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NEW LONDON HIGH SCHOOL



40th Class Reunion

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40th REUNION ITINERARY



JUNE 15, 2024

- 11:00 am** Meet at NLHS Gym Entrance
Winning Season Football Clips
- 1:30 pm** On the Waterfront Luncheon
(seperate checks)
- 4:00 pm** Class Picture
Meet at the “NEW LONDON” sign
(near the old El ‘n Gee)
- 6:00 pm** Reunion Party Begins
Dinner, Dancing, Basket Raffle, & More
Ocean Beach Park

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Class of 1984 Scholarship

In honor of our 40th Reunion, the **NLHS Class of 1984 Scholarship** has been established in partnership with the New London Education Foundation a 501c3 non-profit organization.

This scholarship will provide financial assistance to a New London Resident who is also a graduating senior of New London High School. The deserving recipient (s) will have maintained a C average or higher and is planning to enter an accredited trade school, university, or college. This award will be given annually beginning 2025.

We are very happy to announce that our 40th Reunion has raised \$1,200.00 to begin funding this scholarship program.

Monies raised tonight from the Basket Raffle, Donation Table, and sale of t-shirts will go directly to the scholarship fund.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the NLHS Class of 1984 Scholarship to help a young New London Resident achieve their dreams please make your donation payable to: **New London Education Foundation**

After this evening donations may be sent to them:

**C/O Diane Turello Miller
25 Dimmock Rd., Waterford, CT 06385**

When sending your donation please note in the Memo Line that you are donating to the **NLHS Class of 1984 Scholarship**.

We intend to hold future events to benefit this scholarship. Notices of events will be posted in our Facebook Group. Look for them soon!

40th Reunion Classmate Attendees

Adi Martucci	Kevin Gmyr
Angel Vazquez	Kim Hunt
Angela Thomas	Laura Lawyea Johnson
Cara Walz Salegna	Lisa Darling Gorman
Carl Longo	Lisa Hodge Potter
Cathy Dimas Chester	Lynette Singleton
Charlene Scott-Shelton	Margo Adams
Charmian Hall Valente	Maria Cruz
Chris Vallas	Mary-Lou Raschello
Cynthia Lounsbury Whitney	Matthew Coburn
David Calkins	Mia Berube
Dawn Paige	Michelle Bolles-Vitale
Diane Turello-Miller	Milton Key
Donna Corbitt-Parrish	Najat Gharios Jeannotte
Dwayne Williams	Nilsa Rivera
Edelyn Bishop	Noah James
Evelyn Gonzalez Chapman	Noel Reyes
Fernando Sabbadini	Oliver Morel
Gilda Bunocore Puccio	Peter Mercuri
Gregory Hunter	Richard Askew
Howard Johnson	Richard Gray
James Burgis	Rick Miller
James Scott	Sandra Lorking
Jay Beatman	Sharmayne McQuay-Augmon
Jenene Gramolini	Shelly Ford
Jeremy Driscoll	Stuart Savin
John Lawyea	Suzanne Sahyoun Helou
John Potter	Theresa Estes
Juan Roman	Tonya Green
Karen Kiley- Steve Smith	Victoria Hodge
Kathleen Lewis	Wendy Camilucci
	Yvette Fair Newton

Classmates We've Lost Along the



Rocco Basilica

Cherilyn Bennett (Sullivan)

Fred Crawley

Richard "Ricky" Dixon

Merrill "Babe" Epps

Robyin Fountain

Charlie "Chase" Green

Tonya Ragland (Greene)

Frederick "Freddy" Green

Eddie Johnson

Cochetta "Chetta" Keyton

Michael Ladson

Denise "Wheezy" Marcelle (Cox)

John Rivers

Tommy Unger

Donna Woodstock

For NL graduates, it's time to move on

By Gerald Bishop
Day Staff Writer

NEW LONDON — Graduates of New London High School were told Thursday night of the importance of nurturing independence and self-determination as they leave the protected environment of their high school years.

"You have been fed, you have been clothed, you have been transported, you have been cared for by your parents or guardians and taught by teachers in various schools," Lorraine Basilica, chairwoman of the Board of Education, told 179 graduates. "Now you will be independent of those parents and those teachers. You will be paying rent, cooking your own meals, and pretty much faring on your own in the outside world."

