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Survey respondents voice concern for Memorial Forest

The July issue of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association newsletter featured an article about the history of the Memorial Forest, its educational uses and the pending lawsuit to determine ownership, filed by several alumni against the Seattle School District.

As of Oct. 16, 1999, the alumni association received 221 responses to the Memorial Forest survey that accompanied the article. Many thanks go to those who took the time to respond and comment on their concern for the forest and its preservation as a memorial to Cleveland students who died in service to their country.

Not everyone responded to all five questions; some commented that they felt unqualified to answer because they had not heard of the forest before this.

The following is a tally of responses, grouping classes by decade: 1930s - 13; 1940s - 78; 1950s - 54; 1960s - 43; 1970s - 10; 1980s - 2; and 1990s - 1. Twenty did not include their class year.

The greatest response came from the 1940s alumni, who purchased the forest in 1944 in memory of their classmates, relatives and friends who died during World War II. Some of the respondents indicated they had worked at the forest as well.

With regard to the number of surveys received, two factors should be taken into account. First, many alumni from the 1950s and on have stated that there was no mention of the forest when they were Cleveland students. Second, the alumni association has incomplete mailing lists for some of the classes, so the newsletter does not reach every alumnus.

The survey elicited responses from all parts of the United States. Eighteen letters conveyed suggestions, encouragement and some expressions of regret that they had been unaware of the forest's existence until recently.

From Pennsylvania, Patricia (Simpson) Sanders '62 wrote, "The saddest part of this is that I never knew we had such a place while

I was in school."

John Owen '38, of Ohio, who served in combat from 1943 to 1945, wrote, "I hope you continue to be watchdogs of the forest."

The following is a tabulation of responses to the survey questions:

1) As a student at Cleveland High School, were you aware of the Memorial Forest and its origin?

Yes - 124, No - 96, Abstained - 1

(Since several respondents indicated a class year that preceded the purchase of the forest, the number of affirmative responses may be statistically invalid.)

2) As a student at Cleveland High School, did you ever visit or work at the forest?

Yes - 35, No - 185, Abstained - 1

3) Does the future of the forest (i.e., who owns and manages it) concern you?

Yes - 212, No - 7, Abstained - 2

4) Since the attorney is providing his services free of charge, do you think the Cleveland High School Alumni Association should contribute to the clerical and mailing costs associated with the lawsuit?

Yes - 198, No - 11, Abstained - 12

The alumni association board recently allocated funds to attorney Byron Coney for clerical and mailing expenses associated with the lawsuit in view of the overwhelming majority of affirmative responses.

The sentiments of many were summed up by Bob and Mary Poole '44: "The original intent of securing the land was to establish a memorial to recognize the service of classmates who had died for their country in World War II. The best way to ensure that this intent is carried out is to create the proposed non-profit foundation representing all interests."



The covered pavilion at the Memorial Forest was reduced to ashes sometime in early September.

Investigators from the King County Fire Marshal's Office believe the fire, still smoldering when discovered, may have burned for several days. It has been determined that the fire was caused by arson.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this column for the final issue of the Cleveland High School Alumni News for 1999 and this century, I look forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges facing our alumni association in the new millennium.

The success of the alumni association is credited to the hard work and dedication of current and former board members.

The year 2000 marks our entry not only into a new century but an opportunity to build a bridge between our past and our future. In the coming year, we will focus on achieving the following goals:

- Establish a website to strengthen the association's abilities to communicate with our alumni and friends;

- Work collaboratively with the Seattle School District in replacing the Memorial Forest lyceum destroyed by arson in 1999;

- Sponsor additional joint Cleveland High School student and alumni visit to the Memorial Forest, as a step toward building awareness and understanding for honoring our fellow students who gave their lives in defense of this nation;

- Work toward creating an endowed scholarship program for Cleveland High School students;

- Begin planning for our 75th reunion; and

- Increase active participation of alumni in association activities and programs.

During the coming year, I am asking for your help in achieving these stated goals. The fighting spirit of Cleveland High School is still alive and ready in each of us.

As former students of a great school, work with our board to begin building a legacy that you can be proud — not only for yourself but for those who passed before us and for the future students who follow in our footsteps.

Allison W. Sing '54
President

Alumni award scholarships for second year

Andy Chow and Faye Yee Lau are this year's recipients of the alumni association's \$1,500 scholarship awards.

Both are outstanding students who represent the first generation of their families to pursue a college education. Both also maintained their high grade-point average as they mastered an array of challenging courses while working part-time jobs and balancing outside activities.

