



The Hope Farm / Greer School
Alumni Association
Newsletter



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Red and White, 1961 continued



In this issue, we finish up the school year at Greer with a summary of the activities during the spring of 1961. As in the two previous issues, you will continue to see the wonderful variety of activities and opportunities that were provided for all of us.

March 1961 Highlights

Beginning on March 4 and on each successive Friday for the next three weeks, each high class led Lenten services at the Chapel-of-the-Child.



On March 11th, junior **Bill Tracy** led the service and **Tom McCandless** was the speaker.

Senior **Syd Nesbitt** led the March 4th service and the speaker was **Tony Voight**.



The March 18th leader was **DeDe Greenway** and the speaker was **Diane Wagnon**.

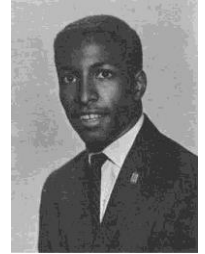


The last service was on March 25 with Freshman **Tom Tracy** as the leader and **John Maffi** as the speaker.



These students that held the Lenten services were a wonderful tradition at Greer.

On March 7th, the student council meeting concerned the issue of smoking in the basement. President **Ed Martin** stressed that there would be consequences if things did not improve. On the positive side, the benches for the new Greer park, as done by each high school class, were ready to be put in the park which was located between the high school and main house.



The students won the annual staff vs. student basketball game on March 11th, 38-33. **Dan Dewey** led the students with 17 points and staff member **Ken Lynn** led the staff with



19 points. Other staff who participated were **Charlie Berry, Mr. Weaver, Joe Austin, Jim Hamilton, and Daniel Simonds**.



Junior Speeches were in the auditorium on March 13th.



Nancy Steele spoke on the value of learning Karate; **Cheri Abrahamsen** spoke on the pros and cons of Capital Punishment.



Paula Pequeno covered the controversy of Hypnosis; and **Dick Clark** spoke about satellites.



On March 18th, the freshmen class sponsored the annual St. Patrick's Day dance. The main attraction was a very large green Irish hat in the center of the auditorium floor and there were decorations of Green and White booths around the perimeter of the auditorium.



A contest was won by **Gary Wood** (a former Greer student who was visiting the campus).



Other visitors to the campus that weekend were **Dean** and **Georganne**



Clark Hartz and **Charmi Neely**.

April 1961 Highlights

Student **Sharon Rice** (no picture available) entered a letter to the TV show, "Ted Mack's Amateur Hour" and received an invitation from them to interview her. That was a big deal for Sharon. Unfortunately, there was no follow up to her interview in succeeding issues of the Red and White.

Tree planting took place in April and 7,000 trees were planted. There was the usual temptation to put more than one sapling in each hole and some of the planters did give in to the temptation.

On April 11th, the senior class poetry awards were given out and the winners were: **Peter Puig, Roland Herwig, Glen Fillman, and Anne Meyrowitz.**



Each of these winners won a certificate and a book

and each poem was entered in the anthology of the National High School Poetry Association.

A dance in the auditorium on April 15th featured a "multiplication dance" so everyone would end up dancing: a good idea. Later in the evening, staff member **Jim Hamilton** (pictured above) organized a dance contest between the cottages. Ledge won and the winners won candy at the Wigwam.

May 1961 Highlights

May was a very busy month in 1961.



On May 13, Greer held its annual Spelling Bee. The three winners were **Claudia Hutchinson, Sharon Wilson and DeDe Greenway.** (pictured above.)



On May 14th, Greer Chaplain, **Rev. Speakman** took a group of students to a conference at the Kent School in Connecticut. Speakers from some prestigious colleges gave speeches and then answered questions from students of all the schools who attended in addition to Greer's delegation.



On May 17th, Greer had its annual spring cleanup with all 180 students being assigned areas throughout the campus to clean up. Principal **Paul Schultz** and officers of the Student Council inspected all of the areas and later all received refreshments.



Greer's annual Senior Prom was held in May and the gym was beautifully decorated as is the case each year at the prom. Lights on the ceiling blinked on and off with blue and white crepe paper and Japanese Lanterns which hung from the ceiling—truly a night to remember.

The 10th grade world history class and the 12th grade contemporary problems of Democracy class made a trip to the United Nations building in NYC

in May—this was another annual trip for Greer’s history classes.

The annual spring festival held on May 21st. The festival included gymnastics demonstrations, dancing of an Indian dance, and an old English festival dance. Next was a piano recital by seven elementary and middle school students. The spelling bee winner, **Claudia Hutchinson** was chosen “May Queen.”

On May 19th-21st the explorers went on the annual campout at Camp Barbey. The campout had a little of everything as we engaged campfire activities, a softball game and on Saturday did a service project of blazing a trail from Ledge to camp so a secondary small camp road to be built in the future.

