

# Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School  
at Bushy Park, London England from  
1952 to 1962



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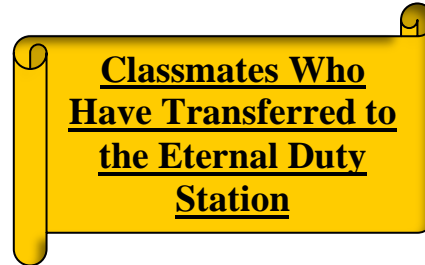


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A little reminder to all – If/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen [nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net) or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.

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**Bobbie Lee Dunn (57) King**  
**October 25, 1938 – June 16, 2006**

Bobbie Lee King passed away Friday, June 16, 2006, at the age of 67. She had been a 40-year resident of Ventura County.

Bobbie was born Oct. 25, 1938, in San Angelo, Texas, to Myrtle Young and Jessie Smith. Bobbie was an avid reader with an extensive book collection and was a member of the CSEA. The most important thing in her life was to love and support all of her family.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her mother, Myrtle Lee Dunn, and father, Charles Dunn Sr. She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Small (husband Ivan) of Oxnard; son, John King (wife Kim) of Irvine; brother, Charles Dunn Jr. (wife Sharon) of Altadena; granddaughters, Erica Ashlock (husband Bryon) of Santa Clarita and Candice Long of Jonesboro, Ga.; grandson, Darryl King of Oxnard; great-grandsons, Eric Giles and Bryon Ashlock Jr.; niece and nephew, Charles Dunn Jr., and Chandra Dunn; as well as one great-niece, Faith Dunn. She was blessed with a special addition to the family, whom she loved like a daughter, Terry McGee (husband LeAndrew) of Oxnard, as well as her best friend of more than 40 years, Liz McCain of Las Vegas, Nev.

Interment was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, 5400 Valentine Road, Ventura, CA.

## **Memories of Bushy Park**

**Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at [BushyPark.org](http://BushyPark.org) Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook”, in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007. Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)**

**[Note: This website, which has existed for over 40 years, is well worth your time to check out. Thanks to Bob Harrold (60) for his maintaining this for us all.]**



## Letters to the Editor



**From: Charlie Besancon (59)**

Belay the last! My IT person (wife Sue) rescued it and tucked it into my inbox! I assume all responsibility for the snafu. How you and Pat do what you do is beyond me. When I was working, if I screwed up I would call IT to bail me out, hoping the young good looking blond girl rather than the old fart like me would arrive to save the day.

One of the reasons I retired when I did was seeing all the computer literate young people entering the intel field. I tried to impart to them what a crusty old Marine General once said at a meeting; "bullsh\_t at the speed of light is still bullsh\_t!" the digital tools available today are amazing, though. Just before I retired, I visited my daughter in DC and she had two computer screens on her desk. In a call to her recently she said she has three computer screens now! I don't know what she does or where she works but if she can handle three screens then all those teary homework sessions when she was in middle school must have paid off!

Thanks again for all you and Pat do to help keep our pasts alive for us old folks.

Charlie Besancon

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Hey, Charlie,

I am glad that you found it. I started with computers in my business in 1980 +/- . Have used one ever since. Twenty or more years ago, I switched from PC to Apple Mac and never looked back.

Where I was aboard USS Ingraham (DD-694) in Newport, RI, one day I was in the Repair Dept. on a destroyer tender. One of the chief petty officers, I think a WWII CPO, was trying to deal with a spanking new E-3 fresh from a Navy computer "A" school. They had a new computer in their office for the very first time. I am sure that the chief had no real idea how it worked or what to do with this new seaman in his office.

When I first started after Gary Schroeder became ill, I thought it was going to be temporary. When he passed, I was asked to carry on. It was a bit daunting trying to do the newsletter as I imagined Gary did it. Finally, I decide to do it my way, which is still pretty much how he did it, except I use one page width column, rather than to two-columns system he used. Much easier.

It has become not that much of a burden. Takes me a few hours to put a newsletter together initially, then another few hours to edit things and check to see if I have everything that had been sent to me (the biggest problem for me). Pat reviews the draft newsletter to check for errors in grammar, etc. She is really good at it. It challenges me every month to not let her find any! She sends the newsletter to those in classes '60, '61 & '62, the bigger classes. I send to all the earlier classes which were smaller and now are even smaller.