"This will take a great deal of self-motivation. No longer will there be someone prodding you to fulfill your daily obligations to yourself," she added. "You will now have to find the motivation within you to be able to make appropriate decisions and seek out effective courses of action for yourselves."

Jay Rogers Beatman, the class speaker, picked up on the

theme of Mrs. Basilica's opening remarks.

"We will be striking out on our own without the benefits and restrictions of family life," said Beatman. "There are some among us who fear this coming freedom. There are those who embrace it as a salvation. I think that most of us fall somewhere in between. We are grateful to our parents and teachers for raising us, but it's time to move on."

Before the ceremony, there were many traditional graduation scenes. There were groups of two or three graduates posing for pictures while parents looked on in admiration. Some were looking into a glass trophy case on a wall, using the reflection to adjust their graduation caps. There was kissing and hugging and shaking of hands.

Flashing bulbs and cheers welcomed the graduates as they entered. The high school band played a vibrant melody, a tribute to the mood of the moment.

The following students were graduated:

Richard E. Askew, Robin Ballard, Michael C. Barlow, Sarena C. Barnhill, Rocco A. Basilica, Jay R. Beatman, Sharon A. Bellefleur, Demaris Beltran, Cheryl Bennett, Johanna Berrios, Michelle S. Bolles, Holly M. Booth, John

C. Boyd IV, Ivamary Bradham, Shaun Brooks, Patrick M. Brown, Timothy A. Bryant, Guida A. Buonocore, James L. Burgis, John M. Cabral, David E. Calkins, Wendy A. Camillucci, Andrew C. Chu, Edelyn Y. Cintron, Fred C. Cleveland, Matthew L. Coburn, Jack R. Cocharan and Stacey L. Colangelo.

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Also, Isabel A. Fromer, Francis P. Galley, Jr., Teresa M. Gaynor, Najat E. Gharos, Anna M. Gilliland, Kevin M. Gmyr, Evelyn Y. Gonzalez, Francis R. F. Goode, Travis A. Goode, Christina M. Goodell, Robert E. Goodson, Robert D. Gramolini, Richard Gray, Jr., Gil Green, Sharon L. Griffin, Steven M. Gruskin, Charmian V. Hall, Christopher W. Hanes, Thomas J. Hargreaves, Rosemarie Harper, William C. Haskins, Joseph F. Hensstead, John P. Heikkinen, Patti A. Hensstead, David J. Henry, Lisa M. Hodge, Tracy R. Holmes, Walter L. Holmes, and Kimberly A. Hunt.

Also, Gregory K. Hunter, Ann M. Hutchison, Victoria L. Ikens, Terry Jackson, Noah James III, Sammie L. Johnson, Jr., Praseth Kang, Thida Kang, Saul H. Katz, Milton K. Key, Co-chetta F. Keyton, Karen L. Kiely, Pam-

elia Konakowitz, Josephine G. Ladson, Michael A. Ladson, Corey N. LaPlace, Monique A. LaPlace, John Lawvea, June A. Lee, Kathleen P. Lewis, Kristin M. Lewis, Peter J. Linder, Carl E. Longo, Lydia Lopez, Sandra Lorking, Todd M. Lynch, Joseph L. McIntear, Shar-mayne McQuay and Douglas J. MacVeigh.

Also, Christopher Maquet, Denise G. Marcille, Marco Lunca Mazzi, Evelyn Mercado, Peter Mercuri, Richard C. Merriam, Robert E. Meyer, Robert W. Miodini, Michael E. Muscarello, Thuy T. Nguyen, Mia E. Nocery, Nancy Ojeda, Sonja A. Padua, Michael F. Paul, Christine M. Perry, Susan M. Pickering, Mary L. Polen, Kenneth M. Porter, John L. Potter, Adriana Raschello, Catherine Reyes, Noel Reyes, Lisette Rivera, Tonya L. Rollins, Juan R. Roman, Jehu D. Rookard, Gary M. Root and Shelly D. Royster.

