Former Principal Bill Arnold returns for Alumni Weekend ‘09

Former principal Bill Arnold was the featured speaker on Sabbath, October for GBA’s 67th Homecoming Weekend. He spoke about the fact that God has been with GBA so many times. In the end, he challenged the worshippers to take off their shoes because they were standing on holy ground. God is here, he said. Alumni participated in the worship service along with the GBA choir.

After church, hundreds of alumni, family, and friends made the short journey to Pond Street where they partook of a veritable pot luck feast. At the close of the meal, GBA’s current Class of 2011 debuted a documentary about the school’s history that they made in their digital

Giampa elected Alumni president

Tom Giampa (above right), member of the Class of 1999, was elected President of Greater Boston Academy’s Alumni Association via ballot during the most recent Alumni Weekend. Giampa, a Bible Worker for Southern New England Conference working out of the Foxboro Adventist Church, had been looking for a way to help his alma mater. Taking on the Alumni Association is one way for him to do that. He also was chair of the Ad Hoc Commission appointed by the school board (see related article on page 2) and started up the Ski Club for GBA students again.

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GBA explores new building to accommodate rising enrollment

adapted from the March 6 church bulletin article by Dennis Farley
Pastor, Stoneham Memorial Church

At the recent GBA constituency meeting on February 23, Tom Giampa and Bob Carruthers presented a report from the ad hoc commission that had been called to service by the school board for the purpose of recommending both short-term and long-term plans for development of the physical plant at the school. Carruthers made preliminary remarks, followed by the architect, Tom Peterman. Primary focus was on the long-term recommended plan, which includes demolition of the current building and construction of a new school building. The new building would accommodate current and projected needs for a combined enrollment of nearly 300. Highlights of the proposed plan include a full-size gym, a cafeteria, a kitchen, and a 320-seat auditorium. The plan as proposed would accommodate church use as well.

While this plan was devised in such a way as to accommodate the church should they vote to relocate on the school grounds, it will allow development of the school independent of the church if they decide not to move over there. The school constituency stopped short of taking action regarding the long-term plan with the understanding that additional work is yet to be done by SMC’s planning committee.

The short-term recommendation of the school’s planning commission included minimal modifications to the existing building to accommodate the necessary addition of classrooms for the coming school year.

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media class. [This DVD is available to Alumni in two ways: pay your $27 dues and get a free DVD or purchase it for $27. You can e-mail the school or Art Barnaby with your request. You may send dues or payment to the school as well: 108 Pond Street, Stoneham, MA 02180.]

That evening, Alumni challenged current students to basketball games in the gym. The Alumni prevailed in two games played.

Friday night, Shawn Brace, class of 1997, brought the message. Brace is pastor of 4 churches in Northern New England, is the author of two books, and the father of a young (under 1 years) son. He also edits a journal for Adventist pastors with his father.

The weekend ended on Sunday with the school’s annual Fall Festival. Supporters of the school purchased food, played games, and enjoyed themselves in the busy, friendly environment, bringing in a few thousand dollars for the various class projects.

Next year’s Alumni Weekend will be October 15-17, 2010. Hope to see you then!
WARREN CRANDALL DIES
Warren W. Crandall, 66, of North Martin Road Amesbury passed away November 26, 2009 at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Warren was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts on December 14, 1942 the son of Herbert and Rose Crandall. Warren graduated from Greater Boston Academy in 1961. He attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts and later graduated from the Peterson School of Steam Engineering in Woburn, Massachusetts. Warren served in the US Army from 1964 until 1966 seeing service in Vietnam. Warren worked as a Stationary Steam Engineer until he was unable to work. He spent his entire career in the Power Plant of the former Boston Regional Medical Center – now owned by Gutierez Construction of Burlington, MA.

Warren enjoyed sailing, bird watching, woodworking, camping and canoeing. Warren is survived by his wife, Karyl Crandall; his mother Rose Crandall and sister Nancy Crandall of Stoneham; a son, Stephen Crandall of Brunswick, ME; a daughter, Sharon Hinckley and her husband Brodie of Freeport, ME; and a granddaughter.

A family Graveside service took place on December 4, 2009 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Pownel, ME. A Memorial service was held on December 5, 2009 at the Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist Church. Donations can be made in Warren’s memory to International Mesothelioma Program Attn: David J. Sugarbaker, MD Brigham and Women’s Hospital 75 Francis Street Boston, MA 02115.

JON ASGERSSON DIES
Jón Á. Ásgeirsson died at home on Wednesday, December 9, 2010. His son, Kristjan, reflected on his life, particularly his love of music:

For those of you who have known him in the last few years, I feel that I must tell you more about him. He was not just my father who... Continued on p. 5
came to rehearsals and sat by Cherie while we rehearsed. He first played with the Woburn City Band in 1943 when he was fourteen years old. At that time, he played baritone horn with the band. (He has always been a trumpet player but they needed a baritone horn player in the band, not a trumpet player.) He switched back to trumpet in the band and was soon playing first trumpet. Some of my earliest memories as a child are of my father playing first trumpet with the Woburn City Band at the old band stand. I can remember sitting on the steps of the band stand, listening to the band.

In 1973, he became the conductor of the Woburn City Band. Prior to that time, he had been conductor of the Greater Boston Academy Band, the Union Springs Academy Band, the Atlantic Union College Band, and the Redman's Band of Wakefield. He had also been the principal trumpet of numerous local bands and orchestras.

My father had the wonderful ability to walk up to someone, introduce himself, and within minutes, they would be acting like long lost friends. I can remember one summer, my sister Karen attended a one week music camp in central Massachusetts. The conductor of the band at the camp was Paul Yoder. (For those of you who have been playing for a few years, you should recognize the name as a fine and extremely prolific band composer and arranger.) After the final concert, my father introduced himself to Paul Yoder and soon Mr. Yoder was invited to spend the night at our home prior to catching his plane out of Logan airport the next day. Mr. Yoder was a percussionist as well as a composer and arranger and it was a thrill to me to play with him at our house!