We can only keep the past alive to the extent that readers like you send us something to print. Thanks for your submission about SS United States. If you would like to tell us about your military career and post-military career, I am sure this would be of interest to our readers.

Kind regards,  
Bill Rumble (57)

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Bill, it is great to hear about your experiences. Have you contributed an article to the “Bushy Tales” about your life after Bushy?

You mentioned the article about the SS UNITED STATES, it was by Gary Baldwin but I do have a little story about her. It was 1956 we went to England aboard a MSTS ship that was doing about 16 Kn. In mid-ocean the SS UNITED STATES passed us on her way to England. What a sight! She had the proverbial bone in her teeth and left our ship in her wake. When we were finally going up the ship channel into Southampton, she passed us on her way BACK to the U.S!

When I was working at the shipyard in Newport News, VA in '66 or '67 she was dry docked there for a few days. There were armed guards around the dry dock because, we were told, her underwater hull shape and screws were classified. Our dept. head and his secretary were invited aboard for lunch. Needless to say, we worker bees were P.O.ed that we weren't invited.

Later on, at one point she was berthed at a pier in Norfolk, VA. When I would travel on the bridge-tunnel to Norfolk, I could see her stacks in the distance. It was sad.

Charlie Besancon

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Charlie,

Thank you for your kind words. Yes, I have put a few things about my post-BP life in the newsletter. I can't remember which issues.

I will include your SS United States observations in the next newsletter.

Thanks,  
Bill R. (57)

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Hi Bill, it's me Charlie Besancon again. In my comments on seeing the SS United States I mixed up my dates. I said I saw the ship in dry dock in '66 or '67. By then I was in the USMC. The correct date was '64 or '65!

Another memory has emerged from my cluttered mind. When the first Boeing 707 was scheduled to land at Heathrow, we were let out of class to see her as she went over on her approach to Heathrow! We sure lived in an exciting time!

Charlie Besancon

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**From: Mike Murphy (58)**

Hey Bill,

I remember the Ingraham or Ingram. I was onboard USS Willis A Lee (DL-4) at the time. Spent many years on old tin cans but retired from a Spruance class destroyer. Great ships.

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Hi, Mike,

I think that I remember the Willis A Lee (DL-4) from Newport, RI. From what I read on [Wikipedia](#), I doubt that we operated together. Ingraham was in DesRon 24, an ASW group.

I appreciate your note. With your consent, I will include it in the next newsletter.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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Yeah, go ahead. I think the Lee was in DesRon 2. I made one Med cruise on her. I was RD2 at the time.

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Before I became a JOD, I was a CIC Watch Officer. It was a great way to learn the goings on of things when the ship was streaming normally, in formation, entering and leaving port. There was always a bit of competition between the bridge and CIC on proper navigation.

Thank you for your OK.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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Hey, Mike,

The USS Jonas Ingram (DD-938) was a Forrest Sherman class destroyer that was home-ported in Mayport, FL. Could be the ship you recall working with at some point.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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I think the Ingram was part of the 6th fleet during the Med cruise I was on. The Willis A Lee was a DL, destroyer leader, part of DesRon 2. In my 30 years I spent time on 9 different ships, all tin cans. Thanks for the info.

Mike

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Mike,

Thank you for your service on our destroyer fleet. I find it very sad to see how the fleet is being overused to the point of failing to do proper maintenance. Rather than expanding the fleet, the government is reducing the number of ships and aircraft. This while the threats from abroad worldwide are increasing. Makes no sense.

My father was a 1933 graduate of the USNA. He served on active duty for 28 years as a naval architect and marine engineer (EDO). I wanted to enter the Navy as an officer, like my dad. My eyesight prevented me from being eligible for USNA or NROTC. As I came close to graduation from college, I applied of NavOCS and was accepted. I was commissioned in June 1962. I served on USS Ingraham (DD-694) from November 1962 to October 1964, after first being sent to Communications Officer School and Electronic Maintenance Officer School. I extended my service for one year to teach at NavOCS from November 1964 to June 1966. I left active duty and served 3 more years in the relay reserves in Philadelphia. Initially in a land unit, very boring, then on a reserve destroyer USS Hank (DD-702), non-FRAM Sumner-class ship. I was a full Lieutenant (O-3) when I left active duty.

