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DELIA GROGAN SELBY...IS SHE FINALLY RETIRING??



A living legend still walks the halls of the Bronxville Schools and she is as stylish as ever! Delia Grogan Selby, or Mrs. Selby to her current students, has been teaching at the Bronxville School for over forty years. During that time she has touched countless lives and has improved our knowledge of social studies significantly, our ability to become critical thinkers and, not insignificantly, our qualitative writing skills. Graduates have commented that their college history classes were no comparison to Delia's classes.

As we recently sat down to talk with Delia about her experiences over the years at Bronxville, she sat back in deep thought and then opened by saying: "I would start the article like this...Mrs. Selby finally retired in 2006, but not for real!" Some things never change...once a student of Delia's, always a student!!

Delia did retire last spring after forty years of teaching at Bronxville, but was asked if she would consider staying on for another year to teach the Advanced Placement European History class to sophomores. In addition, she was also asked to initiate a writing project that would help to standardize the English and Social Studies writing guidelines for 6th through 12th grade. This project will ultimately produce a manual for teachers that can then be adapted for students. In addition, because she is so incredibly valuable to the Social Studies Department, she was asked to help mentor three new teachers.

Just sitting and talking with Delia is an inspirational experience. After forty years, she still brings a high level of energy and passion to her work that has pushed many students over the years to excel beyond where they thought they could. Notably, she believes that students were better writers ten years ago because they were readers. For the fast-paced, technology-driven students of today there is little time to read, and Delia believes that this shows in their writing development. She feels the partnership between the families and school need to address this problem. One solution has been the implementation this school year of the sustained reading program in the Middle School, which will hopefully inspire a new generation of readers (and writers) going forward.

Unfortunately, as New York State began to change the public school curriculum in the 80's and implement state mandates, the curriculum became less creative and expansive, resulting in fewer elective offerings and more structure. Years ago, in her "Great Decisions" class, we focused intensely for a semester on Current Events. The discussions were lively and informative, and importantly, they left us with a true appreciation for how important it is to keep current with world issues and events.

Delia and Patsy Ribner Zendell still meet weekly at their club, Bergdorf's, to catch up. Patsy is still known to say of Delia, "If it weren't for Bergdorf's, I would be a communist!" Delia and Patsy still chat about clothes, decorating and, of course, the students and the school. Delia misses her good friend in the halls of Bronxville where they would regularly put on their dog and pony show. They would bring out the best in each other both in and outside of the classroom.

Colleagues have remarked fondly that Delia is not only a friend, but also a mentor. Her superior intelligence and critical thinking are matched only by her compassion and kindness. Year after year her teaching is excellent, with her signature line "now listen to me!" Delia is one of Bronxville's best and we will all miss her a great deal.

When we asked her about her plans for retirement, she had plenty. But as one would expect, many revolve around educating herself further. She plans to study Italian and take Russian literature and several other courses at Columbia. Right now she is just dabbling in these areas. Once she retires, she will fully immerse herself. That is...if the school is willing to let her go! The Superintendent has said that if he can talk Delia into one more year, he will. He realizes how valuable she is and he would love to have her stay!

With her coffee cup in hand, her messy desk and stylish presence...nothing has changed! A special person to so many families, it will be a sad day when she walks the Bronxville School Halls for the last time. But when she does we will all wish her the best! As they say in Italian; "Andiamo!"

Farewell to Some Faculty that have Touched Generations



Bronxville is a unique community for many reasons. One of the most compelling reasons that families are attracted to the Bronxville community is the quality of the school and its faculty. Many of these high-caliber faculty have taught in the Bronxville school for decades. This spring three very special teachers are retiring, and each have touched the lives of many families over their long tenure. We thought the alumni would be interested in catching up with them.



Scores of youngsters undoubtedly have fond memories of being in **Linda Abbott's** classroom during her 27 years at the Bronxville School. Linda came to Bronxville in 1980 after teaching at a private school in Brooklyn and in the New York City public school system. She was attracted to Bronxville by the opportunity to work with small

classes and by the progressive educational philosophy. Linda started in the primary department, teaching first and second grades for eleven years. She feels that that experience helped her to grow a great deal as a professional by having the chance to work under the tutelage of some very dedicated master teachers. Linda then moved to the fourth grade where she remained for thirteen years. She has spent the last three years as a fifth grade teacher. Linda has enjoyed taking on the challenges of teaching a variety of grades over the years.

