

'27 Ruth Baird Thompson would like fellow classmates to contact her at 2809 - 34th Place NW, Washington DC, 20007-1406.

'50-'51 Planning Friday cocktail party and Saturday picnic in the Fall 2000. Contact Barbara (Taffy) Chandler Gerding at 410-825-0894 and Kathy Reno Calvert at 410-377-4117.

'81 Plans being made for the 20th reunion email Colleen Canavan at tns1981@aol.com or call 410-337-4988.

'85 15th reunion bullroast will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2001 at Tall Cedars Hall, Parkville. Contact Beth Kriel VanCutsem 410-668-5426 or Laura Gilland Nash 410-683-3470.

'95 Contact Katie Walker for details on your 5-year reunion at 410-828-7224 or weebie50@aol.com.

MILESTONES

Marriages/Engagements

- Nicole Metschulat '93 & Thomas Strong
Kimberly Ward '91 & Sean Yackulak - 5/13/00
Mark Bresee '91 & Ellen Gray - 5/20/00
Keith Myers '93 & Sharawn Byrd - 5/27/00
Susan Walker '80 & Christopher Millard - 7/1/00
Kathy Gardner '89 & Christopher Barone - 7/8/00
Lindsay Buchanan '93 & Christopher Lebresco - 8/19/00
Erica Windler '90 & Peter Beattie - 8/19/00
Tracey Gardner '92 & Brett Edwards - 9/2/00
Andrea Macintosh '85 & Jeffrey Whiteway - 9/3/00
Gordan Latrobe '89 & Susan Pittman - 9/9/00
Elizabeth Kadan '91 & Richard Aquino - 9/23/00
David Esslinger '83 & Carin Coblentz - 9/30/00
Jeremy Parks '90 & Emily Masura - 9/30/00
Jonathon Husted '92 & Jennifer Peterson - 9/30/00
Mark Gunther '93 & Christa Rohe - 10/8/00
Vincent Gaston '88 & Georgette Hinnant - 10/21/00
Christopher LaBanz '87 & Jennifer Howard - 12/00
Christian Howard '85 & Chris O'Brien '87 - 6/01
Meredith Combs '93 & Jason Sherley - 7/14/01

Class Notes

In Memoriam

- Marjorie Rhoten 9/22/00, Towson
J. Earl Hennlein, '26, 5/18/99, White Hall
Margaret Whiteley Foster '28, 10/14/00 Roland Pk
Robert F. Codd '30, 6/14/00, Baltimore
Roland E. Lintz '30, 10/29/00, Cockeysville
Helen Moores Blake '32, 6/8/00, Bel Air
Joseph F. Harner '35, 12/11/96, Chester
Frank M. Fisher, Jr. '35, 5/1/99, Washington State
John E. Biemiller '36, 4/99, Westminster
Charlotte Marshall Reier '37, 1/11/00, Florida
Robert J. Koch '37, 9/18/00, Baltimore
Charles M. Llewellyn '37, 6/14/00, Rockville
Lt. Col. C. William White '37, 8/27/00, Towson
Edward E. Merrifield '38, 7/25/00, New Mexico
Russell G. Emmke '39, 7/5/00, Baltimore
Christine Riley Wheeler '40, 7/5/00, White Hall
Jackson K. Lytle '41, 12/22/99, Pompano Bch, FL
Doris Fendlay Miller '41, 5/19/00, Pennsylvania
Hilda Horn Berg '41, 10/29/00, Parkville
Francis G. Geraci, Jr. '43, 12/8/98, Nevada
Doris Wilson Heineman '43, 5/5/00, Baltimore
Virginia C. Hajek Hyle '43, 8/8/00, Randallstown
Robert D. Wilkerson '45, 8/99, Towson
Richard G. Ruby '45, 4/14/00, Baltimore
Helen McCabe Cashman '45, 5/30/00, Owings Mills
Margaret Seitz Roesner '45, 7/16/00, Baltimore
Doris Reidt Cockey '45, 11/12/00, Cockeysville
Ronald Douglas Mather '46, 1/29/00, Baldwin
Harry L. Meiser '46, 8/20/00 White Hall
June Burton Shaver '46, 5/26/00, Fallston
Robert W. Christian '47, 6/18/00, Raleigh, NC

- John V. Feeley '50, 10/99, Baltimore
Carl Robert King '50, 1/00, Williamson, Georgia
Helen Evans Sharp '51, 9/15/00, Idaho
Alfred Hermann III '52, 7/17/00, Baldwin
Ethel Sheckells LaRoque '53, 12/11/98, Chester
William S. Bringman Jr. '55, 1/14/00, Baltimore
Dennis R. Hatton '58, 1/99, Cockeysville
May Schmidt Coale '60, 3/2/00, Millers
Alexander Kolego '60, 9/19/00, Towson
Richard T. Bolan '65, 5/20/00
Robert K. Rowe '72, 6/2/00, Cockeysville
Will White Rambo '74, 8/28/00, Timonium
Michael F. Hughes '91, 4/4/98, Baltimore
Marty Everson '96, 7/25/00, Towson

Alice Wyman died on July 23, 2000. Alice taught history and core from 1930-1964.

