

# REBEL REVIEW

A publication for the alumni, parents and friends of South Burlington High School



## Calendar of Events

### Reunions

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## New Bleachers, Press Box Installed at SBHS's Munson Field

SBHS installed premium stadium seating and a 240 square foot press box adjacent to Munson Field, the school's state of the art turf field. The bleachers were open to spectators at the girls' soccer game on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The new bleachers, which were supported in large part through private donations, seat 1,097 spectators and were built five feet above grade to give everyone an exceptional view of what's happening on the field. The new stadium seating, built and installed by E&D Specialty Stands of North Collins, New York, is also handicap accessible. The new press box has seating capacity for 11 and will have Internet access. It is also equipped with a fenced-in rooftop for members of the media and coaching staff to film.

"The stadium seating will absolutely add interest and enthusiasm for our student-athletes and the community," SBHS Athletic Director Mike O'Day said. "People will see this as an attractive venue to watch games which will bring out bigger crowds, and in turn, excite our student-athletes as they play in front of more people."

Barney McLean, former president of the Rebel Boosters program, and member of the South Burlington Schools' Foundation Board said the Boosters are excited to see the bleachers in place and ready for use.

"The Boosters really wanted

to do something to help make the bleachers a reality," McLean said. "The Boosters \$30,000 contribution towards the bleachers helps get the goal accomplished, and everyone is looking forward to getting the concession stand built."

The South Burlington Schools' Foundation *Fields and Dreams Campaign* is continuing to raise money by securing "seat and row sponsors." Community members can sponsor a seat, row, or section in the new bleachers by donating money toward necessary security fencing around the perimeter of Munson Field. The foundation plans to build a concession facility, and will raise funds for a ticket booth, and bathroom facilities to complete the complex.

Those interested in sponsoring individual seats (\$150), a row (\$1,000), or a section (\$10,000) will receive a "Go Rebels" seat cushion for their donation. Funds are also being accepted to support the naming of the press box for the late Cpl. Mark Evnin.

Alumni who played for legendary football coach Paul Jordan have also been presented with a challenge to name a section in tribute to the Hall of Fame coach.

Those looking to make a gift, may contact Angela Armour, director of development and alumni relations, at 652-7548.

## The Director's Office

After six months on the job as the new Alumni Relations and Development Director behind me, I can honestly say I feel right at home at SBHS. The faculty, staff, and students I've met have welcomed me with open arms and I look forward to reconnecting SBHS alumni with their alma mater.

One thing that has struck me about SBHS is how far ahead of the curve it is in terms of alumni relations and development. The South Burlington Schools' Foundation was created in 2003 and is one of the first public school foundations in the state of Vermont. It was established to enhance and enrich each students' experience through funding scholarships, capital projects, and extra-curricular activities.

I am excited to have already met so many great alumni, parents, and community members. SBHS alumni care about their school and not only want to stay connected but also give back. The SBSF board is made up of committed volunteers who truly want to give each South Burlington student the opportunity to succeed in life.

I look forward to making my way out into the community to meet more people with that same spirit and dedication. Go Rebels!

~Angie Armour

## Daniel Lee '97 is making a difference in Mozambique

SBHS alumnus Daniel Lee '97 first arrived in Mozambique in 2005 when he was doing field research for CARE International, as part of his master's program in Public Health at Tulane University.

"After three months in the bush, I was hooked!" Lee said.

He knew he wanted to go back to Africa at some point, but he first had to finish his degree at Tulane. When he returned he found New Orleans in total chaos in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He was able to finish his master's degree the following spring and one week after graduating was back in Mozambique.

"I came here initially without a job," Lee said. "I figured it would be easier to find one in person, and I was right."

Within three months Lee was working for the United Nation's World Food Program as a regional HIV/AIDS data analyst.

"It was demanding work but very interesting," Lee said. "The realities of expat living, however, demanded that I find a job with security—a.k.a. a work permit and a residency visa."

His quest to find a job with more security led him to a position with Columbia University's International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment (ICAP) as a public health statistician. There he was able to help expand HIV/AIDS care and treatment throughout Mozambique in coordination

with the Ministry of Healthy (MoH) as a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Field Officer.

