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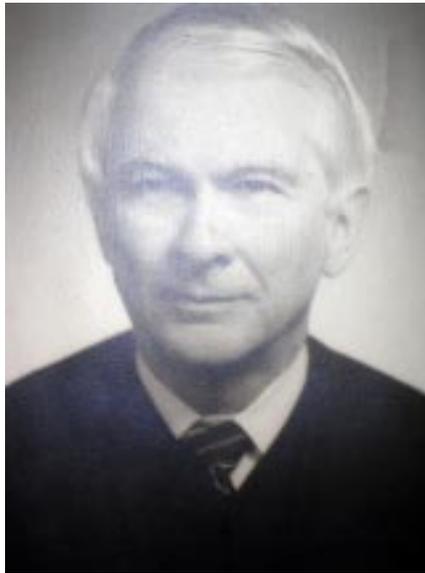
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## Carey is honored from class of '42

Honorable William H. Carey graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School in 1942. He is married to the former Virginia A. Kelley of the Class of 1946. They are the parents of six children, eleven grandchildren and presently live at 11 Hidden Bay Drive, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Judge Carey is also a graduate of Boston College Law School and Providence College. Judge Carey is also a former Lieutenant (JG) U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Judge Carey was appointed a Superior Court Justice in 1980 by the then Governor of Massachusetts, Edward King. He served on that court throughout Massachusetts for 14 years until reaching the mandatory age for judicial retirement in 1995. Judge Carey was the Regional Administrative Justice for the Su-



perior Courts in the Counties of Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket from 1989 to 1996. He was the Superior Court's representative in connection with the conversion of B.M.C. Durfee High School to the Trial Courts of Massachusetts.

Before becoming a Superior Court Justice, Judge Carey practiced law for 30 years mostly in the trial of civil cases in the Law Offices of Desmarais and Carey in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

During this period of time he was also Town Counsel for the Town of Fairhaven and Marion, Massachusetts. In addition, he became President and General Counsel for Channel 6, WTEV, New Bedford-Providence

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## Moriarty is honored from class of '48

John Moriarty was born in Fall River, the son of John Sr. and Fabiola Moriarty. His father was well known as chauffeur for William J. Dunn, Fall River entrepreneur of the 1920's and for various area politicians including Mayor Henry Monks and Senator McClaine. After graduating from the Sacred Heart Elementary School, John attended Durfee High, graduating in 1948. As highest ranking student in his class, he was chosen to deliver the Class Address on Class Day. At Durfee, he was also recipient of the Harvard Book Prize and president of the National Honor Society.

In the fall of 1948, John entered the New England Conservatory as a full course collegiate student. The Conservatory was already a familiar environment, as he had traveled weekly to Boston, for piano lessons at the Conservatory during his last three years at



Durfee. While at Durfee, John participated in all activities of the Music Department: orchestra, band, pep band, mixed chorus and men's glee club. Miss Helen Ladd was Music Supervisor at that time, and he remembers her as a dedicated teacher and an inspiring and knowledgeable mentor in what was obviously going to be his chosen profession.

The world of music has many facets and its professionals often migrate from one discipline to another, or embrace two or more disciplines simultaneously. Such was the case with John Moriarty who began in music with intensive study as a piano soloist and gravitated into the vocal field as accompanist and coach. Mr. Moriarty eventually found himself in the world of opera, variously as conductor, stage director and administrator.

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# Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

We, Durfee Alumni, are among the largest and finest Alumni of any high school in the country. We have entered and have succeeded in every field of endeavor, in every state in the United States and in most countries of the world. Hopefully, we maintain an allegiance to each other and to our school, whether it is in the Rock Street buildings or since the late 1970's in the Elsbree Street complex.

I invite you to re-connect with classmates and Alumni of all classes. This year, as we have done for the past five years, we gather for an all-alumni Durfee Brunch, honoring "the Red and Black" at the Fall River Country Club, 4232 North Main Street in Fall River on Sunday, May 21 2006 from 10 AM to 1 PM, served continuously and for a price of just \$17.50 per person. All are encouraged to wear "red and black" attire. Organize a group of your favorite Durfee alumni friends and family or come alone for a great celebration.

