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US CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FEATURE

PAGE SCHOOL MEMORIES: 1963-1966

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GROWING UP IN WASHINGTON D.C. MADE ME AN ATYPICAL STUDENT AT THE CAPITOL PAGE SCHOOL IN 1963. RELATIVE TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM FARAWAY PLACES LIKE ALABAMA AND ARIZONA, CAPITOL PAGE SCHOOL WAS

only a dail bus ride from my home. I could see the Capitol dome from the upstairs back porch off my parents' bedroom. Yet in other ways, Page School was decidedly distant, since the District (as we locals usually called it) was still a southern, segregated city, so my family and I couldn't always reach things that seemed close by because customs got in the way. Being the only black boy in the all white student body for a while made the Page School a very special, if very complicated, high school destination.

Reflecting on those experiences now is especially poignant in light of the 2011 decision to shutter the House Page Program and it affords me the opportunity to think about those

long-ago proximities, what they meant to me then and what significance they hold for me today.

My experiences were a little odd even by Page School standards. I was a local boy, not brought in from afar by southern Democratic political patronage. Also, I was appointed as a page in the Supreme Court, making me one quarter of the smallest 'tribe' in a tribal school whose students referred to themselves in the language of the Hill - "House Majority" pages, "Senate Minority" pages, etc. In addition, I was a long-timer, attending the school as I did for 3 1/2 years. Then there was that other matter, the matter of race. For a while, I was the only black

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS REGIONAL EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

THE U. S. CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED A SERIES OF REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENTS IN 2013 STARTING WITH A FIRST-EVER GATHERING OF FORMER PAGES THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND AT AN EARLY JUNE EVENT IN BOSTON.



JOE STEWART '53, DR. DUANE TAYLOR AND JAN SCHOONMAKER '62

Hosted by board member Peter Darby (House '83) and Mary Shaheen (House '87), over 30 guests gathered for a Sunday afternoon social with a presentation on the Page Documentary that was initially screened at the 2012 Homecoming in Washington

DC. Class years from 1952 to 2011 were represented among the 20 former pages that attended. Billy Peard (House '02), past president of the alumni association and current board member, was also present and provided an update on current and upcoming activities with the association.

In addition, a very successful fundraiser event for the alumni association was held on June 11 at the home of former Secretary of the Senate and board member Walter "Joe" Stewart (Senate '53) in Washington, D.C. The over 25 alumni in attendance were treated to a tour of Joe's beautiful home on Capitol Hill

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JERRY PAPAZIAN (HOUSE '72)

I want to take this opportunity to report on the efforts of our alumni association since our last newsletter in December 2012. We've come a long way in strengthening the long-term sustainability of our alumni association – our ultimate goal.

New Board Members – we've expanded the membership of our board of directors, now numbering 16. We made a concerted effort to diversify the board to better reflect the demographics of our page alumni. The list of all board members can be found on this page, as is a picture of the full board at our annual board meeting held this past October in Washington, DC.

Board Committees – we've established committees comprised of our board members to make recommendation on membership and marketing, Homecoming and regional events, as well as long-term strategic goals and budgeting.

Membership Benefits – we've established our initial set of benefits of membership, including access to the page membership pins (a replica of pin used by pages in the 1930s) and an association hat and Special Edition Page Pin for life members. To date, over 70 former pages have become life members of the alumni association.

Joint Membership with US Capitol Historical Society – we've developed a partnership with the US Capitol Historical Society so with a payment of \$75, one can obtain a one year membership in both our alumni association as well as the US Capitol Historical Society.

Relations with US Senate, House and Supreme Court History offices and Senate Page School – we've developed good working relationships with the historical offices of the Senate, House and Supreme Court, and have been invited to distribute our membership brochures at each Senate Page ceremony. In addition, Jim Oliver (House '68) has agreed to serve as our official historian of the alumni association.

Hiring of part-time staff person – we've hired a part-time staff person in our efforts to improve the database infrastructure and quality of data, as well as communications with our members.

Regional Events – We held regional events in Boston, Dallas, and Washington, DC – and plan to hold ones in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Atlanta in 2014.

Documentary and House Page Program – we continue to assist with the production of a documentary on the page program as well as coordinating the efforts of former pages with the hopes of restoring the House Page Program. Many former pages have stepped forward with ideas and proposals, and we are working with them to present to the leadership a coherent plan that addresses the underlying concerns with the former program.