"Specifically, I was visiting clinics throughout the country to support their capacity to monitor and evaluate their patients and provide feedback to clinicians, program managers, and donors," Lee said.

Although his work was rewarding and he could see that it was making a positive difference, Lee realized that the ICAP's efforts would be mostly short-lived if they didn't work collaboratively with the government, specifically the MoH. Lee felt the MoH needed to be taught how to care for these patients better. He explained:

"Like the old saying goes, better to teach someone how to fish for themselves rather than give them free fish everyday."

After two years with ICAP, Lee moved on in September, 2008 and became a technical advisor for M&E to the National Program to Combat STI/HIV/AIDS. An employee of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), he supports the MoH in their activities that monitor and evaluate their expanding HIV/AIDS care and treatment program.

"Essentially, I help the MoH collect data from every anti-retroviral treatment clinic on a monthly basis, aggregate and analyze the data, and then provide feedback to all stakeholders, from the clinicians to the district, provincial, and central govern-

ment program managers and directors," Lee said.

Lee's work allows the MoH to assess the quality of care and treatment it's providing, while identifying weaknesses and implementing activities to expand and improve universal access to free care for the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Although he lives in one of the poorest countries in the world, Lee said he thoroughly enjoys living in Mozambique.

"It's all about expectations...if your cup is small, it will always be full!" he said. "It's not for everyone, but I love it here and have no plans to leave. The people here are incredibly friendly, very generous, and there is no unnecessary rushing around—things definitely move at their own easy-going pace."

Lee has traveled to over 20 different countries, and credits SBHS social studies teacher Bill Price for getting him hooked on international relations in his UN/World Affairs class.

He also recalls that Mr. Martin's English class was where he learned how to write well. He also has fond memories of playing football and Model UN.

Although half a world away, Lee manages to keep in touch with his SBHS friends.

"I actually just had my old high school buddy Rob Chittenden visit from SB—we had an amazing time!"

## Comolli Named New SBSF Board Member

Legendary technology teacher Tim Comolli is the newest member of the South Burlington Schools' Foundation board of directors. He officially began serving on the board at the November 14, 2008 meeting.

During his 35 years of teaching, Mr. Comolli became nationally known for creating the Digital Imaging Lab at SBHS. Always on the cutting edge of technology, he received numerous grants from companies like Microsoft, and inspired many students to work in the television and film

industries. Former students are working for companies like CNN and Fox News.

In 2007, the South Burlington Schools' Foundation board of directors voted to endow the Digital Imaging Lab and renamed it the Comolli Technology Lab with a fund created to preserve and continuously improve on the technology and the curriculum within the lab.

In November of 2007, the "Holy Comolli!" event, to honor Comolli's many teaching achievements, raised over \$40,000 with

faculty, staff, community members, and both former and current students in attendance.

One of Mr. Comolli's passions is to increase the endowment and use it to create new teaching space for both technology and performing arts classes.

If you are interested in supporting the Comolli Technology Fund, please contact Angie Armour at [aarmour@sbschools.net](mailto:aarmour@sbschools.net) or 802.652.7548.

## Q&A with Math Teacher Jill Wilkens '73

### How long have you taught at SBHS?

This is my fifth year at SBHS. I taught at Enosburg Falls High School for 17 years and for five and a half years at Missisquoi Valley Union. I took a five-year break after I had children.

### Are you an SBHS graduate? Where did you go to college?

I am a 1973 SBHS graduate and went to college at UVM.

### When did you know you wanted to be a math teacher?

I knew I wanted to teach math since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. My teacher was Mrs. Pecor and she was my inspiration. I had her for two years in Math. I wanted to be her.

### What's the best thing about working at your alma mater?

Actually, some of the people who were here when I was a student are still here. It's a bit ironic. I like seeing how far the school has come. Some things have stayed the same, but other things have changed and progressed. The technology has greatly improved, it's amazing. The interdisciplinary courses are wonderful. It's still a place where students like to be. There are only two sections I still get lost in – the new science section and the art section. I was talking with Carl Frattini whose position I took when he retired. He was this big guy – he was in the Army Reserves – and I told him how he intimidated me when I was a student.

