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## Future is now for Moniz

### Alumni member of Clinton Admin.

Professor Ernest Moniz is currently professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a senior associate of the Washington Advisory Group, a management and strategy consulting organization with clients in the academic, information technology, biotechnology, healthcare, manufacturing, and natural resource fields, and serves on the board or on the strategic advisory council of the Gas Technology Institute, the United States Enrichment Corporation, Electric Power Research Institute, and the Center for Advancement of Energy Markets. He served as



**Ernest Moniz**  
Distinguished Alumni - Class of 1962

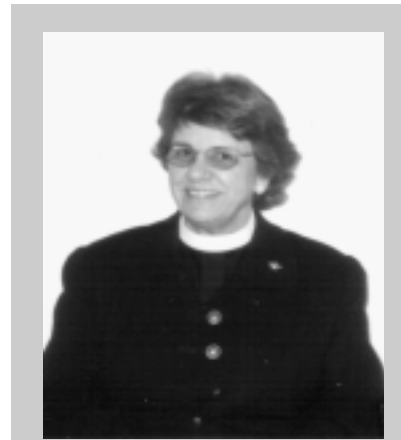
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## Andrews leads a full life

### Rev. Andrews - In Her Own Words

I was born in Fall River, Nov. 15, 1936 and was the adopted daughter of the late Mary Emma Willett and Thomas Scholes. I grew up in the East End of Fall River and graduated from Watson School in 1950 and from B.M.C. Durfee High School in 1954. On July 17, 1954 I married my high school sweetheart, Ronald G. Andrews. We have two daughters: Judith R. Terenzi and Elizabeth E. MacMillan and six grandchildren

In 1966 I entered Bristol Community College and was number of moves throughout the country. Each move broadened our experi-



**Rev. Shirley Andrews**  
Distinguished Alumni - Class of 1954

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**Russ Gibson**  
(pictured left) was a member of the 1957 Durfee Baseball team set to be honored in May.

## '57 Baseball Team to be honored in May

FALL RIVER – The 1957 Massachusetts state champion B.M.C. Durfee High School baseball team will be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies May 7 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea.

Bob Hargraves, president of the Hall of Fame, announced that the 1957 team would be honored along with individual inductees at the annual induction dinner. "We notified the players of that great team in March and are confident that the team will be well represented at the ceremony.

The 1957 baseball team finished with a perfect 19-0 record, winning the Bristol County League at 14-0 before becoming the first-ever state championship baseball team to complete a season unbeaten.

Team members were Russ Gibson, Tommy Arruda, Al Lavoie, Luke "Topper" Urban, Gordon "Buddy" Andrew, Stan Kupiec, Gerry Elias, John O'Brien, Doug Baxendale, Manny Sousa.

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# Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

So we close another year. My first year as President has been challenging and I thank all the members of the board for their outstanding efforts and hard work. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduating seniors and the recipients of this year's Alumni Scholarships. It is with the fondest wishes of the Alumni Association that you find much success in your college endeavors and career choices ahead. We hope you will always look back upon your time at BMC Durfee High School with fond memories and a pride in the tradition of those who not only came before you but that you now join.

This year the Board of Directors of the BMC Durfee High School Alumni Association is proud to recognize Rev. Shirley Shouls Andrews ('54) and Ernest J. Moniz ('62) as distinguished alumni. You can read more about them and their accomplishments in this publication. The board and Alumni association extends our heart felt congratulations to both of this year's recipients and thank them for their contributions to our world.

We also would like to congratulate this year's recipient of our teacher of the year award who was recognized at the Red and Black luncheon on May 23, 2004. This award is given in recognition of the unique and powerful contribution that teachers make in the lives of our children. Although we can only honor one teacher per year our thanks go out to all the teachers we serve our community each and every day.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the "Red and Black" who contributions have helped the Alumni Association to grow. We urge to share your interest in the Alumni Association with family and friends who may be Alumni but not members of the Red and Black. At the end of this publication is a membership form. Please feel free to copy it and pass it along. Also, won't you consider becoming an active member of the organization? There are many areas of opportunity that you could be of service. Please drop us a line and let us know if you would like to help.

