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## Northern High School Alumni

# Where Are They Now?



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Carole Knisely

"It was a dark and stormy night..." as I headed to Ms. Carole Knisely's home for an interview at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Fighting more rain, headlight blindness, and lightning flashes while trying to locate her home in an unfamiliar suburban development, I, finally, reached my destination. Whew, made it!

Carole had a busy day and arrived home only a short time before I did. She greeted me with a huge smile and a warm hug and welcomed me inside. Was this professional lady the same petite freshman who I remembered carrying a baritone that was, in fact, bigger than she was when I was a senior at NHS? Could this be the student that Mr. Fyler, our band director, affectionately called, "The baritone with legs?" Yes, it was her!

Carole lead me into the kitchen and waited for my raincoat. After taking two Diet Cokes from my coat pockets, I turned and saw where the interview would take place - at the kitchen table. There were cookies, crackers and cheese, a glass of cold water, and the 1973 NHS yearbook artistically arranged awaiting our conversation. As we settled in, I saw Carole briefly glance at what looked like a page of handwritten notes, and then she began, "I was very blessed with a fabulous family. I have two brothers, Gary and Tim. They are great brothers. They were very protective of me growing up, and my parents were very loving. Dad was a self-employed local farmer in the area, and Mom was a war-bride from Antwerp, Belgium."

Carole added, "Actually, they met in Wales. He worked with medical supplies, and she did volunteer work for an American Army hospital." Their lives would never be the same. They fell in love, married and moved to the United States. "Half of my family tree is in Belgium," she said.

"We had a small farm, Carole added, "Dad did all the gardening and mom sewed all of our clothes. I have fond memories of coming into the house and hearing that sewing machine all the time, and the stereo was always playing "big band" music because my dad played the clarinet and loved that music."

I asked her about elementary school, and Carole began, "I loved school. Florence Wright was my first grade teacher. When I was going into third grade my parents had saved enough money to go to Belgium to visit my relatives. That was a wonderful experience. I've always felt that I was from two countries," she said smiling. That trip to Europe was cemented into Carole's memory. She would grow up to become an independent lady with a love for traveling.

Shifting her thoughts from family to school was easy. "I was the kid in third grade who had a pony. I cut out pictures and put them all over my room to give dad

a hint, but it wasn't a hard decision for him because he loved horses, too. My pony's name was Chutney."

"I, also, remember having wonderful music teachers. At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Margaret Cromer was the choir director, and I started accompanying my elementary music teacher Mrs. McClean in fourth grade. I knew when I was 4 or 5 that I loved playing the piano. My mother told me I had taken after her mother."

Unfortunately, Carole never got to know her grandmother. Her grandparents decid-

ed that when grandpa retired, they were going to move to the United States. They even had a house built for them, but two weeks before they were to come to America, tragically, her grandmother died. Eventually, her grandfather made it to America. "He came over in 1965 and lived until he was 97," Carole paused, "It would have been great if my grandmother could have heard me play the piano. My mother still reminds me there is a legacy in my family regarding the love for the piano."

"Mr. Myers was my 6th grade teacher,"

She remembers that, "he wanted our move to the Junior high school to be a smooth and comfortable transition. He would say, 'They will teach you the same things but just use new words,' she said.

Carole kept on going, "In junior high, I remember good friends, school dances, and giggling a lot. I wasn't into sports. I was into music, but I remember in 9th grade I joined the Forensic team. Mrs. Kistler told us, 'Come to auditions with something you are passionate about, and she warned us, 'I'll be able to tell,' she said. Well, we were socializing more than looking for audition pieces. When it was my turn to audition, I only got through about 10 words, and then I hear, in Judy's unmistakable voice, 'OK, Knisely, that's it. Get out of here! Come back tomorrow with something you're passionate about.' I found a Marshall McLuhan piece, and the next day auditions went much better. Judy Kistler was a wonderful Forensics coach. I competed in Poetry and I absolutely loved it."

Carole participated in district band and regional chorus, but her highlight occurred when she was accepted into what was called the "School Band of America" when she was 15. She got to go to Europe for a month with student musicians from all over the U.S. Her parents were supportive and treated her to her first Broadway show before leaving for London. There were approximately 100 high school students (divided into a small choir and a small concert band) and a handful of parents that went along as chaperones.

