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## **Durfee has been and remains a large part of Hadley's life**



Lucille Roussell Hadley, Class of 1936, first member of her family to graduate from high school, has earned the opportunity to be considered for recognition as a Distinguished Alumna for her myriad activities on behalf of her beloved Alma Mater and her life-long community of Fall River.

Rarely a day goes by without Lucille referring to the emotional support, outstanding education and musical opportunities that the Durfee faculty offered her in the bleak Depression years of 1933-1936. In Durfee High School, Lucille found a performance state for her talents. But more than that, she found Music, English and Business class faculty members who offered her the magic that teachers proffer students. These cherished mentors be-

lieved in her, thus bolstering her self confidence and self esteem. This, for Lucille, was Durfee's priceless gift. Durfee also provided her with the classes to hone her skills for the inevitable years of office work ahead of her. In 1936, very trying economic times, high school was the end of the formal educational road for her.

Graduating from the nurturing womb of Durfee, Lucille took her place in the workforce earning money to supplement her family's meager income. A few years later, World Word II and the U.S. Navy took away her husband, Plummer Hadley, for 2 years while she single handedly raised their newborn daughter, Virginia (Class of 1962). The next two decades were devoted to raising a family of three daughters- Janet (Class of 1968) and

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## **History, politics and law all part of Bogan's life, legacy**

Daniel E. Bogan of Fall River will be one of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award to be presented in May.

Bogan is the President and CEO of the Borden & Remington Corp. located on the Fall River waterfront. He is a graduate of the BMC Durfee Class of 1951. Bogan served as a Fall River City Councilor for 22 years and as the Council President for 14 of those years. He served as Mayor of the City for 9 months when then Mayor Carlton Viveiros resigned to take another position.

Dan Bogan personally, and at his own expense, sought and obtained a landmark unanimous decision from the US Supreme Court that granted protection from legal suits to elected municipal officials for decisions rendered during their pursuit of official business. This decision by the court now protects municipal officials across the United States. Previously



the courts had only allowed protection to state and federal officials.

Bogan is a graduate of the former Bradford Durfee Technical Institute now known as the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. He has also served as a Trustee and as a member of the University of Massachusetts Foundation. He was honored as "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1988 by Small Business Development Center.

Bogan is a member of the Fall River Chamber of Commerce, an Incorporator of the Fall River 5 Cents Savings Bank, and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Southcoast Hospital Group. He also served the community as President of the Fall River Carousel. He is an honorably discharged veteran of the Korean War.

Bogan is married to the former Jean Higgins, Class of 1942. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

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# Letter from the President



**David Sinclair**  
Alumni Assoc. President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

So we close another year. As we bring to a close my second and final year as President, I would be remiss if I did not thank all the members of the board for their outstanding efforts and hard work. On behalf of the entire board I 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 among whose ranks you now enter.

This year the Board of Directors of the BMC Durfee High School Alumni Association is proud to add two new names to the roll of Most 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, Richard Roy. He 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 who inspire our children and serve our community each and every day.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the "Red and Black" whose contributions have helped the Alumni Association to grow. We urge you 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 through which you could be of service. Please drop us a line and let us know if you would like to help.

In closing, I wish you the very best. May you enjoy a wonderful and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

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

*You're Invited to join other Durfee Alumni for the  
Annual Red and Black Brunch*

May 22nd 10 AM - 1 PM ~ Fall River Country Club  
*Tickets: \$17.50 Contact Steve Camara at 508-678-1463*

