

Bill Stone —

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The best time to locate and talk to Coach Bill Stone is at an afternoon practice session of his Enfield High School hockey team at the Enfield Twin Rinks.

The road to this popular rink, for the Windsor Locks native, L. William Stone, has taken him to numerous baseball parks, other hockey rinks, and as an equestrian performer in European Olympic Games, mixed with forty years of playing and coaching several sports.

Twenty-one years ago, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars honored Bill Stone as the 1968 Sportsman of the Year. They recognized, even then, the versatile athlete and coach was deserving of the award, which he said, looking back, was "the greatest thing that ever happened to me..."

Bill is the proud father and advisor to his four sons... Billy, Kevin, Paul and Rusty, all hockey players, who, along with dad, have made the name Stone synonymous with the game of hockey, in this area and other New England states.

The story of Bill Stone is one of dedication, hard work, diversified jobs and hobbies, always with a friendly disposition and certainly proving that good guys do end up first.

Bill was born and raised on Center Street, Windsor Locks, the sons of Louis Stone and Nellie Colli Stone. Bill's dad was from Montreal, Canada, which accounts for the hockey love, and whose mother, was a local girl. Mr. Stone was a well-known mechanic, with a garage on Grove Street. Mrs. Stone was from an equally known family in town.

Sports and love for horses gave Bill an early start to his eventual career. Growing up in town he rode his first horse at the Reed Farm on West Street, was president of the 4-H Club, played football, baseball and basketball at the Raider School. Bill was the sixth man on the court, a pitcher and infielder on the diamond and his only year at football, was quarterback and safety.

During those high school years he got his first taste of hockey, playing for the St. Patrick's team at Eastern States in West Springfield, in a Saturday morning league. One of the highlights of those times was meeting and knowing "Mr. Hockey" Eddie Shore. Bill said, "Mr. Shore was my advisor in hockey... gave the kids hockey sticks and even took the nets off the cages, making sure he had only the best equipment..."

Bill remembers other people who have helped him along this active life — his high school coach, "Spud" Shapiro, "a man I always tried to emulate," and Eleanor Wells of

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Suffield, who taught Bill how to ride a horse, and changed his style of riding from western to English riding. Since 1955, Bill has kept his hobby of riding as member of the First Company Governor's Horse Guard. Last month, this prestigious group took part in the inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

For the record, in 1955, Bill was a member of the U.S. Olympic Equestrian Team (jumping class) in Innsbruck, Austria and Stockholm, Sweden. Thirty-three years later, his oldest son, Billy, represented his country, in the summer Olympics as part of the Jet (water) Skiing Team.

Speaking of the sons of Bill and Phyllis Bartholomew Stone, Billy, the oldest at 28, lives in California and is employed by Kawasaki Motors. Billy attended Suffield Academy where he was All-Prep in hockey, and played lacrosse. He went to University of Lowell and later transferred to the University of Hartford where he played hockey on the club team.

Kevin, 26, works in sales. Married, Kevin lived in Washington, Conn., with his wife, Jill, a teacher at Rumsey Hall. Kevin played hockey at Suffield Academy, and four years at Assumption College in Worcester. He also played lacrosse.

Paul, 20, attends New Hampshire College and is the second highest scorer on the hockey team. At Enfield High School, Paul was All-New England and All-State in hockey. According to his father, Paul played one year with Craig Janney, Enfield's hometown star, now with the Boston Bruins, and a player that Paul emulated in hockey techniques.

Today, the youngest of the Stone boys, Russell, better known as Rusty, is a senior at Enfield High School, playing hockey for his father. Rusty has earned All-State honors in both hockey and soccer. Bill Stone, as a coach, emphasized, he did not take part in the voting for his sons, in the "All-State or All-New England" teams, the votes were made by other coaches.

It must be noted that Bill Stone is a 1956 graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in business. Bill has always found time to play and coach, in addition to a series of outside jobs. Bill worked for two years with the State of Connecticut at Bradley in the supply department. He later spent four years at

— Ice Hockey Runs in His Family



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Kaman and ten years, when "the family took over the Windsor Locks school bus business." During the summer months, Bill worked for Roncari and since 1981, has been at steady worker at Dexters.

The ultimate coach, just to round out an active career in his home town, Bill served three years as a volunteer fireman. His coaching career reads includes two years as football coach at Windsor Locks High School; 10 years at Suffield Academy coaching football, baseball and hockey; coaching football and baseball at Enfield and Fermi High Schools; and running a summer baseball and soccer camp at

Suffield Academy with Coach Dan Sullivan.

Bill recently took over the hockey duties from Coach Phil Clarkin, after six years as assistant coach of Enfield High's hockey team. Hockey clinics were on his busy agenda at rinks in Enfield, South Windsor and Bolton.

"I've had forty years, someday I want to get out, but I really enjoy the work and especially the kids, and teaching them the game, and I admit, I do learn something new every day," Bill says.

Bill considers himself "an all-round sportsman" and enjoys hunting and fishing which he learned from an uncle, Jake Colli. Bill also follows all the Boston teams, and his favorite hockey player Bobby Orr.

In addition to coaches along the way, Bill did have another mentor, his uncle Lou Lucia, former Patent Attorney, of West Hartford, now 96, who resides at the "Gables" in Farmington, with another relative, Bill's aunt, Loretta Colli, 90 years old. "Mr. Lucia was a steady hard worker, and was always good to his family," Bill said.

When asked about his V.F.W. honors, two decades ago, Bill said he was very appreciative of the award, "especially to be included with the previous sportsmen to be considered in that capacity..."

A magazine once wrote a few words concerning a famous sports writer (Red Smith), and to paraphrase — This selection of highlights, spanning four decades, represents Bill Stone at his best . . . and they don't come any better than that . . .



Tony Dugal / Special to The Courant

■ Bill Stone, who spent six years as an assistant under Phil Clarkin, will be the head coach of Enfield High School's hockey team this season.