So What's Next?

We have re-doubled our efforts to compile a database of all former pages of the House, Senate and Supreme Court to be included in a Commemorative Directory. Thanks to many of you who provided us copies of your yearbooks, email lists, and Facebook pages. With the help of those resources and the invaluable assistance of the House, Senate and Supreme Court historians and librarians, we have compiled a database of more than 11,000 former pages who served since 1932. We are continuing to find the names of former pages, and we request your help by sending in names and contact information of your page colleagues and by updating your own information on our website or by returning the enclosed envelope: www.capitolpagealumni.org.

[capitolpagealumni.org](http://www.capitolpagealumni.org).

We're in the early stages of planning the 2016 Homecoming – identifying weekends and hotel availability. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

In the meantime, please support our alumni association by joining if you have not already done so, and by considering a year-end tax-deductible donation that will help us reach our goals of building the infrastructure of our new 501(c)(3) alumni association.

Thanks for your continuing support.

2013 Board of Directors

JERRY PAPAZIAN '72- President
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 BOB BORSARI '57
 JEFFERY CLARK '69
 PETER DARBY '83
 ALI DAVIS '91
 JASON RAE '04
 JOE STEWART '53
 DUANE TAYLOR '78
 MILES TAYLOR '05
 SHELLEY THOMAS '90
 SEAN E. TUCKER '84



The U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association is a non-partisan tax-exempt 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by the IRS. Founded in 2008 by a group of former pages, the association currently serves over 11,000 former House, Senate, and Supreme Court pages, and has no affiliation with the U.S. Congress.

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and everyone shared stories of their “page” time in Washington. The event was organized by board member Beth Ambrose (House ‘91) and Aaron Chang (House ‘88).

In late September, alumni association board members Jeff Clarke (Senate ‘69) and Peter Darby hosted an alumni gathering in Dallas/Fort-Worth at a baseball game at Rangers Ballpark. This was also a first time gathering of Texas and Oklahoma pages with 75 alumni, family and guest members attending. The 30 former pages in attendance spanned from class years of 1958 to 2011 including many that traveled over 3 hours to attend the event from Austin, College Station and Oklahoma. We thank Jeff Clarke and Paul Tate (Senate ‘69) for generously making their office suite in the ballpark available for the alumni event!

Rounding out the year was our last series of alumni events in mid-October in Washington DC. The 12th annual Ken Smith Memorial Luncheon was well attended by 45 former pages with a presentation by former page Barry Pump (House ‘01), now with the U.S. House of Representatives History Office and

Alumni Association President, Jerry Papazian (House ‘72). The following day, the alumni association had a second event at the Congressional Cemetery east of Capitol Hill which included a detailed tour by one of the cemetery’s docents and board member, Sid Neely, noting the range of distinguished people buried in the cemetery, including former Congressmen and Senators, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Photographer Mathew Brady and two former pages (including longtime Senate employee Isaac Bassett.) A wine and cheese social followed the tour.

The U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association will continue with a series of regional events throughout the U.S. in 2014. Regional events are currently planned for Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Atlanta. Announcements of the regional events will be sent out to local alumni by U.S. Mail and all alumni by email. More information about upcoming events can be found through the website at www.CapitolPageAlumni.org. You can also contact the alumni association at Alumni@CapitolPageAlumni.org if you have any questions or would like to help volunteer at one of our upcoming regional events.



ALUMNI TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY BY HCC BOARD MEMBER AND DOCENT SID NEELY (IN STRAW HAT)



D.C. LUNCHEON ABOVE, FROM LEFT, MICHAEL STOCKER (HOUSE ‘11), LOWELL BAIER (HOUSE ‘56), MIKE FELLER (HOUSE ‘56), AND ANDREA WALTON (HOUSE ‘11).



DALLAS – FORMER PAGE ATTENDEES AT THE DALLAS REGIONAL REUNION AT TEXAS RANGERS BALLPARK .