I sometimes wonder how different my life would have been had I stayed on active duty for a career.

Regards,  
Bill R (57)

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**From: Susan Garrison (54) Mayo**

Hi Bill, This was great hearing from quite a few of my classmates who I remember so fondly. It's wonderful to hear that they're still with us and doing well.

Thanks again for you and Pat.

Hugs,  
Snookie  
Suzanne

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Hi, Snookie,

Always great hearing from you. If you don't mind, I would like to include your brief, but great, response to the submitted items of others. Maybe it will boost others to submit something - anything.

Hugs back,  
Bill R (57)

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Whatever helps, Bill. I do enjoy all the stories, whether from the classes I remember so well or not.

Thanks again,  
Snookie

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Thanks, Snookie. I'm right there with you on enjoying stories no matter who is telling them.  
Bill R (57)

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**From: Robert E. Kulesh (55)**

Thanks Bill,

We sailed on the SS United States to Le Havre summer of 1953. A fantastic experience for a then 15-year-old kid from NYC and Fort Lauderdale.

What great memories, Mr. Maury was the Maître de in the First-Class dining room and baked Alaska was my favorite dessert. The fastest five days in my life!!

Return to the USA was on a DC-6(?) Zurich- Shannon- Gander- NYC, I think. Maybe an 18+ hour trip. Now I fly to Europe a few times a year and it's 10 hours - LAX to London Heathrow.

About 15 years ago I drove through Philly and saw her rotting away- SAD!!!!

Thanks for helping to keep these old dreams alive....

All the Best,  
Bob Kulesh

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**From: Sally Lamar Parish (60) Robitalle**

Pat,

I especially enjoyed the photos and long article on the S.S. United States.

We sailed to London on her in 1955 – my older sister, Windy ('56), and I younger sister, Judi, (who attended an English school and has been in London since 1980!).

I have many fond memories of that trip and am sorry to read of the decline of a grand ship!

Did you ever see the 1962 Disney movie “Bon Voyage” with Fred Mc Murray? It’s about a family that goes to Paris, and it was actually filmed on the United States. I recognized the inside of the ship.

We returned on S.S. America.

Lamar

Attached is a picture of Windy and Judi in the pool on the ship, as well as the back of the picture talking about it. I copied it from a slide my Daddy took.



The "metal" indoor saltwater pool on the S.S. United States. I liked it because it was so unusual. The ship moved a lot, and so did the water in the pool, which is why the sides were so high. I don't know if Juju will remember it, but please share it with her and return to me. (Don't send to Windy, because I don't want her to know I've been going through all the slides, and spoil the surprise.) Remember the days of bathing caps??

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**From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen**

Bill - thanks. Seems that those who traveled on that ship have some fond memories and they're sharing them with us.

I flew to England - my first airplane trip and it was Flying Tiger Airline. My second plane trip was back from England on a USAF plane. Nothing fancy for us. LOL.

Pat

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**From: Penny "Cris" Ohrman (61) Bernstein**

Really enjoyed the article on the SS United States.

I am attaching three pictures on the ship. We sailed from NY Harbor on Columbus Day, October 12, 1956. Pictures of us as a family, my brother, who was 6 at the time, and I was just 13, then us playing Bingo - to this day a favorite with my grown grandchildren. We were in England October '56 to June '58 and then on to Bitburg, Germany for 18 months and to Charleston SC where I graduated in '61. Was at Bushy Park just end of 8th grade and on to Bushey Hall for 9th grade. (Just realized after all these years that Bushy Park is w/o the "e" and Bushey Hall has it in.) Reading is fundamental.

Thanks for all you do,

Penny Ohrman Bernstein '61







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**From: Murray Black (56) Wilson**

Dear Bill,

Thank you and Gary for highlighting the SS United States in the recent Bushy Tales. It brought back many pleasant memories for me as I completed my sophomore year (July 1953 - July 1954) at CHS and returned home on the grand ship (it was only 2 years old when I sailed on her).

Going through some memorabilia, I found a couple of items related to the ship, and I shall send them to you with separate emails. You may do with them what you please, I do not expect you to publish them!