May you have a wonderful and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

David M. Sinclair, President  
BMC Durfee High School Alumni Association

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for the Annual*

Red and Black Brunch  
May 23rd 10 AM - 1 PM  
Fall River Country Club

*Tickets: \$XX.xx  
Contact (xxx) 555-1212*

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Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President Ronald Lamarre, Treasurer

## Letters from Scholarship Recipients

Dear Dr. Fradkin, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Board:

My Dollars for Scholars award has made it possible for me to continue my education at the college of my choice. The rewards of such an education are invaluable, and I am certainly grateful to have the opportunity provided by the generosity of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Fall River.

My first semester at Wheaton College has also been my first experience living away from home. I have enjoyed it tremendously, mostly due to the community awareness among the students and the overall friendly atmosphere of the entire campus. I have made friends with students across the country and around the globe. I have participated in discussions both in and outside of class that have both challenged my way of thinking and introduced me to a wider scope of ideas. Most of all, however, I have enjoyed discovering truths about myself and the world around me with the guidance of a college environment and a stimulating education.

Sarah Zak  
 2003 Citizen's Scholarship Foundation Recipient  
 2003 Durfee Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Dear Dr. Fradkin,

This scholarship has been essential to my being able to attend the school of my choice this past semester, which is Babson College. I cannot explain how much I have enjoyed Babson and the accompanying college life over the past four months. I have met so many new people with interesting stories and life styles of their own. My roommate, for example, is a native of Panama, but has lived most of his life in Switzerland. Our new friendship has presented me with the opportunity to take a vacation to Switzerland this summer, which I definitely plan to take advantage of. Also, I play baseball at school, which presented me with thirty friends right from the start. They are a great group of guys who I enjoy spending time with on and off of the field. I feel that each scholarship I received helped to plow the road leading up to Babson and the forty thousand dollar tuition required every year. It would have been extremely difficult to attend Babson without the financial contributions made by scholarships such as this one, which is why I am extremely grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

Matt Chatterton  
 2003 Citizen's Scholarship Foundation Recipient  
 2003 Durfee Alumni Scholarship Recipient

## Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

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- 1971 John B. Cummings, Esq. '08
- 1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros '37
- 1973 Ambassador William J. Porter '30
- 1974 Hon. James P. McGuire '31
- 1975 James A. Nannery '31
- 1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney '23
- 1977 Gen. Melvin Zais '33
- 1978 Francis L. Gragnani '36
- 1979 Robert J. Nagle '28
- 1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca '32
- 1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette '25
- 1982 Florence C. Brigham '17
- 1982 M. Norman Zalkind '31
- 1983 Bayless Manning '40
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- 2001 Lester W. Cory '56
- 2001 James Chace '49
- 2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson '42
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- 2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky '53
- 2003 James F. O'Hearn '53

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

# Alumni honors teachers with spirit



► By Greg Nawrocki - Class of 2003

In 2003, the B.M.C. Durfee High School Alumni Association created the “Red and Black Spirit of Teaching Award” as a way to honor those teachers who instill pride in their students. The first winner of this award was Mrs. Paula Grillo, the AP Chemistry teacher at Durfee. Mrs. Grillo has dedicated almost 30 years of her career to the Fall River Public School System, 25 of which has been spent at Durfee. A graduate of Durfee (class of 1970), Paula went on to receive a degree in Chemistry from UMASS Dartmouth, and went on to work at Morton Middle School. She transferred to Durfee where she began teaching chemistry. Mrs. Grillo has been instrumental in the evolution of the AP Chemistry program at the school, and most of her students become very successful in college science courses.