Enfield

- **Coach:** Bill Stone, first year
- **Last year:** 12-9, CCC East champions
- **Players to watch:** Rusty Stone, sr., C; Mike Bahl, sr., LW; Dan Crowley, sr., D; Rob Brigham, jr., RW; Peter Ricci, soph., C; Dan Boya, jr., D; Keith Meunier, jr., G.
- **Outlook:** Bill Stone takes over for Phil Clarkin who is on a one-year leave of absence. With just five seniors gone, Stone, who spent six years as Clarkin's assistant, has plenty of familiar faces to work with. His son, Rusty, is one of the premier forwards in Northern Connecticut. The first line — with Bahl and Brigham on the wings — is a formidable one; and the other two aren't too shabby, either. "We're going to hustle," Stone said.

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Whether in Sports or in School,

Mary Jane Hussey Lends Guidance to Young People

For the past five years, Mary Jane Hussey has been doing what she enjoys best — teaching special education students at the high school.

The former star athlete and coach for several years was born in North Providence, R.I. She has lived in Holyoke, Mass., Suffield and now resides in town with her husband, Jim Hussey.

Mary and Jim are an athletic and coaching twosome, who are "very busy people" with a schedule that leaves them only Sunday as a day off. But they are not complaining, just doing what makes life interesting.

Mary Jane Doyon Hussey, also known around the halls of Windsor Locks High School as just "M.J.," is the daughter of Jeanne Caron, who lives in town. Mary Jane comes from a "large" family — with three brothers, all six-footers, as she is — Dennis 6 feet 6 inches tall, Gary 6 feet 5 inches, and Brian who is just 6 feet tall. She has a sister, Michelle (no height given). They are all graduates of Suffield High School.

Dennis played basketball and was on the track team; Gary, baseball and basketball; and Brian was a soccer player. So, with that legacy it was not surprising that Mary Jane was the "first girl to score 1,000 points at Suffield High School." The versatile young lady earned 11 letters in field hockey, softball and basketball, making All-Conference many times during four years in high school.

Balancing Sports and Academics

Saying, "That's all I did (sports) in high school," Mary Jane chose to attend the University of Maine, in Farmington, because it was not an athletic school. She enrolled in the university's special education program, which she was interested in pursuing. The school was small enough for her to play

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sports. The coaches at the school were certainly satisfied for a few seasons: Mary Jane played basketball for two years and field hockey for three seasons (gaining MVP awards).

In 1982, Mary Jane graduated with a degree in elementary education and special education, and today she is attending Westfield State College working to secure her master's degree. Jim is also at Westfield, two nights a week, while "M.J." goes one night — another reason to classify them as busy people.

And, speaking of her husband, James Michael Hussey is the son of Tom and Alice Hussey, who reside in Holyoke. Tom, a former teacher at Southwest, was a Cabbages and Kings interviewee back in June, 1980. The Husseys have a daughter, Betsy,

and another son, Thomas.

Jim is a 1974 WLHS graduate, who, immediately upon graduation, began working for Hamilton Standard. Jim will have 15 years' service at Hamilton Standard this year. He began in the shop and now works in the office as a senior process planner. As mentioned, Jim now attends Westfield state to earn his degree.

Where did they meet? On the ball field. Mary Jane was playing softball in the Windsor/Windsor Locks Women's League and Jim was then a coach. Obviously, it was a case of coach meets player and in June 1986, they were married.

They decided to live in Jim's adopted town



Mary Jane Hussey is a special education teacher at the high school.

of Windsor Locks. He was born in Westfield and at the age of 10, Jim and his family moved to this sports-minded town, which suits this active couple. Mary Jane continues to play softball and Jim plays in the men's softball league.

Gaining Teaching Experience

When Mary Jane returned home after her college years, her first teaching position was as a teacher's aide in Suffield. She worked six months in Suffield and six months in Enfield, in her chosen field of special education, this time as a substitute. The next school year found her in Windsor Locks at South School as "Resource Room teacher, providing individual help (for certain students) on skills they were lacking."

In 1984, Mary Jane became the special education teacher at the high school and today has nine students, ages 12 to 19, from Windsor Locks, Suffield, East Granby and Simsbury, in what she calls "a self-contained class, teaching functional academic skills

consisting of daily living, community living, and recreation."

She went on to say, "The students are well-behaved, hard-working and I have high expectation for them." Adding a personal note, "It's the only kind of teaching for me. I intend to complete my master's and continue to teach special education."

Coaching Young Athletes

Mary Jane has had her own share of coaching — JV basketball at Suffield High School, coaching softball for seventh and eighth graders in Suffield, JV basketball in Windsor Locks for a year, and for the past four seasons as coach of the high school's Girls Field Hockey Team.

Mary Jane and Jim agree they are very busy people. Mary Jane's day includes walking and jogging as well as reading long fictional stories. Jim is a baseball card collector and, as time permits, attends the Red Sox games at Fenway (probably only on Sundays).

Another activity, close to Mary Jane's heart, is the Special Olympics Program, run by the Suffield Park and Recreation Department. She has been involved in this worthy endeavor since her senior year in high school, which takes place on Saturdays, from January to June.

Epilogue

When asked who she most admired, Mary Jane took a moment and responded, "My mother, I'm a lot like her, she has always said 'Live life to the fullest' ... and (I guess) that's why I keep going and why I teach, trying to help my students." Adding, "I enjoy my jogging time, it's my time for myself, and jogging helps in other ways."

This is the story of Mary Jane Hussey, former star athlete, now coach and teacher. To paraphrase words by Robert Fulghum, that apply to this friendly and concerned young lady ... Teaching is not something you wish for, it's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away...

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Mary Jane Hussey

John Trainer Jr., One of Town's Bright Stars in Two Sports

John Trainer Jr. was one of Coach Dan Sullivan's key basketball players the past two successful seasons at Windsor Locks High School.

Before telling the story of young John, a senior, he joins a long list of fellow performers who have been subjects of prior Cabbages and Kings interviews, along with their families (some of these future court stars were in grade school and not familiar names on the sports pages of the WLJ). Names like... Cunningham, Bravakis, Davies, Russillo, Collins, Simonetta and Tharaldson.

John, son of John Sr. and Mary Trainer, had already made a name for himself in the sixth grade basketball program, Midget Football, Little League, and as a star player on Coach Pat Scelza's football team.

The Trainer family have been residents of Windsor Locks since 1978, coming from Astoria, Queens (in the borough of NYC) originally, after a short stay in West Haven, five years in Naugatuck, and then to their adopted town. Our gain was very evident when John began participating in the local sports scene.