I share the concern that you and Gary have regarding the fate of the marvelous ship. After all, many glorious and historic ships of the past, "Old" Ironsides, the Constitution and the H.M.S. Victory to name just a few have been preserved as well as many WW2 ships. Too bad it will cost so much to preserve and restore the US to looking like she did when we sailed on her. I think even after some 60 years of her setting the speed records across the Atlantic (both ways), no ship has travelled faster.

Like you, Bill, I too served from 1962 to 1964 in the Navy on a destroyer, the USS Hyman (DD-732). We were involved in the naval blockade of the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962. There were some very tense moments as the captain of the ship commanded us to our battle stations saying and repeating, this is NO drill. I was the (nervous and inexperienced) fire control officer. Fortunately, we did not need to fire any of our guns, and we soon returned to Newport, RI, our home port. The ship also no longer exists, but a ship exactly like her, the USS Laffey (DD-724), is on display in Mount Pleasant, SC (near Charlestown). She is well worth a visit.

Thank you for helping us to recall such pleasant memories as going to high school in England. We travelled all over Britain, Scotland, Wales, (and Paris). I have more pleasant memories of that year than most of my previous years combined!

Please keep on keeping on! Would it help to have a copy of the CHS 1954 "Londoner" year book? I would be happy to send it to you, you will get more use out of it than I will!

Best to you and yours,

W. Murray Black ('56)

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Thank you for your email. Thank you also for sharing your experience on the SS United States and the great pictures. Do you mind if I include them in the next newsletter?

As a result of my father's duties, he and all of us in the family were traveling on diplomatic passports. Whether this had anything to do with our being in First Class I have no idea.

I was Electronics Maintenance Officer and then Communications Officer on Ingraham. When I first went aboard my GQ station was check sight in mount 52. When the first round was fired, all I saw through the sight was flames and smoke. The noise was so loud, I thought that the gun mount had blown up. Later I was JOD on the bridge for GQ and ASW. The noise when the 5" guns fired was incredible. They only gave us cotton for our ears. Sometimes the shock from 5" gunfire would cause the open bridge roof elements to break and collapse. I told the CO one day that this was the real reason we wore steel helmets.

One summer we were at Boston Naval Shipyard for overhaul. I had the duty one day and was informed that we were to provide line handlers for the annual turn-around event for the USS Constitution. Everyone was in working whites. I formed up the men and marched over to the "Constitution" not too far away. As you know, marching is not something destroyer crew members ever do. Many probably had not had to march since Bootcamp or "A" School. It was lots of fun and great to be part of this event.

I am checking with Bob Harrold, who maintains the [BushyPark.org](http://BushyPark.org) website to see if he could use your yearbook. He scans them and posts them on his website. Not sure he has one from 1954. I will let you know what I hear back from Bob.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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Bill, thank you for your delightful note with some of your navy experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed reading your recollections; I could relate well to them all! My time in gunnery goes back to my midshipman days (NROTC regular) on board the USS Canberra (CAG 2). I was assigned to be the "pointer" in a gun turret with 3, 8" guns. I will never forget when those guns went off! After I pulled the trigger, the impact affected not only the ears, but shook my entire body! Fortunately, on the destroyer, I was either with the sonar below decks or in the crows-nest as fire control officer.

Our ships were both Sumner class destroyers, built at the same time (yours in NJ, mine in Bath, ME). They were both deployed in Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and both suffered damage from kamikazes after shooting down about half a dozen of them. The chief in charge of our wardroom when I was there was on board when the plane hit our ship in Okinawa! (He of course had many other assignments between the two times on our ship). Both ships went on to Korea, and in our day in the North Atlantic. Often being on the bridge, I think that I recall that at one point we were with the Ingraham (DD-692) in some of our war games and Project Mercury.

Returning to more important matters, you may use anything that I have sent to you. I was an engineer, not an English major, so change anything as you wish. I took the pictures very quickly, so if there are some that you would like me to redo, please let me know and I'll try again!