A very deserving candidate for this award, Mrs. Grillo feels that it has been her students’ desire to learn and their struggles in a difficult subject who have made her the teacher she is today. “They are the fuel that ignites my desire to be the best that I can be. They keep me on track and focused, especially during times that tend to distract us from our purpose,” she says. Mrs. Grillo is also involved outside the classroom as advisor to the Science Club, Senior Prom Advisor, as well as the coordinator to her famous “Mole Day” celebration. Paula Grillo has devoted her life to instill pride and respect for Durfee High School and continues today with the same enthusiasm and spirit that she began with 30 years ago.

# Correiro honored with auditorium name



On Sunday October 26, 2003, the city of Fall River honored the former Superintendent of Schools by naming the Auditorium at Henry Lord Middle School in his honor. It was his support and leadership that brought this new building to the south end of the city in 1993 to replaced the old building that no longer provided the services that today’s students need. to 1993. He left that position to of the New England Desegregation Assistance Center Alliance.

Always a supporter of equal opportunity for all students, his superintendency was characterized by a continuous effort to involve the community in the education of all students. . He focused his efforts on curriculum, always with the goal of equity for those in the classroom. His achievements included efforts to implement school choice, improved test scores, reorganization of school administration and a declining school drop out rate.

John continues to be active in Alumni and community affairs. To quote good friend Matt Kuss,” John Correiro not only had his door open but his heart was open too.”

# Alumni loses distinguished citizen

Dr Roger N Violette, Alumni Award Recipient of 1981, passed away in October of last year. He was a member of the Class of 1925 at Durfee, and graduated from McGill University School of Medicine in 1932. He practiced medicine for over 50 years and served the Fall River School Department as it’s Physician for many years.

He was especially remembered as a philanthropist who was committed to education. He was a financial supporter of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The Violette building for the education of nurses was named in his honor. In addition, he endowed the Rose Castonguay Violette Scholarship for nursing students at the university.

Dr Violette sponsored the restoration of the telescope at Durfee High School when the school moved to Elsbree Street. It is now named the Dr Roger Violette Observatory. He also was active in the ongoing project to restore the Durfee Bell Tower.

Dr Violette was featured in the publication “A Centennial History”, published by the Fall River Historical Society and “Up The Flint”, a historical review of the area of the city where he practiced for so many years.

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# City celebrates bicentennial

In 2003, Fall River celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday with parades and parties. "People in Fall River have worked very hard for 200 years," Mayor Ed Lambert said. "They deserve a great party." Many events were held to celebrate this momentous occasion. A grand ball was held at the Abbey Grille on Rock Street. Nearly 700 people paid \$100 a ticket to come to the extravaganza, which featured cocktails and food prepared by the Abbey Grille. The Mayor stated that he was proud to be a member of "this great community, where people care about what happens and while our population is diverse, it shares a common goal: to build something even better for our children and the generations to come."

The public was also invited to attend the city's 200th birthday party at "Families Celebrate Fall River's Birthday," which was held at Heritage State Park. The event was free and featured ethnic foods, fun and music by a wide variety of entertainers. The festivities ran from noon until 9:15 p.m., when the city offered the "biggest fireworks display in the city's history," according to organizers.

The Bicentennial Parade included an assemblage of floats, 36 musical groups, marching bands, bagpipers, and a special clown band. Of course, the parade was not complete without a group of local leaders and dignitaries including Mayor Edward M. Lambert Jr., Police Chief John M. Souza, Fire Chief Edward J. Dawson, U.S. Reps. Barney Frank and James McGovern and various other state representatives and former mayors of Fall River.

The year long celebration brought many Durfee Alumni back to the city to help celebrate the rich heritage we all share.

