

On the Occasion of the 50th Year Reunion, Valdosta High School Class of 1969 A Remembrance Memorial of Classmates



The 1922 Williams Street Valdosta High School

The Valdosta High School Alma Mater

(including the rarely seen 2nd stanza noted from the 1945 Sandspur yearbook)

1. Let our voices loudly ringing,
Echo far and near;
Songs of praise thy children singing,
To thy memory dear.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Tender, fair and true
Dosta High with love unfailing,
We our vows renew.

2. All the days we've been together,
Fondly we recall
Days of fair and stormy weather,
Thou hast gladdened all.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Tender, fair and true
Dosta High with love unfailing,
We our vows renew.



Football State Champions Perfect Record 13-0-0

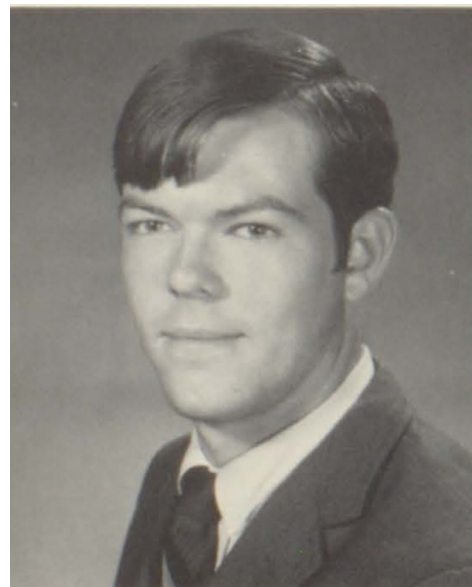
Only 12 Regular Season Points from Opponents
Bazemore's 13th State Championship

State Championship Years for our Class

Senior
1968-69
13-0-0

Sophomore
1966-67
11-1-0

Freshman
1965-66
11-1-0
(when housed at VJHS)

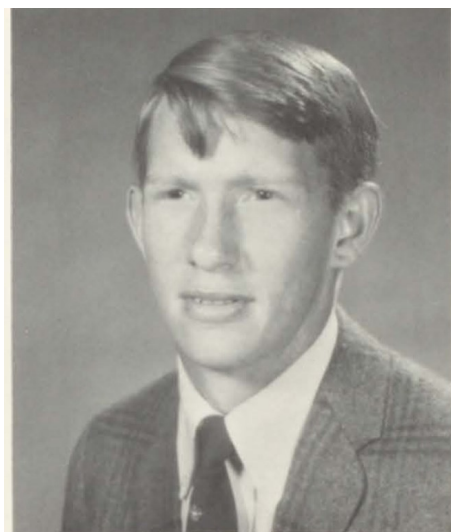


Above: David Varnedoe Fender, Jr. 2008
Obit online: VDT and South Boston, VA locals

Below: Frank Lee Deming 2002
Obit online: VDT and Albany, GA papers

Below: James Anton 'Jim' Lloyd 1993
No online obituary

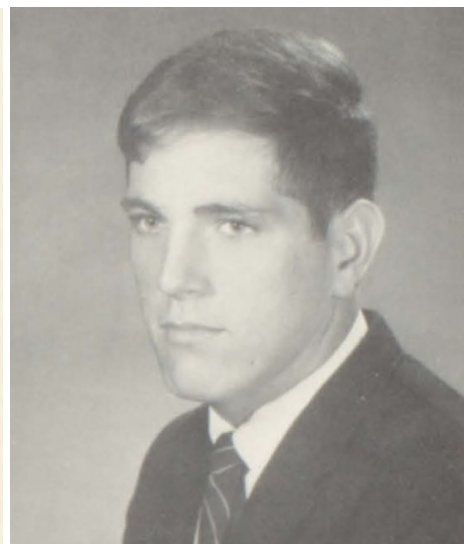
Below: Douglas William Murajda 2013
Obit online: VDT and Legacy.com, Sylvan, NC



Deming

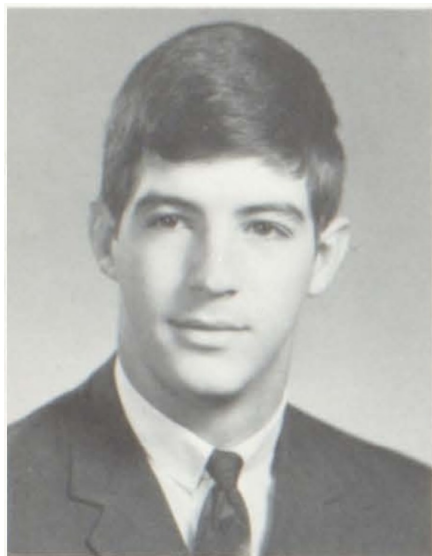


Lloyd



Murajda

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Don Golden 2005

Obit online:

