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## Our students leaders for 66-67

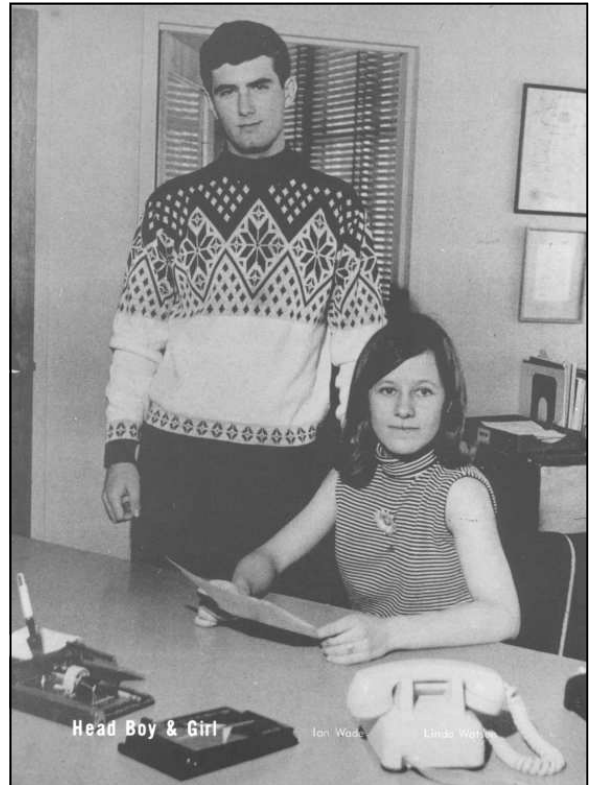
As the 50th Anniversary / Reunion date draws nearer and nearer, we take a look at the Head Boys and Head Girls during the rest of the 1960s— Hillcrest's first decade.

Our student leaders for 1966-67 were Ian David Wade and Linda Jean Watson.

Although he was head boy, Ian was very busy off-campus as IMPACT 67 reveals some of what we have found out about him.

Head girl Linda was actively involved in a number of activities, including, of course, Students' Council.

We had a challenge finding Ian but we still have not been able to locate Linda, so if any of our readers know where she is, we'd appreciate being advised.



Head Boy and Head Girl for 1966-67— Ian David Wade and Linda Jean Watson.

## Ten down and two to go!!!!!!

The March edition is our tenth one since we started in June 2010 and we have had the greatest amount of pleasure producing these 50th Anniversary / Reunion Newsletters as we have felt that many of our grads prefer to receive something about their old alma mater in their e-mail in-bin than looking it up on the website.

We hope that you will enjoy this 10th edition as we have a feature story on a husband/wife pair of grads from 1965 and 66, a shorter section on head boy and head girl, 1965-66 grads who have signed on to "Remember Me!" and one special feature on a grad from 1974 who is a "Famous Hawk" and a role model for young women at Hillcrest for any decade. Enjoy!

*Graham*

# Dave & Jane Young—'out of the race'!

I lived in the "Acres" off Haig Drive in the late 50's through the 60's and attended Vincent Massey Public School for Grades 7 and 8, Ridgemont High School for Grade 9 and Hillcrest for Grades 10 through 13 (1961 - 1965).

I have many fond memories of my times at Hillcrest :

- those regular daily 9 a.m. announcements on the PA system by Principal B.L. Bradley;
- three years on the Hillcrest football teams under Gerry Manale and Lou Labrosse;
- three years with the High School band under Howard Leroy;
- performing, on stage, with Steve Racine and Lyn Fairweather at various assemblies;
- playing guitar (Rock 'n Roll) in bands with Pat Fallis and, later, with Jimmie Knox;
- Elmvale Restaurant (Cherry Cokes) / Dairy Queen / Harvey's;
- A & W: Orange Fluorescent Balls mounted on the antennas of just about every car in the school parking lot;
- Music of the day: Beatles, Beach Boys, Bob Dylan, Righteous Brothers, Roy Orbison;
- Lynda Lane!!

In the fall of '65, I attended E.O.I.T. (now Algonquin College) and subsequently completed its three-year Business Administration Program. We were the first graduates of the new Algonquin College created in '68.

In 1970, I married Jane Bishop who had also attended Hillcrest.

Today we are blessed with three children and five grandchildren.

Two of our kids married Americans and are now living in the US - one as an entertainer in Las Vegas and the other as a fire-fighter in Portland, Maine.

Most of my working career was spent in the Construction Management field in various cities in Ontario including Ottawa, Kitchener and Gravenhurst. I also spent a good number of years as Chief Building Official for the "Township" in which I now reside.

I am now retired and coming back nicely after triple by-pass surgery a few years ago.

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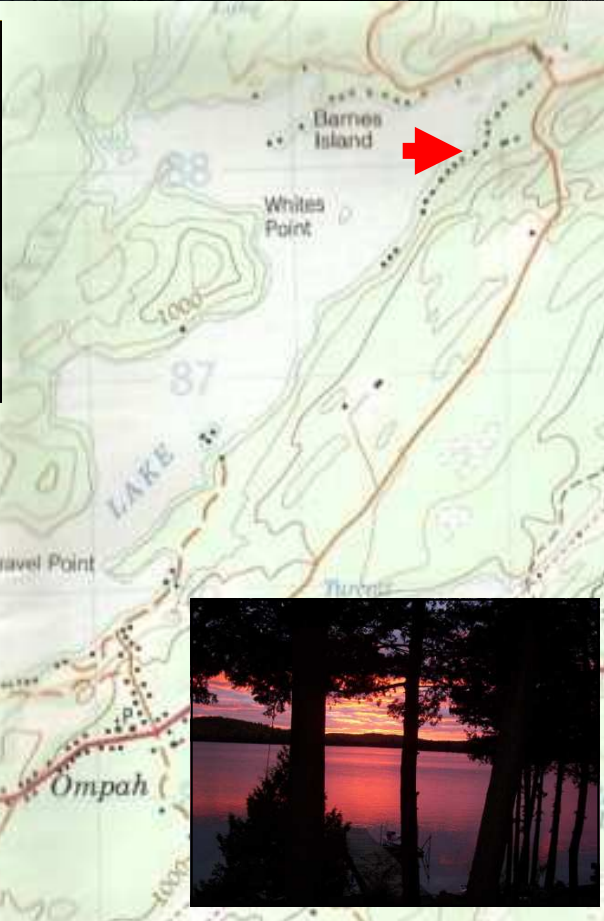
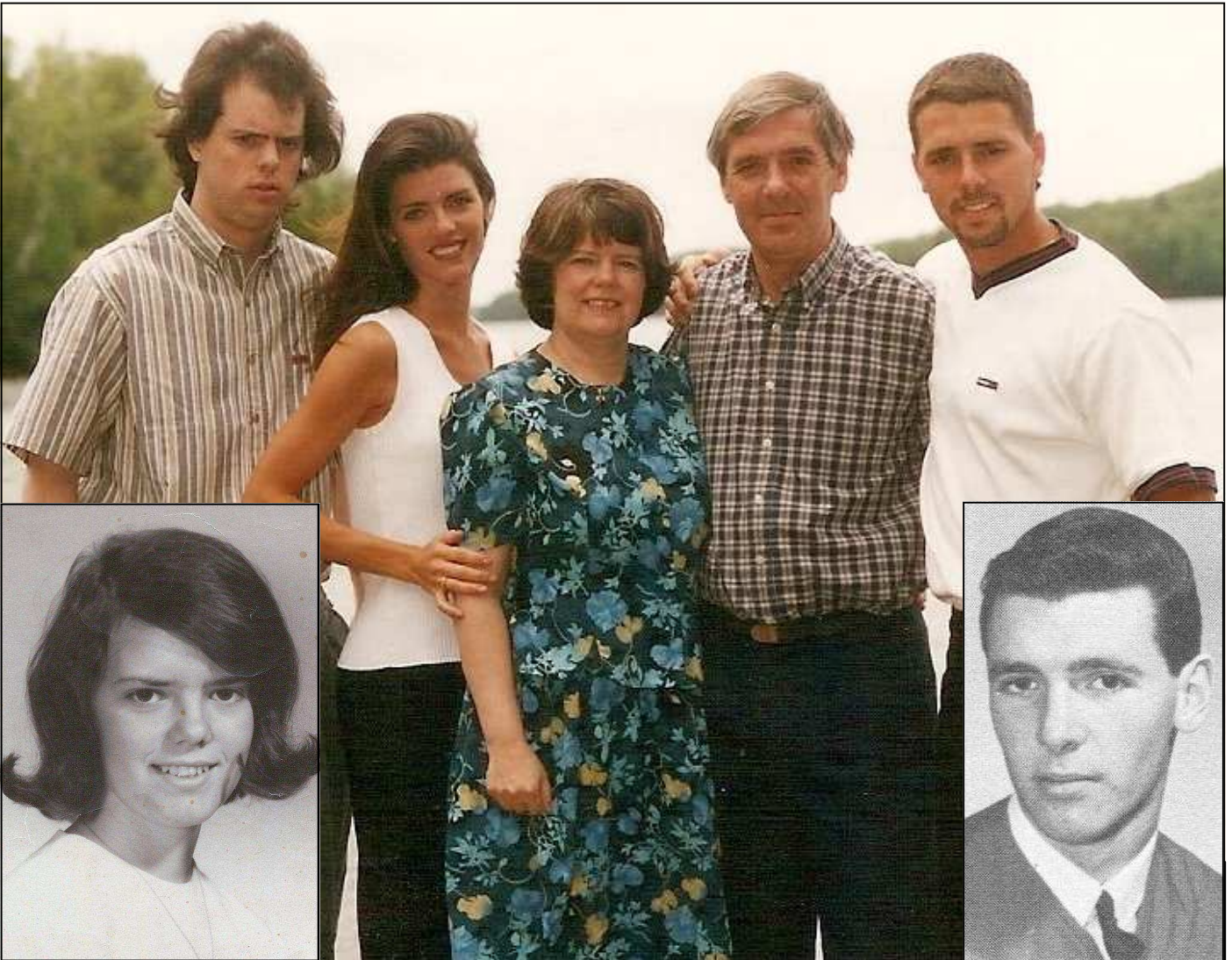
My wife and I are, now, "out of the race" and are really enjoying the peace and tranquillity of living in our lakefront home which we built in 1975. We keep ourselves busy by operating a year- round cottage rental business which we purchased and developed over the years.

