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WILDCATS

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

A new year brings new leaders, achievers, and accomplishments at Mayfield High School. As midterms approached students, anxiety was the word of the day. For seniors, their last midterms in Mayfield were quickly approaching but for some, they weren't approaching fast enough. With winter sports tournaments drawing near as well, January and February at Mayfield High was very chaotic.

With the new Northeast Ohio Conference (NOC) in play, Mayfield took home several championship trophies this past winter. The Varsity Girl's Basketball Team, led by captains **Nicki Van Horne** and **Lauren Gatto**, became the first Northeast Ohio Conference Champs in the Lake Division. The Varsity Wrestling Team also became the NOC champs and qualified 3 wrestlers in the State Tournament: **Cody Hayes**, **Tylan Coleman**, and **Dan McNulty**. Tylan and Dan took 5th place in the tournament. Other state qualifiers included **Chris Nemeth**, who swam the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle at the State Tournament in Canton where he took 4th place in both events. The winter sports teams truly proved themselves as contenders in the new conference.

With tournaments in the past and midterms completed, Mayfield needed some distraction from the commotion the sports teams provided. This year's Winter Formal dance, themed *Arabian Nights*, successfully accomplished this. With **Jarrad Quadir** and **Cristina Capretta** as King and Queen of the dance, it was sure to be unforgettable. While the Mayfield student body loves to dance, Mayfield's own Limited Edition truly knows how to shake up the room. Led by seniors **Samantha Rickard**, **Matt Wallis**, **Hannah Edelman**, **Nicole Becka**, and **Michaela Malone**, the Limited Edition took first place at the Myrtle Beach Fiesta-Val Competition. In addition, **Jill Tighe**, **Ilya Yufit**, **Alex Ward**, and other charismatic actors lit up the stage in this year's spring play, "Light Up the Sky". Along with these talented actors, the annual senior talent show coined the term *Not Another Senior Talent Show* and hosted several rising stars like the pop group made up of **Tom Bogomolny**, **Karson Bodnovich**, **Frank Ferritto**, **Rob Wetzell**, and **Jake Powell**. A very memorable show for such a memorable year.

With the elusive snowstorm in the past, Mayfield's spring teams took the field in what became a spring that went down in Mayfield history as one of the best. The Men's Baseball Team, led by seniors **Ethan Santora**, **Anthony Vaccariello**, **Bill Ambrogio**, **Tom Wilson**, and **Jim Razzante**, defeated top-seeded Mentor in the district championship and made it all the way to the regional championships, a feat that hasn't been reached since 2001. The track team also broke several records this year as top runners **Sean Carver**, **Bob Anderson**, **John Angelo**, **Brad Potts**, **Micah Caunter**, **Ellen Christiansen**, **Ellen Potts**, **Michelle Olie**, **Crystal Lin**, **Marie Lorentz**, and several other running stars burnt track rubber as they ran their hearts out this past spring.

As the end of the year approached, seniors began their senior search, juniors prepared for some of their last finals at Mayfield, sophomores were anxious to finally be called upperclassmen, and freshmen were excited to not be called freshmen anymore. Once **Brad Potts** and **Shipra Mehta** were crowned Prom King and Queen, students knew the end of the year was here. Graduation robes were distributed and before seniors knew it, they were listening to Valedictorian **Rachel Kominsky**, Salutatorian **Sophia Korovaichuk**, Class President **Cassie Gaye**, and Student Council President **Bailey Smith's** farewell speeches. With another group of promising students joining Mayfield's distinguished alumni, eyes turn towards next year's seniors to lead the school and find their place among the honored.

