

Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central High School
at Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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1957 – William Douglas
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1959 – John "Mike" Hall
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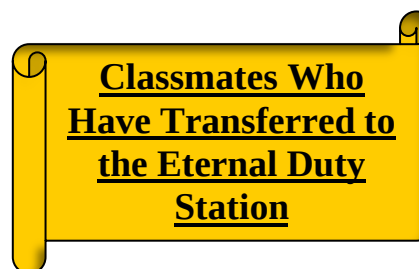


1961 – Betsy (Schley) Slepetz
bslepetz@comcast.net



1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.



Paul Roger Thomas (58)

November 30, 1940 – July 24, 2021

Paul Roger Thomas was born on November 30, 1940, in Takoma Park, MD, the youngest of three sons to Dessie and Edwin Thomas. He died on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Utah Valley Hospital of complications from treatment for pancreatic cancer.

He grew up in Virginia and New Jersey, where he learned to work hard, appreciate Christian teachings, develop musical talents, and have a love of the outdoors. In 1957 he moved to England with his parents. He attended London Central High School, where he met Sandy Johnson, another expatriate. Together in a performance by Blithe Spirit, they fell in love. Paul shared his faith with Sandy along the way, and she was baptized into Latter-day Saints of Jesus Christ. After he and Sandy served their missions abroad, they were married on June 21, 1963, in the Salt Lake Temple.

The following year he graduated from BYU and accepted a position with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, DC. The first of four sons (John) he was born while they were living in Arlington and the second (Geoffrey) came while Paul was doing his Masters in English from the University of Virginia. The young family moved from Charlottesville to Laie, Hawaii, where Paul taught English at the Church College of Hawaii. Two other sons (Jason and Justin) joined the family in Hawaii for six years. To support this growing family, the professor completed undeclared work in the installation of air conditioning systems, in the maintenance of sewage treatment plants and in quick-reading courses for military personnel.

England waved again and the family moved to York. He received his PhD in English from the University of York with a focus on medieval literature. Paul joined the Provo faculty in 1980 and taught thousands of students for the next 26 years. He loved to sing in the Ralph Woodward chorals as well as in church choirs. He founded the Chaucer Studio at BYU, which continues to uncover medieval literature and music for scholars around the world. Summer stays in England became so regular that Paul and Sandy bought an apartment in Oxford. Both served faithfully in the Church, whether in their Provo or Oxford ward, which they adopted for part of the year.

Paul was a hardworking, sociable, and compassionate son, brother, husband, father, teacher, colleague, mentor, and minister of the gospel. Above all, he was and is a faithful disciple of Christ who left this life in the hope of a promised resurrection. He leaves behind his soul mate, four sons, their spouses and eight grandchildren as well as a brother Gordon (his eldest brother Grant died in 2001), several sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, and countless neighbors on both sides of the Atlantic, whose lives he forever touched.

Paul donated his body to University of Utah Medical School to promote medical research. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at the PV3 Ward, 650 East Stadium Avenue, Provo, UT 84604.

Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook”, in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007.

Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)



From: Babs Odbert (60) Lizotte

Graduated from Bushy Park Central High School in 1960. My fondest memories are of time spent with Sylvia Ford Gebo, who was married back in the USA and had two sons. Sadly, she died of Cancer a few years later. Another fond memory is playing Mrs. Wragg in the Senior class play. I had my first job in Ipswich, working for Ransomes Rapier in the typist pool. We settled in Tampa, Florida, when we came home, and I have lived here ever since. Worked for various companies in the office and retired from Tampa General Hospital after 26 years, working myself up to executive assistant to the Administrator of Facilities Management. Was married twice, 19 years to the father of my four children, and then 21 years. Have been single now for 14 years and have been retired since 2013, working when needed, since 2016, at a hospital sitting with Baker Acted, fall risk and senile patients. Enjoying my retirement, spending time with family and friends and traveling. My name changed from Odbert to Calvert and now Lizotte.