Also, John D. Rubino, Jr., Lisa D. Ruffin, Fernando R. Sabbadini, Margo Sacks, Suzanne Sahyoun, Daniel R. Salsburg, Todd E. Samul, Angie J. Sargent, Stuart J. Savin, Matthew J. Scarpa, Charlene L. Scott, James L. Scott, Richard A. Seaton, Susan D. Silverman, David Smith, Maria L. Smith, Joseph A. Spinnato, Sherry Sullivan, Christine P. Synodi, Caryn M. Tate, Angela M. Thompson, Andrea R. Thorne, Shana M. Tortoreaga, Jose F. Turley, Diane M. Turello, Sheila L. Turley, Thomas C. Unger and Christopher J. Vallas, Jr.

Also, Angel M. Vazquez, Jr., Adi Velasquez, Daniel A. Venditto, Gordon P. Videll, Cara L. Walz, Carolyn M. White, Dwayne E. Williams, Sheila A. Williams, Donna L. Woodstock and Christopher D. Wright.



Lorraine Basilica confers diploma to her son, Rocco

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Commencement Exercises

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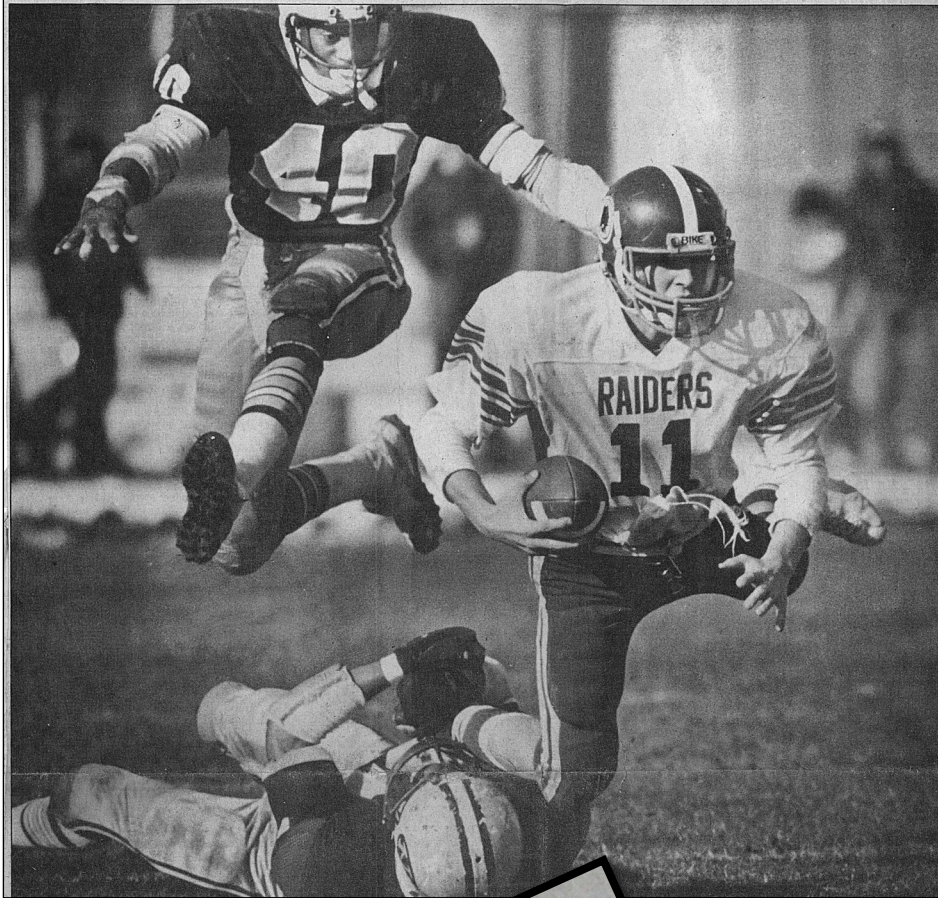
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New London Downs Torrington, 24-0, in M Final



Tough Defense Keys Shutout For Whalers

By ROY HASTY
Courant Staff Writer

STORRS — Going into the Class M state championship football game, Torrington felt it could move the ball against New London.

The Red Raiders had the statistics — 333 points in 10 games — and a different offensive look — the option — to back up that confidence.

But throughout the game, Torrington learned something that New London's 10 previous opponents already knew — the Whalers have one tough defense.

CLASS M

As it had all year long, the defense keyed New London's 24-0 victory over Torrington Saturday afternoon at the University of Connecticut's Memorial Stadium.