Mark Fadel, Class of 2009

Scholarship Awards Establish New Record

The Mayfield Alumni Association established a new high in scholarship awards at the annual Honor's Day Program May 30, 2008. Sixteen outstanding students shared a total of \$14,500. Alums can be very proud of the financial assistance they provide to seniors who work diligently in the classroom and who also manage to get highly involved in athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Our committee of **Chairman Dave Huelsman, Dan Cox, Diane Mastrobuono, and Laurie Blood** had their usual difficult and time consuming task of reviewing 71 applications and interviewing many students to reach a final decision. With much gratitude, the Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2007-08 scholarship drive. Your names will appear in the next issue of *The Alumni Voice*. Following is a brief summary of this year's scholarship recipients.

\$2,500 Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship

Rachel Kominsky—Rachel, the Class of 2008 Valedictorian, with a 4.7 GPA, is also a National Merit Commended Scholar, a two-year National Honor Society member, and an AP scholar. As a scholar athlete, she has been involved in cross country, swimming, track and field and synchronized swimming. Non-athletic endeavors have included marching band, World Affairs Club, Mock Trial, Student Council and Cleveland Clinic/Science Internship Program. Rachel will be pursuing a career as a physician and has been accepted to The Ohio State University, University of Michigan, Penn State University and Brandeis University.

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Thomas—Alyssa, a four-year Principal's List member, with a 3.9 GPA, has earned A.V.I.S. awards each year and received an Outstanding Attendance Award in three of her four high school years. She has been involved with Key Club, Cat's Cabinet and was a Peer Tutor for the last three years. Her hobbies include cooking, listening to music and tutoring. She has participated in events like Relay for Life, and planning and running the Winter Formal. Alyssa has succeeded in her academics and extra-curricular activities while dealing with a unique disability which has given her a challenge to overcome and has made her a stronger individual. She has been accepted to Slippery Rock, Ashland, Bowling Green State University and Mt. Union College.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Schol.

Karson Bodnovich—Karson, a two-year National Honor Society member, with a 4.4 GPA has been busy participating in athletics, academics and non-school activities. He is a multiple letter winner in football, basketball and baseball and has been recognized for his achievements winning honors from coaches polls, local newspapers and the Army National Guard. Karson has academically been recognized by being placed in the "Who's Who of American High School Students", earning, for three years, the All-American Scholar-Athlete Award and Continental Math League Award. His community involvement includes Key Club, Student Council, St Paul Shrine Soup Kitchen, United Way along with various youth sports camps. He plans on attending Columbia University in the fall.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Schol.

Nicole Van Horne—Nicole, a National Honor Society member, with a 4.1 GPA, is an eight-time letter winner in basketball (All-District Honorable Mention and All-Conference Honors) and cross-country, also being captain of both. She volunteers at the Mayfield Community Summer Basketball Camp and at the Mayfield "Biddy Basketball" program. Nicole is a Student Council delegate

\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship

Courtney DiVincenzo—Courtney, a two-year National Honor Society member and current group historian, with a 3.7 GPA, has been involved with music, athletics and community. She is also a four-year member of the swim team and earned the Liz Manzo Rookie of the Year award as a freshman and a two-year member of the synchronized swimming team and is their current treasurer. She is also a four-year member of the marching band and is a co-section leader this year and is a four-year member of the concert band and was picked to be a member of the Northeast Ohio Honors Band. Courtney has also been involved with Key Club, P.R.I.D.E., MIPOD, peer tutoring, and Students for Global Relief. She will pursue a major in Social Work and then move on to law school to become a public defender and has been accepted to the University of Cincinnati and the University of Akron.

Thank You Very Much

\$14,500 Awarded to 16 Students on Honors Day

\$500 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship

Michaela Malone—Michaela, a National Honor Society member, with a 3.9 GPA has also been an outstanding participant in the music and theatre arts programs at Mayfield. She has been involved in A Capella Choir, Show Choir and numerous plays and musicals. She has competed in the OMEA competition earning a superior rating of 1 in voice and piano. Michaela also volunteers in various non-school activities like teaching Sunday School and Habitat for Humanity. She has been accepted to Miami University (Oxford, OH), University of Dayton, Washington and Jefferson College, Stanhill College and Xavier University.