Best regards,  
Murray

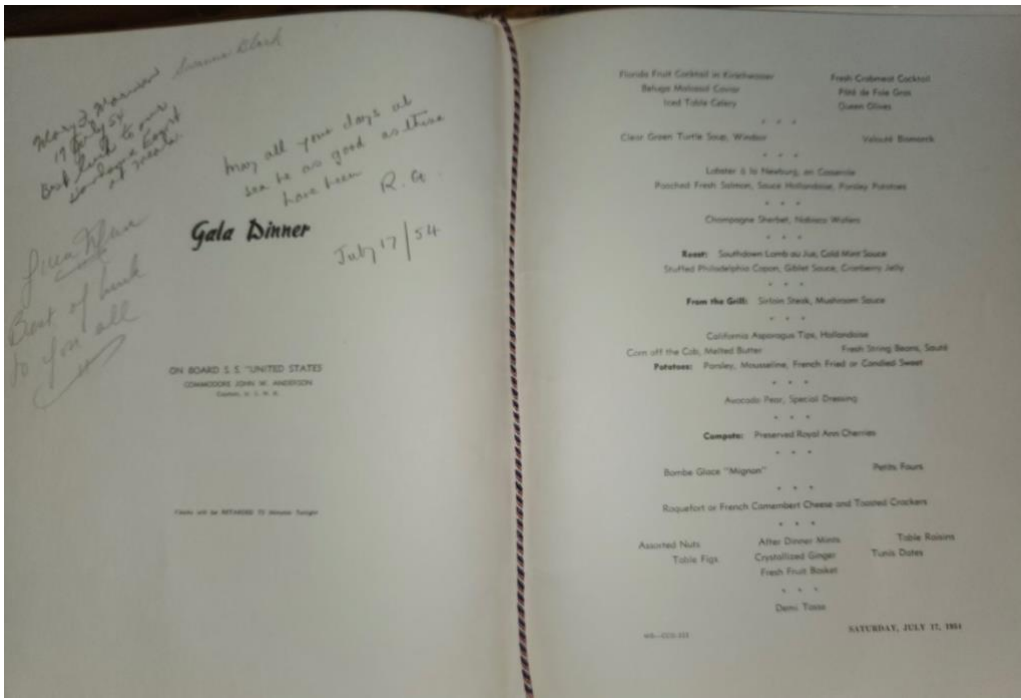
Here is an intense game of bingo (I think). To the left is my sister and me. Next to me is a CHS classmate of mine! I think he is Gordon Holterman! I don't recall who is on the right.



Incidentally, my father who was also a Captain in the navy, had to leave earlier to take command of a ship. But he did not have the influence of your father, we traveled second class!



I suspect few will care about this, but as you remember it was special.



Bill, here a photo of the cover of the menu of our gala dinner July 17. 1954. This is not from my trip. It's from a trip my parents took in 1964.



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**From: Madge Young (59) Nickerson**

Regarding Gary's note on the SS United States" I crossed on her several times the last of which was in June of 1959 when Barbara Linthicum (also class of '59) and I travelled back together as both our parents had to come at different times.

Sadly, attached herewith is a current photo of that once magnificent ship. If any are interested, a good book is "A Man and His Ship" by Steven Ujifusa, the story of Francis Gibbs the great naval architect who designed her.

Also attached are a couple of photos of Barbara and I on the SS United States. Us girls were 17 and the young men at the table with us, amazingly, were the same age. A bygone era for sure.

Madge (Young) Nickerson, Class of 1959





June, 1959 – My last transatlantic crossing by sea.' Photo shows my friend Barbara and I (the shorter one) in queue waiting to board the SS United States in Southampton, dressed, as travel required, in hats, white gloves, etc.



An evening aboard the SS United States; me (much to my granddaughter's horror) with cigarette in hand.

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**From: Mike Smith, husband of Ellen Nolan (55) Smith**

My wife (class of 1953 or '54) took pictures and bought postcards on her way over but they don't really pertain to Bushy Park. She also received a couple cards from a classmate who left. My wife (Ellen) died last year. If you want copies let me know.

Even though I didn't attend, I still enjoy the newsletter.

Mike Smith

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Mike,

Thank you for your email. There seems to be a deep lingering memory in many people's minds of their journey on the SS United States. If you would like to send me pictures of what you have, I will see what we might use in the newsletter. Trips at different times in different classes on the ship may reveal different experiences.

You can just take a picture of each item with a smartphone camera and then email them to me. I can take it from there.