VDT and Atlanta papers

His wife Debbie also died in the accident



Jerry Green 1968

No online obituary

A member of the Class of '68 but memorialized throughout 1969

Editor's Note: The *Valdosta Daily Times* is listed as VDT in the obituary notices. Also, some classmates have more obituary notices than space allowed for listing in this presentation.

Below: David Crockett and Richard Moore were members of the 1966-67 year State Championship football team as Sophomores.

The Ice Bowl Became an Ice Palace for the Valdosta Wildcats

Sammy Glassman VDT Sports Editor

"There was now just one more to go, the state championship battle against the undefeated Forest Park Panthers in Atlanta, the site picked by the Georgia High School Association. [Grant Field at Georgia Tech]

The bottom dropped out of the weather. The temperature was down to 20 degrees. A 15 to 20 mile an hour wind whistled throughout the stadium. There were snow flurries.

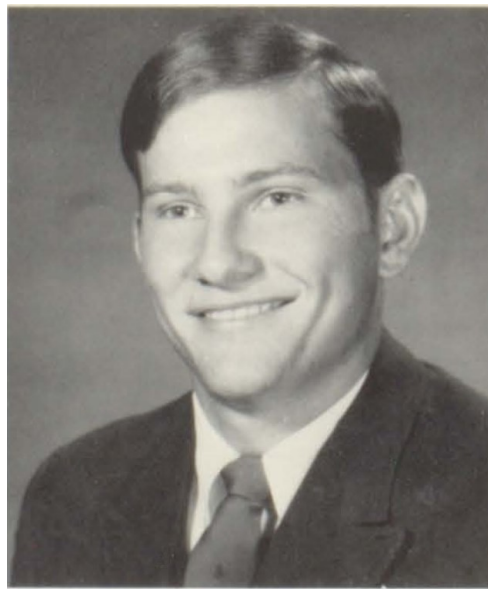
It was cold, so cold it hurt. But the Wildcats kept their football flame burning all the way to the frozen confines of Grant Field and gave Forest Park a 37-12 roasting.

Indeed the 'Cats of 1968 have earned a place for themselves among Valdosta's great championship teams of the past. It is select company, but they have proved their right to be there. They belong with the best."



