Hello out there in Alumni land.

It’s so hard to believe the summer is almost over. Our grandmothers have switched over to their black shoes and the leaves are starting to turn all sorts of color.

Here’s the latest from the Alfred Choir Alumni. Get yourself some hot cider, put your feet up and enjoy!!

Annie.

Alumni Weekend 2008

In April, our vast group of alumni descended on Alfred for another fun-filled singing experience! Rehearsals were held on Saturday and the group enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by ACES at the Lake Lodge. Our theme this year was “Casino Night – What happens in Alfred stays in Alfred!” We want to thank Student Senate for allowing us to use their casino paraphernalia, decorations, wheel, slot machines, and game boards. The games were a great success and we also want to thank our volunteers who offered to shuffle the decks and run the games for the night! In addition to the casino games, alumni, families and friends participated in Karaoke and dancing!

Because there is no longer a concert choir, we decided to use a new format for our concert on Sunday, inviting alumni to sing a solo, or form a small group to perform. The concert was a huge success with a variety of performances from alumni, in addition to Alumni Jazz and, of course, the large Alumni Choir. It provided a more relaxing atmosphere, gave C a break in directing, and the audience loved the diversity. We missed our instrumental group this year, ’57 Varieties, but they promise to be back in 2009.

We would like to keep this same format for Alumni Weekend in 2009. So, if any of you are interested in getting a group together, or singing a solo, start thinking about it, and we will provide more information in the Spring Newsletter. Bebe Cappadonia

2008 Concert CDs Available

CDs of the fabulous 2008 Alumni Weekend concert are available. To order, contact Annie Peiffer. See “How to Contact Us” later in this newsletter. CDs are $7 each or 2 for $12. Make checks payable to M. L. McKeever with “Alfred Choir Alumni-CD” in the Note area.

Alumni Weekend 2009 – April 25-26, 2009

It’s official. We have a date! It’s never too early to start making plans. Details to follow in the Spring Newsletter. April 25-26 is also Hot Dog Day, and you know how crowded the town (and the hotels) can get, so make your plans and reservations now. A list of hotels can be found in this newsletter.

Endowment Award 2008-9

The 2008-9 Anthony C. Cappadonia Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Phillip Pritchard, a freshman this fall. Phillip is from Rochester, NY, and will be studying Surveying Engineering Technology. He has been involved in the high school choir beginning in 11th grade and earned a grade 99 that year. Phillip is also taking voice classes. He was a member of McQuaid’s select chorus in his junior year and was also a member of the NYSSMA All-County Chorus in 2007.

Important. Please Read!

This could be your last newsletter. The cost for mailing out newsletters via U.S. postal service has increased significantly over the last few years, putting a strain on our budget. So, if you are receiving this mailing via land post and have not paid your dues, now is the time to send us your money ($7 single; $10 couple.) Make checks payable to M. L. McKeever (“Alfred Choir Alumni-dues” in the Note area) and mail to address found in “How to Contact Us.”

Another option is to provide us with an email address. Send a message to Charlie Johnstone (Cjohnstone@ntid.rit.edu) and he will see that you are added to the email distribution list.

New! Archive CDs Available

We are in the process of completing a CD library of concerts and recordings from years past; many are already done.
This is made possible by the generous support and hard work of Chauncey Townsend. He gathered up old vinyl records and cassettes and reels and spent hundreds of hours enhancing and creating these CDs. THANK YOU, Chauncey!

The index is not yet completed, but will be put up on our website in the near future. You will be notified via email.

Now you can order your favorite concert on CD for only $7 each, 2 for $12. So, take a look at the list when it goes up on the website and place your order by sending a note and a check made payable to M. L. McKeever (“Alfred Choir Alumni-Archives” in the Note area). Mail to the address found in “How to Contact Us.” Be sure to include the CD Item # in your note.

If you don’t see the concert/recording you want, please let us know and we will try to find it in C’s library. We don’t have all of them copied yet, but we’re working on it.

1987 Collegiate Quartet

Those of you who attended Alumni Weekend last April enjoyed listening to the 1987 Collegiate Quartet whose members are Jim Andrysick, Laura Burgos, Lori Haun, and Kevin Kitto. The group enjoyed getting back together so much that they decided to coordinate a recording session to make a CD of some of their favorite tunes. After weeks of planning, the group arrived in Almond this summer, and spent the majority of two days rehearsing and recording their selections. Kevin’s wife, Marietta, accompanied the group on piano, C directed, and Keith Zimmerman graciously volunteered to take 2 days off from work to record the group. They had a great time making a CD that they will enjoy for years to come. We look forward to their performance again at Alumni Weekend in April, 2009. (We will add it to our list of CDs available for purchase.)