The days would be exhausting. "We'd be in a bus for nine hours and then do a concert. We were in London for three days,

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### Up Close and Personal

#### Carole Knisely Class of '73



1. What was your first job? Slicing bologna in my dad's meat shop.
2. What's the best advice you ever received? Respect is always the bottom line in relationships.
3. What TV shows did you watch as a kid? Andy of Mayberry and I Love Lucy. I still watch them.
4. Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions? Publish original music, Spend my winters in Arizona, Win the Lottery and help a lot of people.
5. What is your idea of relaxation? Reading an autobiography.
6. What is your comfort food? Potato Chips - Martin's potato chips.
7. What frustrates you? Computers and the demand of technology.
8. What magazines do you subscribe to? The Week.
9. What is something people might be surprised to know? I went parasailing, and I went camel-back riding in northern Africa.
10. What's always in your refrigerator? Apples.
11. Name 3 adjectives to describe you: Positive, Enthusiastic, and Appreciative.
12. A quote to live by? Live in Gratitude.
13. Pet Peeves? I have two. People who throw cigarette butts out of cars and blue jeans. When I go on the college campus everybody is wearing blue jeans. It looks like a concentration camp. I think it takes away the students individuality. I don't have a pair of blue jeans anymore. I want more color!
14. Define success: Life's not really about finding yourself; it's about creating life for yourself. Life is a process of creation. Whatever opportunities present themselves, embrace them.
15. What gives you personal satisfaction? Making opportunities for others.



## NORTHERN FOOTBALL

# Bears face test against Bulldogs

Joe Guty  
Staff Reporter/Dillsburg Banner

After falling to Greencastle Antrim last weekend, the Northern H.S.

football squad faces a rejuvenated Big Spring team in Neville this Friday. The Polar Bears dropped to 4-4 and 3-2 in the Colonial Division at Bostic Field last

Friday after Greencastle pwnated to their fifth straight league win and a 42-7 victory.

This week, host Big Spring has some momentum

from their 35-0 shutout over James Buchanan. Northern, meanwhile, is motivated to get another league win.

"We will work hard this week to have a better effort at Big Spring," said head coach Rick Mauck on Monday. "Big Spring is now on a three game winning streak and playing good ball. Running back William Wiser runs it 20-30 times a game in their option attack. We must play good assignment defense and take care of the football when we have it."

The Blue Devils were paced by all-purpose back Denton Cordell who accounted for the three, first-quarter touchdowns. Cordell caught a 21 yard pass from Grant Murray at 9:52. After a fumble recovery, a three-play drive resulted in a five yard touchdown run by Cordell at 9:05. Later in the quarter, his team, capitalized on another fumble recovery; the senior hauled in a 43-yard TD pass from Murray.

Denver Cordell (Denton's twin brother) also got into the

act with a one yard touchdown run at 3:15 of the second quarter. After a nice kickoff return run by Richard Settle, Northern scored on a quick three-play drive with quarterback Alex Dale finding Travis Saylor for a 39-yard touchdown pass. On a place hold by John Gamber, Zaac Thomas nailed the extra point.

On a halfback option pass late in the quarter, Denver Cordell launched a 44-yard strike to Gabe Fridgen to make it 35-7 at the half. In the third quarter, the opportunistic Blue Devils added their sixth touchdown as Denver recovered a fumble and rambled 57 yards for the score.

Greencastle dominated on the ground with 303 yards against Northern's 43. The Bears had an edge in the air with 114 yards to the Blue Devils' 110. A total of five turnovers by Northern -- four recovered by Greencastle -- was one stat that hurt the Dillsburg gridders. Alex Dale was 6-for-11 for 114 yards

and one interception. Travis Saylor caught three passes for 61 yards and the lone touchdown. Anthony Salomone had three catches for 53 yards. Kevin Lytle had 15 carries for 60 yards and Dom Salomone had eight carries for 23 yards.



Dominic Salomone carries the ball in the Polar Bear's 7-42 loss Friday against the Blue Devils.



