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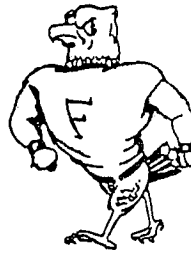
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FRANKFURT FEST IN MILWAUKEE!

by *Krys Wages, Reunion Host*

It's *May already* and July is fast approaching. Time to start thinking Reunion! Things are really falling into place, and I think the Milwaukee Reunion will be the place to be in July. To begin, the Park East Hotel is a very nice hotel (they normally cater to the business type). The hotel is right next to Lake Michigan, and some rooms do have a lake view. The hotel has a shuttle bus that is at our service. Please call **ASAP** for room reservations, as we only have 50 rooms reserved!

The weekend of July 29, 30 and 31 will be a very busy time for Milwaukee. Most exciting is the fact that it is the weekend for **German Fest**. Located within blocks (walking distance) of our hotel are the Fest grounds. This is an annual event that attracts thousands of people from all over the state. There are many folks in Wisconsin with a deep German heritage, and they take pride in putting on a fabulous Fest. Milwaukee is an ethnic melting pot, and each ethnic group tries to out-do the next in putting on a Fest. There are many Fests throughout the summer, to include Irish, Polish, and Italian, but many feel German Fest is the most fun of all!

Entertainment is provided from noon until midnight each day on nine different stages. There are bands from Germany and the U.S. They include everything from authentic German

polka and folk music, to rock-n-roll, as well as a very popular German band that plays all "oldies" (my inside sources tell me this band was the hit of last year's Fest and that is why they are invited back this year).

**MAKE YOUR HOTEL
RESERVATIONS NOW!!**

**Call Park East Hotel at 414-276-8800
916 East State Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202**

I suggest you loose 10 pounds before you get here, that way you won't feel guilty indulging yourself in whatever tempts you! The food will bring back fond memories of your youth in Deutschland, to include spanferkel, rollbraten and Westphalian ham sandwiches as well as a selection of your favorite wurst. Time for desert . . . as a matter of fact, there is a Konditerei right on the grounds, complete with wonderful selections of kuchen and torte.

Finally, beverages include imported German wines and sekt (German champagne), beers that made Milwaukee famous, and a special German Fest Bier. For the shopping fanatics, there is a Marktplatz for your shopping pleasure. They have T-shirts, sweatshirts, videos, CD's, cookbooks, jewelry, and lots more.

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The Fest also has a parade on Saturday afternoon and a look-alike Hummel contest for kids. There is a "Trachtenschau", which is a fashion show modeling authentic clothing from Germany and Austria; some are more than one hundred years old. If you're going to be around on Sunday morning, there will be an ecumenical church service with a chorus of 135 voices. Tickets also include raffle tickets for a new (German, I think!) car, and several trips for two to Germany! Wouldn't that be nice if one of our group won!

Milwaukee also has many great breweries that have tours daily. If any of

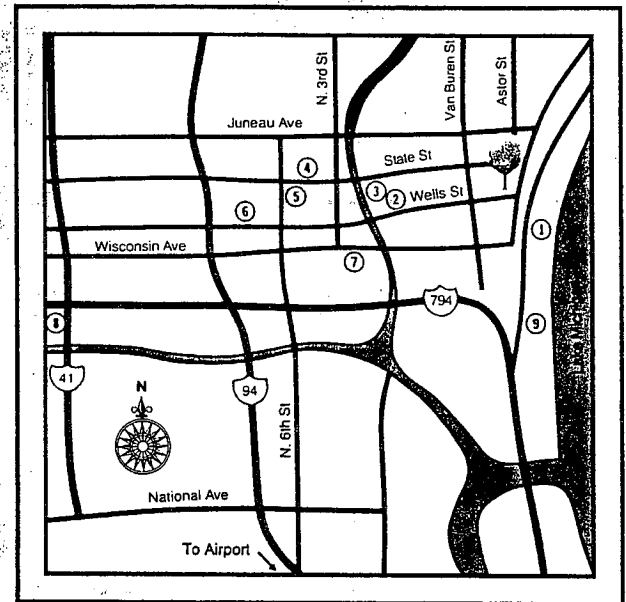
you are interested, let me know and I'll set up a tour for Friday or Saturday afternoon—this may also bring back a few memories. If that's not your scene, there are several micro-breweries that have excellent brew. I know; I've been taste-testing on several occasions! For those bringing kids, there is a great zoo and botanical domes to be seen.

I'm sure you all know Milwaukee is situated on the shore of Lake Michigan. July in Wisconsin is usually hot and humid; however, the evenings can be cool enough for a light jacket or sweatshirt. It's important to get your room reservations in, as it was very difficult to find hotel accommodations for this time period. The "meat packers" have most of all downtown hotels completely booked (this was as of last August) and, like I said, German Fest draws quite a crowd. **Call the Park East Hotel at 414-276-8800.**

I sure hope I've convinced you that the midwest has a lot to offer, and I'll be seeing you in July. If that hasn't convinced you, the Class of 1969 will be celebrating their 25th, and *NEVER* was there such a fine group of party animals. "Bier is great, sex is fine; we're the Class of '69!"



Park East Hotel



The Park East Hotel Is Convenient To Everything:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milwaukee Art Center 2. Pabst Theatre 3. Performing Arts Center 4. Bradley Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. MECCA/Arena 6. Public Museum 7. Grand Avenue Mall 8. County Stadium 9. Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds) |
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MILWAUKEE REUNION '94

THURSDAY, 28 July: For anyone arriving Thursday, we will attempt to get together for a late dinner. Indicate on the Reservation Form at the back of this newsletter if you are interested.

FRIDAY, 29 July: The hospitality room will be open for socializing, information, and refreshments, 9:00 a.m. until whenever. We will have a CD and tape player if you want to bring some of your own music. The day is yours to do as you please. If you're interested in attending German Fest and want advance tickets, indicated that on the Reservation Form. Remember, advance tickets cost \$6.00 and include a raffle ticket. If you purchase tickets at the gate, the cost is \$7.00 and does NOT include a raffle ticket.

That night we will have our dinner and dance. Cocktails will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Grand Ballroom, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Please indicate your choice of Chicken Chasseur, a sauteed boneless chicken breast, served with onions, mushrooms, and tomatoes in a rich brown sauce and long grain rice, or Steak Siciliano, lightly breaded filet, broiled, topped with green peppers and mushrooms. A DJ will play from 9:00 - 12:00. Put your dancing shoes on, as I've heard him and I know he has lots of oldies as well as the "Electric Shuffle." If you have any requests, please include them.

SATURDAY, 30 July: Again, the hospitality room will be open for socializing, etc. We'll have a business meeting, which will include discussion of the reunion in Frankfurt next June '95. Time will be announced at the reunion.