He was also a founding member of ACBA (the Association of Concert Bands of America, now ACBI, the Association of Concert Bands, International). Through his activities with the group, he became good friends with Leonard Smith, trumpet soloist and founder and conductor of the Detroit Concert Band. As a result of this friendship, my father was the guest conductor at a concert of the Detroit Concert Band.

Although we always think of my father as a musician, his career was as an attorney. He was very well regarded for both his negotiating and trial skills. He was the attorney in many high profile cases, the most well known being the “Boston Strangler” case. I remember turning on the television when I was young and seeing an actor portray my father in the movie version of the case. (I could see that the actor neither looked nor behaved like my father and my father said that the movie version of the events was not at all like the reality of the case!)

The Funeral for my father was at 11:00am, December 16 at the Stoneham Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 29 Maple Street, Stoneham. The interment will immediately follow the Funeral service. I would like the Woburn City Band, former member, friends, and fellow musicians to play for the funeral. We will probably play about four to five pieces including prelude and postlude. After the funeral, we will meet at the Puritan Lawn Cemetery, 185 Lake Street, Peabody and march the procession to the burial plot, play for the service, and march back out.

HEIDI MARTELLA (2001) ELECTED VP OF COMMUNICATION OF SAC

Adventist communication professionals from around the world gathered in Newport Beach, California, for the 2009 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention, October 15-18. . . . Heidi Martella (GBA Class of 2001), Washington Conference associate communication director, was elected to the 2010 SAC board as vice president for communication. [c/o the NPUC Gleaner, January 2010, p. 4] Heidi also recently completed her Master’s degree in Integrated Marketing Communication from West Virginia University. (photo by Jonathan Baumgarten)

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ABOUT GBA’S 1946-47 PUBLICATIONS

First Newspaper: The Frog Pond, published every three weeks by the English IV class.

First Issued: October 31, 1946

Editor-in-Chief: Lois Cummings

News Editor: Heidi Risch

Feature Editor: Marion Dow

Columnist: Joan Whitney

Advisor: Ottilie Frank

BOSTON LANDMARK SYMBOLIZES SPIRIT OF GBA

In the heart of Boston, surrounded by the Common and reflecting the busiest section of the city, lies the Frog Pond. It has been a landmark of old Boston since the city’s earliest days. In it were ducked the women who scolded and were punished by the ducking stool while near by pirates and Quakers were hung. Many generations of Bostonians have walked by the pond and have pointed it out to visitors. Poe was so impressed with the strangeness of the Frog Pond in the center of the city that he always called Boston “Frog Pondium.”

Because this landmark seemed to represent the long and interesting history of our city, we thought it fitting to name our paper in its honor. We hope that as the quiet waters of the Frog Pond have reflected the activities of Boston, so our humble little paper bay as faithfully picture the activities of Greater Boston Academy.
The Association of Adventist Women has named Audray Johnson, a longtime Southeastern California Conference departmental director, Woman of the Year.

The award was given to Johnson at the organization’s annual convention at the Asilomar Conference Center near Pebble Beach, Calif., on Saturday night, Nov. 7. Johnson calls the award “a great honor. Because it comes from my peers among Adventist women, it’s even more meaningful to me,” she said.

“Many of these women I have worked with for a long time on behalf of the work of all women in the church.”

Johnson is the director of family ministries for the conference, a post she has held for the past 26 years. She also directs the conference’s health and legislative affairs and women’s ministries departments. She has served on several committees for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, including the Divorce and Remarriage Commission, Human Sexuality and Family Ministries committees, and Taskforce on Child Abuse and Family Violence.

In July, Johnson presented two seminars on abuse at the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Geneva, Switzerland.

In her presentations she outlines Southeastern’s studies on abuse and some of the resources the conference has provided to help prevent it.

“This was one of the high points of my ministry,” Johnson said. “I came away with a clear view of how family, health and women’s issues complement each other in reaching out to people everywhere.”

Johnson was born and educated in Massachusetts. She studied nursing at Atlantic Union College, and completed her education at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, near Boston. About a year later, she met Ed Johnson, a young minister. They married, and soon moved to San Diego, where Audray was a nurse at Paradise Valley Hospital. Eventually their marriage dissolved. A single parent responsible for two young sons, she obtained work as a secretary in the Southeastern California Conference office assisting in the health and religious liberty departments. When the department director retired, Johnson was made interim director and then coordinator.

She eventually became the first woman director of a conference religious liberty department. During this time, she acquired various professional skills, earning counseling credits at the University of California.

In 1983, Tom Mostert, then conference president, asked her to begin a new area of activity in the conference called family ministries, an area for which Johnson had a longstanding passion. She diligently set about collecting and writing materials on family and the work of family ministries.

In her work she sponsored seminars to train pastors on the complicated problems of intimate relationships, bringing in noted authors and professionals to speak to them on such issues as marriage, parenting, domestic violence, and child and senior abuse, reflecting the broad work of family ministry.

She authored a family ministries manual entitled Resources for Family Ministries: A Complete How-to Guide for Local Church Leaders, a portion of which was published by AdventSource. She also has written Women’s Ministries Resources for Congregations and Making Church Safer for Children, which is used extensively in training congregations on child abuse and child safety.

On June 15, 2007, she was ordained-commissioned by the Southeastern California Conference.

The presentation in her honor was made in a joint meeting of the Association of Adventist Women with the Adventist Forum and the 40th anniversary of their publication, Spectrum.

[By Don Roth in the December 2009 PUC Gleaner, page 10. Used by permission.]