"They had to take away our option, and they did," Torrington Coach Bruce Kasenetz said. "We felt we could get the option going, but we just couldn't get untracked. Their defense deserves a lot of credit. They're one of the best, if not the best team we've faced."

By using the option, Kasenetz felt the Red Raiders would take advantage of the Whalers' aggressiveness on defense and negate their size advantage.

Although New London had little experience against an option offense, the Whalers dissected it like seasoned veterans.

"The tackle took the dive, the ends held and the linebackers guarded the pitch," said defensive tackle Rocco Basilica in explaining the New London strategy. "Coach (Jim Buonocore) told us not to overrun the play and to hold our positions."

The Whalers' defense shut down Torrington right from the start and New London (11-0) jump out to an early 10-0 lead.

After Torrington was stopped in three plays after the opening kickoff, New London took over at the Red Raiders' 43-yard line.

A five-yard gain by Paul Haw...





Bulletin photos by Randy Flaum

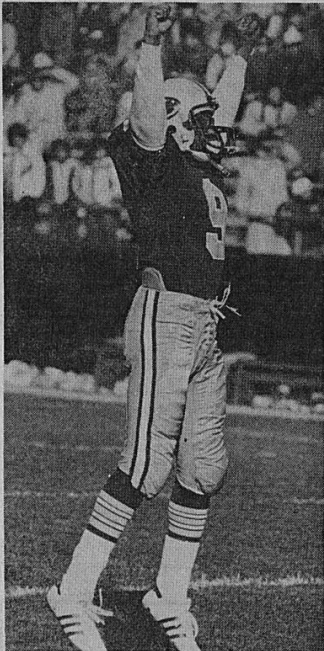
Legs belonging to the New London High School cheerleaders were insulated with legwarmers yesterday to help them survive frigid weather.

New London is football champ

By BILL TOSCANO

Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS — Tim Bryant stood on the steps leading to the locker room and raised his arms in the direction of Memorial Stadium.



New London High School senior placekicker John Potter jumps for joy after seeing his 43-yard field goal attempt clear the un-

"There's nothing like this," said Bryant, a senior defensive lineman on New London High's football team. "There's nothing in the world like being state champions."

Bryant, a nose guard, and his teammates won the school's first state football championship yesterday, beating Torrington, 24-0, for the Class "M" title before a crowd of 2,063 on the campus of the University of Connecticut.

Until yesterday, Torrington's high-powered offense had averaged nearly 300 yards rushing per game with its option-style attack. New London, 11-0, held the Red Raiders to 82 yards rushing in recording its sixth shutout of the season.

"They shut us down. They did what they had to and they did a good job," said Torrington coach Bruce Kasenetz, whose team had averaged 33 points per game until being shut out by New London.

New London became the fourth eastern Connecticut school to win a state championship in the eight years of Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference playoffs. The others were Fitch of Groton, St. Bernard and Killingly.

In finishing New London's first unbeaten season since 1968, the Whalers set a school record with 11 victories.

New London took control of the

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first quarter. The Whalers, who outscored their opponents, 259-33, for the year, added one touchdown each in the third and fourth quarters.

New London's John Potter started the scoring with a 43-yard field goal with 3:38 gone in the game. Three and one-half minutes later, quarterback Dan Venditto, who nearly slipped in the backfield, lofted a pass toward Merrill Epps.

Torrington's John Maraia tipped the ball, but Epps managed to catch it and ran into the end zone. Potter's extra point made it 10-0.

Torrington seemed ready to score in the second quarter when quarterback Mark Puree hit Keith Bienkowski with a pass.

At the one-yard line, though, Bienkowski was caught by New London's Dwayn Williams and hit hard by Epps and James Scott. The ball popped loose into the end zone and New London's John Rubino recovered, giving the Whalers a touchback and the ball at the 20, their lead intact.

New London's other touchdowns came on a 15-yard run by David Smalls and a 34-yard pass from Venditto to tight end Jack Coch-

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In 1984 we took that path across the stage with such great pride! Fear and uncertainty of what the future had installed for us. That planning for "someday" quietly and without notice became 40 years later! As we come together to celebrate our past, present and future we will forever be bonded by our Whaler Pride!

Let's celebrate like it was 1984, let's continue to work towards leaving our legacy for our children of tomorrow by ensuring that our NLHS Class of 1984 Scholarship awards a native NLHS graduate each year! Stay happy, healthy and connected!

