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North Penn Alumni Athletic Association

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First edition is one of many in years to come

Welcome to the first edition of Knight Times. This newsletter will keep all of our members informed of the operations, activities and current events of our organization.

and photos. Each issue of Knight Times will be improved as we progress.

Additional information will be released to as many multi media sources as possible and hopefully our own website in the future. We hope you enjoy Knight Times and will pass it on to prospective members.

We welcome your comments, suggestions, and your contributions of articles

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NPHS alum donates sign for stadium honoring Coach Crawford

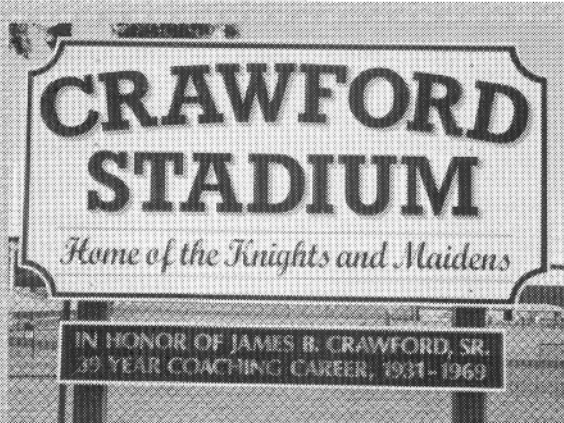
Art Wurster, former North Penn High School student and track and field athlete under the guidance of James B. Crawford, for whom the stadium at NPHS is named, recently designed and donated the sign placed on Sumneytown Pike.

In recognition of Crawford's tremendous legacy, not only at NPSD but throughout the entire area, Wurster began working towards the placement of the sign, as a fitting tribute to the late Crawford's memory. Crawford coached Wurster for three years as well as teaching him while he was a student at NPHS, but their relationship became a close friendship over the years.

Wurster remembers Crawford, whom he believes to be a sports legend in the area, as a man who was there for him when he needed him most. "I lost my father at the age of 14, and I looked to Jim Crawford as a father figure during

the high school years when I really needed someone," Wurster said. Later on in life, Wurster founded the North Penn-Souderton Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 and Crawford was not only his first inductee, but also served on the board of directors as an advisor.

In addition to creating a tribute, Wurster sought the approval of Crawford's wife and son before moving forward with the plan for the sign, and hopes that perhaps with all the new people moving to the area, the sign may generate some interest in whom this man was. "I didn't do it just for myself, but for all his former athletes and everyone he knew and worked with over the years," Wurster said.



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Beginnings of NPAAA revealed

The concept of the North Penn Alumni Athletic Association (NPAAA) was conceived by Founder Art Wurster (NP 1962), during the summer of 2000. Wurster also was the founder of the North Penn-Souderton Area Sports Hall of Fame in August of 1990, serving as its first president for five years and a director until 2000. In addition to induction banquets, he wanted to incorporate members' social events and community events. Due to a lack of interest by a majority of directors, his ideas never came to fruition.

Alas! The NPAAA was born. It seems no one he asked had ever heard of a Hiizh School Alumni Athletic Association, but they were all interested in membership in one for North Penn.

So the call went out and monthly meetings have been held since August. Officers and committee chairmen were announced at the February 14th meeting and bylaws were written. A press conference was held in December and membership forms have been distributed since January.

Membership is open to all adults. The former Hatfield, Lansdale and North Wales high schools which consolidated to form the North Penn High School in

the fall of 1955 are included. To date, our oldest members are from the North Wales class of 1928 and our youngest from the North Penn class of 1998.

We hope to base our association on awarding scholarships to North Penn athletes and supporting North Penn sports and facilities, in many ways. Currently, we are independent and nonprofit and will meet with high school representatives in the future regarding affiliation possibilities.

Be a star

Volunteer for one of the following positions available and get involved:

Accountant

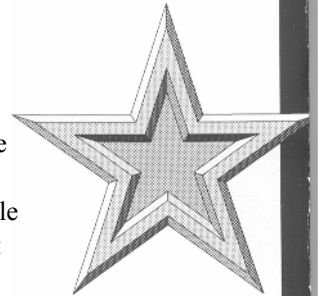
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Alumni Hockey Maidens Defeat Varsity

August 15, 2000 Towamencin - The Alumni played the North Penn Varsity Field Hockey team coming out on top 3 to 1.

Several alumni were kind enough to pose for our first newsletter photo. Left to right sitting: Megan Sinz 1999 and Amanda Spalding 2000. Kneeling: Sarah Duccilli 1999, Jami Wilus 1998 and Kristin Sommar 1996. Standing: Laura Sampson 2000, Katie Sommar 1999 and Leslie Moeggenberg 2000.