Found Big Difference in Connecticut

Looking back, the family agreed, "We found a big difference in Connecticut (from Queens), it was country, very conservative — we now love the town and a good place to bring up the children..."

John Trainer Sr. spent three years in the Army (1962-65), worked for the New York City Board of Education, married Mary Olmoz (April 1967). They were both born and raised in Queens, coming to Connecticut in 1972, joining AT&T, which has been his steady employment for the past 17 years. Mr. Trainer was a familiar spectator (along with Mary) at their son's games, carrying the family movie camera to document the team's and John's action on the court and gridiron.

The younger John, also known to his classmates as "J.T.," began his Windsor Locks education at the age 7, the second grade at South School. John's first taste of sports was

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under the coaching of Mike Heneghan at the Saturday morning sessions on the basketball court. He played in the Little League program; however, he admits basketball and football are his sports. He has earned letters in both sports at the high school, playing all four years. In football, as a wide receiver, John was named to the All-Conference team.

Conducts His Own Saturday Morning Sessions

For the past two years, John has paid back (for his own Saturday morning sessions) by coaching the young boys coming up, along with help from Russillo, Collins and last year's star, Mike Mascaro.

John's football learning experiences came at a young age. He started in the third grade and played six seasons in the local Midget Football program. John's father was one of the coaches during those years. Mr. Trainer also has had a career in sports, playing sandlot football, baseball, handball, and at a local swimming pool in his Long Island city.

Personal Data

Some personal notes on "J.T." ... his favorite television show is "Cheers;" when it comes to food, it's pizza; and for music, rock and roll. However, that popular type of musical sound had to take a back seat in this month's annual high school Broadway show, "Carnival." John was in the chorus, along with fellow basketball stars Sean, Dan (the other) John, and two Mikes.

When asked what was his favorite sport, he felt football and basketball are different, and he just enjoys playing both. Case in point... certain games stand out in John's career. In football, it was the 1988 game with Valley Regional. Windsor Locks won the game and the shoreline team went on to win



John Trainer Jr.

'Sometimes John would play in spurts, but then he would always come through in the second half of the season.'

Coach Dan Sullivan

underdog. To explain, he was asked who he most admired. After a few moments, the young man could not name any individual but said, in so many words ... Windsor Locks is the small town, the small school and, at times, considered the underdog. Especially when playing the likes of Avon, Ellington or Old Saybrook. He feels the Raiders may not be given any chance of winning but the boys who learned to play under Mike Heneghan, and developed under Dan Sullivan always showed true grit, win or lose, and were in the game. Adding to his comments, John has played, since the second grade, with Ludden, Mascaro, Collins, Russillo and Stoppa, and as Coach Sullivan remarked after the final game, "these players have brought back basketball to Windsor Locks."

EPILOG:

John Trainer Jr. off the field, shy and gives the appearance of the strong, silent type, is very competitive on the court and field, and if he plays in "spurts," was there, when the big play was required.

His mother's comments... "John is always busy, very generous to his friends, and the word "loyal" was added by his father. They kidded John that when it was time to cut the lawn, John would say, "I've got to go play football or basketball." I was reminded of the words of ex-sluggo Harmon Killebrew and I'm sure John Sr. and Mary would agree: "My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass.' "We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply, 'we're raising boys.' "

the Pequot title. Two basketball games are well remembered. The 1988 contest in South Windsor, when the Sullivan boys beat Portland, 67-60, and earned the right to play Avon in the finals of the Class "S" tourney. And one, all local fans will remember, the victory over Ellington this year by the score of 57-54.

Future plans for John... college, either Springfield College or the University of Hartford. Basketball in college? Possibly. He's thinking of "staying in sports area," as a major in sports administration, or even as a sports agent. John follows the Yankees and Dave Winfield. His dad still roots for the New York teams — Yankees, Rangers, Knicks and Jets. You can take the man out of the big city, but the true New Yorker remains loyal.

John Trainer Jr. says he roots for the

High Praise For Coach Sullivan

Tom Koren — Life after High School Basketball

This is a story of where and how one of Windsor Locks brightest basketball stars is doing since he left his mark back in 1969.

The boy was Tom Koren. Yes, it's been 20 years. Today, Tom is still a big guy at six-four, an electrician by trade, who has traveled the country, finding himself, working at his career, returning to Connecticut, getting married, settling down, to a degree.

He hasn't forgotten the glory days under Coach Dan Sullivan — who he gives credit for the success of high school sports — and the young men he played with back in the late '60s.

Thomas Joseph Koren, son of Joseph and Lorraine Koren who still live in town, has been a resident of Windsor for the past six years, and now with his wife, Barbara, will move to the country — Pleasant Valley in the town of Barkhamsted.