Throughout the week following the Red and Black brunch, Durfee Alumni will be scheduled to visit the high school during school hours Monday - Friday to speak about their work and life experiences. If you have a story you're willing to share, contact me, and I will attempt to arrange for an appropriate class or student extracurricular group to hear your story. Then, on Friday, May 26, at 6:30 PM, join us for the Annual Meeting at Robert J. Nagle Auditorium at B.M.C. Durfee High School of Fall River.

From the Red and Black brunch on Sunday, to sharing stories and experiences with Durfee Students, to celebrating the success of two outstanding Durfee Alumni and dozens of Durfee High School college-bound scholarship recipients at the Annual Meeting, you have many upcoming opportunities to show your Durfee Pride and Durfee Spirit. Contact me at (508) 678-1463 to make your reservation for the brunch, and to schedule an opportunity to speak with students during the week following the brunch. Finally, make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting which begins with a festive reception for the Alumni and Student Honorees.

As always, thank you for supporting your Durfee Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Camara, '65  
Alumni Association President

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"Class of 1954" & "Class of 1960" to .....	Katrina Almeida
"Daniel E. Bogan" & "Carmi A. Blemont" & "Thomas C. Larney Memorial Scholarship" to .....	Jennifer E. Carey
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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. Sobilloff .....	'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. Gagnani .....	'36	2001 James Chace .....	'49
1979 Robert J. Nagle .....	'28	2002 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	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley .....	'36
1985 James J. Hammond .....	'26	2005 Daniel Bogan .....	'51
1986 Richard M. Rosenberg .....	'48		
1987 Thomas J. Brown .....	'42		
1988 Frank S. Feitelberg .....	'24		
1989 James Dean .....	'50		

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

## Alumni Notes

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 current 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..

## Fall River welcomes new superintendent

On September 25, 2005 a new Superintendent of Schools began his duties when Dr. Nicholas A. Fischer replaced retiring Superintendent Richard D. Pavao.

Superintendent Fischer arrived in Fall River from Fairfax, Virginia after serving there as Assistant Superintendent in the public school system since 2003. Prior to that, for five years, he held the Superintendent's position in the Christina School District in Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Fischer has also served as an associate commissioner for Finance and Accountability with the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Dr. Fischer's education includes a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin and Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Adminis-

tration Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

In the years ahead, Dr. Fischer said that his goal is to ensure the achievement gap is closed in relation to income, race, and ethnic background. He expects all students to have choices available to them after high school.

It is not Dr. Fischer's intention to recycle programs that he has used in the past and try to adopt them to Fall River. Instead he plans to learn about the system and develop strategies that meet the needs of Fall River students.

Fall River welcomes Dr. Nicholas A. Fischer and wishes him well in his new journey.

## Durfee Reunion Dates and Updates

Class of 1986 is having their 20th...Anyone interested in helping run the reunion should call **Gary Howayeck** at **508-676-6666** or **gary@howayeck.com**

Class of 1981 is getting ready for their 25th....please contact Michelle Costa McDonald at **bmcd335@aol.com**

Class of 1966 is looking towards their 40th. Just to update you, the class is having their reunion **Nov 4 at Venus DeMilo**. The contact people are **Pat Capone Souza, 508-636-8209** or **Dr Robert Pavao at 508-678-8626** or **dent49@comcast.net**

Class of 1942 is getting ready for their 64th reunion on Sunday, September 17th, 2006 at 11:30 AM.at McGovern's Restaurant, Fall River, MA. please contact **Mabel Leather Hathaway, Chairwoman at 565 Maple St., Fall River, MA 02720**

Class of 1956 is ready for their 50th. on Friday Sept 8, 2006...\$25 per person for the gettogether at the Quequechan Club.

On Sept 9th, 2006 at the Fall River Country Club, \$50 per person. **Please contact Dr, Daniel Harrington at 508-672-4768 for additional information.**

## Tell us what you think!

**Every year, we here at the Durfee Chimes try and come up with new ways to improve the Durfee Chimes publication. We'd like to hear your thoughts - good, bad or indifferent.**

Send us your thoughts and ideas!  
What would you like to see in next years edition of the Durfee Chimes?

*More news from Durfee and Fall River?  
More feature stories about Durfee Alumni?  
More graphics? More pictures?*

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## Annual Meeting

**Friday May 26, 2006**

**7:30 PM**

**Nagle Auditorium**

**Refreshments -**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

# Five new members, '78 swim team enter Hall of Fame

The Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremonies adding five new members and the 1978 girls swim team to its rolls last May.