For those who may be interested in looking us up, our web site is :  
[www.palmerstonlakecottages.com](http://www.palmerstonlakecottages.com). (Address is: 1020C Young Lane, Ompah, ON K0H 2J0 )

I am really looking forward to reconnecting with the many acquaintances and friends I made then - back in the day.

Regards to all. See you there!

**Dave**



Dave Young and his wife Jane Bishop with their three children (main photo); Dave's 1965 Grad photo (insert above) with Jane's Grade 12A photo from 'Impact 66' (insert above, left); and Palmerston Lake (map) near Ompah, an hour and a half drive west of Ottawa; *The Homestead*, one of their cottages (left insert); a beautiful sunset as viewed from the 'Homestead' cottage (right insert).

# Hillcrest's Dance Band—1965 —featuring Dave Young



## Looking back at Dave at Hillcrest...

As Dave mentioned, "Music is still a large part of my life, but my interest now is more focused on the creative aspect of that discipline rather than the performing side, although I do enjoy being part of the music ministry in our church."

During his years at Hillcrest, he was a member of the school's Dance Band (See above.) as well as a member of a trio along with Lyn Fairweather and Steve Racine. (At left.)

In addition, Dave was on the Senior Boys' Football Squad. (See below.)

His entry in the 1965 IMPACT was:

"People who wear glasses  
shouldn't throw stones"

AMB.: Meter Maid

DEST.: The Fifth Beatle

We look forward to seeing Dave and Jane at the 50th Anniversary / Reunion in May.





**Hillcrest's UNICEF Club – 1965: Back row, left to right - C. Caven, I. French, Elaine Starr, Karen McKim, A. New, Sandy Laham, Susan Cunliffe; Front row - M. MacClelland, M. Joudry, Wendy Havelock, Ginny Smith, Beth Soward, Bonnie Slack and Pamela Ritchie.**

## Hillcrest's all-girls UNICEF Club led the way in helping others

The Hillcrest UNICEF Club in its first year of operation (1964-65) has accomplished a great deal for the starving children overseas. Over two hundred dollars has been raised for the cause by this all-girls club by car washes, selling cokes, carolling, and bottle drives.

Under the supervision of Mr. Meagher this has been made possible.

We also appreciate the support which has been given to us by this community in our various undertakings. We only hope next year we may do as well, if not, better.

*(Editor's note: The following has been extracted from 'IMPACT 65'. The UNICEF Club's efforts were recognized in a Gord Atkinson column in 'The Ottawa Citizen' on May 14, 1965 (See below.) a week before the event to help in the fundraising by the club. We have also published Gord's "The Platter Poll" from May 14, 1965 to remind you of the hits and albums of the day on Page 6. Also, see an obituary on Gerry Meagher on Page 21 of the February Reunion Newsletter.)*

**Gord Atkinson says:**

Reprinted courtesy of 'The Ottawa Citizen', May 14, 1965.

### Here come the Hermits!

There will be dancing in the streets of Rome, Milan and Genoa this June. The Beatles will make personal appearances in those three cities, during their first tour of Italy. John, Paul, George and Ringo, despite a rocky between U.S. authorities and British union officials, will make their second scheduled tour of North America in August. The Toronto appearances are definitely set at Maple Leaf Gardens... Herman's Hermits, who hail from Manchester, make the Ottawa scene June 1. With three records on all the charts the boys are currently the hottest attraction in the pop music world.

Orbiting top singer Roy Orbison will not resign with Monument Records when his contract expires

June 30. In an annual Caspary Club poll, Orbison was acclaimed most popular male singer of 1964. According to reports out of Nashville, the price tag for Roy's name on a long term contract will be one million dollars. It is expected that the major platter firms, despite the high figure, will wage strong campaigns to win his services.

Variety night Onopode Township High will present a variety night this evening. Scenes and Nonsense, at the East Onopode Community Centre, Metcalfe. Tickets at the door just 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults... St. Joseph's Young Adults Club will stage tonight and tomorrow evening, East Lynne. The well known comedy-

drama will be presented at St. Joseph's Hall at 8:30... Anne Biewer reminds Buckingham High students about tonight's hop featuring the Blue Stars. Dancing begins at eight with tickets set at 50 cents a person... St. Patrick's High book their spring prom, Cotswold, this evening featuring the Strips and Stoses. \$1 is the admission set for this semi-formal.

**Hillcrest car wash**  
The Hillcrest UNICEF Club will hold a car wash, May 22, at Billings Bridge, from ten to five. Bonnie Slack tells us that the funds raised will help the club in its important work. Hill Protestant High has set the same date for their Graduation Dance, Underwater Fantasy.

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By  
Gord  
Atkinson  
Shawbill  
Campus  
Club

# The platter poll

(Last week's position in brackets)

1. Ticket To Ride (1) ..... The Beatles
2. I'll Never Find Another You (5) ... The Seekers
3. Count Me In (3) ..... Gary Lewis
4. Mrs. Brown You've Got A  
Lovely Daughter (2) ..... Herman's Hermits
5. Silhouettes (4) ..... Herman's Hermits
6. Help Me Rhonda (16) ..... The Beach Boys
7. I Know A Place (7) ..... Petula Clark
8. Yes It Is (9) ..... The Beatles
9. Cast Your Fate To The Wind (14) Sounds Orchestral
10. It's Gonna Be Alright (11) Gerry and Pacemakers