The day is yours to do as you wish, but that night we'll be having dinner at *German Fest*. We have the Miller Lounge reserved from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a dinner of goulash, schnitzel and knockwurst with all the trimmings, prepared by the German Fest culinary staff. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is free admission to German Fest Saturday from 4:30 to 6:00; so if we enter at that time for dinner we won't need a ticket for the evening. We can stay in the lounge or venture out to listen to a favorite band, etc. *If you want to go to German Fest earlier than 4:30 p.m., you'll need a ticket.* Dress is very casual.

SUNDAY, 31 July: Time to depart and begin planning for our reunion in Frankfurt in 1995!

ROOM INFORMATION: We have 50 rooms reserved, and as of a couple weeks ago, 22 had been spoken for. Please get your reservations made! If you are willing to have a roommate, indicate so on your registration form. We also have 10 rooms set aside on Thursday night if you are arriving early. I will be there on Thursday, so please check at the desk for Krys Wages or the hospitality room.

A single room is \$72 a night and a double is \$82. There is a \$10 per night charge of each additional guest in a room. We have 15 double rooms with one double bed, and 10 double rooms with two double beds. A room with a lake view may cost slightly more. There are also beautiful suites available at the hotel. I did not, however, reserve any of these. If you are interested, please call the hotel ASAP.

LIMOUSINE SERVICE: There is an airport shuttle service that serves our hotel. The cost is \$6.50, and the phone number is 769-9100. This would be your best bet, as the airport is quite a way from downtown. The limo schedule runs every 20 - 30 minutes.

Saturday, July 30

Pabst Stage



12:00 noon Stadtkapelle St. Georgen - Germany
 1:30 pm Wisconsin Army National Guard 132D Army Band
 "in concert"
 3:15 pm Accompany of Kids - Menomonee Falls, WI
 4:00 pm PARADE
 4:00 pm TRACHTENSCHAU (showing of traditional clothing)
 5:00 pm O'berlander Bavarian Dancers - Milwaukee
 5:45 pm Pommerische Tanzteeel Freistadt - Freistadt, WI
 6:00 pm O'wendstoaana Bavarian Dancers - Milwaukee
 7:00 pm Schwarzwälder Stettholz Musikanten - Germany
 FIREWORKS
 10:30 pm Schwarzwälder Stettholz Musikanten - Germany
 10:45 pm

Miller Stage



12:00 noon Original Donauschwaben Musikanten & Schwabenland Duo - Germany
 PARADE
 4:00 pm O'Wendeleser Bavarian Dancers - Sheboygan, WI
 5:00 pm Donauschwaben Dancers - Milwaukee
 5:15 pm O'Hohecker Biarm Bavarian Dancers - Milwaukee
 6:00 pm Chikaria Tanz & Showband - Germany
 FIREWORKS
 10:30 pm Chikaria Tanz & Showband - Germany
 10:45 pm

Old Style Stage



12:00 noon John Wagner Band - Chicago, IL
 1:45 pm Richard Brandl-Master Yodeler - Germany
 2:30 pm John Wagner Band - Chicago, IL
 3:00 pm YODEL CONTEST with
 Richard Brandl - Master Yodeler
 PARADE
 3:30 pm John Wagner Band - Chicago, IL
 4:00 pm John Wagner Band - Chicago, IL
 4:45 pm Richard Brandl-Master Yodeler - Germany
 5:00 pm MARDI GRAS SHOW
 Kir-Royal Tanz & Showband - Germany
 FIREWORKS
 7:00 pm Kir-Royal Tanz & Showband - Germany
 10:30 pm
 10:45 pm

Löwenbräu Oktoberfest Tent



12:00 noon Freistadt Alle Kameraden Band - Freistadt, WI
 3:30 pm HARMONICA PLAYING CONTEST
 PARADE
 4:00 pm O'Wendstoaana Bavarian Dancers - Milwaukee
 5:00 pm D.A.N.K. Folk Dancers - Milwaukee
 5:15 pm Donauschwaben Trachten Gruppe - Milwaukee
 5:30 pm Accompany of Kids - Menomonee Falls, WI
 6:00 pm Austrian Trio Grande - Milwaukee
 7:00 pm Richard Brandl-Master Yodeler - Germany
 8:15 pm Austrian Trio Grande - Milwaukee
 9:30 pm Richard Brandl-Master Yodeler - Germany
 FIREWORKS
 10:30 pm Austrian Trio Grande - Milwaukee
 10:45 pm

