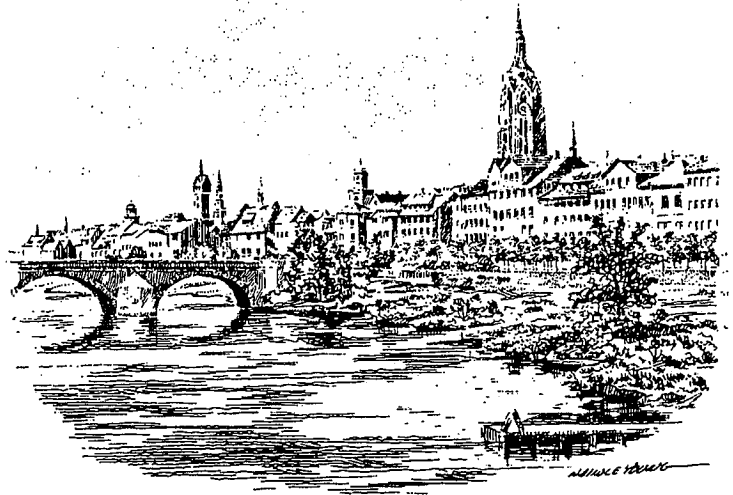


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ALUMNI MEETING IN FRANKFURT FOR FAREWELL

The reality is breathtaking . . . not only is our alma mater closing May 17th, but the entire military presence in Frankfurt has all but disappeared. Alumni and friends of Frankfurt American High School are gathering together May 15 - 17 for a final farewell.

Hopefully anyone planning to attend the reunion has received Mike Wetterer's latest newsletter dated 1 March 1995. A reunion registration form was also included, and a copy of that is provided for you on the back of this newsletter.

Bob Samborski '68 was in Frankfurt recently and had a chance meeting with **Leslie Spear '67**. He reports that Leslie has managed to get the Intercontinental Hotel to agree to block off some rooms for us at a rate of approximately \$90.00 per night. If you're interested in being in the same hotel as several others from our chapter that are attending the reunion, please call **Gayle Spear Cratty** for details. Gayle's home number is 914-961-5251.



FRANKFURT HIGH SCHOOL, Spring '89

Viewed From the South

photo by Peggy Rowland Sanchez '71

Gayle and Leslie are working on details of reunion plans for our group. Monday afternoon on May 15th is scheduled for ceremonies at the High School. They are hoping to have a dinner for our chapter that evening at Bologna's. Tuesday morning there will be a special presentation at City Hall by alumni to commemorate Frankfurt High, and that afternoon everyone is on their own. Wednesday is the Rhein River Cruise.

Everyone planning to go to Frankfurt is strongly encouraged to get in touch with Gayle. She'll be firming up our group's plans and itinerary and can let you know how to reach everyone once you're in Frankfurt. ■

ATTENDING THE REUNION?

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Since International Signs and driving protocol overseas tend to vary radically from what we're used to, the following is provided for those of you planning on renting a car once you're in Germany! Hope this helps alleviate the Language Barrier . . .



Typischer Kreis aus Zeigefinger und Daumen: Da weiß jeder, was gemeint ist.



Seit der Fußball-Weltmeisterschaft mit neuer Bezeichnung: der »Effe«.



Darauf reagiert die Polizei sehr empfindlich: die »Scheibenwischer-Geste«.



So beleidigen sich verärgerte Autofahrer eher auf südeuropäischen Straßen.