## The Second Set

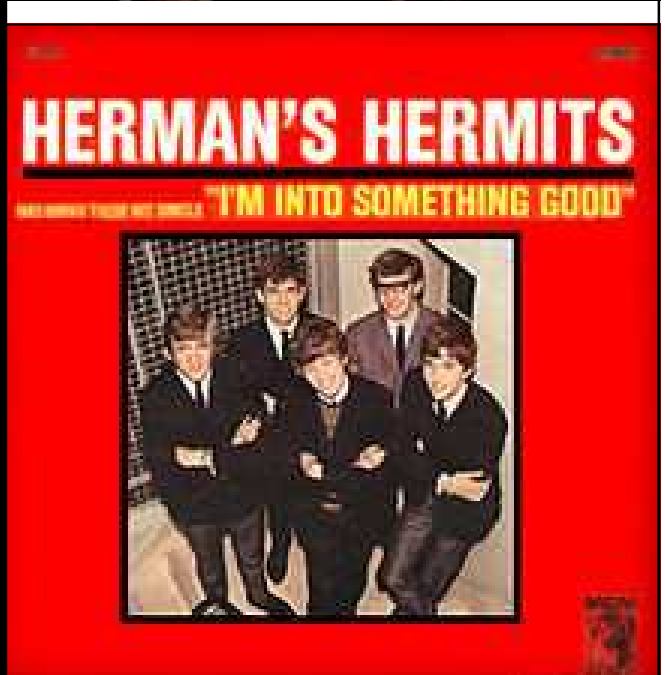
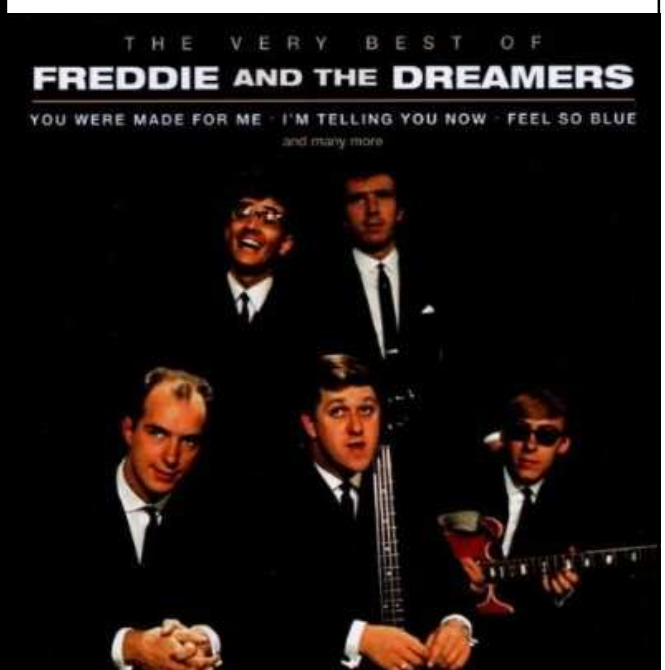
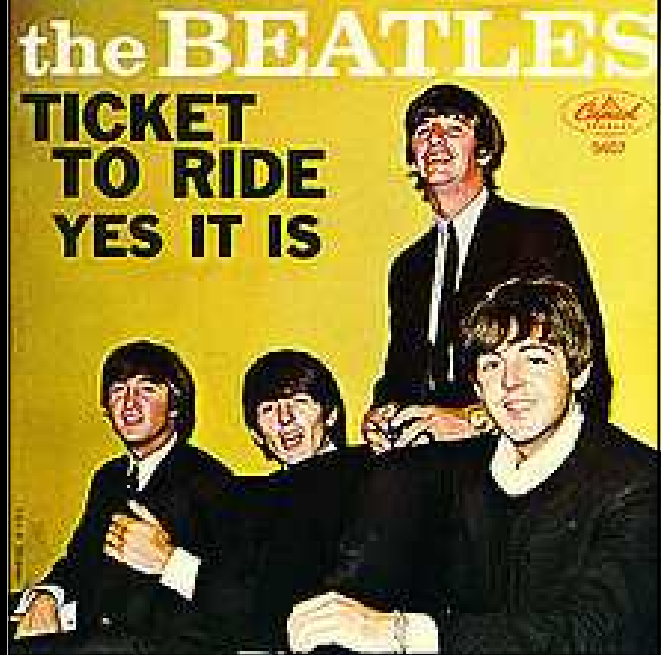
11. I'm Telling You Now (8) Freddie and the Dreamers
  12. The Last Time (6) ..... Rolling Stones
  13. One Kiss For Old Times Sake (13) Ronnie Dove
  14. Baby The Bala Must Fall (15) Glenn Yarbough
  15. It's Not Unusual (19) ..... Tom Jones
  16. I'll Be Doggone (---) ..... Marvin Gaye
  17. Just Once In My Life (---) Righteous Brothers
  18. Can't You Hear My Heartbeat? (18) Herman's Hermits
  19. Small Town Girl (---) ..... The Shagbats
  20. Tired Of Waiting For You (17) ..... The Kinks
- Contenders: Woolly Bully by Sam the Sham, Back In My Arms Again by The Supremes, OOO Baby by The Supremes, Crying In The Chapel by Elvis Presley and Watson' Wish My Angel, by Bobby Cartola.

## Albums

1. Introducing Herman's Hermits (1)
2. The Beach Boys, Today (4)
3. Mary Poppins (5) ..... Soundtrack
4. The Rolling Stones, Now (2)
5. Ferry Cross the Mersey (6) . Gerry and Pacemakers
6. Return of Roger Miller (7)
7. Gullfeger (5) ..... Soundtrack
8. This Diamond Ring (8) ..... Gary Lewis
9. A Song Will Rise (10) ... Peter, Paul and Mary
10. Dear Heart (---) ..... Andy Williams

## Britain's Best

1. Ticket to Ride (1) ..... The Beatles
2. Here Comes the Night (2) ..... Them
3. Bring It On Home to Me (5) .. The Animals
4. For Your Love (6) ..... The Yardbirds
5. King of the Road (4) ..... Roger Miller
6. The Minute You're Gone (3) ..... Cliff Richard
7. Pop Go the Workers (7) ..... The Barron Knights
8. Little Things (10) ..... Dave Berry
9. Concrete and Clay (8) ..... Unit Four Plus Two
10. Catch the Wind (9) ..... Donovan



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Located at 781 Canterbury in Urbandale Acres, this lovely 50-year-old house is for sale at \$399,900—much, much more than the 1960 price that the first owner may have paid for it!

# The year that Hillcrest nearly closed!



**(Editor's Note:- Although the focus of the monthly newsletters has been at first on the early 1960s and then to encompass all of the 1960s, we have included (in the October edition, Page 23) a look back at the 1986 Reunion—Hillcrest's 25th year. It was also the year that Hillcrest could have been closed as we reveal in a reprinted article from 'The Ottawa Citizen' of March 21, 1985, from a series of articles by Citizen Reporter Janice Middleton and Photographer Chris Mikula. The following is from the fifth of a series examining closures and how they could have affected four secondary schools—Fisher Park, Sir John A. Macdonald, Hillcrest and the High School of Commerce. Declining enrolment was forcing the Ottawa Board of Education planners to come to grips with the most emotional educational issue being faced by trustees, parents and students—school closures.)**

## Hillcrest fights 'bolt from the blue'

It's 3:25 p.m....class is out at Hillcrest High.

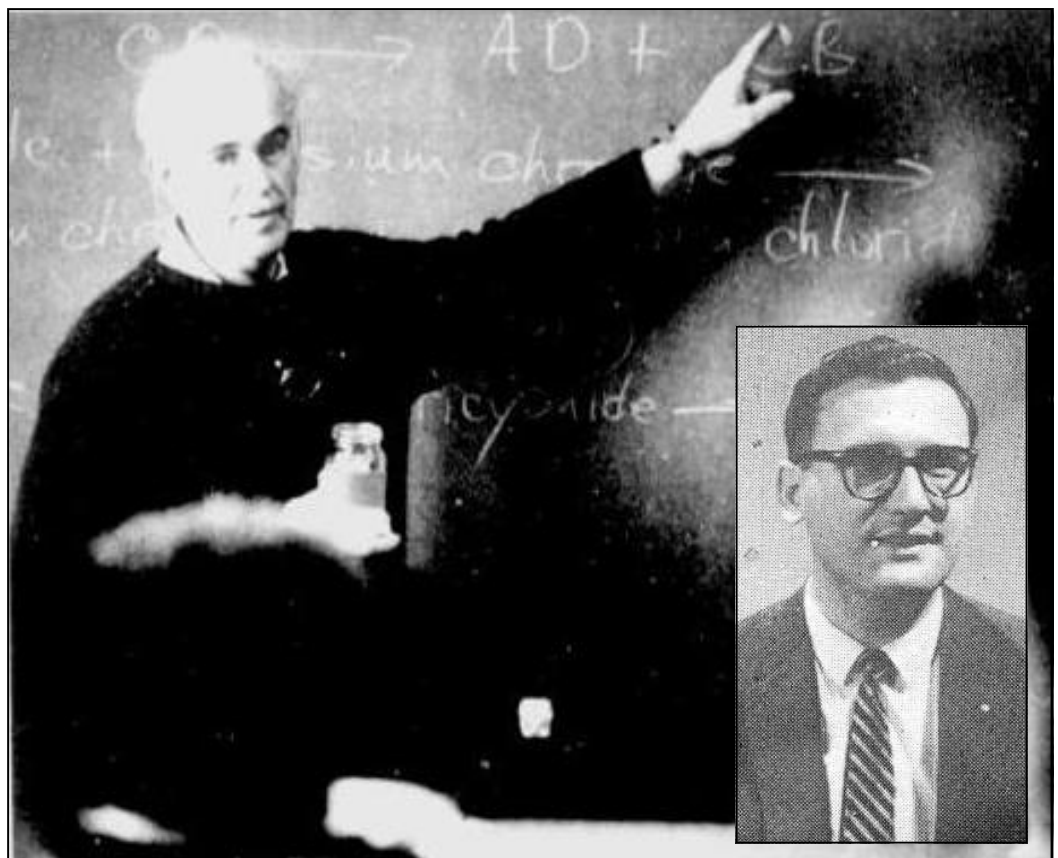
A thousand students, sons and daughters of the professionals from the sprawling neighbourhood of Elmvale Acres, east of Ottawa General Hospital across Smyth Road, swarm through the hallways of the 24-year-old institution.

Locker doors bang. Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, Mel Gibson and numerous others taped to the inside panel of the locker doors hold court over stacks of books, gym clothes and uneaten lunches.

School may be out but few students leave the building. Almost everyone has a club meeting, sports practice or extra tutoring scheduled before they go home.