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1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich .....	'18	1990 William H. Gaudreau .....	'46
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly .....	'13	1991 Marcel P. Joseph .....	'53
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq. ....	'05	1992 William K. Reilly .....	'58
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq. ....	'29	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF .....	'38
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan .....	'21	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva .....	'40
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff .....	'24	1994 William F. Powers .....	'48
1967 Essis Gifford .....	'02	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington .....	'51
1968 Jerome Namias .....	'28	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq. ....	'51
1969 Helen Winward Brown .....	'03	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis .....	'58
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr. ....	'30	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq. ....	'49
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq. ....	'08	1998 Mel B. Yoken .....	'56
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros .....	'37	1998 Faust D. Fiore .....	'39
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter .....	'30	1999 John J. McAvoy .....	'37
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire .....	'31	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington .....	'54
1975 James A. Nannery .....	'31	2000 William F. Long, Jr. ....	'44
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney .....	'23	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr. ....	'38
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais .....	'33	2001 Lester W. Cory .....	'56
1978 Francis L. Gragnani .....	'36	2001 James Chace .....	'49
1979 Robert J. Nagle .....	'28	2001 Kenneth L. Nathanson .....	'42
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca .....	'32	2002 James H. Smith .....	'47
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette .....	'25	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky .....	'53
1982 Florence C. Brigham .....	'17	2003 James F. O'Hearn .....	'53
1982 M. Norman Zalkind .....	'31	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews .....	'54
1983 Bayless Manning .....	'40	2004 Ernest Moniz .....	'62
1984 Phillip Sacknoff .....	'35		
1985 James J. Hammond .....	'26		
1986 Richard M. Rosenberg .....	'48		
1987 Thomas J. Brown .....	'42		
1988 Frank S. Feitelberg .....	'24		

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

## 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!

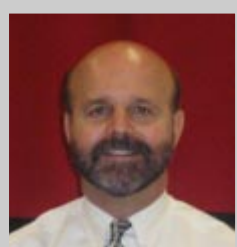
Remember, to preserve anonymity, there is a box to check on the Alumni Information Form located on the next page.

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.

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## Durfee welcomes Rebello as new principal



**Donald Rebello**  
New Durfee Principal

In August of this past year, Superintendent of Schools, Richard Pavao, appointed former Somerset High School Principal, Donald Rebello to the same position at Durfee. He replaces Fern Letendre who became director of Alternative and Adult Education for the school system.

After spending his entire career at Somerset, Mr. Rebello decided he would like a new challenge and a new venue in order to contribute to his professional growth. He said he was attracted to Durfee because the school is in the midst of “an exciting change process.”

Superintendent Pavao said Rebello will be an asset as the school goes through the reaccreditation process relating to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System testing. Fall River was looking for a leader who was proficient in curriculum and knowledgeable of how new standards applied to the classroom

Durfee will present a unique challenge to the new Principal. He says he feels up to the position and invigorated by the move from Somerset.” This will be a professional growth experience and a test of my abilities as a school leader,” says the new principal. Fall River welcomes Mr. Rebello aboard and wishes him good luck.

## Fall River loses former school leader

John R. Correiro, former Superintendent of Fall River Schools, died in August of 2004 after a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 69 years of age.

He was a 1953 graduate of Durfee High School, and a 1961 Graduate of Merrimack College. In 1971 he received his degree in Public Administration from the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Correiro was a Marine Corps veteran, serving in Okinawa during the Korean conflict.

During his tenure as superintendent, he was instrumental in the development of a comprehensive school buildings needs program. This led to the construction of the Henry Lord Middle School and several elementary schools that have been completed in recent years.

He was a life long champion of equality for all students and was recognized nationally for having implemented the first voluntary school choice program for linguistic minorities. This provided equal access to school facilities, balanced school populations, and facilitated linguistic as well as racial equality.

In 1993, he left the superintendency and began a new career at Brown University, serving as director of the New England Desegregation Assistance Program, helping school districts implement programs of equality. He served on numerous civic and charitable boards. A longtime incorporator, trustee and member of the Board of Investment of the Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank, he also served as chairman of the board of Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, and was a member of the New England League of School Superintendents.

John Correiro left a legacy of caring for students and education in Fall River. His contributions to the school department of Fall River will long be remembered.

