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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL'S 70th Birthday Party September 27, 1997

Dear Cleveland High School Alums, Former Teachers, and Friends,

You're invited to a party to celebrate the 70th birthday of Cleveland High School! It will take place from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 27 (no Husky game that day) at the high school.

1927 was a very eventful year. Charles Lindbergh made his historic solo flight across the Atlantic. Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs for the Yankees. And Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey in their famous "long count" rematch for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world.

More importantly - well, at least as important - on January 3, 1927, three teachers and about 70 students, led by Principal H. N. Gridley, walked up the hill from old Georgetown School, across the Lucille Street Bridge and into Seattle's newest high school.

Many of you were on hand for Cleveland's 50th birthday party. We figured 20 years was long enough between parties, since none of us is getting any younger and there are rumors the school might be closed one of these years.

Stroll the halls. Or enter a "talk room" (one of many first floor rooms designated by decade as a gathering place for alums). Thanks to the miracle of tags, you instantly will recall the names of former classmates and perhaps catch a glimpse of the boy or girl on whom you once had a heart-breaking crush.

At 4 p.m., we'll assemble in the auditorium to:

- Honor former teachers, coaches, championship sports teams and grads from the '20s and early '30s.
- Watch former cheerleaders defy time and arthritis as they lead us in yells.
- Reminisce as "old" classmates recite original verses and sing original songs. We'll close with everyone singing the Alma Mater (we'll publish it in the newsletter).

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The assembly will be followed at 5 p.m. by refreshments and a Sock Hop in the gymnasium, featuring music of the '30s, '40s and '50s by *The Kings of Swing*, a band founded at Cleveland in the 1940s and still going strong.

Two special events will precede the celebration:

- A trip to the Cleveland Memorial Forest, near Issaquah, where you can walk among towering evergreens and see the plaque honoring Cleveland's war dead. This is open to all who are interested. Buses will leave from Cleveland on Friday, September 26th. Further details will be included in the next newsletter. Co-chairs for the Memorial Forest trip are Don Clifford ('44, 564-6486) and Don Case ('48, 854-3431).
- A re-creation of the 1927 walk up the hill from Georgetown to Cleveland, about an hour before the birthday party starts. Open to everyone with the stamina. Further details will be included in the next newsletter. Chairman is Paul Barden ('54, 824-0411), whose father was student in the '27 walk.

The 70th anniversary celebration is being sponsored by the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. Celebration program co-chairs are **Don Duncan** ('43; 827-5145) and **Joel Rindal** ('49, 746-1871).

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALUMNI TO "GIVE BACK"

Nursing students from the Univ. of Washington with faculty, staff and students of Cleveland High School are developing a mentoring program for students at Cleveland. The focus is to build relationships that will serve as a medium in which to address future-oriented goals and concerns of CHS students. We hope these relationships will foster friendships and provide positive role models. CHS alumni with various backgrounds are invited to share their career and life experiences with today's students. Please contact Cheryl Ricketts at 783-2347 for more information on this opportunity to give back.

HONORED GUESTS

Three of the most illustrious sports names in Cleveland's 70 year history will be honored at the birthday party. Scheduled for an appearance are Mrs. John Cherberg and Mrs. Max Starceвич, whose late husbands coached Cleveland's 1937 championship football team. Al Hostak, who grew up in Georgetown and attended Cleveland before winning the middleweight boxing championship of the world in 1938 will also be attending.

BID FOR IMMORTALITY

William Shakespeare may have been dashing off a note to an old classmate when he was inspired to write *Hamlet*. Launch your bid for immortality by answering one or more of the following questions and sending the responses to the **CHS Alumni Association Committee** (preferably with your dues). The best will be published in a 70th anniversary edition of *The Cleveland Journal* or read at the assembly. In 50 words or less:

- What advise would you give today's grads?
- What high school class or extracurricular activity proved most valuable in your life?
- What was your proudest (or most embarrassing) high school experience?
- Who was your favorite faculty member, and why?
- Do you think grades are inflated today compared with your years at Cleveland?
 - * Yes, a lot
 - * About the same
 - * No, our grading was easier

If preferred, your responses can be submitted anonymously.

