

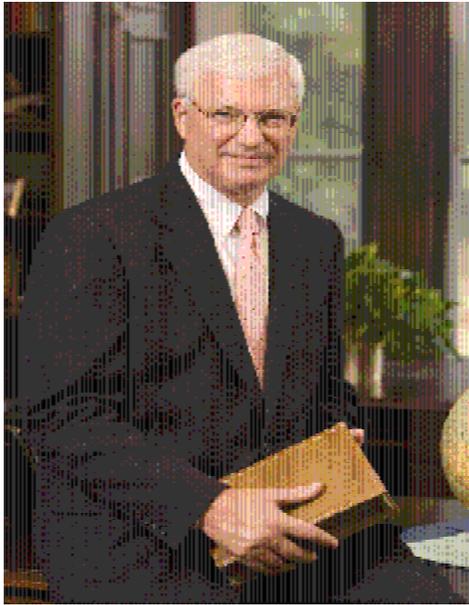
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Carlberg Leads Gordon's Path



Dr. R. Judson Carlberg is the seventh president of Gordon College, a liberal arts college located in Wenham, Ma, on the North Shore. He came to Gordon in 1976 as dean of the faculty, and under his leadership the college's faculty development program won national recognition. In 1990, he became senior vice president for development. In that capacity he directed the conclusion of a capital campaign and construction of Gordon's 1,600-seat chapel, which is also used for musical programs and community events. He has been president of Gordon College since 1992.

A native of Fall River, Massachusetts, a 1958 graduate of Durfee High School and of Wheaton College in Illinois, Carlberg earned both his master's degree and doctorate in higher education administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Long involved in church activities, Dr. Carlberg also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Denver Seminary, where he now serves on the Board of Trustees.

Under Carlberg's leadership, Gordon's most successful capital campaign was launched in 1994, with over \$42 million raised by the year 2000. Three major

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Research Defines Curry's Career

Thomas J. Curry received the B. S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Bradford Durfee College of Technology, the M.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the Ph.D. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island.

From 1966 to 1981 Dr. Curry was employed by the Naval Underwater Systems Center (NUSC) in Newport, RI, where he held increasingly responsible positions in underwater research, development, test and evaluation, and operational support. In 1977, Dr. Curry was selected as the first Naval Science Advisor to the Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor and relocated to Hawaii. Reporting directly to the Commander (Admiral), he was the scientific link between the operational submarine fleet and the Nation's research and development laboratories. Dr. Curry joined Gould Ocean Systems Division (now part of Lockheed-Martin Corporation) in 1981 as Director of Research and Engineering, and led all research and exploratory development efforts in small underwater vehicle guidance and control.

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Letter from the President

As we bring to a close another year and my second and final year as President, I must thank all the fine members of the Executive Board. With their help and hard work it has made my time as President a pleasure and an honor. I will always look back upon my time as President with fond memories and pride. I would like to encourage more people to become involved with the Durfee Alumni Association, in any way possible. Whether you have a lot of free time or just a little to spare, you can make a difference. When I became part of this fine Association I felt like I didn't have enough time to make a difference, but that is not true. Most people today are very busy and the thought of one more responsibility is sometimes overwhelming, it is always easier to think that someone will volunteer, but unfortunately that is always not true.

I believe that if we all try to give whatever we can to our wonderful Alumni Association, great things will happen. If you have some spare time or a talent that may help, we would appreciate it. I encourage each of you to become involved in any way that you can, no matter how small. Being a part of the Red & Black is also important as we try to raise as much money as possible for scholarships. The cost of college tuition is skyrocketing, so scholarships are so important to our future alumni.

The Annual Meeting this year will be on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Nagle Auditorium at B.M.C. Durfee High School. We will once again be holding an Alumni Brunch on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at the Fall River Country Club. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at either or both of these events.