The new inductees are Carl Fitzgerald, Class of 1967; Patrick Stephenson and Chris Darmody, 1982; the late John Nolan, 1983, and Cathy Karl (Noversa), 1985.

The swim team comprises coach Rick Swalm, Sharon Bogan, Katie Hudner, Ann Salois, Alison Smith, Cindy Jarabek, Susan Kitchen, Kerry Hartnet, Melanie Pimental, Sarah Smith, Nancy Stanton, Kellyann Sullivan, Christine Dionne, Katie O'Neil, Beth Costa, Merri Cyr, Jane Feitelberg and the late Karen Jarabek. It is the sixth Durfee team to be selected for Hall of Fame recognition, joining the 1947 state championship football team, the 1948 and 1956 New England championship boys basketball teams, the 1957 state championship baseball team and the 1966 state champion boys basketball team.

Past Hall of Fame chairman Tony Abraham served as master of ceremonies, while treasurer Pete Collias welcomed the 170 guests and Reverend Jay Maddock gave the invocation and benediction.

A moment of silence was observed for new inductees John Nolan and Karen Jarabek and all passed members of the Hall of Fame, including golf coach, the late Bill Nugent.

The five individual inductees represented Durfee in football, basketball, base-

ball, track, cross-country, wrestling, softball and volleyball.

A review of the inductees' athletic accomplishments at Durfee:

Carl Fitzgerald excelled in football and baseball and played three seasons on the hardwood. He was named the Hilltoppers most valuable player on the gridiron where he was named to the All-Bristol County team as a junior and senior. He was also an All-Bristol County League two year first team choice in baseball and a member of Durfee's state championship basketball team as a junior.

Patrick Stephenson was among the best wrestlers ever produced at Durfee; compiling an amazing 55-4 record over two full seasons, including a Massachusetts state championship in 1981. He holds the Hilltopper record for most wins in a season (28) and most points in a season (70), which he sets as a junior and equaled as a senior. He was named to the All-State first team and had a perfect 25-0 dual meet record, won two South Sectional titles and a pair of Lex King Souter tournament championships while wearing the Red and Black.

Chris Darmody was a three-year starting tackle for the Hilltoppers, earning All-Scholastic honors in the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference two consecutive seasons. The recipient of the Donald Trevisano Trophy as the 1981 most outstanding lineman, he was also awarded the

Jake Reagan Award as the Hilltoppers most valuable player and Durfee's representative for the Vince Lombardi Award. He also competed three seasons and was a captain for the indoor track team, where he established a record in the shotput, qualified and competed in the state meet in that event.

John Nolan still holds the 1000 yard run record of 2 minutes, 20.9 seconds that he set in 1983. It is the longest standing indoor track record at Durfee. Named the winter track most valuable player as a junior and senior, Nolan established himself as a premier scholastic competitor in the 1000 yard run. He was selected on all-area newspapers' All Scholastic teams and won two Southeastern Massachusetts Conference championships in that event.

Cathy Karl (Noversa) is among the most outstanding female athletes to ever emerge from Durfee. A four year, three sports star, she was named as her team's most valuable player in volleyball and basketball in 1985 and the MVP in softball in 1984 and 1985. She helped Durfee win a South Sectional volleyball championship in 1982; a South Sectional basketball crown in 1983 and a runner up position in the 1985 State softball tournament. She went on to gain All-American status as a junior and senior at Bridgewater State College.

The 1978 Swim Team 17 members, compiled a perfect 8-0 dual meet record, cap

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## Durfee Loses Distinguished Alumna in Fonseca

Former State Senator Mary L. Fonseca, Class of 1932, died in June of 2005 at the age of 90. She had been honored by the Durfee Alumni in 1980 as a Distinguished Alumni Recipient.

Mrs. Fonseca was the first woman of Portuguese descent to serve in the Massachusetts State Senate. Her tenure ran from 1953 to 1984. She served as the majority whip from 1960 to 1972.

As the oldest girl in a family of twelve she was unable to follow her dream and attend college. However, this did not prevent her from working tirelessly for those who were able to continue advanced studies. In 1974, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth awarded her an honorary degree, thus recognizing her contributions to higher education.

Mrs. Fonseca was well known for always wearing a hat. Growing up as a young girl she said that you were not considered well dressed unless you wore a hat.

Senator Fonseca's main focus was to serve her community. She worked in the Senate for equal education for immigrant and working class families. She was a groundbreaker for women in political leadership.