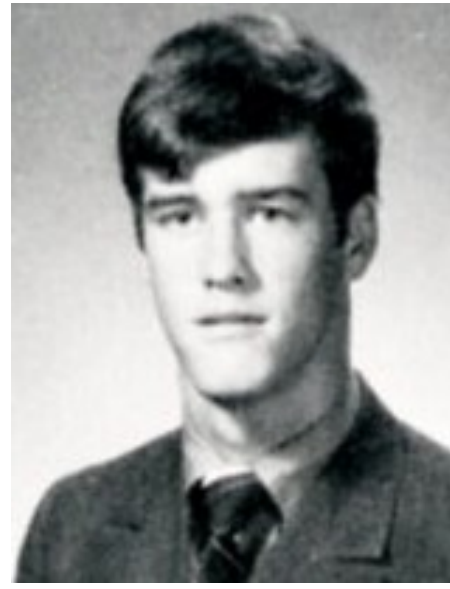
David Keen Crockett

No online obituary



Richard A. Moore 2012

Obit online: Augusta Chronicle, Posey Funeral Directors & VDT

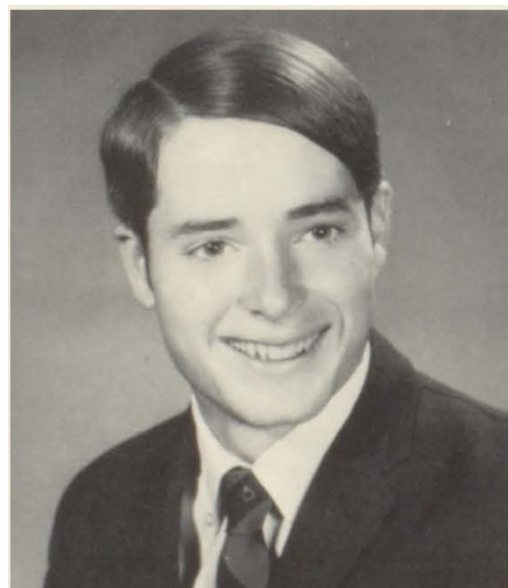


Aubrey Johnston 'John' Stump, Jr. 2006

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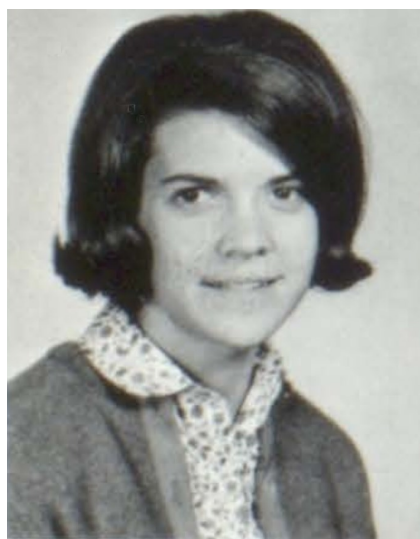
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Remembering them: the Greatest Band in Dixie Team Talented Musicians, Honor Guard, Flag Corps

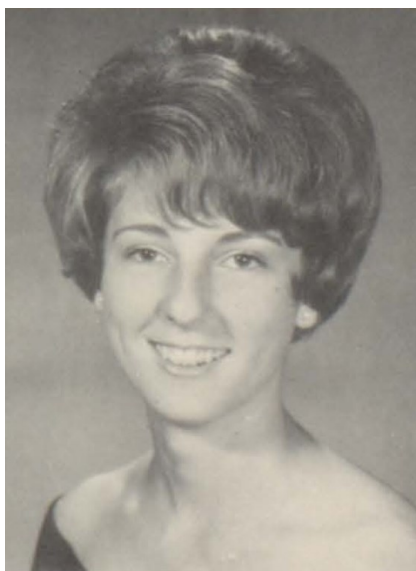


Richard Wyck 'Ricky' Keller 2003
Obituary online: Legacy.com

Riley Rutland reported that Ricky Keller had noticed instrument spinning in casual settings and brought it to the brass section to perfect. Riley feels the impressive visual effect of this spinning during their performance was a contributing plus for becoming The Greatest Band in Dixie for 1969. *At left:* The museum greatly thanks Barry Fuller, VHS'70 and a Historical Society member, for recently donating the Greatest Band jacket.



Patricia 'Pat' King Owen 2017
Obit online: mclanefuneralservices
Associated with the Class of '68 she graduated in '69. In '69 band unknown?

