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Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.

"cherishing the past...enhancing the future"

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"...dream come true - this track would not have been built without your generosity."

Anne Harding Joyce '70, President Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.

The annual meeting of the ACAF, Inc. will be held Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 6:00 pm. Call 716-362-8259 for details.

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Dear Friends:

The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc. has done some pretty amazing things this past year - all because you, our past, care about helping the Amherst students of today, our future.

The new "Dimp Wagner '48 Alumni Field" is a breathtaking example of what a group of people who care can do. For the first time in over five years. Amherst kids will be able to have track meets at home. The new, eight lane all weather track was dedicated in June 2001 and will host it's first meets this coming spring. More than 700 of us contributed in excess of \$300,000.00 to

make this dream come true - this track would not have been built without your generosity.

The "Marie Fronczak Alumni and Archives Center" in Room #103 of the High School, also dedicated in June of 2001, is filled with wonderful memorabilia, old vearbooks, and great photos organized and cherished by a dedicated group of alumni volunteers and open for all to come and browse through.

Through our Individual Advancement Program, we were able to provide need based students with the opportunities to study musical

instruments, participate in a Junior Scholars program, attend an arts camp, participate in a Varsity sports trip and attend a National Youth Leadership conference. We have provided thirty-one students with grants in the past three years alone - we are working hard towards making that number grow.

As always, we are constantly keeping track of you!!! Through the efforts of a part-time (very!) paid secretary and many volunteer staffers, our data base of almost 17,000 Amherst Alumni and teachers spanning seven **decades** is updated almost daily. It's a hard job keeping up with you all! Reunions, our annual newsletter Tiger Tracks, requests, bequests, grants, memorial funds and constantly working at serving you and the students more efficiently keep us very busy. We are always looking for people to help - so if you live in town and would like to become involved - give us a call!

Please consider making a generous donation to our General Fund this year - as our alumni grow, so do the costs of maintaining our records, sending out mailings and providing you with information. We cannot function without your financial support - this is a group effort and you are all part of the group!

I wish you all the very best in this new and challenging year - I hope your families are safe and healthy and I hope that you will all, at some time, stop and remember how fondly Amherst rests in your memory. We will be here "...cherishing the past, enhancing the future..." whenever you would like to come by and say hello.

Warmest regards, Anne Harding Joyce '70





Announcing the

Marie Fronczak
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Alumni Office &
Archives Center

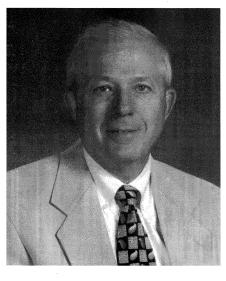
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Room 103

Honoring the memory of an exceptional Alumni Foundation Board Member.
Her continuous commitment to the Board and the School District will always be remembered and appreciated!

All are welcome to stop in and browse through the wonderful memorabilia stored in the office!





Continuing the Tradition

Joseph A. Podgorski Principal, ACHS

One of the questions I am most frequently asked at reunions is the whereabouts of various faculty members whom graduates remember. One of the most striking things about this question is the response that the vast majority of teachers whom graduates remember have retired or moved

on to other situations. As is often the case, well-attended reunions don't take place until ten or, in many cases, twenty years after students have graduated.

Looking back, it is amazing to me how many new teachers we have on staff over the past ten or twenty years. I have been at Amherst 25 years. As I look around the faculty, I see only about a dozen teachers who have been here that long. Most of those people are my age or a bit younger.

At these reunions it certainly has been gratifying to hear the respect with which our graduates hold for their teachers. These accolades are well deserved and certainly have stood the test of time along with the perspective of adulthood.

Several years ago I was asked the question, "What is the most important thing you do as a principal?" My response was quite simple. The most important thing I do is to recommend quality teaching candidates to the Board of Education. I have been very impressed over the years with the high caliber individuals we have been able to retain to replace the legends of the past years. In these days of rapid demographic change in the district, increased State standards, and a somewhat lessened respect for schools and teachers by the general population, I am gratified at the dedication of the faculty and staff members here at Amherst. In them I see a true desire to expend great efforts on behalf of their students. Certainly the dedication of these people and their ability to motivate our students have been prime ingredients in the continuing success of our school. I am quite confident that, should I be fortunate enough to attend the twentieth reunions of the classes from the early 2000's, any number of our current staff members will reach the legendary status of their predecessors.

