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NEWSLETTER #90

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HI FOLKS:

IT'S a new Year, and everything is looking up Roses, even in our old stomping grounds, IRVINGTON, The Blue Knights by booting Shabazz on Thanksgiving morning ended their season with a 7-3 year.

I am sorry that I am late in getting out #90 NEWSLETTER. I have been ill, I had Bronchitis and I could not get going anywhere. I was left helpless, as you folks may know I live alone and there is no way I can get help. The Lavallette Police Department is wonderful, I call them every morning and they see by what I have to say in the morning, whether I am able to get through the day. If I don't call them by 11:30 they will call me, or pay me a visit. They do not go by my name but rather a number - my # is 72. They are just wonderful, they pick up my medication when needed etc. They are wonderful. How is your Police department? Does your Police Department have such a program?

Hooray for the Lavallette Police Dept.

Talk about being sick, it took me 2 hours and 15 minutes to type the above paragraph. I am going to take a Time Out now. Truthfully I am exhausted.

I have to acknowledge all the Christmas cards I got from friends who expect me to go on forever.

It is 2:30 am; I cannot sleep.

LETTERS LETTERS

Dear Vito:

Wish you a healthy & happy Holiday season. My family had a good year in 2004, no sickness etc. Thinking back on my IHS years Gracie Brecht comes to mind, she had our class, and others probably as well recite and use some 20 large words in a sentence. The only word I can remember on her list was "idiosyncrasy" does that ring a bell with anyone?

Also I used to wonder why our Punter stood only 5 Yards from the line of scrimmage and many times had to kick the ball straight up into the air due to the oncoming rush, so one day in Gym class I got up the nerve and asked Bill Matthews about it. Coach Matthews looked at me like I was a dummy (was probably right) and told me that if all went well he would get an extra 7 yards per kick. Murphy's law was not known at this time. Anyway I was too scared to challenge him at this time so I let it go at that.

And who would ever forget the 7-6 IHS victory over previously undefeated West Side with Jimmy Moyer running in the games winning extra point.

VITO, I enjoy your Newsletter.

Ken Giessuebel – Class 51 ----- Birthday 8-25-33

PS – Great trivia question i.e. Newark having the best H2O in the country (your newsletter #88). I had tickets to the 6th game of the World Series, oh well I didn't have to worry about getting frostbite.

Dear Vito:

I hope this letter finds you in the best of spirits and healthy. In answer to your last Newsletter my personal three favorite teachers were Mickey Weiner, Mr. Gordan, and best of all Mr. Martino. My two favorite sports remembrances were beating an undefeated West Side team 7-6 and winning the Greater Newark Tournament in 1947.

This past October 23 the undefeated St. Benedicts Prep baseball teams that were undefeated for 64 straight games were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey. As a member of the '49 team which was a power house (23 – 0) I believe our 1947 GNT team was better because of the pitching; we had Ted Baryewski, Lefty Zurkowski, Ray Syssmanski and Hank Lubiak, although the Benedicts were good, they were not in a class of the above.

This past August my wife, (Maureen McKenna) and I went to the Bahaman's with our five children and 11 grandchildren; it was a celebration for our 50th wedding anniversary.

Vito keep up the good work and you're right Irvington is an embarrassment to anyone who ever lived there.

Herm Pizzi Class of 1948

Dear Vito:

I really enjoyed the Special Christmas Edition with all of the nostalgia. Brought back all of the warm memories I had of Bamberger's, Hahne's, Olympic Park etc.

Without a doubt my favorite teacher was Miss Hyer. English class was not one I particularly enjoyed, but she made it very special. Her memory of her students was fantastic. When I met her at a 20-year class reunion, she said "Hi, Richard", and I was taken back and pleased she remembered me. I later found out that she remembered every one of her students. It was truly amazing.

Since so many subscribers to your Newsletter are former IHS athletes, I would like to throw out a question to them that could perhaps be controversial, and get their answers in an upcoming edition:

How do you think the Irvington Sports Club, with Dom Anicito at quarterback, would have faired against a Coach Matthews Irvington High team? Or against the top high school team in the state at that time?

Thanks Vito, for the hard work in getting this letter out to all of us. We can't fight "what is", but we all have wonderful memories of an Irvington we were all proud to live in.

Richard W. Dobyns '42

From Janet & Harry Hill '48 whose son Tom is an NFL official> I rarely see Tom because he is a Back Judge that is all the way back, you never see him. He usually is with the top Referee Kuka, maybe you can locate him in that fashion.

