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The Cleveland spirit lives on

By Alison W. Sing '64 President

The transformation of Cleveland High School is well under way. Recent reports from administrators indicate that the decision to create four small schools is indeed generating positive results.

The 2003 school year began with nervous anticipation whether the grand experiment funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create four separate small school would work. Within weeks of the new school year, evidence that the experiment is working surfaced.

Each of the four academies — Arts and Humanities; Health, Environment and Life; Global Studies; and InfoTech — began operating on different class schedules. The bell rings only twice a day: in the morning and at the end of the official school day.

Pride and discipline is returning to the classroom. The school environment is much quieter and cleaner from days gone by.

A new spirit now exists. Perhaps, it isn't really a new spirit but the spirit that has always existed

During my years at Cleveland High School, there was much talk about the Cleveland spirit. One sensed it in our athletic programs. It was mysterious and yet real. I truly believe the real Cleveland High School spirit transcended beyond athletics and touched the souls of everyone ever connected to our beloved alma mater.

As I move about our community and throughout my career, there is always a special connection when I find someone who either attended or worked at Cleveland. There is an instant bond that is indescribable. No one has ever really defined this spirit in terms that we could all understand and yet everyone felt.

In a few years, our beloved school will be closed and undergo another

transformation. Although our architects will preserve the exterior of our historic school, the building will be rebuilt from the inside out with new systems that will meet the needs of a new generation of Cleveland High School students.

There is much talk about whether this transformation will change what we alumni remember of our old school. I see the physical and academic transformation of Cleveland High School as a reaffirmation that our Cleveland High School spirit is still alive and well. It is an undying spirit that never gave up and always looked forward to the next challenge or opportunity to succeed.

Cleveland High School, led by able administrators and teachers, is making a difference in the classroom. They face innumerable challenges, both academically and financially. They have successfully embarked in a direction to rebuild our school into an institution that we can be proud of. In the ensuing years, they need help to accomplish this mission.

As alumni, we have a great opportunity to keep the spirit of Cleveland High School alive. Many of you have stepped up to this challenge. Your gifts and support of the programs at Cleveland High School is deeply appreciated.

The Cleveland High School Alumni Association, founded in 1995, continues to grow. Each and every one of you who attended Cleveland is automatically a member of the alumni association. A dedicated board of 12 alumni is working on your behalf.

Thanks to the hard work of **John Christiansen '64, Pat Coluccio '47** and other Cleveland alumni, the third-annual Golf Scramble at the Fort Lewis Golf Course

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Help Cleveland's future with scholarship gift

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celebrated another very successful event. Proceeds from this event were generated to support our alumni association's scholarship program.

In 2002, the board used the proceeds from the golf tournament to secure a \$2,000 matching grant from the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board's Community Scholarship Matching Grant Program. We have an opportunity to compete for another \$2,000 matching grant in 2004. We have raised the current \$2,000 match required from our golf tournament last year.

The prerequisite for 2004 is setting up an irrevocable endowment fund with a minimum contribution of \$4,000. Alumni and friends of Cleveland High School who are interested in contributing to this endowment fund should contact our alumni association treasurer, **Terry Wong '58**, at throng@halcyon.com.

As we look forward to the future, a new Cleveland High School spirit whispers. Help us build a new school that each of us can be proud of and yet carry on all the traditions and memories that made our alma mater something special and memorable in our hearts.

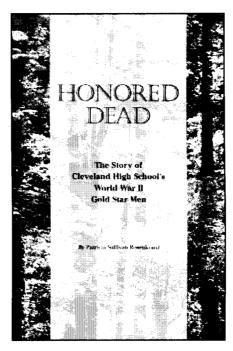
A sense of excitement fills the air as we prepare for our next challenge and opportunity to succeed. Cleveland High School of the past, present and the future is what we make it. Your scholarship gift today will help a future Cleveland High School student achieve their educational dream.

Note: The Internal Revenue Service has issued a form Letter of Determination granting the Cleveland High School Alumni Association tax-exempt status as a 501c (3) nonprofit organization.

Next board meeting:

March 27, 10 a.m.
(all CHS alumni, staff and current students welcome)

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 Send order to:
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■ The book "The Duwamish Diary" (\$15; 50 copies available) To order:

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SCHOLARSHIP update

In 1998, the Alumni Association awarded one its scholarships to **Shawn Murray**. Shawn graduated from the University of Washington last June. A very talented pianist, he majored in music for a couple of quarters, then switched to mathematics.