The cast of *Music Man* heads to rehearsal in the school auditorium. Opening night is less than two months away and drama teacher, Peter Bachelor, wants an even better performance than last year's smash hit *A Walk Down Broadway*.

As often happens, the class-



**Chemistry teacher John Amyut: 'It's unfortunate!' (Insert—Principal Patrick Sheehan)**

room door at Hillcrest science department head Ken Crouch is still closed five minutes after the bell.

The Grade 13 physics class doesn't mind overtime with Crouch. He is the main reason they're taking the course.

Physic students are doing university-level work by their graduating year.

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# Hillcrest fights....

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Hillcrest's eight-member team has placed first six out of seven years in Canada in the Sir Isaac Newton contest. Sponsored by the University of Waterloo, the contest draws more than 5,000 top physics students across the country.

"A record like that means it's not just a couple of bright students who come through one particular year. It's evidence of a good program," says Hillcrest principal Patrick Sheehan.

If Hillcrest closes its doors in June, 1986 because of declining enrolment, its science program dies, too.

Board planners predict that by the end of the decade there will be 10,500 students in Ottawa Board of Education high schools...half as many as there were in 1970. A board school-reorganization study says Hillcrest, Fisher Park and Sir John A. Macdonald must close and High School of Commerce students must move into Ottawa Technical High School. The Commerce building would become an adult day school.

The announcement Feb. 25 of Hillcrest's planned closing shocked the community like the news of a friend being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Angry Hillcrest students joined protesters outside the board's Gilmour Street headquarters the night of the announcement. Food fights broke out in the cafeteria the following day and some students held a "sit-in".

"It wasn't an organized demonstration," says head boy Mike Gencher. "We just want to show why our school should be open."

Many students have brothers and sisters who went to Hillcrest and those in Grade 11 and below who won't be



Student Michael Baytman makes wire sculpture.

able to graduate from the institution feel cheated.

The students' council is now working out strategies to make their views known.

So are their parents.

"Things are heating up," says principal Sheehan.

Unlike Fisher Park, where parents have known the school was in jeopardy for some time, the closure of Hillcrest "was like a bolt from the blue," says parents spokesman Carolyn Murphy.

"We didn't think it would happen to us. Our enrolment has stabilized."

The projected enrolment for Hillcrest in 1996 is 893, about 100 fewer than it is this year. The school, which is mainly academic but offers commercial and technical programs, has a capacity of about 1,400 students.

The parents' committee, which swung into action immediately, holding four meetings in six days, has until April 1 to prepare its brief for

the board.

Dr. Stan Labow, prominent Ottawa plastic surgeon, is one of the committee's strongest supporters. His son, Brian, recently finished in the top 10 per cent of students writing entrance examinations for American Ivy league universities.

"Brian's teachers are responsible for this," Labow says.

Labow feels so strongly about the academic strengths of Hillcrest that should it close in 1986, he will put his second son, Daniel, now in Grade 11, into private school.

Last year, 157 out of 180 graduating students went on to university or college. "A very high number," says Peter Clark, head of the school's guidance department, "but not unusual for Hillcrest."

More than half the school's 62 teachers have been at Hillcrest longer than a decade and have strong ties to the school.

Crouch's science depart-

ment of seven teachers is a good example of longevity. The department's rookie is Roger Taguchi and he's been there 13 years.

"It's unfortunate that it's going to be dismembered," says 16-year veteran John Amyot, who teaches Grade 9 and 10. "If it {the department} is picked up piecemeal, I don't think we could have the same influence."

Every year Hillcrest has to get permission from the board to teach its Grade 9 and 10 science classes from a textbook written by staff members and published by the school.

"It's a challenging program—one that will die with Hillcrest," Crouch says.

Crouch had offers to advance through the system, first as a vice-principal and "who knows how far I might have gone," he says. But 12 years away from retirement, Crouch will stay a teacher.

He often has students to his home, but last month's weekend gathering at his Mont Cascade ski chalet was special. It was the Grade 13 enriched physics class of '83. All 15 students showed up. All now are in university studying science in one discipline or another. One of Crouch's former star pupils, Rachel Weyrick, was ranked second in her physics class last semester at Queen's University.

"That's all the reward I need," Crouch says. "Girls aren't afraid to take physics here."

Science is only one area in which Hillcrest excels. The 'Reach For The Top' team, coached by Roger Taguchi, was regional champion five of the past six years. It won the Ontario championship twice, placing second in the past two years. In 1980, the team won the national championship.

The trophies and plaques displayed in overcrowded class cases in the school's front halls are covered with names of achievers.

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## Hillcrest fights...

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Among them is Glenda Reiser, Olympic runner at the 1972 Munich Games and Commonwealth Games gold medallist in New Zealand in 1974. (Reiser, a family physician at Eaglehart, a small northern Ontario settlement, passed away on Jan. 6, 2008, age 52, after a long illness. See pages 20 & 21.)

The Reisers, a military family, moved around 'a great deal' before they finally settled in Ottawa.

"We chose the area because of the school," says Ruth Reiser, who still enjoys living near Hillcrest because she is one of the 1,200 adults taking night courses.

Other students that went on to fame in the sports world after graduation include Dale Potter, Mike Murphy, Bryan McSheffrey and Stewart Gavin Potter, a 15-year veteran, retired at the end of last season to resume a teaching career. Murphy, who played for the Ottawa Rough Riders from 1977 to 1980, is now an Ottawa chartered accountant; McSheffrey, who played hockey in Buffalo and Vancouver, is now working for the Canada Post in Ottawa and Gavin is a hockey player for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

What will happen to the Hillcrest memorabilia and its 20 scholarships sponsored by former teachers, principals and grateful parents?

"Well, naturally, when Hillcrest ceases to exist, so will the scholarships," says Sheehan.

"I guess the trophies and plaques will be turned over to the board."

Asked how he felt about the school closing, drama teacher Bachelor refused to acknowledge defeat.

"As far as I'm concerned, this school is not closing. There's no point in thinking that way. You have to be positive."



**Hillcrest's Olympic runner phenom Glenda Reiser**



**Now retired Hillcrest Science department head Ken Crouch**



**Retired Hillcrest Drama teacher and reunion committee member Peter Bachelor**

# 1000 at rallies vow to save 2 high schools

Reprinted courtesy of 'The Ottawa Citizen', Friday, March 22, 1985.

**By Cathy Campbell**  
Citizen staff writer

More than 800 emotional parents and students crowded into the Hillcrest High School auditorium Thursday night to plead: save our school.

"We ask for one more chance to try and make you understand," two students sang to five Ottawa Board of Education trustees at the meeting.

Parents and students, many of whom wore school buttons, wiped away tears as the two singers described, in a song they wrote, the love they felt for their school.

"Twenty-five years isn't that long for a school to be alive.

"Let it live a little longer to touch other people's lives."

The parents and students vowed to fight the proposal by the OBE to close the school in 1986 because of declining enrolment.

The Dauphin Road school is one of four high schools that would close under the plan, endorsed in principle by the board last month.

Fisher Park, Sir John A. Macdonald and Hillcrest high schools would close and the High School of Commerce would become an adult day school.

The board will hold public meetings to get community reaction in April and May and is expected to make a final decision on the plan June 28.

Trustee Alex Cullen faced the wrath of angry parents and students when he said he supports closing high schools.

"We're not just dealing with the future of one high school," Cullen told the audience.

"We're dealing with the future of the high school system in Ottawa.

"Every school in this city is

a good school. There's no easy way to pick a school. It's a hard decision, but we have to do it."

Taxpayers would save \$4 million a year by closing the schools, he said.

In 1970, there were 19,143 students in the board's 14 high schools. In September, 1984, enrolment had fallen to 12,289.

By 1990, it is expected there will be less than 10,000 students in the board's high schools. The further decline in numbers will be partly due to the province's decision to provide funds for Roman Catholic high schools.

But Trustee John Smart said he's ashamed of the OBE for planning to shut any schools.

He said empty spaces in schools should be used for day care, senior citizens' programs and recreation.

Trustees Jane Dobell, Ted Best and Russ Jackson also attended the meeting.

Ted Manning, spokesman for the Canterbury Community Association, said the board's planning office didn't take into account the young families moving into Elmvalle Acres and buying older homes.

While emotions ran high at the east-end school Thursday, a more sedate group of parents and students gathered at Sir John A. Macdonald High School in the west end to discuss the proposed closures.

About 170 people tried to come up with ideas for the school's parent advisory committee to put in its brief to the board.

The group decided it will tell the board small high schools are acceptable, that no school should be closed until full funding for separate schools is in place and that the board should look at sharing the school with the Carleton Board of Education.