ART EXHIBIT

Spring of 2002 - Date TBA - An exhibit of the extraordinary artwork of **Dr. Victor Lalli** - former Amherst Art Teacher will be held at the High School. Watch the website for details. Questions? Please contact the alumni office at 716-362-8259.

We are in desperate need of replacing our 5 year old computer with a faster, larger capacity machine! Any generous alumni out there who could donate one to us??? We would be eternally grateful!!!

HELP!



Reunions

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Class of '52 - 50th Reunion - Sept. 13, 14, 15, 2002: For more information, contact Joy Vollbracht Kistner at joie@adelphia.net or (716) 633-5599

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Class of '58 - If anyone is interested in helping to plan your 45th Anniversary Reunion to be held in the Spring of 2003, please contact: Robert Laskie at (716) 689-6115 or e-mail at lask@adelphia.net

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Class of '62 - several inquiries have been made to the Alumni Office as to plans for a possible 40th Reunion, but to-date, no one has stepped forward to organize one

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Class of '65 - For more information, contact Barbara Goldberg Bandel at (919) 876-6417 or e-mail her at bbandel@nc.rr.com. Watch for details.

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Class of '70 - 50th Birthday Party!! July 5&6, 2002. Contact: Nancy Graves Manalio (716)833-7348 or e-mail at NGM1004@aol.com for details

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Class of '72 - 30th reunion committee recently formed for additional information, contact: Kathi Smith Cirringione (H) 905-871-3129 (W) 716-856-9666 or Ellen Sullivan Garcia 716-885-6533.



Class of '73 - Lynda Rohl Ostrowski (716)896-0771 or email at lyndarose@sabreshockey.com. In 2003 we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary. Watch for details.

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Class of '82 - 20th Reunion - Aug. 3, 4, 5, 2002: For more information, contact Carol Carson Mollach at cmollach@adelphia.net or (716)836-3572

The Amherst Central
Alumni Foundation, Inc. is
not responsible for organizing any
individual class reunions or for supplying any funds to facilitate the organizations of any class reunions. We **strongly**recommend that you form a committee of

local classmates to oversee the process. We
will provide you with one list of addresses
for mailing purposes and advertise your
reunion in Tiger Tracks and that is the
extent of our involvement. You're
on your own after that.

Grew Brings Home 2 Silver Medals

Dear Amherst Alumni:

On behalf of the Amherst Crew Team we would like to thank you for your generous contribution. The grant enabled us to represent Amherst Central High School with pride and distinction. Because of this we were able to participate in some of the most prestigious regattas in the Northeast. The two in which we were most successful were New York State Championships, and the Welland Invitational. We won silver medals at each. As a result of our success at the New York State Championships, we were invited to compete with the best in the nation at the U.S. Rowing Youth Invitational in Cincinatti. Aside from our success on the race course, we also gained considerable racing experience that will help us in future endeavors. We are grateful for your support and generosity; you fostered an unforgettable experience for all of us. Thanks again.

The Amherst Crew Team

Anna Becht Meghan Barnett Natalie Mischler Lexi Cohen



Amherst Central Alumni Foundation purchased the uniforms for these four girls for the Amherst Crew Team.



The year, 1966, was a very special time for their family. Father, mother and four children moved into the Amherst Central School District. Three children began classes in Amherst. Cynthia Ellen (Cindy) was in 7th grade at Amherst Jr. High, Samual Jr. (Sandy) was in 4th grade and Darcy Frances was in 2nd grade at Eggert Road School. Four years later, Todd Ellis entered Kindergarten at Eggert Road School.

Throughout the years, the four Shatkin kids graduated from Amherst Central High and all went on to receive various degrees from many different Universities. They each attribute their success in life to the outstanding, diverse education, including creative and performing arts, athletics, and acade mics that they received from the excellent Amherst School System.

While in High School, Cindy '72, enjoyed singing in acapella choir, performing in the Operettas, and participating in many Home Economics and Art Classes. Sandy '75 was a running back and a linebacker on the Tiger's football team, a member of the varsity track and field team and a dancer in the

of Rochester in 1979 and the Emilio Aguinaldo College of Medicine in the Philippines in 1983. He had general surgical training at SUNY Buffalo and completed his fellowship in plastic surgery and burn treatment at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Upon returning to Buffalo in 1989, he joined the Aesthetic Associates Centre with his father. Sam married Joanne (Joni) Schwartz in 1986. They reside in the Town of Amherst and have three children, Rachel age 11, Danielle age 9 and Michael age 6.