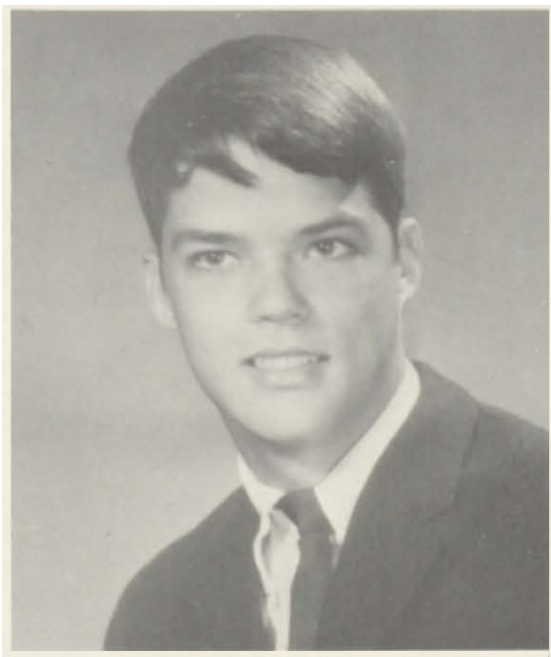


Denise Irby Baskin 1997
No online obituary



Frank Roger DeCeasar 2019
Obit online: VDT

Homecoming King and Homecoming Miss Flame



Jerry Bennett Dennis 2005
No online obituary



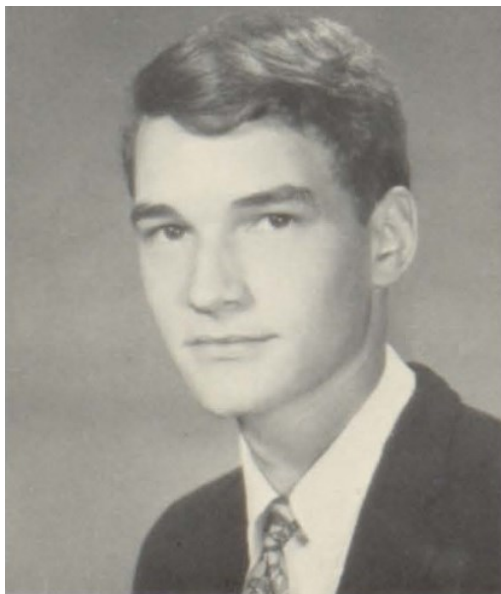
Deborah 'Debbie' Maddox Davis 2011
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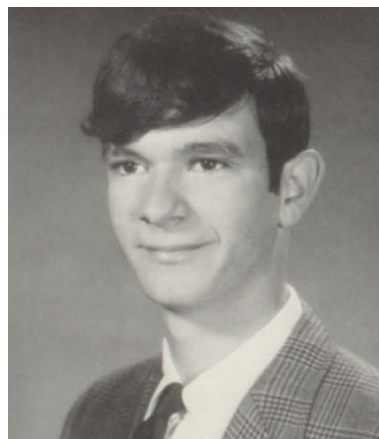
Jack L. Bennett 2013
Obit online:
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David Wallace Bulloch 2017
Obit online: VDT & Legacy.com
Central, SC



Anna Jean Ceasar 2003
Obit online: VDT



George Franklin 'Frank' Dallas
2009 Online obit:
mclanefuneralservices.com



Carol Gillespie Steen 2012
No online obituary

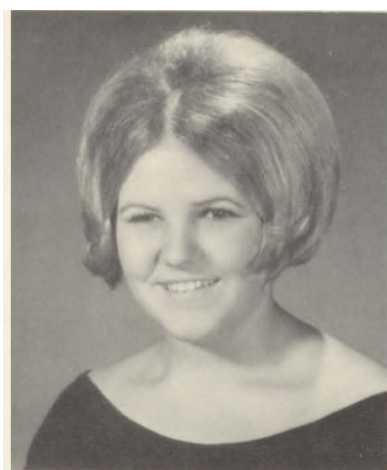


Phyllis Karlip Goddard 2010
Her brother wrote that her husband prepared no official obit. She died of complications from her treatments for cancer. Her husband, now also deceased, was Paul Goddard bassist of the Atlanta Rhythm Section.

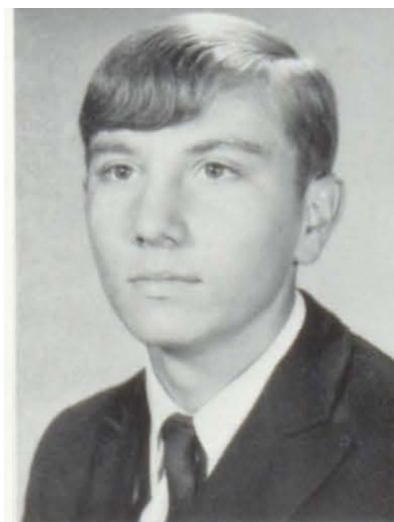
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Walter Ray Knighton 2012
Obit online: Legacy.com & VDT
St. Augustine, FL



Jan Phillips Castleberry 2014
Obit online:
mclanefuneralservices.com



Ricky Phillips
No online obituary.
He was probably the first death in our class.



Deborah 'Debbie' Rogers Sikes
2010 obit online:
mclanefuneralservices.com



Jill Townsend Wilkinson 2010
obit online: Mayer Mortuary,
Russellville, TN and VDT

Please Note:
Additions and corrections to this document will be gladly accepted and recorded, but it is not possible to make corrections before the 50th Year Reunion in April



Raymond Patrick 'Pat' Wells
2015 Obit online:
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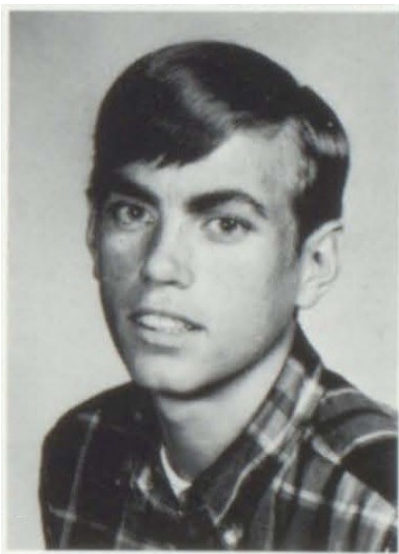
To the right, below and on the following page are VHS and VJHS classmates that did not graduate with our class from VHS.