## Durfee graduate heads UMass board

James J. Karam a prominent businessman and Durfee graduate was elected to serve as chairman of the University of Massachusetts board of Trustees last fall. He has served on the board for three years and was elected to a one-year term. The University has a \$1.6 billion budget and five campuses, and is a key factor in the economic and social well being of the state.

Mr. Karam is president and founder of First Bristol Corporation in Fall River. He is co-owner of WSAR and WHTB Radio. Mr. Karam serves on the university’s foundation board of directors, is a past chairman of the UMASS Dartmouth foundation and is co-chairman of the board of advisors of the Center for Marine Science and Technology.

He is a graduate of UMASS Dartmouth. As an alumnus, he considers it an honor to be chosen to serve in this capacity. His brother, Robert Karam has also served as Chairman of the board previously. His other brother Thomas “Skip” Karam was the highly successful basketball coach at Durfee for over twenty five years.

One of the main goals of the board is to develop resources for capital improvements that have to be addressed. Mr. Karam said the importance of raising standards is a “constant drumbeat” at the University.

All of Fall River salutes this distinguished citizen and takes pride in his success. Durfee graduates believe that the university will demonstrate continued growth under his leadership.

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# Hall of Fame inducts 11 new members in 2004

The Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted 11 new members and the 1957 state champion baseball team during ceremonies at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea.

The Hall's Class of 2004 included Gary Rosa, 1969; Jerry Perry, 1975; Mike Medeiros, 1976; Chuck Wojtowicz, 1978; Skip Darmody, 1980; Karen Benevides Harrison, 1983; Andrea Costa, 1984; Bob Hargraves Jr., 1984; Brian O'Neil, 1984; Paul Hart, 1984, and Nick Salmon, 1984. The Class of 1984 dominated last year's nominations with five selections, including four who played on the Division One State Championship boys basketball team.

A look at the new members:

Rosa was Durfee's Athlete of the Year in 1969 and named the most valuable player in both football and baseball. He helped the Hilltoppers to a 14-3-1 record as a two-year starting quarterback in football and the two-year second baseman batted .360 as a senior in leading Durfee to a Bristol County League baseball title. Gary was All-Bristol County in football and baseball and was an honorable mention on the All-State football team. Rosa also was a backfield coach for the Durfee football team from 1974 through 1978. He received a full scholarship to Boston University and went on to earn a master's degree.

Perry played baseball and football for the Hilltoppers and went on to the University of New Haven where he helped secure two College World Series titles before beginning a professional career with the Detroit Tigers and reaching the Triple-A level with the St. Louis Cardinals. A three-year starter in football, Perry's best sport was baseball where he was a two-year All-Scholastic performer and named to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-State teams as a senior. A pitcher, Jerry compiled a 19-3 record with 160 strikeouts, hurled two no-hitters and a one-hitter in his Durfee uniform.

Medeiros was a three-sports star at Durfee, gaining All-Scholastic honors in football, basketball and baseball. A 3-year starter at shortstop, Medeiros finished with a .400 career batting average and was named to the Boston Globe's All-State team as a senior. Mike was the point guard on the Hilltoppers basketball team, which reached the South Sectional finals in 1978. He went on to the University of New Haven where he completed three years with a .375 batting average and was All-New England as a junior and senior. Wojtowicz excelled in basketball and baseball and was a first team choice on the All-Herald News teams in 1976-77. He compiled an 18-3 pitching record, curtailed by an injury after a 5-0 start as a

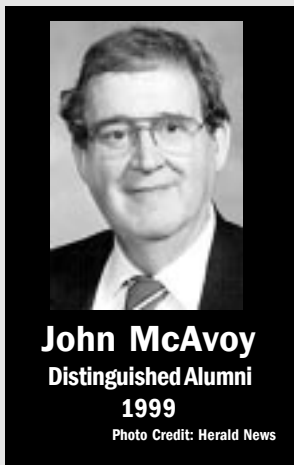
senior. Chuck was 9-2 on the mound in 1977 when the Hilltoppers won the South Sectional baseball championship. Wojtowicz also was a two-year starter on the basketball team, which was 26-0 and state champions in his junior year and 22-3 and state runners-up in his senior year. Later, Wojtowicz became one of the Fall River area's most outstanding golfers and joined the professional ranks for several seasons, playing out of the Montaup Country Club in Portsmouth, R.I.