Todd received a BA from the University of Rochester in 1987 and then went on to graduate from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco, California in 1989. While in Dental School, Todd founded a student research group and was an officer in the Associate Student Body Council. Todd married Leslie Edman of

Amherst Central High School in 1998. He is a senior at Yale University majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He is planning on attending Medical school in the fall of 2002. Jacob will graduate from Amherst Central High School this June 2002 with plans to attend college and major in Computer Science and minor in Piano Performance. Daniel is currently a sophomore at Amherst Central High School where he plays viola in the orchestra, volleyball, lacrosse and participates in French Club.

The Aesthetic Associates Centre, a true family business, located in the Amherst Central School district is in Snyder at 2500 Kensington Avenue. The facility is certified by the Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. and provides a modern concept in out-patient plastic surgery procedures and treatments. Full service

general and cosmetic dentistry for the entire family is also provided at the Aesthetic Associates Centre. Samuel Sr. and Samuel Jr. are experienced plastic surgeons and are certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Samuel Sr. is a member of the American Dental Association. Todd is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the American College of Oral Implantology.

Joan is responsible for all of the public relations and marketing of the Aesthetic Associates Centre. Cindy is their Administrative Manager, with responsibilities relating to daily working of the office, building and property. A weekly, call-in radio program called "The Great Look Show," is hosted by the doctors on WBEN. Todd and Sam Jr. own and operate Amherst Office Supply, a catalogue and on-line company. Todd and Sam Jr. appear on "Great Look Monday," a monthly television program on WKBW-TV's "AM Buffalo". The family utilizes a team approach when treating patients, serving the needs of the community and providing adult education seminars. The Aesthetic Associates Centre also serves as a meeting place for various health and wellness groups across Western New York.

Both Cindy and Sam Jr. are active members of the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation Board. Sam has worked on the Grant Programs and Reunions and Cindy is currently on the Executive Committee serving as the Recording Secretary. The entire family is proud to be continuing supporters of the Amherst Central School district and all that it provides for the residents of Snyder and Eggertsville.

A True Amherst Ram

Operettas. He also served as President of his freshman and junior class and gave the class address at his graduation. Darcy '77 was a member of Sweet Sixteens, participated in the Operettas, on the New York State Championship Women's Field Hockey team, a recipient of the Paul King Memorial Award for an outstanding music student and President of the Student Council in her Senior Year. Todd, '83 was a member of the varsity football, track and swimming teams and participated in concert chorale and the Operettas.

Their parents, Joan and Samual Shatkin D.D.S. M.D., served as presidents of the Eggert Road School PTA from 1976-1981 as well as the Amherst Central Jr./Sr. High PTA from 1981-1983. Joan received the Jenkins Memorial Award in 1977, honoring her with PTA life membership.

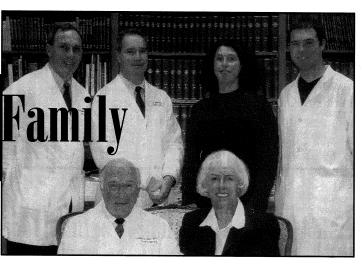
After earning a Bachelor's of Music at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinatti, class of 1981, Darcy went on to work and study internationally and in 1991 she received her Masters in Social Work at the Wurtzweiler School of Social Work at the Yeshiva University in New York City. She is currently working independently as a consultant for Jewish and social causes and often produces and performs in women's concerts benefiting charitable institutions. She is married to Louis Wallen who received his MBA at SUNY Buffalo. Louis is the Manager of Patient Accounts at Maimonides Medical Center. They reside in Brooklyn.

Sam Jr. graduated from the University

Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1989 and returned to Amherst that year to join the Aesthetic Associates Centre with his father. Todd and Leslie have been very active in the community. Todd served on the Town of Amherst Planning Board in 1998-1999 and became a Town of Amherst Councilmember in 1999-2000. They reside in the Town of Amherst with their three children, twins Juliet and Jared age 8 and Jade age 2.

Cindy graduated in 1976 from the University of Vermont with a BS in Home Economics. She married Randolph (Randy) Oppenheimer that same year and lived in Cleveland, Ohio during his law school years at Case Western Reserve. They moved to Eggertsville in 1979. She has been active on the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Zion and is the current President of the Pomeroy Park Homeowner's Association. Cindy and Randy have five sons Benjamin 23, Adam 21, Jacob 19, Jordan 17, and Daniel 15 and reside in Eggertsville.