CLASS OF '47 PLANNING THEIR 50TH

The class of 1947 is planning their 50th reunion for Friday, Sept. 26th. Contact Pat Collucio at 852-4229 for details.

ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER

Plans are underway for the annual Multi-Cultural dinner, tentatively set for May 16. Please contact Mary Lee Webbeking at CHS for details.

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1997 DUES, DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

The birthday party is free, but to help with costs (including two newsletters to nearly 6,000 alums and former teachers), we ask that you join the Alumni Association. Dues are \$5 a year.

Make checks payable to:

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YES! I WANT TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

___ PAYMENT OF 1997 MEMBERSHIP DUES AT \$5 EACH \$ _____

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___ DONATION TOWARD 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION \$ _____

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION/ATTENDANCE _____ PHONE NO. _____

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MISSING EAGLES -

The alumni mailing list is light on information for the classes of 52, 53, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 70, 72, 76, 77, 83, 84 & 86 -95.

Please send any information on the whereabouts of alums from these classes, and any other corrections, changes, additions for the data bank to the Alum Assoc. Sec. Joann Victor Smith. The list is now over 5500 and our goal is 7000 for this summers mailing on the 70th Birthday.

GIVE US A HAND AT THE PARTY!

Volunteers are needed! Please check the boxes that apply to you and return to CHS Alumni Association:

- Yes, I'm a former yell or cheerleader willing to help lead yells at the assembly.
- Yes, I played on one of Cleveland's championship sports team, or was an All-City, Metro or State champion in an individual sport. (identify sport and year)
- Yes, I'd like to contribute a nostalgia-flavored poem, musical number or skit for the assembly. Contact Don Duncan (827-5145).
- I understand you're looking for additional graduates of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s to help host "talk rooms" and to bring memorabilia items for those decades. Contact Mary Lou Boyden Griffin ('46, 722-7939).

CLEVELAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
 A non-profit organization founded for the purpose of, but not limited to, the support of the Cleveland Memorial Forest, commonly located on the SE Issaquah-Fall City Road in King County, Washington. In 1944 the students of Cleveland High School contributed the entire purchase price of the forest in memory of those Cleveland students who gave their lives in support of the United States during World War II. Further, the purpose of the Association is to maintain the spirit of friendliness and fellowship that characterizes the high school years. When requested, the Association shall endeavor to assist the staff of Cleveland High School as appropriate. Any individual who has attended Grover Cleveland Junior or Senior High School is entitled to be a member of the Alumni Association.
 Designated as the principle project for the Association in 1997 is conducting the Cleveland High School 70th birthday celebration.

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DUWAMISH DIARY PROJECT
 Response to the feature article in *The Seattle Times* about the CHS Duwamish Diary Project was "wonderful", according to Georgia Kumor, CHS librarian. Sales of the 2nd edition of *The Duwamish Diary* has picked up since the article appeared and has even been listed in *The Seattle Times*' "Northwest Bookshelf". To date, 300 books have been sold. A number of people called or wrote wanting to share information or support in other ways.
 To order your copy of *The Duwamish Diary*, please send your check to **The Duwamish Diary**, 551 S. Concord, Seattle, WA 98108. The cost of the book is \$15.00, which includes tax, shipping and handling. Proceeds in excess of costs will go to the Cleveland Library fund.

Class of '65 Reunion Weekend
 The Class of '65 is looking for former classmates for a July 25, 26, 27 th reunion.
 Call Mike Rutter at 206 838 3443

NISQUALLY LEAGUE FOR CHS FOOTBALL
 The Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association has added a sixth classification in an effort to create more parity among the state's high schools. This new alignment, based solely on enrollment, gave Cleveland the option to play in the 2-A Nisqually League.
 After careful consideration of various arguments, Cleveland Principal Ted Howard and the Cleveland staff voted to play football in the Nisqually League against schools of equal enrollment. Cleveland's other athletic teams, however, will continue to participate in the 3-A Metro League.

LET'S BRING CHAMPIONSHIP BACK TO CHS
 Providing quality athletic programs at CHS is very time-consuming and difficult to administer. **YOUR SUPPORT** is needed. Please help your alma mater by making a donation to the Cleveland High Booster Club. For more information, call Head Football Coach Hoover Hopkins at 368 0285 or send you tax deductible donation to the **Cleveland Booster Club** at the school.