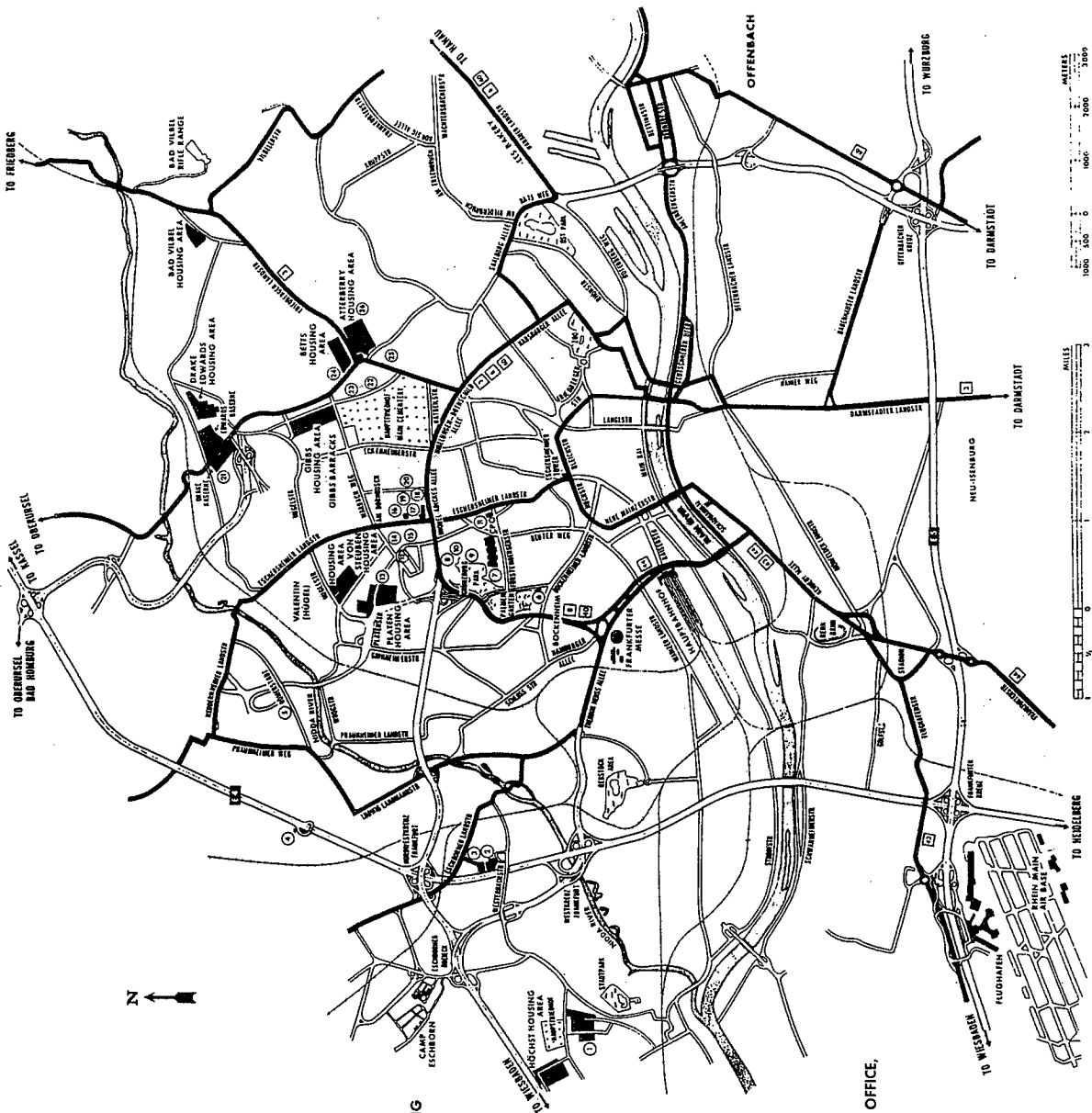


Geldstrafe zwischen zehn und 25 Tagessätzen: »Vogel« zeigen.



Till Eulenspiegel läßt grüßen: dem anderen eine »Nase« drehen.

FRANKFURT ROUTES AND INSTALLATION MAP



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German elevator riders say a prayer and hope for the best

By **George Boehmer**
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — If you use the oldest kind of elevator in Germany, the best advice would be say a prayer and be nimble.

The Paternoster is sort of a chair-less Ferris wheel that never stops. The German government is trying to bring the dangerous contraption to a gradual halt, ordering almost all of them stopped by next year.

At least five people have been killed by Paternosters since 1970, the most recent a woman who was crushed to death in March in eastern Germany.

Some say the Paternoster (Latin for "our father") got its name from people praying for a safe trip. Others say it's because the system is like a rosary with the cars being the large beads where each "Our Father" prayer is said.

The elevator is a string of open, three-sided, usually wooden boxes. Attached to huge bicycle-like chains, the boxes are pulled through shafts by large cogwheels at about 0.6 mph.

The trick is to jump into an open car as it comes past, then skip off quickly at the right floor. It's not hard, but the consequences of missing can be daunting.

There are defenders of the grandfather of German elevators, which is in limited use elsewhere in Europe. Actor Gregory Peck rode on one in the 1954 film "Night People," playing a U.S. military officer in a movie about the Cold War.

A Paternoster ride is an ice-breaker. Strangers congratulate

each other for getting on and advise novices when to leap off.

"You never have to wait long for one — there's always a next car coming," said an American familiar with them, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Howard of Detroit.

He's head of elevator maintenance at Frankfurt's IG-Farben building, occupied since the war by the U.S. military.

But he described a fatal acci-

dent in December 1991, when a young army specialist was crushed by a Paternoster.

"It's at least 10 times more dangerous than a normal elevator," says Bernd Kaufmann of the federal Labor Ministry, which oversees industrial safety. "Elderly people, handicapped and children are at risk, because the Paternoster is always moving."

About 400 Paternosters operate throughout the country. Some will survive the ban, which allows their continued use by experienced riders. The government decided in August 1988 that only employees in buildings with Paternosters can use them, and modern elevators must be installed for visitors.

The system was first used in England as an elevator in 1516,

and is said to be based on the ancient Chinese principle of rickshaws attached to ropes to water rice paddies.

Paternoster fans say it's a part of German culture. Unlike modern elevators where eye contact or conversation is avoided, Paternoster users chat or greet those waiting at floors as they pass.

Tip top terminal

The Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) on Oct. 24 inaugurates its second terminal, with a sophisticated electronic baggage handling system and an elevated railway that moves passengers the half-mile between terminals in three minutes.

Its opening will leave the present terminal, built in 1972, almost completely in the hands of the German airline Lufthansa. As a general rule, if you are flying Lufthansa you'll go to Terminal 1, which is to be renamed "Lufthansa Terminal/Frankfurt" and redecorated to give it the distinctive "Lufthansa look." If you are flying with any other, including such American airlines as Delta and Continental, you'll go to Terminal 2.

Even with its two terminals FRA will maintain the policy whereby passengers can transfer from one flight to another if the connecting flight

leaves as little as 45 minutes after the first flight's arrival. Terminal 1's electronic luggage handling equipment will be connected to the new building by a three-quarter mile tunnel with a conveyor belt. The new terminal will have plenty of glass in its roof and 12-story-high walls, and on a clear day passengers will have a view of the parked planes and runway on one side, the Frankfurt skyline and Taunus Hills on the other.