Even in retirement, she was always visible in the community. Public service was her calling. Senator Fonseca was a beloved symbol for the City of Fall River.

# Red & Black

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# Another Southern Reunion...another successful event!

by Lucille Roussel Hadley '36

March 5, 2006 marked the 31st Florida Reunion of graduates of B.M.C. Durfee High School of Fall River, MA. and although not as well attended as the hard working committee would have liked it to be, it certainly proved to be the usual wonderful and fun-loving affair. There were approximately 104 grads and guests ranging from the Class of 1936 to the Class of 1961 gathered at the Naples Grande (the beautifully renovated Registry Hotel). The site of this year's reunion was an entirely new area of the hotel, on the first floor in a room that was spacious and beautifully appointed.

The cocktail hour was fun-filled with many trying to recognize each other and sharing fond memories of the 'old days' at Durfee. Later, a fine dinner was served. This was followed by the usual raising of scholarship monies to add to the considerable balance of the Southern Reunion

Scholarship. It was very interesting that this year, Chef Emeril Lagasse, Fall River's own, donated some very interesting items including a surprise basket filled with chow mein noodles and gravy mix from the Chow Mein Factory (with a history of the chow mein sandwich).

Norm Michaud '48 contacted Diane Amaral and owners of the Mangrove Cafe in Naples, natives of Fall River and Westport, who presented a \$100.00 magnum of wine which was auctioned off. In addition, she presented four(4) \$60.00 dinners for two(2). These items were added to the raffle of items previously mentioned.

In the future, we are hoping that the local newspapers afford this annual Florida Reunion effort more publicity. I know that in the winters that we have spent in Florida, people from other parts of the country display awe at the level of loyalty we have for our high school in the North that is exhibited by its grads wintering in the South.

I've mentioned that 'Red and Black Magic' in a few of my past articles because I also think it's such a tribute to Durfee.

If you're in the South in March, please keep us mind that on the first weekend of March we hold this affair. It takes a lot of many hours of planning for which we must thank some of those who worked so diligently this year as well as in other years past. Janice Phillips Fiedler '49, George Levesque '49 and his wife, Norm Michaud '48, Major Wheelock '54 all play major roles and my special thanks goes to my classmate, and birthday mate, Sam Gourse, who phoned me to fill me in. Of course, he chided me for not having attended, but he's a few hours younger than I am.

In order to keep the mailing list updated, feel free to notify me of any changes. I am available online at hadley1919@aol.com or at 221 Linden Street, Fall River, MA 02720 or 508-672-5819. Many thanks to Jan Fiedler for making this report possible.

## FROM PEN TO PERSPECTIVE:

### One graduate's look at life after Durfee

It's 5:45AM on a morning in March and I've just rolled out of bed after a sleepless, thrashing about night, wide eyed and bushy-tailed and, for a moment I wondered why I'm sitting here at my computer, hands on the keyboard.

Actually, there are countless reasons. I'm told that aged people do not require much sleep which could be one reason, I have aches and pains which could be another reason, I hate to think of the visit to the doctor today but Ah!!! I know the real reason.

Yesterday, with trembling pen, I made the decision of my life when I made a deposit on a lovely condo in an "assisted living" facility in my home town and made plans to put up for sale the home I've lived in for over half a century. And thereby hangs a tale! What have I done with these years? Graduated from Durfee High School, the first in the family line to have been so privileged, worked in the business

world of this city for years, brought up a family, saw this country in depression and the good times, small wars, World War II, afforded the children good educations beyond the high school level, and now ready for the golden years.

But! Are these the golden years? On reflection, my golden years were the wonderful years I spent at BMC Durfee High School. Jobs were scarce, as was money, but what did teenagers know about parents struggling to keep kids in high school? What we did know was that our parents wanted better lives for us even though college was not to be. Since then, for all these years, not a day has gone by that I haven't felt privileged to have been a student in this beautiful, graceful building on Rock Street.

Never missed a Class Reunion, attended several of the Florida Durfee Reunions which have been held for 31 years, supported the many Alumni Association's successful ventures, the most important being the awarding of 25 to 30 scholarships each year to deserving graduates.

Ah! the misnomer of the words "golden

years". They are not when we are 60, 70, or 80. They were when we were young, lively, ambitious and with stars in our eyes. I urge you to consider adding to your lives the fun of participating, regardless of age, in one or more activities of the educational life in Fall River. Support the Scholarship Program, the Save the Bells Program, the Parents' Association at Durfee, etc. Participate!