In closing, I would just like to once again thank everyone for the privilege of serving as your President. The Association may be contacted through our web site at www.durfeealumni.com or mail information to Durfee Alumni Association, PO Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720-0011 with address updates, reunion information, etc.

Always remember that we are all "**SOMEBODY**" we are graduates of one of the finest high schools in the area. **WE ARE DURFEE ALUMNI!!** Hope to see you all soon.

Colleen A. Taylor '78'
President

Class of 1959 50th Reunion

Get Together: 8/21/09 ~ Fall River Elks ~ 7-11pm
cash bar ~ light hors d'oeuvres ~ casual dress

Reunion: 8/22/09 ~ Fall River Country Club
5:30pm-12:00am ~ \$40pp ~ no jeans

For Info contact: Patricia McDonald at trues62@aol.com

2008 Scholarship Recipient List

“Carlton M. Viverios”	Kendra A. Almeida
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1962 Bishop James L. Connolly	‘13	1984 Phillip Sacknoff	‘35	2001 James Chace	‘49
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.	‘05	1985 James J. Hammond	‘26	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson	‘42
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq.	‘29	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg	‘48	2002 James H. Smith	‘47
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan	‘21	1987 Thomas J. Brown	‘42	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky	‘53
1966 Myer N. Sobilloff	‘24	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg	‘24	2003 James F. O’Hearn	‘53
1967 Essis Gifford	‘02	1989 James Dean	‘50	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	‘54
1968 Jerome Namias	‘28	1990 William H. Gaudreau	‘46	2004 Ernest Moniz	‘62
1969 Helen Winward Brown	‘03	1991 Marcel P. Joseph	‘53	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley	‘36
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	‘30	1992 William K. Reilly	‘58	2005 Daniel Bogan	‘51
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq.	‘08	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	‘38	2006 Hon. William C. Carey	‘42
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros	‘37	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva	‘40	2006 John Moriarty	‘48
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter	‘30	1994 William F. Powers	‘48	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira	‘00
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire	‘31	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington	‘51	2007 George Duclos	‘00
1975 James A. Nannery	‘31	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	‘51	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan	‘57
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney ‘23		1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis	‘58	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins	‘39
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais	‘33	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq.	‘49		
1978 Francis L. Gagnani	‘36	1998 Mel B. Yoken	‘56		
1979 Robert J. Nagle	‘28	1998 Faust D. Fiore	‘39		
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	‘32	1999 John J. McAvoy	‘37		
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette	‘25	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington	‘54		
1982 Florence C. Brigham	‘17	2000 William F. Long, Jr.	‘44		
1982 M. Norman Zalkind	‘31	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	‘38		

To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.

The Last Mile Home....

Hearing the Bells Ring in the Distance

By Lorna (Taylor) Gregory '55



Anyone who has ever gone on a prolonged trip knows that the last mile home is always the longest.

The Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc. started on its journey with a handful of dedicated Durfee grads in February of 2001 and finally, we have reached the last mile home.

It has been a long, hard struggle for this small group of dedicated individuals, who have brought a wonderful idea from being simply a dream to becoming a reality. When our mission is finally accomplished, it will certainly have been worth the many hours of meetings and numerous frustrations and slogging through the hundreds of tiny details we have had to deal with over these past years.

We have accomplished so much since 2001, but we could not have done it without the incredibly generous help of Durfee grads, some local financial institutions and churches, and other very generous individuals who love Durfee High School and want the rare and wonderful Durfee bells to forever remain an important landmark in the city.

After scrutinizing many suggestions and designs, we have chosen a beautiful design for the Bell Tower, which will house our historic Durfee Bells. Architect John Lusk, of Bristol, RI, joined us with enthusiasm and attention to detail that he knew was most important to us.

His attention to our goals and needs has made our load lighter. He has understood from the beginning that we wanted to maintain the historical significance of the Durfee Bells, yet, have the Bell Tower edifice be compatible with the modern high school where the Bell Tower will be situated.