**Please take a moment to fill out the Alumni Nomination Form and the Alumni Information Form on Page 11.**

# Danis shines as new conductor of FRSO

As the Fall River Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 79<sup>th</sup> season, it also welcomes Ann Danis, a former member of the staff at Durfee High School as its new conductor. During the orchestra's 77<sup>th</sup> season, Faust Fiore (class of 1939) announced that he would be stepping down as conductor, a position he had held since 1962. This spawned a nation wide search for a new conductor. This search brought four potential conductors to the podium for the orchestra's 78<sup>th</sup> season, with Ann Danis eventually being selected as the new conductor.

Ms. Danis' resume is one filled with excitement and all types of musical involvement. She is currently an associate Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of Rhode Island, and is in demand as a performer on viola and violin, clinician, and as a guest conductor throughout the region. She founded the Ocean State Chamber Orchestra (OSCO), Rhode Island's only professional chamber orchestra, in 1991 and the Ocean State Youth Orchestra (OSYO) in 1999 and serves as the Music Director for both. Ann has also served as an assistant conductor for the Rhode Island Philharmonic and the conductor of the Philharmonic's Senior Youth Orchestra. She has been a member of orchestras throughout the country and is currently a member of several chamber ensembles. She is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, where she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in violin performance.

The personnel in the orchestra are divided rather equally in three categories: professional players, good players who have other professions and good non-professionals and students. The orchestra has been successful because it makes no claims to be a professional orchestra. No city the size of Fall River can truly support a professional orchestra. The Greater Fall River Symphony Society and the Fall River Symphony Orchestra truly make a "community orchestra." Ms. Danis brings a certain flair that can't be equaled. Fall River is proud to have someone of her caliber representing the city's arts community.



**Ann Danis**

Photos Courtesy  
Fall River Symphony Orchestra Website  
(<http://members.cox.net/aholt33>)

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ences and understanding of various cultures and their value systems. Throughout these moves, my intellectual and spiritual pursuits persisted.

Several months after graduation from Stratford College, I received a phone call from Professor Eckels. She said there was someone she wanted me to meet. Arrangements were made for us to meet for lunch. I was introduced to a Dr. Johnston. After some pleasant conversation I asked the purpose of our meeting. He asked me if I knew “who” he was, then explained he was the Superintendent of Schools in a neighboring county. He went on to explain that the coming September marked the five year deadline imposed on the school system to put into place the mandate to integrate the schools. All was in place BUT ONE THING. Even though the majority of his teachers were now in favor of integration, he was not able to convince a Caucasian teacher to accept the first assignment in an all-black school. I expressed sympathy for his position and asked WHY no one would accept. He said, “they were afraid for their life the KKK is very active in this area.”

He went on to explain that Professor Eckels thought I would be the person that could help him out. Would I consider it? “But I’m not a teacher, never have had the training, nor do I have a license to teach,” I said. “Lou assures me you’re a “natural” and can easily pass the licensing test,” he said. We only need you for one school year.

I returned home to ask my husband’s opinion, who thought it was an opportunity “to make a difference.” Because of a mobile agreement with the government, he called Washington with the situation and asked permission to stay an extra year. Washington was delighted and wanted to support my decision to be the first one “to step over the color line.” Little did I know what lie ahead.

When word got out of my acceptance, I began receiving phone calls from my fellow graduates at Stratford trying to change my mind. I would bring disgrace upon the school, they said. Over time we were warned that the KKK was after us and one time was told to keep our car within

our locked gates because the KKK threatened to place a bomb in it. During the first school year NONE of the teachers on the school staff would speak to me. Several weeks into the second school year one of my co- teachers finally talked to me! I asked what took so long and she said “We had to be sure, we thought you were a spy, come to make trouble.” I had finally been accepted. Eventually, I was in charge of teaching other teachers. To my amazement in 1973, I was named Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America. That same year my undergraduate school, Stratford College named me their Outstanding Alumni. I refused this honor because of the harassment I received for my work supporting integration.

