



PIRATE'S REVENGE

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Message from Peggy...

As we near the holidays and the end of 2007, we have much to be thankful for this year. In the Spring of 2007, David Hoggard came to Bath to take a look at our windows. I'll never forget his comments on what great windows we have and his parting words, "Peggy, I'm going to help you. I know this is going to be a successful effort and I want to be part of it." He left Bath with a solemn promise and purpose, to return before Pirate Alumni Day to complete a section of windows of our choice as a donation from his company, Double-Hung Windows, LLC from Greensboro, NC. The Bath Town Council approved his donation to the BHS Preservation, a 501 (C) 3 IRS tax deductible non-profit organization.

In the Summer of 2007, the Mansfield's hosted a cookout for the community to welcome the team on their arrival. David brought his family and a team of 4 staff who enjoyed their stay at the Eakes' farm. The team and local volunteers worked in the heat of summer, through dust and grime, in perfect accord. Work was completed with the help of many local volunteers, Creekside Home Improvement's support and the good food of the local restaurants. There are too many special folks to thank in this limited space, but they were the backbone of this week's success.

There was a notable change in the west wing of the oldest BHS building. Those windows were gleaming and folks started stopping by to ask if we had replaced them. No, we didn't even think of replacing these ancient wooden heart pine windows that have lasted almost 100 years. We simply removed layers of paint, repaired their weights and pulley systems, replaced and re-glazed glass panes and you see before you beautiful solid windows that will last another 100 years with proper care. David's family and team left amid hugs and thanks to head off to a well-deserved fishing trip. We have learned a dying art, how to repair, protect and care for the BHS windows from the most sought after professional in the state.

The Pirate Alumni Day was attended by close to

1000 friends and alumni. Every person who walked past those windows could see and feel the heritage and history we had uncovered! Their mixed expressions of awe and appreciation were truly gratifying.



In Fall of 2007, we met up with David Hoggard again. He presented a session at the Preservation NC Conference. The renewed focus on green building practices is in keeping with appreciating healthy buildings that were built to last.

In the future, upcoming 2008, we'd like to focus on continuing the work of the window program. We hope to secure guidance from the Town on how we can develop a recognition program for our window donors and start allocating the funds on deposit. Please consider making this a priority with a tax-deductible gift in 2007.



Photo by Larry Boyd, Alumni of the historic Bath High School, Bath, NC dressed with Christmas Wreaths, courtesy Of BHS Preservation.

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ATTENTION: BHS ALUMNI, MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Submit your favorite recipes and memories from your school days at Bath High. Unusual happenings, short stories, quotes and words of wisdom. Does anyone know the lunchroom recipe from the "50's" for that unforgettable potato salad? Material being collected for a BHS cookbook project. Send to Marti Buchanan, 1331 Teach's Point, Bath, NC 27808 or Bath High School Preservation, P.O. Box 149, Bath, NC 27808. No submissions will be returned.



Spotlight on a BHS Graduate

Claudia Wingate Alligood

Claudia Wingate Alligood was a member of Bath High School's graduating class in 1965 and she returned as a member

of the faculty during the 1970-1971 term, remaining until the school closed in 1989.

It's only natural she thinks highly of the place. "Of course, there is lots of emotion connected to the closing of the school,"

Alligood said during a recent interview about her new book, titled "*Bath High School 1925-1989, A Look Back.*" "There's also a lot of love in that book."

Alligood completed the book in time for it to debut during the Bath High School reunion in July, but work on it began long before that. As Bath's senior English teacher she always assigned a research project, which mostly Claudia Wingate Alligood, a member of the Bath involved using books and other published materials, but one year she decided to put a different spin on the project.

"We decided to research the history of athletics at Bath and go out and interview people," Alligood said. "The students divided into pairs and each pair had a different year to research. They looked through old books at the school and interviewed former students."

Once the project was complete, Alligood filed it away with the thought of someday adding to the story. She said she worked on it periodically over the years, writing letters to former students and pulling together more material about each class.