We also have had the wonderful cooperation of the Meeks, Watson & Company Bell Foundry of Georgetown, Ohio, who have not only refurbished the Bells, but cast a new one to replace the bell that was stolen. They have been

most considerate of the fact that we must continue to ask them to store the Bells for us until the Tower is built, and they have graciously accommodated us. Storing six tons of Bells is no easy task, not even for a Bell Foundry, and we greatly appreciate their assistance.

We have also been gratified to have so many people purchase Memorial Bricks that will enhance the Bell Tower and be so meaningful to everyone who has had a connection to BMC Durfee High School and all that it has meant to alumni over the past hundred years.

Those who have contributed to the project will be recognized in many different ways. The four clocks that will be at the top of the Tower, have been donated in Memory of Janice Curry by her family, and also, Rev. Shirley Andrews, who was Janice's dear friend. Janice Curry's idea was the catalyst for this undertaking. There will be many acknowledgments engraved in the glass at the base of the Bell Tower, and others will be acknowledged on plaques and in the booklet that will be published for the dedication of the Bell Tower.

As of the date of this writing, we are still waiting for final bids on the construction of the tower but our architect estimates that an additional \$50,000 is still needed to wrap up the project this spring. This is our last mile home, and when we finally arrive at our destination, it will be with an overwhelming sense of relief and gratitude for everyone who has helped us along the way.

If you would like to help us finalize this project, there is a Special Bells form and envelope enclosed in this issue of the Chimes. If you have any questions regarding the Bell Tower Project, please call Chairman Les Cory at 401-624-3478. Thank you.

DURFEE BELLS PICTURES

When we all meet

Though their alma mater is 1,500 miles away, more than 100 graduates of B.M.C. Durfee High School gather in Southwest Florida each year to celebrate it

As most Durfee Alumni know, each year an open Reunion for Graduates and guests is held in Florida. In recent years, it has been held on the Florida west coast in the Naples area. It has become such an important social event that the 2008 gathering was featured in the Naples Daily News. The following article was written by staff writer Jonathan Forester and with the permission of the newspaper is being reprinted.

Almost everyone here still remembers the words to the alma mater, even though the youngest hasn't been in high school for two generations and the oldest graduated when Franklin D. Roosevelt was still president.

That was when alma maters mattered, when singing a song that bragged about your school meant something, when schools were stand-alone entities rather than just one of many in jumbo-sized school districts.

About 130 voices rang out on this Saturday in early March at the Spanish Wells Country Club. They sang of "love and praise" for their high school, which has "standards staunch and true."

But they weren't singing it for a local school or even one in Florida. It's B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass., a school about 1,500 miles away from the Bonita Springs clubhouse in which its graduates are standing.

For more than three decades the alumni from the school have been holding an all-years reunion in South Florida. It started with the Class of '23, which held a 50th reunion on Florida's East Coast.

"After that, a few of them got together and thought, 'why limit it to just one class?' " says Norm Michaud, who was celebrating his 60th anniversary of graduating with the class of '46. "Then it grew into a fundraiser for the scholarship fund." This isn't the high school reunion you might expect, one where couples slow dance to the love songs of their youth. It's more like a reception or banquet. There's a cocktail hour (this one starting before noon), a speech and a luncheon. "We'll be in and out of here by about 2 p.m.," Michaud says.

It's not just transplanted locals who attend.

"People come from Massachusetts, California and other places," Michaud says. "Plus, there's a lot of us who have retired or vacation down here. A few people make it so the few weeks they spend down here each year are around the reunion."

Of course, they go up for their class reunions in Fall River, but only for milestones: a 50th, 55th, 60th. This reunion is every year and multiple classes.

It's been held all on both coasts and all over Florida. Until two years ago, the reunion had a 10-year residency at what was the Registry Hotel in Naples. But when it was turned into the Naples Grande Resort prices were a problems. "We only contributed about \$1.57 to the scholarship fund after expenses," says Major Wheelock, class of '53 and the chairman of the reunion organization committee. "There's no point if you can't give back something."