In 1974 I completed my M.Ed. in Administration/Supervision, cum laude and was chosen, along with several other women to be enrolled as a doctoral student. One of us would become the first female Superintendent of Schools! And, that same year I was visited by my Superintendent and offered a principalship, which I turned down. I did not want to leave the classroom. Again, the next school year in 1974, I was approached with an offer to be Assistant Principal of a school that was in deep turmoil over issues of integration. It seemed that chaos was the order of the day for parents, teachers, school bus drivers, students and school administrators. I love a challenge, so accepted the opportunity “to make a difference.”

Six years have now passed. During this time, the KKK have become more open, bold and violent. Many private schools are now open and flourishing and the fight for equal opportunity through education continued. Everyone in my family paid a price but continued to support the movement. By now Washington was applying pressure on my husband to accept a move to a new location. His option: either take the next move or be taken off the promotion list. In 1976, we moved to Maxwell, Nebraska staying two years before being transferred to Bettendorf, Iowa. This was another major turning point in my life.

After visiting the surrounding Episcopal churches, we choose Trinity Cathedral because it was large and we could worship without getting involved. Daily, I began to attend services in the chapel. As time passed, the Dean of the Cathedral and

I became friends, often meeting for lunch and talk. At times I’d lead Morning Prayer, if he was away. I joined a Contemplative Prayer group and took my turn leading meditations, I taught Sunday School and over time, the Dean began sending people to me for prayer. At the same time, I became active in several Christian groups. First one, then the other, and then another began suggesting I should be ordained to the priesthood. This went on almost four years before I decided to test “the call.” I neglected to mention that Trinity Cathedral and my friend, the Dean was the ONLY church in the state of Iowa that opposed women’s ordination to the priesthood! My story is long and awe-some but I found myself in the midst of another struggle over the “misuse of power”.

That struggle continues today, as it always has, not only in the world but also in the Church. However, I was ordained Deacon in Trinity Cathedral in 1990 and six months later ( 1990) was ordained an Episcopal Priest. I attended General Theological Seminary in New York City, receiving a Masters of Divinity in 1990. While there I was invited to be give the keynote address and lead an Ecumenical Convention on Healing in Europe, to help organize and participate in a march on Washington called “Housing Now”. In addition to being an Episcopal Priest, I am a trained Spiritual Director and known Retreat Leader.

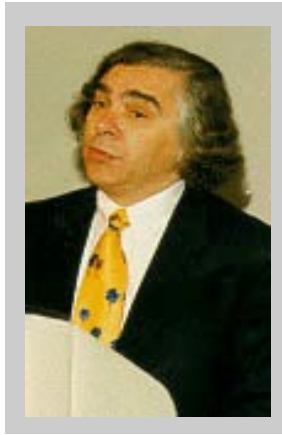
I have served various congregations before accepting the call to be rector of the Church of the Ascension, Rock St., Fall River. As I look back, I am in wonder and awe of the surprising ways that God has taken one, ordinary individual who simply “wants to make a difference” and has given her extraordinary opportunities to fulfill that desire..

There’s a poem by Mary Oliver: The Summer Day in which she talks about the fullness and and wonder of life and death..” I don’t want to end up simply having visited this world,” she says.. This life of ours is the only one we’ll have. Then she asks the question:” tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” My answer is, “I plan to continue to follow the call to life—which continues to be a joy and a mystery to me.”



## Moniz

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Undersecretary of the US Department of Energy during the last four years of the Clinton administration.

While serving in the Department of Energy, Professor Moniz

reorganized R&D management around a portfolio-based approach and stimulated research initiatives in areas such as a new generation of simulation capabilities, energy system reliability, ultra-clean fuels, international clean energy collaboration, carbon sequestration, ultra-deep offshore exploration and production technologies, and advanced nuclear fuel cycle concepts. He was also the department's lead negotiator for nonproliferation programs with Russia.