I am glad that you are enjoying the newsletter. Thanks again for your offer.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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Thank you, Mike. These are great photos with even better notes on the back. I appreciate your input and your efforts.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)



*submarine seen as we  
approached England*

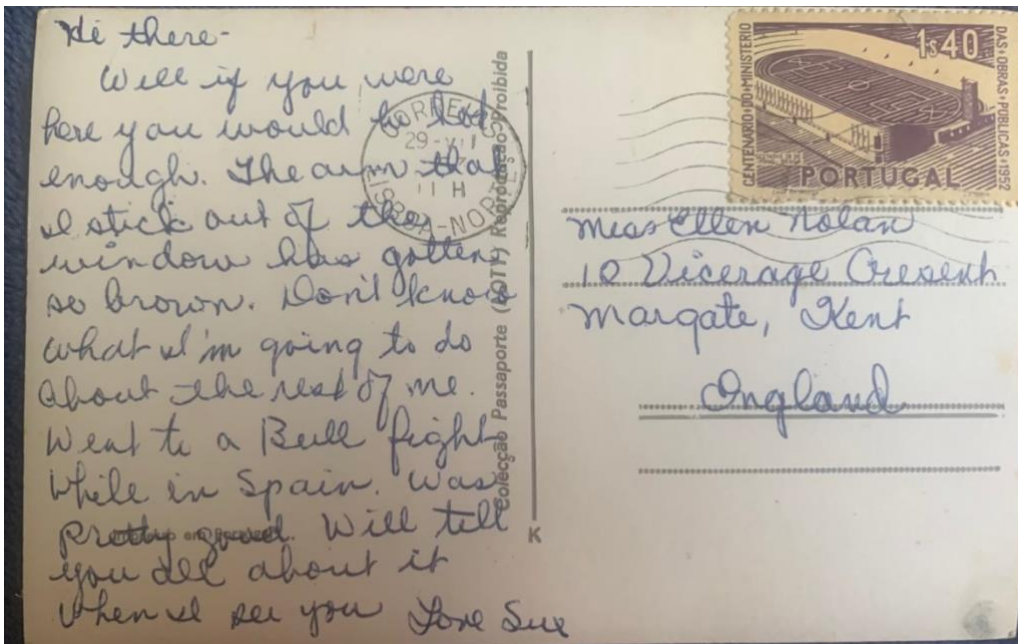
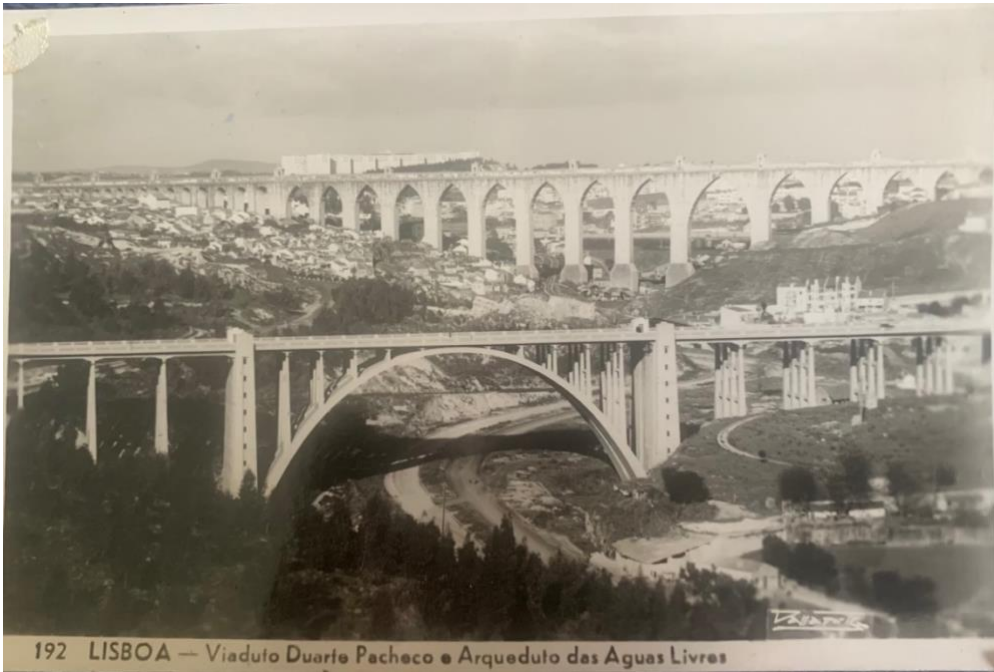


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**From: Duncan Howser (61)**

Only went to CHS for a year and my dad took me out and I went to ASL...American school in London...because I didn't do anything in CHS I repeated the 10th grade...Graduated from Bellevue in NE in 1962. CHS was a 1.5-hour bus ride from High Wycombe every day...took just 50 minutes to go into London by train then a double decker for 20 minutes to ASL. Long time ago.