Shawn still studies and plays the piano and likes to play tennis when the weather permits. He specializes in classical music and also likes Broadway music.

Shawn said the scholarship money was a big help to him in achieving his degree. He is hoping to use his math and computer skills to find a job soon.

— JoAnn (Victor) Smith '56, scholarship committee

THE LEDGER

For the year 2003, CHSAA has received net cash inflows of \$6,109 as of Nov. 21, 2003.

The total inflows of \$19,202 consisted of \$16,660 in contributions, \$2,000 in grants and \$542 in other income.

The total outflows of \$13,093 consisted of \$1,366 in administrative expenses, \$7,600 in fund expenditures (\$100 for the 75th-Anniversary Fund, \$3,000 for the Forest Fund and \$4,500 for the Scholarship Fund), \$3,912 in newsletter expenses and \$215 in website expenses.

The total assets consisted of \$53,909 in bank accounts, and there are no liabilities.

— Terence L. Wong '58, treasurer

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REUNION recap

The **Class of 1953** had a great turnout for its 50th-year reunion. In addition to those living in Washington state, some of the 134 attendees came from Oregon, California, Arizona, Ohio, Massachusetts, Colorado and Idaho.

The Classes of 1952 and 1954 also were invited, and about 25 joined in from those years.

Music was provided by classmate Alex Roberts and the Frank Roberts Jazz trio.

The Glen Acres Golf and Country Club provided a scrumptious surf-and-turf dinner. Informal pictures were taken, and there was so much fun and conversation, there never seemed to be enough time to talk to everyone.

The **Class of 1993** had its first reunion in September 2003. About 60 attended and enjoyed a nice dinner and a slide show for entertainment.

Faculty members Mary White and Angelita Pizarro filled everyone in on the small-schools curriculum, as well as the future renovations. Jay Wang and Anita Sena-Johnson also brightened the evening.

A few games and picture-taking followed, and of course, lots of remembrances were shared.

A picnic was held also.

Reunion photos are on the website *nww.chs-93.com*, and the class is already looking forward to its 20th reunion.

Beacon Hill Grade School held its all-years reunion at the Swedish Cultural Center in Seattle on Aug. 19, 2003. It was a relaxed, informal and enjoyable afternoon of sharing memories and getting reacquainted.

Eighty-three alumni came to share and enjoy the afternoon and to see many friends they had not seen since leaving grade school. The alumni included graduates from the 1930s to the 1970s, and many brought graduation photos, letters and other items to share and display.

As the alumni left this reunion, they already anticipated our next event. This year's reunion is already in the planning stage, with the August date and location not yet determined.

Feel free to contact June Anderson Evanoff, at (206) 232-3646, with your questions or offers of assistance, and inform the committee of anyone who would like to be included in the mailing list.

Third-annual CHSAA Golf Scramble

Dedicated to those fallen Eagles of Cleveland High School who gave their lives in the defense of our country

By John Christiansen '64

The third-annual CHSAA Golf scramble took place Aug. 8, 2003, at the Fort Lewis Golf Course. Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather and a great turnout. There were 132 golfers, of which 93 were CHS alumni representing 33 classes, 1937 through 1989.

Following the golf was a terrific dinner and raffle attended by golfers and non-golfers alike.

The keynote speaker at this year's dinner was the new CHS principal, Rick Harwood. Mr. Harwood updated the attendees as to the new CHS remodel project and restructuring of school academics.

Team Prizes were awarded to the top four teams in Gross and Net categories. There were also individual prizes awarded for the player closest to the pin on all four par-3s.

There were also prizes for long drive and straight drive.

There were three categories for each of these contests: Graduation years 1937-61, Graduation years 1962-2003 and Ladies from all graduation years.

There was also a putting contest for all players.

This year's Gross Score winner was the Redbird Eagles team. Jay Turner '75, owner/operator of Redbird Sports, one of our major sponsors, teamed up with his wife, Anne (Hidaka) Turner '77, Jon Shimada '73 and Brian Ogishima '71. They scored a very fine 14 under par, with 58. The team won \$200, and their names will go on the perennial CHSAA Golf Scramble plaque, to be displayed in the CHS trophy case.