\$500 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship

Emily Cambell—Emily, a two-year National Honor Society member, with a 3.9 GPA, has been actively participating in organizations such as Mayfield Chorale (president), Show Choir (president), PRIDE, Key Club and NHS as well as performing in two musicals "Children of Eden", "Beauty and the Beast" and a drama play "Rumors". Because of her participation in the musical arts, Emily will be pursuing a degree in Elementary Music Education at one of the following schools: Duquesne University's Mary Pappert School of Music, the Ithaca College School of Music, Baldwin Wallace's Conservatory of Music or the Department of Music at Otterbein College.

\$500 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship

Julia Bizjack—Julia, a two-year National Honor Society member, with a 4.3 GPA, has been involved with athletics, music and community service. She is a four-year member of the Diving Team while earning three letters, a co-captain this year and a Sectional Meet qualifier in the last two years. She is also a four-year member of the Golf Team where she earned a letter this year. She enjoys being in the marching band, jazz band and wind ensemble. She has been a band squad leader all four years in marching band and was a co-section leader this year. She also has been in the GUILD national piano competition where she earned the highest score in her category. She also was involved with the Cleveland Clinic, Girl Scouts, Key Club, C.E.V.E.C., P.R.I.D.E. and is very involved with special needs children. Julia wishes to major in athletic training and pursue a professional degree in Physical Therapy and will be attending either The Ohio State University or the University of Dayton.

\$500 Alvarez-MarkFrank Cosmetology Scholarship

Amanda Nagy—Amanda was the recipient of the MarkFrank Cosmetology scholarship. Amanda was truly a deserving student for this award. She started out her first year in Cosmetology with a battle of mono and missed many days of school. But due to her devotion in this field, she made up all of her time missed and was a outstanding student. During her senior year she worked part time in a salon on Chagrin Boulevard and plans to expand her career in the Cosmetology field. After she graduates, Amanda will continue to work in the salon and plans to attend advanced classes offered in different states. She will be a asset to any salon and will be very successful in her career.

\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship

Nikki Bernatchez—Nickki, a multiple varsity letter winner, with a 2.5 GPA, has participated in softball, volleyball, indoor drumline, and marching band. Her hobbies are reading, writing, softball and cleaning. She works for the Mayfield Heights Recreation Department and is planning on attending college this fall majoring in Psychology or Criminal Justice and Law.

\$1,000 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Zimmerman—Kevin, a two-year National Honors Society member, with a 4.1 GPA, has been involved in athletics, academics, music and community service. He is a 2-letter winner in soccer (co-captain) as well as a scholar athlete and winner of Academic Boosters Honors Awards. His involvement in activities outside of school is quite large. Some of these activities include volunteering/working with St. Francis of Assisi, Kiwanis, various youth soccer camps and clinics, Harvest for Hunger, Relay for Life, Hospice of the Western Reserve, community performances with the Mayfield Jazz Band, and Heather Hill Nursing Home, just to name a few. Kevin plans on continuing his education with an emphasis in history at either John Carroll University, The University of Dayton or The Ohio State University in the fall.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship

Katie Dolciato—Katie, a principal's list, honor roll student and a scholar athlete, with a 3.4 GPA, has been involved in volleyball, basketball, softball. She is the Vice-President of the Class of 2008 and has been very involved with her class activities as well as activities outside school. Achieving one of her personal goals, she cont. from p. 3



