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Time to Say Good Bye

Three "Hawk" faculty members are leaving the nest this year. In addition, two beloved "Hawk" staff have also left us this year. The staff members are Joyce Mondry and Pilar Hoegi. The faculty members are Don Hilts, Tom Barnes and Sue Field.

Don Hilts graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A. in Math, back before there were calculators. He began teaching math at La Paz Intermediate in the Fall of 1972, and was a founding father here at LHHS when it opened in 1978. He has taught math at all levels along with drafting and a few semesters of auto and wood shop. In addition, Don has coached girl's basketball and softball for many years.

One of his best classroom memories was when his drafting classes arranged for a belly-dancer to perform during class. One of his favorite drafting students was Steve Ormonde who used his Architectural Design and CAD skills to create a very successful computer graphics business. He also has great memories of Amber Degelia and Becca McMackin, softball players who were talented, enthusiastic, and a "kick in the pants" to have on his team.

Don knows he will miss the social interaction that he had with an excellent and fun staff and the daily conversations (frivolous

and meaningful alike) with the students. He still plans on videotaping Hawk football games on Friday nights and plans to travel around the U.S. to visit friends. When he decides to "stay put," he will look for a local, part-time job driving a truck.

Tom Barnes graduated from California State University Long Beach in 1964, with a BA in Social Science, and later he earned a Master's Degree in History from Northern Colorado University. He began teaching at Hamilton Junior High School back in 1967, and eventually ended up at LHHS eighteen years ago. Tom has taught U.S. and European History. After he retires, he will be coauthoring an AP US History Test Preparation Book. He also plans on expanding his tutoring business. In addition, he will continue to teach the Theory of Knowledge class for the International Baccalaureate program here at LHHS. He will miss the hard working and supportive staff, but most of all, the students.

Joyce Mondry has worked as the secretary to four of our five principals. She started at LHHS with Tony Ferruzzo, then Wayne Mickaelian, followed by Frank Manzo and finished with Ed Adams. Some of the funny memories include the Faculty/Staff "No Talent" Show, wearing two different shoes to work, and Jay Herron (our highly regarded driver's education instructor) driving his son's car into the pit and needing a tow truck to get it out.

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Hawks in Flight

Terrance James '94 - went to Trinity College in Hartford, CT, and played varsity football for two years and rugby for four. He was an Asian Studies major with an emphasis on China, and graduated with honors in 1998. He spent two years in China and Taiwan teaching English. Then he joined the Peace Corps in Bangladesh to teach health and primary education. After that, Terry pursued nursing and graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. He has been in the Neurosciences Critical Care Unit for the last year but will be starting a new job in Psychiatry at Hopkins this summer. He is pursuing a Masters in nursing at Johns Hopkins through a scholarship from the National Health Service. In his spare time, he volunteers at a free clinic in East Baltimore working with women and their children.

Anne Gullo (Katsuyama) '91 - graduated from CSU Fullerton with a B.S. in Child Development and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She taught second grade at Concordia Elementary in San Clemente for a couple of years, and is now a work-at-home mom with two children, Damian (2001) and Alex (2003).

Dave Gullo '92 -graduated from CSU Chico with a degree in Instructional Technology and minors in Graphic Design and Computer Science. During his time at Chico, when he wasn't playing drums in many different musical engagements, he worked as the College of Communication's Webmaster. Dave and Anne now run a burgeoning online business selling snowboards and accessories. The site, snowboards4sale.com, has posted continual growth over the past four years of operation. Anne is kept busy fulfilling orders, managing vendor relations and keeping the customers happy. Dave works as an independent software consultant specializing in e-commerce and search engine optimization. He spends much of his time tending to the needs of their online business and to his clients. *Please see business card on next page.*

Cheryl Porter (Richardson) '86 - is married to Brian Porter, whom she met while attending the University of Connecticut . They have two bright, sweet daughters (7 and 4). She is a stay-

at-home mom and loves it. She enjoys going out with Brian, spending time with friends, volunteering at her daughter's school, reading, gardening, and traveling. After Brian graduated, they returned to Mission Viejo for a short period of time and then moved to Texas. After two long years in Texas, they returned to the East Coast and now live in a small town near Boston. She misses the Southern California beaches and Mexican food, but she is very happy in Massachusetts.