LÖWENBRÄU

Pabst Beer Garden Stage

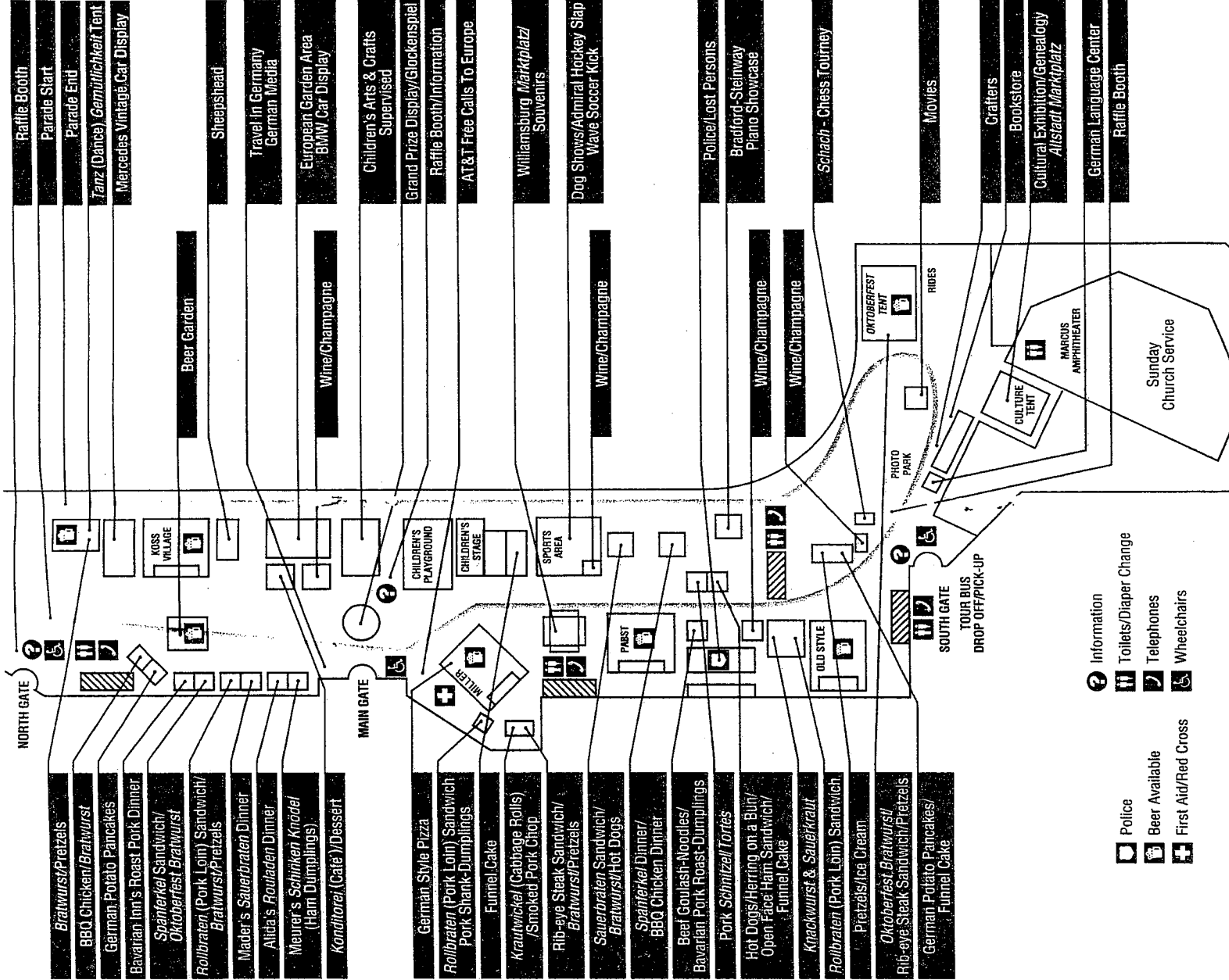


12:00 noon Dorf Kapelle - Plymouth, WI
 4:00 pm PARADE
 5:00 pm Stadt Kapelle St. Georgen - Germany
 6:45 pm Johnny Hoffmann & Die Herzbuben - Milwaukee
 FIREWORKS
 10:30 pm Johnny Hoffmann & Die Herzbuben - Milwaukee
 10:45 pm

BMW Stage



12:00 noon Al Nowak & His Edelweiss Band - Cleveland, OH
 4:00 pm PARADE
 5:15 pm Abendblüthen Trio - Milwaukee
 6:30 pm Sterne Der Heimat - Milwaukee
 FIREWORKS
 10:30 pm Sterne Der Heimat - Milwaukee
 10:45 pm



CONVOY!! — EAST COAST STYLE

By Mike Jernigan '68

SO YOU WANT TO GO to the Frankfurt Class of 1969's 25th year reunion in Milwaukee on July 28 - 31, 1994 . . .

But . . . you're afraid of flying? Hate getting herded around airports? Missing connecting flights? Having to rent a car or spend hours in a taxi driven by a non-english-speaking, unbathed-for-the-last-three-years, illegal alien totally ignorant of major hotel locations? Having to hold your bladder for the entire flight because some grotesquely obese fertilizer salesman is firmly wedged in the doorway to the toilet? Hating the elevator muzak on the headphones? Getting claustrophobic in the middle seat of the plane, surrounded by screaming kids, snoring old geeks, and the ever-present, outrageously flatulent, diaphoretic (clammy and sweating), garlic-breathed garrulous grannies who persist in showing you pictures of their pet slug named Fru-Fru and critiquing the restaurant cuisine in Keeokuk, Iowa? ("The prairie oysters sauteed in lard are so delicious, but I cut my finger opening the bottle cap of the Chateau Noof de Poop, Vintage June 1994, from the Hogg Brothers Vineyard & Slaughterhouse, Inc., just outside Council Bluffs.")

Or is it that . . . even though you can get a standby seat reduced fair ticket for one leg of the trip, there are no discounts available for the next stage, unless you want to spend 17 hours waiting for a connecting flight which departs at 2:44 a.m., and has 14 local stopovers between where you board and Milwaukee?

Maybe . . . you would like to try something different this time! That's what I'm doing. It's called a "Road Trip." Having experienced most of the conditions described above getting to previous reunions, I am going to take my time

and enjoy driving to the FHS reunion. Departing Wednesday morning (July 27), two days at 450 miles each, with a motel stopover somewhere in Ohio will get me from Washington, DC to Milwaukee by dinner time on Thursday. I have room for two or three others and would like some company. Bring your favorite cassettes or CDs, but leave your inhibitions and emotional baggage behind (any implied reference to disinterested spouses is purely intentional).

*The road trip could easily become a convoy,
with boundless opportunities for
good times*

I would like to encourage other Frankfurt Eagles who have the time and inclination to make similar plans. The road trip could easily become a convoy, with boundless opportunities for good times. The return trip will depart Sunday, July 31, at hotel check-out time, arriving back in Washington on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. Depending on the number of co-conspirators per vehicle, your expenses will only include a fair share of fuel and tolls, and whatever you want to eat on the way. Even with an overnight motel stay, it will be much less than airfare. Plus, you won't have to see the lace panties that Granny made for Fru-Fru!

So . . . if you're interested in going on a road trip, or being part of a convoy to Milwaukee, call me at (301-) 498-6144, or write as soon as possible to: Mike Jernigan, 14219 Oxford Drive, Laurel, Maryland 20707.

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Who's Attending the MILWAUKEE REUNION??

Everyone - we hope! Below is a very preliminary list based on returned questionnaires and verbal responses:

Mary Burns Pitcher '69
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 Corrie Foos '69
 Mike Jernigan '68
 Jean Nielsen Marcotti '69
 Peggy Rowland-Sanchez '71
 Bob Samborski '68
 Laurie Skinner-Cochran '70
 Gayle Spear Cratty '69
 Betty Powers Bradburd '67
 Bob Paquette '69
 Krys Wages '69
 Greg Brown '69
 Donna Falvey Trapp '69
 Deane Harimoto '69
 Monica Olsen '69
 Dan Robinson '69
 Joanne Romaneski Conroy '69
 Janet Worthington Casey '69
 Mo Ostroff '69
 Yvonne "Kym" Mingus Chapman '68
 Mary Britton Morris '67
 Linda Reese duKor '67
 Erica Nelson Menard '71
 P.J. Torres '71
 Kathy Cooney '67
 Ginny Cooney Forbes '69
 Kit Gonzales Pierce '69

These guys are hoping to make it, but aren't sure. It's time to make some phone calls!

John Neumyer '69
 Susan Nolan Leader '68
 Ron Bourgeois '67
 Susette Bollard LaFlesche '69
 Caren Rasmussen '68
 John Godfrey '69
 Renee Girard '67
 Bob Taylor '68
 Wendy Lai Fielding '72

☪ IN MEMORIAM ☪



Mr. Hugh McGinnis

IF YOU WERE A "DORMIE," you'll remember Mr. Hugh McGinnis, who was a dorm counsellor at Frankfurt High for many years. Pat Medding, a long-time Frankfurt friend, confirmed that Mr. McGinnis died of cancer last summer.