Benjamin graduated from Amherst Central High School in 1996 and the University of the Pacific in 2000 with a BS in Biology. He is currently living in Eggertsville, a second year student at SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Adam graduated from



Granting Opportunities

About ten years ago, the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc., established a grant program. This program was available to all students and teachers in the school district. Since that time, we have given grants to almost 50 students and 30 teachers, amounting to over \$18,000.

This money comes from you, through your contributions and donations to the Alumni Foundation.

The Individual Advancement Program, (IAP) is available for students to pursue a special interest, further study, or participate in a volunteer program. These projects would not be possible for the students without financial help. Students are required to fill out a detailed application form and be sponsored by a faculty or staff member. Funds may be used for travel expenses, equipment, fees or specialized instruments from educators inside or outside the Amherst School district.

Examples of the grants are: sports programs and camps, musical studies and conferences, church camps and programs, arts camps and attendance at a National Youth Leadership Forum. Each spring the grant committee reviews the applica-

tions and makes the awads. The applications are available at each school in the principal's office and must be returned by May 1. Students are required to submit to the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, a written report about the outcome of their project upon completion.

Some past teacher grants have been awarded for: themebased backpacks, line designs in math, a Native American project, Student Ambassadors and a Peer Mentoring program. At the present time, the emphasis and financial assistance is being focused on the Student Individual Advancement Program (IAP) grants. The Cochairpersons for the grant committee are Fred Knerr '72 and Midge Hasselbeck Flanagan '46.

Jonah Mink Attends the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine

The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine is a ten-day seminar designed to expose High School students from around the United States to the world of medicine. I have always been interested in science and thought that

medicine might be the field for me. I was nominated to attend the forum by Mrs. Slate in the Biology department, and thought that this might be a good opportunity to learn more about the medical field. In San Francisco, we heard lectures by some of the top professionals in various areas of medicine. These speakers, such as Patch Adams, introduced whole new ways of looking at medicine that never would have occurred to me. The topic of the lectures ranged from AIDS information and discussion, to the academic as well as emotional criteria for becoming a physician. We also had

small question and answer sessions with medical students and doctors who just graduated from medical school. Aside from the lectures, we attended hands-on sites for many

Dear Mrs. Flanagan,

I would like to express my appreciation to you and to the Amherst Central Alumni Foundation for your generous contribution towards my trip to the National Youth forum on Medicine. I am looking forward to this experience very much and am hoping it is as enlightening and fun as I anticipate it will be.

Sincerely, *J*onah *M*ink

aspects of the medical field, running the gamut from research to the clinical treatment of patients. One of our visits was to the Marin General Hospital, where we observed a knee surgery. We were right in the operating room

in scrubs, not in a viewing booth. Then we learned about the different sections of the hospital. We also visited the University of California at Davis Medical School. We toured the pathology center, the morgue, and a research lab where we handled human brains and hearts. We heard a lecture on the Human Genome Project and saw a cyclotron at Lawrence Berkley Research Center. We experienced a group hypnosis and heard a lecture by the renowned Dr. Patch Adams. This trip was a most positive and life-changing experience, and has clarified my professional path. Learning so many aspects of

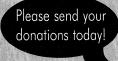
the medical world has provided me with the information I need to know to make the decision to pursue a career in medicine.



Amherst Central Alumni Foundation Inc.

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Dear Amherstonians: The Amherst "family" has roots that go back more than 70 years photographs of the High School under construction show horse drawn trucks hauling away the excavated basement! Today, with state of art computers, a dazzling new track and beautiful new library, well, things have sure changed! But not our family. Not the generations of alumni and staff who have contributed to the certainty that Amherst is consistently named one of the best schools in Western New York. This is not an accident - it takes hard work, dedication and commitment to make all of the ingredients come together to make this happen year after year. The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation is proud to be an intregal part of that success.

Here are just a few of the achievements made possible by your generosity and support over the years:

- ❖ More than 50 financially disadvantaged students have received grants to pursue projects they otherwise would not have been able to participate in.
- ❖ Over 30 teachers have received funds to provide extra educational tools for students in their classrooms.
- ❖ The Track and Field program was restored at Amherst. The new track will allow home track meets for the first time in over 5 years this spring.
- ❖ Our data base of over 17,000 students and staff allows us to keep in touch with alumni from all over the world and provide you with up to date class lists for reunions.
- Our newsletter Tiger Tracks keeps you informed as to what's happening at good old ACHS.
- ❖ The Marie Fronczak Alumni and Archives Center houses a wonderful collection of Amherst memorabilia that is constantly expanding.
- ❖ Our alumni website keeps us connected and you up to date!