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From: Lindsay Ervin (60)

Hi, all Bushy Park classmates,

I was sorry to hear of Doug Eskra's death in the July 2021, Bushy Newsletter. He came to Bushy during my sophomore year from 1957 to 1958. He was a very nice guy and I remember we had some nice times together with those others we used to hang with. He sent me a CD of photographs he had taken himself and other photos that were taken by Willie Perkins. I sent out some photos that I had received from Willie Perkins and others back in 2019 to you guys who send out this newsletter, Bill Rumble and Pat Terpening who both deserve a great "Thank You" for all their great work.

I'm sending out some of those same photos, I previously sent in 2019, plus sending more that Doug had recently sent me. Most of the kids in the photos are from the classes of 58, 59 & 60 with maybe one from 57. Since we're not getting any younger and some have passed away, I decided to get this done and out so those of you still kicking can go down memory lane and have a few laughs and fond memories as you look at these photos. It's fun looking at our hair styles and our clothing styles back then. I wasn't sure that Doug Eskra had all the student's names correct on what he sent me, so I put in a few other possibilities next to what Doug had sent.

I've enjoyed reading about my Bushy classmates as to what they have been doing over these past many years and how they are doing. So, with that in mind, I thought I'd give you guys a brief rundown of what I've been up to over these past years since Bushy Park. After high school it took a while and a few colleges, for me to find out that my "passion" was to design golf courses. After I graduated from Purdue University, with a degree in Landscape Architecture, I worked for a Golf Course Architect in St. Charles, Illinois for 5 years then moved to the Washington DC area where I worked in Land Planning Departments of several Engineering/Architectural/Land Planning firms. In 1980 I decided to open up my own company primarily designing golf courses but also doing land planning and landscape architecture in conjunction with my golf course designs.

I met the love of my life, while I was in St. Charles, and we were married in 1970 thus we've had 51 great years of marriage. We have three great kids (two boys and one girl) plus two grandsons and one great granddaughter. Speaking of kids, my daughter, Cathy Maziarz, wrote a book about her plebe year at the US Naval Academy. The title is, "IN THE ARENA...A Plebe's Live at the United States Naval Academy" and it is being published by Hellgate Press with the publication date to be this October or September. It's a very entertaining book and I'm sure any of you classmates, who went to one of the academies, would enjoy it. Well, that's about it. I guess I could go on with more stories, but I don't want to take up that much of your time. If any of you classmates would like to contact me, go to my email as shown below. I'd love to hear from you!! Take care.....and enjoy the photos!!! [Photos taken from 1957 to 1958 except the first picture]

Sincerely,
Lindsay Ervin
Germantown, Maryland
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(L to R) Bill (Grable) Rees & Chico Kiewsetter (taken 2018)
(I don't remember Chico & couldn't find him in my year books.)



Ann Nagle & Willie Perkins



(L to R) Sam Jordan, Self, Vere Timmons,
Buzz Kurtz, James Timmons & Frank LeGate



Doug Eskra



(L to R) Dave King & James Timmons On a Train



(L to R) James Timmons, Sam Jordan, Major Timmons, Vere Timmons, Dave King, Youngest Timmons brother, Willie Perkins.



Julie Williams



(L to R) Vere Timmons and Willie Perkins



(L to R) Jim Walker, Doug Eskra, Dave King, Ron Davis, James Timmons, Roger Rundquist



(L to R) Willie Perkins, Dave King, Jerry Brooks, Ron Davis



(L to R) Frank LeGate & Vere Timmons



The Prized Jacket and Standard stance on Jim Green (I think).



(L to R – Hand on Window) Doug Eskra, Self, Ron Davis, Sam Jordan, Judy Tucker (After school, outside and waiting to board our busses.



(L to R) Bill Kramer and Karl Phaler (I think) at a basketball rally. That's me, second from the right, front row and sitting.