People News

Following are excerpts from notes received from fellow alumni. We love hearing from you. If you have something you’d like to share for the next mailing, send a note to mlmck@rochester.rr.com or contact Merri-Lou McKeever at address found in “How to Contact Us.”

Jocelyn (Maska) Baschnagel (1998)

“...I would love to let everyone know that my husband who is a clinical psychologist, Joe Baschnagel, and I currently reside in Mississippi. I am finishing my last year of directing a private school for learning disabled children since my husband is looking for a job back "home". I also want to tell everyone that if he does get placed back in NY, I WILL DEFINITELY be back to attend the yearly festivities! I am just thrilled about the possibility of this happening!” (Editor’s note: we look forward to having you back with us someday, Jocelyn.) (Spring 2008)

Vicki (Bubel) Carpino, (1991)

“...Life with 4 kids is busy. We are on the go every day of the week! My little one started kindergarten this year so now I have them all in elementary school and I have a little "free" time during the day! I miss singing with a group...” (October 2007)

Dee (Korky) Hucknall (1992)

“...I have one son he is 12 and his name is Christopher. I have a wonderful other half and his name is David Condoluci. I am living back in NY after a 14 year stint in Florida. I am now living in Albion. I would live to hear from others in the Choir! -- I can't wait till the Alumni Weekend. -- I am sorry I have missed so many of them. -- But now I'm back and ready for them! ...I am part of a group of Paranormal Investigators called CPIA. -- Center for Paranormal Investigation Association. We are one of only 2 groups in New York State who are in the TAPS family. I was a skeptic at first but I have seen some pretty weird stuff. -- All I can say about it is WOW. -- If you have any questions for me please don't be afraid to ask. -- Hope to hear from anyone soon!” ladywikitt@iamawitch.com (November 2007)

Jeffrey Keyes (2007)

“... I got my diploma in the mail, and now I am anxious to start work. I am one step closer now. I plan to work for Caption Colorado, the number one captioning company in the United States. I am proud to have been part of the last Chair at Alfred State. I believe that Cappy has taught me so many things, like enunciation.”

Update since Jeffrey’s last note: he took a job with Caption Colorado and will be going to Colorado for training. (Spring 2008.)
Laurie Reinprecht (1985)

“…Both my college girls made dean’s list last semester but now are sweating it out this semester. I told them studying cures all and they will be fine once they hit the books. They just roll their eyes because it’s a ‘Mom’ thing to say. My youngest is a Freshman in HS… Jon just got promoted to Principal Engineer from Senior. He put in for a few more patents in his name last year and they are pending. See what happens at a Choir party… you might find the dream guy of your life. He is an awesome Dad & husband and I am so proud of him.” (April 2008)

Sheila-Marie (Burns) and Mike Tanzman

Mike wrote:

“I am happy to announce that Julia Caitlin Tanzman was born on Valentine’s Day at 10:16 AM, just a tad shy of her due date of March 2nd. Little JC weighed in at seven pounds, and nineteen inches long, with quite a bit of dark hair. So, yes, she has more hair than me. …Maddy and Anna are thrilled to have another sister, and can’t wait to meet her. Anna told me this evening that she’ll help with the dirty diapers. I probably should have gotten it in writing…” (February 2008)

Norm Turner (1973)

“Things are very busy around the Turner household. Webster Central Schools (my employer) are keeping me very busy… Both of my children have moved to Houston, TX. My oldest daughter, Marcia, is now married and also a lawyer. She has passed her bar exam in both PA. and New Jersey. My youngest daughter, Lauren, is living in Houston as well. She is a general manager for The Egg and I, a restaurant chain out of Colorado.

If you watch the WHAM-TV weather, you will see Mark McLean on weekends. His dad, Ed McLean was in concert choir during my time at Alfred for a short time. Good to see other choir alumni offspring becoming successful.” (November 2007)

A Summer Reunion

June 14, 2008, a small group of us met in downtown Alfred at the coffee shop. We were meeting Roger Eiss, the bass player for the ’57 Varieties that C directed back in 1957! back when Alfred U and Tech were combined. (Mr. C did it all back then.) Roger had flown from Washington State to Philadelphia to the suggestion of a fellow Alfred University alumnus. They met up with four others and then bicycled over five days to attend Alumni Weekend at Alfred University that weekend. With him was another long-lost alumni, Patricia Fahey (Freiert) Roger told us that his wife, Francoise, doesn’t fly for anything other than the choir reunions, so she was not with him. (Another member of the bicycle team, Roger told us, was an 86 year old alumnus… here’s hoping we all have half as much energy and gumption as him when we are that age.)