PAGE PROFILE



DAN MCGINN
(HOUSE ‘72)

PAGE DAN MCGINN SHOWCASED IN WASHINGTON POST

Dan McGinn, House Democratic ‘72 began collecting political memories and memorabilia beginning with his Page service, and then as a staffer for his sponsor, Cong. John Slack of West Virginia. One of his acquisitions was the Report issued by the Water-

gate Hearing Committee, autographed by each committee member – which Dan gave to his mother, who, like Dan, was a student of politics.

Dan, the founder of McGinn and Company, a consultancy specializing in crisis communications and reputation management, has an unusual collection of political memorabilia devoted to American elections. His collection was featured in the WASHINGTON POST. An excerpt follows:

POLITICAL ANIMALS MOUNTED ON THE WALLS OF AN ARLINGTON OFFICE

BY JOHN KELLY, JULY 3, 2013

For some U.S. history buffs, it’s all about the Fourth of July. For Dan McGinn, it’s about the Sixth of November. Or the Eight of November, or the Fifth. For Dan, what makes this country great is what happens [on] Election Day....

That’s obvious when you visit his [offices]....The walls and display cases are packed with posters, buttons, handbills and other bits of campaignabilia.

“Elect Thomas E. Dewey President,” proclaims a green pennant. It hangs above the maquette of a Harry S Truman presidential medallion that was never struck. There are inaugural ball tickets and programs [and] signed presidential calling cards.

[Dan acquired the memorabilia from a collector in Pennsylvania, sight-unseen. When he began opening the boxes, he said, “It

was like Christmas for weeks.”]

Dan laughs when he hears pundits talking about how ugly political campaigns have become, as if today’s attack ads are something new. “My God,” he says of such commentators, “they have the historical perspective of a gnat!”

He points out a poster depicting Truman, dressed in a white sheet and hood, standing in front of a tree with a noose hanging from it. The text reads, “Vote for Dewey. Kill the Klan.”

As I take in the relics of campaigns successful and unsuccessful, Dan says we should learn from the past.

“More historical perspective would serve people well – what people did well in the past and where they failed,” he says. “That’s written all over these walls.”

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kid in the school. Back to that in a moment...

Other than starting school at 6:30 AM on the top floor of the biggest library in the world and greeting the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court most mornings at 10:00 AM, it was a normal high school experience. One year into my page tenure, the Court decided to eliminate the knickers suit (I guess I was too tall and too skinny), bringing us one little step closer to a normal high school experience. While the story did make the front page of the Washington Post, complete with a picture of me in my now-outdated outfit, I regretted seeing that odd anachronism disappear. It was nothing if not distinctive as I walked the marble halls of the Supreme Court building.

Page School had a spirited, hard working but predictably unsuccessful basketball team (being skinny and tall I was usually the center). When the House or Senate stayed late in session we would sometimes go to games with only half our squad. We often lost, but our practices at nearby Wilson High School were a nice change from the starchiness of life in and around the highest institutions in the land. Other than basketball, we had few regular clubs or activities, so we would take properly staged photos of students attending "French Club" or "Math Club" in order to fill the pages of the yearbook and convey to parents at least some sense of high school normalcy.

The School was certainly not a normal public high school. We had short days, tiny classes, and, in retrospect, really good teachers. Naomi Ulmer treated us almost as grown-ups, and actually managed to make science interesting, and Florence Block introduced us to 'new wave' French movies and avant garde novelists.

And for a budding bibliophile who read through the World Book Encyclopedia for fun, being able to walk downstairs to the Guttenberg Bible, or (later), to read Vladimir Nabokov's edits in his own hand (I was reading his "Speak Memory") was a real thrill. So was crawling around on the roof of the U.S. Capitol across the street, climbing the winding stairs into the little garret of a room that sat right below the big white statue above the dome and then scaling the scary ladder up into the base of Lady Liberty, knowing we were at the highest point in Washington.

Happily, I had a life before and beyond Page School. I would hang out on the Hill with my page buddies, but I still had all the friends I grew up with in upper northwest Washington. My family lived in a wonderful, all-too rare community – an integrated circle of people committed to making integration a reality, often working through a progressive group called "Neighbors, Inc."

Since DC was still partly segregated in ways large and small, I would shuttle back and forth between black fraternity meetings and receptions in Georgetown with the kids of congressmen and senators. Since Lucy Baines Johnson

was then dating a page boy from Texas, some of those parties were at the Vice President's residence, and in 1966 LBJ handed out our graduation diplomas at a ceremony at the White House.