The terminal also will have its own Autobahn connection, and a full complement of shops and restaurants, including a specially designed



McDonald's. The new Terminal, which stands on the site of the 1936 terminal used before the present terminal, is badly needed. At the time the decision was made to build it in 1989, traffic at FRA, the busiest airport in Continental Europe, had reached the level that only four years earlier had been predicted for the year 2000. ■

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Newsletter

Town Hall Meeting

Proposal to close four housing areas focus of discussion

By Karl Weisel

A proposal to close four Frankfurt housing areas, Frankfurt Elementary School and Betts Child Development Center by early next year was the main topic of discussion at the 418th Base Support Battalion's Town Hall Meeting Nov. 29.

If the proposal to close Huegel, Von Steuben, Edwards and Platen Housing areas by March 31 is approved by U.S. Army Europe, it will mean moves from one housing area to another for about 100 families in Frankfurt. The moves are proposed for January to coincide with the new school semester, but residents will choose their move date based on personal circumstances. "I knew this was not going to be a popular decision, but it is a decision that we had to make based on demographics and the security concerns expressed by the community," said Lt. Col. Steven B. Henry, 418th BSB commander.

Nearly empty buildings

"Even though our occupancy rate is only 34 percent (for all Frankfurt community housing areas), I only have one empty building." If approved, the proposal will result in 2028 out of the 2659 total number of Frankfurt Army quarters being turned over to German control early — a

massive cost savings, Henry said.

"In previous Town Hall Meetings one of the principal concerns expressed was security and safety," Henry said. Despite few reported incidents so far, with fewer and fewer occupants in each building, he said, "it's going to become tougher as more and more people move out. By March there will be less than 200 families in our quarters. It's going to be very difficult to maintain security.

"I could only come to one conclusion — we will have to close some of our housing areas and move people together." By moving families from the larger housing areas into the semi-enclosed Gibbs and Atterberry Housing they will be much easier to provide security for, Henry explained.

Community officials considered turning over the nearly vacant buildings to the Germans, but Henry said that option would prevent him from providing adequate security for the remaining American tenants.

The plan to close Betts CDC and move children over to the Platen facility was met with heated discussion by concerned parents at the meeting. The move is driven by the population base, cost and loss of staff.

"The Abrams CDC is bigger and will accommodate more people," Henry said. Officials added that they

intend to move Betts CDC's staff along with the children to the Abrams facility. All children currently in a Betts CDC program will be in the same program in Abrams CDC.

If the housing areas are closed, both community Youth Centers will also be shut, said John Beard, 418th BSB S-1. However Betts Skateworld and the Eagles Landing on the Abrams Complex will remain open until May to provide young people with recreational opportunities.

One elementary school

Students attending Frankfurt Elementary School this semester may move to Atterberry Elementary if the proposed move is approved. Marsha Johnson, Department of Defense Dependents Schools superintendent for the Hanau Region, said officials are considering moving some of the teachers from the Platen school to Atterberry as well. "All I can guarantee you parents is that we're doing everything we can," she said. She added that classes will remain small in size.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Calendar Year 1994

INCOME:

Dues for 1994	\$ 1,250.00	
Misc Dues (1995 & 1996)	570.00	
Donations	275.00	
Coffee Mug sales	36.00	
Incorporation Fund Donations	287.00	
Reunion Fund Donations	<u>115.00</u>	
TOTAL:		\$ 2,533.00

EXPENSES:

Supplies	\$ 47.05	
Postage	957.73	
Printing	1,323.28	
Newsletter photos	18.00	
Bank Fees	<u>33.73</u>	
TOTAL:		[\$2,379.79]

Revenues carried over from 1993:	\$1,715.45	
Net GAIN for 1994:	<u>153.21</u>	
Cash Available:		<u>\$1,868.66</u>

FAHSAA Treasury Balance:	\$ 624.51	
Incorporation Fund Balance:	820.00	
Reunion Fund Balance:	<u>424.15</u>	
		<u>\$1,868.66</u>

Gaye M. Crosby Smith

Prepared by:
Gaye M. Crosby Smith, Treasurer
10 April 1995

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!

Perhaps we don't say it often enough . . . but it is the many alumni, like yourself, who take a few minutes to drop us a line and send us a check, that are keeping our alumni association vital and viable. Thanks so much.

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THE WAY WE WERE: 1970

So what exactly was going on in our little corner of the world in the School Year 1969 - 1970? Here's a look back:

Our Principal was Mr. Joseph Larkin, who required THREE Assistant Principals: Lowell Pieper, Donald Messier, and Rex Burgett.

The Yearbook Dedication was "To those students who relinquished their time, energies, capabilities and intellect for the benefit of Man and Society." Heavy stuff. Yearbook Editor was Terrie Hubbard; co-editor was Tina McKee.

In Football, our Eagles carried their third straight Blue Division Title—which included a satisfying squashing of those Wiesbaden Wafflers (whoops—Warriors) 20 to Zip and 20-14. Junior Joe Waterhouse won the traditional contest at the Warrior Waffle Breakfast, beating out Senior Contestant Chris Davidson and Sophomore Mike Armstrong. An amazing claim to fame today . . .