Duncan Howser (61)

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Found this from September 2001 newsletter. I could just repeat it. Doubt few would remember seeing it before:

From: Duncan Howser (61)

Allan Duncan Howser Jr. was a sophomore at Bushy Park for one year...repeated the soph year at the American School in London...returned to the USA to graduate from Bellevue, NE (next to Offutt AFB) in 1962. Used to ride the bus in from Beaconsfield area. Lived in Jordan's Village (little known historical spot) and took the train north to Beaconsfield where I caught the bus. I prayed for fog days...LOL There were several alumni from Bushy at Bellevue with me... Robert Bolton, Katheryn Maxey, Frederic Selbie III, Clifford Spohn II, Suzanne Trammell....juniors in 1961-62, that I knew were alumni of Bushey...Karen and Sharon Magers, and Bill Ernst!

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That's fine, permission granted...probably more than I should reveal...but only thing I did at CHS was sit in a chair, never opened one book, back then I hated school with an obsessive passion, but I did graduate from Bellevue Senior High school in 1962...then after 2 semesters of college and playing pool I joined the US Navy, where I changed my mind and every school they sent me to I excelled...retired in 1993 after 30 years as a MCPO (E-9)...my last three ships were as the Command Master Chief. More than 3/4's that time I was on ships and did 12 cruises overseas.  
Duncan Howser

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**From: Sean Kelly (78)**

Bill, Pat and All Bobcats from 1953-1962 -

Just a quick note from England.

Always love seeing all the posts.

One in particular jumped for several reasons, that was Jerry Berry's post - Hi Jerry.

First as it relates to Grover Cannon's daughter and meeting her. I think some of your fellow Bobcats may know this already but before she died my late mother and CHS/LCHS teacher, Martha Gail Kelly, always considered that I should follow up From the Faculty Lounge with a book she thought should be called Crossed Paths - about Bobcats who had not just met up over the ensuing years but had, perchance, literally crossed paths each other - sometimes unbeknown their mutual connection with CHS/LCHS even after many years.

This sounds like one of those great cases here! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS!

How amazing. Of course, those of you who have seen From the Faculty Lounge know that one of the interviews I did was with Grover.

Secondly, that picture of the two of you holding up the letter jacket - - well it sparked my call to write as it relates (slightly) to something that some of us 'baby' Bobcats (anyone after your years I consider a Baby - anyone before - a 'Senior' Bobcat — Anyway we're all over at the moment - old letter jackets and class rings - and specifically, those that have 'gone missing' over the years. It's been on my mind for a while but then I saw a leather jacket from the base at RAF Lakenheath on eBay. And expressed sadness in a site called Military Brats in England Unite (yep - there is such a site!) and mentioned it on there. Well, it turns out that the item 'went missing' (possibly in that euphemistically sort of way) in a move - or so it seems. Someone knew the family tracked them down and, as I type, moves are being made to get it back for that Lakenheath Lancer!

I know that Bobcats over the years have seen either class rings or letter jackets get 'lost', go 'missing' or even get stolen! Unlike yearbooks which tend to get tossed out if someone has passed - though an early one did make its way to AOSHS - for Bobcat 'Doc Paydo' via eBay I believe- it is the rings and jackets that don't get thrown out and do, eventually, resurface.

Just so you all know, I am going to ask AOSHS (The place where old school memorabilia for all the DoDDS schools is deposited in a semi-storage/semi- museum facility, to consider starting a 'Lost and Found' so that any DoDDS student can ask the rest of the community (no matter what school) to help get items back. Just thought you should know this. I don't know if they will agree to do it - otherwise I think I'll try to start something on Facebook. If you have a picture of you in your missing item or a close-up of the ring - then get ready to send it along with a paragraph explaining the circumstances. Who knows? Stranger things have happened!