"Hugh was living and working in England at the time his cancer was diagnosed. He had a mole on his back removed and things went quickly downhill from then on. The memorial service was held in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 7, 1993.

"We attended a concert which he gave in Alexandria, VA in July 1992 (a year before he died). He looked wonderful and had hardly changed at all, and his mastery of the piano also was unchanged."

-- Thanks for your help, Pat!



THE WAY WE WERE: 1969

1969. The Year of the Moon. How did 25 years pass by so fast? This is what happened . . .

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January:

- 10 *Saturday Evening Post* stops publication
- 12 In the Super Bowl, the AFL has its first victory as the New York Jets upset the Baltimore Colts, 16 - 7
- 20 Richard M. Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th president of the United States

February:

- 5 The harbor of Santa Barbara is closed as a huge oil slick from offshore drilling contaminates 16 miles of beaches

March:

- 1 Mickey Mantle retires
- 10 James Earl Ray is sentenced for the murder of Martin Luther King
- 28 President Dwight D. Eisenhower dies

April:

- 15 North Korea downs a US reconnaissance plane, killing 31
- 17 Sirhan Sirhan is convicted of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy
- 28 President Charles de Gaulle of France resigns

May:

- 6 The Navy announces that no disciplinary action will be taken against the crew of the *US Pueblo*
- 30 Mario Andretti wins the 53rd *Indianapolis 500*

June:

- 8 President Nixon announces that 25,000 US troops will be withdrawn from Vietnam by August 31st

- 24 Millions of dead fish float in the northern Rhein River as contamination by a chemical insecticide spreads

July:

- 1 Queen Elizabeth II invests 20-year-old Prince Charles as the 21st prince of Wales
- 19 An automobile driven by Sen. Edward Kennedy plunges off a bridge; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne is killed as Kennedy escapes
- 21 US astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and COL Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., become the first men to walk on the moon. LTC Michael Collins remains in lunar orbit on Apollo XI

August:

- 15 The Woodstock Music and Art Fair begins, with over 400,000 attending "Three Days of Peace and Music."
- 18 Hurricane Camille slams into the Gulf coast and into Virginia, leaving an estimated 300 dead

September:

- 3 North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh dies

October:

- 16 The New York Mets win the World Series in Game 5 by defeating the Baltimore Orioles, 5-3
- 21 Willy Brandt is elected as the fourth chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 28 The US Supreme Court rules for immediate desegregation of schools

November:

- 11 Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines is elected president
- 15 Over 250,000 protest the Vietnam War in Washington, DC, the largest antiwar demonstration in US history
- 24 Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. is court-martialed in connection with the My Lai massacre

December:

- 1 The first draft lottery since World War II is held
- 2 The Boeing 747 makes its first public flight from Seattle to New York City
- 22 The USSR and US end preliminary strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) in Helsinki, agreeing to open full-scale negotiations in Vienna in April 1970

NOTABLE FILMS OF 1969

Alices' Restaurant
 Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice
 Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
 Easy Rider
 Goodbye Columbus
 Hello, Dolly!
 I am Curious (Yellow)
 Midnight Cowboy
 Paint Your Wagon
 The Sterile Cuckoo
 True Grit

RECORDINGS

1969 was the year of the Moog Synthesizer, with "Switched-on Bach" the runaway best-selling classical album of the year.

Most successful LP's were *Blood, Sweat & Tears*; *Hair* (original cast album); *In A Gadda Da Vida*, Iron Butterfly; *The Beatles* double-disc collection and *Abbey Road*; *Wichita Lineman*, Glenn Campbell; and the soundtrack from *Romeo and Juliet*.

Some best-selling singles were:
Sugar, Sugar by The Archies
Honkey Tonk Woman, Rolling Stones
Aquarius, Fifth Dimension
I Heard It Through the Grapevine, Marvin Gaye
Everyday People, Sly and the Family Stone

TELEVISION

Sesame Street makes its debut
 The Smothers Brother Comedy Hour is dropped by CBS
 Tiny Tim marries "Miss Vicky" on the *Tonight Show*

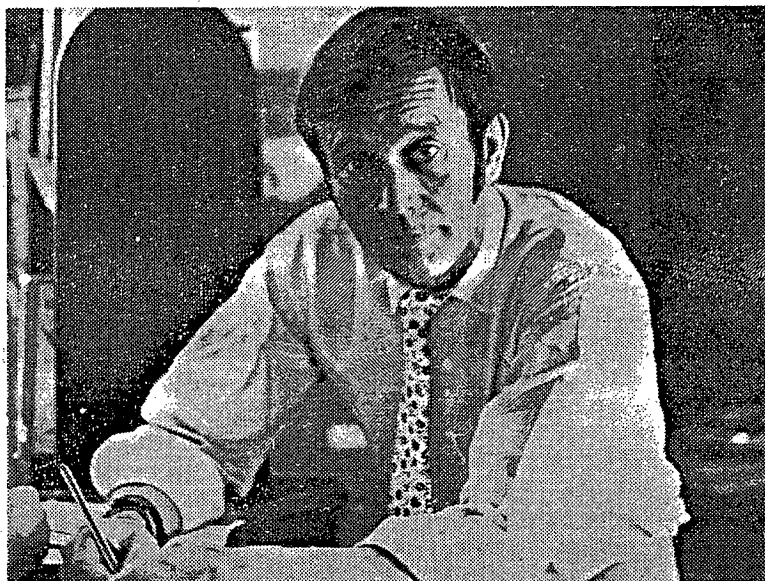
REMEMBERING MR. MECHAM

By Joye Crosby Brooks '70

I AM NOT A LIKELY PERSON to be eulogizing Mr. Hal Mecham, as I can't claim to have known him very well. But Mr. Mecham will shine in my memory as, deservedly, the best teacher I ever had. He was a person of such sparkle, energy and personality that one seldom comes across in life. I was one of many lucky students to have visited his classroom on a regular basis in my Junior year at Frankfurt American High School.

Walking into his classroom, half a portable in the famed "Silver City", was an experience in itself. He had decorated the ceiling with parachutes, which was enough to jog one's mind from the neutral sameness of regular classes. The chairs, with their little attached side tables, were in a huge circle. Mr. Mecham knew before the social psychologists had tested it, that interaction between rows of people was much less than when they were forced to look at each other. We had discussions in that class that were enlivening, and sometimes a student would say something profound, causing a hush to come over the group; our minds churning harder. I wouldn't see such wonderful discussions until graduate school, and then it was with a much smaller group.