Along with her classroom teaching, Linda has contributed to the school community through her many years of service as Coordinator of the Lincoln Center program that brings performers and artists to the school to work with students. She also served on the Lecture Series Committee, chairing it for a number of years. Linda is "honored" to have spent the bulk of her career in the Bronxville School and she is "exceedingly grateful" to have had the opportunity to bring her daughter (Chloe, now a college senior) to Bronxville where she had a "world class education" in a "caring, nurturing and stimulating environment".

In appropriate terms for an elementary school teacher, Linda describes her retirement plans as moving from life as a city mouse to that of a country mouse. She looks forward to spending time at her upstate farmhouse with her husband and animals. She currently has a horse, dog and cat and plans to add chickens to the mix. She also anticipates devoting more time to her flower garden and putting in a vegetable garden.



Martha Silver joined the faculty of the Bronxville School fourteen years ago. Prior to teaching, Martha directed the training for Hilton International for thirteen years, but no longer wanted to travel. She went back to school for her Master's Degree in Elementary and Special Education with the goal to teach French, but found a passion for special education. Over the past fourteen years, Martha has taught in the Special Education area of the Middle School. When she began teaching, there were only a few students in resource room and only a few resource room classes at each grade level, so often she taught

6th, 7th and 8th grade and then shared the grade level skills. But that number has grown in recent years, which has enabled her to focus on one grade level, 7th. The level of support needed is greater now because the needs and demands of the students are greater. Martha has really enjoyed working with middle school students because they are still in their formative years intellectually, so she felt like she could really make a difference with these students. And being a part of the middle school teams, also meant that she had the opportunity to chaperone the students on Williamsburg trips, which she did for fourteen years.

Martha has really enjoyed working at Bronxville because of both the students, who she has found always displayed an enthusiasm for learning, as well as the incredible teachers and staff that she has had the privilege of working with. Martha has also been active in other areas of the school. She has been on the Technology Committee, which inspired her to earn a Masters Degree in Technology, finding another passion! She has also been involved with the strategic plan, serving on two planning committees. And lastly, she has co-directed, with Aleta Tomanelli, three middle school plays: "Grease", "Annie" and "Sound of Music".

Martha has mixed emotions about leaving Bronxville as she really loved her job. However, she plans to spend more time at her house on the Maine coast. She will also spend more time painting and gardening. She would also like to keep her hand in teaching by working part-time at the small elementary school nearby her home in Maine. She plans to enjoy the fall weather in New England and return to her home in New York from time to time.



Bill Magner began his career at the Bronxville School in 1977 and is retiring after thirty years of teaching in the special education department. Having grown up in Mount Vernon, he was familiar with Bronxville. Still, as a newly-minted Special Education instructor, he saw both challenge and opportunity. "When I arrived here, Ms. Kennedy was in charge of the Resource room, which at that time serviced approximately 50 students spanning the entire junior high and high schools." The Special Education function has since expanded to a full-time Special-Ed teacher for each middle and high school grade. Bill has handled the eleventh grade.

Bill has also spent many years coaching football at Bronxville. He began with the Freshman and/or junior varsity programs and then took over the varsity program in 1988. Bill had played football at Mount St. Michael's High School and then played college ball at William & Mary. Bill was as dedicated to his football players as he was to his students. He would combine humor, discipline and hard work to mold often-hapless adolescents into decent football players.

Bill and his wife Maria have three grown children, whom all attended the Bronxville school. Looking back, Bill says the whole experience has been wonderful: "If I hadn't stayed here, I probably wouldn't be teaching. I would have gone to law school." Over the years Bill has developed many life-long friendships with faculty and students. What he will miss the most is the kids here, "they are great kids."

Next fall will be the first time in 33 years that Bill and his wife Maria are not tied to a school schedule. Maria is a 1st grade teacher and reading specialist in the Mount Vernon school system. She will also be retiring this June after 33 years of teaching. They will spend their time between here and their house in East Quogue.

Two of their three children live locally and they have additional family in the area. When they bought their house in Mount Vernon, they planned on being there for 5 years and stayed 25. They are still considered a newcomer on the block as a number of people have stayed

longer. Maria may come back to work one day a week at her school. They have no major travel plans. Bill's brother will be turning 50 and his brother-in-law 60, and they all get along great, so they are planning a trip together to celebrate.