**Hillcrest's Choir for 1966-67, resplendent in their red blazers... Members are (in no particular order) Susan Cunliffe, Judy Tant, Elaine Starr, Sharon Findlay, Sandy Laham, Jane Barr, Judi Rae, Miriam McClellan, Jackie Roberts, Susan Joy, Carol Joy, Laurie Squire, Gordie Smith, Susan Hodgson, Linda Saunderson, Karen McKim, Lorraine Millington, Cheryl Bosworth, Louise Somers, Kathy Toth, Linda McNicol, Louise Swan, Cathie Avent, Elaine Russell, Dianne Dinsdale, Sheila Petzold, Judy Dunlop, Cathie Leard, Carol White, Marg Cook, Debbie Huget, Susan Goyette, Daryl Oscroft, Ron Henry, George Tutt, Terry Henry, Jon Barter, Dave Moore, Malcolm Gunn, Ted Mercer, Roger Camm, Jim Hill, Jim Graham, Don Bosworth, Dan Showalter, Bill Scovill, Mike Lamothe, Keith May, Dave Smith, Phil Moss. Garry Wolfe, Paul Damphousse, W. Carter, P. Rigby, Darlene Gagnon, Ron Frederick, B. Syrett, Robert Publicover, Geoff Linklater, Paul Jamieson and Mr. Howard E. Leroy, Director.**



In last month's edition, we featured Sandra Paterson, Head Girl 1965-66, in the special Head-Boy-Head Girl section...and mentioned that Sandra was a member of the 1965 Girls Curling team that lost out in the final game for the championships. Well, the team did much better the year before as you can see at left. The Hillcrest rink won the scholastic girls' curling crown defeating Laurentian in the final round. Rink members were: (left to right) Norma Munson, Sandra Nicholson (Skip), Karen Edwards and Sharron Kearns.

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# Hillcrest Head Boy — Ian Wade

## IAN DAVID WADE

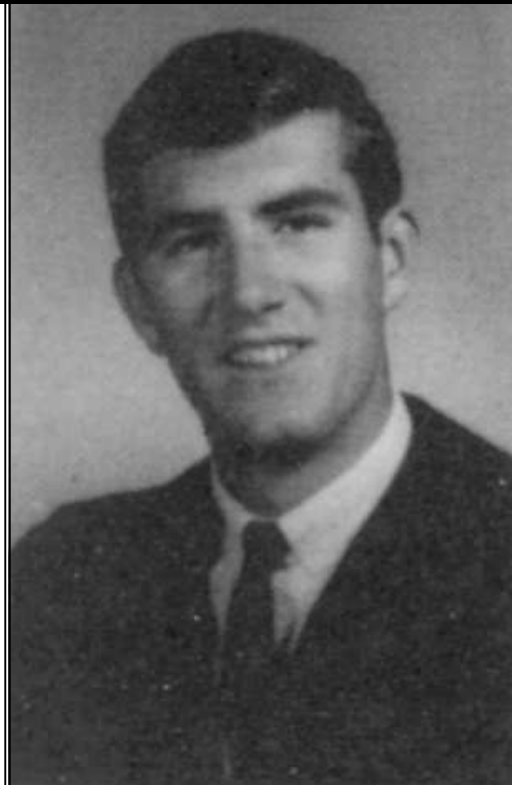
"The female knee is an entertainment and not a joint."

Ian is one of the few people privileged enough to belong to the Cap'n Crunch Crew at Hillcrest.

Besides having a sense of humour and a red Dodge Charger, he is our Head Boy and also the President of the Central Students Council for all Ottawa High Schools.

In his extra time (if he has any), he wrestles, skis, (water or snow), and we suspect that he likes chasing girls.

He should do well at Carleton next year as he plans to take science.



*Ian was a member of Hillcrest's Wrestling Team in 1965—along with: (Back row, left to right) Phil Rossy, Jim Harrison, Brian Macdonell, Greg Morgan, Ian, and Peter Damphouse; (Middle Row) Roy Irons, Dave Hood, Peter Wellstead, David Hanson, Gordon Connolly, Coach Gerry Manale; (front row) Dennis Purton, Don Collinson, Bob Watson, Brian McGinn and John Stevenson. Absent were George Tutt and Don Axford.*

# Hillcrest Head Boy — Ian Wade



*Among Ian's many activities at Hillcrest were his involvement with the Folk Dance Club with: (Top row, left to right) Dan Showalter, Tom Swan, Ian, Clive Weagant, Dave Simpson, Ted Mercer; (Front row) Debbie Herr, Kathy Evans, Anne Lauber, Kathy Toth, Judy Schroeder, Laurie Squire and Vikki Pulkinen. Missing were: R. Frezan and John Jury.*



## UPDATE ON IAN WADE

Ian graduated from Carleton in 1983 with a B.A. degree after he had attended Ottawa Teachers' College in 1967-68. He became an elementary school teacher for the Carleton School Board before travelling in Europe for a number of years. In addition to his BA., Ian obtained Graduate Diploma in Adult Education from Concordia University.

In 1963, Hillcrest's fledgling yearbook, 'IMPACT '63', featured a very young-looking Ian, then in Grade Nine. As cited in his graduation notice, Ian used to drive his father's 1967 red Dodge Charger—undoubtedly to impress the many young ladies, including his now wife, the former Deborah Gray.

Now a retired educator, Ian's career, which included: two stints for the Carleton School Board: teaching with his wife, Debbie, at Fort Albany, on the shores of James Bay; teaching English as a Second Language to French-Canadian Royal Canadian Army recruits; teaching for the DND system at Camp Borden; and, during the final stages of his career, teaching at Camosun College in Victoria, where he lives close to his brother, Al, when not travelling with Debbie in his Dodge Camper motorhome down to Arizona.

# Hillcrest Head Girl — Linda Watson

## LINDA JEAN WATSON

"All charming people are spoiled; it is the secret of their attraction."

The awesome and rather dutiful Position of Head Girl was handed to Linda this year and she has proven herself to be more than capable.

Her many activities include being a member of the Yearbook Staff, the Booster Club, and Dance Committee.

But wait, there's more! She has also lent her services to the Central Student's Council of Ottawa by accepting the task of Chairman.

U. of T. is Linda's next stop where she plans to take Physiotherapy.



Hillcrest's 1967 Student Council – Front row: Doug Street, Ginny Smith, Jane Coleman, Linda Watson (Head Girl), Clive Weagant, Carol White, Ric Mosley. Second row: Donna Bailey, Lesley Donald, Jeannette Riggs, Bonnie Stan, Chris Mechin, Judy Vroom, Gwen Hembery, Louise Rothberg, Sheila Petzold, Mary Baxter, Gerry Browne, Wendy MacKinnon, Cathy Crimen, Ann Tompkins, Debby Wilson, Karen McKim. Third row: Doug Wilson, Mike Lefebore, Mary Matusiak, Craig Angut, Bob MacDonald, Dave Bellefeuille, Gill Luxton, Karen Pierce, Debby Wall, Barb Lamoor, Ilsa Dubrofsky, Bill Bunting, Dave Drinkwater, Lee Mosley, Dave Miller, Paul Damphousse, Ross Blair, R. Petticrew, Bob Spilling. Back row: Charles Marlow, Anthony Eden, Mike Dobbin, Phil Rackett, Ron Pritchard, Don Roberts, Bill Lamure, Fred Barber, Pete Lafleur, Doug Logan, Mitch Rodrigue, Ken Bridgeman, Steve Millington, George Tutt, Jerry McCormick, Anatole France, Peter Wentzell.

# Hillcrest Head Girl — Linda Watson



*Hillcrests 1967 Booster Club—Front row: Jackie Roberts, Suzanne Peters, Louise Rothberg, Judy Vroom, Joan Logan, Peggy Ferguson. Second Row: Carol McKinnion, Barb Hillmer, Linda Watson, Bev Ritchie, Robin Wentzel, Pat McCord, Pat Peterson, Linda Saunderson, Kathy Thompson, Mary Baxter, Ann Bythel, Joann Barber, Gail Hunter. Third row: Cathy Shannon, Unknown, LeeAnne Bolch, Valeri Abercrombie, Diane Rothberg, Unknown, Beth Knox, Brent Wilson, Anne White, Carol Joy and Unknown. Back row: Chris Lambert, Kathy Toth, Malcolm Gunn, Lorraine Millington, Dave Watts, Linda Coombs, Nils Jensen, MaryJo Panabaker, Colin Foster, Sandy Laham and Ric Mosley.*

## The IMPACT 1967 Layout Crew:

(Standing, left to right)  
Mike Bloom,  
Lee Bolch,  
Wendy Young,  
Doug Bramah,  
Sheila Petzold,  
Dan Kushner;  
(kneeling,  
sitting and  
standing)  
Barb Hilmer,  
Linnsay  
Campbell,  
Linda Watson,  
Cathy Shannon,  
and Wendy  
Havelock.



# Valedictory Address — 1967

## Valedictory

I would like to begin my address this evening with a quote from the popular musical "The Fantastiks", written by Tom Jones.