That might be a bit of a strong statement. After all, helping the scholarship fund isn't the real reason people show up.

They show up to be transported to a time that has long since passed and a place that some haven't been in a half century. So in a country club dining room, they stand in their blue blazers, three-piece suits and brightly colored blouses and sing a song that takes them back.

Fall River has always been a blue collar community. Settled in 1670, by the turn of the 20th century it had become a hub for textile manufacturing.

Perhaps it's most famous, though, for Lizzie Borden and the murder of her parents and the children's rhyme that sprang from the incident.

In a speech at the reunion, Wheelock remembers the town as something more profound though: An idyllic American town where the "Greatest Generation" grew up playing baseball in empty lots and spent their days attending Durfee High. "Durfee gave us a better approach to life," he says. "It taught us about hard work and dedication."

Joe McGrady graduated 71 years ago. Yet as he stood in the dining room of Spanish Wells' clubhouse, a wave of memories washed over him.

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“This was back in the Depression, see,” the 88-year-old part-time Marco Island resident says in between sips of a gin martini on the rocks. “A lot of people who would have been in my year had to drop out to help their families. I was a lucky one. I got to go to school.”

As his friends left school, McGrady began to see his attendance more and more as something to be thankful for. Later he was thankful again as his high school diploma helped him land a job with the Massachusetts Transit, a railroad company he worked for until he retired.

He remembers his time at Durfee fondly, although the memories have become fuzzier over time. The specifics don’t come readily. But the big points stand out.

McGrady was the oldest graduate in attendance because Sam Gourse, class of ’36, didn’t show up. It was a bittersweet honor: the last member of his class to keep up the tradition of attending the Southern reunions. At their height in the late ’90s, when the reunion was drawing close to 400 people, McGrady’s Class of ’37 was well represented.

“Now I’m the only one who cares enough and is able to be here,” he says with a bit of sadness in his voice. That quickly passes. “Still, it’s nice to be able to be here.”

That last sentence brings with it an unspoken acknowledgement that each year he attends could be his last.

Even the youngest in attendance, Marilyn Harris, née Furtado, class of ’66, is at an age where death is becoming commonplace enough in her peer group. It’s an unfortunate but popular topic among the attendees of the reunion.

Did you hear that so-and-so died. Well, I heard...

Other commonly overheard conversations go a lot like the one between Nancy Rochford, née Scott, Class of ’49, and Gene McNally, Class of ’45.

“You’re a McNally? I used to date a McNally back in school.”

“Really? Which one?”

“You know, I don’t know. Which was the McNally I went out with?”

What was important in high school days fades just like your parents told you, the precision and feeling in memories erased by nearly 60 years of other loves, other heartache.

But there is still that old feeling, a feeling of being back at home. Stories are swapped, tall tales retold, a lot of “remember whens” are shared. And the pieces all start to fall into place. Even though there were more than 100,000 people living in Fall River for most of the past 100 years, it’s like they all grew up six blocks from each other in Smalltown, USA.

“I just was talking to a woman who went to school with one of my cousins,” says June Falvo, née Hill, Class of ’44. “I never knew her before today. But suddenly it was like we were old friends.”

Falvo comes to the reunion every year from Alabama to take in those kinds of moments, those connections that take you back home.

“This is a great place to do that,” she says.



2008 Southern Reunion

Red & Black

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2008 Durfee Hall of Fame Induction

SWANSEA – Five new members and the 1977 undefeated boys basketball team were inducted into the Durfee Hall of Fame Friday night during ceremonies at Venus de Milo Restaurant.

Ginny Plasski, Class of 1979, Tim White (84), Sarah Wilcox Cousineau (87) and Matt Attar (88) are the newest members of Durfee's athletic elite.

