



HOMECOMING
IS OCTOBER 20
Homecoming is for alumni. Make sure you come home to see our Bulldogs beat Belleville. The game starts at 8, and will be followed by the traditional Homecoming Dance.

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Were YOU There?

More than 150 people attended the second Alumni General Meeting on September 6. Sixteen Bentley teachers were honored for their ten or more years of devoted service to our Alma Mater. Dr. Donald Friedrichs, Principal, was made an Honorary Member of the Alumni Association for his distinguished service to our high school and its alumni. Free dancing and refreshments concluded the meeting. Phyllis Schultz '54 sent us a letter and we are reprinting parts of it rather than write our own story of the meeting.

"Where were all you members of the Class of 1954? Last evening, I attended the second General Meeting of our Alumni Association at the Bentley Auditorium, and out of 150 to 155 members only one was present, myself! Certainly I cannot offer myself as a perfect example of the proud, active, and devoted member of the Association, for I only obtained membership a year ago in June and last evening was my first personal contact with the group. It was an evening well spent. How very fortunate we are to have someone like John Newberg as leader of our organization. What benefits do John and the other officers and directors derive from expending their work and time in behalf of the organization? None whatsoever! You are all to be commended for your unselfishness."

Thank you very much Phyllis. We appreciate your offer to help and sincerely hope that more of your classmates and other alumni will turn out for Homecoming and the Christmas Dance. We'd rather have too many, than too few.

Alumni In Service

Susan Anthony '60 graduated with honors from the US Navy Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Illinois. She will report to Bupers Dispensary in Washington, D. C., for duty and on-the-job training.

William Geiermann '60 is stationed with the Air Force in Texas and is attending McMurray College in Abilene. His address is:

A/3c William Geiermann
Box 4341
Dyess AFB, Texas

Ken DeVore '56 attended Navy Electronics Technician C School on Treasure Island near San Francisco. He is now back with his ship, the USS Henry B. Wilson, a guided-missile destroyer, in San Diego. His address is:

Kenneth R. DeVore, ET2
OI Division
USS Henry B. Wilson, DDG-7
FPD, San Francisco, Calif.

George Scarbrough '61 completed recruit training, Sept. 2, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Robert Miles '59 is undergoing nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Carl Stark '60 joined the Air Force in April and is now attending school at Keesler AFB in Mississippi. His address is:
A/3c Carl J. Stark
AF 1669-3571
CMR #2, Box 7950, Sqd. 3411
Keesler AFB, Mississippi

Judy Phillips '58 is working as a bookkeeper at the National Bank of Detroit in Plymouth.

Janece Mobley '61 received a scholarship to David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. She is majoring in elementary education.

STOP

as soon as you finish reading this part of the ALUMNI ALBUM and then

LOOK

at the label with your name on it on page 4 and make sure your name, initial, class year, address, and maiden name are all exactly correct and then

LISTEN

to this. Generous alumni have donated a total of \$107.25 toward an addressing system for the Alumni Association. We hope to have the December ALUMNI ALBUM addressed automatically. So please, if your addressing label is not correct, or if it will be changed by December 1, let us know immediately before we go to the expense of making your addressing plate. Call GA 2-1678 to report any changes.

(Editor's Note: The following is part of a letter we sent this summer to all graduates who were not members of the Association. Some members also got this notice because of a duplicate file we used which was not up-to-date and we are sorry for this. The 2nd letter we received in answer to ours. We have withheld the writer's name so as not to embarrass him. The 3rd letter is our President's reply.)

Dear Bentley Graduate:

This is just a friendly reminder that you do NOT belong to the most active high school alumni association in Michigan. We are sure that it can't be because of money. Lifetime dues are only \$2.00. We are sure that it can't be because you don't like the people you graduated with. We already have 50% of all graduates as members. It must be that you just keep forgetting to send in your \$2.00.