These accomplishments have taken place against a backdrop of challenging increases in the cost of secretarial services, printing, postage, internet access, etc. along with carrying out our already established programs and looking towards the future to establish new ones.

That is why we're asking you to **give gen-erously** to the Alumni Foundation General Fund this year - to enable us to keep our "family" together and to continue contributing to the school that has meant so much to all of us and to it's students - our future. Please help us to keep our family strong!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Robert Laskie '58 Annual Fund Chairman



What Are They Doing Now?

30s

Myrtle Winchell Haslac

You who read this are the

reporters in the field. We

invite your comments and

news about you and other

Amherst Alumni. We regret

that we will not be able to

about spouses and chil-

include what we hear

dren, or to detail the

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ments of hundreds of

extracurricular accomplish-

alumni still in undergradu-

ate colleges. We will report

marriages. All information

deaths, but not births or

is gathered from what is

believed to be reliable

apologize if erroneous

information is included, but

we cannot be held respon-

sible. We will gladly print

the corrected information

in the next TIGER TRACKS.

alumni sources. We

'33 living in Bradenton, Florida with her daughter and son in law.

Howard Bakert '35 retired, active in the Snyder Fire Dept., still resides in the house he was born behind the deli on Main Street.

50s

Richard Penny '51 retired in June of 1998 from US Airways maintance Department.

Edward Gibeau '53 retired after 21 years in the Air Force and 20 years working in a small aerospace company in Tulsa, OK. He has recently lost his loving wife, Vivian of 43 years.

George Kelly '54married Lyn Volk in 1957 and moved to Spokane, Washington and have lived in the west ever since. Currently he is a Real Estate Broker in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. George and Lyn have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Doug Freeth '54 has resided in Ann Arbor, Michigan since 1984 with his wife, Lucia. Wound down a 40-year career in banking by retiring 12/31/98 after serving 11 years as President of First of

America (now National City) affiliate in Ann Arbor. He has two sons.

Ruth Behrens Tiedeman

'55 recently retired (10/99) from the President's office at the University of Buffalo. She is spending the winter months in Myrtle Beach with her husband Frank.

Carol Lock Stewart '55

relocated from Snyder, NY to just outside NYC where she is employed as an educational administrator.

Russ Barber '57 He went to Ohio University receiving a B.S.C. Commerce and then a Master's degree in education from Alfred University and entered the Air Force serving from 1963 to 1989. During that time he received Ed. D. from the University of Virginia and did post-doctoral work at Auburn University. Since the 1989 has been teaching Air Force Junior ROTC at Needham B. Broughton High School in Raleigh, North Carolina and periodically teaching courses on a part time basis at North Carolina State University and Merideth College.

Maria Scott Beardsley

'58 directly after attending the June 2000 reunion, moved from Acten, MA to S. Dartmouth, MA - a beautiful area on the coast.

Dick (Moose) Bergman '59 has two restaurants.

Wings in a Weenie in Sarasota, Florida. He lives with his wife Amy Good Bergman '75.

60s

Carolyn Murdock Wallace

'60 retired as an elementary school teacher and now sees friends and does volunteer work.

Judy Payne Sy '60 has seven grandchildren and is moving soon to Charlotte, NC area.

Allen Applebaum '61 has been married to the former Barbara Krassin for almost 35 years. They have two children: Michelle and Louis and three grandchildren: Kayla, Benjamin and Sara.

Timothy Hart '62 is

planning on retiring in the summer of 2003 from the Department of Defense where he has been a Visual Information Specialist for 38 years.

Paul Hedden '63 operates a successful and growing bicycle touring business in Charleston, South Carolina.

Karen Price Thompson

'64 medical director for one of the pharmaceutical companies in Delaware telecommutes from Maine. Married to a church pastor, living inMaine.





Linda Thompson Forkas

'63, better known as "Cookie" moved to California in 8th grade. She has been married for 37 years and has two children and two grandchildren. She has been a preschool teacher for 25 years.