Darmody was an outstanding cross country and track star at Durfee, captaining both teams and setting school records in cross country, 1-mile and 2-mile runs. He was selected All-Scholastic in both sports and named as a High School All-American in 1980. Skip is one of only two Hilltoppers to break the 14-minute mark over Durfee's 2.8-mile course and held the record at that distance for 13 years. He also competed for UMass Dartmouth in cross country; won numerous local 5-mile road races, including the first two United Way races of Fall River and was the high school winner in the New Bedford half-marathon.

Benevides (Harrison) was an All-Scholastic performer as a junior and senior in volleyball, basketball and softball. She captained all three sports as a senior,

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## In memoriam: John McAvoy 1920-2004



John J McAvoy, well known theatre manager, 1937 Durfee graduate, and recipient of the Durfee Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999 died on September 13, 2004. He was well known for his Herald News column, "Under The Marquee" which brought to life his memories of growing up in Fall River. His legacy, was that he kept Fall Riverites in touch with their past.

His articles appeared in the Sunday Herald News for 22 years. Mr. McAvoy wrote about the theatres and the many actors and actresses he met and befriended and about every day life back in the 20's, 30's and 40's. One of his favorite topics was to remind us all the fun that went with attending Durfee High School. His memories of time spent in the Durfee study hall were classic.

For 41 years, he managed the theatres of Fall River, a job he loved and wrote of often in his columns. He served the public at the Durfee, Empire, Center, Academy, Capital, Park, and Embassy theatres. His summers were spent at the Somerset Playhouse.

His ability to tell a story, and to remember details was legendary. He would leave you laughing. He was also honored on "John McAvoy Day" In June of 1984. He received the Arts Unlimited annual award for outstanding service to arts in the community. He was an important figure in the history of Fall River.

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leading the Hilltoppers to Division One Southeastern Massachusetts championships in basketball and softball and appearances in post-season tournaments in all three sports. Karen was the ace of the pitching staff and recorded a no-hitter in Durfee's 1983 opener.

Hargraves was the outstanding three sports star in 1984, a year when Durfee captured a state championship in basketball and finished with a 25-0 record. He averaged 10 ppg. for that Hilltopper team and was named to the All-Herald News team. The Athlete of the Year in 1984, Hargraves also was an All-League performer in football and baseball. He was a three-year starter at quarterback and on defense made a school record 10 interceptions. Bob was a four-year starter in baseball, batting .393 as a junior when he led the Hilltoppers in hits, runs scored and doubles. He hit .375 as a senior, leading the Red & Black in RBI, runs scored, hits and walks. He went on to start for four seasons at Providence College and was named All-Big East as a senior when he captained the Friars.

Costa may be the greatest female athlete ever to play at Durfee. Andrea went on to gain All-America status in both volleyball and softball at Eastern Connecticut University. At Durfee, Costa was all-state in volleyball and softball and all-league in volleyball, basketball and softball. Costa was named the 1984 Female Athlete of the Year. She was a four-year starter in volleyball and softball and a three-year starter in basketball.

O'Neil was a three-year starter and helped Durfee to a 58-8 record over his tenure. The Massachusetts Player of the Year in 1984, Brian averaged 18 ppg. as a senior, 16 ppg. as a junior and 18 ppg. as a sophomore. The Kaplan Award winner as the Hilltoppers outstanding player after his senior year, O'Neil also

was an All-State first team choice of the Boston Globe and Boston Herald and a three-year All-Herald News selection. He went on to Stonehill College where he was an all-conference performer in the 1986-87 season.