"I gathered lists of classes, anecdotes or whatever," Alligood recalled. "The secretary and principal also let me use the board minutes dating back to the 1920s."

She ended up publishing the information, but that wasn't her original intent.

"I started all this just for me," Alligood said. "Bath was a very special school and I hated for the whole thing to become lost. When we started working on the reunion I shared what I was doing with Jack Wallace. He was my teacher and my coach in high school. He encouraged me to continue the book."

Alligood found that some years were easier to research than others.

"Each class usually had written a class history and I found yearbooks, just trying to

gather what I could," she said. "I love sports and I probably have too much of that. I read copies of the Washington Daily News on microfilm at Brown Library - that was time consuming - and I'd go through everything for every year and hope I'd find something."

One of the first to read the manuscript was Alligood's mother, Myra Wmgate, who taught in Bath for most of her career.

"I took it for her to read through and she wasn't sure other people would read it," Alligood said. "But the book came alive with the pictures; I've been gathering the pictures for about 20 years."

As it turned out, just this one time Mom was wrong. The book sold out "in no time," according to Alligood, and orders were taken during the reunion for additional copies. They, too, quickly sold out and the book is now in its third printing.

Alligood shares credit with the many individuals who shared memories and photos. Bath history buff Bea Latham scanned the photos and Alligood's niece, Lynn Wingate Lewis, helped transfer them to disks.

When the book arrived, Alligood made sure the first copy went to Wallace, her mentor. The second was presented to her son, Chad, who finished eighth grade at Bath before the school closed and students were transferred to North-Side High School.

"He was amazed," Alligood said with a laugh. "He knew I was working on it but I don't think he realized how large the project had gotten."

Alligood didn't see the project so much as a celebration of the past as she did a celebration of Bath High School.

"I've never been interested in history, but this was an issue of the heart. I didn't think of it as history," she said. "Bath School was a unique place where there were generations of families ... this is more about people than anything."

"That's what Bath had to offer. Because it was a family affair and everybody knew everybody, the parents and the grandparents had expectations for the kids. The teachers knew the families and everybody worked together for the good of the students," Alligood said.

She proudly added that graduates of Bath High School have enjoyed success and have filled vital roles in the community. She ticked off a list that included doctors, educators, lawyers, farmers, business owners, fishermen... "some very good people," she said.

Alligood's own family played a prominent role at Bath High over the years. She taught there, as her mother did, and her grandmother Eva Wingate, founded the first lunchroom at the school and was famous for her raisin pie.

"It started out like a soup kitchen type thing, but there wasn't enough money to operate it so the PTA funded a garden," Alligood said. "The head of the agriculture department, O.J. Gaylord, over-saw the garden. The school built a cannery and in the summer they would can vegetables from the garden in order to supply the lunchroom."

While Alligood has gotten positive feedback since the book's publication, the comments she has enjoyed most came from former students.

"They've been very kind and very receptive," she said. "Two or three have asked when the sequel comes out. They want to know what happened to everybody who graduated from Bath."

To purchase a copy of "*Bath High School 1925-1989, A Look Back,*" contact Alligood at 252-923-5061.

Latest News...

- On Oct. 11, 2007, The National Register of Historic Places Study List Committee met and approved the BHS property to be reviewed for individual listing at the National Parks Service. The notification should return in 45 days of Oct. 11, 2007.
- The Town of Bath is now using the old gym as their town meeting hall.
- The Town of Bath names a task force:
 - Bill Pruitt - HBCommission**
 - Ed Clement - HBFoundation**
 - Jay Hardin - Town of Bath Commissioner**
 - Leigh Swain - Historic Bath Visitors Center**
 - Claudia Alligood - Bath Library**
 - Surry Everett - Preservation Committee**
- 2007 BHS Alumni Santas will be on sale at Country Classics (252) 946-6216 – Nov. 25th. Only a limited edition.
- 2008 Annual Membership Dues will begin in February.