Richard Settle tackles a Blue Devil

**NORTHERN VOLLEYBALL**



**Northern Volleyball Seniors and their parents at Senior Night. Mikayla Warner, Kelly Strangfeld, Kelsey Myers, Kasey Stahl, Leah Ilgenfritz, Karley Ice and Bethany Brenneman.**

*Photos by Curt Werner/Dillsburg Banner*

# Rollers dropped by Lady Bears

**Joe Guty**  
*Staff Reporter/Dillsburg Banner*

Last Thursday, 10/20, the Northern H.S. girls' varsity volleyball team defeated Steel High 3-0. Set scores were 25-3, 25-18, 25-19 as Leah Ilgenfritz paced Northern with seven kills, 11 assists and six aces.

Karley Ice had 10 kills and two aces. Delaney Roman had 10 kills and Bethany Brenneman added 11 assists.

The junior varsity team also claimed a win as they defeated the Lady Rollers 2-0. Set scores were: 25-13, 25-17 Ashley Stough had two kills and one assist; Shanon Ward had one kill and Kelly Strangfeld added six assists.

On 10/18, the Northern varsity squad fell to Palmyra 1-3. Set scores were: 25-22, 12-25, 21-25, 21-25.

Leah Ilgenfritz had 11 kills, five assists, three aces, and one solo block; Delaney Roman added five kills, three assists and six aces; Karley Ice posted five kills, three assists and one ace; Mikayla Warner had four kills and one ace and

Bethany Brenneman made 12 assists, and had three aces.

The JV lost to the Lady Cougars 1-2. Set scores were: 22-25, 25-8, 12-15. Delaney Roman had three kills and six aces; Shanon Ward added five kills and four aces; Jenny Halterman had two kills and one ace; Ashley Stough added four assists and Kelly Strangfeld had two assists.

The Lady Bears finished the season with a 5-12 overall record and 5-11 Mid Penn Colonial Division mark. The JV team finished the year at 13-4.

**NORTHERN SOCCER**

# NHS Soccer wraps up season with home victory

*Submitted by the Northern Soccer Booster Club*

The Northern Polar Bears Soccer team concluded their 2011 season with two home games last week highlighted by a come-from-behind victory in their final game.

On Monday, 10/17, the Polar Bears hosted Big Spring. The Bulldogs scored a goal in the 1st half and added two more in the 2nd half, handing Northern a 3-0 defeat. Due to field constraints, there was no JV game Monday. The JV squad wrapped up their season with a 3-0 victory over Greenwood the following day, with goals from Alen Jumagaliyev, Austin Snyder, and Nate Curry and a shutout posted by GK Noah Richwine.

The varsity squad celebrated their season finale

versus Greenwood with a resounding 4-2 victory on Tuesday evening. Matt Printz, with an assist from Cam Hoffman, got the Polar Bears on the board first, scoring 10 minutes into the game.

However, Greenwood scored on a header with 14 minutes remaining in the half to knot the contest at 1, and then took a 2-1 lead with another goal three minutes before halftime. Northern rebounded in the 2nd half, as senior captain David Steele scored to tie the score with 26 minutes remaining in the contest. Josh Smeltzer earned the assist with a long pass to Steele off a free kick.

Then with 12 minutes left in the game, Cam Hoffman scored his team-leading 7th goal of the season (with an assist from Matt Printz) to give the Bears the lead. 6 minutes later, sophomore

Stephen Michaels scored his 1st varsity goal, following a rebound from Nathan Millary, to give the Polar Bears a 4-2 advantage. Northern's four goals scored were their most in a game this season.

Keeper Brendan Heasley had six saves for the Bears in their victory, giving him over 100 saves for the season. Matt Printz led the team in assists for the season with three (his four goals were 2nd on the team behind Cam Hoffman's seven goals). Northern finished with a 5-9-1 record for the season.

Good luck to the returning Polar Bears squad next year, and farewell and best of luck to seniors David Steele and Levi Hynson and senior exchange students Alen Jumagaliyev and Nghia Tran.