Tina McKee was the Homecoming Queen; Senior Attendent was Maggie Howes; Junior Attendents were Gretchen Pence and Debbie Thompson; Sophomore Attendent was Debbie Tabb.

In Basketball, the Eagles were undefeated in 14 games.

Bobby McKee was the 1970 USDESEA 1st Place Wrestling Champion in the 98 lb class; Frank Hinton took 2nd Place in the 155 lb class.

The Student Council was comprised of President David Kirks, VP Robert House, Secretaries Jane Collier and Katrina Potter; Treasurer Pat Royal. Sponsor was Mr. Moore.

Graduation was held at Gesellschaftshaus im Zoo on 5 June 1970. Salutatorian was Kwan Hee Kim; Valedictorian was Edward Chow. Junior Marshalls were Carol Waara and Thomas Turnbull. Senior Sponsor was Don Boepple; Senior Class President Larry Thompson, Vice President Frank Hinton, Secretary Frank Taylor, Treasurer was Diane Evans.

It's great that we've found so many of the alumni listed above, but it's also a reminder of just how many of our old friends there are who are still looking for us . . . ■

HOW TO READ A MAILING LABEL

The big question for a lot of us is, "have I paid my dues? If so, when????? This is always a pesky subject to have to deal with, and in order to alleviate feelings of confusion, or even of GUILT, we've found a solution. Your mailing label has a line in the upper right-hand corner that will look something like this:

DUES PD: 95

or this:

DUES PD: 92

or even (gasp!) THIS: **DUES PD: NOT**

The year shown; i.e., '94, '93, '92 . . . means that's when you last paid dues. "NOT" means, simply, "NOT PAID!!"

By the way, if you're behind in paying dues, back dues are **NOT necessary!** No terrible penalty is incurred, and you'll still get your newsletters. We do, however, only send the yearly Directory to dues-payers in an effort to curtail expenses. Thanks for your support! ■

ALUMNI FOUND SINCE FALL '94 NEWSLETTER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The holidays always bring a lot of correspondence. Thanks to everyone who sent me a card or note—I didn't manage to answer all my mail, but sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. As our alumni association grows in number, so does my mailbag . . . I promise to do better this year!*

10 November 1994

Always look forward to the newsletters and enjoy reading them so very much! Mary (Falvey '71) and I still talk about all the fun we had in Milwaukee. I really enjoyed myself immensely, and it was so good to see the people who came. How appropriate that the German Fest coincided with our weekend. We had a great time there in the afternoon, and our banquet at German Fest that evening was so much fun. The band at the Miller tent was really great! They will be playing on the Rhein River Cruise, right?

-- Donna Falvey '69

Right! Mike Wetterer '56 recently confirmed that he has that band signed up for the Rhein River Cruise. He told me their name but I'll be darned if I can remember it now!!! They were a lot of fun, personable, and played some good music.

26 November 1994

Well, you've done it yet again (you always do). The Newsletters are an inspiration. The first thing I do, of course, is fly through it, evaluating the quality and quantity of photos, then I go back and read the thing, cover to cover, at least twice. (*John needs to get a life!* ☺)

I was excited for **Chip Bradshaw**. Don't we all know what it feels like to be found. Good letter, too. **Gayle** is really making her mark, and I was quite proud of her. Real good article on her project (Heartsong). From *ALL* accounts,

Krys is to be congratulated for a job well done!
-- John Neumyer '69

8 December 1994

Thanks for all the great work you've done with FAHSAA! I've been unable to attend FHS events due to my work/travel schedule. I was in Milwaukee with the Band for the "Great Circus Parade" just prior to this past summer's get together there—oh well. I do plan on attending the FHS closing (leave papers already in! Yes!!) and any DC area events, schedule permitting. I will gladly help in any way I can—perhaps "strolling strings" for dinner or after-dinner entertainment . . . or hell, I do dishes, too!!

-- Michael Calloway '71

P.S.: When in DC, FHS'ers please call! (703-) 554-4515

5 January 1995

This year I've renewed several personal friendships that I believed were lost forever. There is no way I can express how much it has meant to me! (The Association's) efforts were the primary factor that gave me these opportunities. Thank you very much for everything you've done and continue to do.

I'll be attending the regional reunion in San Antonio on March 4 for Overseas Brats. Am looking forward to wearing my FHS jacket again!

-- Mike Eshleman '68

11 January 1995

I have enjoyed getting the newsletter and hearing about our classmates, the reunions and other news. Peggy and I are doing fine. Kevin is seven now and Jacob is two. Both quite a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, Continued:

handful alone, you get them together and they are a dynamic duo. They're neat kids and we feel fortunate to be their parents.

Heard from several of our classmates over the holidays through Christmas cards. I went to Washington DC for a meeting right before Christmas, and spent most of a Sunday with Monica Olsen . . . She gave me a detailed account of the Milwaukee reunion; it sounded like a lot of fun.

I have been browsing the Overseas Brats forum on America OnLine. It's been interesting to read the excitement of people finding out about the alumni association, and there seems to be a lot of interest in going to Frankfurt in May.

-- Wes Moody '69

Wes' Internet e-mail address is W4Moody@aol.com. The Overseas Brats Bulletin Board is located within the Military City Online (MCO) section of America OnLine. Try it out!