With great, warm regards and best wishes to you all,

Sean Kelly LCHS '78

Son of teacher Martha G. Kelly (colleague of Grover's)

Author, From the Faculty Lounge (LCHS)

Home Bases: Memories and Stories of US Military Bases Around London

See the eBay list for a Lakenheath Lancer letter jacket that started this all off - down below.

Shop by category | Search for anything | All Categories

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**Vintage USAF Lakenheath England Delong Letterman Jacket XL Football, Basketball**

Condition: Pre-owned  
"very good condition"

Price: **US \$149.99**  
No interest if paid in full in 6 mo on \$99+\*

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Located in: Sandston, Virginia, United States

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**From: Jerry Lane Berry (55)**

Hi: Bill,

Attached is a photo of a sort of mini-reunion in Aurora on the 8th of February; the old guy is Jerry Berry (55) and the young women is Margee Cannon, the daughter of Coach Cannon (53-567). She was born in England while I was in at Bushy Park. We first met in September at a community theater fund raiser. Turns out she and my wife Linda have been members of the same book club for, I think, 20 years. This meeting was when the club met at our house; she arrived with the Central High jacket in the photo. A convivial meeting and meal.

Cheers!  
Jerry Berry (55)

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Hi, Sean,

Thank you for your email. All great stuff. I will definitely include it all in the next newsletter. It is great to have your perspective on everything related to Bushy Park.

Kind regards,  
Bill R (57)

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Bill – I am honoured (British spelling!). Thank you – I hope also there is connectivity across the Bobcat generations – as you know!

Anything else come back to me and I will do likewise!

Cheers,  
Sean

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**From: Valerie Filinson (62) Katz**

Hi Pat,

Somehow the nostalgia I feel when I read these newsletters is so strong, I have to put it down for a few moments. No one can ever imagine the experience we had over there. It was like what I would imagine living in a compound or Kibbutz would be like in the bonding that went on.

My dear friend David Lerner with a brain that stumped us all has fallen victim to Alzheimer's Disease. Our 50th or was it 60th anniversary in San Diego made me feel like we'd all never get old; I mean old like Alzheimer's. We never talked about our tomorrows but enjoyed every day and did we ever make adventures out of them.

Remember Mr. Curry anyone? He was our history teacher. Anne Mellinger married one of our teachers, imagine that today?

We freely went to Europe and never had a fear. I went to Munich with the team (was it soccer or basketball?) and the train uncoupled leaving the guys in the car behind us. Imagine watching that happen? We also slept in a house under construction one night and got caught because someone's HALL pass fell out of their pocket. They were innocent days of fun, at the pubs but never rowdy drunks. I had a party in my house and darn it if my parents didn't come home early from what I thought was a three-day weekend trip. BUSTED SO BADLY. Our trash cans were rather full of beer cans and pizza or whatever the takeaway food was then. My dad laughed as he knew we were good kids but asked us to be a little more discreet for the sake of the Air Force. This was all from 59-60.

I had to go back stateside as my dad got very sick and mustered out of the service and I finished high school in Los Angeles. I laughed at our senior trip to Disneyland there and in England we'd go to Rome. It was a wonderful experience and from that my Wanderlust began and was never satisfied even after 111 countries visited and was part of a medical team that went around the world operating on Cleft Palate individuals.

I thank all of my friends, whose names I cannot name more than maybe 10 of them, some I still stay in contact with gladly, others stay in my heart as I look at pictures from my prom-such a clean-cut looking group and we had more fun than words can express.

I just turned 80 and lost my husband last year and if I say so I DON'T look it or feel it except when memories are jarred, and I know how long ago it was and that sense of nostalgia grabs hold of me and a little ache in my heart that life is flying by, and my dreams are more of the past than the future except about my grandchildren. I live in Texas and Palm Desert, California, y'all come visit. I still drive at night.

Thank you, Pat and Bill, for keeping those memories so alive and vivid.

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**From: Carol Armstrong (62) Mitchell**

Hi Pat!

I want to thank you so much for forwarding Andrea's email to me. She and Gloria were my roommates at Bushy. I have stayed in touch with Gloria but have often wondered what became of Andrea. We are now emailing and planning a phone call

to catch up!

Thanks again!

Cheers! Carol

Bill - these are the people mentioned above.

Pat

Carol Armstrong (62) Mitchell

Andrea Kovich (62)

Gloria Tyree (61) Talbott

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