Both also have expressed the desire to develop and utilize their talents to benefit society.

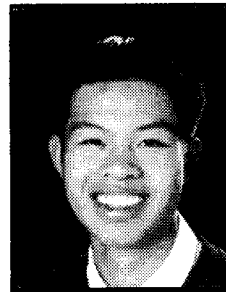
Andy Chow

Chow said his whole life has been a competition, as his school record shows. He served as class president for two years and participated in the athletic program. He played varsity basketball for four years and varsity baseball, where he was team captain, for four years.

As a volunteer, Chow served his community by tutoring elementary students at Van Asselt Elementary School for three years and assisting at the Terrace View nursing home for two years.

In addition to the alumni association scholarship, his awards include Junior of the Year, the Paul Robeson Scholar-Athlete Award, the Rotary Service Above Self Award, a scholarship to the University of Idaho's math and science summer program and a one-year scholarship to the University of Washington.

Enrolled at the UW since June, Chow plans to pursue his interests in com-



Chow

puter engineering and math-science education.

Faye Yee Lau

One of Lau's teachers commented on her "inordinate ability to focus and prioritize," which is reflected in her academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

For three years, she participated in the Upward Bound program at the UW, from which she received an award for excellence in math.

She also received academic achievement awards throughout her high-school years, one of which was a summer scholarship to the University of Idaho's math and science program.

Lau excelled outside the classroom as well. As a Junior Achievement member she received awards for Company of the Year and Company with the Most Profit, while serving as vice president of finance.

In addition to her school activities, Lau has volunteered at Legacy House, an assisted-living facility for seniors, and participated in the Palouse River Cleanup and a community planting project.

Lau began her studies at the UW in June, where her career interests are economics and finance.

The generous contributions of the alumni association members support the scholarship program and enable the association to reward such outstanding students as Chow and Lau for their hard work and achievements. With continued financial support, the association will increase the number of awards in coming years.



Lau

Positions open on board

New members to the alumni association's board of directors will be elected at the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 29. Of the 12 seats, four need to be filled for the term beginning in the year 2000. Four of the board's current members are up for reelection, while the remaining four members still have one year left in their terms. If you are interested in serving the organizations, contact any of the board members.

Eagle 100 Club members

(as of Oct. 30, 1999)

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ALUMNI NEWS IN BRIEF

School librarian and historian Georgia Kumor has left Cleveland High School to assume her new duties at Sealth High School.

Kumor provided support and assistance as liaison between the alumni association and Cleveland High School.

The alumni association's appreciation goes with her.



Artist Cheryll Leo-Gwin '62 and landscape artist Richard Heier have been commissioned by the King County Arts Commission to create a permanent artwork on Beacon Avenue South and South Myrtle Street. The theme of the artwork is "success and opportunity."

Cleveland alumni are invited to submit their success stories to include in the artwork. Leo-Gwin will contact those who submit stories chosen for inclusion.

Send your name, address and story — in 100 words or less — to Beacon Hill Project Arts 2000, c/o Cheryll Leo-

Gwin, 3000 Landerholm Circle S.E., Bellevue, WA 98007, or e-mail a563@sttl.uswest.net.



In May an item appeared in The Seattle Times' sports section describing a Cleveland High School Eagles 100 program to send players to football camp this summer and to pay their SAT testing fees.

The alumni association is not associated in any way with the football program.

Football coach John Elliot said another name would be adopted by the team's Booster Club; the team's use of the Eagles 100 name would be discontinued.



The Summer Forest Program, originally planned for August 1999, was canceled.

The three-day program may be rescheduled at a later date.

Next general meeting

**Saturday, Jan. 29
10:30 a.m.-noon**

**Cleveland High School
lunchroom
5511 15th Ave. S.**

Topics:

proposed website

*Cleveland
Memorial Forest
arson update*

*plans for resuming
annual trek to
Memorial Forest*

*Eagle 100 Club
scholarship goals*

*election of board
members*

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A nonprofit organization, Washington and United States 501(c)(3), founded for the exclusive purpose of: (1) preserving the Cleveland Memorial Forest as a memorial in perpetuity to those Cleveland students who gave their lives in the service of the USA, (2) supporting the educational uses in forestry, ecology, botany and environmental studies of the forest, and (3) supporting and assisting the students and staff of Cleveland High School in Seattle, Wash., in their educational endeavors.

Any individual who has attended Grover Cleveland Junior or Senior High School is entitled to be a member of the alumni association.

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