Ruth Miller, 103, died on October 5, 2000. Ruth was a home economics teacher at THS and retired in 1960.

Other

- Congratulations go out to...
- Rebecca Cribb, '92 who recently received her MS degree and is currently working as a Metrics Analyst for Tribune Interactive in Orlando, FL.
- Shane Eversfield Smith '75 who completed the Hawaiian Championship Ironman Triathlon in Rona, HI in 10/99 and the Brazilian Triathlon in Porto Seguro, Brazil in 5/00.
- Danna Butler Truslow '73 and Cynthia Fenneman '73 who took part in the 4-day 330 mile Raleigh, NC to Washington, D.C. AIDS Bike Ride.
- Anne Egger '96 who was named recipient of the John V.A. Weaver Prize in Poetry at Hamilton College 5/5/00.



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The Olympics Come to Towson!

While we all watched intently as the best athletes in the world battled in Sidney last month, those in Maryland and Towson had extra attention paid to our own Olympic general.

Michael Phelps, a 15 year old sophomore faced the best this year in the 200 meter butterfly and when the smoke cleared, finished an astonishing 5th place. Michael was one of the youngest members of this year's Olympic team and the youngest on the U.S. men's swim team since 1932; he was a surprising 2nd place finisher at the U.S. trials in August. He set 6 straight personal records in the 200-fly in just over a month and raced 3 times in the Olympics, advancing the first two times through the qualifying races to reach the finals.

Phelps, the youngest of three children, has been swimming for 8 years for the North Baltimore Aquatic Club. He has gradually risen to the top level in his club and competes both locally, nationally and internationally every year.

Born and raised in Rodger's Forge, Phelps swims 5 days a week for an hour and a half before school and for three and a half hours, three days a week after school. He credits Towson with being very supportive over the past two years as he continues to excel

academically.

At this year's homecoming football game, Phelps was recognized for his achievements and spoke with us in regards to his wonderful experience. He stated that he was in awe of the over 17,000 people in the crowd, but was comfortable and confident when it came time to race. When asked what the best part was, Michael professed, "being a part of the whole Olympic experience and being able to compare styles and training with the top US swimmers today like Tom Dolan and Lenny Krazelburg."

Phelps is anxiously looking forward to the 2004 Olympics in Greece, but now is focused on the World Cup races in Paris and Stockholm. His future goals are to graduate in 2004 and attend college at either Michigan or USC. Swimming goals are to gain the world record for the 200-fly as well as become a member of the 4 x 100m medley relay in Greece.

Congratulations and good luck to a future THS Alumnist!

Did you know? Towson also boasts Olympian Fred Stieber '28 who competed on the U.S. Field Hockey Team at the 1926 Olympics.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER THS OLYMPIANS? Drop us a line and we will honor them in our next issue.

Why the Towson Generals - The Man Who Was Towson

The name that distinguishes our school and our teams from the rest, comes from more than someone's imagination. It comes from a man who fought for the dream of freedom from the British, and though he did not know it, became a future legacy. His name was Brevet Major General Nathan Towson-Paymaster General of the U.S. Army and hero of two wars.

Born in 1784, one of 12 children, young Nathan's parents had settled and opened a tavern at what is now the intersections of York, Joppa, and Dulaney Valley Roads. Initially, he had served in a volunteer company that enforced American claims in the Louisiana Territory, soon after its purchase in 1803. In March of 1812, Towson was appointed Captain in the Second Regiment of Artillery.

In early 1812, while serving in Canada, Capt. Towson and Lt. Jesse Duncan Elliott of the U.S. Navy, another Marylander, with only 50 Maryland men, surprised and captured two English ships in Lake Erie. This encouraged the U.S. Army, which had met with many defeats. In all the Canadian fighting, Towson's company of Marylanders was the first into battle and the last to leave. Later, when defending Ft. Erie against the British, the Marylanders fired their cannons so quickly that the fort was nicknamed "Towson's Lighthouse" because of the continuous flames from the guns. Towson aided Elliott in capturing the H.M.S. Caledonia at Ft. Erie in October 1812, and for his gallant conduct was breveted a Major.

In July of 1813, while repelling the attack of the British at Fort George (Canada) he was wounded. He

ANNUAL MEETING

The Alumni Association will hold its Annual Meeting for 2001 on January 9, 2001 at 7PM. The meeting will be held in the THS Library and tours will be offered. Refreshments will be served.

New officers will be announced and some upcoming issues will be discussed.