Also inducted were the late Joe "Skip" Lewis, former baseball coach and the 1977 boys basketball ball team, comprising coach Tom "Skip" Karam, assistant coach Jack Campbell, captain Ken Fiola, Kevin Whiting, B.J. McDonald, Chuck Wojtowicz, Jim Plasski, Paul Amorin, Greg Brihante, Jim Donnelly, Mike Facchiano, Rick Yarbough, Harvey Litman, Steve Ogden, John Powers and manager John Gaffney.

Master of ceremonies and Hall of Fame committee chairman Bob Hargraves welcomed guests and Rev. Jay Maddock gave the invocation to get the program underway. Committee members introduced the inductees. Plasski, unable to attend, was presented by Nancy Stanton. Ginny's brother, Mike Plasski, expressed his sister's thanks to her coaches and family for their support.

Plasski was an All-Scholastic performer in both basketball and softball. She led the Hilltoppers in scoring and rebounding on the basketball court as a senior and put together an outstanding career on the softball field, splitting duties between shortstop and was among the area's top pitchers.

White was introduced by Steve Winarski, who provided an inside look

at his career on the football field. White praised the "the quality of coaches" at Durfee and termed their care of athletes as incredible." He also had special praise for trainer Paul Peloquin for "his outstanding work and dedication to athletes at Durfee."

White is the only high school two-time winner of the Vince Lombardi Award as the area's outstanding lineman. On the gridiron, Tim played center, offensive tackle, linebacker and defensive end over a four-year varsity career. He gained All-State honors and represented Durfee in both the Shriners and Harry Agganis All-Star football games. He also was a main contributor to the boys basketball team.

Wilcox Cousineau was presented by George Darmody, who described her as the best female distance runner ever to wear the Durfee colors.

Sarah thanked coaches Dave Ozug and George Moniz, and gave high praise to her father, Jim Wilcox, for his work with her over her lifetime.

Wilcox Cousineau's two-mile record of 11:19.6 in spring track and her 11:35.6 mark in winter track remains as Durfee standards. Sara won 33 of 36 cross country meets, finished second in the other three and holds the old course record.

She was a four-year All-Scholastic performer in all seasons and her team's MVP for four years in cross country and two years in spring track.

Attar was presented by Tony Abraham, who told the audience of his outstanding basketball and track career at Durfee.

Matt thanked his coaches, especially Tom "Skip" Karam, commended his brother Steve for his basketball teachings and praised his teammates for

making his achievements a reality. "I am especially proud to join my father, Al Attar, as a member of the Hall of Fame," he said years old and a long time major league baseball scout also attended.

The late Joe "Skip" Lewis led Durfee to the 1971 state championship, two Eastern Massachusetts titles and numerous Bristol County League crowns during a varsity coaching career from 1964 to 1981.

An All-American at Duke University before signing a professional contract with the Detroit Tigers, an arm injury ended Lewis' professional playing days.

Lewis then devoted his baseball career to coaching and in addition to an 18-year tenure at Durfee, coached in the Detroit Tigers minor league system and the Cape Cod League.

Karam introduced the 1977 unbeaten boys basketball team that won 26 straight games en route to a state championship. The team also won the Eastern Massachusetts Division One South title after capturing the South Eastern Mass Conference Division One crown.

Fiola and Whiting were named first team All-State performers and Fiola became Durfee's all-time leading scorer with 1,103 points. Fiola led the '77 Hilltoppers with 621 points and Whiting, a junior, caged 518 points to lead the club.

Fiola spoke on behalf of the team, providing an inside look at the winningest Hilltopper squad in Durfee basketball history. The captain praised his teammates and coaches for their dedication and complimented the Fall River fans for their outstanding support.

George Darmody '56

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facilities were constructed on campus: the Bennett Athletic and Recreation Center, the Barrington Center for the Arts and the Phillips Music Center. In recent years, an additional \$27,000,000 was raised for the Brigham Athletic Complex and the Ken Olsen Science Center.

