

# Bear Tracks

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## Golden Bear Dinner Returns and Serves up Memories

*Over 200 attend the first dinner in Alumni Hall*

After a two-year hiatus, primarily due to the pandemic, the Golden Bear Dinner made a comeback, and in a big way. This year's dinner featured the Class of 1972, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion and the Class of 1962, celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we had some catching up to do. Finally, we got to recognize the members of the Class of 1970 and give them their Golden Bear pins. In addition, 11 former faculty members attended the event.

This year's dinner was on Friday, September 9 in Alumni Hall. The night before the Golden Bear Dinner, the Class of '62 held its reunion at Colonial Gardens. The following night, the Class of '72 held its reunion at Holiday Inn – Hurstbourne Lane.



*Class of 1972*

Reunion Weekends have become popular and SEBAA is glad to help. This year, we were able to help both classes with their reunions. "We are able to help classes with some small expenses for these special reunions," explained Harrie Lynne Lucas Buecker '70. But SEBAA wasn't expecting what happened after the classes wrapped up their reunion weekends. Both classes made significant donations to SEBAA with the money they had left over.



*Two members of the Class of 1972's Reunion Committee Donnie Lane and Lynette Hottell Bailey*

Donnie Lane '72 headed up the reunion committee for his class, with a lot of help. "What a fun evening," said Donnie. "Everyone that attended had a wonderful time. Our class has supported the Alumni Association and we appreciate their help making our reunion weekend special. We were glad to continue our support of SEBAA by making a \$1,400 donation."

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Others from the Class of '72 enjoyed the evening, especially reconnecting with some of their former teachers. Mary Diane Auter Khoshnood enjoyed the evening, "Kudos to SEBAA for organizing this event. Good times! Carole Miller, who helped with last year's Golden Bear Reception said, "I appreciate SEBAA and the school pulling this together. I know it is a lot of effort." In fact, you do not have to be an alumnus to enjoy the Golden Bear Dinner. Class of '72 graduate Mark Ullrich said, "I enjoyed seeing former classmates but I think my wife Pam (a Stuart High graduate) knew more people than I did."

This year's event attracted 12 former faculty members from the '60s and '70s. "The faculty makes the Golden Bear Dinner complete," according to Beverly Lynch Sharpe '72. She continued, "I felt a mixture of joy and a pang of regret. I know they gave us their best and we know we could have done better. I hope they know how much they are appreciated." Former faculty members that attended this year's event were Melvin Amundsen, Jean Andrada, Emily Antle Atchison, Donna Conway Tooley, Janice DeLong Dunn, Bill Ditto, Kem Eid, Wanda Flener, Joe Page, Otis Reed, David Schalk and Robin Whitehouse.

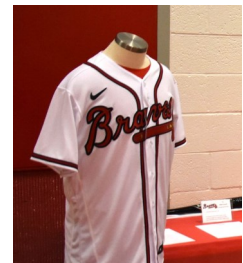


Bill Ditto began teaching at Butler in 1959. Sixty three years later he attended the Golden Bear Dinner to meet some of his former students



Blair Rush '62 traveled from South Carolina. He enjoyed himself and was a good sport about us losing his name tag.

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Click this box to view more pictures from the Golden Bear Dinner and Class of '72 Reunion. If you want downloads, they are **FREE** courtesy of Cassidy Druin '14 and Kaitlyn Kneisler '24. After you open the link click on View Photos then View Gallery. To receive downloads you will enter your email address and **PIN (PIN is 3657)**



This year's Silent Auction was a huge success helped by a signed jersey and bat from Adam Duval '06



Sherri Lenberger Bock and Patty Frazee Vierling finally get their Golden Bear pins along with other members from the Class of 1970



These girls haven't missed a beat since 1972. Marsha Belk Langley, Sue Ellen Dearing Horner, Sharon Machtoff Merker, Mary Herbert and Carole Miller



Ron French, Keven Haysley Carlton and Rita Osborne enjoying the evening.



Judy Thomas Class of '72 Senior Sponsor chats with Phil Foster '72



Norma Shelton Bocking



Robin Whitehouse

## On Deck....The Classes of 1973 and 1963

### 2023 Fall Classic Being Planned

We are already thinking about the 2023 Golden Bear Dinner. Because high school football contracts will be new in 2023, we will not be able to establish a date/time until after the first of the year. We look forward to working with the classes to make their Reunion Weekends enjoyable.

Even though the date will not be established for a while, the classes have begun the process of finding classmates and updating their databases. We have made it easy. Click on this link to update your contact info. We will forward it to your reunion committee **only**. Do you know someone in the Classes of '63 or '73? A relative, neighbor or friend? Send them this link and ask them to update their info.