Salmon was an outstanding football and basketball player at Durfee and went on to captain the University of Massachusetts football team in 1988. A three-year starter in basketball and a two-year starter on the gridiron, Nick was a captain on the 1984 state championship basketball team, which was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the country. He gained all-conference honors in both basketball and football and was awarded the Unsung Hero award in football. At UMass, Salmon was a three-year starter and helped the Minutemen to Yankee Conference football titles in 1986 and 1988.

Hart spelled success on the basketball court where he was a three-year starter and Southeastern Massachusetts Conference all-star and, like O'Neil, helped the Hilltoppers to a 58-8 record over that span. He finished his Durfee career with 1,053 points and was named to the All-State team as a senior. Paul went on to UMass Dartmouth where he started for three years and was inducted into the Corsairs Hall of Fame in 1997 and again as a member of the 1986-87 team (27-1) in 2000. He was selected All-Little East for two seasons and won All-America honorable mention in 1987 when UMass Dartmouth gained the Division Three number one ranking in the nation.

The 1957 state championship baseball team, the only Massachusetts team ever to complete a season unbeaten, comprises Russ Gibson, Tom Arruda, Doug Baxendale, Al Lavoie, Luke Urban, Stan Kupiec, Gerry Elias, Johnny O'Brien, Manny Sousa, Charley Carey, Jack Driscoll, Don Ray, Mickey Freitas, Bob Hargraves, Ed Pereira, Frank DeNardo, Dick Campion, John Cipollini, Dick Bonalewicz and Roger Alves.

## Southern Reunion a success once again in 2005

I was unable to attend the 30th. Southern Reunion this year which was held on March 5th at the famous Registry Hotel in Naples, Florida. As usual the hotel provided excellent food and service plus the well known ambience. The enthusiastic group of 132 Durfee grads and guests enjoyed reminiscing and, particularly, the new Trivia questions! Each table was decorated in the 30th theme and included beautiful centerpieces which were awarded to the person at each table who would soon be celebrating a birthday.

Attending this year were two former Durfee faculty members, William Bradbury '48, History Department and Armand Dallaire, Science and Physics for 30 years. Of interest, also, was that the group of attendees ranged from Sam Gourse '36 to

Susan Almeida '77. I am told that the committee is hoping to find younger people to take over the helm and perhaps another area of Florida to be considered. It's possible a change of location would draw more people and the current committee has offered to assist in the transition. At any rate, the Reunion will go on and will continue to be held the first Saturday or Sunday in March. This small uncertainty is due to the fact that it is at the height of the tourist season.

The usual raffle and auction and other donations this year was very successful resulting in approximately \$2,000. which will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Included in some of the auction items were a fun bottle of wine plus a signed cookbook from Emeril. In the past five years, the

Southern Reunion has donated over \$10,000 and this will total approximately \$12,000 with this year's offering. Good Job!

Joe McGrady '37 once more led the group in singing "On the Old Fall River Line" and the 30th Southern Reunion of BMC Durfee graduates ended with "God Bless America". I wish I could have attended, but, maybe next year.

Thank you to this wonderful Florida Committee. GOOD JOB!

**Lucille Roussell Hadley '36  
(Courtesy of Janice Phillips Fiedler '49)**

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# Hadley

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Cynthia (Class of 1970). Lucille returned to the workplace again to supplement her family income and to put to use her many talents.