In addition, Carlberg has overseen the construction of four residential halls, a physical plant building and the renovation of the student center. The student body has expanded from 1,200 to 1,800 in programs in Wenham and at several sites abroad. During this period, new academic programs were also added: visual arts, communications, a Masters of Education, kinesiology and International Studies. International programs were also established in Italy, South Africa, France and England. Carlberg also serves on several distinguished boards in Washington DC, including the Council for

Higher Education Accreditation and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He is a member of the Annapolis Group, a select group of presidents from the top liberal arts colleges in the United States, committed to promoting the value of a liberal arts education. He is an authority in the field of character development and leadership. As such he and his wife, Jan, have taken time to teach a First-Year Seminar class at the College. The course is designed to introduce students to the principles of a Christian liberal arts education with an emphasis on examining Christian character. In 1999 he was one of 50 college presidents honored by the John Templeton Foundation for leadership in character development. Prior to serving Gordon, Carlberg held a number of posts at Michigan State University in East Lansing and

later served as academic provost at John Wesley College in Owasso, Michigan.

Carlberg's wife, Jan, is active at the college and in church work. She has authored two books: a book of daily devotions from the Old Testament, called *The Hungry Heart*, and *The Welcome Song and Other Stories from a Place Called Home*. The Carlbergs have two grown children. Their son, Chad, a graduate of Gordon College, works in advertizing and film through his company Bait and Tackle. He and his wife, Dr. Kristina Harter, have a two year old daughter, Maggie Blue, named for Chad's grandmother, Margaret Jensen, and Kristina's grandmother, Margaret Harter. The Carlbergs's daughter, Heather, and her husband, Matt Willis, are physicians with the U.S. Indian Health Service on the Navajo Reservation in Fort Defiance, Arizona. They have two children, Lily and Luke.

Annual Meeting

Nagle Auditorium
May 22, 2009 ~ 7:30PM
Refreshments ~ 6:30PM

Class of 1954

55th Reunion
Fall River Country Club
Friday, August 14, 2009
For more info: Email: Durfee1954@aol.com
Steve Nawrocki 508-673-7473

Red and Black Brunch

Fall River Country Club
May 17, 2009 ~ 10:00AM
\$18.00

How did Durfee Become Red and Black?

As all Dufree graduates know, we have always been known as the Red and Black. What is even more interesting is the origin of these colors. How and why were these colors chosen? We all remember with great fondness the late John McAvoy and his articles about old Fall River. John had a unique way of reminiscing about a simpler time when we were younger and the modern age hadn't yet quite reached us. Being a proud Durfee

Alumnus he set about to discover the origin of our school colors. His journey took him to the Archives of the Durfee Library, and the Fall River Historical Society. He spoke with John Branco, Durfee Librarian, Florence Brigham of the Historical Society, and Alice Harrington, long-time Durfee Vice Principal. His quest turned up an interesting fact. There seems to be no record of how the Durfee colors originated.

In an article written by John in April 1989 which appeared in the Fall River Herald News, he concluded that the information did not exist. After twenty years no one yet has produced documentation that would solve this mystery. The Durfee Alumni is still looking. If anyone has any information or a theory about the origin of Red and Black, please forward it. Or, maybe unsolved mysteries provide great dinner conversation!!!!

CURRY, '08 nominee FROM PAGE ONE

In 1983, Dr. Curry founded and became president of Technology Applications Inc., a research and engineering consulting company that has provided support to several companies in the marine science and technology industry. Also in 1983, Dr. Curry was appointed to the faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth where he has held several positions including Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), Chairman of the ECE Department, Dean, College of Engineering, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Director of the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center.