Drew Anderson '64 is a proud first-time dad on 2-11-01! It's a boy! "Just a Baby Boom late bloomer."

Dr. Suzanne Larson DeWees '65 has her PhD in Integral Health, masters in Education and is employed by Hospice. She has been a yoga teacher since 1976. She is married to Colden DeWees and their daughter Masina, age 27, is a Naturopathic Doctor.

Roberta (Bobbe) Ezzo Modeas '65 owns and operates a family day care in North Buffalo after years of working in the Human Service field.

Lucette Puchalski Banas

'65 has continued painting. She exhibits, teaches adults and works part-time at John Klepfer's Frame and Save on Main Street. Her husband Don of 31 years is a Pharmacist. They have two children Michael 27, and Anne 25.

Corklin Steinhart '65 HIV physician in Miami, Florida. Married to Pippa with a son, 16 year old Eric and 21 year old step daughter, Samara.

Susan Putman Randall

'65 currently living in Sacramento, California. Sue has a doctoral degree in Policy

Research and Administration and is pursuing her law degree. She is the administrator for Chapman University in California.

Henry Burk '65 recently a job as a Sr. Propulsion Engineer at the Nordam Group in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They design and manufacture aircraft nacelles and thrust reversers, mostly for the business jet market.

Michael Bakert '66 Sr. Vice President of Saks Off 5th. Won Best of Bread in Westminster Kennel Club Show, resides in Chatham, New Jersey.

Lynne Gudovitz Rodgers

'66 holds the position of Palm Beach Coordinator of Job Corps for the U.S. Dept of Labor. Married to an electrical engineer with two daughters – enjoying the tropics.

Susan Gill DeMauro '66

Auditor for the Department of Administrative Services, State of Connecticut. She is a mother of three and grandmother of 10.

Mike Slepian '67 graduated from Ithaca College in 1971 and just completed his masters in Professional Communications in 2001. He is Director of Marketing at ACE USA, formerly CIGNA Property & Casualty in Philadelphia. His daughter, Rachel finishing her junior year at Roy H. Park school of Communications at Ithaca College and his son, Adam is completing his first year at the United States

Military Academy at West Point. He and his wife, Nanare live in Marlton, New Jersey.

Robert Bakert '68 owner of wholesale electronic firm in Atlanta, Georgia, resides in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Delmark Goldfarb '68

has a cd in world-wide airplay, titled "Linda & Del: Something Sepcial," a modern string band album of all-original tunes. Recorded mostly in Memphis, Tennessee, where he worked and lived before moving to Oregon. Now living in Portland, Oregon.

Patrick Hasburgh '69 has semi retired after twenty years in Hollywood, film and television writing, directing and producing. He and his wife Cheri are expecting their first child in July and are thrilled.

Ann Prezyna '69 living in Seattle, Washington.

Kathy Driscoll Mackin '69

is married with no children. Works for NOCO Energy Corp. as the Accounts Payable Manager. In her spare time she does decorative wood painting (Tole).

70s

John Binick '70 General Manager of the Doubletree Hotel in Houston, Texas. He has been married twenty years to his wife Barbara. They have two children: Michael, 17 and Laura Jean, 15. **Ann Mosher MacGregor '70** presently working for Miller

Required Company as a

Brewing Company as a Systems Engineer. Ann lives in Signal Hill, California.

Fred Holender '70 was recently named as Director of Strategic Initiatives at Lawley Service Insurance Group of Companies. He lives in Williamsville with his wife and two children.

Jim Rich '71 Chief Operating Officer of National Action Financial Services (NAFS) employing 400 people in Williamsville.

Bill Bakert '72 Dentist, active windsurfer residing in Lexington, Kentucky.

Laura Rosenfeld '73 – is a painter, teaching and working in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Jane Graver Sandlar '73

– living in Ocean, New Jersey recently sold her own company that she was running for 15 years, now deciding what to start now. Married to the same guy for 17 years!

Richard Gardner '73 lives

in Salamanca with his wife Cindy and daughter Amy. He plays music at bars, schools, weddings, and parties. Some of his original tunes are local hits.

Helen "Hells" Poummit Curhan '73 lives in Santa Barbara, CA. Her second son is having his bar mitzvah this June.