Mr. Mecham loved words, and used them to color his speech. We had lists of vocabulary words, many which I hadn't encountered. We had to write papers and do a big project. We were encouraged to be creative, when all around us teachers were asking us to memorize and repeat verbatim, discouraging any independent thinking. When I got an A, I was especially proud of it, for he was not an easy teacher.



Mr. Hal Mecham, English and drama teacher was recently honored by the F.H.S. yearbook by its dedication to him. Mr. Mecham calls California his home, and received his Master of Arts degree in Theater Arts at the University of San Francisco. Before coming to Frankfurt, Mr. Mecham taught at Verdun, France. In his five years of teaching at F.H.S. he has supervised the production of 13 school plays, and numerous other small productions. Asked his opinion of Frankfurt High, he replied, "The school has changed drastically in the five years I've been here. The students seem more involved with humanity, rather than the usual school spirit subjects." Mr. Mecham was "overwhelmed", and the yearbook dedication was a "real surprise" to him. "I wish to thank all those who made my selection for the yearbook such a pleasant surprise," he added.

(Excerpt from the *Eagles Echo*, May 28, 1971)

Mr. Mecham had acted in his youth, and he carried his love of drama to the Frankfurt High School stage. He directed all the plays, musicals, and melodramas, the latter of which were performed by the "Dormies", kids who lived in the dormitory because their parents were stationed outside Frankfurt, often in another country. What he could do with those kids in a matter of months was astounding. Every production was good, even excellent. I heard that he was subject to tirades. Who knows how much of it was acting; just doing what worked to jar those kids into performing their best? Whatever. It worked.

Each day I would look to the bright spot of his class. "I wonder what he's up to today?", I'd muse. One of my best memories of that year is when he read the play "No Exit", by Jean-Paul Sartre, aloud to a spellbound class. It was an experience to see him in action.

We called him "Meech" behind his back, but there was no disrespect. Even the roughest kids had nothing bad to say about him. Yes, we all thought of him as eccentric, and he probably was. But that is not a bad thing. He had a caring quality that was recognized. We all knew he didn't have to work with kids all the time, production after production, but he loved it, and I think all the kids did, too.

He took the Thespians (Drama Club) to London my Senior year, 1970, and although I was not in the club, he had become acquainted with my parents and asked if they would be chaperones. We had a grand time, and were generally let free to roam on our own. He had gotten tickets to "*Hair*" for us, which was exciting.

***We all thought of him as eccentric . . .
but that is not a bad thing***

My parents were to become good friends with Mr. Mecham over the course of that trip and the years to come. When they left Frankfurt in 1980, he was still there, but he did retire and go to San Francisco. A friend of mine, Bob Paquette (FHS '69), visited him there and reported he was in bad health with emphysema. He didn't write my parents, but one year sent them a fruitcake around Christmas out of the blue. When I heard that he was ill, I decided to write him a letter, as my parents still had an address. I wanted him to know how much his class had meant to me. I was about 35 at the time, and had two small sons.

I never heard back from him, but I'm glad I took the time to write. When he died, on May 11, 1990, his long-time friend, Virginia Johnson, saw my name in his address book and gave me a call. She sent some things of his, mostly scrapbooks of some productions. He'd gotten my letter of thanks. I hope he knew that my one letter was an echo of thousands of other voices from a generation who recognizes that he made a difference in our lives.

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FRANKFURT '95 REUNION UPDATE

*By Mike Wetterer '56
Reunion '95 Committee*

The Reunion '95 Committee is planning and organizing an all-class reunion in Frankfurt, Germany, the week of May 29, 1995. With the drawdown of US forces in Europe, the school is closing in June 1995. The school is cooperating with the planning of the Reunion.

SUMMARY

Attendees will be free to travel to and from Frankfurt on their own individual itinerary. You may wish to put the reunion at the beginning, middle, or end of your trip. Dates for travel are May 29 - 31, 1995. This will allow you time to settle in and to overcome jet lag, etc. The reunion itself will be three days, June 1 - 3, 1995.

SERVICES

The Reunion '95 committee is negotiating with travel service providers for air travel, hotel accommodations, scheduling recreational activities, meals, etc. For classes who want to celebrate their own milestone reunion such as 45th, 40th, 30th, 15th, 10th, etc., we will assist you to find a venue. The structure of the event will be entirely on the stated objectives you provide.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Day One - All Class Reunion

Tentatively we are planning on putting a tent up over the entire football field next to the High School. The Henninger Brauerei might provide us with an "oompah band", food and beer. We are negotiating with them currently. We would be next to the school, which we can visit, since it will still be open.

Day Two - Individual Class Reunions

Milestone classes will have this day to hold their own celebrations. Other classes can join in or plan something on their own. We are prepared to assist in arrangements or you can do your own.

Day Three - Rhein River Cruise

The DK Rhein River Cruise Line has offered us a charter cruise on the Rhein from Mainz to Koblenz and return. The trip will last 10 hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC.

The Frankfurt Tourist Board has given us the listings for 3rd Class hotels and Pensions for those on a budget. We have been guaranteed an \$87/night room rate sgl/dbl occupancy by Novotel hotels. They have two hotels in Frankfurt. This rate is guaranteed at other Novotel hotels throughout Europe in all major cities. Auto Europe has guaranteed 1993 auto rental rates for 1995. We have reached agreement with Lufthansa on airfare discounts. Their rate schedule for 1995 will be available in September, 1994. We are talking to Delta and United also.

BUDGET

The cost of this trip will be finalized by September 1994. Negotiations are still underway. Our expectation is that the cost per person for events, lodging, and airfare will average \$700 - \$900 per person. Renting a car, Eurail Pass, etc. will add to the total. Meals are not included. Remember, we are negotiating reduced rates now and locking them in for 1995, over a year away.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Calendar Year 1993

INCOME:

Dues for 1993	\$	980.00	
Misc Dues (1992 & 1994)		532.00	
Donations		317.00	
Baltimore Reunion Income		248.50	
Incorporation Fund Donations		450.00	
Reunion Fund Donations		<u>122.30</u>	
TOTAL:			\$ 2,649.80

EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$	4.87	
Postage		719.15	
Printing		1,195.77	
Newsletter halftoning		4.25	
Bank Fees		<u>45.13</u>	
TOTAL:			[\$1,969.17]

Revenues carried over from 1992:	\$1,034.82
Net GAIN for 1993:	<u>680.63</u>

Cash Available:	\$1,715.45
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FAHSAA Treasury Balance:	\$ 873.30
Incorporation Fund Balance:	533.00
Reunion Fund Balance:	<u>309.15</u>

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Gaye M. Crosby Smith

Prepared by:
Gaye M. Crosby Smith, Treasurer
8 April 1994

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I appreciate very much your sending me the newsletter. Some "nostalgia" pictures are included for the next newsletter. (Be careful what you wish for, Larsen: Note the stylish Loden coat. Unfortunately, the picture doesn't show those trendy Weejuns!)