**NORTHERN TENNIS**

# Amsrud and Berry compete in Districts

Northern's Morgan Amsrud and Lauren Berry competed in the PIAA District III Girls Tennis Championships (Class AAA Doubles) held at the Hershey

Racquet Club last weekend. Amsrud and Berry faced the top seeded doubles team of Lauren Stauffer and Abby Belser of Manheim Township. Stauffer and

Belser prevailed 6-1, 6-0 and then, after three more matches, went on to capture the Doubles title.



**Morgan Amsrud**



*Photos by Curt Werner/Dillsburg Banner*  
**Lauren Berry**

# Where are they now

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then Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, France, Luxemburg, and Paris.

After we were back home safe, I asked my mom if she knew we were in a communist country. She just smiled.

"We were in Czechoslovakia which was a communist country, and I'll never forget how soldiers came on the bus with their guns. We had to take our instruments out, and they'd search the cases. We were told to protect our passports in Prague. If it got lost, we might be forced to stay there. I remember sleeping with mine. We were told the rooms were probably bugged so we shouldn't say anything against the country.

We did two concerts in churches with cobwebs

everywhere. There was a person who showed up who was a musician from NY. She had gone there to visit her sister and got stuck behind the gates. She tried to talk our band director into stowing her away to get her out, but he couldn't do that."

Carole recalled going back to her room and finding the maid going through her luggage. "She was trying to take a German tablecloth. I almost gave it to her because I felt sorry for her, but it was a gift for my mother and dad. She was stealing. The maid put it back." What an experience for the 15 year-old sophomore from Dillsburg. Her high school experiences were many and often quite memorable. So what came next? College, of course. But where?

Carole wrestled with her next academic decision. She explains, "I really didn't want to work in a public school's music department, but most of the college music programs focused on

music education. The undergraduate degrees were very limited back then. I really didn't want to pursue a classical performance degree, but I did know I wanted to focus on piano performance. I decided on the University of West Virginia. I played George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" my senior year in high school, so I decided to use that as my audition piece for college, and that's what got me in. I was officially an undergraduate piano performance major at UWV."

She believes that "I was really lucky to find UWV. The college offered master's and doctorate's and had a really strong theatre department, too. They hired me to do the musical direction at about \$300 per show, and that was great money for an undergrad. After graduation, I did summer stock for Penn State, but I decided not go straight into a master's program. I wanted to play commercial piano. I wanted to play cocktail piano."

Carole spent some time marketing her talent by going to theatres and hotels in the area and telling them "if you need a piano player, call me." Soon, the Hotel Hershey called. She was hired, and played the dining room for about 4 years. "I wore gowns every night. I felt really feminine. I loved it. I played from 7-10 pm every evening. Hotel Hershey had a different clientele. People from around the world came to Hershey. I played a lot of banquets and conventions."

She started working for an agency in Camp Hill. They would book her for wedding receptions, more hotels, and the like. What happened was it turned into her full-time job for about 12 years. To supplement her income, Carole started giving private lessons. Suddenly, she realized that she was self-employed, an entrepreneur, and had her own business. That was when she decided to get a business degree from Elizabethtown.

Carole realized that she could carve a nice little niche in the professional world. "When you can put three of your loves together like a tripod, you have a great start at becoming successful," she explained. She had an opportunity to teach at HACC, and she was still performing regularly, and she loved marketing her product. Then, Carole heard about a program called music business degrees, so she took a course at Millersville. "Why couldn't this program be done at HACC?" she thought. The business department was interested in her idea. It took about five years to develop the program course by course, and in doing so, she designed a new curriculum for the community college. "Designing and developing the curriculum is one of the accomplishments I'm most proud of," she declared.

After getting her Master's in music business education, Carole did a lot of marketing, and soon,

York College's Fred Schriener called her and said, "Let's talk about it." She was invited to the YCP campus and she was hired. That was 16 years. She was in charge of that minor for 12 years. It didn't take long for the new program to grow into a very popular major at the college. Just this past year, Knisely and the department implemented an internship where students in the program get placed in organizations like the Strand and a variety of production companies within the York community. The students get hands-on experience as an undergraduate working with the professionals.

Carole is thriving and loving life. What's next for her? She is working on an original musical, and she has a desire to start her own talent agency. Carole will continue to raise her bar of excellence. She knows that "nothing succeeds like success," and she never settles for less than her best!

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