19 February 1995

I met with **Peggy Rowland Sanchez '71** yesterday and had a blast. I never realized all these years that my high school class was getting together! I heard about it once with **Ken Tashiro '71** (I'm tracking him down with the Army Locator), but I couldn't go that year.

I am very excited about getting together at least once and seeing my old school before it is lost forever. I will be coming with my family. I would love to get the stein, class ring, and a replacement for my jacket if that is available. Look forward to seeing you all.

-- Steve "Spock" McConnell '71

31 March 1995

I would like to ask two small favors and I promise not to bug you any more. I am trying to

collect internet addresses on members of my class group and officials in our alumni association for easy and quick communications. Do you have any other on-line addresses? Also, I am trying to get a class ring for 1971 and have begun an exchange of faxes with Frankfurt High. I need to identify the supplier, and design or mold number. Would anyone have a picture of the ring design for 1971? I could really use a copy. Also, my letterman jacket is getting really old!

Thanks for the great help you have been.

-- Steve McConnell '71

Boy, these E-Mail junkies are out in full force! Steve, we are asking alumni for their E-Mail addresses on our dues form now, and our 1995 Directory published its first (and admittedly rather slim) listing this year. See Page 12 for a NEW listing, printed just for you!

With regard to class rings, Frankfurt's representative for the Balfour Company has advised me that the master dies for FHS for making both the class rings and letter jackets will be maintained for several years after our school closes. They should be able to help with replacement needs. The representative to contact for further information is Gary Gibson, tele 713-521-4690, in Houston, TX. If you'd let me know what you find out, I'll pass it along to everyone in another newsletter. Balfour may also have a representative at the reunion in Frankfurt to take orders.

1 March 1995

Are you going to have pins or bumper stickers?

--Wendy Lai Fielding '72

We have a variety of items available for interested alumni, such as coffee mugs, fanny packs, and a one-inch round, enameled lapel pin. It has the American Flag in color on the background, with a golden eagle head. Cost is \$8.00 and can be ordered in the section at the bottom of your dues form!

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FRANKFURT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

The major event for all alumni this year is, of course, the reunion in Frankfurt which coincides with the closing of Frankfurt High School.

The FHS Alumni Association Chapter of 1963 - 1966 is also offering its members a reunion in Chicago this year. Kathy Bates Johnson '66 and Dick Bartelt '65 are reprising the excellent reunion put on in Chicago in 1990. This Chapter has its "Big Reunion" every five years, and 1995 is The Big Year.

The dates for this reunion are August 4 - 6, at the Chicago Embassy Suites Hotel, 600 North State Street. Plans include a Friday-night boat ride on Lake Michigan and dinner and dancing Saturday night at the Embassy Suites. Call **Sue Harlan Alley '65** (Nashville, 615-331-5200) for details.

The '70s Chapter had a wildly successful reunion in Nashville in 1993, and I have had recent confirmation that **Linda Fillingham Reichert '73** is still planning another reunion in Las Vegas for July 1996. If you'd like details once they're available, Linda can be reached at 615-358-3722. She's also in the Nashville, TN area.

Bruce Jones '60 continues his work on *CHILDREN OF THE COLD WAR: Adventures of America's "Overseas Brats."* This will be a positive and patriotic book about the adventures and misadventures of children and teenagers who lived overseas with their families.

Several project redesigns, the quantity of material to be processed, and a period of severe financial shortage has postponed finalization of this project, which promises to be a real delight for all of us who've *been there*.

Bruce has T-Shirts available for \$16.00 and a popular "primer" entitled *The ABCs of Brats* for \$7.00. Call him at (916-) 444-8613 for details.

☆☆ ALUMNI NEWS ☆☆

Class of 1968

Donna Peacher is a German teacher at Bartlett High School in Bartlett, Tennessee. She is married to Norman Pentecost and has two children, Shana (19), who is attending the University of Memphis, and Scott (15).

Class of 1969

Joye Crosby Brooks '70 was kind enough to submit the following regarding two of our stellar alumni:

BROOKS BROTHERS BREW BEER

Bill Brooks '69 and **Randy** (known as "Phil" in Frankfurt) **Brooks '71** have been brewing beer for about 1½ years. Last Fall they entered two specimens in the 1994 Texas Brewers Festival/Hill Country Brew-Ha-Ha Homebrew Competition. Since they didn't have time to get their beer aged properly, they are mildly satisfied with all three judges rating their English Pale Ale and American Pale Ale "good." There were over 600 entries, so next time they hope to at least get a higher rating!

Randy's beer label entry received an honorable mention. Their beer is called "Bloated Toad Beer" and the label features a frog that looks like he's swallowed a basketball. Bill and Randy will redouble their efforts to better their beers numerous times in 1995, and beyond. (*I say we do our OWN testing at the next reunion!!*)

Some of us are so hungry to find old friends that we actually sign up for college courses! The University of Texas at Austin offered a class entitled "Exploring Your Family of Origin: Military Families." The ad asked, "What was it like to live in the lap of the military? Wonderful? Woeful? Whatever it was like for you, you are not alone. Come share your experiences with other "military brats", ex-officers, GI's and spouses." That intrigued **Steve Dawson**, who attended the class last Fall and was rewarded with . . . finding his best friend and biggest fan, **Gaye Crosby Smith**. Steve wrote, "Trying to explain the military brat syndrome and the lost friends/past to "civilians" who hadn't moved outside of Texas was difficult, to say the least. Needless to say, this has been a weekend of emotional overload . . . finding you was the last thing I had in mind." Seems the course instructors offered a variety of materials, which included information on *Overseas Brats*. Which, of course, included information on our alumni association. *Overseas Brats* is becoming increasingly responsible for finding our

alumni; getting the word out past our own association confines through networking, advertising, word of mouth, and public relations efforts. We owe them our thanks and support!

