1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

Robert "Bob" Gale

Class of 1969

Bob Gale enjoyed creative writing as early as fourth grade at Blackberry Lane Elementary School and developed an interest in filmmaking during his senior year at University City High School

when he wrote and directed the "Senior Movie." After an uninspired freshman year in Engineering School at Tulane, he transferred to the University of Southern California Film School in hopes of turning his new hobby of filmmaking into a career. He succeeded.



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Bob Gale's feature

film credits as a writer and producer include "I Wanna Hold Your Hand," "Used Cars," "Trespass," and, most notably, all three "Back to the Future" films. He was nominated for an Academy Award for the screenplay of "Back to the Future," whose script was inspired by Bob imagining what it would be like to attend high school with his father, Mark (Class of 1940). He also produced two seasons of the Emmy-Award winning "Back to the Future" Saturday morning show for CBS and wrote and directed an episode of HBO's "Tales from the Crypt."

He recently fulfilled a childhood ambition by writing several issues of "Batman" comic books, despite the fact that his high school English teachers told him that these publications were "trash." Gale is currently preparing to direct a new feature film in spring 2000 from his own original screenplay entitled "Interstate 60."