

Back, Back...



...to Culver Days



Class of 1966



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The recently published book, The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown is a recounting of the 1936 University of Washington rowing team and their quest for Olympic gold. While a good read for anyone, I found it especially interesting as my wife, Joyce, and I had this past summer toured the state of the art White-DeVries Rowing Center on campus. Although I never set foot in a crew shell during my years at Culver, I often grimaced at the conditioning regimen of the team and marveled at the grace of a well-coordinated crew gliding smoothly across Lake Maxinkuckee. Reading the book made me realize again that Culver provided then, and continues to provide, extraordinary experiences unavailable to most high school students.



CULVER NEWS

Fox named director of Culver Summer Schools & Camps

Don Fox, a 1975 Culver Military Academy graduate, Culver parent, and former summer staff member, has been named as the new director of Culver Summer Schools & Camps. Following a distinguished career in government, he will take the helm this month from retiring director Tony Mayfield '65.

DOUG NORTON ON STEWARDSHIP

With the beginning of a new academic year at Culver, fall sports are underway, new revelations are appearing in the minds of chemistry students (they were always revelations to me!), and the Class of 2014 is attending interviews for colleges. In short, the place is doing what it does best: Preparing a new generation of Culver Legion members to make their marks in society.

You might have noticed in that last paragraph, a significant item: the Class of 2014 is the next graduating class. That means we are just two years and change from our 50th reunion in May 2016. It's time to make sure your calendar is updated and you are ready to join the rest of the Class of 1966 as we celebrate our Culver experience and the way we have benefited from it.

As we have said before, it is traditional for the 50th reunion class to make a significant contribution to Culver. With your active support over the past two years, we are on track to make that happen. But, we need to continue the momentum between now and 2016. Our goal is 100% participation across the class -- every contribution matters. So think back on your time at the Academy, remember that Culver Fund donations are important elements of the annual operating budget at Culver, and make a pledge or a donation of the right amount as soon as you can. It does matter.

And, it does matter that you and your family are able to join us for the Reunion in May 2016, so please make plans to attend. After all, how can a party that's 50 years in the making be dull?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jim Brooks advises that Greg Osborn is organizing a mini-reunion in the Bay Area of California. Tom Bachman, Mark Brewer, Alan Austin and others are planning to attend the November 16th get together.

We hope that we will have details and pictures for the spring newsletter.

CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Is your on-line profile on the CMA '66 web site up to date? Go to <http://www.culvergrads.com/66/> and login. If you don't know your password you can request it via the Contact Us link at the top of the page. You can update any and all your information by clicking on the My Profile link.

CLASS NEWS

Pete DePrez reports that he has: 3 grandchildren here with 2 born this year.

Practicing law still in Indiana but half the year from afar, as I live in Maine about half the time, January-February then May-June then mid July thru August and then October to November so running NY Thruway quite often. **David Lloyd** lives and works just south of me in York, Maine but summers in Michigan, he is and looks same, he probably could still wear his uniform, probably still does late at night.

No idea about Scott's issues with Vedette, did not start writing there until the following year. (See Looking Back 50 Years)

Brian Blood offers up this summary of the '66 entries of 2013 edition of the "Great Race:" **Ed (Overmyer)** and his Jag did better than we did in our Saab. We broke down on the next-to-the-last day and were on the sag wagon so disqualified as competitors. Repaired a gasket in the master clutch cylinder with Teflon plumbers tape and did finish the race in Mobile on the Sunday. Even before the break-down we were not doing as well as last year. We were deluged up in Minnesota causing some parts of the race to be skipped, crossed the Mississippi 13 times and then hit the heat of Louisiana and Alabama. Next year the race is from Maine to Florida.

Alan Austin corresponded with your editor on his involvement with Dell and other happenings: I'm looking forward to seeing you and other classmates at the 50th reunion! I am partially retired now. Maybe emeritus would be a good way to describe it. I'm not on the front lines of the Dell transaction, but I've certainly listened to many hours of presentations about it from our deal team. Silver Lake does technology deals, and most are not followed in the press that much. We've had a few other well known deals,

however. I suppose Skype was the most recent one in that category.