In 1988, Dr. Curry conceived and established the Center for Marine Science and Technology (CMAST) at the University and became its Founding Director. This organization has since grown and flourished and has become a leader in research and education in Marine Science and Technology in the Commonwealth. In 1990, while on sabbatical leave from the University, Dr. Curry performed research and development in underwater tracking and acoustic measurements for the Navy, and led Navy efforts to define undersea science and technology initiatives in shallow and littoral water research and development. In 1994, Dr. Curry assumed duties as Dean of the College of Engineering, and led the reshaping of the college's educational programs and its research programs. An innovative freshman engineering curriculum received national recognition, the system's first alternating semester Co-Op program was successfully established, the campus's first Ph.D. program and an MS in mechanical engineering were implemented, and the campus's first distance learning classroom was conceived and implemented as a result of Dr. Curry's leadership. During this same period, Dr. Curry led the strategic planning efforts to establish the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center.

In July 1999, Dr. Curry assumed the position of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. As the chief academic officer at UMass Dartmouth, five colleges and one school reported to him as well as a variety of center directors, enrollment management, university records, the library, continuing education, computer and information technology services, institutional research, and the office of grants and sponsored programs. During his tenure as Provost and Vice Chancellor, CMAST was transformed into the School of Marine Science and Technology and a new department of Portuguese was established. Additionally, new graduate programs were implemented, including two new interdisciplinary M.S. and Ph. D. programs, the Center for Business Research was implemented and staffed, the Center for Teaching and Learning was staffed and expanded, the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center facility was built, staffed, and supported, the Honors programs gained Commonwealth status, a Learning Communities program was initiated, and a New Faculty Institute was conceived and developed.

In July 2003, Dr. Curry assumed the position of Director of the University's Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center in Fall River. This Center is aimed at establishing partnerships among businesses and the university, fostering economic development, creating educational opportunities for students, and research opportunities for faculty. The Center currently has supported emerging companies, has conducted contracts with established industries, and has supported the work of student interns. During his tenure as Director, Dr. Curry was appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth to co-chair the Southeast Regional Competitiveness Council. In July 2006, Dr. Curry retired from the University and returned in September 2006 as a Special Assistant to the Chancellor. Dr. Curry is now completing a project to develop and strengthen the Marine Science and Technology industry cluster in the region

Dr. Curry has authored 49 technical reports and journal articles on a variety of topics in science, engineering and management, and has given 17 presentations at a variety of symposia and conferences. He has been listed in Who's Who in Technology, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, in Who's Who in American Education, and in Who's Who in America.

Distinguished Alumnus

As you know from reading the Chimes, each year the Alumni Association honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in some manner in their professional life. We are looking for nominations from our Alumni regarding someone you consider as having excelled in their profession. Surely you know someone who has achieved success in Business, Education, Religion, Social Services, Law, Government or any other profession that has made a positive contribution to society. Fill out the nomination form in the back of this paper and send your nomination to the Durfee Alumni Association. The committee meets yearly to review these nominations and to choose a recipient. The nominee must be a person that graduated prior to 1973.

Street named for musical great John Moriarty



In May of 2006, the Alumni Association recognized John Moriarty as a Distinguished Alumnus. As you can see by the following article, the Alumni were not alone in recognizing his contributions to music and his community. Deborah Allard, a staff writer of the Herald News wrote the following article and it is being reprinted with her permission.

Fall River — John J. Moriarty probably doesn't need much of an introduction in Fall River, in nearby towns or in some faraway places for that matter.

A Fall River native and resident, the well-known pianist and conductor has been performing since his high school days in the late 1940s and continues on with his craft today at age 78. His name will forever be associated with this city, and with Central City, Colo., home to Central City Opera, a famed opera house that is the fifth-oldest in the nation.

Officials in Central City named a street for Moriarty in August to celebrate his 30th anniversary with the opera house and the success he has brought to it. He served as its director for nearly two decades. Central City's "A" Street was re-named "Moriarty Lane." The opera

house is located at the corner of Moriarty Lane and Eureka Street there. Moriarty's second home (he has one in Fall River) is not far away on Spruce Street.

"It's only a short street, but a street of any length is fun," Moriarty said from his home here in the city, showing some pictures of himself on a ladder hanging the sign in Central City. "They caught me by surprise."