Most all graduated, but from other schools. We wanted to include them in this Memorials presentation. Several on the next page graduated from Lowndes High. The 1968 and 1969 Valdosta and Lowndes yearbooks are on the Lowndes County Historical Museum website.

We especially thank the **several** in VHS Class of 1969 that are Contributing level members of the Lowndes County Historical Society. Your support is much needed and appreciated.



Laura Gaye Paramore Blanton
2013 Obit online:
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Ronnie Terry 2008
Obit online
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Caroline Little [Curry] 2014
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Graduated high school from Chatham Hall in Chatham, Virginia and resided in Colorado.

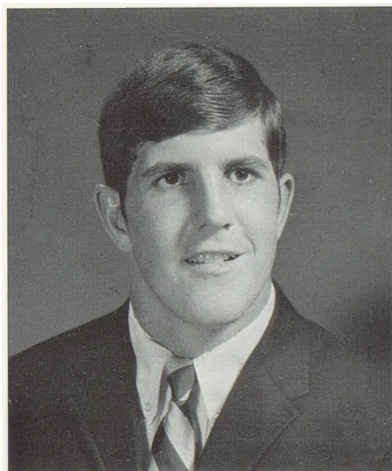


Walter J. Cousart 1991
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 Walter's family moved to Albany, he graduated from Dougherty High School. He returned attending VSC.

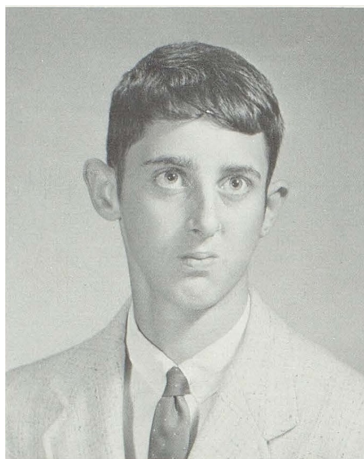


Above: Reflecting the Spirit of a town.

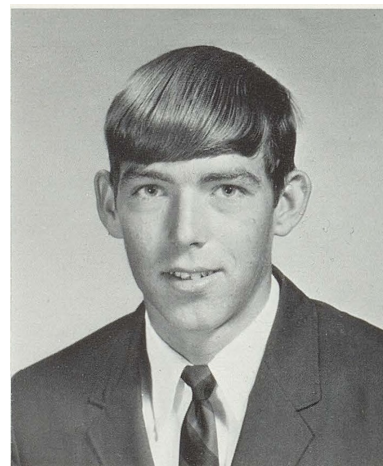
A bumper sticker showing Valdosta's slogan adopted in 1971 soon after our graduation.



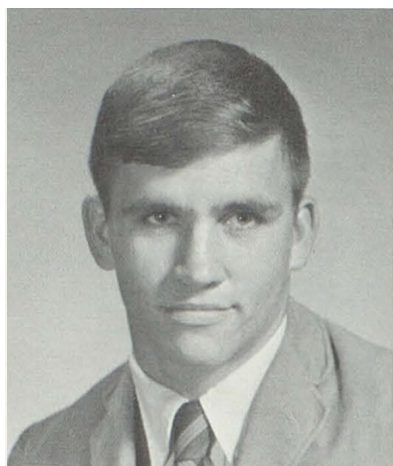
Dr. Gary Carter 2018
Obit online:
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Wm. Clay McKey 2010
Obit online: VDT



Joe Mack Giddens 2014
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Marshall Lee McLane, Sr. 2011
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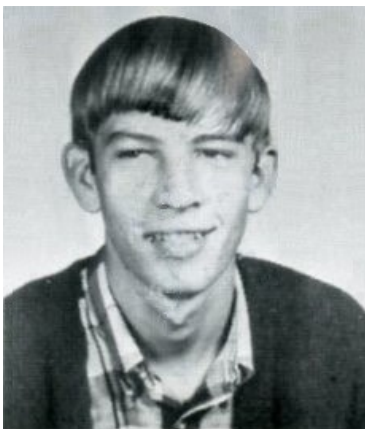
Wm. Harvey Hart, Jr. 2016
Obit online:
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Michael David LeFiles 2018
Obit online: VDT