*"Who understands why spring is born  
Out of winter's labouring pain?  
Or why we all must die a bit,  
Before we grow again?"*

Tonight we see old friends once more, and the knowledge comes that things have changed between us. We no longer share the same goals and interests which once bound us together so strongly.

Most of that is now a thing of the past, but the memories of the strength, happiness and encouragement gained from them will be with us and comfort us for the rest of our lives.

It is a time once more for us to strike out a place for ourselves in society.

This is no easy thing to do.

Remember our last big transition when we first started going to high school?

It was difficult then to make the change, but what lies ahead of us now is an even greater task.

A great man, Dag Hammarskjold, once said:

*"Never measure the height of the mountain until you reach the top. Then you will see how low it was."*

We have now reached the top of our first mountain. This is satisfying in one sense, but it also allows us to view more mountains which we want to and have to climb during our lives.

As we set out on our new journeys we are well prepared for whatever we shall meet.

High school has opened our eyes on life -- here we have caught only the first enticing glimpse of what life can be, and we have been stimulated to go forward and discover it for ourselves.

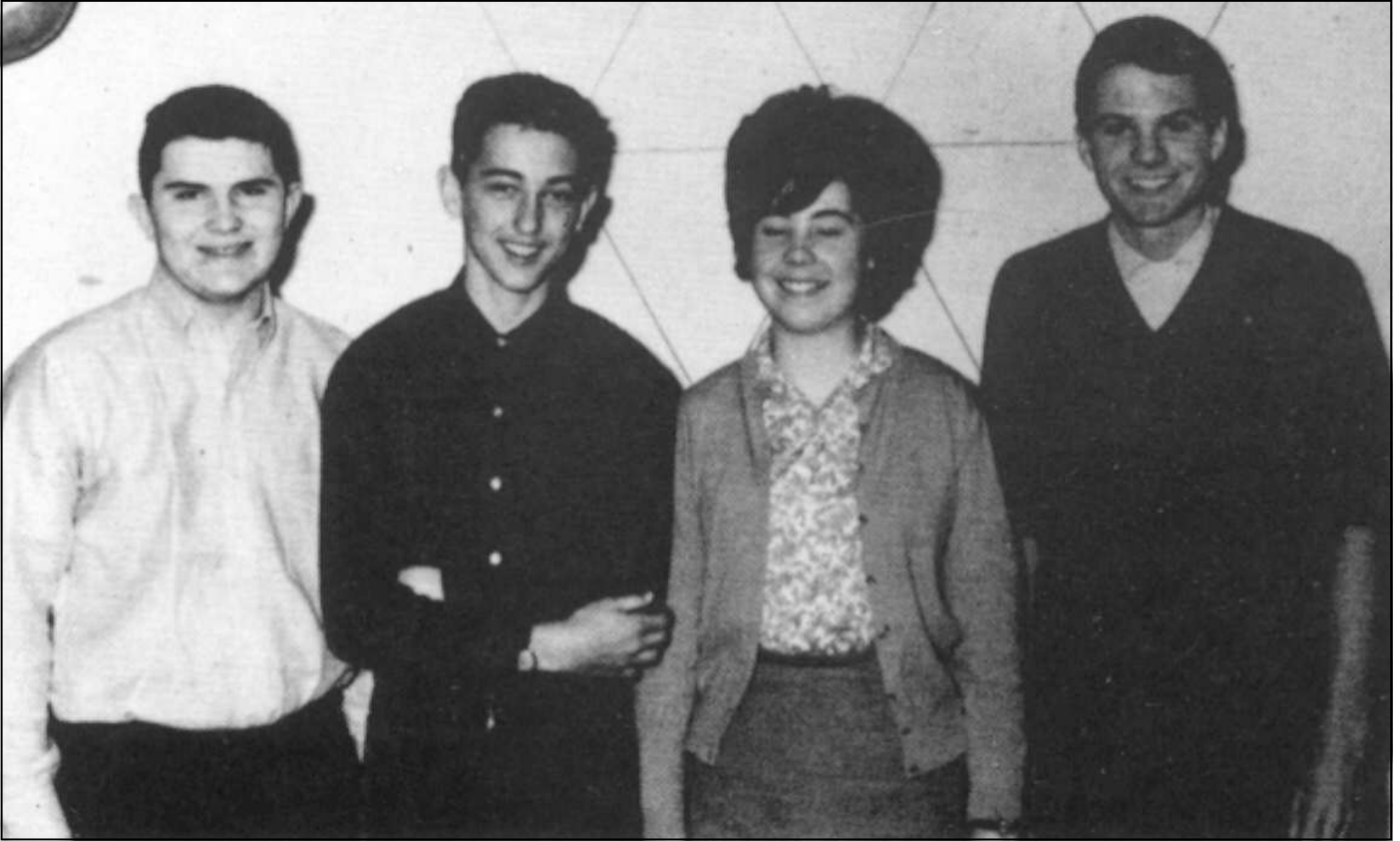
Tonight we say thank you to all those people who have encouraged us through the years. Our parents, our teachers and our friends have all contributed to our present achievement.

For all this we thank you and say farewell as we venture out on a journey into a new part of our experience -- you have prepared us well.

Linda Watson, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1967



# 'Reach for the Top' Champs—1966-67



*The Hillcrest 'Reach For The Top' team has been doing quite well this year, with three games and no losses. By eliminating Nepean, St. Pat's Ottawa, and Elmwood, it has become top of its flight. Let's hope it keeps going! This year the team was chosen according to a definite master plan. Four staff members fired a barrage of questions dealing with a magnitude of subjects, at eligible volunteers. After two or three such sessions, the four finalists were chose. The team members are (left to right) John Benoit, Bernie Geiger, Shirley Ramsay and David Parkinson,*



## **BETH & NILS REUNITE— 43 YEARS LATER!**

*Proudly wearing his old Hillcrest football windbreaker and holding his framed athletic badges, Nils Jensen, Class of 1968, poses with Beth Soward Danskin, Class of 1967, who holds a handful of HHS memorabilia. Nils and Beth were selected to represent Hillcrest at the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp on Lake Couchiching in 1966—an event which influenced their lives and careers as we reported in the February edition. Beth was honoured as the recipient of the Ruth Coe Memorial Award for being the top female athlete in 1967 (insert). Nils was awarded the prestigious 'Athletic H' for his commitment to the Boys' Athletic Association, track, basketball, soccer and volleyball.*

**Remember using a bus like this?  
If so, then you are getting old!**



**(Photo courtesy of <http://www.tombsbuspage.ca/OCHistoric.htm> and Steve R.)**

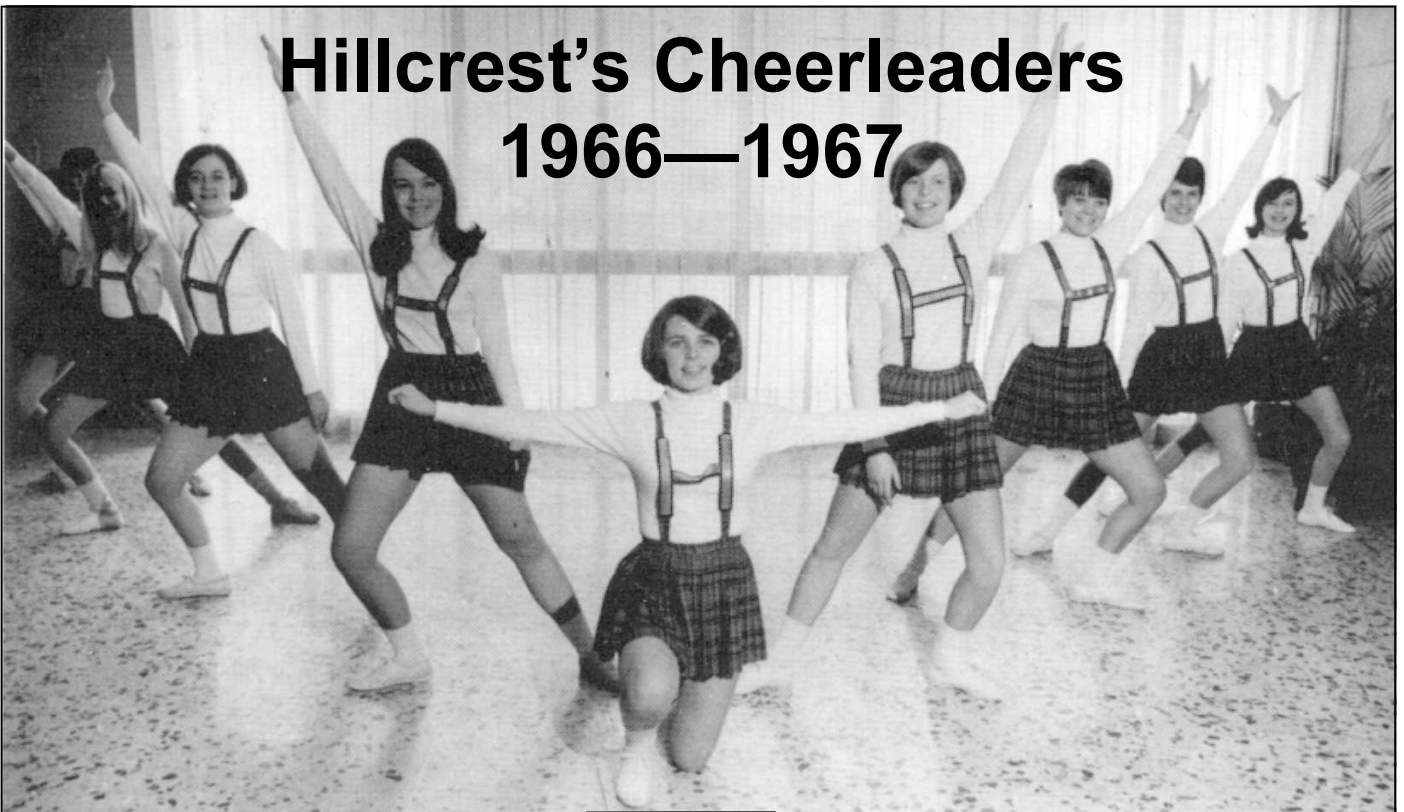
## **Going downtown from Elmvale Shopping Centre**