### What classes do you teach?

This year I'm teaching Algebra II and Algebra I – part two, and pre-Algebra. Two of the three are new to me in this school system, so it's a lot more work for me this year. It's been a lot of fun. As the Curriculum Area Supervisor (Dept. Chair), I was worried about teaching fewer classes, and feeling disconnected with kids, but so far it hasn't felt like that. I also help with junior class activities. I get to be involved with students outside of the classroom which is great. This school has so many great activities outside of the classroom, a lot more than we used to.

### What's your favorite aspect of teaching?

The kids – I love seeing students get excited about learning. I love seeing students that were struggling to understand something and then really get it. Every day is different. You are not going to be bored teaching. I enjoy the camaraderie of the teachers. I started as a middle school teacher at MVU – I taught five middle school classes and one high school class there. The next job that became open was high school, and now I really enjoy it. Middle school kids have a lot of energy. They are moving every minute – perpetual motion. High school kids have the same motivation, but some can lose it.

### Have alumni kept in touch with you? What advice do you give to them?

[Alumni] come back sometimes, and tell me what they enjoyed here and what they didn't, and how they are getting along in college. I have two or three former students that keep in touch by emailing or come back to see me. Back at Enosburg, I had colleagues that I actually taught in high school, and it was neat to have that kind of relationship. It's neat to see how people turn out. I'll get an email every so often (usually from my days at Enosburg) from grads that find me on the website and tell me how glad they were for their education.

My husband is a SBHS grad, too. Our guidance counselor was his best man, Rich Shea – he is retired and lives in D.C. He's a dog-walker and opens homes for people returning from long-term vacations.

### What is one lesson you want all your students to know before they leave high school?

Don't give up. If you have a dream and it doesn't seem to be working the way you are approaching it – try to find another way to get there. But don't give up.

### What advice would you give grads who want to become math teachers?

If you want to be a secondary or middle school math teacher you can't just love the content but see the people who are learning the content, and try to make the two come together. You have to understand the students as much as you understand math and the material you give them.

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Rebel Alumni:

We at South Burlington High School continue to be excited about exploring new and creative methods of staying connected with our alumni; we hope the alumni and development office will allow alumni young and old to foster new and continued relationships with the school and one another. I hope your time at SBHS was both valuable and memorable and that your exploration of this newsletter will serve as a welcome reminder of your days at SBHS. In addition to this newsletter, Angie Armour, our new alumni and development director, has established an "official" SBHS Alumni Facebook presence to help our Alumni to connect with each other and with the school.

When hired several years ago to become the school's fourth principal I was elated to become a part of the "Proud Tradition" that is South Burlington High School. In my time as principal I have met countless alumni who remain energized by the education they received here at SBHS. Our Alumni and Development Office continues in its mission to broaden our community of learners to include our esteemed graduates.

I am sure whether you are a member of the Class of 1963 or the Class of 2008, your memories of SBHS classes, drama club plays, musical performances, friends, proms, athletics, and talent night revelry are clear in your mind and hold a special place in your heart. We hope our events, publications, and activities will help continue to help you recapture some of the magic and "Rebel Pride" of days gone by.

Very truly yours,  
Patrick D. Burke  
*Principal*

## SBHS Schedule May—June 2009

AP Exams:	May 4—8
All-State Music Festival:	May 6—9
FHTMS Production of Cinderella:	May 8-9
Spring Senior Challenge Presentations:	May 13
Academic Awards	May 14
Junior Class Prom at the Sheraton	May 16
Career Development Center (CDC) Appreciation Day	May 20
8th Grade Step-Up Night	May 20
Student Council Blood Drive in SBHS Gym	May 21
FHTMS Choral Concert at SBHS	May 21
SBHS Final Music Concert at 7 p.m.	May 27
All Sports Award Night	May 28
Senior Banquet at Sunset Ballroom	June 1
SBHS Last Day of Classes	June 4
Public Speaking Tribute Speeches/Advanced Comp Public Readings	June 4
Final Exams	June 5 –11
<b>Graduation:</b> 10 a.m. at Saint Michael' s College	June 12

## Send us your Class Notes!

The SBHS Alumni Office invites all alumni to share in your good news! Got a new job? Got married? Had twins? Want other Rebel alumni to know about it? Send an email to [armor@sbschools.net](mailto:armor@sbschools.net) and please try to keep your note to 150 words or less. Thank you!



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