Trish Amason '87 - after leaving LHHS, Trish attended Bakersfield College where she received her Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts in 1992. Trish moved to Colorado in 1996, and has since resided in Colorado Springs, working as a program manager for Focus on the Family in the Public Policy department . One of her greatest achievements was when her very first written story for Focus on the Family was published as the cover story in Citizen Magazine. She is also currently working on her advanced degree from Regis University in Liberal Arts with a minor in Communication.

A Night at the Crazy Horse

What a fantastic night! Our 2nd annual Alumni Mixer was held April 28th at the Crazy Horse Saloon in Irvine. A great time was had by all. There were people from several classes, some as early as 1981, to the most recent of 2004. Everyone had a great time as they talked to their fellow classmates and caught up with their lives since high school. The delicious food, fabulous drinks and great Hawk prizes made the event a complete success. Several people commented that they couldn't wait until next year. We hope, next year's event will be even bigger and better! If you are interested in helping plan future alumni events, please contact Steve McCormack at mccormacks@svusd.org.

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Now that she is retired, she sleeps in and spends time organizing her family photos and traveling to Germany to visit her son (a Hawk alumnus), Chuck, and his family.

Sue Field received her B.S. in Mathematics from Louisiana State University and worked as a computer systems analyst for Exxon and Western Electric. She came to work at LHHS in 1996, where she taught many different levels of math and A.P. Computer Science. Some of her favorite students were Steven and Mike Ryan, all of the Carruth girls, the Waggoner boys, Ashish Chaudhry and Megan Purdy. Sue says she will miss the students who kept her thinking by asking challenging questions and those math moments when a student said, "Oh, I finally get it" or when a student said, "This is my favorite class." Sue will stay in touch with high school students through her tutoring and some substituting. She plans on traveling to New York City and Washington, D.C., to visit family. She is definitely not going to continue getting up at 5:45 AM!

Pilar Hoegi has been the secretary for the dean of operations here at LHHS for the past six years. During this time she has kept the school running by organizing the keys and our substitute teachers, typing countless work and purchase orders, and all of this was performed with a wonderful smile. Her funniest memory was when Mr. Adams provided sandwiches for all of the coaches. The problem was that he had kept them in the trunk of his car for several hours. The Hawkman "poisoned" practically all of the coaches who attended the coaches meeting. Cary Crouch, who never misses a day, was out for almost a week.

Now, she and her husband are mango farmers in the Philippines and travel back and forth between there and Rancho Murietta. She is very excited because this year will be their first harvest.

Is there a faculty member you would like to hear about? Send us

Class of 1995 Ten Year Reunion

The ten year reunion for the class of 1995 will be held **Saturday, October 29, 2005**, at the Irvine Marriott Hotel at 18000 Von Karman Ave. in Irvine. The cost is \$79 for a ticket to all of the festivities. All prepaid alumni will receive a free reunion book. Buy your tickets online at <http://greatreunions.com/index.cfm>, or by phone at 1-800-655-7971 or 714-891-8100. Buy your ticket now because after September 15th, there is an additional \$10 fee.

The evening will begin with a reception at 7 PM, followed by a three course dinner at 8 PM. There will be a no-host bar and the dress is casual. For additional information contact Cameron Scott at cameronscott@austin.rr.com.

1985 Twenty Year Reunion

The class of 1985 will hold their reunion on July 23, 2005, at Park Prive in Costa Mesa (1570 Scenic Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626). It is the site of the old Mondavi Wine Center. Festivities will begin at 7 PM, with cocktails followed by dinner at 8 PM. Dancing will begin at 9 PM.

The cost for the evening, which includes dinner, dancing (live band), and an updated class directory, is \$99 per person. No tickets will be available the night of the reunion, so e-mail Darby today and sign-up. Her address is darby@zieglerusa.com.



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