Professor Moniz has served on the MIT faculty since 1973. Formerly, he was Director of MIT's Bates Linear Accelerator Center and Head of the Department of Physics. Prior to his appointment as Undersecretary of Energy, he was Associate Director for Science in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

He holds a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Stanford University and a B.S. in physics from Boston College, and has received honorary doctorates from the University of Athens and the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Seymour Cray High Performance Computing Industry Annual Recognition Award and the Secretary of Energy's Gold Award for Exceptional Service.

## '57 Baseball team to be honored in May

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Charley Carey, Jack Driscoll, Don Ray, Bob Hargraves, Frank DeNardo, Dick Champion, John Cipollini, Dick Bonalewicz, Art Ferreira and Roger Alves.

The 1957 team so dominated the scholastic baseball scene that a dozen members were named to the All-Bristol County League team, including six starters and a like number of honorable mention.

Durfee coach, the late Lewis "Luke" Urban was named 'Coach of the Year' in the Bristol County League.

Gibson, Arruda, Urban, Elias, Baxendale and Sousa were all BCL starters and O'Brien, Lavoie, Kupiec, Driscoll, DeNardo and Ray gained honorable mention.

The team gave Durfee its first-ever state baseball championship when on June 23, 1957, the Hilltoppers claimed the title with a 4-3, come-from-behind, 11-inning victory over Springfield Tech, 4-3, at Hopewell Park in Taunton.

Arruda was the winning pitcher, his 10th victory of the season, and Baxendale scored the winning run on a one-out Urban grounder.

Arruda went the distance in the game, allowing only four hits and striking out 17 and Arruda, Baxendale and Kupiec each had two hits in the contest.

Gibson, who signed with the Boston Red Sox following the season, led all hitters with a robust .545 average and 24 RBI. Gibson went on to become the starting catcher for the Red Sox in the 1967 World Series.

Arruda signed with the San Francisco Giants following graduation and made the Baltimore Orioles Major League roster be-

fore ending his professional career.

Baxendale, whose .541 average as a junior led the Hilltoppers, finished his senior season with a .471 mark.

Andrew also turned in an outstanding spring in 1957, sharing the shortstop duties with Kupiec and competing on the Hilltoppers track team where he established records in the 100-yard dash.

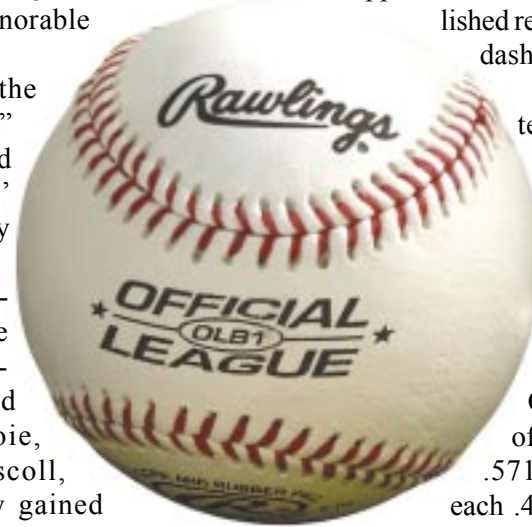
The 1957 baseball team had 10 players with .300 or better averages, following Gibson and Baxendale were Urban at .451, Sousa .382, Arruda .340, Elias .333 and O'Brien .310, while off the bench Carey hit .571, Driscoll and Ray each .429.

Arruda led the regular season pitching staff with his perfect with his 7-0 record coming on 52 innings of work. He struck out 90 and walked 22 and allowed only eight runs on 23 hits.

Baxendale had a 3-0 record, struck out 36 and walked 17 in 23 innings. Ray had two wins in 14 innings of work and Driscoll and Lavoie were victorious in their only starts. DeNardo, a southpaw, handled all the bullpen duties and was perfect at the job, not allowing a run and fanning 18 on the season. Bonalewicz also worked three innings of relief.

The entire staff combined to limit opponents to 54 hits, a fraction over one run per game, striking out 177 or a dozen per game and walking only 67 during the season.