Central City Mayor Buddy Schmalz said in the Weekly Register-Call that without Moriarty "Central City Opera would not exist."

Moriarty joined Central City Opera in 1978 — "I always wanted to work for Central City Opera," Moriarty said — and brought it through some very difficult financial times that nearly closed the house. Moriarty said he "brought the company back from the edge of the grave" with a very simple recipe.

"We just did good shows and they sold," Moriarty said. In years prior to Moriarty's leadership, he said, the company "did everything but do good shows."

He brought back the donors, the subscriptions and, by the late 1980s, saw the opera house sell out for the season.

"I went after a younger audience," he said. "It's a beautiful little theater, a stone opera house. It's a legendary name in the opera world."

Moriarty — conductor, stage director, author, recording artist, administrator, educator, and historian — stepped down as director of the Central City Opera House about 10 years ago and is artistic director emeritus and director of its artists training program, which he developed.

"I felt I'd done my job," Moriarty said. He lives about two-thirds of the year in Fall River and summers in Central City.

"I ran the opera company from Massachusetts," Moriarty said. "I had a phone, a fax and a good person on the other end."

While at home, Moriarty serves the opera department at the Boston Conservatory two days a week. He has served as chairman at both the Boston Conservatory and New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied and graduated No. 1 in his class in 1952.

Moriarty has directed opera companies throughout the United States. He has been artistic administrator at the Santa Fe Opera and the Washington Opera Society and administered apprentice programs at Santa Fe, N.M., Lake George, N.Y., and Central City.

A distinguished vocal coach, Moriarty is the author of "Diction" and numerous other articles. He conducts master classes and workshops across the country and has been piano soloist with the Boston Pops.

Herald News clips on Moriarty go back to 1947 when he was a junior at B.M.C. Durfee High School and received the Harvard book award and was elected president of the Fall River Junior Music Club.

He grew up in a tenement apartment on Bedford Street to John and Bella (Lipeau) as the oldest of three children. He attended Sacred Heart School and started piano lessons at age 10. For years, he practiced on a piano that his mother purchased for him used for \$10.

He made his professional debut at Boston's Jordan Hall in 1953 and his European debut in Naples, Italy, in 1955.

Moriarty is also club adviser to the South Coast Opera Club, founded by him, Betty Marsden and Edna Reid in 2002.

A Golden Era, Going.....Going

The Flint Village, once considered the other “downtown”, of the City of Fall River has seen much of its attractions go dormant. This section of the City has lent itself to the Lebanese and French ancestries for over 75 years.

Many of BMC Durfee High School Family frequented the Flint at Bshara’s, the Nite Owl and George’s Hot Dogs. Long’s Restaurant and the Blue Bird were also favorites. Shopping was done at the former A&P, which later became the Pleas

ant St Market. The Majiewski’s were meat cutters there. Barrettes’ Bakery, Liss Auction Store, the Royal Store, and Angelini’s were popular stops. Eating lunch at White’s Spa or seeing a movie at the Strand Theater made life enjoyable. The Police and Fire Station, as well as Zeke’s Restaurant and Leonard’s Pharmacy have been lost to housing and other commercial interests.

The recent closing of the Mark You Restaurant has been especially upsetting to this writer. Tasty Chinese cuisine made this landmark a popular stop off.

As happens in many cities, development takes the place of old landmarks.

Friends Of The Village are continually working on ways to revitalize the East End and are inviting all those interested to support this effort. The Fall River Chamber of Commerce is very active in preserving the history of a proud section of our city.

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Above: Faust D. Fiore '39, Durfee Alumni President, Colleen A. Taylor '78, Lionel Morais '58, Fall River School Committeewoman Marilyn Roderick and Lucille R. Hadley '36 at the Durfee Bells Presentation, Fall River City Hall.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2009 to be considered by the 2009 Selection Board.

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