After two successful careers working at United States Luggage and later South-eastern Massachusetts University, Lucille retired in 1987. At last, freed from the constraints of family and major financial responsibility, she was able to continue much of the community work that has been interwoven throughout her life. Although this life path sounds very ordinary, if one looks at the decades of devotion to both the community and to Durfee High School, what one sees is a model citizen and notable member of the community. Her past and ongoing activities include the some of the following:

- Founding Member of the Reunion Committee for the Class of 1936
- Active Member of the "Save the Bells: Committee for the Durfee High School Tower Bells
- Active Member of the "Save the B.M.C. Durfee High School Building" Committee
- Established, maintains and fundraises for the "Class of 1936" Scholarship Fund
- Participant and Reporter of Florida Durfee Reunions for 10 years
- Active member of the B.M.C Durfee Alumni Association
- Maintains the Class mailing list for the CHIMES Newsletter
- Choir member at Central Congregational Church, First Congregational Church and the Congregational church in Stuart, Florida
- Past Chairperson of the Missionary Society at the First Congregational Church
- Past Director of the Sunday School at the First Congregational Church

- Member of the fundraising committee for the Fall River Symphony Orchestra
- Reliable friend, driver, visitor and errand runner for many shut-in friends
- Community Participant- letters to the editor, voracious reader, communication with local, state and federal representatives and senators sharing her views articulately and with the historical perspective that 85 gives one
- Active participant in the Fall River Symphony Society Executive Board
- Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary- Post 228- Somerset, MA

As you can see, there are no degrees, business leadership positions, or military service. What there is is a lifetime of volunteer service born of passion. Because what makes a treasured member of the Durfee community cannot be defined solely by money, power or fame. It is instead the ability to create change on an individual level. To raise, love and inspire not 3 daughters, but an entire neighborhood of children, to aid and comfort not just dear friends, but all who come to her in need and to rise up in the world of social barriers not alone, but instead as a quiet selfless catalyst.

She may have stayed behind, but a community has risen on her shoulders. Recognition and awards belong not only to those who find success beyond the borders of our community, but also those who, while remaining within its geographical boundaries, give tirelessly in embellishing the fabric of the Greater Durfee and Fall River communities.

Lucille has lived a successful inspirational life here in Fall River. She has inspired both those who remain here and those whose dreams take them beyond its borders.

## Come, sail with us to Newport!



## A Durfee Bells Fundraiser!

Enjoy a beautiful cruise on Narragansett Bay to Newport and join other Durfee Alumni to raise money to support the Save The Durfee Bells project.

Our trip will include a delicious buffet, great music by the Jerry Silva Jazz Ensemble, FREE admission to the "Taste of Rhode Island" event, lovely "Gangway Give-a-ways" and Complimentary mementos, and a 50/50 Raffle will be held during the cruise!

When we arrive in Newport, we will disembark for a two-hour stay that will include the exciting "Taste of Rhode Island" event as well as the chance to shop 'til you drop at Newport's Famous Brick Marketplace! The boat will return to Warren at 5 p.m.

Come join friends and classmates for what will surely be a wonderful time! Not only will you enjoy cruising to Newport, but, all proceeds go to the Save the Durfee Bells project. As we sail along Narragansett Bay, you can view photos and sketches of the Durfee Bells project that will be on display. We hope you will join us for this "ultimate reunion"!

**September 24th ~ 11:00 AM**  
departure from Blount Marina,  
Warreen

**Tickets: \$75.00 per person**  
For more information or tickets call  
508-674-5967 or 401-624-8481

**Annual Meeting**  
**May 27th 2005 ~ 7:30 PM**  
**Nagle Auditorium**  
**Refreshments - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

## Reunion Info:

### Class of 1935 70th Reunion

Whites of Westport  
June 18th, 2005

Call Maury Cleaves ~ 508-673-2006

### Class of 1936 Annual Reunion

During Alumni Week  
Call Lorraine Ashley Phillips  
508-672-6159 Or  
Lucille Roussell Hadley  
508-672-5819

### Class of 1942 63rd Reunion

September 11, 2005,  
At McGovern's  
Call Mabel Leather Hathaway  
508-674-4843

### Class of 1948 Luncheon

June 27, 2005  
Call Barbara Nataly ~ 508-678-0378 or  
Roger Roussell ~ 401-624-8481