Go Durfee!

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# Moriarty is honored from class of '48

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After receiving his B.M. from the New England Conservator at the top of his class and with highest honors in 1952, John attended Brandeis University for one year before winning a Frank Huntington Beebe Award for European study. That made possible a year of study in Italy and France, and also provided the opportunity for piano recitals in Naples, Rome and Paris, as well as, a concerto performance with the Radio Eireann Orchestra in Dublin. He had previously made concerto appearances with the Boston Pops, the New England Conservatory Symphony and, while at Durfee, with the Massachusetts All-State Orchestra.

After returning to the United States with an appointment to the faculty of the New England Conservatory, he became increasingly involved in small opera projects in Boston, eventually producing the first two live opera productions on WGBH-TV. These activities led to his first professional opera position as Assistant Conductor at the Santa Fe Opera in 1959. During his seven years with that company, he was active as chorus master, stage director and, during his last four years there, as Artistic Administrator, the second highest position in the company. He was simultaneously Artistic Administrator, stage director and chorus master with the Washington Opera, known then as the Opera Society of Washington. In 1965 John returned to the New England Conservatory where he could teach during the winter and pursue opera activities in the summers at various times with the Lake George Opera Festival, Wolf Trap (where he was Director of the Wolf Trap Company), the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and eventually Central City Opera in Colorado. After four summer seasons there as Principal Conductor, he was asked in 1982 to assume directorship of the Opera Festival. The Festival, which dated back to 1932 and which had a distinguished history, had fallen on hard times, had accumulated a burdensome debt, and was in imminent danger of shutting down. John's most satisfying accomplishment has been what he calls "rescuing this fabled company from the edge of the grave". After sixteen successful seasons, he stepped down from his managerial position and was honored with the title Artistic Director Emeritus.

All through his life, teaching has been an important part of his activities. He structured and headed an intensive opera training program at the Boston Conservatory in 1973 which was so successful that the New England Conservatory joined it in 1980. In 1989 when New England wanted to spin off with its own program, John returned yet again to the New England Conservatory. His former students have sung or are singing with every opera company in the United States, including New York's Metropolitan Opera and many companies in Europe. John also has several former piano students on the music staff at the Met and New York City Opera.

In 1975, E.C. Schirmer Music Co. published his manual of Dictation for Singers, a reference and instructional book dealing with the stage usage of Italian, Latin, French and German. It has gone through numerous re-printings and has become the standard textbook in conservatories and universities throughout the United States. John has also made recordings of opera, opera excerpts, and has performed as piano accompanist on Cambridge, Parnassus and Newport Classical records.

Teaching has been central to John Moriarty's life. Although he retired as Chairman of the New England Conservatory Opera department in 2001, he continues to teach there two days a week. The Conservatory honored him with its Outstanding Alumni Award in 1982 and with an honorary doctorate in 1992.

John claims to have learned about teaching from his contact with superb teachers during his early years- Helen Ladd and the excellent Durfee faculty of the 1940's, especially Mildred Carroll and the strong language department. In 1989 he moved back to Fall River and resides on Rock Street, across the street from the former location of St. Helena's Convent, where he received his first piano instruction from Sister Stephen Mary of the Holy Union Sisters. With this move, his life seems to have come full circle.

# Carey honored

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area as well as for E. Anthony & Sons, Inc. (Owners of New Bedford Standard Times, Cape Cod Standard Times and various radio stations: WNBH radio and WCOB (Cape Cod). He was the lead counsel to Anthony & Sons, Inc. in the sale of all of its assets to Ottaway Newspapers & Radio, Inc. of New York. Ottaway Newspapers & Radio, Inc. later merged; into the Wall Street Journal as a subsidiary, for which he acted as general counsel until his appointment to the Superior Court.

During his tenure as a lawyer, he argued several significant cases before the Appellate Courts of Massachusetts, and was counsel for Paul Pappas on the first amendment issues before the Supreme Court of the United States arising out of the riots in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

During his tenure as a Judge and lawyer, he has written several legal articles for the courts and legal publications. He was appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts as chairman of the Massachusetts Rules Committee for the Trial and Appellate Courts.

He was General Chairman of the Catholic Charity Appeal for the Diocese of Fall River, a recipient of the Marian Award from the Diocese. Pope Pious honored him with the Knight of St. Gregory Award in 1968.