May ended with our Memorial Day celebration, a picnic, and a very exciting, and close, Staff-Student softball game which ended with the students winning, 8-7. **Charlie Berry** and **Joe Austin** (both pictured above) pitched for the staff.

Highlights of June 1961

The only Issue of the Red and White for June was comprised of profiles of the graduating seniors.

Other traditional activities that took place in June were: Eighth grade picnic; Senior class picnic; Regents and final exams; Senior dinner; Baccalaureate Sunday; award night, and commencement.

Camp Barbey would the open during the last week of June, and the summer vocational schedule would start.

I am so grateful that I saved all the issues of the Red and White during this, my 10th grade year in 1960-1961, so you could review a typical year at Greer. I enjoyed reporting it to you and hope it brought back some good memories of what our great school offered to us throughout each school year!

John Hudnor, Greer “63” and BYU “67”

Reunion News

We continue to prepare for and be excited about the upcoming reunion **September 20th and 21st**. It will be, for several reasons, the last formal reunion

I will organize, and I hope to make it a fantastic weekend for all of you.

On **Friday, the 20th**, we will be decorating the auditorium with 5” X 7” pictures of most of the staff who served Greer from **1948 through 1965**. The photos will be hung around the auditorium. **This is where I need your help.** I want to have something written about each staff member that will go under each picture, and I need **input** from all of you so I can accomplish this goal. I look forward to receiving your input concerning some of the staff who impacted your life. There will then be the traditional Greer movie on Friday night.

Saturday, September 21st, will be lunch and dinner (served early enough for you to drive to your evening destination during daylight hours), with a special **“Honoring-our-staff”** program **after lunch**.

You can reach me by contacting tonyvaz@greerschool.org for contact information. Last of all, the registration form is on the last page of this issue for you to fill out and send back to me—please send it along with your Check and tributes to the staff who made a special impact in your life while you were at Greer. During each passing year my appreciation and gratitude for all the staff who served us while we were at Greer increases: our honoring of them is long overdue, and my hope is that you have similar feelings. Your Greer Alumni colleagues look forward to seeing you soon.

We get mail!

The Alumni Association was pleased to hear from many of you during the recent holiday season. Many thanks to: **Georganne Clark Garbus, Armin Ali, Hildi Walton Plunkett, Pam Rogers Tooke, Pam Pequeno, Calvin Cain, Harry McCandless, Tony Vaz, Liz Rivera, Pat Jordan Picco, Sue Keith Sorrentino, Nick Anderson, Sue Murray Scott, Linda Wilson Cavanaugh, Frank Cavallito, Syd Nesbitt, Doug and Mitzi Schaefer Berry, Pat Monza Bertram, Bob Jenkins, Pam Stobbe Todd, Jack Miller, Mike Ennis, Cherlyn Gieringer Luberto, Jim Anderson, Al Barsodi, Karen Townsend Hargy, and former Staff Members, Dorothy Schafenacker McMuntry, and Bertie and Wistar Wood.**

Sad news

I received the terrible news that Betty Brown Lucas passed away June 28, 2018. I omitted that news in the Fall newsletter and again in the Winter/Holiday issue after being reminded that I had failed to report it. My apologies to her long-time friends and her husband, Dick Lucas for my omissions.

We have determined that William John "Willie" Zebrowski passed away almost 10 years ago on April 20, 2009. Willie was a 1943 graduate of Greer.

Larry Whitney reported his wife, Melissa Poole Whitney passed away on January 21, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. Melissa left Greer before graduating.

Jim Anderson reported that Richard Rehn "Dick" Heisel passed away on Monday, December 17, 2018 after a sudden and valiant battle stemming from a protracted and debilitating disease. Dick was a 1956 graduate of Greer.

Hopefully, that is all the sad news for now.

Greerschool.Org Web Site Update

I have uploaded the Winter / Holiday 2018 issue. I have to get back to some documents from Bob Cole (early 50's) that I received last year or was it two years ago...CRS is getting worse. That's all for now.

Tony Vaz – Webmaster Greerschool.Org
Greer Class of '61 (Honorary)

In addition to reporting any change of address to Peggy Sparks, you can contact me at tonyvaz@greerschool.org.

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or "snail mail" them to the return address on your hard copy envelope.

~~Here is the 2019 reunion registration form. Please find John's mailing address on the preceding page.~~

Please detach and send this form to John Hudnor

2019 Greer School Alumni Association Reunion Registration Form

Saturday, September 21, 2019

I, _____ will be attending the Greer School Reunion
with _____ guests.

Lunch:	Cost/Plate	# Eating	Total
	\$15.00	_____	_____
Dinner	Cost/Plate	# Eating	Total
	\$22.50	_____	_____
		Final Total	_____

Please make check payable to: John Hudnor