Steve attended Frankfurt American Junior High School from 1964 - '66, and at the end of his Freshman year returned to the States and graduated from Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, VA. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1973, and was a US Army Captain, Medical Service Corps in Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX from 1974 - '76. After being on the professional staff of Boy Scouts of America from 1976 - '80, Steve joined Merrill Lynch and is a Senior Financial Consultant (aka "Stock Broker" ☺). *Welcome "home", Steve.*

Those of us who know and love **Rusty Hanna** were so pleased to hear good news from her this past December, especially after the heart-wrenching news of her strokes the year before. Rusty is meeting life's challenges with wit, grace and humor, and it is great to have her back.

Rusty writes, "I have been out of the hospital since April. My parents came and helped me adapt my 3-level home so I could get around without too much expense or trouble. Mom used her extensive computer talents to help set up my new system and organize my home office so that I can type and do all work one handed. I went back to work full time in June. The doctor said that I should. Have continued my conference presentations and attended my association conference in San Francisco this past July. It was terrific! I am now writing for two trade publications on a regular basis, and sending out to many more. I will have my MSW (Masters in Social Work) by June, if all goes well.

"John has 20 years in the Navy now and who knows where he'll be next . . . He likes his job here in Philadelphia, even though it's a real challenge sometimes. Phillip finally "flew off to his own nest." He does his own laundry and buys his own food now! He's a poor student at Stockton State College, but he's doing well in his courses. Heide returned this summer from Germany. She speaks fluent German and spends her days after school plotting how she can return to the old country after graduation.

"My health and stamina is almost back to normal. I have a much different attitude and drive to achieve now with my disability. I realize how blessed we are to have our family together and my health slowly returning!"

Bob Kingwell put us back in touch with **Steve Sims '70** (see "Alumni Found" listing on Page 9), and added a "P.S.":

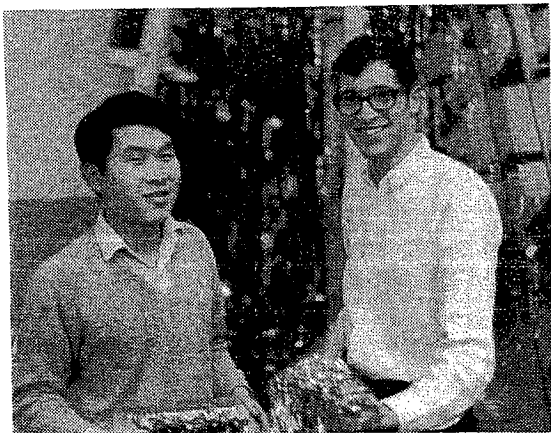
Alumni News, 1969, Continued:

"Alison and I have our 1st child, David Alan, born 3-17-94. He's the best!" -- *Congrats, Bob!!*

Archer L. Lerch III (AKA "Buddy" ☺) is an extremely enthusiastic "new find"—is there any better kind?? Buddy writes, "Glad ya found me! The *Bald Eagles Echo* is great! Good job! (Thanks.) Me? Trying to live the good, simple life. Presently bartending 3 nites/wk in San Marcos, TX at a bar called "Showdown." That's after stints in USAF, graduating BA Journalism at SW Texas State, 12 years in oilfield for an oil service company and then natural gas pipeline coating inspection. Life is good, but the money's pretty short. Loved seeing older familiar faces in this issue. Keep 'em coming. Keep reaching out to us "Frankfurters" and let's hear it for "Darmstadt Über Alles!" Whaddya say, Krvs? The soccer pic in "Blast From the Past" last issue (Fall 1994) was a killer! I played with most of that team the year before that shot was taken! What a trip seeing those faces again!

"Whatever happened to: Janet Shoop ♥, Katrina Potter ♥, the Moldenhauers (siblings), Mary Bernath (queen of bus ride mooning), Julie Sidebottom ♥, Bill House (the perfect last name for him), Ron Michael (of *The Destructive Sidewalk*), Rod Barnett (of the *Daze of Knight*), Mike Kumjian, Wanda ??♥ (Darmstadt), Kathy Parker ♥♥... and others too numerous and obscure to mention?"

Well, we could tell Buddy about Bill House, and tell him a little bit about Greg Moldenhauer, who surfaced briefly at our '90 reunion in San Antonio... and a few other names brought back some memories. Just shows that we still have a lot of alumni to find!



Peng, left, and Mike Moskowitz, 1968
(were we EVER that young?)

photo by Jim Casey

Mike Moskowitz writes from Pasadena, CA: "My journeys have taken me often to Chile, Venezuela and most recently to Ecuador (Quito is bursting at the seams—a

shame) and Buenos Aires (one of the most beautiful cities in the world). I enjoy the work and find it a refreshing change from the frustrations of pharmaceuticals. Unfortunately for me, the reunion in Deutschland is very hard to make. I've got a big exam early June, which I'll spend all of January-June studying for." Mike thoughtfully enclosed a picture of him with Mickey Mouse, which I am *not sharing*. Suffice it to say that it's a toss-up as to who's cuter in the photo . . .