MEET THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—TERRY BARTON



Terry Barton greets some students and the BHS opening day breakfast.

After high school principal Anthony Miserandino announced in the spring that he would be leaving the school, there was some concern that finding a replacement for him would be a lengthy process. As it turned out that did not prove to be

the case. A screening committee made up of a cross-section of Bronxville's educational community was formed and they were very fortunate to quickly come up with a pool of sixty applicants. They interviewed six candidates and ended up with an outstanding choice in Terry Barton. Mr. Barton assumed his position as high school principal in August and has hit the ground running. He came to Bronxville from Indian Hill High School in Indian Hill, Ohio (a suburb of Cincinnati) where he had served as principal since 2001. Previously, he was a high school principal in Birmingham, Michigan and associate principal and director of athletics in Lake Forest, Illinois. He also held administrative positions in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin and taught and coached at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. Mr. Barton received his bachelor's degree from Lake-

land College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He is married, with three grown children and four grandchildren.

Before coming to Bronxville, Superintendent of Schools David Quattrone was school superintendent in Indian Hill, Ohio where he worked with Terry Barton. In announcing Mr. Barton's appointment, Dr. Quattrone stated, "I am delighted by the opportunity to work with Terry Barton again. He performed in an outstanding manner at Indian Hill, and I am pleased that he earned the independent endorsement of a screening committee that represented many constituencies. I feel confident that he will add a great deal to our school system and to the community". A member of the screening committee noted about Mr. Barton: "His wit, personable nature, and ability to command respect surfaced consistently throughout his responses, making him a good fit for Bronxville". This assessment has proven to be right on target. Terry Barton has only been at the Bronxville High School for a matter of months, yet has already had a very positive impact. His educational philosophy is that he is a student-centered administrator who cares a lot about the students in the school and wants them to have a positive experience. He spends time in the cafeteria getting to know students and finding out what they are thinking. His goal is to "move Bronxville High School to even higher heights, and make it the best high school in the country". With Terry Barton at the helm that might just be possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH VITO PRIORE!!

On October 4, 2006, Vito Priore, long-time Bronxville High School coach, teacher and athletic director, was inducted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame. After beginning his thirty-five year career at Alexander Hamilton High School, Coach Priore spent over two decades at Bronxville School teaching physical education and coaching football, track & field, baseball, basketball, tennis and golf. He served as Chairman of Section I football, was pivotal in establishing a state-wide football championship and was later recognized as a Conference III Athletic Director of the Year. For the many Bronxville alumni who were fortunate to play on his teams, Coach Priore will forever be associated with the phrase "pride, sacrifice and desire!"



Former BHS football players honoring Vito Priore's induction into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame were, from left to right, Javi Saralegui ('76), Jeff Cooney ('76), Earl Geer ('76), Chris Cooney ('78), Coach Vito Priore, Chris Carini ('86), Ed O'Toole ('82), Tim Faselt ('82) and John Priore ('82). Not pictured, but also in attendance were his son, Tommy ('86), Roger Goodell ('77) and Bill Mulally ('78).

Reunions were Plentiful and Fun

BHS Multi-Class Reunion - Columbus Day Weekend 2006

An alumni reunion that included the five BHS graduating classes of 1959-1964 was held in Bronxville during Columbus Day Weekend. This 3-day/3-night event incorporated multi-class activities with individual class breakout events, resulting in 5 separate class reunions within the framework of the combined class events that continued throughout the weekend. More than 350 BHS alumni came to Bronxville to attend, making it the largest BHS reunion in Bronxville history.

Based on the concept that most BHSers had friends in class years surrounding their own graduation class, the reunion objective was to reunite classmates from that graduating era who had not seen each other in many years. The result was truly a step back in time, and the costume of the day was typically an ear-to-ear grin on the face of attendees.