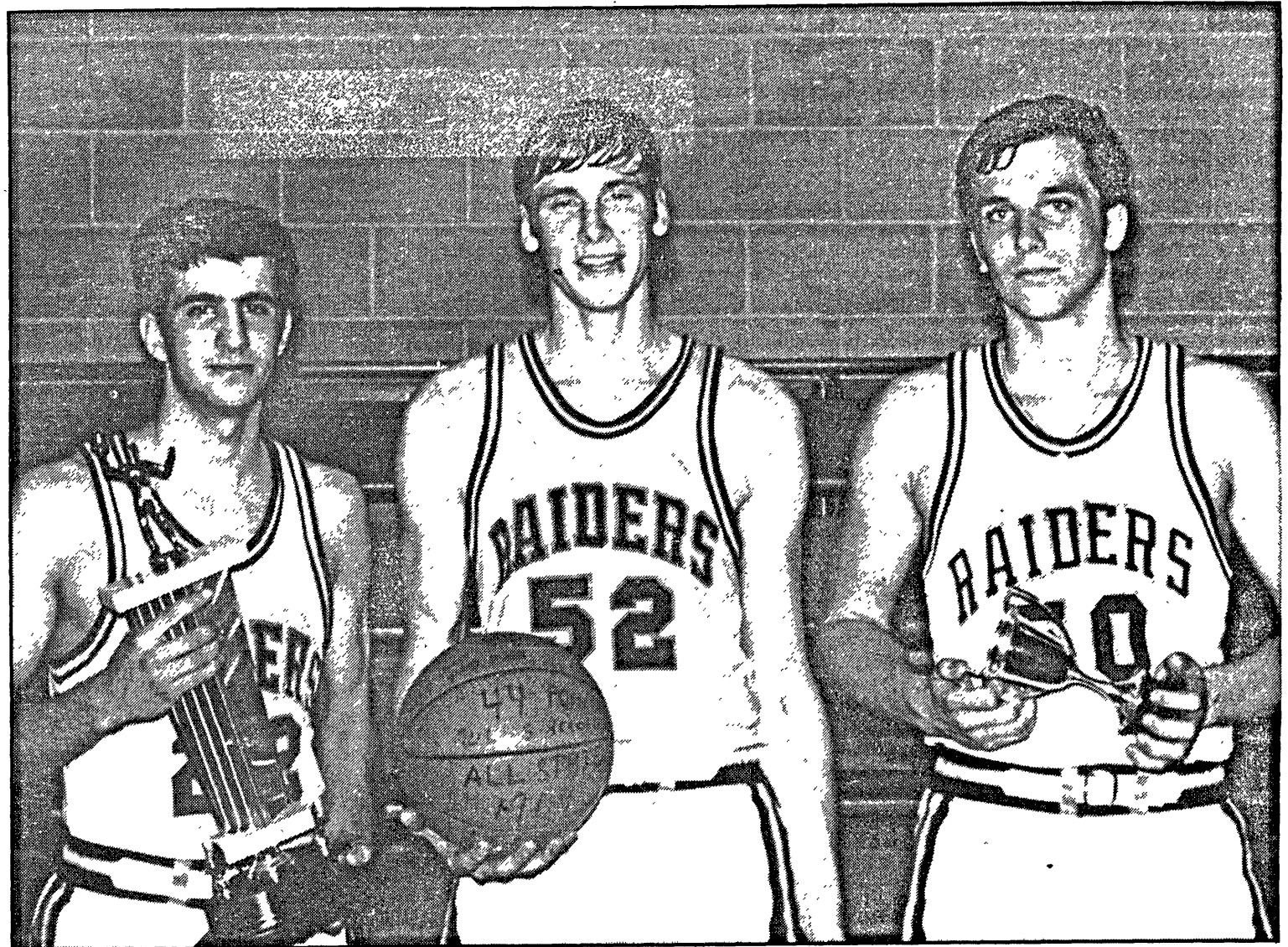
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In a recent edition of the New Haven Register, I came across some interesting facts with the naming of the 1989 All-State Basketball team and, in addition, the All-Time roster, going back to 1949. Windsor Locks has had a few outstanding players named to this select group over the years... Russ Jubrey in 1957, Charles Sidway in 1958, Dave Linqua and Bob Fraher in 1961, Dave Linqua in 1962, Tom Koran in 1969. Also included in the 1950 group was Russ Mattesen, then of Stafford Springs, now a resident of town, and well known as manager of the 1965 Little League World Champs.

Speaking of young men who played basketball, the following were teammates of Tom — John Scanlon, Billy Campbell, Steve

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Former Windsor Locks High School basketball stars from the school's 1969 team (from left) Vinny Colapietro, Tom Koren and Tom Guglielmono.

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Szykula, Steve Scherer, Dale Misiek, Fran Aniello Jr., Leonard Jubrey, Brian Foster, John Carnevale, Vinny Colapietro and Tom Guglielmo, to name just a few.

He's A Native Son

Tom Koren is a native son, attended the local schools and graduated from the high school in 1969. He also played for Coach Sullivan on the soccer field, only in his senior year, as goalie, and recalled having only two goals scored against him during the season. In basketball, it was the time of the great rivalry between the Raiders and South Windsor and the equally-great Tom Roy, who made the All-State team along with Tom Koren. One of Tom's high totals for one game was a 44-point effort and he said, "I scored 1,300 points during my high school

career."

After high school, Tom went to UConn. However, college life lasted only six weeks, he said. He made the decision to become an electrician, which he did, joining the union (Local 35) apprentice program. He has never regretted the decision. The past 18 years Tom has served in the Air National Guard, and traveled all over the country as an electrician from job to job. The way he tells it... "I was single at the time, it was a great experience spending six years on the road — which included two summers in California, as far north as Wyoming and as far south as Mississippi."

Returning to Connecticut in 1980 to attend a local wedding (Morris Maltese and Sherry Knecht), Tom met Barbara Yeomans of Lyme. He had made plans to go back to the West Coast, but it was not to be. In October 1982, the girl from Lyme, who was a grad (1974) of Hale-Ray High School (in East Haddam), captured the heart of the big guy. They lived in Vernon for a year and, as

mentioned, Windsor for the past six years, and now are moving out to the country. Barbara has recently joined the Aldin Associates in East Hartford, as a buyer.

Back to the world of electricity... Tom has had his share of big projects in the Hartford area — CityPlace, Hartford Steam & Boiler and the Aetna buildings, saying that he actually prefers working in different locations, that he's not one to stay put in one place.

Not one to forget the world of sports, Tom and Barbara are softball players from way back. Tom played in the Windsor Locks League for years and up to two years ago performed in the Windsor Basketball program. Barbara played softball the past five years in the Windsor/Windsor Locks Women's League.

Tom never lost the travel bug, even after his cross-country different job locations. With Barbara at his side, they have seen the beauty of Mexico, Bermuda, Nassau, Florida and San Francisco. Tom roots for the Boston

Celtics, Syracuse in college basketball (along with UConn), the Giants in football, and, because he worked and enjoyed the city of Detroit, he's a Tiger fan. But if you talk of a real hobby for Tom, it's fishing, especially in "upstate New York, getting the big salmon, with a few of my buddies."

Looking back at an outstanding high school career, Tom Koren said, "I probably was a good high school player (at that level), but college basketball, that's another number... UConn wasn't it, I was never sorry about (the path) I chose in life. I'm very content and it gave me the opportunity to move around and see the country." Tom had high praise for his high school coach, Mr. Sullivan. "He was a good coach, has had a lot of winning teams, deserves a lot of credit."