Passings

Jan (Hopkins) McGlynn (1964)

Gene McGlynn (1964) told us that he lost his beloved wife, Jan, at the end of September, 2007. Their daughter, Karen, was also in choir (1991). Jan lost a valiant fight with multiple myeloma. Gene resides in Webster, NY. (September 2007)

Kip Hayward (1963)

Kip passed away this summer. He was in choir for 3 years – 1961-3, serving as President his last year. He worked for many years for Pier I, doing extensive traveling, but he never lost touch with Cappy, calling him a few times a year including his famous Christmas card with pictures of his fully decorated yard and house (lights, moving characters, the works!) Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Marcia, and their children. He was a wonderful man and is greatly missed.

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September, 2008

Dear Alumni:

That age old question of “where did the summer go?” is now on everyone’s mind. We hope you all made the most of the warm weather and are now looking forward to the beautiful colors and temperatures of Fall. This week, we are thankful that daughters, Pam and Kathy, and their families made it through Hurricane Ike without a lot of damage to their homes.

Lots of News from the Cappadonia Family:

First of all, we are very excited and happy to announce that we have another grandchild on the way. Joe’s wife, Stephanie, is pregnant with their first child. In August, Bebe and I spent some time in Virginia visiting Joe and Stephanie, celebrating Joe’s birthday and also providing support to them during their final stages of invitro fertilization. Their baby (which will be C’s 21st grandchild) is due around the first week of May, 2009. Congratulations Joe & Stephanie!

Joe also began this school year in his new position as Assistant Principal of a Middle School in Stafford, Virginia. We are very proud of his accomplishments as a physical education teacher and coach for 8 years, and are now looking forward to all of the “parent-teacher-student” stories he has to tell in the future.

This year, I also became a great grandfather again for the 7th time. My granddaughter, Jessica (Kathy’s daughter) in Texas, had a baby girl, Sarah, who is as cute as can be… This Cappadonia extended family just keeps growing and growing!

In early May, our granddaughter, Jade, graduated from my alma mater, Ithaca College. Jade is Louise’s daughter, and they live in Buffalo. We were very proud of Jade graduating Magna Cum Laude, quite an accomplishment. Unfortunately, we couldn’t attend the high school graduation of my granddaughter, Wendy (Pam’s daughter) in Texas, but are excited for her as she begins her college experience as a freshman at a community college in Galveston.

Also in May, we took a trip to Lexington, Kentucky to visit daughter, Therese, her husband, Scott, who continues to suffer from severe MS, and their 4 daughters. Louise, Jade, Joe and Stephanie joined us for our 4 day stay, as we celebrated my granddaughter, Kelsey’s high school graduation. Kelsey graduated with honors and will be attending Ohio State University this Fall. Scott continues to amaze us with his positive attitude and sense of humor with all of his many physical challenges. Scott, Therese, and the girls are an inspiration to us all.

While we were visiting Therese, I took an unexpected ambulance ride to a hospital in Lexington. With severe dizziness, nausea, low blood pressure, etc., the diagnosis was Vertigo. I’m thankful it was nothing worse. I have medication now that helps me with that whenever I feel a bit dizzy, and I have been doing well since that time.

We are, of course, enjoying our time with my 20th grandchild, Dylan (Patrick’s son). Dylan has been walking for a few months now, and has already expanded his skills to climbing up and flipping out of his crib, and pulling himself up on the gate to climb upstairs….”Ain’t No Mountain High Enough!” He loves balls and is a very happy, and busy little guy, and a real joy! We are looking forward to his 1st birthday on Sept. 30th. Patrick is now working fulltime as a cook at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, but also works on-call as a chef at the Italian Villa Restaurant where he worked the past two years. It’s a joy to watch him grow and take on the responsibilities as a new parent.

My news – After a hearing evaluation 2 weeks ago, it was determined that my low and middle hearing levels were fine, but I could not hear the high pitches, consonants, etc. (Of course, Bebe had a good time with that since I am always telling her to make those “t’s, p’s, k’s” louder!) Needless to say, I now have hearing aids, and it has been an exciting experience to hear things I didn’t realize I wasn’t hearing before. Bebe is also happy that the TV and stereo will now be at “normal” volume levels…Well – I might still turn up the music….ha! But she can live with that!

As always, I am looking forward to our next Alumni Weekend which will be held April 25-26, 2009. Please mark your calendars for those dates. Stay healthy, keep in touch, and I hope to see you in the Spring.

Fondly,
C (Cappy) & Bebe