Organized by Jim Bazin (BHS '60), the reunion details were managed by a team of class representatives who took on the responsibility of handling communication to their individual classes. Tina Hewitt Morrison ('64), Patsy Cecil Edwards ('63), Claire Monahan Knox ('62), Jackie Zuccaire Auerbach ('61), Lonna Keller Heffington ('60), Tom Carroll and Margie Hinkel Mathisen ('59), and Bill Renner ('58) were the class reps for the event. Other class members, such as Jay Colmer ('63) and Tom Sanford ('64) shared treasury responsibilities with their class representatives. With the advice, encouragement, and help of the team behind the multiple-class reunion held in 1997 - Carol O'Brien Renner, Pete McGrath, Jackie Zuccaire Auerbach - this team of class representatives spent a period of several months organizing one of the most enjoyable events they could remember. Thankfully, technology was a "best friend" during the organization process for the team.

"I tried to apply technology to aid the communication efforts," said Jim Bazin. Bazin continued; "putting this reunion together was a daunting task, and I can't imagine accomplishing what we did in a more traditional way. I built an information website for the event (<http://jimbazin.com/bhs>) that included contact information for class reps, schedule of events, registration information, who was planning to attend from each class, information on the Village of Bronxville, and accommodation-dining-transportation information relevant to a stay in the area. I also designed a downloadable pdf registration form for each class, that those wishing to attend could print out and mail to their class rep with a check for the events they planned to attend."

"The communication among the team of class reps was handled by email, and through an invitation-only blog I created for reunion organizing committee purposes. Access to the blog was limited to one representative from each class. This was a key component to the organization effort in that it allowed the exchange of ideas regarding events before we took them public."

The Bronxville Girl Scout Cabin was truly the "glue" that held the weekend together. It was rented for the entire weekend, and it provided the perfect gathering place from Saturday morning through the following Monday for alumni of the various classes to meet in a relaxed environment. Breakfast and lunch was provided daily at the cabin (catered by Lange's Deli) so the attendees could maximize their time in one location with their friends in between planned events.

Formal multi-class events were scheduled at the Field Club (Friday night) and at Siwanoy Country Club (Sunday night). Saturday night events were scheduled individually by each class representative, with private class gatherings held at various venues and at homes of those still living in the Village area. Following the Saturday evening events, alums returned to

the Girl Scout Cabin for a Late Night Party until the wee hours of Sunday morning.

BHS '59 held their class party at Pete's Tavern on Saturday night, while BHS '60 held their event around the corner at J.C. Fogarty's. BHS '61 held their private event at the Field Club, while BHS '63 rented the Bronxville Women's Club and had them cater it. The Women's Club brought back lots of memories, from Miss Covington and her "clicker" to the introduction of the Meekers as our dancing instructors.

The members of BHS '62 enjoyed their Saturday evening party at the Bronxville home of John and Berit Schumacher. The award for traveling the furthest definitely went to Chris Vardala, who came all the way from Finland to attend the reunion!

BHS '64 reunion attendees spent Saturday evening at Gordon Harriss's home where a fantastic party was meticulously planned by his wife Elizabeth, who actually cooked most of the food herself. BHS '64 had the highest attendance rate for a private class event, with more than 60 classmates in attendance.

On Saturday morning, a series of alumni tours of Bronxville High School were arranged by the Bronxville School Foundation. The former classmates enjoyed looking for their old lockers and home-rooms, as well as marveling at the newly updated areas of the school.

"The years in between our last visits just melted away after the first recognition of old friends," said Tina Hewitt Morrison, BHS '64. "And during the daylight hours, it was like old times walking through the village and running into people we knew from way back when. We returned home with wonderful memories brought back to life, renewed friendships, new memories to take with us, and a determination to do this again in the not-too-distant future."



Reunions were Plentiful and Fun

BHS Class of 1996 has last Reunion at Girl Scout Cabin

The Bronxville High School Class of 1996 held their 10-year reunion on November 25th, over this past Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The lively affair was very well attended, with classmates journeying from as nearby as Tuckahoe, and as far as Japan. Attendees enjoyed the music of a live band, along with (sometimes embarrassing) video presentations of old high school footage. Scarborough Fair, of Bronxville, catered the event which featured dinner and dancing. This reunion will go down as one of the final events to take place at the old, beloved Girl Scout Cabin, and will be remembered with special fondness for that reason.



Bronxville High School Class of 1986 Reunion

They came home from points all across the country - from California to Connecticut, Maine to Miami - returning to their roots by rail and by rickshaw. Students from Bronxville High School's Class of 1986 returned to Bronxville the weekend of November 10-11 to celebrate their 20th high school reunion. The event was an unqualified success with more than 60 former Broncos and guests joining in the festivities.