Help us keep the Association growing. Join us and place your vote for the future.

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returned to duty and had greatly distinguished himself as an artillery officer and was breveted Lieutenant Colonel for his good conduct in the Battle of Chippewa. He performed equally distinguished service at Niagara and Fort Erie. In the latter, a bastion was named in his honor after the Americans took possession of it in early July 1814.

Thus, Nathan Towson emerged from the War of 1812 as a

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"General" Updates

Congratulations to THS' 2000 Varsity Baseball team as they went (20-4) to win the State Championship - a Towson first! Sidenote - Towson ace Andre Gardner was the first in school and state history to pitch 3 consecutive no-hitters including 1 perfect game.

Create a Legacy

Help better the THS environment by making a donation to any of the following projects. Donations will be tax deductible and a plaque will be created to honor your contribution.

Outdoor Announcement Sign

for the Aigburth Parking lot entrance. Sign will display upcoming events and will be a greeting sign for the school. Cost \$6000, landscaping needed for base of sign.

Flagpole Lighting

for the front main entrance, flag often flies at night with no lighting. \$1000.

School Nursing Aide

salary needed for position as funding was cut for this year. Full year, part-time job. \$5,000 Volunteers accepted for the position as well.

Special Thanks

Thanks go out to the Bringman family who made a donation to help refurbish the main flagpole at the Cedar Avenue entrance. They dedicated the donation in memory of William S. Bringman Jr. '55.

General Towson

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American hero and was even commended by British officers as one of the best artillerymen they had faced.

Towson was retained in the service at the close of the war and was made Paymaster General in 1819. In 1834, he was breveted Brigadier General, and for his distinguished services in the Mexican War, he was breveted Major General in March 1849. He died in Washington City on July 20, 1854.

His remains lie interred on a pleasant slope in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, DC, by the side of those of his wife, and over them is a beautiful white marble monument on which is the following simple inscription, "Nathan Towson, Brevet Major General and Paymaster General, United States Army; Sophia Towson, wife of Nathan Towson."

So, the next time you cheer on the Towson High Generals, take a moment to reflect on the man behind the name.

Thanks to Blaine Taylor '65 for this insightful article. Edited by Susan Murphy.

HOF Candidates Needed

We are currently reforming the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Review Panel. We are looking for volunteers to meet and discuss the candidate applications and approve new entrants. If interested, attend one of our monthly meetings or call the Alumni office at 410-821-7889.

If you would like to nominate an "Outstanding Achiever," please call for an application or drop us a line.

Alumni Brief

Congratulations to Mort Kuff '43 who recently was commissioned by the White House Historical Association to design and produce "The White House Coloring Book." The 36 page book covers the White House throughout history for all ages and is comprised entirely of hand line drawings. Mort has worked as an artist in oils, acrylics, water colors and pen & ink and is known for his paintings of Chesapeake Bay waterfowl. He currently resides in Boyton Beach, Florida.



Alumni Events

General's Golf Gathering

Congratulations and thank you to all for a great 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. Eric Lige did a wonderful job of coordinating this outing and is already planning next year's event. Get your foursome signed up early, this is becoming a fast selling event.



Bull & Oyster Roast

The annual Sports Boosters Bull and Oyster Roast will take place on March 31, 2001 at the Heritage Parkville Gardens from 7pm to 12:00am. Tickets will cost \$25 each and tables of 10 may be reserved. Join us for dancing, wheels, a silent auction and great food. Proceeds support THS sports teams, equipment and fields. Send check or money order with a self addressed stamped envelope to Towson High Sports Boosters, 69 Cedar Avenue, Towson, MD 21086 or contact Debbie Jobson at 410-377-2214 for more info.



Design 1



Design 2

THS Alumni Goods

T-Shirts

White w/ maroon logo, short sleeve	\$10
Maroon w/ white logo, short sleeve	\$12
Maroon w/ white logo, long sleeve	\$15

Polo Shirts

White w/ maroon logo, short sleeve	\$20
Maroon w/white logo, short sleeve	\$22
White w/maroon logo, long sleeve	\$25

Other

Ash sweatshirt w/maroon screened logo	\$25
Maroon sweatshirt w/ white logo	\$25
Maroon hat w/ white embroidery, 6 panel	\$15
X-Mas Balls (white, maroon logo)	\$10

New Embroidered Polo Shirts and Designs!
Please add \$3.50 for shipping and handling. Order through the alumni office at (410) 821-7889, or circle your choice, clip and send in.
Specify design, size and screened or embroidered.
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Membership Drive

Life memberships fund the Ted Prince Memorial Scholarship Award given each year to an exemplary THS student. Ted Prince was the only THS student to perish in World War I. Our goal is to give a \$10,000 scholarship every year. Help us reach our goal! This year's winner was Julia M. Paul, Class of 2000 who received \$1000. Remember that only life members, fund for future donors and regular dues members receive the Newsnote, so keep the Newsnote coming and become a member!