CLASS REUNIONS



<u>CLASS</u>	<u>REUNION</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>SAT. COST</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>	<u>PHONE / E-MAIL</u>
1943	65th	Sep. 26-28, 2008	\$45.00	Marie Sterle	440-951-4333
1953	55th	Nov. 8, 2008	\$45.00	Al Stutz	216-381-9161
1958	50th	August 22, 2008	\$48.95	Bob Dunn	440-871-4757
1959	50th	June 26-28, 2009	\$70.00	Maureen Zihlerl Erb	nanaerb@bellsouth.net
1963	45th	Nov. 7-8, 2008	\$45.00	Wayne Farinacci	mrnach23@sbcglobal.net
1968	40th	Nov. 7-8, 2008	\$45.00	Mary Paternite	mpaternite@sbcglobal.net
1973	35th	Nov. 7-8, 2008	\$45.00	George Goley	440-953-9038
1978	30th	August 2, 2008	\$65.00	Scott Finerman	scf@partnerss.com
1983	25th	Nov. 7-8, 2008	\$45.00	Laurie Nihiser Korcuska	laurieinchicago@gmail.com
1988	20th	Oct. 25, 2008	\$67.50	Matt Sadowski	MattSadowski@Eaton.com
1998	10th	Nov. 24, 2008	\$50.00	Mandy Fordham Leensvaart	mandyleensvaart@gmail.com

Class of '78 link: <http://mayfieldclassof1978reunion.com/reunionplans.htm>

Class of '88 link: <http://www.reunionplanninginc.com>

Class of '98 link: <http://mhsclassof98.classquest.com/main/default.aspx>

November Will Bring Four New Staff Members Into The Fold

Each November, for the past 28 years, the Mayfield Alumni Association has held it's annual **Raffle/Multi Class Reunion**. Profits from this event help support the Association's scholarship program. Since this event has added the Multiple Class Reunion, it is becoming more popular. Last year three classes joined together for a great night out. This year, five classes have decided to share their reunions together. Since the **Staff Hall of Fame** was added in 2000 to honor those many Mayfield staff members who contributed so significantly to our education, this event has gone over the top. Staff Hall of Fame inductees are introduced at the Association's annual Raffle/Multi Class Reunion because this is the largest venue we have for this type of affair. Over the years, it has become a wonderful event that enables many alums to re-acquaint themselves with those staff members we admire so much. This year is no exception.

The Alumni Association is honored to announce that **Rod Meadows (deceased), Joe Popelka, Carl Roth, and Sandy Weisman Turner** will be inducted into the **Staff Hall of Fame on November 8, 2008**. These outstanding staff members have served the Mayfield student body well and will now be rewarded for their unselfish contributions to our education. This year's inductees will be greeted by well over 400 graduates, including members of the **Classes of 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1983**. Each committee has provided extensive feedback on how the Multi Class Reunion has minimized their workload and provided an excellent venue for their reunion, including more options at a much lower cost that they could have provided themselves. Seating is done by class and the Association handles all finances for the evening, minimizing financial responsibility for the committee at a smaller venue. Classes usually handle their own Friday night informal get-together. Contact the Association for more information on holding your next reunion with us. The benefits are exceptional.

Mayfield Alumni Association Staff Hall of Fame



Edward Andrews, Chick Beach, Gerry Beach, Harriet Bush, Joe Chilbert, Kay DelBrocco, Ed Ferris, Mary Grootegoed, Gene Havas, Bill Hunt, Carrie Jackson, Lee Johns, Rick Miner, Mike Niland, Mike Ostovic, Joanne Paller, Barb Pfender, Lou Ramicone, Frank Russell, Paul Sabatino, Ernie Safran, Joe Santora, Harvey Scheetz, Dutch Schmidt, Bill Shaylor, Bob Sheridan, Ed Siebenhar, John Steadman, John Szuhay, Herm Treu, Jean Zasio.

Class of '82 Reunion Recap

The **Class of 1982** celebrated its 25th reunion with the help of the Alumni Association last November and many agreed it was a gathering long overdue.