Kicking off the weekend on Friday night, those in town for an early start met for an informal gathering at Pete's Tavern to get a jump on reconnecting with classmates. On Saturday morning, '86 classmate and current Bronxville teacher and coach Dan Martin gave a tour of the school, which was a first viewing of the recently-constructed facilities for most.

The main event on Saturday night was a buffet dinner held at the Bronxville Field Club from 7:00 until 11:00pm. Highlighting an evening of socializing and reminiscing was Andy Seem's power-point presentation of entertaining, sentimental, and whenever possible, embarrassing photos from high schools days. The class felt right at home with the familiar sounds of the Grateful Dead, Van Morrison, and Led Zeppelin emanating from the juke box. Following the Field Club event, the adventurous continued on at The Station House (bar formerly known as the Ox), to complete the walk down memory lane.

For the many who had not seen one another since graduation it was difficult to fully catch up in such a short time, but nevertheless it was a very memorable weekend for all.

For those who were unable to make it to the reunion weekend, all was not lost. The Bronxville High School Class of 1986 website (www.bronxvillereunions.com/1986) (courtesy of classmate Dave Elliott and Class of '85 graduate Roland Rogers) allow classmates to post messages, pictures, and connect online.



ATTENTION CLASS OF 1967

Plans are under way for a blowout 40th reunion celebration by the BHS Class of '67 during the weekend of October 5th - 7th, 2007. Final details are still in the works, but mark your calendars and join us to relive old memories, make new ones and have some fun. We are again hoping that members of the Classes of '65, '66, '68 and friends of those classes who had ties to '67 will join us for the festivities. If you have questions, updated information or would like to be on our mailing lists, please contact one of the following:
 Christy Patt - (802) 253-9905 or christyp@gostowe.com; Mary Anne Denniston - (914) 337-4295 or madenniston@optonline.net;
 Leslie Harper - (914) 967-3747 or LeslieJHarper@aol.com.



2006 Grads Return to Campus

Home for the Thanksgiving holiday, the class of '06 came back to the school for a mini class reunion to connect with their fellow BHS classmates, current seniors, teachers and staff. Twenty-five members of the class of '06 shared stories about college life.

"There was a plethora of post grads," said junior Karina Benziger. "It felt as if they were almost ubiquitous. I was exuberant to see the multifarious faces. I was aghast when they left... '06."

Other Students, like Benziger, highly anticipated the return of their classmates. Among those who attended the reunion, which took place in the High School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., were Liz MacMillan, Greg Fino and Evan Gogel.

MacMillan, a freshman at Miami University of Ohio, shed light on her new experience as a PG. "It is strange to come back to the school and realize that I don't go there anymore," she said. "It was such a big part of my life for so many years." MacMillan plans on advising current seniors about college life, as well as her sister Stephanie, a member of the class of '08. "It is important for kids to hear from graduates how to be successful in college, how to manage time and how to get along with others," said Director of Guidance Anne Abbatecola.

"The hardest part was seeing everyone and then having to say goodbye again," said Ryan Kelly, a freshman at Connecticut College.

And then on Wednesday, January 3rd, six members of the class of 2006 participated in a panel presentation for 100 current juniors and seniors. Their candid discussion of the college search and application process, planning for first semester prior to arriving on campus and actual experiences at college throughout the first semester was enlightening to all in attendance. The importance of visiting colleges to determine if the setting is an appropriate one, narrowing the list before sending out too many applications, and thinking carefully about choices and course selection for first semester was highlighted. Topics stressed regarding the first semester were good organization, planning and time management, benefiting from orientation and dealing with new social situations, co-existing with a roommate, demands of athletic participation,



balancing athletics and academics and making connections with professors. Many thanks and wishes for continued success to the panelists: Peter Bruton, Sarah Crowley, Taimur Dar, Catherine Hayden,

Elaine Harris and Patricia Tumlinson.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

GOODELL '77 ELECTED NFL COMMISSIONER



Members of the Class of '77 remember the "new kid" - Roger Goodell - who joined the Class when he moved to Bronxville in 7th Grade. "He was kind of quiet at first, but then he could break everybody up with his clowning around" said classmate and neighbor Mike Sargent. He quickly earned the respect of

his classmates, and distinguished himself as a great athlete and "great guy". His senior year, he captained the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams, and received the "Athlete of the Year" award. Known as a "straight shooter" off the field, his performance on the field made his teammates proud.