(L to R) Ellsie Coleman's back, Julie Williams & Carolyn Rodgers

(L to R) Doug Eskra, Self, Ron Davis,
John Allen (I think),
Sam Jordan



(L to R) Frank LeGate, Willie Perkins, Self and James Timmons (I think)



(L to R) Heidi Robertson (not sure)
and Sharon Pritt (or Lipa?)



Our Typical Classroom (I think it is Prof. Pool's Spanish class)



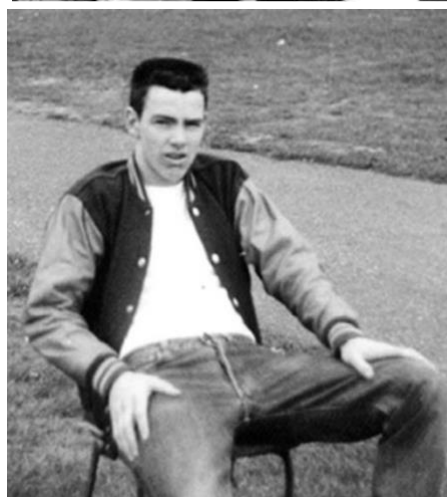
(L to R) James Timmons, Doug Eskra & Ron Davis



Party at Karen Sweetland's Home

(L to R Back) Julie Williams, Karen Sweetland,
Frank LeGate, Self.

Front - Willie Perkins, Ron Davis, Ellsie Coleman



(L to R) Dave King and
(Looks familiar,
but couldn't find
his name)

Vere Timmons





On a Train –
(L to R) Willie Perkins and Frank LeGate



(L to R) Buzz Kurtz,
(don't know next)
and Jerry Hoffman





(L to R back) Buzz Kurtz, Ernie David(?),
Judy Tucker (I think), Dan Rysselburghe (?)
and Doug Eskra
(L side of table front to back) (?), (?), Karin Kurtz
& (?)
(R side of table front to back) Janet? and (?)