I pulled the photos out of my stuff after reading the last issue. Pretty badly focused, but how many of us knew how to operate those old style cameras? Except **Scotty Ross '67**—if we could locate his stuff! If anyone locates him and he still has his negatives, there would be a gold mine of candid FHS photos. Remember Scotty walking around with his Yashicaflex all year?



JEANNE LARSEN, Spring '66,
with "stylish" Loden coat!

Very best wishes to **Betty Powers** if you hear from her. I remember her from as far back as FJHS. She has a warm place in my heart; she was affectionate and humorous and made my day many a time.

-- **Maury Pepin '67**



Well, I don't know where to start, except to say that you've done it again!!! I want to congratulate you on *another* extremely well executed Newsletter (Fall '93). It is always with great pleasure that I read the Alumni News section. Often it is the only way I get to keep up with the comings and goings of our classmates. I haven't read it cover to cover yet, but I did get hung up on the "*Mother of all Bios*" (by Paul Glascock '68) and was quite impressed by it. But, the more I think about all the Bio's I've read since being found, the more impressed I am by the people who wrote them.

I just had a conversation with Cindy about our vacation plans for 1994 and we're finding ourselves in quite a dilemma. I would dearly love to go to Milwaukee (it's my Dad's family's home—we even have family in Madison) for the reunion (after all, it is our 25th), but I have to balance that against family plans to go to Yellowstone with my Mom. Reading the article about Milwaukee is already putting the pressure on to try to come up with a solution.

If you want to throw out something in the next Newsletter, you might want to mention that you (and I) are still looking for photos to include in future Newsletters. They needn't be limited to photos taken at reunions or during our years at Frankfurt; they could be photos of mini-gatherings when some alumni get together at other occasions. Gayle must have tons of those kinds of photos, as I'm sure other alumni must too when a few of them get together for a weekend or whatever.

-- **John Neumyer '69**



I would love to go (to the reunion in Frankfurt in 1995) but school teachers usually teach beyond the week of May 29th, making it impossible for me job wise. Could it be held a month later?

-- **Jean Nielsen Marcotti '69**

I suspect several alumni have the same problem—myself included. Not only do the dates of the reunion (1-3 June 1995) interfere with the end of school, but with graduation ceremonies as well. The committee making the reunion plans, with the assistance of the high school and faculty, had no choice but to hold the reunion at the end of the school year, before the school closed. If it were held a month later, there would be no staff there, or the ability to have various functions on the school grounds. Logistics simply necessitate the timing.



Since I live just outside Frankfurt, I'd be glad to help organize the Frankfurt reunion. You'll be surprised how much it's changed. Congrats to **Peggy Rowland Sanchez** on her marriage!

-- **Harriet McConnell '71**



I was pleased to read in the Fall 1993 newsletter that **Rosmary Patterson** had been assigned to the US Embassy in Tel Aviv. I called her up right away and invited her to be Member #2 of the FHS Alumni Association, All-Israel Chapter. After all, the previous reunions of our chapter had been pretty dull, since they consisted of me drinking a cup of coffee and thumbing through my yearbooks each time I received a newsletter. Other than that, I'm hoping to take my wife and almost 3-year old son to Frankfurt in 1995 for the reunion. I'd like to sit my son in a classroom and have him enrolled as an honorary FHS Alumnus before the place is closed down.

For others hoping to do the same: Don't take pictures! The MP's get very testy. They almost confiscated my camera the last time I visited.

-- J.P. Newman '71

Gee, while we can't absolutely guarantee you your camera's safety while at the Frankfurt reunion, we CAN assure you a bit more excitement in addition to, rather than in place of, a cup of coffee and poring over old yearbooks . . . after all, what better way to spend a lazy Saturday morning?

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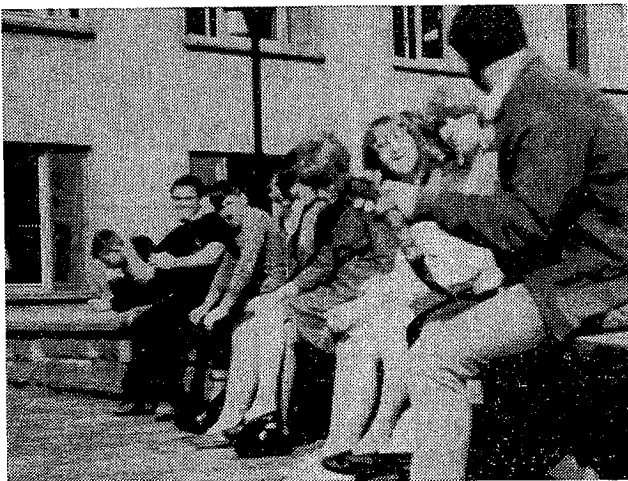
Thank you for sending the alumni stuff to me and Steve (Smith '67) every year. With the announcement of the shut down of FHS in 1995 and the possibility of a very grand reunion, our interest in such an event is very high.

How can we help in putting the '95 program together? Steve has computer DTP resources and runs the Marketing program at his college. He has lots of ideas but wants to coordinate with the powers that be when the time comes. Is there an E-mail address for FHS alums? Say "aloha" to everyone and let us know what we can do to help.

-- Janet Baumgartner '69

A main topic at our Milwaukee business meeting will be deciding what our chapter wants to do during the Frankfurt reunion. Send in your ideas to me or Gayle! As for an E-mail address, how about it, all you E-mail junkies? There's a place on your dues form to give us your E-mail address. We'll print those in the next newsletter. Also, Overseas Brats is compiling a list of "Brats On Line." Send Sunny Schwentner an E-mail at: SSchwentner@wilmer.com

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Group of Dormies
including Ned Ferguson, Eric Olson, Craig Miller . . .
(Photos Courtesy of Maury Pepin '67)

ALUMNI NEWS & BIOS

Class of 1967

Renee Girard: "Since you might not hear it from him, I'm announcing that my brother, **Jack Girard '69**, is getting married in June to Shannon in Lexington, Kentucky. We are looking forward to having a family get-together then, and we are all very happy for him.

"I just moved to Bowie, MD—from a house to a townhouse. I really love the area. Our basketball team, the Terps, are in the NCAA's this year. It is an exciting time to be in Athletics here . . . the fans are back!

"Looking forward to more news on the 1995 reunion. I think Frankfurt might be more realistic than Milwaukee since I just bought that townhouse."