The offense also was awesome with a team batting average of .382 on 204 hits in 531 at-bats, producing 178 runs, while allowing only 20 runs.



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# Durfee Bells On The Move!

► **By Lorna Taylor Gregory**  
**Class of 1955**

2003 has been a most productive year for the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, formerly known as SAVE-Durfee Bells.

After carefully reviewing proposals, presentations and formal bids made by various bell companies, the Board of Directors awarded the contract to refurbish the bells to Meeks, Watson and Company of Georgetown, Ohio.

On the morning of November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Directors finally saw their dream come true when the historic bells were strapped down on a flatbed truck for their journey to Ohio. A group of dignitaries including Fall River's Mayor Ed Lambert was on hand to see the Durfee bells leave the city for the first time in 100 years. It was an especially joyous day for Janice Curry, Class of '37, since it was she who had originally raised public awareness to the plight of the abandoned Durfee bells.

While everyone is happy that the bells are now in the process of being refurbished and restored, there are two very important steps that must be accomplished before the bells can ring again. The first is that a "chime frame" must be built to accommodate the hanging of the bells. This is an expensive undertaking, since it must be custom manufactured from structural steel. The original chime frame that the bells had been suspended from in the old Durfee tower was made of wood and had rotted away and could not be salvaged. The cost of a new chime frame is \$25,000 and that money still must be raised.

Secondly, a tower to house the bells must also be designed. Architect Walter Cass has submitted several preliminary drawings that are under consideration. The construction of the bell tower will cost well over \$100,000 and that money must also be raised.

It is hoped that the bell tower will be built on the grounds of the new Durfee High School on Elsbree Street, and it is expected that final approval will be given to that location by the Fall River School Department.

The Bells Committee is most grateful to Bill Keating, who raised over \$1,000 for the Bells project at his 1958 Class Reunion last summer! Special thanks also to Fred Kozak, Class of '45, for writing to the Durfee Hall of Famers; thanks to Les Cory, Class of '56, for writing to the Distinguished

Durfee Alumni; and thanks also to John Dator for his tireless efforts in working with the financial community for their contributions to help restore the Durfee Bells.

Sadly, we have to note the passing of two fine gentlemen who gave so much of their time, their talent and their enthusiasm to the Bells project. Mr. Paul Vaites passed away in April, and Judge William Long died in December. We deeply miss these two wonderful men who did so much for our cause.

It is our hope that Durfee Alumni will continue to help this project to be completed in the very near future. A lot of money is still needed, but it is our belief that the love of Durfee High School which dwells in all of our hearts, will bring forth the contributions necessary to have the Durfee Bells ring once again. It will be a legacy of which we can all be proud, if, in the near future, Durfee students can experience as we did, the thrill of hearing those wonderful bells ringing while going to school each morning. Please help us to make this goal a reality.

To date we have received \$100,000 in cash and pledges. All contributions are greatly appreciated, and many have chosen to make donations in memory of a loved one, which is especially meaningful.

The Bells committee is always looking for volunteers and ideas for fund raising. It is important that everyone try to get the word out to all individual classes so that each class can make a special donation to the Durfee Bells project.

There is a special contribution form in this issue of the Chimes for you to designate your tax deductible contribution to the Bells project while sending dues to the Red & Black Club. We hope you will find it in your heart to help. Please send your contribution, suggestions and comments to: Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc. or (DBPS), P.O.Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720.

Thank You! From the Board of Directors:

Les Cory '56, Chairman, James Panos '51, Vice Chairman, Betty Welch '45, Treasurer Lorna Gregory '55, Secretary/Clerk, Steve Camara '65, Janice Curry '37, Lucille R. Hadley '36, Dr. Ira H. Rex, Jr., Roger Roussell '48, Fern White '43, Donald Wood '47

## RED AND BLACK

# Looking for Alumni to join Organization

Each year, we ask for donations from our fellow Alumni. All donations received by the Alumni Association are very much appreciated.