I've been married for 43 years, and Marianne is also partially retired. We like to travel and hike together. My hobbies also include skiing and golf. I am very involved with a couple of non-profit groups, and that takes a lot of my time as well. We have three daughters. Two are lawyers, one in NYC and one in Boston. The third lives here on the SF Peninsula and is a program officer with the Hewlett Foundation. She is married and has two young children, which is great for us as we see them nearly every day.

Thomas Richardson and his wife Kristey recently acquired a 33 foot CSY Cutter christened Tykhe. The boat was purchased through Yachtsearch broker and '66 Culver alum **Walt Strzalkowski**. **Don Vickers** and **Dave Estes** attended the christening at the Harborage in St. Petersburg.



Joe Nixon wrote in that he's planning on attending the 16 Nov 13 mini-reunion in the Bay Area.

The "You Asked For It" news item came from **Tom Morley**: I attended a nephew's wedding in Charlotte in June and a niece's wedding in September in Denver. I am still very involved in my profession but my golf game has suffered considerably because of it. I had my 4th consecutive colonoscopy with zero polyps! I became Medicare eligible June 1st.

CLASS NEWS—Continued

Don Vicker's proudly announces that: My granddaughter, Kaylee, attended Woodcraft Camp this summer for the first time. We didn't give her a great deal of pre-information, especially the small detail of waking up at 6:05 in the morning. She was not aware that

marching was a significant activity. These two items were complaints from her but she rated her experience as an 8 out of 10 which is the highest rating



I believe the young lady has given ANYTHING other than hanging out with her friends. She was quite proud of her achievements during the 7 weeks and her attitude in her 6th grade year has been extremely positive and, generally, disciplined so far.

We went to Culver on parents/homecoming week-end and I was very impressed by the summer camp program. It seems that **Morgan** (Winget) and I missed each other by a day on the campus. The campus was beautiful as always and the energy was very high and positive.

Mike Fleming provided this update: I am still alive and have a house in Newark. (Ohio). Every other month I usually drive somewhere in my motorhome.

In August I drove across Canada on the Trans-Canada Highway from Sault Ste Marie to Vancouver. Then I went down to Montesano, Washington, to see **Reilly Glore**. He is doing well. Then to Reno, Nevada, where I took the Lincoln Highway, U.S. Route 50, back to Chillicothe, Ohio. The 2 lane Lincoln Highway is billed as the loneliest road in America. I was a good drive with very little traffic and surprisingly Missouri turned out to be intriguingly beautiful.

I am enjoying retirement and waiting to be a grandfather.

Scott Addis sent in the following shortly after the publication of the last newsletter: Your effort is most appreciated. The newsletter is really well done. It's fun to



hear about the guys and what they are doing. I did go to the Culver polo event

in West Palm Beach this winter. Lots of fun. Only one other 66 grad attended.

Lots of younger and older alumni were there. (Editors Note: Scott, did you ever meet up with Hub Norton? If so a story and picture would be appreciated for the next newsletter.)

Do you have news to share with your classmates? If so, please send a message, preferably with a picture, to the newsletter editor, Morgan Winget (mwinget1@aol.com)

UPCOMING CULVER CLUB EVENTS

Holiday Breakfast
Indianapolis—Dec. 1

Holiday Outing
Cincinnati—Dec. 1

Christmas Vespers Reception
Culver—Dec. 15

Gulfstream Park
Culver Club of
South Florida—Jan.
26, 2014

For more information on any of these events, please contact:
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TAPS

The obituary for David Gruen was published in the Spring 2013 issue of the Alumni Magazine. David passed away in California on June 22, 2012. Dave started at Culver as a Fourth Classman in Battery C. Alan Loehr sent belated condolences in November to Pamela on behalf of the Academy and the Class of 1966.



LOOKING BACK - 50 YEARS

Welcome to those who started at the Academy as third classmen. Here is a synopsis of what happened both on campus and off in the fall of 1963 from the pages of "The Vedette."

September 20, 1963

Winter School enrollment is a record 854 this year according to Dean Frank Bryant.

Representatives of 10 countries, 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are counted in this figure. Mexico claims 14 of the 27 foreign students...There are 820 boarding students, 13 co-eds and 21 male day students.