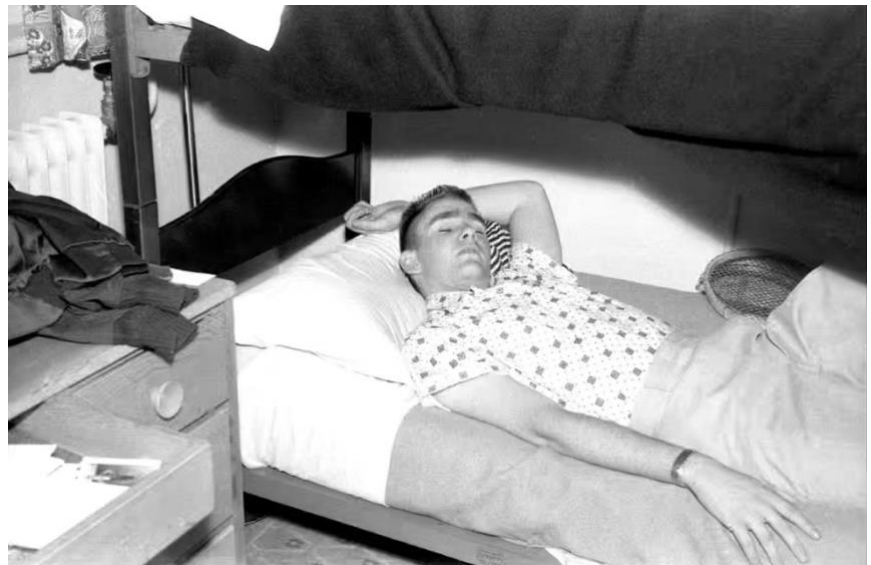


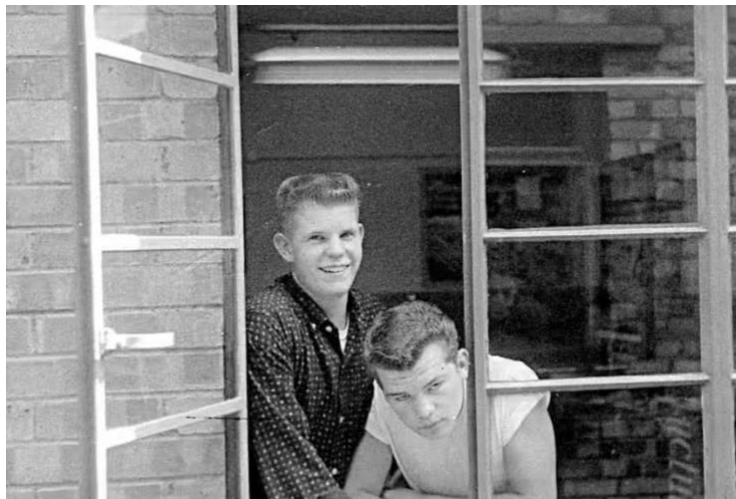
Carolyn Rodgers



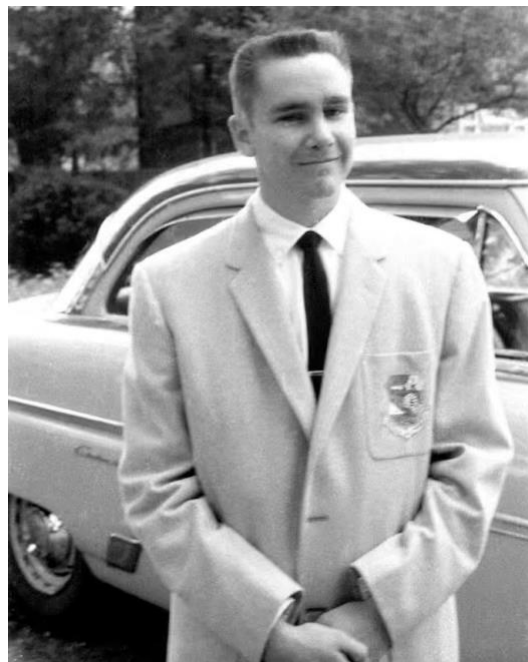
(L to R) Pat(?) and Bill Percy(?)
(Just don't know for sure)

Dave Hudson snoozing in
the dorm





(L to R) Ron Davis and Willie Perkins



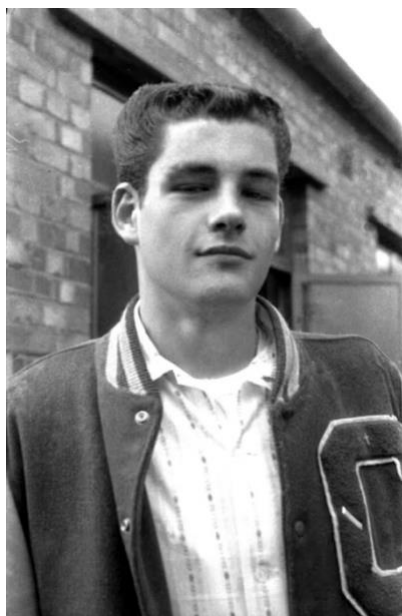
Dave Hudson



Just don't know who these three are



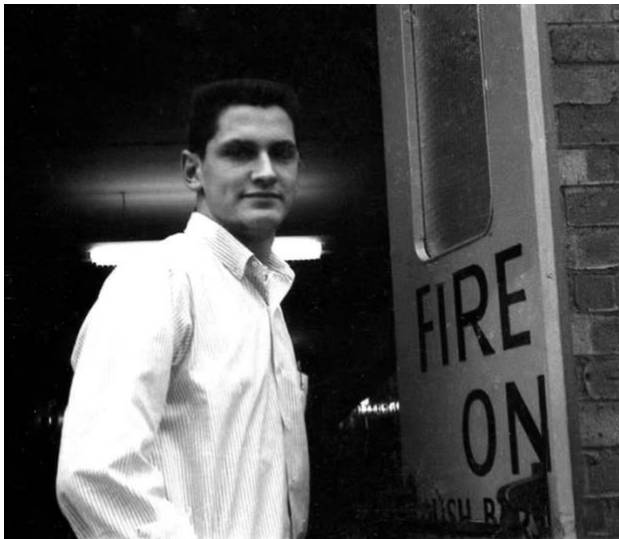
Ann Nagle (Loading the buses to go home)



