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THE 70TH WAS GREAT!

by Don Duncan ('43), Event Co-Chair

An estimated 2,500 alums attended Cleveland High School's 70th birthday party on September 27th to stroll once familiar halls, become reacquainted with former classmates and discover that teachers and coaches who ruled with an iron fist also have a warm and fuzzy side.

It was a red and white, soaring eagle kind of day, awash in nostalgia.

There was non-stop chattering in the halls and crowded decade rooms filled with memorabilia. "Good grief, where have the years gone?". "Funny, I remembered the cafeteria as being much larger...the halls wider..."

Everybody remembered good things about everybody else. And, thanks to name tags with large print, alums quickly found former "best friends."

The birthday party was a veritable highlight film. A few of the memorable highlights include:

- Friday's visit to the Cleveland Memorial Forest, outside Issaquah, on a drizzly day that was filled with emotion and inspiration - from the original poems read by CHS student, **Sherieka Trotter** (see page 3), as we gathered under cover, to the slow walk through rain-dampened woods to the memorial rock, where we bowed our heads and paid tribute to former Cleveland students who died in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.
- At Saturday's assembly former teacher and coach, **Paul Wallrof** (1960s) pumped his fists into the air as he exhorted a standing room only throng in the auditorium to "Give'em the axe."
- Former middleweight boxing champion, **Al Hostak**, now 81, bounding up the stairs and onto the stage like a teenager. The "Pride of Georgetown" grabbed the microphone and

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70TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES ON TAPE

An outstanding permanent memento of the Cleveland High School 70th Anniversary party is available on a two hour videotape produced by Ken's Videos of Sumner. All the highlights - the re-created Walk Up the Hill, the assembly, the sock hop and interviews with alums and teachers was captured in this once in a lifetime event. It's sure to bring tears to your eyes!

The response and appreciation of the tape has been so great Ken is extending the initial price of \$21.95 through November 1997. The price will rise to \$25.00 in December. You can order your video by sending a check payable to Ken's Video to: **Ken's Video, 22616 Cedarview Drive E., Sumner, WA 98390**. For further information, please call (360) 897-8586.

CHS 70TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE - To order your t-shirt, please send your name, address and shirt size (Large or XLarge only), along with a check for \$13 (\$10 plus \$3 UPS shipping) to: Class of 1999, c/o Cleveland High School, 5511 15th Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98108. Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery.

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said, to a roar of approval. "I couldn't hear my name called at first, they should have rung a bell."

- **Lulu Sakura Kashiwagi** ('28), **Monica Hahn** ('28) and **Grace Ferguson Baker** ('29), who participated in the original "walk up the hill" from the old Georgetown school on January 3, 1927, joined Walk Chairman, **Paul Barden** ('54), Alumni president, **Don Case** ('48), and Cleveland principal, **Ted Howard**, in leading the re-created "walk" 70 years later. Then, still not out of breath, Monica and Grace spoke graciously at the assembly on behalf of all the 1920s vintage alums gathered on stage.
- The thunderous applause that greeted **Lamb, Harney, Williams** and other stalwarts of the fabled 1937 football team that won Cleveland's first all-city championship.
- The standing ovation for **Betty Cherberg** and **Esther Starceovich**, widows of **John Cherberg** and **Max Starceovich**, who coached the '37 team. John and Max, they said, always had a special place in their hearts for Cleveland.
- The thrilling singing of **Marilee Winn Johnson** ('52) and the accompaniment of **Louise Bianchi Bullington** ('49).
- The surprise visit by **John Stanford**, superintendent of Seattle Public schools, who joined the standees along the auditorium's walls.
- And the day's supreme bonding experience - the gasps of delight when the curtains parted on stage at the big assembly and The Kings of Swing (founded at Cleveland in 1944) burst forth with wailing saxophones in their rendition of that unforgettable Glenn Miller favorite, *Moonlight Serenade*. Faces lit up. Eyes shone. Hands clapped. Bodies swayed. In a twinkling, many of us shed 50 years.

To all who attended to all who contributed to the alumni association to make the event possible, co-chair **Joel Rindal** ('49) and I extend our heartfelt thanks. And to the 1953 football team, which was left off the list of sports champions, my sincerest apologies. Please send us all the names to add to our permanent list.

Among those who toiled above and beyond the call of duty: Principal **Ted Howard**. Faculty members **Georgia Kumor**, **Faith Beatty**, **Patsy Etheridge**, **Kathy Deatherage**, **Bruce Dodson**, **Marjorie Gamble** and **Shirley Fleischman**. DECA members and other students who assisted with refreshments, parking, memorabilia in the rooms and handing out materials at the doors.

And reunion committee members, who included **Tony Ferrucci** ('38), **Helen Leponis Jensen** ('39), **Bob** ('43) & **Mary Lou Boyden Griffin** ('46), **Pat & Don Clifford** ('44), **Roy & Lois Olsen** ('45), **Don** ('48) & **Jackie Miller Case** ('51), **Pat Maztek Ashcraft** ('48), **JoAnn Victor Smith** ('56), **Tracy Case Arnold** ('82) and **Vera Chan** ('91).

Thanks for an unforgettable experience.

WHAT DON D. DIDN'T TELL YOU...

Gathering together the information and writing the articles for the eight page 70th Anniversary *Cleveland Journal* was the brainchild of our co-chairman, **Don Duncan**. It was an extremely time consuming effort as the school history has not been well maintained. Records are spotty and difficult to verify. Taking Don's information and preparing it for printing was **Vera Chan's** task. The work she did with old photos was unbelievable. The deal Vera obtained with Pacific Publishing really helped our budget.