Third classmen are now required to take two of three one-semester courses being offered for the first time this semester. The courses are art, music and religion and each will meet once per week.

News Briefs: President Kennedy yesterday continued to urge passage of his \$11 billion dollar tax reduction plan.

Dr. Ronn Minne, Eppley Chairholder in Chemistry at Culver has been appointed to a nation-wide program of Visiting Scientists in Chemistry for High Schools.

This year's concert series contains no folk singers.

One hundred third and fourth classmen made a unique trip to Saint Mary's Academy in South Bend last Saturday...Outdoor

games such as croquet and whiffle ball were followed by a hot dog cookout.

In his "A Propors" column, TC Carpenter writes: "Not everything stood still around here this past three months. English Instructor Harvey Firari attests to that fact by having found a "moldy beer bottle" behind some books in the stacks of the literature room of the Memorial Library."

Returning cadets this year were slightly taken aback with the rash of changes, which greeted them. Some were saddened to learn of the demise of the cardboard strip (editors note: for those members of the class arriving in '63 or after, the strip was placed in your folded underwear and chambery shirts allowing such articles to be stacked).

"The Great Escape" starts at the El Rancho Saturday, September 28.

This year there will be an Eagle soccer squad under the coaching of Eric Anderson. The 11-man squad will not enter into varsity competition and therefore will not be eligible for varsity letters.

Culver defeats Argos in each school's first soccer game.

October 4, 1963

Dr. Julius Hlavaty, a math consultant predicted: "Students of tomorrow will handle pocket computers"

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LOOKING BACK - 50 YEARS

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News Briefs: The Los Angeles Dodgers assumed a commanding two game lead in the World Series by beating the New York Yankees 4-1. (Editors Note: Reading this will make **Duncan MacLeod** happy – again).

For the benefit of many who don't know it, our area mail code number (Zone Improvement Plan) is 46511.

The Vedette Salute goes out to the newest organization on Campus, Company E, directed by Counselor Frederick Lane and commanded by Chris Hinkle.

Tony Oppenheimer and **Ken Welch** have been selected as members of the Blue Notes for '63-'64.

The Frosh-Soph football team was defeated 31-7 in it's opening game at Plymouth Saturday morning.

The Culver varsity soccer team tied Argos Wednesday 2-2 and brought the three-game series with Argos to two wins for Culver and one tie.

Battery C won the fall tennis tournament.

October 18, 1963

Fall Festival, Homecoming and Father's Weekend will coincide this year for the first time. A crowd of 1,000 to 1,500 parents, alumni and friends (particularly girl friends!) is expected on campus this weekend.

The Battery B bus that broke down while returning from the Bishop Luers game in Fort Wayne last weekend was jinxed before it started. First, the bus number was 13; and second, the driver's last name was "Loser."

The Band and Blue Notes will host a Harvest Moon Hootenanny on the fountain terrace of Eppley Auditorium at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25.

"Days of Wine and Roses," starring Lee Remick and Jack Lemmon, is a tragic, mov-

ing study of alcoholism. It will be shown at the Auditorium October 26th.

November 1, 1963

(Editor's note: The front page to this issue is not in the archives)

Mike Kulka will be playing Einstein in the production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The Vedette editorial staff is pleased to welcome O.G. (Z'Beard) to the editorial staff but wish he would attend at least one meeting.

Company D copped the regimental football title Tuesday by downing the Maroon League champs, Troop A, 25-0. **Phil Fischer** did most of the running for Troop A, but his running and the flashy quarterbacking of **Mark Brewer** were not enough to score.

Co-captains **Warren Briggs** and **Scout** (Editor's note: This is the way it was printed) **Dugas** will lead the Frosh Soph football team in search of its second consecutive win.

The varsity soccer team defeated the faculty 3-0 last week to maintain its unbeaten streak.

November 15, 1963

News Briefs:

New violence erupted in Saigon, Viet Nam yesterday. A plastic bomb was exploded in the downtown area injuring two U. S. servicemen. The Viet Cong is believed responsible for the bombing.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, said yesterday that automation is becoming a curse that could cause this country and this system to go down the drain.