A few high school girlfriends, reminiscing about fun, funny and even some sad times started the ball rolling. But with busy lives, who had the time or energy to plan such an event? One call to Wayne Farinacci, Mayfield High School Alumni Association President, and the answer was clear: a combined 25th reunion with a few other classes and the Association's Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction. Nearly all event details were managed by the Association for an affordable cost. The details and costs included: cost of mailing invites to classmates and collecting RSVP's, \$45 per person for the reunion which included excellent appetizers, a family style dinner, open bar, flaming coffees, an extravagant dessert table, and a DJ., raffle main boards and side boards were available for an additional cost, silent auction items to bid on if you chose, and much more. The reunion committee was able to induct one of our teachers into the Mayfield Alumni's Staff Hall of Fame and participate in the induction at the reunion.

Our reunion announcement published in the alumni newsletter drew the attention of classmates not involved in senior class student government. Their interest and enthusiasm brought a reunion committee together where members got to work locating as many classmates as possible. So many who attended the reunion weekend were thankful, had a great time, and pleased they made the effort to participate. The 'petty' differences that once divided some were gone—a true sense of community was present.

Remarkable that having graduated from the same high school the same year bonds us all together. At a Friday night pre-party, many were struck by how much fun it was to see classmates, relax and catch up with friends. Even those who were not close in high school were hugging like family. Let's do it all over again in five years!

1982 Reunion Committee—Laura Cotton, Bob Snyder, Barb Strumbly Dostal, Bridgett Lorenzo Whyte, Patty Hauser Reiman



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Scholarship Awards

helped her basketball team win this year's Conference and District Championships titles. In the fall, she will be attending Bowling Green State University and pursue a degree in Education.

\$1,000 Alumni Association General Scholarship

Lauren Jacobson—Lauren, a two-year National Honor Society member, with a 4.1 GPA, has participated in Key Club (current treasurer), World Affairs Club (current president), Student Council, Students for Global Relief and P.R.I.D.E. Her athletic endeavors include four years of track and field (co-captain), four years of swim team, cross-country and soccer. She has also been a member of the marching band for four years (section leader for past three years). Through the World Affairs Club, she works with the Cleveland Council on World Affairs where she is chair of the Model United Nations competitions. Lauren wishes to pursue an education and a career in International Relations. She has been accepted to the College of Washington and Jefferson, the University of Evansville, DePaul University, Case Western Reserve University and The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Alumni Association General Scholarship

Jim Razzante—Jim, a two-year National Honor Society member, with a 4.0 GPA, comes from a large family and coincidentally, both his parents are Mayfield graduates. He has also been involved in Key Club, the recycling club, peer tutoring, baseball and football. He has been an A.V.I.S. award winner and been on the Principal's List. Jim is a four-year member of the baseball team which played into the post-season tournament this year. His hobbies are baseball and movies. In the fall, Jim plans on attending the University of Dayton where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship

Kelly Lang—Kelly, a member of the National Technical Honor Society, with a 3.8 GPA, has been involved in volleyball and softball. For two years, she has been participating in the Excel Tecc Culinary Arts program where she discovered a clear direction for her future. She plans to attend Johnson & Wales University in the fall where she will pursue a 2-year associates degree in Culinary Arts and a 4-year bachelor's degree in Business/Restaurant Management. Her goal is to open and operate her own restaurant.

\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship

Cassie Gay—Cassie, the three-year president of the Class of 2008, with a 3.2 GPA, has been involved in varsity softball and has been a four-year football cheerleader. She earned Division 1 2nd Team All-Conference Honors in Softball as well as being recognized as an All-Sun Messenger Softball Player. She has also maintained her academic standards by being on the Principal's List, Honor Role and Straight A List. Cassie is proud of many accomplishments during her tenure as class president and has also participated in Student Council, Key Club, Cat's Cabinet. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University and major in Health and Physical Education and become an elementary school P.E. teacher with the eventual dream of becoming an Athletic Director.

Mayfield Looses a Great One

The Mayfield High School Alumni Association is proud to assist the family of Paul Gadke in establishing the Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, which was awarded this year for the first time. The Association is pleased to continue Paul's interests and ideals through the lives of the many students who will receive his scholarship in the future. On paper, Paul was an English teacher, track coach, and ticket manager for the athletic department. In life, Paul was a hero to the Mayfield student body.