Frank LeGate

Heidi Robertson





Bob Ruffin



Dallas Webb – 1960 Class Trip to Rome, Italy



Bob Ruffin, Janet (?) and Judith Senn



Karin Kurtz



Jerry Hoffman and Barbara McCloskey



Mike Hall, Karin Kurtz, and Bob Ruffin



Willie Perkins and Sharon Pritt (Lippa)(?) (couldn't find a Pritt in my '57 or '58 yearbooks)



Doug Eskra (I think, but don't remember Doug wearing glasses), Pat (?) and Willie Perkins, at one of our parties, shaving a very drunk Pat.

Doug Eskra, Buzz Kurtz and Pat (?)





**Jackie Bland, Bob Ruffin, Janet (?)
and Karin Kurtz**

James Timmons and Ron Davis



**(L to R) Jerry Hoffman,
Barbara McCloskey,
Bob Ruffin, Karin Kurtz,
and Willie Perkins**

(L to R) Roger Rundquist, Doug Eskra, (can't make out the person next to Doug), Jerry Brooks, Brian (don't know last name), James Timmons and Ron Davis



Pat Mooney

(L to R) Bob Ruffin, Mike Hall, and Jerry Hoffman

Pictures of us students while we were in England and attended Central High Scholl at Bushy Park
Photos taken from 1957 to 1958, except the first picture
 --- Compiled by Lindsay Ervin (08-12-2021)

[Editors' Note – Anyone wishing to see all these photos in their full glory, please [email Lindsay Ervin](#). I am sure that he will gladly send you his original file. It is a LARGE file in Word "doc" file format.]



Letters to the Editor



From: Walter Costa (54)

Alive and still aggravating

After the last "Bushy Tales" "obituary monthly" I thought I'd drop a line to inform your readers that there are still a few of us '54 grads around and able to read your monthly missive, I just had cataract surgery, it helps!

For sure Mike Harper and Shirley are still hanging in there. They live in Las Lunas N.M. As for anyone else in the '54 graduating class, the few, the privileged, I used to keep in touch with are all gone to Valhalla.

As for me I'm still in pretty good shape being 84 years young. I still can get it up, my old biplane I mean. That is when I'm able to bend my legs enough to get into it, and I have my toys to play with, like my Falcon "Ole' Blu", my main ride, although, these days, getting out from under it is far more exciting than getting under it. I just put a new muffler system in it. I've been married to the same woman for over 21 years, and she is my treasure. I live in paradise, Kingsland Texas.

Any of you old farts of "54" ---if you remember me drop me an Email. gtrwaldo@gmail.com
If I'm still up and able to take nourishment, I'll answer you. Any of you remember my weekend sleepovers in the girl's dorm???

Wally '54



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From: Dorinda "Dee" Dudley (61) Jordan

I just want to inform you all that my brother Doyle Dudley, got married to Carol the day before his 77th birthday which was June 3. They had been dating a couple years and they did the ceremony in California and Doyle's 2 sons and her son, all three from Colo. were able to join them for the ceremony. He is the happiest he has ever been in his life. And to top it all off, I am thrilled to hear the happiness in his voice. My brother deserves it more than anybody could ever know.

As for me, I have had some pretty rough health problems and had to have a colonoscopy and endoscopy. Found out some problems which are under doctor's care now. But have to admit I am getting very tired of all this isolation, and it is doubly hard when you are alone. Here is hoping all you Bushy Park alumnus are doing great and may the Lord be with you as our Heavenly Father.

Dorinda (Dee) Dudley (61) Jordan

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