Maybe because I'd been to an integrated elementary and junior high school, being with white folks wasn't that much of a big deal, at least as I remember it now. Of course, there were awkward moments – "Why don't you come visit me and my family in Arizona. Of course you can't come to the country club, but you won't mind that will you...?" Ummmm,



WILSON RECEIVING HIS CAPITOL PAGE SCHOOL DIPLOMA AT WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY IN JUNE 1966 FROM PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, AS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY LOOKS ON

I guess not?? (I didn't go). But there was no real overt racism and nastiness, though I could tell the boys from Mississippi and Alabama might be having a tough time of it, but it didn't rise up as an issue for me even among all those southern Democrats. Racist name-calling and getting kicked out of restaurants would come later for me, in other places.

At the School our real extracurricular activity was watching history being made in the nation's highest legislative and judicial bodies, watching and sometimes feeling like special participants, on a daily basis, up close and personal.

It was certainly a thrill to be able literally to hand out major Court decisions to anxiously waiting lawyers and reporters, cases like the landmark redistricting judgment of Baker v. Carr and to be privileged to be on the floor of the House when President Johnson delivered his "We Shall Overcome" address.

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There were smaller aesthetic delights too: chamber music by quartets in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium; poetry readings by the esteemed Librarians of Congress (later called Poet Laureates). One day after his reading, a fellow Court page and I worked up the nerve to invite acclaimed poet Stephen Spender to lunch. To our great surprise he accepted, and I found myself lunching with him at the nearby Ivy Restaurant on my 18th birthday. I didn't have an ID but wanted my first legal drink, and Spender said to the waiter in his best Oxbridge accent, "Don't worry, he's my son and I'll vouch for him."

So what does all this mean, so many years later?

The biggest 'take away' was the excitement of being at the center of important national events. With these experiences behind me, why not seek to work at the White House or the Congress, two institutions I did end up working for, with Congressman Charles Diggs from Detroit, and much later, President Bill Clinton.

"I WAS A LOCAL BOY, NOT BROUGHT IN FROM AFAR BY SOUTHERN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PATRONAGE. ALSO, I WAS APPOINTED AS A PAGE IN THE SUPREME COURT . . . THEN THERE WAS THAT OTHER MATTER, THE MATTER OF RACE."

I learned that important people can be approachable and don't have to be jerks. All the Justices treated me with respect, and when I came back home to D.C. from Harvard as an

undergraduate, I would sometimes stop by the Court and talk with Justice Douglas and others about the issues of the day. I learned that if you are going to win in politics and other things, you need to build coalitions with people who may profoundly differ with you. As a page, I ran for student council president and won. I did so by building support among the Senate Dems and House Dems and a bunch of Republican pages who would normally vote for one of their own. A useful skill I practice every day as a dean.

* This article was edited down from the original.



FROM FRONT PAGE OF THE WASHINGTON POST, OCTOBER 5, 1963
WILSON, AT LEFT SPORTING HIS KNICKERS WHILE FELLOW COURT
PAGE BILL STRAUSS (COURT '64) MODELS NEW OUTFIT

