not let me let go the dream." I'm so glad a friend took it to her assisted living facility and she saw the dedication and read the book.

I can almost hear her saying, "Orchids to you! (No onions this time.) It's a gem!"

*Jerrie Preston Oughton
Class of 1955*



Mrs. Phyllis Peacock



Miss Penny's Proofreading Rules



In addition to the famed grammar rules, Miss Penney also shared with her students the following proofreading rules, which were integral to understanding the graded papers she handed back. Take a stroll down memory lane with us by reviewing these proofreading rules. See if they can help you with your next writing project.

SP – Misspelled Word. Place one line through the misspelled word and write the correction above it.

1. On the back of the last page spell the word correctly twenty-five times or “dramatize” the word twelve or fourteen times by using a different color or kind of lettering each time the word is written.

Split con. – Split Construction. Do not separate the parts of an infinitive (to + a verb) unnecessarily, or the verb from its subject or complement or a modifier from the word modified. Revise by lining through (once) the misplaced part and writing it above a caret within the line.

WRONG: to often hear

CORRECT: to hear often

S – Stringy compound sentence. Subordinate within the lines and copy top margin.

Sub. – Subordinate. Subordinate the less important parts of a sentence by expressing these lesser parts in phrases, dependent clauses or adjectives. Express the most important part of the sentence within the independent clause. Line through the poor parts and write the correction above them. Use carets wherever necessary.

POOR: We were well prepared, and we won the game.

BETTER: Since we were well prepared, we won the game.

Sub. Mood. – Subjunctive Mood. The subjunctive mood, used to state a wish, a condition contrary to fact, etc., is usually expressed by the plural form of the verb with all subjects singular or plural.

EXAMPLE: I wish I were as fortunate as he.

Syl. – Syllable. Divide words at the end of the line by syllable only, and break by a hyphen at the end of the line. Never divide the word to set off a single letter or an ed, since ed is not a syllable.

T – Tense. Do not change unnecessarily the tense that you began with. Line through the verb once and above it write its proper form. Do not confuse tenses. Never use the perfect tense (any form of have plus the past participle of the predicate verb) with the perfect tense of the infinitive.

INCORRECT: I had hoped to have finished by now.

CORRECT: I had hoped to finish by now.

Try – Try and. Do not use try and. After try use present infinitive (try to do it).

U – Lack of unity. Stick to the subject. Line or cross through those parts that do not help to develop the thought introduced by the topic sentence. If necessary, rewrite on the back of the last page your topic sentence and the specific details necessary to prove it so that no question will be left in the mind of the reader. Remember that the thought of the average paragraph cannot be established in less than seventy-five to 250 words.

Vague. Revise the sentence with the lines.

The Rest of the Story on the “P” Rules

Mary Penney, “Take out a sheet of paper, please. We’re having a pop test. What’s the 6th word of P5?” All or nothing. Verbatim. That’s why we memorized them.

P5 contains 6 example sentences which include series of infinitives, sentences, dependent clauses, and coordinate adjectives. “What the heck is a coordinate adjective,” you might ask. And that’s the rest of the story. Class wasn’t just memorizing the rule. It included studying the parts of speech: gerunds, participles (dangling and otherwise), adverbial clauses, etc. Even as I write this article, I’m asking myself if ‘coordinate adjective’ should be followed by a question mark or a comma. I’ll have to pull out my rules and check. Will you?

Those of us fortunate enough to have studied under Miss Penney would know that this article would not pass muster. The punctuation marks lack their citation, or in other words, the number of the “P” rule had to be written above the mark itself. Let’s not even discuss incomplete sentences. When we wrote an essay in class, we had to remember all the rules in order to cite them or rewrite your paragraphs to work around the forgotten ones.

What in the world did we write about? Unlike years past, when book reports came from Cliff Notes, the ones for Miss Penney came from adventures I took using the author’s skill to pique my imagination. Why? Because her special gift to me was the recommendation of a book I would actually enjoy. The words from our Alma Mater ring true to me when I sing, “gifts enriching all our days.” Books and “P” rules, what more can one ask for?

But Mary Penney was truly “saluted” the day I saw my son, a NBHS graduate himself, place a copy of the “P” rules in his briefcase and carry them off to work. As the tears welled up in my eyes, I wondered if any of his four children would one day do the same.

Did you get the answer to the pop test question? series



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