From Maury Pepin: "Hello Eagles, at last! For years I have wondered if, or how, overseas dependents could ever develop an alumni group, and now the great question is answered. I would like to have attended a reunion, but time commitments haven't permitted so far. The newsletter is great, and Gayle, Gaye, and everyone involved in the association deserves a round of applause.

"I attended FJHS (remember Folmer Christensen, Dick Penkava, Ego Sum Hic, and those crazy parachutes in the attic dining hall?) and FHS from 1963 - 1966. As an Air Force dependent and 5-day dormie, I was in a minority at FHS. Weekends were generally spent back home in the Black Forest, at a small USAF detachment stationed on a French Air Force base. Six of us became Frankfurt students for at least one year. (Hello fellow Lahr hoodlums Jill Nippert, Joe Kerr, and Deanna Walker, if you read this!) Living on the economy in French military housing, I got to know some German and French kids, and also spent some great weekends with FHS friends at Fulda, Bad Hersfeld, and other posts—except for Ted Schindler, and he knows why (woof woof!). The highly restrictive dorm life gets credit for one thing: mandatory study hall and 10:00 p.m. lights-out kept my grades up and social life minimal. After four years, though, I became entrenched in the lifestyle, then—bam! The French pulled out of NATO and we went Stateside.

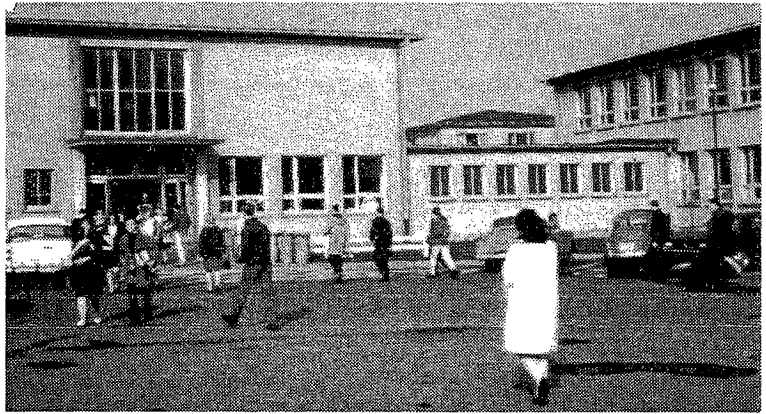
"Life after Frankfurt was interesting, to say the least. It was a major shock to trade the highly motivational and academically sophisticated environment of FHS for a laid back local school. There were some good people there,

but it seemed like another planet at the time. Muscle cars, hot dates and fist fights after school was the local fare.

"I attended Centenary College of Louisiana on a National Merit Scholarship. It would be nice to boast that this was the start of a successful academic career, but it was 1968. To shorten a long story: After a few years I tuned in, turned on, and dropped out. I found myself living in a beach house in Florida, playing blues guitar, body surfing, renting motorcycles on the beach. I drifted out to Berkeley in a microbus, did a number of odd jobs and freelance artwork, sold underground papers, and played guitar on the sidewalk in San Francisco. After a few years of this, I was beat, daddy, and ready for a change.

"Returning to Seattle, the family hometown, I attended the University of Washington, taking a BFA degree in 1977. Work at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts while studying conservation of art on paper eventually led to a private practice in the field, still ongoing in central Florida. As curator of the art museum at DeLand in 1988, I arranged with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to bring in the Smithsonian's exhibition of William Phillip's fantastic military aviation paintings, "*Into the Sunlit Splendor*." We made arrangements for a military honor guard to open the show. Believe me, I had a big lump in my throat when those busses rolled in from Patrick Air Force Base and the guard unfurled Old Glory.

"After being poetry editor of the '66 Talon, my writing tapered off after a few years. Through interest in astronomy, however, I have placed articles and astronomical photographs in "*Astronomy*," the Journal of the British Astronomical Society, and other publications.



Old West Entrance, 1966

My first book, "*The Refracting Telescope*," will be published by Cambridge University Press in 1994. Other writing work includes a novel set in Berkeley in the late 60's, and some FHS reminiscences for the upcoming "*Children of the Cold War*." I am also currently sole US agent for the Zeiss Astronomical Telescope Division, a position arrived at through a wish to see these legendary German optical instruments made available here after re-unification.

"Among the people I would like to hear from or about: Class of '68—Mike Axtell, Ann Burns, Sandy Doane, Gail ImObersteg, Henry Slater; Class of '67—Kathy Banks, Wesley Bartley, John Guenther, Shay McClain, Karin Rankin, Scotty Ross, Jim Simmons, Barbara Wetherell, Neil Wheeler; Class of '66—Linda Looney, Johnny McCarter, Jan Neville, Boki Styer, Linda Young; any former Dormies, '63-'66.

"Best wishes and good luck to everyone in '94. I look forward to hearing about the plans shaping up for the Germany reunion."

Class of 1968



Students on Crosswalk, Heading for Annex A

Kathy Grosscup Kresge: "Jerry finished his job in Utah and was transferred back East (yeah!!) in the fall. After three months of living in a hotel room, we finally moved into our new house two weeks before Christmas, and promptly had company for two weeks. I don't recommend this course of action to anyone! Just so we wouldn't miss the "white Christmases" we had gotten used to in Utah, the weatherman here (in Oxford, Alabama) arranged for snow flurries on Christmas morning. We unpacked the snow shovel just in case. It was great seeing everyone in Baltimore."

Susan Nolan Leader: "With the downsizing of the Army comes the demise of a great high school! I will notice it not being around anymore. As an Army employee, I am well aware of the ramifications of downsizing—my organization (as well as others) will take anywhere from a 10% - 50% cut over the next 2-3 years. Doing more with less is changing to doing less with even less! All is not clouds, though, because I love what I do as a network manager handling multiple local area networks and a wide area network! Worrying about downsizing is nonproductive when you're swamped.

Class of 1969

♥ ♥ ♥ Romance isn't dead—yet!! **Deane Harimoto** proposed to Dawn Barkkari this past Christmas Eve on a ski slope in Colorado. Dawn has disclosed that the name of the run was "Oh No!" . . . just like a guy to get so romantic. The two plan to marry in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on October 29, with a reception in Meadowbrook Hall, the former Dodge Mansion. A second reception will be held on Veterans Day in Waikiki, Hawaii, where Deane's family lives. Deane and Dawn will live in their new home in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Those of you who attended our Denver '92 reunion will recall meeting Dawn, a really nice and personable . . . attorney. Go figure. Deane, you are one extremely lucky guy, and Dawn isn't exactly getting a bad deal, either.
Congratulations! ♥ ♥ ♥

Jean Nielsen Marcotti reports that son Anthony is a freshman at U.C. Irvine in California and her twins, Gina and Philip, are 8th graders. "I am a Resource teacher (teaching learning disabilities) and Assistant Principal at an Elementary School. My husband is National Parts Director for Lexus of Toyota. Next summer we're all touring Greece. We do love to travel and will hopefully get to Milwaukee for the '94 reunion!"