The Net Score winner was the Mortgage Brokers team, captained by **Rich Jonson '86** and teamed with CHSAA supporters Phil Varce, Nick Perovich and Brian Schuller. They fired an exquisite 20 under par, with 52.

They also won \$200, and their names also will go on the CHSAA Golf Scramble plaque.

Each year, we present a trophy for the

CHSAA Outstanding Golfer of the Year award. This is the individual who has contributed the most by word or deed to the CHS golf program or the CHSAA Golf Scramble.

This year, we had two award winners. Dr. Charles O. Holmes '61, captain of the Rex Scott's Eagles team, presented the trophy to Mimi (Scott) Iwami, the daughter of the late Rex Scott, teacher, basketball and golf coach at CHS in the '60s and '70s.

The second award went to **Pat Coluccio '47**, co-director of the CHSAA Golf Scramble since its inception.

The 2003 CHSAA Golf Scramble was "dedicated to those fallen Eagles of Cleveland High School who gave their lives in the defense of our country." CHS alumni killed in action during World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam conflict were honored at this year's dinner. Following the dinner and raffle, the CHS Alma Mater was sung, and **Bernie**Moskowitz '58 played "Taps."

We had more than 23 sponsors this year who donated thousands of dollars in cash and prizes for the raffle. Major sponsors include:

- Redbird Sports;
- Bob Bridge Auto Center;
- Time Out Ale House & Grill;
- Charles O. Holmes D.D.S., P.S.;
- America's Credit Union;
- Di Martino Dental Laboratory;
- Classmates.com;
- Widmer Brothers Brewing Co.;

■ Cleveland alumni Jay Turner; Greg Kessler '75; John Foley '79; James Louie '43; Larry Christiansen '58; and John Christiansen '64.

This year, the CHSAA Golf Scramble will take place once again at the Fort Lewis Golf Course, on Aug, 6, 2004, the first Friday of the month. It will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, contact John Christiansen: You can e-mail *jlc4glf@comcast.net*, or call (360) 493-1440.

Big changes happening at Cleveland

By Rick Harwood Principal

Hello, Cleveland alumni. You all would be very proud of the exciting and innovative changes going on at your alma mater.

As you may have heard from attending the golf tournament, or reading the Seattle P-I on Sept. 4, 2003, or speaking with alumni in the know, Cleveland High School is on the cutting edge of a high-school transformation.

This school year, we became the first Seattle high school to establish small learning communities, or academies, for all students in all grades. Our goal is to create a more personalized learning environment that will help all CHS students be academically successful and be prepared for life after high school.

We will build on Cleveland's long tradition of being a place that has always felt like family.

We have chosen four academics that are theme-based, which we believe will help students to find their learning experience meaningful and relevant.

All students will be in one of the four academies for all classes during all four years they attend Cleveland.

Our four academies include:

- InfoTech, with a focus on learning about and using technology;
- Global Studies, where students will explore world cultures and world affairs;
- Health, Environment and Life, which will emphasize the study of environmental and health sciences and careers; and
- Arts and Humanities, where the pursuit of the visual and performing arts will be the primary theme for all learning.

In all four academies, students also will take all the core classes required to graduate from high school and be prepared to attend college.

A t the same time as being the cutting-edge high school for our transformation work, we also are in the unique situation of designing plans for a major renovation of the CHS

building. No other existing high school that I know of has had this opportunity to redesign its academic program and its physical plant to match.

The redesign of the CHS building is truly a thrill and offers the likelihood that we will have the best high school facility in all of Seattle. The only drawback is that the construction phase of the project will not begin until June 2004 and be complete until summer 2007.

The School Design Team committee has been meeting every other week since last fall, and the design is nearly complete. Alumni representatives have participated on the committee, and presentations have been made at the golf tournament awards dinner and at a recent Alumni Association board meeting.

My impression is that alumni who have seen the designs and hear the presentations are impressed. I expect that when the project is completed, you also will be very proud.

Many of the historic features of CHS—like the original building façade and the entry arch on South Lucile Street—are being preserved, and there will even be an opportunity to purchase items, like auditorium seats, before the demolition begins.