When we entered Hillcrest in September, 1961, most of us did not have our driver's licence and had to take the bus, which could have looked like this—one of 104 GM TDH-5105 buses purchased in 1958 and 1959 to replace Ottawa's streetcar fleet, and it was the last of the GM "Old Look" buses to be withdrawn from service. Chances are most of us took the Number 61 Elmvale Acres bus, which was the 61 Bayshore until it got the other end of city, when it became the 61 Elmvale. It took almost two hours for the bus to do the whole loop through the downtown core, east to Elmvale Shopping Centre, back around Urbandale Acres, through Elmvale again, to downtown, then out to the wilds of the West End: Westgate Shopping Centre, Carlingwood and, eventually, a loop of Bayshore Drive, before there was a Bayshore Shopping Centre. You could see almost the whole city for 50 cents.



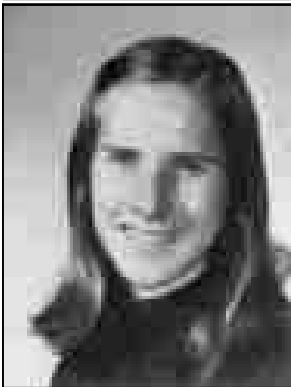
**Remember going here? The Elmvale Branch!**

# Hillcrest's Cheerleaders 1966—1967



*Six years after the first Cheerleaders 'Rah-rah-rah-ed' and 'Sis-boom-bah-ed' for Hillcrest's sports teams, the 1966-67 Senior Cheerleaders Squad showed their 'stuff' at Lansdowne Stadium along with a few members of the junior squad. Senior squad members included: (top photo, left to right and inserts above) Judy Vroom, Lorri Wingses, Brenda Lalonde, Barb Wills, Carol MacKinnon, Laurie Forman, Mildred Think, Cheryl Kettles and Jean Logan. If any of our readers remember the names of the members of the Junior Cheerleaders Squad, we'd love to hear from you.*

# THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US



**REISER, Glenda, M.D., after a long illness on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the age of 52.**

**Beloved daughter of Ruth and Carl (Ted) Reiser; cherished sister of Greg (Dianne) and Susan (Ron Sarich); loving aunt of Renae Reiser and Nikki Sarich; dear niece of Betty (Walter Kale).**



**Glenda was an Olympic Athlete and a teenage middle-distance running sensation, setting the Canadian open record of 4:06.71 for 1,500 metres**

**while competing in the 1972 Olympics in Munich. She won three national titles at this distance and won the gold medal at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.**

**She was inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame in 1988. She gave up her running to pursue her other passion, a career in medicine so that she could help others.**

**Friends were invited to visit at the Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod Street on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 11 a.m. until Service time in the Chapel at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health, 1145 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, K1Z 7K4, for research and implementation of programmes.**

*(Editor's Note:- Glenda Reiser (Class of 1974) was mentioned in the article on the potential closure of Hillcrest High School in 1986, as found on Page 10, in the first column at the top. Born on June 16, 1955 in Ottawa to a military family, her parents had selected living in Elmvale Acres due to the excellent programs offered at Hillcrest. Glenda was a teenage phenom in Canadian athletics. During her years at Hillcrest, she had started as a swimmer but turned to running when she was 15 years old. Within two years, she was Canadian champion at 800 and 1,500 metres and made the Canadian Olympic team in the longer event. She ran 4:06.71 in the heats at München (Munich, Germany) to set a Canadian record, but was eliminated in the semi-finals. Glenda won three Canadian national championships at 1,500 metres and won the 1974 Commonwealth Games gold medal at the distance. See her 39-year-old unbeaten records below. She retired after the 1979 season and entered medicine, studying at the University of Ottawa. She became a family physician and later a psychotherapist for women.)*



## 2010 CANADIAN OUTDOOR JUNIOR WOMEN RECORDS

As of December 31, 2010

Event	PERF	Wind	Name	Venue	Date
800m	2:03.17		Glenda Reiser	Moscow RUS	19 Aug 73
1000m	2:41.4		Glenda Reiser	Montreal QC	04 Jul 73
1500m	4:06.71		Glenda Reiser	Munich GER	04 Sep 72
Mile	4:35.13		Glenda Reiser	London ENG	15 Sep 73

# A single-minded pursuit of excellence

*(Reprinted courtesy of 'The Ottawa Citizen', January 11, 2008.)*

When Glenda Reiser put her mind to something, watch out. Nothing got in her way of achieving her goal.

"She could concentrate," said former Upland Harriers Track and Field Club coach Harry Kerrison about his dynamic middle-distance running star in an interview yesterday from his Cantley, Que., home.

"She was exceptionally good about making her goals. When it was important, it was very, very important. When she was into track and field, nothing else interfered. During her teenage years, not even boys interfered."

Her brief, but spectacular four-year career as a full-speed-ahead runner, which included a shocking debut Olympic performance in 1972, and her vocation as a medical doctor were two prime examples of where she focused squarely on the present and made things happen. Many will say she left track and field far too soon. She had so much talent with so many more international goals on the horizon. However, when it was time to go to university, that was the moment to stop competing and concentrate on becoming a doctor. Many will say she was taken far too soon from the medical profession, where she served as a dedicated family physician and later as a psychotherapist for women.

Reiser died Sunday after a long illness, which didn't allow her body to digest food and absorb it. She was 52.

At the age of 15, Reiser quit swimming with the Ottawa Kingfish club and decided to try track and field at Hillcrest High School in May 1971.

"There was one girl (at Hillcrest) who was quite a good runner," said Reiser's father, Carl, in an interview yesterday. "At a practice, Glenda was asked to be the rabbit, and she agreed.

"She started out, got into her pace and kept running. The other girl never caught her."

Reiser's progress over the next 16 months was nothing short of phenomenal as she joined the Harriers and was coached by Kerrison.

She was directed into middle-distance running because of her endurance as a swimmer. In training, she worked with Kerrison on speed development, struggling at times with leg muscular ailments.

When it came time to test herself, Reiser, who had just turned 17, went to the '72 Canadian Olympic senior trials in Toronto and excelled as a junior by winning the 1,500 metres in four minutes 15.9 seconds. She also won the 800 metres and was named the top athlete of the meet.

Reiser was four years ahead of Kerrison's schedule.

Competing in her first Olympic race in the inaugural women's 1,500-metre event, Reiser broke the world senior record and placed second to Ludmila Bragina of the former Soviet Union.

Kerrison, who also was the executive director of the Canadian Track and Field Association, was stunned by his student's result.

"Amazement," he said. "She doesn't run a tactical race. She just ran. But I didn't think she could run that fast."

But a few days later, following a 34-hour suspension of the Games because of a Palestinian terrorist attack that left 11 Israeli team members dead, Reiser was eliminated in the semi-finals. She finished seventh in 4:09.5 and missed the final.

Her unexpected performance in her first race at Munich earned her several awards in 1972. She won the Elaine Tanner Award as the Canadian junior female athlete of the year and also was named the City of Ottawa athlete of the year. She was later inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame.

A three-time Canadian 1,500-metre champion, Reiser also won a gold medal over the same distance at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Reiser still holds four Canadian junior female outdoor records from 1972-73: 800 metres in 2:03.17, 1,000 in 2:41.4, 1,500 in 4:06.71 and the mile in 4:35.13.

On July 7, 1973, she broke the world women's record for the mile by half a second when she ran 4:34.9 in Victoria. She had eclipsed the world mark 12 months earlier, but it wasn't ratified because the necessary paperwork was never completed.