The cross country team beat Depaul Academy Nov. 2 to finish its season with 10 wins and two losses. **Ben Slavich** finished fifth.

LOOKING BACK - 50 YEARS

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The Band edged Troop B to win the regimental rifle championship. David Crawford and **Joe Nixon** were among the top scorers for the Band. **Harry Beall** was second overall scorer with 272 points.

Battery C defeated the Band by two and one-half boat lengths to win regimentals in crew. **Frank Cantwell** and **Harry Kitch** were members of the Battery C team.

The Band took top honors at the company wrestling tournament. **Jim Brooks** won the 127 lb class, **Mike Schrage** at 112 lb, and **Gary Pond** at 154 lb.

Company D captured the regimental swimming title.

December 6, 1963

News Briefs: The committee appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy held its first meeting yesterday.

Christmas Vespers will be held in Memorial Chapel at 4:30 p.m. on December 15.

The Christmas display competition has been cancelled this year according to Col. Edward Stephenson, commandant, who said, "The competition has become too commercialized."

So much has been said so eloquently, that we wish only to express the sorrow of the Academy, and say, may John Fitzgerald Kennedy rest in peace.

On the morning of the day President Kennedy was assassinated, the guard had trouble raising the flag. It took half an hour before someone could get there to fix it, and during this time, the flag flew at half mast. Much the same thing happened at Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minn.

In plebe division of the manual of arms competition, **Tucker Barnhart**, Co. A and

James Britton, Tr. A finished second and third respectively.

The JV basketball team trounced Howe Military School, Nov 23, 59-36. Culver led throughout the game as **Scott Bugas** rifled in 14 points. (Editors note: Who at the V-dette did Scott p*#* off?)

John Packel and Pete **DePrez** were sophomore starters in the first two varsity basketball games.

Mark Gross and Kent Friedman competed as a two man team in the Forensic Society tournament at Hobart High School.

Mike Schrage, 112 lb., and **Gary Pond**, 145 lb., will wrestle in the Culver's varsity wrestling opening match.

December 20, 1963

News Briefs: The National and American Football Leagues have denied rumors that a merger will take place next month.

Last night cadets and sponsors feasted at the traditional Christmas banquet in the Dining Hall. The Corps marched in to the tune "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and left as Col. Edward T. Payson directed the Band in the chorus of Handel's "Messiah."

"We've got it, they need it, let's share it" is the slogan for the 1964 Campus Chest drive.

In a lengthy article, several cadets discussed the Holiday traditions in their home countries. The interviewees included **Harry Kitch** (Peru), **Brian Blood** (Argentina), **David Mehtrens** (Brazil) and **Stephen Rap- port** (Puerto Rico).

The letter on the following page received by your editor is a kind "Thank you" for our support of the Class of '66 Speakers Fund.



CULVER ACADEMIES

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY * CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY * CULVER SUMMER SCHOOLS & CAMPS

Dear Mr. Winget,

As chair of the Fine Arts department, I would like to thank the Class of 66 Speakers Fund for supporting two venues dear to the hearts of the Fine Arts faculty; The Concert Series and the Visiting Artist program. Our community benefits annually from the performances and interaction accomplished through these funds. There is no better way to motivate our students than to inspire them through contact with professionals. Dedication is observed from process to performance, and futures are carved from such experiences.

The Fine Arts programs are thriving at Culver, with beautiful dedicated spaces for committed faculty to work with talented students. Plans are currently being developed to convert the Music and Art building into the Music Building. With 150 students taking private lessons and musical ensembles requiring rehearsal space simultaneously, the need for improved space has never been greater. We are anxious to complete this 4th space for the Arts on campus, and are most appreciative of the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center for Dance and Theatre, and the Crisp Center for Visual Arts.

Another exciting addition to our program is The Artistic Fund, which provides our most gifted students with opportunities to do summer study in areas of their choice. We have had students at Interlochen and Pace University, and they are developing their talents by leaps and bounds. Our students and faculty are benefitting from a wonderful combination of contributions which include the Class of 1966 Speakers Fund. We appreciate the value that you place on the Arts within your class and what you provide to enrich every audience member.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mitzell Duke
Fine Arts Department Chair