Mo Ostroff is alive, and well, and still in Phoenix. Always so great to hear from him! Unfortunately, Mo can't make it to Frankfurt this May . . . he's back on active duty until April with the Army, assigned to DEA in Phoenix, and he's also taking night classes in chemistry and biology to prepare for a new career in the health field. Just don't forget to leave a little time for play, Mo! **Seattle in '96!!! Be there!**

***DON'T FORGET THE
JULY 1996 REUNION
IN SEATTLE!***

Class of 1970

Jackie Beauparlant Kleinschmidt is a "new find" who had no idea there was an alumni association. She married Kenneth Kleinschmidt in 1972; they have a son Brian who was born in 1974; they lived in Germany until 1980 and have visited there a few times since, the last time being August 1994. Jackie has a BS and MS in Education and is an elementary school teacher. She and her family live in Peru, New York.

Bill Fritz has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board for Harcourt Brace Professional Publishing's "Executive's Tax Letter." Harcourt Brace is based in San Diego, and publishes reference materials for professionals involved in accounting, taxation, technology and personal finance. Bill was the winner of *Money Magazine's* 1992 Tax Preparers' Test, author of the 1993 test, and is a nationally-known expert in tax and tax return preparation issues.

David Heath attended the University of Washington for 2½ years, then joined the Navy in 1975, working as a nuclear-trained electrical technician and reactor controls board operator. He was discharged in 1981 and came to Arizona, where he's worked in the Electrical Maintenance Control Department at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station ever since. David is an avid golfer, snow skier, sailing freak, and still plays guitar on occasion.

Alumni News, Continued:

Class of 1971

Michael Calloway is currently the Senior Producer for the US Army Band in Washington, DC. "I was recently selected and look forward to my 1 March 1995 promotion to Sergeant Major. I'm living 60 miles from work on ten mountain-side acres, and am restoring a 200-year-old log cabin, which will hopefully be complete Spring of '95. I plan on attending the FHS closing with my daughter, Lauren Anne, a senior at Schenly High School. Next fall my son, Joseph Gilbert "Gip", a sophomore, and I are planning a "guy thing" diving trip to Belize.

"In Jan. 95 I will attend the 25-year reunion of "Crosstown Traffic" (band), which was in existence spring and summer of 1969 and played virtually all of the AYA/Teen Clubs in the Frankfurt-Hanau-Würzburg area. Members were me, Bob Schneider '69, Fred Weems '70 and Gary McGill (who attended Aschaffenburg Jr. High)."

Cary Lunsford used to be the drummer for three bands at FHS—"The Naked Truth" in 1969, "RUSH" in 1970, and "George and the Rockets" in 1971. "If there are any ex-members of these bands out there, I sure would like to hear from them! Since FHS, I went professional (drums) for 15 years. For the last ten years I have been working as a cardiovascular technologist doing coronary angiograms for a hospital in California and really enjoy it. I still work with the beat! My wife, Lori, and I live in Cypress, California, have been married for 17 years, and have two wonderful children."

Erica "Ricki" Nelson changed school systems in November 1994 and is currently teaching "English As a Second Language" to Asian students in grades 2 - 12. "Looking forward to the Frankfurt reunion. My children Marlene (age 13) and Matthew (age 11) will accompany me.

"Coming home from work one day, I spotted a tourist whom I thought had a FHS jacket on—I parked the car and followed her into the Banana Republic Outlet, to discover she graduated from FHS in 1989! I was so excited to have finally spotted a fellow FHSer here in Freeport, ME."

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WORLD

Germans take back Hitler's retreat

Officials hoped U.S. military would keep it

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — After 50 years, the U.S. military is giving some prime Bavarian real estate back to Germany. Not just any old piece of land — the property was once Hitler's Alpine Redoubt retreat, and the German government wanted the Americans to keep it.

Since May 1945, when the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne confiscated Nazi property in Berchtesgaden and on nearby Obersalzberg mountain, countless U.S. troops and their families have enjoyed the hotels, villas and ski mountain once used by the Third Reich's elite.

With the reduction of U.S. forces in Europe, the U.S. military decided to close one of its three vacation centers in southern Germany.

Col. Richard Bridges of U.S. Army Headquarters in Heidelberg said the Obersalzberg and Berchtesgaden facilities were chosen for closure because they needed extensive renovations.

But the German government asked the Americans to reconsider for two reasons:

■ Finance Minister Theo Wai-

gel had told the town of Bernau it could get back the U.S. resort at Lake Chiemsee.

■ Bavaria state officials wanted the Americans to keep the Obersalzberg property for at least 10 more years to prevent neo-Nazis from visiting it.

In June 1993, the U.S. military agreed to give up the Chiemsee resort if Germany paid \$20 million to renovate the Berchtesgaden-Obersalzberg resort.

But the deal fell through, Bridges said, because "it would not have been prudent of us to guarantee staying 10 years." So the Army went back to its original plan of abandoning the Berchtesgaden-Obersalzberg resort.

Now, the Chiemsee resort east of Munich and U.S. military hotels in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, south of Munich will be kept open indefinitely, he said.