In the new gymnasium and commons building to be located on the northeast corner of the CHS property, there will be a room designated for the Alumni Association to use for office and meeting space. This should help strengthen the relationship between the Alumni Association and the current staff and students of Cleveland.

There are many other exciting activities and events that make up the life of the Cleveland Eagles of 2003-04. I will continue to keep you informed through future columns in your CHSAA newsletter.

In the meantime, thanks for all your interest and support. Our students and staff appreciate the strong connection between past and present that makes life as a Cleveland Eagle a meaningful experience for all of us.

RENOVATION update

The architects have moved forward with completing the early design effort that culminated in its presentation to the Seattle School Board on Jan. 7, 2004.

One of the many features of the design project is the development of new courtyards that open up the school to the neighborhood along 15th Avenue South.

The back of the school then will become the primary entry onto the site, which will better address the communities from where most of the students arrive from.

The project team is planning to start construction of the waterline work along 15th Avenue this summer. This work is required by Seattle Public Utilities to increase water flow to the fire hydrants serving the school.

By planning to complete this work prior to the actual school construction, which is scheduled for June 2005, it will have less impact on the neighborhood facing the school, along 15th Avenue.

Upcoming activities include identification of historic elements within the 1927 building that the design team will reincorporate into the new modernized facility.

— David Wilson Heery International project manager

WINTER SPORTS schedule

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 28 - Nathan Hale @ CHS, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Jan. 30 - Ingraham @ CHS, 3:15-6:15 p.m.Feb. 4 @ West Seattle, 5:45-7:30 p.m.Feb. 6 - Rainier Beach @ CHS, 3:15-6:15 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Jan. 27 - Hale @ CHS, 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 - Ingraham @ CHS, 3:15 - 6:15 p.m. Feb. 3 @ West Seattle, 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 - Rainier Beach @ CHS, 4:45 - 8 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 27 - Rainier Beach/Cleveland @ West Seattle

Jan. 29 - O'Dea @ Rainier Beach/Cleveland (double dual)

The spring sports schedule can be found on-line at www.seattleschools.org/area/main/index/dxml.

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(January - December 2003)

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*Donated in honor of Bernie Moskowitz '57 prior to Kubota's death in March 2003

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Please help us keep the database current by sending a post office change-of-address form or contact the membership secretary when you move. To protect privacy, the list of memberships will not be distributed to anyone unless it is used specifically for the purposes of class reunions or other such gatherings.

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UPCOMING events

FEBRUARY

26 Full CHS School Design Team meeting, 3-5:30 p.m. @ CHS

MARCH

18 Full CHS School Design Team meeting, 3-5:30 p.m. @ CHS27 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m.-noon @ CHS (room to be determined)

APRIL

- Deadline for submissions to CHSAA spring/summer newsletter
- Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, VEmchan@comcast.net
 22 Full CHS School Design Team meeting, 3-5:30 p.m. @ CHS

MAY

- 22 CHSAA annual meeting/board elections, 10 a.m.-noon @ CHS (room to be determined)
- 28 Memorial Day observance @ Cleveland Memorial Forest, Issaquah, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (details forthcoming)

JUNE

5 CHSAA board retreat, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Fort Lewis Golf Course (more information forthcoming)

AUGUST

6 CHSAA Golf Scramble, 1 p.m. @ Fort Lewis Golf Course Contact: John Christiansen, (360) 493-1440 or jlc4glf@attbi.com

SEPTEMBER

25 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m.-noon @ CHS (room to be determined)

OCTOBER

15 Deadline for submissions to CHSAA fall newsletter Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, VEmchan@comcast.net

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day observance @ Cleveland Memorial Forest, Issaquah, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (details forthcoming)
- 20 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m. @ CHS Career Center

DECEMBER

15 Deadline for submissions to CHSAA winter newsletter Contact: Vera Chan-Pool '91, V Emchan@comcast.net

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■ Classes of 1930s reunion Contact: JoAnn Smith, (425) 487-3952 or chsaajo56@comcast.com

Note: The Alumni Association's membership secretary will provide current addresses to reunion committees to help locate classmates. Committee members should contact JoAnn (Victor) Smith at (425) 487-3952 or email chsaajo56@comcast.net. Reunion committees are requested to send updated address information to the membership secretary for inclusion in the Alumni Association database.