Many alums who knew Paul are scattered throughout the country. For those of you who knew Paul Gadke, but were not aware that he suffered a stroke in October of last year, you unfortunately were not able to visit with him in his final days. You would have seen a man who had not lost his sense of humor and who continued to stay atop of the events going on at Mayfield. He never lost sight of the many memories he had of his 35 years at Mayfield. He would recreate several of them with every visitor who came to see him.

Obviously, one of the most popular teachers to ever walk the halls of Mayfield will be sorely missed by the students and his colleagues. In Gad's honor, the Athletic Department purchased a rock monument which was placed outside the Athletic Department's office doors. Gad's four kids, Rhett, Brandon, Megan, and Beth established a scholarship fund that will honor their father for years and years to come. It will take far more than loss of life to curtail Paul Gadke's impact on Mayfield.

IN MEMORIAM

Jessie Davis Wenrich, '37, passed away January 28, 2008.

Josephine Cutrone Bonacci, '39, passed away October 7, 2007.

Jenevieve Fassett Gaeto, '46, passed away June, 2008.

Donald Rienoehl, '46, passed away March 18, 2008.

Jean Carmigiano Seccia, '46, passed away June, 2008.

Edward Yenyo, '48.

Robert Meyers, '50, passed away September 26, 2007.

Robert E. Badger, '55, passed away March 1, 2004.

Christopher Godale, '78, passed away May, 2008.

Timothy Arthur Schott, '90, passed away November 30, 2007.

Patrick DiBarto, '05, passed away September, 2007.

Staff Deaths:

Michael Crowe, Business Education teacher, football and basketball coach, passed away May 26, 2008.

Paul R. Gadke, English teacher, track coach and ticket manager, passed away April 2, 2008.

Judy Maderka Radosky, LD teacher, passed away February 7, 2008.

Beverly Hess Jamieson, French and Latin teacher, passed away June 3, 2008.

Help Us Inform Our Members

If you are aware of the passing of Mayfield graduates, the Association would welcome this information. Often, with our membership living all over the United States, the only way some members learn of the death of their classmates is through our newsletter. You can send this information to us through our e-mail address.

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School District Renovations Underway

Funded through the Permanent Improvement Levy community voters approved in May, 2006, a \$6 million district wide renovation project is being undertaken this summer. The renovations are so extensive that school officials decided to close all buildings. The project will include concrete and asphalt site improvements, roof repairs, window upgrades and replacements, HVAC renovations, gas line repairs, major bathroom renovations, and athletic field improvements. The only way to minimize interruption to the educational process is to compress all construction into the summer months.

Wildcattin' With Kitty



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Lt. William R. Turner, Class of '88, was promoted to chief of the Highland Heights Fire Department in June by the Highland Heights City Council. Turner was hired by the department in 1991 and promoted to lieutenant in 1996. He will replace former **Chief Edward Bencin, Class of '63**, who retired in March.

Turner said he has some plans in mind for the future of the department. He hopes to consult with his officers in the next few weeks and cull their thoughts. He would like to establish CPR and defibrillator training for businesses and residents in the city. He also hopes to expand basic first aid training in the schools.

Turner was raised in Highland Heights, though he now lives in Mayfield Heights with his wife and three children. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, his mother, **Sandy Turner**, is being inducted into the Mayfield Alumni Staff Hall of Fame in November. 2008 has been a good year for the Turners!

Frank Ippolito, Class of '96. Like many area natives Frank Ippolito and Michael Ross grew up dreaming of making movies. Ippolito's interest blossomed during his high school years. "Me and my friends used to make short films," he says. "I would make monsters and do makeup and crazy stuff." Unlike most who have aspirations of breaking into the movie business, however, Frank and Mike actually did something about it. Each moved west a few years ago, and both worked in special effects and makeup on the blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

Although Ippolito and Ross are close in age, 28 and 27 respectively, they grew up within minutes of each other, in Highland Heights and Lyndhurst, and went to rival high schools, Mayfield and Brush. They didn't cross paths until they were living in the Los Angeles area.