The Obersalzberg resort includes a 270-bed hotel and two villas on the slopes of the 3,300-foot mountain above Berchtesgaden.

In the town of Berchtesgaden, the U.S. military is turning over a 90-room hotel, two barracks, 12 family apartments, a post office, a shopping center and a garage.

The turnover should be completed by September, Bridges said.

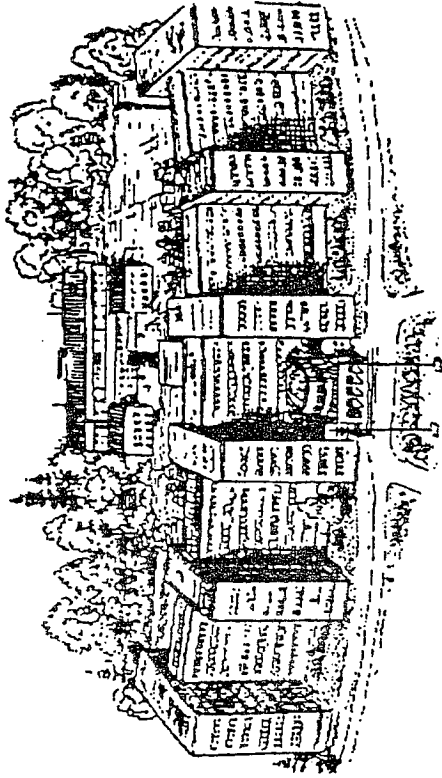
A BUILDING NAMED COLORS

Today's foreign language festival, the theme of which is "colors," is taking place in one of the most famous buildings in Frankfurt. It was built from 1928 to 1931. It is a building of architectural importance, the exterior of which may not be altered. Its name is the "color" building. Its history is anything but colorful.

The "color" industry in Germany was the chemical industry. In the mid-nineteenth century, the dye and paint industry was controlled by England, whose colonies produced natural dyestuffs including indigo, the color of blue jeans. Germany's renowned chemical industry began as a successful attempt to synthesize dyes by chemical means and thus break England's monopoly of the "color" market.

In 1924 the chemical companies of Germany, which had produced the chemical weapons of the First World War, incorporated themselves into a single company, I.G. Farben (*Interessengemeinschaft Farben* - interest community colors). It was the largest industrial concern in Germany and the biggest chemical company in the world. The firm occupied its new headquarters in Frankfurt, the I.G. Farben building, in 1930.

The overriding goal of I.G. Farben was the production of synthetic oil and rubber. German military planners had been taught by the blockades of the First World War that Germany could not wage modern war without a means to chemically produce these two substances. Company officials spoke with Adolf



subsidiary. I.G. Farben/Auschwitz did not succeed in its purported goal. The starving slave laborers produced very little oil and no rubber.

The company's synthetic oil factories in Germany were bombed in May, 1944, by 935 U.S. planes. The damaged factories were repeatedly repaired only to be bombed again and again. The crippling of the oil-synthesizing industry was a major turning point in the Second World War which ended a year later.

In 1948 thirteen officials of I.G. Farben were convicted by the U.S. Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. They were found guilty of plunder, mass murder and slavery. Allied authorities broke up the enormous chemical company into smaller firms.

The United States Army entered Frankfurt in March, 1945, liberating the forced laborers who had been used in factories in Frankfurt, some of which had belonged to I.G. Farben. American authorities first used the Farben building to house these freed prisoners. The building then became the headquarters of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and subsequently has been used as the headquarters of the United States V Corps. It was renamed to honor General Creighton W. Abrams in 1975.

Source: Joseph Borkin, *The Crime and Punishment of I.G. Farben*, 1978.

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Hitler in 1932, making clear to him the importance of the chemical industry in a future war. Without I.G. Farben, Hitler would not have been able to begin the Second World War in 1939. Once war began, the company was allowed to plunder the chemical industries of occupied countries.

In 1941 I.G. Farben chose a village in Poland as the site of a gigantic factory for the production of synthetic oil and rubber. Laborers to build and man this factory were to be provided by the nearby concentration camp. I.G. Farben paid the SS for the labor of prisoners, 4 marks per day for skilled laborers, 3 per day for unskilled laborers, and 1.50 per day for children. The concern used 300,000 forced laborers from the extermination/concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. At least 25,000 of them were worked to death during the construction of the mammoth plant. Those unable to work were murdered in gas chambers with Zyklon B gas manufactured by an I.G. Farben

Erinnerungen '95 - Reunion Registration Form

TO: Michael Wetterer
30 Byron Place
Livingston, NJ 07039-3756

FROM:

CLASS OF:

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

I plan on attending the all classes reunion in Frankfurt, May 15-17, 1995. I am bringing _____ person(s) with me.

Additional Persons:

Name

Relationship

I understand there is a registration fee of \$40/adult(19+years). Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ adults. Make checks payable to Michael Wetterer.

I plan on taking the 12 hour Rhein River Cruise w/Rüdesheim stopover, on May 17, 1995. I understand there is a \$130 per person cost to take the cruise. That fee includes round-trip bus transportation from Frankfurt to Mainz, 3 meals on board the boat and entertainment. I am enclosing my check for _____ for _____ persons. Makes checks payable to Michael Wetterer. Cruise sign-up deadline is March 31, 1995.

I do not plan on taking the Rhein River Cruise.