PIRATE ALUMNI REUNION

On July 21, 2007, the former Bath Pirates returned to port to celebrate the Bath High School Alumni Reunion, or "Pirate Day". The crowd, estimated between 800 and 1,000 enjoyed an afternoon and evening of reminiscing, rekindling, and reconnecting with their alma mater and with the friends with whom they shared earlier days.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was a visit to the new multi-purpose room just completed at the school. The huge room was filled from door to door with memorabilia illustrating the history of Bath High School's 64 years. Memory Lane began with a standing display from the Class of 1925. There was a display for each class, including keepsakes shared by class members, newspaper articles, photographs, samples of class history such as class choices, officers, superlatives, songs, poems, and anything else that could be found. Visitors meandered through the displays. Items of clothing and other mementos were featured throughout the room as well. Alumni found time to peruse the materials and to reflect on the past. Many people enjoyed finding pictures of their parents, grandparents, and other family members. The room was filled with laughter, pleasantries, and sharing.

Visitors had the opportunity to purchase commemorative items such as caps, shirts, and cozies, thanks to the committee in charge of the sale items and thanks to the efforts of former graduates Holly Hamilton Alligood of *NAMEPLATES, INC.*, and Donna Cutler Linton of *SIGNS AND STITCHES*.

The BHS Preservation members conducted a walk-through tour of the old high school building and the old gymnasium building. Some of the Preservation members had worked tirelessly to clean the building, freshen some paint, and prepare the surroundings for a proper homecoming. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to return to their "seat of education" and see the progress that has been made thus far. Terrific displays were in place throughout the tour route, old bulletin boards were brought back to life, photographs of all the senior classes and other things were on parade, and project boards were set up to show everyone what the proposed ideas were with regard to refurbishing the building for continued use. The Preservation group also held a meeting at 4:00 in order to update interested alumni and friends about their accomplishments, their plans, and their need for everyone's support.

Entertainment was provided at 6:30 in the gym. Music was presented by Ben Windley. Following a welcome from Claudia Alligood & June Wallace, reunion committee, other welcomes were offered by Jimmy Latham, Mayor of Bath; and Pam Hodges, Principal of Bath Elementary School. Some very special remarks were offered by Jack Wallace, former Principal of Bath High School. Former cheerleaders lead the crowd in some old, familiar cheers. This was great fun for all. The oldest alumnae present was Helen Kizer from the Class of 1935. The oldest male graduated recognized was Billy Berry from the Class of 1937. A roll call of classes gave all former students a chance to stand and be recognized. (At some point during the day, students representing classes from 1933 through 1989 were on hand). Three of Bath Elementary School's teachers, Chris Alligood, Sharon Morris, and Pam Carson, presented a beautiful musical program. The evening concluded with Butch Oliver, Class of 1989 and local disc jockey, providing music for dancing or for listening. It was apparent that many alumni had not lost the love of the past.

2007 Membership Renewal

Remember to renew your Annual membership of \$25.00 or \$250 "Restore a Window" program

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**2nd Annual Golf Tournament
Winners**

- **1st prize - Walter Williams**
A Week at Splash Landing, Topsail Island
- **2nd Prize - Don Wood**
A Weekend at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville
- **3rd Prize - Vera Oden**
A Full Day of Fishing for Four

The Officers and Board of the BHSP would like to thank everyone who participated. Together we met our goal of \$10,000 raised during the fall events. Your donation will revitalize more windows and keep our commitments of target.

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If there is anyone we did not mention, we are sorry. It is an oversight and we will gladly recognize you in the upcoming issue of Pirate's Revenge.

Save These Dates for 2007...

★ **Building Work Days - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Dec. 22, 2008** Work days resume Sat., Feb. 16.

Highlights of Christmas Parade

December 2, 2007



A Big Thank You to...

Marti Buchanan, Susan Modlin and Jim Cox (pictured on the left) who were the lion's heart of this effort and to all the other volunteers who helped.