So that's the story of Tom Koren, where and how he is doing 20 years later. The past two years the fans had a lot to cheer about, with two Mikes — Collins and Mascaro.

No, Windsor Locks hasn't forgotten Tom Koren.

Music is His Life

Steve Wandzy —

It's been quite a senior year for young Steve Wandzy. The yearly class musical, "Carnival," Student Council, Youth Commission, captain of the Tennis Team, and yes, probably the high point, being named Valedictorian of the Windsor Locks High School Class of 1989. Quite a year.

Last month we had the pleasure of interviewing Stephen Arthur Wandzy, on the day he was named Valedictorian. It probably hadn't sunk in, especially after another successful musical in which he played a major role, which was still on the minds of students, parents and friends of Windsor Locks' own Broadway endeavors.

Steve, son of Edward and Betty (Logan) Wandzy, was born in a Hartford hospital, lived in Ellington (home town of his dad) for a little over a year, and then moved to his mother's home town — she of the well-known Logan family. Steve has a brother, Tobey, 14, a freshman at the high school.

The father of this honored student and actor is employed by the Krupa Oil Co. (the past five years) and is a U.S. Air Force veteran with three years' service, partly spent in Thailand and Laos.

Steve's list of accomplishments cover a wide range of talents. Very good examples — member of the Swim and Cross-Country

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teams, captain (two years) of the Tennis Team, took part in "Boys' State," co-editor of the school yearbook, "Herald," with duties of proofreading and "getting the book together, and organizing group communications." In addition, Steve is a member of the National Honor Society and treasurer of the Student Council, and holds the same office with the Windsor Locks Youth Commission.

The commission found an active student in Steve. He was part of the group that organized the twice-a-year dances at the Knights of Columbus for the youth of the town (13 to 21), co-sponsored enlisting cadets for police work in cooperation with the Windsor Locks Police Department, and even got a taste of politics. It's called "Government Day." In preparation for the day, two students (seniors) were chosen to work one day with town officials, after being voted on by other seniors in regular voting machines. A student to work with the First Selectman, Town Clerk, and so forth. Steve also mentioned the commission was working on establishing a "Youth Center," to be located in town ("and badly

needed," he said). The commission had discussions with East Granby, Suffield and Enfield, in order to see what those towns were doing for their young people.

Music is His Life

Music has been Steve's life. In the "Who's Who in the Cast" of "Carnival," the following highlights his musical career: "A veteran of the high school's marching, concert and jazz bands, the NCCC Band, and the Northern Regional Jazz Band ... Steve played saxophone in the "Bye Bye Birdie" orchestra and in the River City quintet, as a singer, in "The Music Man."

Looking back at his participation in those three musicals, Steve said, "Bye Bye Birdie" was funny ... "The Music Man" got the audience involved, in "Carnival" we had the biggest audience and it really went over big ... I didn't have a favorite, enjoyed doing all three."

"Yes," he added, "I was nervous, tried not to show it, especially the singing solos, during the show Carnival." The cast worked long and hard, Steve said, three nights a week, for three hours, from late January to showtime.

Any future shows for Steve? "Probably get involved in playing an instrument (he plays



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the sax and flute), however, I wouldn't mind being in another musical," he said. Steve has not decided (at the time) which college he might go to in the fall ... either "Holy Cross or Connecticut College in New London," he said. Adding, "I would like to be a teacher... I figure on two majors, education and journalism ... I do like to write."

Favorite Music is Rock and Jazz

Steve's favorite music — not Broadway — "rock and jazz." His favorite television show — "Cheers... I go for horror movies and my favorite movie star, Jack Nicholson... I'm a Yankee fan, follow baseball and tennis on TV and my all-time baseball favorite is Joe DiMaggio."

As a family, the Wandzy clan has "traveled all over ... in 1985 we spent two weeks in California ... enjoy the Connecticut and Rhode Island shore, camping in New York and Pennsylvania, and one trip got to see the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York," he said.

As with many students, Steve has had teachers who stand out and guided them from grammar school to their senior year in high school. For Steve, two teachers fill that bill — Robert Ewald, his 5th grade teacher at Southwest ... Steve saying, "Mr. Ewald made us feel grown up, made us feel important." Another teacher was Brien Ward, Steve's 8th grade instructor, at the Middle School ... "His presentation of (events and things) was always enjoyable, he showed things in a practical way, and was always looking out for us..." Steve has his own personal philosophy... "Never stop believing in yourself, work hard and keep going..."

Steve does keep going. He has been successful at an early age, which brings to mind some words by Barbara Walters (who has had her own brand of success) — "Success can make you go one of two ways. It can make you a prima donna, or it can smooth the edges, take away the insecurities, let the nice things come out..."

Stephen Arthur Wandzy has already let the nice things come out...

POSTSCRIPT: Steve received another honor this month when he was honored, along with Karen Gaidos, as scholar-athletes from WLHS, qualifying with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better, and participated in a CIAC-sponsored sport in Connecticut for at least two years and demonstrated outstanding and community leadership.

Valedictorian and Quite A Bit More

Will Attend Maris College

Mike Gagliardi — Musical Young Man With Close Family Ties

One of the pleasant experiences in meeting and interviewing young talented high school seniors is if that you also get to meet their families.

Case in point ... in a recent talk with Mike Gagliardi, we met his parents, Joe and Martha Gagliardi. This friendly, outgoing family, who have lived in town the past two decades, are very involved in where Mike is going in his musical career, their busy schedules, and a big point, is that their home is a welcomed home to many of Mike's friends.

Michael James Gagliardi, a native of Windsor Locks, is also known to his friends as "Gagz," or the latest moniker, "Mike-o the Magnificent," will shortly graduate with the Windsor Locks High School class of 1989. Mike managed to play basketball and track at the Raider school; however, his true talent has been musical. The clarinet, guitar and percussion instruments are all in Mike's repertoire.

In addition, Mike is a member of the "Vocal Motion," the school jazz show choir, which has included Denise Baran, Linda Frawley and John McLagan, fellow thespians in the recent high school musical, "Carnival," which Mike took part in as "Marco." Mike was also a member of the jazz, concert and marching bands. On the scholastic scene, Mike participated in the Student Council and Model U.N.