Before "Pirates," both worked on the Marilyn Manson video for "Personal Jesus." Their job: Create plaster babies that, when dropped, would shatter and yield a splattering of coins. Just another typical day at the office. "It's so weird—some of the things I do here," Ippolito says. "I'll call my mom and say, 'Oh, I'm making rubber heads.'"

On "Dead Man's Chest," one of Ippolito's major tasks was operating the remote control of the detached heart of supernatural villain Davy Jones, often just out of the frame of the shot. Although there may have been some additional shooting called "pickups" involving the heart,

Ippolito was the sole operator during principal photography. "It's safe to say if you saw the heart moving, that was me moving the remote control," he says.

Kathe Dillon Shelby, Class of '63, has been named the Director of Special Education for the State of Ohio. Kathe is the first female to hold this position, one of the highest in the field of education. She and her husband **Jim, Class of '63**, will be relocating to Columbus in August. Kathe has spent a greater portion of her career in the field of Special Education in the Greater Cleveland area.

Rina Spyrou, Class of '98, has opened a new restaurant this year in Tower City Center in downtown Cleveland. The name of her restaurant is called Mixed Greens. Rina is very excited about her new adventure and is hoping that many Wildcats stop by for something to eat. You can contact her at www.eatmixedgreens.com or through her e-mail address which is mixedgreensrs@gmail.com

Baiju Shah, Class of '89, was named one of "The Influentials" in Cleveland Magazine in April, 2008. He was included as one of 50 people who are changing northeast Ohio. Baiju is one of the founders of BioEnterprise, an organization that provides critical support of young bioscience companies. Back in 2002, Shah and his co-founders asked, How do you grow a region? The answer was you pull money into Northeast Ohio and, if you've got two top-tier hospitals and a science-minded university, you use that money to commercialize research. Six years later, you rank second in the Midwest in money invested in the biosciences. Shah's goal? "When people think of Cleveland, the image should be of health care innovation."



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are over 65 years old. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to clip the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum. If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

A warm WILDCAT WELCOME to:

- Don Christensen, '53
- Mary Jane Maxwell Mardikoff, '53
- Lillian Schneider Dickmon, '53
- Terry Peacock, '58
- Virginia Badger Peacock, '60
- Kathleen Lyczko Miller, '66
- Charles DiNapoli, '68
- Howard Miller, '68
- Grace Wright-Soukenik, '82
- Tina Monastero, '83
- Nicholas Scaccia, '98
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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Mr. Farinacci, et.al.:

I wanted to write concerning my realization about the lack of any scholarships that the Association sponsors that deal directly with science and math education. I realize full well that the Association does not create the scholarships and is beholden to the donors and their desire to express the latter's wishes as to how the funds are to be spent. However, of the twelve scholarships listed on the back of the green donor card, four are for athletic ability displayed in high school, one-third of the total. Again, I realize that is the way the hand was dealt. The impression left, however, is that Mayfield is a school system which has a terminal case of "jock itch" and that the world, especially the academic world beyond the secondary level is of little importance. I am sure that Mayfield has sent a number of students on into the sciences in the years since 1955. However, unless the school has been totally unique in its approach to science and math education, that number has still been less than outstanding.

I am scarcely one to be raising this issue, in that I am not a trained scientist either. Nor, on the other hand, am I a non-athlete, having over the years played more competitive handball and tennis than my aching knees care to remember. I am still doing so at age 70, at least three times a week. Other than keeping me in reasonable shape, however, in the final analysis it does not mean a damn thing. In short, I would like to call upon the Alumni Association to urge present and future donors to set up a healthy scholarship(s) program to encourage and reward those students who display outstanding ability in the science labs and math classes. Thanks for letting this old duffer get this off his chest, and I wish you and the Association all the best in future fund raising. Enclosed find \$50.00.