Almost 35 years since her prime, Reiser's times still rank her 14th overall on the Canadian female charts for the 1,500 metres and the mile.

Penny Werthner, a professor at the University of Ottawa and a sports psychologist for several national teams, was a rival and training partner with Reiser.

"We had our battles. She was a phenomenal athlete. She was one of those people who you'd say it was too bad she couldn't have stayed in longer," Werthner said

# 1965-66 Grads Who Have Signed On...



## PAUL RAINEY

**Occupation:** R.C.M.P. Member (still)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**No. of Children:** 2  
**Graduation Year:** 1966  
**Your role at Hillcrest:** Underperforming student (according to B.L.)  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Unknown.

### From Paul:

*The second eldest of the 5 Rainey offspring that attended Hillcrest. That would be Claire, Paul, David, Barbara and Brian. 50 years OMG . My 'before' pic is from 72 and 'after' pic is with my daughters and their kids. Left Ottawa in 69 for Regina and then on to six locations in Alberta. Mother still in original house on Chaucer Ave. All four siblings have returned to roost in Ottawa. Make it back every year or two - Ottawa has changed - Elmvale Acres and Hillcrest H.S. have not ! (Insert—Paul in 12G in 1965!)*



## MONA MOFFAT (SCHULLER)

**Occupation:** Owner, Travel Agency ([www.highlighttravel.ca](http://www.highlighttravel.ca))  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**No. of Children:** 2  
**Graduation Year:** 1966  
**Role at Hillcrest:** Student  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Yes  
**People attending (including you):** 1  
**From Mona:**

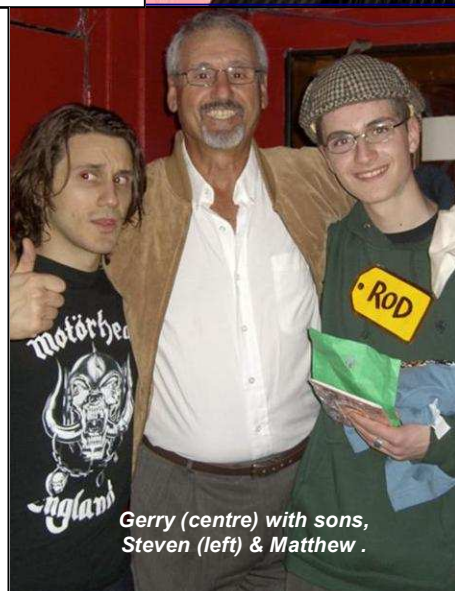
*I was not aware of this Reunion until one of the members on my Dragon Boat Team mentioned that he went to Hillcrest (although much later than me) and suggested I go to the reunion. I am very much looking forward to attending and meeting with old friends and classmates so encourage everyone to come out and reconnect. I have been working in the Travel Industry for the last 25 years and am very excited to have finally opened my own agency, 'Highlight Travel & Cruises'. Who would have thought that this would be my destiny when I left Hillcrest!*



## GERALD MANALE

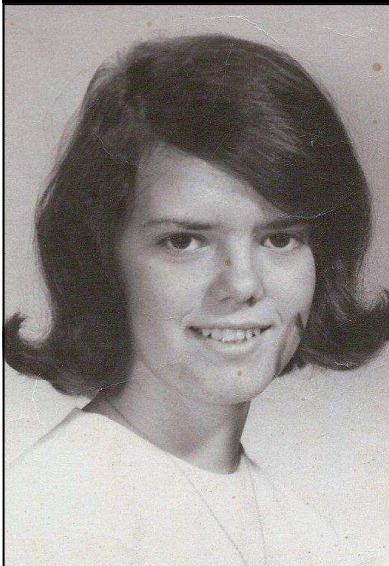
**Marital Status:** Divorced  
**No. of Children:** 4  
**Your role at Hillcrest:** Staff (1961-1966)  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Yes  
**People attending:** 2  
**From Gerry:**

*I was privileged to be one of the original teachers at the "school on the hill." Being a football coach, a wrestling coach and a Phys. Ed. Teacher, I came into contact with many of the wonderful students who attended the school. I also take pride in being the person who gave the name "Hawks" to the interscholastic teams. The first principal, B.L. Bradley, selected the school colours of gold, red and blue since these were the colours of his university, Queen's. I look forward to seeing (and, hopefully, recognizing) all the students who attended Hillcrest from 1961-1966. Best wishes to all. G.M.*



Gerry (centre) with sons, Steven (left) & Matthew .

# 1965-66 Grads Who Have Signed On...



## JANE BISHOP (YOUNG)

**Occupation:** Secretary / Retired  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**No. of Children:** 3  
**Graduation Year:** 1966  
**Your role at Hillcrest:** Student  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Yes  
**People attending (including you):** 2

**From Jane:**  
*Looking forward to seeing former classmates and friends from our 12A class. I see Mona and Don are on here, but where are the rest lol? Spread the word.*



## DAVID BRAY

**Occupation:** Journalist/Broadcaster/Communications Manager (retired); Personal historian  
**Website:** [www.timesagas.com](http://www.timesagas.com)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**No. of Children:** 3  
**Graduation Year:** 1966  
**Your role at Hillcrest:** Student  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Yes  
**People attending (including you):** 2

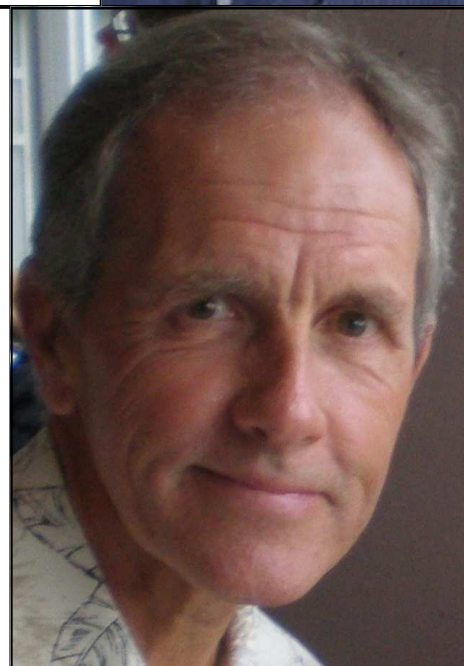
**From David:**  
*I remember walking into Hillcrest, on its first-ever day of classes. It was Grade 9 and I was one of the 'original' students. The building wasn't finished and classrooms were crammed into hallways or anywhere they'd fit. Hard to believe that was 50 years ago! Lots of old stories there and I look forward to swapping a few next May. BTW, interesting to note the number of other ex-Hillcresters on Vancouver Island.*



## GARY HARASYM

**Occupation:** Retired (Lawyer)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Graduation Year:** 1965  
**Your role at Hillcrest:** student  
**Do you plan to attend?:** Yes  
**People attending (including you):** 1

**From Gary:**  
*I went to Hillcrest from 1961-65 for Grades 10-13. I then went to Carleton which was then eventually followed by law school at UBC. Although originally unintended, I ended up settling in the Vancouver area permanently. Over the years, have visited Ottawa frequently as most of my family members remained in the area. The passing years have fostered my nostalgia and am looking forward to meeting as many past classmates and teachers as I can.*



## Hillcrest 50th Anniversary Celebration

Welcome Home!  
Remember Me?  
Who's COMING?  
Purchase-Reserve  
EVENT DETAILS  
IMPACT Sales Info  
Optional Activities  
Car Show  
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### **NEW WEBSITE DESIGN ADOPTED!**

As you have noticed by now, the Hillcrest 50th Anniversary/Reunion website has been changed with a new template for each of the 25 web pages based on Hillcrest's three colours—red, blue and gold.

Webmaster Sandi Plett has done a remarkable job upgrading the website to make it more dynamic, sharper and clearer and has added a few new pages.

Wondering if some of your old friends or classmates are coming to the anniversary/reunion, check out the "Who's COMING?" page.

If you want to find out what is happening during the Friday afternoon/evening—Saturday (all day)—Sunday morning, go to "EVENTS DETAILS", and then, once you decided what you want to do/see, get out your credit card and go to "Purchase-Reserve" and you are on your way to a weekend full of fun.

Can't find your old yearbook? IMPACT ??  
Look up the "IMPACT Sales Info" and buy your year so that you can see your old friends and classmates and, at least, remember what they DID look like!

Two new pages are the "Car Show" and "Talent Stage" - two events that you don't want to miss. And if you had any thespian or musical talent back in those days, then your old school needs you at this reunion. "Talent Stage" is not going to be the Hillcrest version of "American Idol", but we would like to see you drawing on your wonderful talents that were nurtured during your days at our old Alma Mater.

Volunteers are needed! Some of our old friends and teachers have passed away. You can leave messages for old friends if you don't have their e-mail. Post a photo of yourself and old classmates.

But, don't forget to go to "News!!" and look at issues of the Reunion Newsletter if you are a grad of the 60s!

*Graham*