He is presently a mediator and arbitrator in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and of counsel to the law offices of Beauregard, Burke & Franco, 32 William Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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# Hall of Fame

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ured the South Sectional tournament with an unbelievable 184 points, more than 50 points better than their nearest rival, and came from behind with a victory in the 400 yard freestyle relay to claim Durfee's first swimming Massachusetts State Championship.

Alumni wishing to nominate athletes for the Hall of Fame may contact Committee members Chairman Hargraves at 508-678-3138.

# New bell tower under design for historic bells

by Les Cory '56 and  
Lorna Taylor Gregory '55

A late spring or early summer groundbreaking is anticipated for the new tower that is being designed to support the historic Durfee Bells. These world-class bells were cast in the late 1800's in Troy, New York and for more than 100 years they summoned students to home room at the old Durfee High School on Rock Street. The bells have now been tuned and refurbished with new mounting and striking hardware at the bell foundry of Meeks & Watson in Ohio.

The Bell Tower is planned to be the centerpiece and main focus point of the new Durfee High School athletic complex, now being designed by the architectural firm of GALE Associates in Boston. The tower is expected to become one of the city's most prominent landmarks.

Opportunities still exist for creating a lasting memorial in conjunction with the new Bell Tower. Preliminary plans call for a brick Pathway of Memories that will be surrounded by a series of granite benches. One of these benches would make an ideal Class Gift.

While hundreds of laser-engraved bricks have already been sold, several hundred are still available for purchase. Many of these bricks will be engraved with the names of Durfee alumni and individual Classes.

Also available for memorializing a loved one are the four clocks, each four feet in diameter, that are proposed to top the new

Bell Tower. Most likely, these new clocks will be similar in appearance to the illuminated clocks we all remember at the top of the old Durfee building belfry.

Although dozens of melodies can be played using the 10 original bells, four additional bells will need to be cast to make it possible to play the National Anthem. These four additional bells will greatly increase the number of songs that could be played. Provisions can be made to cast the names of benefactors or honorees into the new bells. Two of the four additional bells have already been purchased in memory of loved ones.

A benefactor is also being sought for a new clavier, or "playing console", that will enable the bells to be played manually as well as electronically. The original clavier was, unfortunately, destroyed in the process of renovating the Durfee building into a courthouse.

In September, the Durfee Bells Preservation Society held a fund-raiser that was a huge success. A Brunch Cruise to Newport aboard the Vista Jubilee out of Warren, Rhode Island drew a few hundred Durfee alumni, family and friends. Everyone boarded the vessel on a perfectly beautiful day and enjoyed fine food, great music by the Jerry Silva Jazz Ensemble, wonderful camaraderie, and free admission to the Taste of Rhode Island event at Bannister's Wharf in Newport. Special thanks to Mr. Steven Mullaney who sponsored the event in memory of his grandmother, Judge Beatrice Hancock

Mullaney.

Also in September, the Class of 1955 celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion and donated over \$2,000 to the purchase of Memorial Bricks that were given in memory of classmates and the Class itself. The generosity of the Class of '55 is greatly appreciated.

2005 had been a rewarding and happy year for the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, but the beginning of 2006 brought great sadness to the group with the death of its founder, Janice Curry, Class of '37, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Janice had brought the plight of the Durfee Bells to the attention of the local newspaper, which, in turn, caused many citizens of Fall River and all Durfee Alumni to band together to Save the Durfee Bells. It was Janice's fervent wish that she would hear the Durfee Bells ring once again. Very soon the bells WILL ring again, housed in a beautiful Bell tower on the Durfee campus on Elsbree Street, and we know that Janice Curry will finally enjoy their beautiful sound.

If you are interested in discussing any of the above mentioned opportunities for donating to the Bells project, by either purchasing a Memorial Bench, Brick, Clock, Bell or the playing console, please e-mail Les Cory '56, President of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc. at [Lcory@Umassd.edu](mailto:Lcory@Umassd.edu) or call him at 401-624-3478. Donations or inquiries may also be addressed to the Society at P.O. Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720.

## Annual Meeting

**Friday May 26, 2006 7:30 PM Nagle Auditorium**

**Refreshments - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

## 2006- 2007 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 2006 to be considered by the 2007 Selection Board.

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

Year Of Graduation: (1971 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

## 2006 -2007 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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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.