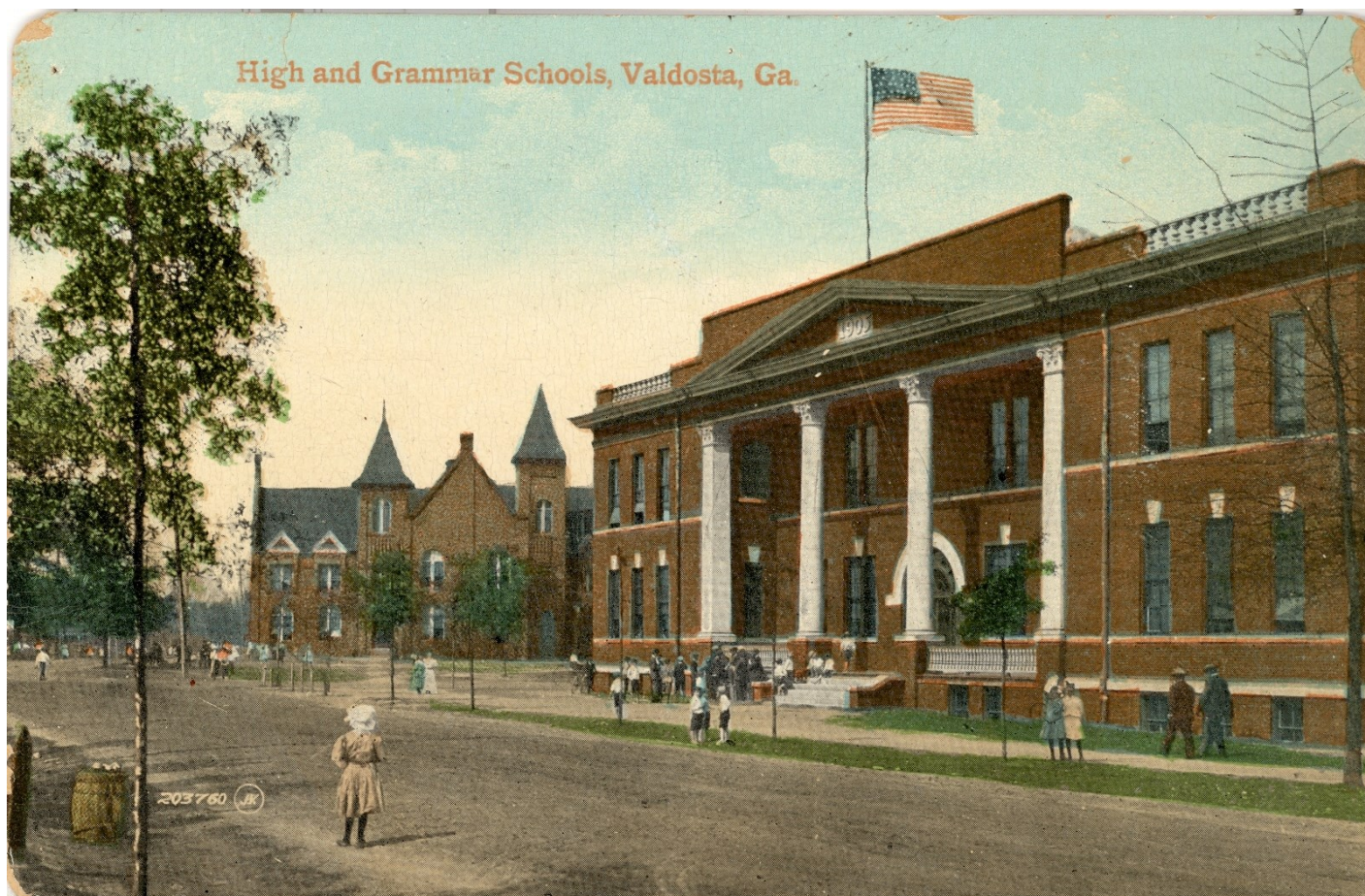
Steven Caldwell Mangum 2014
Obit online:
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Joseph W. 'Joe' Rowe 2007
Obit online:
mclanefuneralservices.com



Ricky Twiggs
No online obituary



The 1885 Valdosta Institute and the 1905 Valdosta High School.