Neil O. Leighton, '55
Professor Emeritus, Political Science
University of Michigan-Flint
Visiting Professor of African Studies,
Michigan State University

Editor's Response:

Dear Neil:

It's about time somebody out there got fired up about something! Anything! I thought your letter was thought provoking and sent from the heart. You are correct in realizing that the individual or family who created the scholarship controls the criteria that our scholarship committee uses for selecting the appropriate student. Also, it is important to note the variety of scholarships the Alumni Association manages. They may be categorized as follows:

Athletics—5, Collaros, Gadke*, Ritner, Vojticek, Woodie
Business—1, West*
Character & Involvement—1, Shaylor
Cosmetology—1, Alvarez/MarkFrank
Drama—1, Szuhay
Education—2, Huelsman and Scheetz
High Achievement—2, Leadership and Colombi
Son/daughter of a MHS graduate—2, 3 or 4, General
* = Awarded for the first time this year.

Please keep in mind that the above categories all included multiple criteria that focus on a much broader range of skills, knowledge, and interests that students need to possess in order to qualify. It should be noted that the largest scholarships are in the High Achievement category, almost always involving math and science. Further, the Leadership Scholarship of \$2,500 is primarily funded by one alum who has determined that the Class Valedictorian should receive the greatest recognition financially. Over the years, this student has been over the top in math and science.

Thanks so much for your inquiry. The Mayfield Alumni Association is one of the strongest public high school alumni associations in Ohio because of people like you who choose to stay involved "after all these years." Questions like yours continue to focus our direction.

Wayne Farinacci, '63
President and Editor



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MAYFIELD ALUMNI GOLF OUTING



The Mayfield Alumni Association's annual golf outing was held at Grantwood Golf Course on June 22nd, 2008. The winning foursome of **Dave Ungrady, Paul Kinczel, Dennis Andres, and Brian Mann** won the scramble with a score of 58. Their names will be added to the Alumni Golf Outing trophy. Prize money was given to the first, second and third place teams.

In addition to the top teams receiving cash payouts, money was given for pin shots and long drives as follows:

Closest to the Pin - #4 **Dennis Andres**, #7 **Larry Corio**, #9 **Larry Corio**, #12 **David Carpenter**, and #14 **Tim Farrell**

Long drives - #5 **Brian Mann**, #17 **Brian Mann**
Each winner received \$10 and a golf mug.

The \$95 entry fee included all of the above plus golf and cart, all-you-can-eat lunch, a great steak dinner, beer & water, and skins game. \$250 was given out to the skins

game winners. They included the **Angie** group on #7, the **Agresta** group on #18, the **Corio** group on #9 and #13, the **Margolis** group on #15, and the **Ungrady** group on #4 and 11.

We could not have a successful outing without the help of our sponsors. The Association and golfers greatly appreciate the following companies and alums:

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Finally, the Association wants to thank our organizers **Al Agresta, '63 and Dave Ungrady, '86** for making all the arrangements and obtaining sponsors. We would also like to thank our scorekeepers and registration assistants **Sandie Agresta and Anna Farinacci**.

58 Dave Ungrady
Paul Kinczel
Dennis Andres
Brian Mann

62 Al Agresta
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Steve Agresta
Cam Elliott

62 Paul Woosley
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Tina Monastero, '83 - Fundraising

Alumni Calendar 2008-09

Events:

August 3, 2008	Alumni Baseball Game
September 26, 2008	Homecoming Tailgate Party
November 8, 2008	Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame
	Induction/Multi Class Reunion
April 20, 2009	Memorabilia Night
June 21, 2009	Alumni Golf Outing

Executive Board Meetings: (held at Alumni Museum)

September 8, 2008	February 9, 2009
October 13, 2008	March 9, 2009
November 3, 2008	April 13, 2009
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