Sincerely yours,
The Board of Directors

Dear Bentley High School Alumni Association:

This is just a friendly affirmation that I do NOT belong to the most active high school alumni association in Michigan. You are sure that it can't be because of money. Lifetime dues are only two dollars. However, my lifetime income is only \$1.82. I am not too sure that you are very nice by putting me in this embarrassing situation. You are so smug because you have two lifetime dollars to spare for gaiety. But how does Wong Fu, misfortunate and impoverished Asian, feel about this situation? I would venture to say that he would like a few of those two lifetime dollars that most certainly anyone can afford in this rich and benevolent nation at least. Certainly you already know this. Still, my \$1.82 will go to Wong Fu, misfortunate and impoverished Asian.

Also you are sure that it can't be because I don't like the people I graduated with. You quote a meaningless and irrelevant statistic. I quote Wong Fu, misfortunate and impoverished Asian. "Those rich and benevolent high school graduates will be too busy spending their \$2.00 on books and pencils to help me out of my misfortunate and impoverished state." As you, or even I, can plainly see, misfortunate and impoverished Asians are illiterate; they don't know that the real rich and benevolent American is like. No I won't send him my \$1.82! I will buy pencils and books and send him a treaty to sign (written on low-caloric paper for people with fat hands to write on). But you certainly know all of this. Why shouldn't I like us benevolent graduates?

Then it must be that I just keep forgetting to send in my \$2.00. You have made it real easy for me to join NOW, etc. Actually, I have never considered it. However, I have considered your cute little club. I have considered that it is much too good for an evil minded monk like me. I put myself on the level of a misfortunate and impoverished Asian named Wong Fu. Brother Wong has never heard of your organization. Either have I. My memory is ever so convenient.

As a Life Member I will receive...and so forth. Being an evil minded anti social monk is no easy task. So many temptations exist to lure me out of my neurotic cell. Nevertheless, I wish the unmonked word much success. I hope the people who like your activities do indeed enjoy them. I would make monks of all those people. I will let them make monkeys of themselves, if you will pardon my triteness.

Perseveringly,
(signed by a 1961 graduate)

Dear Perseveringly:

This is just a friendly acknowledgement of your friendly affirmation of our friendly reminder that you are NOT a member of the most active high school alumni association in Michigan. We regret that you, and perhaps others, do not have a clear impression of the real goals and purposes of the Alumni Association. The Association was created, as the Preamble to our Constitution states, "In order to promote goodwill, understanding and contact between the graduates of Bentley High School and the school itself," not as a social club to promote the "gaiety" which you mentioned.

As high school graduates and well-informed Americans we are intensely aware of the needs of our brothers across the continents. We are also aware of the unenviable position of the United States in the eyes of many of our brothers, as symbolized by your "misfortunate and impoverished Asian, Wong Fu." We of the Board of Directors feel that one of the primary ways to better the image of the United States throughout the world is through the constant improvement of our educational systems. To this end the Alumni Association wishes to dedicate the majority of its efforts. We believe that Bentley High School has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of education and we are proud to be members of an organized association of her graduates.

We hope this letter gives you a clearer impression of the reason for the existence of the Alumni Association and that you will reconsider becoming a member. Since you stated that your "lifetime income is only \$1.82," I will personally contribute the balance of 18¢ and see that you are issued a lifetime membership. In addition, upon receipt of your \$1.82, the Alumni Association will send, in your name, a \$5 contribution to C.A.R.E. in the hopes that we can in some way give aid to our mutual friend, Wong Fu.

Sincerely yours,
For the Board of Directors,
John A. Newberg '57, President

Wedding Bells

Barbara Bentley '57 and Donald Dailey were married June 17 at Berkley Methodist Church. Don is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is a 2nd Lt. in the Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Barbara will graduate from Central in June. Both newlyweds plan to continue their education by getting Master's degrees. Don will work toward a degree in geo-physics and Barbara toward one in biology.

Constance Piekarski '55 and Samuel Vatca were married June 10. After a two week honeymoon in Florida they set up their home on Prospect in Melvindale. Sam is a Speedway 79 dealer and Connie is a secretary at the Ternstedt Division of General Motors.

Marilyn Miller '58 and Terry Evert of Grand Rapids were married August 12 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington. They had a honeymoon in Quebec, Canada. Both are attending Western Michigan University. Terry is an Economics major and Marilyn is majoring in English and will be student teaching at Paw Paw High School. They are living on Fulton in Grand Rapids.