When the Valdosta City School System was established in the 1890s the Institute was purchased and became a public school. The 1905 VHS will be remembered best by our class as Central Elementary, most having attended there in the 5th grade, 1961-62. The Institute grounds were our P.E. area and playground, the building deconstructed in 1958.



Is '*Rah Bicca Bah*' 100 ?

Three cheers and/or cheer stanzas stand out as VHS's best known over the decades. In 1955 "**V-I-C-T-O-R-Y**" the Fight Song, the newer "**I'm so Glad I Go to VHS,**" and the early Dr. Cleveland's "**Rah Bicca Bah.**"

We had no clue as to when Dr. A. G. Cleveland wrote his cheer until an opportune visit to Valdosta about 12 years ago. The vibrant 97 year old man had moved from Valdosta to Orlando in 1923 after attending the 8th grade at the 1922 Williams Street VHS the first year it opened. His story led us to figure the cheer was written in 1919 or 1920 soon after Dr. Cleveland arrived. The Class of 1949 lists it as "**Dr. Cleveland's Yell.**"

Rah bicca bah Bicca bing bang bow
Rip skiddy aye there Get there stay there

Rah Bicca Bah Bicca Bing Bang Buff
Dosta, Dosta You're the Stuff

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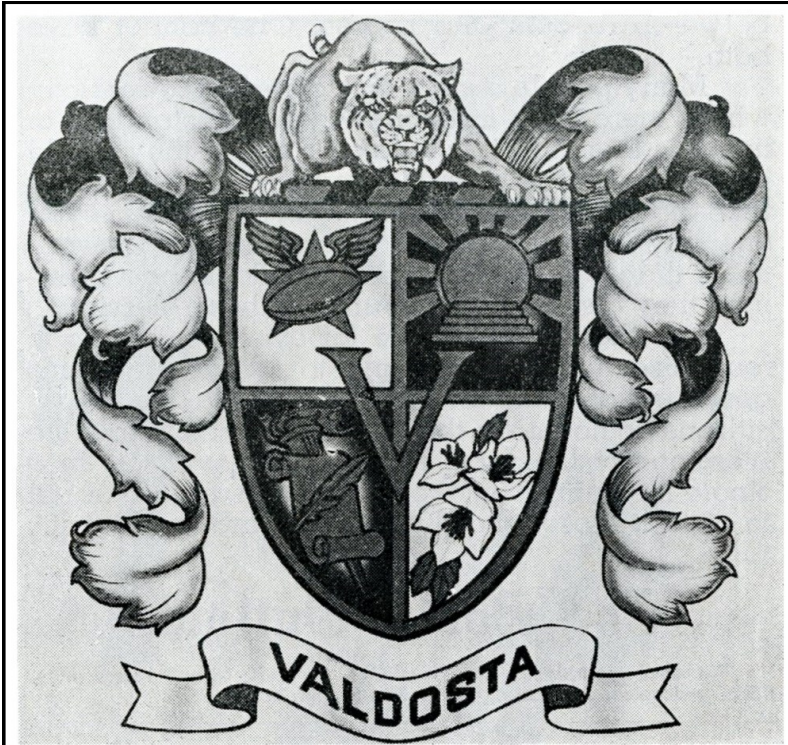
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Coat Of Arms Presented

Valdosta High School now has a complete coat-of-arms which was presented by the Senior Class in chapel on Friday, November 18, and was designed by a committee of VHS students and faculty. The shield which will be used as an official seal on such items as graduation invitations, contains symbols representing the aspects and goals of Valdosta High School.



Classes of 1967, '68 & '69 Seriously, Can you Solve the Coat of Arms Mystery?

Perhaps this is a call to arms over the Coat of Arms. The image at left is taken from the November 30, 1966 issue of the *Dosta Outlook*. Mrs. Marsha Quarterman was the Art teacher at VHS and VJHS that year.

We previously had Mary Young Smotherman Manning check this matter at the 50th Year Reunion of the Class of 1967 to see if any classmate assisted in this project. She got no 'yes' replies.

With this notice we try one last time for information. Perhaps Mrs. Quarterman drew the crest receiving an accepting nod of approval from some faculty and students. If you can remember being a on this committee please contact the museum. The artist(s) involved in this enduring symbol should be recognized.



Above: 1969 Rex Krewe Mardi Gras doubloon: theme **Genesis Through Gemini**. Man would walk on the moon in July 1969.