U.S. CAPITOL PAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

1940s

Francis Nance '44

1950s

Jerry Maddox '51

Don Loker '52

Don Karp '53

W. Joe Stewart '53

Peter Grose '53

Joe Hillings '54

John Nine '54

John Barrison '54

Art Cameron '54

Lowell Baier '56

Vance Morrison '56

Jonathan Wainwright '58

Ken Smith '58

1960s

R. Web Heidelberg '61

Donald Wilson '61

G. Thomas Chapman '62

Bill Hitchcock '62

Sidney Kaplan '62

Tip Hailey '62

Ken Giles '65

Tom Grooms '65

Paul Peterson '65

Chris Cobey '67

Troy Baresel '68

Jim Oliver '68

Jeff Clark '69

Richard Danker '69

1970s

Richard Gooch '71

Anthony Limberakis '71

Jim Nuzzo '71

James Facemire '71

Ellen McConnell Blakeman '72

Julie Price '72

Michael Victorson '72

Jerry Papazian '72

Atlee Valentine Pope '72

Alan Rose '73

Mark Albertson '74

R. Keighley Ward-Jacobson '74

Dan Fitz '74

Michelle Combs '77

Andrew Lechter '78

Tim Gibson '78

Teresa Baker '78

Susanne Cox '79

1980s

Edmund Glabus '80

Peter Darby '83

Claudia Minish '85

Sam Allison '86

Samuel Byrd '88

Carey O'Connor '88

Chrissy Zizos '89

1990s

Sarah Speakman '90

Erik Watson '90

Elizabeth Ambrose '91

Drew Newsom '91

Michelle Patron '91

Michael Stanton '91

Vikram Gopal '91

Jason Kaplan '92

Joshua Kramer '92

Lambert van der Walde '92

Brandan Jones '93

Brian Sells '96

Charlotte Coffee '96

Dan Teague 1998

Erik Yassenoff '98

2000s

Sarah Mirza Hensle '02

Alissa Turnipseed '02

Alexander Smith '10

*As of November 30, 2013

IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES V. BUSH
(SUPREME COURT '56)

BY VANCE MORRISON (SUPREME COURT '56)

The Supreme Court Pages sitting on the bench in the spring of 1954 when the Brown vs. the Board of Education decision was handed down were as surprised as many other Americans that the decision was unanimous. In retrospect, that was the only way it could be and still expect national compliance. We Pages soon afterward went home for the summer recess and school vacation. Three of the four of us returned to Capitol Page School in the fall – one had graduated the previous June - to find out that Chief Justice Earl Warren had personally sought and selected an African-American boy to fill the vacant Supreme Court Page slot. His name was Charles Bush. Charles – we called him “Charlie” then - was the son of an administrator at nearby Howard University and obviously was a superior young man in many ways.

Charlie approached his new class mates with a quiet dignity and tried very hard to be friends with all if they wished. Some in the school were from the South and they, along with a number of others, did not agree with the Supreme Court’s decision or the color of their new classmate’s skin. Charlie heard the rude aside comments and always chose to ignore them, minding his own business. The comments gradually faded. He was an excellent student, played well on the school’s basketball team (our only interscholastic sport) and shone as a competent Court Page. While he was not always treated well by many of us, he maintained the higher ground, without confrontation. It was an amazing feat and I suspect by the time he graduated from Page School in 1957 he had earned the respect of all and made many friends.

Charlie, who in later life preferred to be called “Chuck,” went on to graduate with honors from the U.S. Air Force Academy and to succeed in most anything he did. In his final years, he became a strong advocate for increased diversity and opportunities for minorities at all the Nation’s military service academies, coming to be known by, and with ready access to, all the Service Chiefs as well as many staffs and legislators on the Hill. For many years he lived in California, then moved to Montana a few years ago to be near his children there and to teach occasional diversity courses to Air Force Academy cadets.

I lost track of Charlie until the time of the 2004 Page Reunion. Freddie Saunders put us in phone contact then and we became fast friends, exchanging emails nearly weekly thereafter. He attended the 2008 Page Reunion. A number of times when he came to DC to talk about military diversity issues, we would meet for breakfast at his hotel and exchange ideas as well brag about our families and personal accomplishments. I now miss Chuck very much. He was a very special person and leader on the Nation’s difficult road toward racial integration.

HUELL HOWSER
(HOUSE 1959)

Huell Howser, a former local television news reporter and an iconic figure in public television who created the series “Videolog” and “California’s Gold,” that aired on public TV stations throughout the state of California, died on January 7, 2013.

“He was a wonderful man with real generosity -- he kept alive a sense of the drama, beauty and poetry of California,” said Kevin Starr, a USC history professor who formerly served as California’s state librar-



HOWSER (RIGHT) WITH FORMER DOORKEEPER WILLIAM “FISHBAIT” MILLER

ian. “His sense of the state was incredible, positioning it as a place for everybody. Not just the elite, but for ranchers, farmers, workers. He showed truck-stop restaurants. Huell had an extraordinarily inclusive, democratic view of all things California. He emphasized the eccentricities, but never sacrificed showing the ordinary, simple side.”

Howser’s primary success could be attributed to his persona of an amiable and relentlessly curious seeker of all things California, large and small, the flashy, the off-the-wall and the off-the-beaten-track.