Sue Cook '58 and Dan Berglund of Kalamazoo were married July 8 at Ward Memorial Church in Livonia. They honeymooned in Florida. Sue is a senior at Western Michigan University. They are living on Lovell in Kalamazoo.

Weldon Phillips '52 and Earlene Moore of Grand Rapids were married August 5 at East Minster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids. They had a honeymoon in Copper Harbor and are now living on 38th Street in Grand Rapids. Weldon works for the Friden Business Machine Company.

Noreen Ahrens '57 and Charles Boller were married August 12 at Rosedale Presbyterian Church in Livonia. They took a honeymoon trip to Cape Cod and are now living on Fort Park in Lincoln Park where Noreen is teaching fourth grade.

Linda Alexander '56 and Dave Proctor '56 were married July 29 at Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church in Livonia. They had a honeymoon trip to the east coast and are now living on Stoney Point Road in Sutton's Bay, Michigan, where Linda teaches elementary school and Dave teaches social studies in junior high.

Sandra Panzari '59 and Ronald David of East Detroit were married May 6 at St. Robert Ballerine Church in Redford. They had a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains and are living on Middlesex in

Dearborn. Sandy is employed at the National Bank of Detroit in Garden City.

Linda Gray '61 and John Marshall '60 were married August 12 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. They took a honeymoon trip to northern Michigan and are now living on Clements Circle in Livonia.

Lurlene L. Averitt '56 and Richard Weinberg were married August 26 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. They took a honeymoon trip to northern Michigan and are now living on Ford Road in Wayne. Lurlene is teaching 4th grade at the C. P. Titus School in the Cherry Hill School District.

Kathleen Memmer '60 and Tim Snarey '57 were married August 12 at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia. They went on a honeymoon to Canada and Maine. Tim is a junior at Eastern Michigan University studying to be a social science teacher. Kathy plans to enter EMU in February to become a physical education teacher. They are living on Haggerty in Plymouth.

Jim Faulkner '57 married Donna Kirkwood of Monroe on July 28. Donna graduated from Detroit Bible College and Jim is planning to attend it in February. They are living on Hartel in Livonia. Jim is a record clerk at Evans Products in Plymouth and said, "The Alumni General Meeting was great, but where were the graduates of 1957?"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 29	Redford Union	H	8:00
Oct. 6	Allen Park	T	8:00
13	Plymouth	H	8:00
*20	HOME COMING, Belleville	H	8:00
27	Trenton	T	8:00
Nov. 3	Farmington	T	3:30

Head Coach: Jack Hudnut
 Assistants: Robert Bentley, Larry Joiner

Admission, \$1.00. Alumni with their membership card may purchase two special admission tickets for 50¢ each.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 29	Redford Union	T	4:00
Oct. 3	Thurston Invitational	T	3:15
6	Allen Park	H	4:00
10	Dearborn	T	4:00
13	Plymouth	T	4:00
17	Clarenceville Invit.	T	4:00
20	Belleville	T	4:00
24	League Meet at Allen Park		
26	Trenton	H	4:00
28	Regional Meet		
Nov. 4	State Meet		

Coach: Henry Cannon

Jerry Krull '50 and his wife Audrey became the parents of a baby boy on August 30. David Edward weighed 8 lbs. & 4 ozs. He has a brother, Mark, who is 2½ years old. Jerry works for the City of Livonia and lives on Doris in Livonia.

Susan Malone '59 has been employed for 2 years as a Claims Stenographer for the Social Security Administration in Dearborn. She just returned from a two-week train tour of western states, including California where she had an interview at the famed Pasadena Playhouse, College of Theatre Arts. Her spare time is devoted to singing lessons and The Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild in which she is beginning her third season.

Kathleen Hood '58 is employed by the City National Bank as a bookkeeper in their IBM department.

Jim Probyn '53 has been transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma, by the Sunbeam Appliance Service Company to start and manage a service branch in that area. Jim would like to hear from other alumni in his area. His address is: 1131 N. Allegheny, Tulsa 15, Oklahoma.

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