### Class of 1952 Luncheon

October, 2005  
Call Ruth Lescault ~ 401-624-6175  
John Freeman ~ 508-673-4764

### Class of 1955 Weekend Reunion

Sept. 16 Cocktail Party  
Marine Museum  
Sept. 17 Dinner Dance  
Rachel's Lakeside  
Sept. 18 Brunch  
White's of Westport  
Call Jan Greenwood, Chair  
at 401-624-8464

For all the latest information  
visit [www.durfeechimes.com](http://www.durfeechimes.com)

## Durfee Bells Preservation Society: Closing in on the Dream!

By Lorna Taylor Gregory '55

The members of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc. are happy to report that once again, great strides have been made this past year in their effort to Save the Durfee Bells.

Throughout the year, the company that was chosen to restore and refurbish the bells, Meeks Watson Company of Ohio, has kept the committee members informed about the progress of the work being done on the bells. The company has made a mold for the missing bell and a new bell has been designed and cast.

All ten of the bells have been cleaned and tuned and their tops have been milled to accept new mounting hardware. Electrically operated bell clappers have been procured, and a design for the chime frame that will support the bells in the tower has been approved. The company has sent photos of the refurbished bells to the committee and the bells look truly beautiful.

Our decision to offer a Brick Pathway of Memories that will lead to and around the proposed Bell Tower has been met with great enthusiasm by Durfee alumni. Memorial bricks are available in two sizes and can be inscribed with any name or saying that is meaningful and significant to the purchaser. A 4" x 8" brick can be purchased for \$100 and a larger 8" x 8" brick can be purchased for \$250. To date nearly 200 of these beautiful bricks have been purchased.

Please contact your Class Reunion Committee and encourage them to purchase a Memorial Brick in honor of your class. Many classes have already done so!

The final and most difficult part of the committee's work has been to approve a design for the tower that will house the bells. After months of investigation and discussion, the committee has decided to recommend a bell tower that will be approximately 30 feet tall and will consist of two levels. The bottom level will be made of a combination of flame face granite and half-inch thick glass. On the second level of the tower, the bells will hang from the chime frame and will be surrounded by a decorative fence for safety. If finances allow, a

red roof and a multi-faced clock will cap the tower.

The committee has chosen a design that will be reminiscent of the original Durfee Bell Tower, yet, because it will be on the grounds of the new, modern high school building, it must fit in esthetically, and not clash with the architecture of the new school. The proposed Bell Tower is expected to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000, including site preparation, depending on height and other options. The tower design is not only beautiful but also very functional. It is hoped that sales of Memorial Bricks and other planned fundraisers will help raise the funds necessary to complete the Bell Tower.

Last June, the committee was saddened by the death of Dr. Ira Rex, who had been a founding member of the Save the Durfee Bells group. His enthusiasm and dedication to the project was greatly appreciated and he is sadly missed.

At the Annual meeting in April, four new members joined the committee. They are: Reverend Shirley Andrews, '54, John Freeman, '52, William Keating, '58 and Leo Sirois, '67.

We are extremely grateful to all of you who have donated to the Durfee Bells project, and hopefully, with your continued support, our dream of hearing the historic Durfee Bells ring again in the very near future, will become a reality!

There is a special section in this issue of the Durfee Chimes for you to designate a contribution to the Durfee Bells project. Please send any thoughts or comments to: 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, Rev. Shirley Andrews '54, Steve Camara '65, Janice Curry '37, John Freeman '52, Lucille Hadley '36, William Keating, '58, Roger Roussell '48, Leo Sirois '67, Fern White '43, Donald Wood '47

## 2005- 2006 Alumni Nomination Form

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 November 30th 2005 to be considered by the 2006 Selection Board.

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Graduation: (1970 or earlier) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Association? \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Nominee a Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Durfee Alumni Association P.O. Box 9656 Fall River, MA 02720-0011

## 2005-2006 Alumni Information 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: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Please make checks payable to Durfee Alumni Association P.O. Box 9656 Fall River, MA 02720-0011

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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.