He was born Oct. 18, 1945, in Gallatin, Tenn., near Nashville, and was selected to serve as a page for Cong. Joe L. Evins (D-Tenn) in 1959, at the age of 14. In 1972, he helped to organize a reunion of all of the former pages of Congressman Evins upon his retirement from Congress. More than 160 former pages attended, including House Doorkeeper William M. “Fishbait” Miller and Sergeant-at-Arms Zeke W. Johnson. During his years in Washington, Evins had appointed more than 300 young men as pages, each serving a period of 30 days of active duty on the House floor.

Before his passing, Howser was in contact with the US Capitol Page Alumni Association and donated all his page-related memorabilia to us. Included in his papers was the picture of him and “Fishbait” Miller (nearby) on a book signing tour after “Fishbait” had retired.

JOE BARTLETT, (HOUSE '44)
DEAN OF THE PAGES



Dorsey Joseph (“Joe”) Bartlett (House ‘41), retired Clerk to the Minority of the U.S. House of Representatives and Retired Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corp Reserve, died on Friday, March 1, 2013 at his home in Richmond, Virginia. He was 86.

Joe began a 68-year career in Washington, D.C. as a page in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1941, and was one of the few surviving witnesses to President Roosevelt’s “Day of Infamy” speech on the floor of the House on December 8, 1941. He became the youngest Chief of Pages on record, and for seventeen years served as Reading Clerk for the House, followed by being elected five times as Clerk to the Minority. An official to every Republican National Convention from 1948 to 1980, Bartlett served as Chief Reading Clerk to six consecutive quadrennial national conventions from 1960 to 1980.

Joe’s recollections of his years on Capitol Hill have become part of a permanent collection of the online Oral History of the U.S. House of representatives preserved by the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives. He made a concerted effort to attend the May 2012 Homecoming and shared with those in attendance his appreciation for his former page friends, to a standing ovation.

Many of us consider Joe the “Dean of Pages” for his long-time support of the page program and his presence at many former page reunions. “Joe contributed to many chapters in my life, from the time I signed in as a House Page in January 1953 and for the next sixty years,” said lifelong friend Joe Hillings (House ‘54). “Joe was unselfish making himself available to many of us as we moved from being a Capitol Page into our life career.”

A memorial service was held at Bliley’s Central Chapel in Richmond on March 9 which was followed by internment at Arlington National Cemetery on May 1 at the Ft. Myers Memorial Chapel. Bartlett is survived by his wife Virginia, two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Three sisters, and his youngest brother, twenty-seven nieces and nephews, their spouses, children and grandchildren survive him as well.

PAGE PROFILE

KEY SENATE POST FILLED BY PAGES

SENATE REPUBLICAN PAGES LAURA DOVE ('87) AND SCOTT SANBORN ('79) HAVE FOLLOWED A PATH THAT TOOK THEM FROM MESSENGERS TO MANAGERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE MACHINE OF THE UNITED



LAURA DOVE

States Senate. Laura was appointed Secretary of the Minority in August, 2013, and Scott, as Journal Clerk has had the position since 2000.

Laura joined the Senate as a page sponsored by Strom Thurmond (S.C.) and then served as Senator Bob Dole's (Kan.) floor page. She has multiple cloakroom appointments, including Assistant Sec. for the Minority and Assistant Secretary for Republican leaders Bill Frist (Tenn.) and Mitch McConnell (Ky.)

Scott was sponsored by Lowell Weicker (Conn.) from September to December 1979. He has had numerous Senate positions since joining the Office of the Secretary of the Senate in 1981, before assuming overall management of the Office of the Journal Clerk.

Laura and Scott were "Eyewitnesses to History" in the time they both served, notably for Scott the Iran Hostage Crisis of Nov. 4, 1979 and for Laura, the Immigration Act of 1986. Laura also served with a page named Mike Lee, who more than two

decades later came back to be sworn in as a Senator from Utah. Scott remembers a time when he confronted Sen. John Warner (D.-Va.), who was on the phone. He handed the handset to Scott, who said, "hello?" On the line was Sen. Warner's wife: the celebrated actress, Elizabeth Taylor (who apologized for the late night). Another time Scott remembers waking up his own sponsor, Senator Weicker, who woke up not only with a start, but with fists flying.

Back in his day, Scott remembered renting a room at Mrs. Klopfer's boarding house on East Capitol Street.