Mike's Background

Some background on Mike's interesting parents and grandparents...

His parents: Joseph Salvator Gagliardi was named after his mother, Josephine, who was from Hartford. His middle name, from his father, Salvator, who came to the States from Italy. Joe has a sister, Patty. Martha Whitman Gagliardi, one of eight children of Henry and Catherine Whitman, who came from Providence and now make their home in Suffield, as do Joe's parents (who live on the family horse farm). Mr. Whitman is now retired from Fuller Brush, where he had the position of vice president. Martha has five brothers and two sisters. She was born in

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New Jersey but grew up in Windsor, where she graduated from high school in 1961, and took her higher education at Bryant College in Providence.

Joe, who played basketball and soccer at the Windsor High School, was from Hartford originally. Joe and Martha were high school sweethearts. He graduated from high school in June of 1960, and "six days later was in the U.S. Marines."

Moved to Town in 1968

Joe served four years in the "Corps," with stateside duty in the Carolinas, and two years overseas in Japan and the Philippines. The young couple had only the U.S. Mail as their contact, but in 1963 Joe came home to wed Martha. For a year, the young bride got a taste of military life in Cherry Point, N.C. After Joe's discharge, the newlyweds and now civilians, lived in Hartford for a year until 1968, when they moved to Windsor Locks.

Where did Joe work? Saying, "I've been a truck driver all my life," just was the the entire story of Joe Gagliardi. Adding, "I was a policeman in Hartford for three years, operated a few gas stations in town, and always wanted to be a farmer or cowboy."

Putting this into practice, the Gagliardi family has had a farm in Suffield (for 11 years), calling it a horse farm, with the name "Chestnut Farm" on Route 159. Today, Joe's regular job is driving a truck for Balf of Newton, with its main project, Route 91. As for Martha, she worked for Pratt & Whitney years ago, but today she is busy as a "paraprofessional" at the Middle School in town, in special education, the past seven years.

Back to our musical young man — Mike plans to attend Maris College in Poughkeep-



Mike Gagliardi

sie, N.Y., what he calls "a good TV/Radio school." Mike wants to major in advertising and communications, in the field of television.

Today, like his dad, Mike enjoys riding horses on the family farm. Also included in his hobbies are motorcycle riding, "driving around town with friends," and especially, what he calls, "jammin' with the boys." Last year, Mike and the boys, called "Period of Function," played at the high school graduation party held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Looking back, the younger Mike was a swimmer on the "Jets," played Little League, was a member of the sixth grade basketball team, with the Maryland connection.

Mike has had several men who were "a big influence" in his life. In sports, it was Coach Mike Heneghan, in soccer, baseball and basketball. In the musical world, a special influence was gained under the tutorship of Neil Rinaldi and John Gionfriddo. When Mike is not in class, he's in the music room at school, for him, the best place to be.

Works at Bob's Kitchen

But Mike also is busy working after school, four days a week, at Bradley Bowl, learning to be a short-order cook at "Bob's Kitchen" the past two years.

Mike will probably never be in the same league in the cooking department as his grandmother, Josephine. For Mike, her "Italian home cooking" is the best. And his favorite dish — pasta-fagoli. When asked his other favorites, Mike said, "In television, the David Letterman's show" ... in the movies "It's Rocky," and my favorite movie star, yes, Sylvester Stallone."

EPILOG

Mike Gagliardi, the musical young man. Joe, his father, a most happy, big guy. Martha, his mother, surrogate mom to Mike's friends. They all shared the fond memories of Mike's late brother, James, at age 2, and Jennifer, also taken at the tender age of 5. It was all discussed, their way of life and when you leave the Gagliardi home, you soon learn, like the song from "Carnival," they are folks who put those words into practice — "Love Makes the World Go 'Round."

Denise Baran:

Happy Teen Packs Four Active Years At WLHS

When asked... How was the trip to Virginia Beach?, Denise Baran said, "It was fun." Her mother, in describing her younger daughter, also verified that point, saying, "She is definitely fun-filled."

We're talking about the girl who played the part of Rosalie in her school's production of "Carnival." She is also the girl who packed a lot into her years at the Windsor Locks High School, in music, cheerleading, and as president of the Student Council.

Denise Marie Baran graduated a few days ago with the Class of 1989. She's going to college in the fall to study psychology and, if the occasion arises, might join in a few musicals at Western New England College.

There's a lot more to tell about this pretty former senior with singing and acting credentials. She is the daughter of Edward and Doris Baran, residents of town for the past 20 years. But first, a few lines concerning her parents. Edward Baran was from Adams, Mass. and Doris Count Baran came from Lawrence, in the Bay State, meeting in Washington D.C., where they both were working for airlines.

About Her Parents

Ed, a 1952 high school graduate, attended Northeast Aero Tech in Bedford, Mass. before joining the U.S. Air Force, where he served more than three years. The Air Force training took him to New York State, Illinois and Texas, and to Korea during the Korean War, with maneuvers in Africa and England.

After his discharge from the service in 1957, Ed went to work for several airlines in the Washington D.C. area, with the familiar names of Capital, Mohawk, and Northeast. He is currently at Bradley with United Airlines as a mechanic. Doris, also a 1952 high school graduate, from St. Rose High School in Chelsea, Mass., was working for PanAm when she met and married Ed on Feb. 17, 1968. She is a former executive secretary for several companies, and managed a "trip around the world" as a vacation. They lived

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in Alexandria, Va. for a year before moving to Windsor Locks, where they raised two daughters.

Denise's sister, Allison, a WLHS 1987 graduate, set the path and pace for Denise as captain of the cheerleading team (as Denise was), a member of the "Bye, Bye Birdie" cast, manager editor of the yearbook, participant in the Model U.N., and president of St. Mary's CYO. Allison, a junior at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., is studying marketing and behavioral sciences.

Known As "Den"

Back to Denise, also known to her many classmates as "Den" or "Nici," was given her first taste of our high school's Broadway, in the chorus of "The Music Man." Denise was a member of the Concert Choir for four years, took part in "Vocal Motion," and was vice president of her freshman class. Among the instruments she plays are the flute and piano. Admitting that she never took a singing lesson, Denise and her close friend Linda Frawley, Lili in "Carnival," both auditioned for singing roles in the musical and, as they say, they were an important part of another hit for the high school Music Department.