As of July 31, 2000 there are 715 Life members.

Thanks for the support! Here are the newest additions:

1925 Grace W. Miller Scheidt	1954 Carolyn A. Cowan Devilbiss	1968 Martin Eugene Corasaniti
1931 Erma A. Underwood Baublitz	1954 Charles William Flichman III	1968 David C. Master
1937 Anne M. Elder	1954 Herbert P. Hess	1968 Sharon A. Wah Nickol
1937 Janice Gentry Bopst	1955 Carol Leggo Boyce	1969 Douglas Scott Cayce
1941 Mary Bonn Meyer	1955 Catherine B. Rockett Soares	1969 A. Mark Winter
1941 Catherine McDermott Bennett	1955 Geraldine Wagner Cushman	1971 John G. Burger Jr.
1942 Thomas D. Dawes	1956 Ronald H. Donoho	1971 June D. Stover Manzo
1942 Samuel Greenwood	1957 Lawrence Davis	1972 Harvey S. Conway
1942 Sylvia Rosen Beser	1957 George I. Waidner	1972 Suzanne MacMeekin Mitchell
1942 Dorothy Vandye McNeil	1958 Karen L. Crump Davison	1972 Barbara Sorenson Stoms
1945 Anna Wolinski Horne	1958 Barbara E. Schwiezer Smith	1973 D. Gay Jewell Love
1946 Judith Muzzy Witts	1959 Lorenzo B. Evans III	1973 Edgar Livingston
1946 Donald R. Scarborough	1960 Scott C. Brewer	1975 Joanne E. Baker Howe
1947 Charles S. Clark	1960 John W. Hale	1975 David M. Fick
1948 Georgia F. Goetz Snodgrass	1960 Alvey H. Horine	1975 Eric B. Royce
1948 Jack G. Kamps	1960 George F. Nixon Jr.	1975 Michael Thommen
1948 Margie Michael Parslow	1960 Rilla M. Whitten	1976 Elizabeth W. Hall Ottinger
1949 Joan Eney Kuehn	1961 Julia A. Bennington LaPlante	1977 Anne L. Testoni
1949 William Gilbert Lins Jr.	1961 Ann L. Hopkins Reilly	1978 Dr. Jennifer A. Filbey
1949 William S. Wilson	1962 Gerald C. Hardwich	1980 Steven E. Thorssell
1951 Rev. Albert C. Burton	1962 Frances V. Huber Wagner	1983 Richard S. Ewell
1951 Charles C. Cullison	1962 Carol Kenny	1983 David G. King Jr.
1951 Thomas Hicks	1963 James W. Barrett	1984 Christopher Colvin
1951 Richard L. May	1963 Diane M. Pearce Hardwich	1984 Gareth M. Houk
1951 Douglas M. Parks	1964 Nancy D. Wells Zimmerman	1986 Erik K. Lige
1952 William O. Devilbiss Jr.	1965 John R. Owens Jr.	1988 Tamara L. Jezic
1952 Mary Lou Lynch Corbin	1966 Bruce Reiley Bonner	1988 Laura A. Tull
1953 William B. Bevans	1966 Eric Roger Boving	1991 Wesley S. Chan
1953 F. Keen Blaker	1966 Stephanie Diacumakos Fowler	1993 Peter Hardesty
1953 Janis I. Schuler Kilmer		
1953 Martha Stiles Poehler	1967 Patrick L. Varriacchio	

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*Please make checks payable to THS Alumni Association and mail this form with your renewal.

Fact Finder

Show Your Support!

Alumni meetings will be held on the following days at 7:30 PM in the library, Towson High School: January 9, 2001 (Annual Meeting), February 13, March 13 and April 10.

New Alumni Office

Our new office is open! We can be found between the auditorium and cafeteria entrance of the Aigburth parking lot. Call us at 410-821-7889!

E-Mail Us!

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Check out our new web site:
<http://www.towsonhighalumni.org>

Send Us Your Updates

If you had a recent reunion, send us your address updates so we may keep track of your classmates. This helps us reduce mailing costs and makes your life easier when your next reunion comes.

Yearbooks For Sale

We currently have extra yearbooks for sale, call for prices. Years available include 1930, 31, 32, 33, 70, 71, 74, 81, 82, 83, 84 and 1992.

Advertising Space Available

We now are offering ad space in the Newsnote. The Newsnote reaches a database of over 15,000. Business card-size ads \$100 - Call for details.

Donations Needed

We are currently looking for a laser printer and bookcases for our office. If you can help us with any of these items, please contact us.

Next Newsnote!

The deadline for information to be printed in the Spring, 2001 issue of Newsnote is April 1, 2000. Send all information including any stories that you wish to include or hear about to our email address or:

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