Putting a program together for the assembly was almost the sole effort of Don Duncan. He had not been in the best of health for the past few months, but preparing the *Cleveland Journal* and pulling off the 70th took his top priority. On the day of the 70th he insisted on doing the walk. Later, in the middle of the assembly, he almost passed out on stage. **Paul Barden** saw him sway and rushed on stage with a chair for Don to sit on. Don hung on to do the "Thanks for the Memories" routine with **Don Clifford**. Don had his operation the Tuesday after the reunion and is doing well at home in Kirkland. On behalf of all of the Cleveland Alumni, we owe **Don Duncan** a special THANKS for his efforts.

Don Case, CHS Alumni President

UPCOMING EAGLE ALUMNI EVENTS

★ CLASS OF 1938 - 60TH REUNION

June 13, 1998

Marriott Hotel - Sea-Tac, WA

* Special invitation to all CHS 1930's alumni*

Contact chairman, Tony Ferrucci at (206) 762-3677

★ CLASS OF 1948 - 50TH REUNION

Still in the planning stage!

Early June or September, midweek afternoon event

Contact chairman, Pat Matzek Ashcraft at (206) 878-8077 or Don Case at (253) 854-3431

★ CLASS OF 1953 - 45TH REUNION

August 1 and 2, 1998

Flyers being mailed soon

Classes of 1952 and 1954 are invited

Contact Nat Crawford at (425) 488-2574

if you wish to receive information

★ CLASS OF 1968 - 30TH REUNION

Class VP, Jerry Fujita, will contact classmates to

organize the 1968 reunion. Contact Jerry at

(425) 271-1117 (home) or (425) 453-7001 (work).

JoAnn Smith has the database of CHS alumni for reunions. Please contact her at (425) 487-3952 if you are planning a reunion and need a listing of your classmates.

THE CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS WISH
EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

1998 DUES & DONATIONS

To help with costs (including newsletters to over 8,000 alums and former teachers - and growing), we ask that you join the Alumni Association. Dues are \$5 a year.

Make checks payable to:
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THE ALUMNI
by Shericka Trotter

The alumni, the alumni, to the ones who gave their life,
I hope they are in heaven now living their life with Christ.
Navy, Army, Marines: the forces in which they came,
on the rock in Cleveland's forest is where we hold their names.
Through Vietnam and World War II, I've always wondered how,
they gave their life because of war, and I'm learning about it now.
The alumni, the alumni, a courageous faithful crew,
the veterans from Cleveland High who died for me and you.
Some graduates are here today, and some are dead and gone
but don't worry because we know your names,
and they will forever live on.

AD CAMPAIGN FOR 1997-98 CHS YEARBOOK

The Cleveland Annual staff has started selling ad space that will be placed in the 1997-1998 yearbook. This would be a great opportunity for you to support your alma mater. Prices are \$20 for a patron (one line, name only), \$45 for a 1/16 page ad, \$60 for 1/8 page, \$85 for 1/4 page, \$145 for 1/2 page and \$200 for a full page ad. Hundreds of copies of this great book will go into circulation. We hope your business or even your name will be made known to our community. Contact **Mary White**, AQUILA advisor, at (206) 768-3670 if you are interested in placing an ad.

FORGET YOU NOT
by Shericka Trotter

In 1944 the forest was begun,
131 acres of land, a job well done.
From airforce, to army, to navy, on ship,
names are held on the memorial rock, Tillicum, meaning
friendship.

From 1941 to 1945, they gave their life to war,
no one knew that they wouldn't come back anymore.
Their parents and wife, all caught up in worry,
they wanted them to come home, they wanted them to
hurry.

The emptiness they felt to have a loved one gone so long,
wondering should I have sent him or did I make a choice
that was wrong.

But no, even though they died,
their names shall forever live on in pride.
To the 29 whose names won't be forgotten, just know,
that you names live on, forever,
in our hearts, the skies, and the heavens beyond.

**SUPPORT CHS, JOIN THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY!**

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.

Please help us to keep the database current by sending a post office change of address form or contact the alumni secretary when you move.

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CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 24th

The third annual meeting of the CHS Alumni Association will be held Saturday, January 24th, 1998 at Cleveland High School. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria and will start at 10 a.m., ending by noon. Wear something warm as the school is without heat on Saturdays.

Agenda items include election of the 1998 Board, approval of the revised by-laws, treasurers report, the paver bricks, and discussion on future projects for the association. Items include forming a historical committee, scholarships, participation in a 'needs' of Cleveland, and more active hands on participation with the staff and students. Of extreme interest to all grads, although not an association item, Byron Coney will provide the latest on the forest lawsuit with the Seattle School District. The lawsuit is scheduled to go to hearing January 5.

JoAnn Smith is chairing the nominating committee for the 1998 board officers. Don Case ('48) and Stan Ridings ('44) are retiring after the the annual meeting, leaving at least two new positions open (president and board member). As current year officers, Paul Barden, JoAnn Smith and Terry Wong will carry over for 1998 along with Dick King. There is a two term consecutive limit. The remaining current members choosing to continue in office will be presented to the meeting for approval of another two years term of office. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact JoAnn Smith at (425) 487-3952, or via e-mail (kesmitty@aol.com), or Dick Korpela at (206) 246-0112 or via e-mail (korpela@ix.netcom.com).

We are also looking for someone to take over the job of newsletter editor. The responsibility includes coordinating with the alumni president and secretary for story content and deadlines, and may include taking care of copying and mailing. If you are interested, please contact JoAnn Smith.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALUMNI NEWSLETTER MAILING

Considering the success of the 70th anniversary, the Alumni Board has voted to wrap up the event with the mailing of this newsletters to the total database of over 8,000 CHS alumni. Until we obtain non-profit status with the U.S. Postal Service, subsequent mailings will be limited to only paid members.