Looking back at their daughter's participation in "Carnival," Mrs. Baran, who saw the performance four times (as many parents do), said, "Denise was spunky," with Mr. Baran admitting, "I was surprised." But Dad admitted he was happy with Denise's acting and singing.

As mentioned, the recent trip of the high school's music groups to Virginia Beach was not only "fun" for Denise, but the various musical groups won trophies in every area they entered, copping the contest's highest choral award. The students will long remem-



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ily's airline connections, they have all enjoyed the beauty of Hawaii, Florida and Alaska.

Admires Her Sister

When Denise was asked who she most admired, the girl with the most-happy smile just said, "My sister. If I had a problem, she's always there for me — the person who made the path (in school) for me, always with good advice." She's not sure of a personal philosophy, only to say, "Be optimistic."

As for the future, Denise said, "I'd love to be a clinical psychiatrist." Why? "Because I've been interested in this since I was in the eighth grade." Adding, "I do intend to take a minor in theater, and yes, I'd like to do another musical."

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With Denise Marie Baran, music has been one of her contributions to her town, her school, and to the delight of her parents. She'll never forget the musical years in high school, probably because of fellow students and mostly the teachers and parents, who were doing their jobs ... as with the words of Jim Trelease ... "Artists, writers and musicians alone cannot keep a culture alive. They must be backed by the enthusiasm of a multitude of parents and teachers, people who treasure their heritage and will devote their energies to keeping its flame aglow. To them, more than to the artists, must fall the responsibility to pass it on."

Kelly Jean Andrews Shares Talents As Town's Summer Program Director

"Smile ... it helps to make things happen..."

This summer, from June 30 to Aug. 18, Kelly Jean Andrews has been and will be sharing her time, energy, experience and that familiar smile with the children of Windsor Locks, at Pesci Park, as the new Summer Program director.

Kelly, the daughter of Leroy and Lucy Andrews, is a native of Windsor Locks. Her parents were originally from Maine. This is Kelly's sixth year at Pesci Park, and her first year as director, taking over the duties of Barbara McHugh.

The 1986 WLHS graduate will be in her final year this fall at Southern Connecticut State University where she is majoring in Physical Education. Kelly's future plans include studying for a master's degree and teaching physical education at the elementary level.

As to background on her family, Leroy and Lucy Andrews came south to Connecticut in the late 1960s to live and work. Kelly has two brothers, Ronnie (WLHS '73) and Dana (WLHS '78), and a sister, Karen (WLHS '80). Karen is married to William Naismith. They live in town with their daughter Kristin, age 3, Kelly's godchild. Dana resides in East Windsor and Ronnie resides in town with his 8-year-old daughter, Nicole, and his parents.

Kelly's father, Leroy, is a veteran of the

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Korean war and served overseas. He is currently employed at Barnes Central Metal Products in East Windsor. Her mother, Lucy, has been a familiar face to parents who bowl at Bradley Lanes, as the person in charge of the nursery for the past 15 years.

Enjoys Food

As for a few personal notes on Ms. Kelly, she enjoys all kinds of food, but does have a favorite — steamers, especially at popular "Savin Rock." When it comes to music, it's the top 40 in Rock and Roll. She watches the Cosby Show, movies featuring Tom Hanks, whether they have a comedy twist or are tear-jerkers.

Kelly is into horseback riding. She began riding in East Windsor where her brother Dana has horses. At times she has traveled to Agawam, Mass. to pursue her hobby. However, when pinned down, she admits her main hobby is gymnastics, saying "I work out when I have free time at college."

Kelly has gone that extra step in this conditioning sport. She is a coach from January to March of 9th and 12th graders at the Foran High School in Milford. In addition,



Kelly Jean Andrews

Kelly teaches at the Nelson Gym Center, also in Milford, when her busy schedule permits her time away from the books.

Keeping with her personality, Kelly collects "Precious Moments" ceramics that she says she "loves." They remind her of the children she enjoys being around at Pesci Park and her other activities in Milford.

Vacation time for the Andrews family means camping trips to Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire in the White Mountains.

In the six summers Kelly has been part of the program at Pesci, she has found many valuable lessons to be learned, when it comes to being with and teaching the young boys and girls in this well-attended clinic.

Works With Children

Kelly said, "The children are using their free time to learn how to be socially active, meeting new friends, being a team player and an added lesson in 'Kiddies Korner,' definitely a stepping stone for the very young before enrolling in nursery school."

As director, Kelly's main function is to

organize special days, making sure the equipment is readily available, and that prizes are awarded for those special days. Kelly has an agreeable staff which includes Jon Russillo and Mike Collins, two well-known high school athletes, along with equally-talented Kate Cenci, Cindy Marinak and Nancy Leonard.

The month of July has been filled with activity, from arts and crafts and gymnastics to baseball and those special days, such as carnival, Balloon Day, Dog Show, and today (Aug. 4), Christmas in August. And this month there will be Pet Fair, and the last day (Aug. 18) the program ends with a summer picnic (Pie Eating, Bubblegum Day, and everything kids will enjoy).

In addition, the kids in town have taken advantage of the swimming pool under the watchful eyes of Rich Labbe and his pool staff. Coordinating all this activity is the town's recreation director, Brian McKeown.

Kelly was asked who she most admired. She replied, "A fellow student at Southern (and her boyfriend), Scott Miller, who has stood beside me, not in front, always there for me, always willing to help, getting me to organize and take responsibility; he has taught me a great deal about coaching and gymnastics." Scott, a junior at the New Haven institution, is a management major.

In high school yearbooks, there is usually a capsule identity of each student, and most of the time they're right on the mark. In Kelly's 1986 yearbook, it mentioned her continual smile and the words that seem to sum up this friendly and energetic young lady: "Smile, it helps to make things happen."

"Traveling has been one of Melissa's favorite pastimes, to Florida, Texas, South Carolina and New England, with friends and family. She may be a swimmer year-round, but finds the time to be a member of the Student Council and was vice-president of her Junior Class. Her future plans? "College, not sure where, but it must include swimming and my major would be Travel and Tour."