With warm wishes, Dr. M. Waleska "Wally" Cruz



What New London High School Means to Me.

SUCCESS

Success that is founded in the daily life lessons I learned at NLHS. Successes that are with me to this day.

Which teachers do I credit with this lifelong learning and the success?

My Shop teachers.

Thank you to all my former Industrial Arts ("Shop") teachers, you ROCK!

Career and Technical Education was, and is, the way to go.

Back when we were in school it was called vo-tech and shop classes, today it is Career and Technical Education. Well, it is now as it was then, one of the best pathways forward for so much fantastic future success.

Mr. Buchholz Thank you!

I can build my own shed out of lumber. I can frame my own home.

Mr. Carboni Thank you!

I can weld, I can machine, I can fabricate, and I can cast metal.

Mr. Joyce Thank you!

I can read blueprints, build a retail space infrastructure from mechanical drawings, and I can read a site plan.

Mr. Matthews. Thank you!

My ENTIRE career came about because of the foundational automotive skills you imparted in me.

Mr. Wilson Thank you!

To this day I can hone a wood plane to a razor edge, I can repair my own equipment.

I know my life would not be what it is today without each and every one of my shop teachers!

With my deepest gratitude

Stuart J. Savin



To New London High School, thank you for turning us into the adults we are today.

A special thanks to Don Macrino for making such a difference in our lives. He taught us what it is to be a patriot, an independent thinker and how to be a positive influence to the next generation.

We are forever thankful to all who have touched our lives in such a meaningful way!

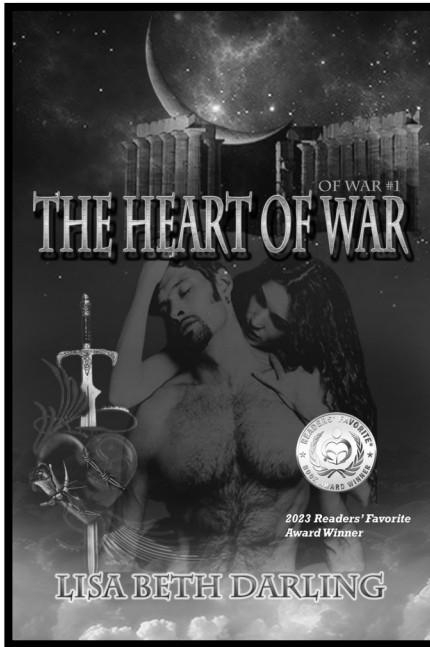
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Robert and Jenene Gramolini







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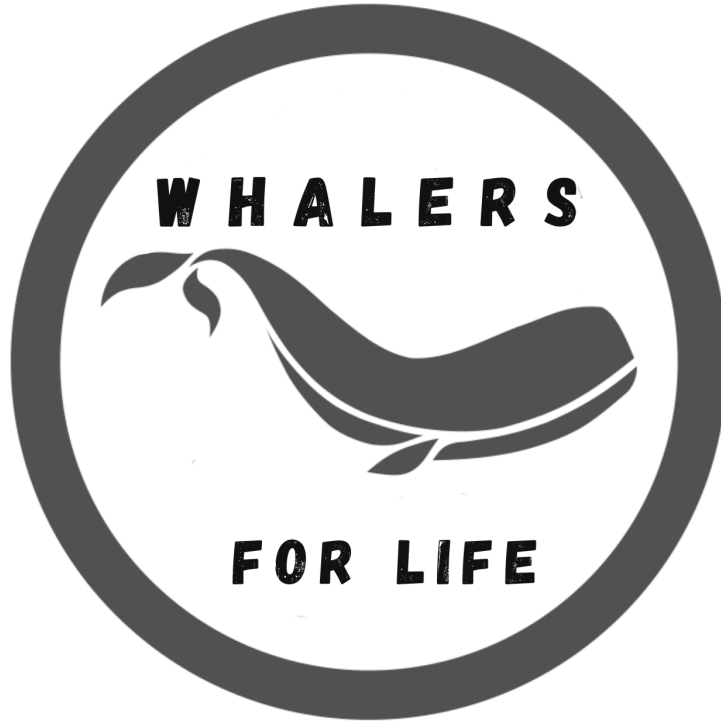
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