Now the entire BHS community has even more to be proud of - in August, Goodell was elected Commissioner of the NFL by the 32 owners in the League. He becomes the eighth chief executive in the 87-year history of the NFL. "Who would have thunk it" proclaimed classmate Jim Boles. "It's pretty amazing when you think about it - the guy we used to fool around with is now running the entire NFL!"

Even in high school, Goodell dreamed of working for the NFL and becoming Commissioner. "Everybody as a kid dreams of playing professional sports," Goodell said. "It changed for me in high school. I tremendously admired [then NFL commissioner] Pete Rozelle. I knew I wanted to work for Pete." After graduating from BHS in '77, Goodell attended Washington & Jefferson, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in economics. Upon his graduation from Washington & Jefferson, he wrote over 40 letters to the NFL seeking a position. His persistence paid off. In 1982, he was offered a 3 month internship in the league office in New York.

After spending the 1983 season as an intern with the New York Jets, Goodell returned to the league office in 1984 as an assistant in the public relations department. In 1987, he was appointed assistant to the president of the American Football Conference, Lamar Hunt, by then Commissioner Rozelle. Goodell's election to succeed the NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who is retiring after seventeen years, is a result of twenty four years of hard work and dedication to a dream, beginning with a three month internship and rising to the top spot! Two days into the job, he was presented with a football with his signature on it. "They got my name off one of the league contracts I had signed" he said. "It blew me away."



Roger with his brothers (from left to right): Michael, (Roger), Bill, Tim, Jeffrey and his father seated in front

Roger has also recently returned to Bronxville with his wife and twin girls. They entered kindergarten the same time their Dad took over the reigns of the NFL. When one of Goodell's relatives was talking with Roger's daughters they said something like "Daddy's

the boss!", and the girls responded by saying "not in our house ... Mommy's the boss!" Roger and his four brothers, Bill, Tim, Michael and Jeffrey, are still very close and get together as often as possible.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

JEFF COONEY TEAMS UP WITH "PLAY IT SMART" TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jeff Cooney ('76), captain of the '75 varsity team and a Section 1 leader in passing, is in his fifth year supporting Mount Vernon High School's participation in Play It Smart, the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame's mentoring program for at-risk student-athletes. Jeff's interest in the program was first sparked in the fall of 2001, when he was hired to make a documentary about Play It Smart. While directing the 30-minute award winning documentary, "Game of Their Lives", Jeff decided that he would fully fund Mount Vernon High School's participation in the program, and he currently serves on national boards for both the National Football Foundation and Play It Smart.

Jeff's latest documentary, "The Game of Their Lives II", centers on the Mount Vernon program and is being distributed through public access nationally and throughout the local middle school and elementary school system. The film promotes the value of bringing equal passion to athletic and academic pursuits.

Jeff, a former child actor, has been making movies, episodic television and TV commercials for 20 years. He is executive vice president and part owner of EUE Screen Gems Studios, the producer of several television shows, including ABC's the Rachel Ray Show.

Play It Smart was launched in 1998 in four schools, and is currently in 136 schools in 35 states with more than 12,000 participants. The program, which includes a full summer tutorial, teaches "academic coaches" to work with high school football teams in underserved areas during the school year, enabling players to take the life skills learned on the field and apply them in the classroom and the community. It has quickly become one of the most far-reaching youth development programs in the nation. The academic coaches are both supremely dedicated and innovative in the face of limited budgets. Cooney marvels, "They're coaches, they're mentors, they're qualified SAT prep counselors. They do it all, and these kids really respond."

Cooney feels that "seeing these kids grow in character is incredibly rewarding. To see that arc of development from freshmen to senior year and beyond, that is rich." Play It Smart players often navigate among the perils of urban gangs, and the teams themselves are gangs of a sort. "They call them learning gangs," says Cooney. "When they're not playing football or studying, they take to the streets." To pick up garbage at a local park, that is. Or help a girls' karate class. Or babysit kids while their working parents attend a community event.