More on swimming...Melissa has been a member of the Connecticut All-Star Team, performing over all of New England and New York State. The team, sponsored by the U.S. Swim Association, is one that "you have to qualify each year," Melissa said. Melissa not only "enjoys the sport, but you meet so many nice kids around the state," she said.

She has two favorite events, Breaststroke and individual medley relay. She has two coaches, Ken Malone at the high school and Jon Levine, who coaches the Aqua Bears, who swim at the Suffield Academy.

Both coaches, she said, "are enthusiastic, motivate and encourage me in swimming." She said the practice sessions in high school require five days a week with 1-1/2 hours, fall season only, while the Aqua Bears require six days a week for two hours and a quarter.

Setting Records

To compare Melissa's best swimming times with past Olympic Champions — you can look it up — in 1932, Eleanor Holm won the gold medal in Olympic Games' 100 meter

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LETTER

Swimmer's Father Wasn't Mentioned

To the Editor:

A recent article caught my attention while looking at your publication in anticipation of running some help wanted advertisements.

The article involved a story written in the Sept. 29, 1989 issue by Jack Redmond, about the accomplishments of Melissa Sargent, and other members of her family, particularly in swimming.

I'm familiar with the Sargent family. In fact, Alan Sargent (Melissa's father) is in my employ. Over the years, I've shared many stories with Alan, in regard to the success that all three of his children have had in competitive swim-

ming.

For all the years since Alan's children first started competing, he and I have worked out the schedule here, so that he would be able to attend the competitions, wherever they may have been. He put in lots of time supporting the program.

The curiosity that was aroused in me upon reading this article was the fact that Alan Sargent, who over the years has shown tremendous interest and support as a caring father, was never even mentioned!

*Thomas E. Protheroe
Hartford, Conn.*

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back stroke in the time of 1:19. Melissa's best time was 1:13.

When we mentioned another past champion, Johnny Weissmuller, Melissa had never heard of the former swimmer and Tarzan character. She was familiar however with the 1988 three-time gold medal winner, Janet Evans.

Near the end of the interview, we changed subjects with Melissa, and asked questions about her school life. Here's how it went: with questions from U.S.A. Weekend). What's today's definition of cool? "Sports and good friends are cool, doing well in school, drugs are uncool."

What would you change to improve your

school? "Not that much to change, teachers care about the students. Mr. Grasso, a good principal."

Does school prepare you for the future? "It's up to the individual student, it's what you make of it."

Given the choice, would kids attend a different school? "No, in my case I like my school...friends and teachers."

What's best about school? Going to school to see my friends."

Melissa was also asked who she most admired. "My mother, I look up to her...she supports me in everything I do, be it swimming or having a positive attitude...has given the right decisions..." The young lady's personal philosophy. "You have to be a very positive person and have an optimistic approach to life..."

Epilog

Melissa Sargent holds many individual swimming records at her school. She cer-

tainly has shown that positive approach in swimming with many dedicated hours of practice. She is also a student, interested in student affairs and knows that there is a life after the pool closes. It's a young lady like Melissa that could be just another "Janet Evans." Like her coach (Mr. Malone) said, "She's one of those kids that only comes around so often..."

Editors Note: Melissa has contracted mononucleosis and will be out of commission for the next month, it was learned at presstime.

Dave Carillo Continues

"Treat family like friends...treat friends like family..."

Dave's philosophy of life

Dave Carillo is continuing the local insurance business that his late father, Charles Carillo began years ago. Like his dad, before him, he would be the first to admit the old adage (paraphrased), "there's a good woman behind every successful businessman."

When we interviewed Charles (Sept. 1981), he gave credit to his wife, Maria, and Dave has given the same accolade to his wife, Linda.

David Lawrence Carillo was born in Norwalk. At the age of five, the Carillo family moved to Maria's hometown of Windsor Locks, where Dave and his brother, Charles, grew up on Grove Street.

Now a veteran of the insurance business, Dave was a go-getter as a youth. At 11, he delivered the Windsor Locks Journal for three years, "on my bike, the southend of town." He also became a paperboy ("100 papers a day") for the old Hartford Times.

He worked tobacco, like the other kids in town. During his high school years, he took on the job of janitor at Union School. Dave played soccer for the Raiders only one year, until the opportunity for a paying job came at the school.

Dave graduated from the local high school, class of 1965. He went on to St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. At the Vermont college, Dave's major was in political science, saying, "I was very interested in politics." However, politics would not play a part of his life. He graduated in 1969.

Dave continued his busy schedule, with a full load of class work, in addition to a job at a local Howard Johnson Hotel. He admitted, "I was not sure what I wanted to do...looking back, I was a good time charlie, I enjoyed people and they (to this day) are very important to me." Added note: his old friends might just remember his nickname, "Deuce."

Liked Vermont Living

Dave was enthralled by the life in Vermont. He left the hotel position, and entered the world of insurance with the National Life of Vermont, based in Montpelier. He joined



The Carillo family (from left) Dane, Linda, Dave and Jared.

the Vermont National Guard, serving six years as a medic.

In 1971, he moved back to Windsor Locks, and completed his duty with the guard, traveling back and forth to the Green Mountain state for the necessary drills and yearly active duty.

Looking back at those years, Dave said, "It was a wonderful life, I still keep in touch with many of my friends who were in the guard with me."

Upon his return to Connecticut, Dave entered the insurance business locally with his dad, and continues today, to operate the Charles S. Carillo Agency, Inc. He said the agency was originally on Main Street, and in 1977, was moved to Suffield and North streets. Dave's father passed away in May of 1987.

A few words on the busy life of his mother, Maria Ferrari Carillo. Back in 1981, at the time of Mr. Carillo's Cabbages & Kings, she was a volunteer at the Bradley Airport information booth. Today, she is still going strong giving out information to travelers. In addition, Maria works with the Red Cross, and keeps in touch with her many friends around town.

Dave's brother, Charles Paul Carillo lives in Avon with his wife, Carol and their two sons, Christopher and Charles Kenneth Carillo, Charles is a teacher in the New Britain school system, with Carol giving up her role of teacher after the birth of their two sons.

Has Two Sons

Speaking of family, Dave and Linda have

'A Life of Insurance'