The contributions support many programs, including scholarships and the printing and mailing of the Durfee Chimes.

In 1992, The Red and Black Club was established in order to recognize those individuals who contributed \$25 or more annually (per Alumni graduate). Our centerfold is filled with the ever growing list of the Red and Black Club of the 2003-2004 campaign.

If you are not already a member of the Red and Black Club, we hope to see your name next year. All funds provide programs for our future Alumni!

Remember, to preserve anonymity, there is a box to check on the Alumni Information Form located on the next page.

If you are associated with a Company that has a "Matching Gifts" program perhaps you could apply for a Matching Gift for the Alumni. Money raised goes to Scholarships for deserving Durfee students and for Alumni projects.

*Please take a  
moment to fill out  
the*  
**Alumni  
Information  
Form**

*located on  
Page 11.*

*Thank You*

# Durfee Southern Reunion Update 2004

► **By Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 and Janice Phillips Fiedler '49**

If there was anything I'd have wished for this past Sunday, it would have been the 29th Annual Southern Reunion of Durfee High School at the Registry Hotel in Naples, Florida where almost 200 grads and their guests gathered for what is always a wonderful time.

Since that was not meant to be, Janice Phillips Fiedler '49 was kind enough to phone me Sunday evening to give me her report and I appreciate her thoughtfulness. As always, the festivities are always planned for the first weekend in March, usually on a Saturday and the Committee was headed by William T. Alliston '49 and Janice. Old friends met and exchanged memories and, more than likely renewed friendships during the two hours reserved for Registration and socializing.

Opening exercises were led by Lee Carreiro singing the Alma Mater and an excellent dinner was enjoyed by all. I understand that all went exceptionally well, with particular kudos to the new Banquet

Facilities Manager.

The group welcomed the return of Past President, Thelma Grinnell Buote, who was in attendance and Joe McGrady led the community sing, Dan Ready spoke about the progress of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society in the undertaking of refurbishing the bells (now in work) and the subsequent planning of a structure to house them. Everyone participated in a Trivia Game in addition to a Raffle of donated items including a Durfee Tie contributed by Sam Gourse '36.

I urge Durfee grads to try to attend this wonderful occasion which has generated from the generosity of many Durfee grads, including those not able to attend, a substantial Durfee Scholarship which is awarded at the Annual Meeting in May. This year the Annual Meeting will take place on May 28th at Durfee. Approximately 25 students are formally awarded scholarships to colleges all over the country and it certainly is a heartwarming event..Please join us.

As usual, if you have any questions about

either local or the Florida Reunion, you can contact me at 508-672-5819 or Hadley1919@aol.com please don't hesitate. If you don't receive the annual Chimes, let me know. I'm not in any official capacity but I love BMC Durfee High School and I guess you can safely say I'm just self-appointed.

My best to all of you and join us, if you can, -- wherever. I'm always impressed by what I call that "Red and Black Magic"!

## PLEASE NOTE

In order to bring you more news from around Durfee and our alumni, the Alumni Nomination Form has been moved to our new website at [www.durfeechimes.com](http://www.durfeechimes.com)

This form can be downloaded, printed and mailed as it has in the past.

Thanks for your understanding

## 2004-2005 Alumni Information Form

Thank you for your donation and the completion of this form.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW FOR ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ If spouse is a graduate - Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check if not on the mailing list for The Chimes

\$5.00 (dues)  \$10.00  \$25.00 (min. \*Red and Black Club)  \$50.00  Other

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Durfee Bells (Special Donation)  \$5  \$10  \$25  Other (please specify)

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Raise our praises high to Durfee,  
Alma Mater dear.  
Tow'ring high beside the river,  
Radiant beacon clear.

God preserve for Alma Mater,  
Standards staunch and true.  
High aloft we'll lift her banner  
Bright with Durfee's hue.

Love and praise we render ever,  
Voices raised on high.  
Loud we sing of Durfee's glory,  
To the earth and sky.