## Frazier Museum – Kentucky Rivalries

### Butler Represented in Rivalry Exhibit

On the second floor of Louisville's Frazier Kentucky History Museum, you will find the *Kentucky Rivalries* exhibit, which may be different from what you'd expect. Think historic and pop culture rivalries, like the Cats and the Cards, dueling editors, competing caves, and beefing barbecues—*Kentucky Rivalries* captures the most iconic conflicts in the Bluegrass State.

Lovers of Butler traditions will be pleased that the Bears are well represented in the High School section of the exhibit, right along with Male-Manual and St. X-Trinity. You will see Butler memorabilia on display that you may recognize from the 1960s, including an original game jersey, game programs, pennants, school newspapers and buttons. The exhibit includes our rivalries with schools such as Valley (our original rivalry), PRP, Bishop David and Mercy.



"The exhibit was a lot of fun," said Marc Jennings '74, "and a great chance to learn more about our rivals, the kids we were playing against, who they were and what mattered to them."

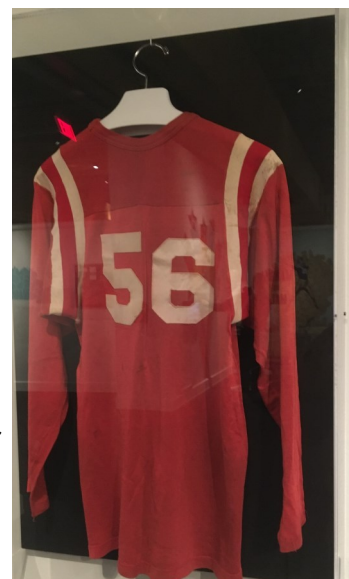
SEBAA has been collecting memorabilia since we began. Some of the memorabilia on display in the exhibit was donated to SEBAA by Jack Robinson '64 and Tom Holderfield '67. Butler also has an alum, Mike Campbell '70, who is one of twelve alumni guest contributors. In addition to Mike the other featured writers include:

Businesswoman and philanthropist Alice Houston (Central), U of L Pediatrics publicist Anne Eldridge (Presentation), WAVE 3 anchor-reporter Dawne Gee (PRP),

WHAS11 anchor-reporter Hayley Minogue (Sacred Heart), Los Angeles Angels outfielder Jo Adell (Ballard), ESPN sportscaster Katie George (Assumption), Cleveland Cavaliers guard Rajon Rondo (Eastern), former NBA player Rudy Macklin (Shawnee), WHAS radio personalities Terry Meiners (St. X) and Tony Vanetti (Trinity), and Olympic swimmer and former world record holder Mary T. Meagher.



Tickets can be purchased on the Frazier History Museum website at [www.FrazierMuseum.org/buy-tickets](http://www.FrazierMuseum.org/buy-tickets) or at the Frazier's admissions desk.



Butler's first Varsity game jersey

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1961 Larry F. Elder	1971 Danny J. Ashlock	1973 Angela D. Embry Frazier
1966 Danny Lynch	1971 Bonnie Croft Klueber	1975 June Kopatz Meredith
1967 Carol Williams Stewart *	1971 Steven E. Motter	1979 Janet M. Ireland Starks
1968 Edward L. Embry	1971 Vicki A. Staton Cunningham	Faculty Melvin Amundsen
1968 Gary L. Haas	1972 Lou Jane Chadwell Rupp	Faculty Bill Ditto
1970 Nelda Cannon Brack *	1972 Eddie Cole	Faculty Judy Thomas
1970 Rickie Fey *	1972 Brenda Eigelbach Rector	Friend Mitzi Brockman Dasitz
1970 Rick Guelda *	1972 Ronald French	Friend Edwin Cohen
	1972 Steve Kemper	
	1972 Carol Meade Ward	<i>* Memorial Members</i>

## Alumni Obituaries

1958 Kay Hise Osbourne	1965 Trudy G. Elliott Jackson	1972 Terry R. Lampton
1959 Judith Coin Bowman	1966 Cynthia Locke Watts	1972 John A. Rohleder
1960 Sue Woosley Hatfield	1969 Bonita Melton Conner	1974 Teresa Atzinger Hunt
1961 Frederick Krebs	1969 Leonard T. Sabin	1975 Madonna Faith Bertrand
1963 Paul Watkins	1970 Nelda Cannon Brack	1976 Gerald W. Ashby
1964 Mike Berry	1970 John Cassidy	2011 Joe Morris
1964 Diane E. Elliott Duncan	1970 Rickie Fey	
	1971 Robin A. Hall Thomas	

*We have recently received the news of the passing of these classmates. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these Butler Bears. If we have missed the passing of one of our friends, please let us know and we will publish it in our next newsletter.*

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