Dimp Wagner '48 Alumn

I remember the day
that I heard that the Alumni had
agreed to fund for a new all-weather
track. My first question was, "will it be done for
my senior track season", and the answer was "I hope
so." This past year I have watched as Amherst's once
cinder track slowly conformed into an all-weather track. Each
day I hoped and wished it would be completed. When it was not
done at the beginning of the outdoor track season, I thought "it's ok,
maybe for our last meet." To keep a long story short, our last track meet
occurred at Depew where the girls and guys ended their seasons in victory.

This track was my first memory of wanting to run and compete. As I go off to college next year I am going to continue to participate in sports. Although, I was never able to compete in front of a home crowd. I am much happier to think of all of the future Amherst athletes. They will now be able to train properly, hold track meets, compete safetly, and fulfill their own dreams and passions for track and field right here at Amherst.

The first time that I ever stepped foot on this track was in fourth grade at the elementary school track meet. I then went on to participate in this meet for the next two years. From the first time that I heard that gun go off, I felt my heart race, and my legs start to churn. Under each step I felt the soft ground and behind me flew a trail of cinders. It was at these three track meets that I began to realize my passion for running.

I am now a three sport senior athlete, competing in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track. Through these sports I have been fortunate to work with some of the best coaches and athletes in Western New York. We did however have one major fallback - no track in which to train and compete on. Throughout my five varsity athlete years, I never once competed in front of a homecrowd on an Amherst Track. Every meet was held at another school because our track was "out of date" and a "safety hazard."

Our training was primarily done on the roads or when we could get a bus to other schools.

For these things I would like to thank the Alumni and Mr. Wagner for their fundraising that has made the building of this track possible. I can only say that I am excited to watch and see the future track stars emerge on this track because of your most grecious efforts.

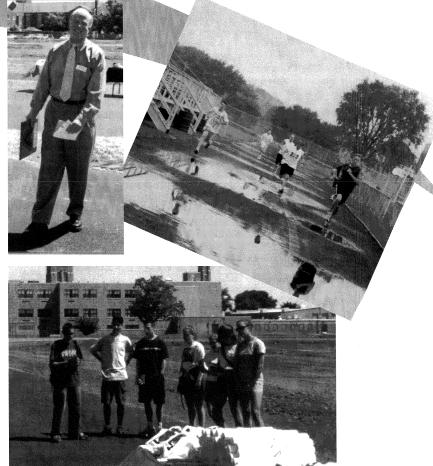
- Jenny Koeppel



Field Dedication of the New Track







A time to remember. . . a time to praise

Dear Alumni:

Many of us have fond memories of our years at Amherst: Harlem Road, Eggert Road, Windermere Boulevard, Smallwood Drive - the Junior High (AKA the Middle School!) and the High School. Many classmates, special events, class reunions and special teachers and administrators often surface in our minds.

The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation, Inc.. in conjunction with the Amherst Central School District would like to recognize those educators who stand out in our thoughts as "that special person" who made a difference while at Amherst. We would like to initiate a program entitled "Distinguished Educator Emeritus."

In keeping with this thought, the program would recognize retired educators (teachers/administrators) who are recognized by alumni and staff as individuals who left a lasting impression while in service to students in the District. Whether it be the founding faculty of 1930 or a recently retired educator, their accomplishments and spirit will be honored by this program.

Distinguished Educator's Emeritus will be recognized each year and will be honored on a plaque placed in the main hall of the High School. This initiative will serve as a lasting tribute to those many educators who provided inspiration to so many students through the years.



Homecoming 2001

1st Annual Alumni Pizza & Wing Dinner

October's Homecoming Week Celebration marked the 1st Annual Alumni Pizza and Wing Dinner in the High School Cafeteria. Tickets were sold in school and by local alumni to benefit the Track Equipment Fund. Pizza and wings eat-in or take-out were enjoyed by all in attendance. Bocces on Bailey supplied the pizza at a discounted rate to maximize our profits. "It's still the best pizza in town!" Special thanks to all the alumni who helped serve and who made desserts.

Saturday's game was a great time to renew friendships from the past and to enjoy a great game played on the newly renovated football field.

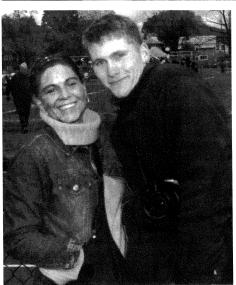
Thanks to all in attendance.



















Amherst Central Alumni Foundation

1ST ANNUAL "BEST BALL" GOLF CLASSIC

Thursday July 18, 2002 • Glen Oak Golf Course & Banquet Facility

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