Cooney says the record for going to college among Mount Vernon's football squad is virtually perfect. The football team now regularly outperforms the rest of the school in grades, SATs and graduation rate. And the football hasn't suffered at Mount Vernon. In the last two years they've been to two major football bowl games, and in 2004 they sent the best Mount Vernon football team in 85 years to the state playoffs.

"Fund raising is the key to the program's success," says Cooney, "and Ronnie Lott has been terrific as national spokesman." Corporations and other organizations also are important contributors. "The NFL comes in for a big chunk, so thanks to the League and its Commissioner [Roger Goodell '77, Cooney's running back] for that. But individuals play a big role too, and there are plenty of local schools in places like White Plains and Yonkers that would greatly benefit from sponsorship."

Nonetheless, Jeff recognizes that the program is not one-size-fits-all. Every year there's a new kid with new issues, struggling in math or

in other areas. Jeff knows these kids, and they know him. He's hands-on, and very genuine.

Because at the heart of it all is the love of good, clean sport. After Bronxville School, Jeff left the quarterback ranks and went on to become a Division I-A college receiver at Holy Cross. "It was their idea," he says. "They saw that I had good hands, and couldn't see over the line." But in real life, Jeff has clearly demonstrated far-reaching vision in bringing opportunity and hope to new generations of student-athletes in nearby Mount Vernon.

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BRONXVILLE'S COONEY HELPS TRANSFORM IMAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced today that award winning film director Jeff Cooney has agreed to continue his support of Mount Vernon High School's participation in Play It Smart, the NFF's highly successful mentoring program that has changed the lives of thousands of at-risk student-athletes over the last nine years. This will mark the fifth year that Cooney will provide full funding for the program at Mount Vernon.



HEY CLASS OF '82!!

Your 25th Reunion is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 13th.

Ridgely Thorp Donohue is in charge, but please email Ed O'Toole (emotoole@venable.com) with your ideas, updated information and availability. As in the past, we hope to focus Saturday afternoon's activities around kids and plan a festive gathering Saturday night. We hope you can be there, it will be lots of fun!



WE WANT YOU!!

The Foundation is looking for volunteers to serve as Alumni Class Representatives to be points of contact between the School, the Foundation and your class. We'll provide you with periodic updates on significant projects, milestones and events involving the School and will work with you to keep current contact information for your classmates in order to make your reunions more meaningful. We'll also help you establish a webpage for your class that you can link to through the Foundation's home site. If you're interested, please email us at williamp@bronxville.k12.ny.us or give us a call at (914) 395-0515.

Fifteen Years of Grants and Giving

The Foundation has given almost \$3,000,000 over the last fifteen years to all areas of the Bronxville School – sciences, arts, athletics, music, technology, curriculum development, and more....

Smart Kids:
Smartboards
are among
the Foundation's
\$2,225,000 technology
grants that benefit
every child in
every school



Future Pulitzer's:
The Elementary
School library
received \$140,000
from the
Foundation for
furniture and
media center
equipment



Gifted In Science:
The Foundation
has made \$260,000
science gifts,
including high-tech
lab equipment for
the Middle and
High Schools



Athletic Prowess:
\$180,000 in awards
include all Fitness
Room equipment
and the Project
Adventure ropes
and climbing gear



Copilots:
The Foundation has
piloted many AP
programs, beginning
with AP English in
1999. Other pilot
programs include
Spanish in the
Elementary School

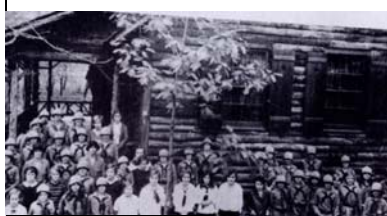


Artistically Inclined:
Art and music
gifts in excess of
\$200,000 include
kilns, photography
equipment, and the
new Middle School
band/instrument
lockers



1991-2006
\$3,000,000 Grant Awards

Girl Scout Cabin Burned Down Christmas Fire



1930's Cabin

The Bronxville Girl Scout cabin burned down on Christmas day, and sadly, it remains a charred hulk on the village-owned Maltby Field. Except for the old stone fireplace, the cabin is beyond saving. It was a place of long-lasting memories. Over the course of a generation, it was a place for reunions, holiday parties, weddings and other events. The cabin was built in 1929, which coincidentally was the year the Kennedys moved to Bronxville. As the years went by, fewer and fewer girls joined the Scouts. By 1982, the Girl Scouts offered to give the cabin to the village,