Gayle Spear Cratty: "Am recipient of 1994 Westchester County Volunteer of the Year for work with Heartsong. If I win the nationals, Heartsong will receive a sizeable monetary award. The Junior League of Bronxville submitted my name for this wonderful award."

Special note to Rusty: *Please know that your friends are thinking about you. We love you and are pulling for you every step of the way.* ♥ ♥ ♥

Class of 1970

Rose Anderson: "After four years of college in the California bay area and Vancouver, Washington, and five

years of travelling Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming with my husband's job, we settled in eastern Washington.

In 1988, I transferred to the Portland/Vancouver area so I could go back to school and become a certified goldsmith. Neil transferred down here about a year later. He is an engineer for the Washington State Dept. of Transportation and has an engineering consulting business. I design, manufacture or repair jewelry or any item made of gold or silver. We've been happily married 20 years; zero children. I love the newsletters. I think you are all doing a great job. Thanks!"

Class of 1971

Erica Nelson Menard: Currently working as a half-time "English as a Second Language" (ESL) teacher with two students (ages 9 and 10) from Berlin, Germany!

Jimmy "P.J." Torres: "I left Frankfurt in June 1971 for San Antonio, Texas, where my parents were stationed at Kelly AFB. My folks are now retired in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. After being in Texas for only three months, I left for Puerto Rico to see my relatives. I ran out of money, so I decided to join the Air Force in January 1972. I have been in since then, with assignments to Florida, Japan, Alabama, Texas, Hawaii, a 7-month remote tour in Bahrain (southwest Asia), and now Illinois. I'm getting close to retirement, and hopefully I can find a job prior to January 1996. Married to Mary Ellen of La Grange, Illinois. We have two wonderful boys, P.J. Jr. (10) and Patrick (9) that keep us pretty busy."

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Maury Pepin in Cafeteria, 1966
"Luxury Dining"

IN OTHER NEWS . . .

Frankfurt Celebrates Its 1,200th Birthday

Hard to believe the City of Frankfurt is 1,200 years old! International dignitaries helped with the celebration on February 22nd, 1994. Attending the ceremonies were French President François Mitterrand, German President Richard von Weizsäcker, Frankfurt Lord Mayor Andreas von Schoeler, and the mayors of sister-cities Granada, Nicaragua; Lyon, France; Tel Aviv, Israel; Budapest, Hungary; and the Czech Republic capital of Prague.



"Children of the Cold War" Author Bruce Jones Seeks Corporate Sponsors

In a letter to his many supporters, Bruce Jones, FHS '60, announced that he will be returning to full-time work on his book, *CHILDREN OF THE COLD WAR—Adventures of America's "Overseas Brats"* in June. Financial considerations had forced Bruce to return to work, leaving him little time for writing.

Hoping to complete his book as quickly as possible, Bruce is seeking potential corporate sponsors to underwrite the completion of the work on this patriotic and positive book on military and government families and their role in the cold war overseas. If you can help him reach sponsors, especially those interested in our overseas military, foreign service, DoD and DoDDS communities (such as hotels, airlines, convention bureaus, even tourism offices for host nations), please contact Bruce at 1425 5th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, tele: (916) 444-8613.

In another effort to raise money, Bruce is making a T-shirt available for sale. The shirt is based on a large rendering of his book's logo (see illustration) in red, white and blue. Above the art in bold script is America's "Overseas Brats" and under the logo is **Children of the Cold War**. The shirt is a real eye-catcher and sells for \$17.00, which includes tax, shipping and handling. Please place an order with Bruce today!



A Brief Look at What Those Sister Chapters are Up To!

Hard to ever figure out what the 50's group is up to! I am eagerly awaiting the next issue of *Eagle Poop* by David Rolin '56. (Dave, I magnanimously gave my copy away to a newly found Eagle, Jodie Loye Harris '57. She is most likely speechlessly grateful.) Mike Wetterer '56 and others of this chapter are putting together the big *Erinnerungen '95* reunion in Frankfurt next June (see article, Page 10).

Sue Harlan Alley '65 of the mid-60's chapter just sent out an absolutely stunning newsletter complete with color photos. Actually, newsletter probably doesn't adequately describe the work of art; perhaps *memory book* serves as a better description! This group of Eagles representing the Classes of 1963 - 1966 plans to meet in Charleston, SC June 24 - 26 at Hawthorn Suites at the Market. In other news of interest to our chapter, the "Eagle Feathers" section announced that "Wedding bells rang for Phil Bepko '67 in February 1994." Could this be true???? We all assumed those Bepko Boys were allergic to matrimony . . . Best wishes, Phil!

Linda Fillingham Reichert '73, who put on a reunion in Nashville for the 70's era, is again leaping into the fray and is involved in planning another reunion for the last weekend of July 1996 in Las Vegas.



Overseas Brats News

Overseas Brats has been aggressively launching a publicity campaign lately. The February 1994 issue of USAA's *Aide Magazine* carried an article that generated 132 inquiries in the first three weeks.

The annual "Gathering" will be in Atlanta October 21 - 23 at the Radisson Hotel Atlanta. The *Overseas Brats* Gatherings are an eight-year tradition of training alumni group/reunion leaders, motivating others to get involved, and creating a unique forum for exchanging ideas and sharing a special heritage. It's also a great excuse for a party.

Another "Grand Reunion" of Brats is in the works, according to sponsor Bill Gunkel of Reunions Unlimited of Colorado. It will be held in Washington DC July 1996. "Grand Reunion '93" had over 1,700 participants representing 65 different overseas schools. Two dozen schools held reunions there.

REGISTRATION FOR MILWAUKEE REUNION

29 - 31 July 1994

NAME: _____ Class of _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Ofc: _____

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u># ATTENDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday/7-29 (Dinner/Dance) Meal Preference:	\$ 35.00 Chicken Chassuer _____ each Steak Sicilliano _____ each	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday/7-30 (Germanfest/Dinner) <i>If you plan to attend dinner at the Fest and cannot enter the gate between 4:30 and 6:00, you must purchase a ticket!</i>	\$ 35.00	_____ _____	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Germanfest tickets	\$ 6.00	_____ _____	_____ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____ *

- Thursday arrivals: Interested in going out for dinner? yes no
- Would you be willing to share a room? yes no
- Are you interested in a brewery tour? yes no

➔ PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM BY JULY 10th!
Make those room reservations! Tele: 414-276-8800

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