Both remember that the page experience was quite different when they served, than it is today. Scott says, "The world is different today. The pages are controlled and regimented, for security reasons. Interactions with Senators like I had with Senator Warner, don't happen today. However, there is no doubt in my mind that the young people appreciate the experience and the uniqueness of it."

PAGE PINS, RINGS AND THINGS

PINS...

The alumni association has created a special-edition replica of the page insignia pin, available to each member of the USCPAA. The replica pins date from the pins worn on the lapel while the page was working in the Capitol back in the 1930s. The pins have varied over the years and eventually replaced by plastic "Page" tags. The alumni association would like to document the variations over the years – If you still have an original page pin, please photograph it and send it into Capitol Courier, P.O. Box 15112, Washington, D.C. 20003 or e-mail us at Alumni@CapitolPageAlumni.org



RINGS...



At the regional event in Dallas this fall, more than half a dozen pages wore the Capitol Page School class rings they had acquired, some decades ago. These elegant rings, all different, sparked much conversation about what the ring meant – then and now – in terms of pride and the unique experience it symbolized.



The alumni association has begun gathering more detailed documentation of the CPS class rings over the years. We invite alumni to submit digital photos of your ring, top and two sides, along with information about other features, such as materials used for the ring metals, inlay stones and any inscription that might appear inside. But more than physical descriptions, we seek "Stories behind

the ring." For many pages, getting the class ring was a defining moment. What are your memories of your ring? When did you wear it and were you asked about it? Did you lose it (or lose track of it), and did it come back to you later? Send your photos and memories to Capitol Courier at the above email or mailing address.

THINGS...

Do you have any memorabilia artifacts, photos, news articles or other items relating to your page experience that you would like to donate? We have developed a protocol for donated memorabilia with both the House and Senate History offices. We believe that the first home for any such items should be with the official U.S. Capitol archives. If for any reason they already have the same materials or otherwise cannot accept them, then the USCPAA will gladly accept your donation of page memorabilia. Please contact us at P.O. Box 15112, Washington, D.C. 20003 or e-mail us at Alumni@CapitolPageAlumni.org with information and pictures of your items and we will start the process with the House and Senate history offices.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Do you have a memory you'd like to share? An experience with a Member on the floor or in a private moment that was inspirational, funny, unexpected? Please submit your story of a "Memorable Member" to Capitol Courier at PO Box 15112, Washington, DC 20003 or e-mail us at Alumni@CapitolPageAlumni.org. Include your contact information so we can follow up with you.



US Capitol Page Alumni Association

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CONTRIBUTE

Support the U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association

2013 has been an exciting year for our membership efforts. As this newsletter goes to print, almost 300 new alumni have signed up as paid members of the Alumni Association in 2013. Since the Association's founding in 2008, more than 650 pages have supported the Association through

paid memberships. As you know, the Alumni Association is a volunteer-led organization that relies on the financial support of its alumni members.

In 2013, the Association began to partner with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society to offer pages a joint membership in both organizations. Now, alumni can choose among three membership options to support the Association:

Annual Membership provides one-year access to our online alumni directory, a page label pin, and other benefits such as discounts to regional alumni events for \$50 per year (\$25 for alumni under 30 years old). If you haven't renewed your alumni membership this year, now is the perfect opportunity

Joint Annual Membership with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society provides one-year membership to both organizations for \$75. Through the Historical Society, you will receive newsletters, discounts to Historical Society merchandise, and the opportunity to join the U.S. Senate Credit Union.

Life Membership offers all the benefits listed above, plus lifetime access to the online alumni directory, a special lifetime member page pin, life member certificate, and page alumni baseball cap for your tax-deductible contribution of \$500.

Life member Lowell Baier (House '56) shared the importance to him of receiving the benefits of life membership. He explained to us: "the two most treasured material possessions in my life have been the Capitol Page pin that I so proudly wore which was manufactured back then by Joseph Gault & Company, and my Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. Unfortunately over the years both have been lost! For years, I have looked high and low for my page pin, and it has been an emotional loss. Hence, when I opened the package that contained a reproduction of that pin, it truly was an emotional moment, and I cannot thank you enough."

We thank the more than 70 pages who have become life members of the Association with a contribution of \$500 or more. Their names are listed on page 5 of this newsletter.