The fellow I can see is Frank Addonizio'40, Frank is now living in Virginia near his daughter and is the Father In Law of Howie Long, football commentator of

Channel 5 and does commercial for Radio Shack and now he seems to be doing some commercial for Chevy. So- every time I see Howie, giving the business to his colleague, the football quarterback who is a four time winner of the Super Ball and two time winner of all the marbles, (I can't think of the quarterbacks name) I think of Frank. A former Irvington ion now living in Virginia.

Dixie Sayle '52 the fellow who went south after graduating from I H S> and stayed there, from Nashville, Tenn.

Chief Herman Fenchel '49 I always get his address wrong it is 109 Dune Lane, Barnegat, N. J., I always get his number wrong, and the mailman will not deliver it, Sorry Chief.

Joan & Marty Santoriello '50 who with the Committee are making preparations for the Reunion in Florida this coming March. This is the 9th Florida Reunion and the committee is working hard for it's success. Joan Jennings and Monty Santoriello as always appreciate the work done by all other Committee members, Bess (Meyer) Terp, Sol Schwartz , Janet Ziober and Harry for all the work they do. I do not know the exact date or where the Reunion will be held, but you can contact any of the above and they will give you the exact date and time, if you are interested.

Elsie Pennell, thank you for your wonderful card. Elsie, do you know that of all our friends, relatives and what ever you want to call them, that used to meet on Saturday Evenings at each other's homes to discuss the world's problems- the Scharp's, the Miele's, the Young's, the Costello's, the Pennell's and the Bray's – you and I are the only still alive? We have outlived them all. Personally I don't know if that is good or bad. Those were the days – Saturday evenings at the shore. No one got angry at what any one opinion was and the last thing I remember was that Madeline Bray was to come back the following week with a report as to why a Cow had to get service to give milk- some cows gave milk some did not. I still don't know the answer, do you? Anybody, maybe some of you farmers may know. Any way the reason I brought your name up, do you know that only one alive is you and I,

Thank you Myrtle Hodapp '34 for your Holiday wishes, you being one of the oldest and still kicking. Thank you.

C.c. Ksycewski '38, a retired service man sends a Christmas card and all it has on it is P E A C E. That's what most service men want - PEACE.

A Happy and Healthy 2005 from Linda & Richie Halperin '51

I am sorry, if I have not mentioned your name, I may have misplaced your card or forgot it, somewhere along the line, if you have sent it, again, I am sorry, remember I have been Ill that may be the reason.

The Irvington Varsity is starting to win some games. Maybe the boys and Girls are starting to see the light, maybe they got a good crop of athletes and they are better than the former athletes and they want to Win, Winning is everything, with good Coaching by the Coaches and good athletes make for winning games and events and that is what the they are doing now. Let's start rooting for the IRVINTON teams.. They will do it for us.

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Bob Marr

1/3/1931

Harold Mullin

1/20/1931

Donald Pace

1/11/1939

Norman Reich

1/22/19??

Mickey Kott

1/16/19??

Frank Bahlman

1/22/1925

Anthony Pilone

1/17/1937

Peter Gillecce

1/24/1932

Tom Mahon	1/26/1926	Paul Rugg	2/25/1917
Saul Donner	1/27/1919	Bob Lapp	3/18/1927
Harry Niegel	1/30/1926	William Cordes	3/11/1925
Tony Sytko	2/4/1929	Richard Tarowicz	3/19/1933
Gerhard Bass	2/4/1938	Bob Dickie	3/2/1937
Herm Pizzi	2/5/1930	Jim Panos	3/9/1933
Wilbur Hartl	2/8/1916	Bob Dickie	3/2/1937
Joe Masterson	2/9/1932	Louis Nickolopoulos	4/4/1930
Herb Simon	2/10/1930	Ed Liebe	4/5/1930
Malcome Woodstein	2/12/1941	Terence King	4/6/1955
Richie Ross	2/19/1935	Bob Steele	4/12
George Brown	2/22/1937	George Addonizio	4/24/1933
Jack Matthews	2/23/1920	Bob Knoth	4/28/1920
Rolf Augenstein	2/28/1934	Bill Carbone	4/29/1939

We cannot wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** unless you send in your **Birthdate** date

To us.

Got a note from Ray Knispel'39 unfortunately Ray is all entrusted over the Newsletter but has lost his beloved wife on Nov 14. After 61 years of being with her. Ray-- we know what you are going through, I personally have gone through it, and I thought I would go in one year but here it is 8 years and I am struggling without her. God Bless you

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To us.