Today's Remains

free of charge, as they no longer had any use for it. Initially, the village viewed the cabin as an unwelcome albatross. And that's when Dorothy Brennan came to the cabin's rescue. She pleaded with the mayor to preserve the cabin as a venue for social and civic events. Brennan was told the cabin was hers to manage, as long as it didn't cost the village a penny. For 24 years, Dorothy has fought hard to preserve and manage the cabin, funding the upkeep through rental fees. She most recently put in a handicap ramp for the multi-year reunion this past fall, to accommodate the ten classmates that are wheelchair users. Ruled an accident, the fire started at 1:25 a.m. Christmas Day. Dorothy cried for three days when she heard the news. She is optimistic that money can be raised to build the cabin around its old stone fireplace...we'll keep you posted!

ALUMNI WALK

Nearly 1,400 bricks grace the path at the entrance of the Bronxville School in a bedrock show of support for the school by Bronxville alumni. Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has been enthusiastically built by donations from graduates of all ages, as well as families and friends wishing to honor former students or reunions.

This year 80 bricks were added to the Walk, Names are listed below.

Elizabeth Taylor Aherne '80
 Erin Leigh Baldwin '97
 Andrew H. Bartsch '06
 Alison Beck '06
 Andrew Alexander Bevan '06
 Samantha Jean Bowen '04
 Emily Duncan Brasco '06
 George Carneal '53
 Karen E. Sheer Carpenter '69
 Kevin Andrew Carroll '06
 Nina Clarke '02
 Patrick Clarke '05
 Class of 1946 60 Years
 Class of 2006
 Max Collins '06
 James R. Collins '46
 Meghan B. Connor '06

Sarah H. Crowley '06
 Daniel Joseph de la Torre '06
 Anne de Saint Phalle '06
 Barbara Doherty '06
 Jonathan Geddes Drew '06
 John A. Duclos '05
 John Escherich '04
 Katie Escherich '98
 Mark "Tad" Fabiaschi '06
 Kimberly R. White Ferreira '81
 John Friis-Mickelson '66
 Ashley Ellen Galloway '06
 Evan Wood Gogel '06
 Olivia Gossett '06
 Connor Q. Hackett '06
 Elaine Paige Harris '06
 Elizabeth Phelps Harrington '06
 Stephen Harrison '83
 Catherine Turner Hayden '06
 Virginia Hobler '38
 Steven Hugill '59
 Brendan Timothy Hurley '98
 James David Hurley '03
 Karen Margaret Hurley '96
 Henry Burton Hyde '06
 Douglas J. Irwin '73
 Paul Jones '06
 Casey Rose Keefe '06
 Ned Kenney '06
 Karen Jackson Lewis '59
 Sarah Tarbell-Littman '06
 Peter Randolph Mayer '06

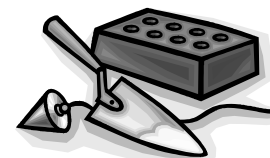
Christine E. McKenna '04
 Connor Patrick McKenna '06
 John Rodd Millson '06
 Annabelle J. Murphy '06
 Bob Neall '46
 Stephanie E. Papadakis '06
 Christopher M. Poole '06
 Clayton A. Pope '98
 Maryann Prezzano '71
 Alex Rappaport '06
 Anthony M. Ridnell '78
 Jacqueline Sarah Rogers '06
 Brendan Sachtjen '78
 Barbara Burch Safford '55
 Kathleen Q. Santoro '06
 Daniel Gold Savage '06
 James Moore Tasley '49
 Patricia Ann Tumlinson '06
 Douglas P. Warwick '57
 Cody Everett Watson '06
 Christopher T. White '84
 Linda Leary Whitney '48
 Dewey Yeager '06

IN MEMORIUM

James R. Collins '46
 David W. Foster '78
 John Friis-Mickelson '66
 Douglas J. Irwin '73
 Howard Lewis Rees '38
 Herbert Kidd Swan '74
 James Moore Tasley '49
 Anne Christina Toubakis '80

Bricks for Sale

Order by June 30 and find your brick in the Alumni Walk the following spring.
 See the enclosed Brick Order card for details or
 call the Foundation Office at: 914-395-0515



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