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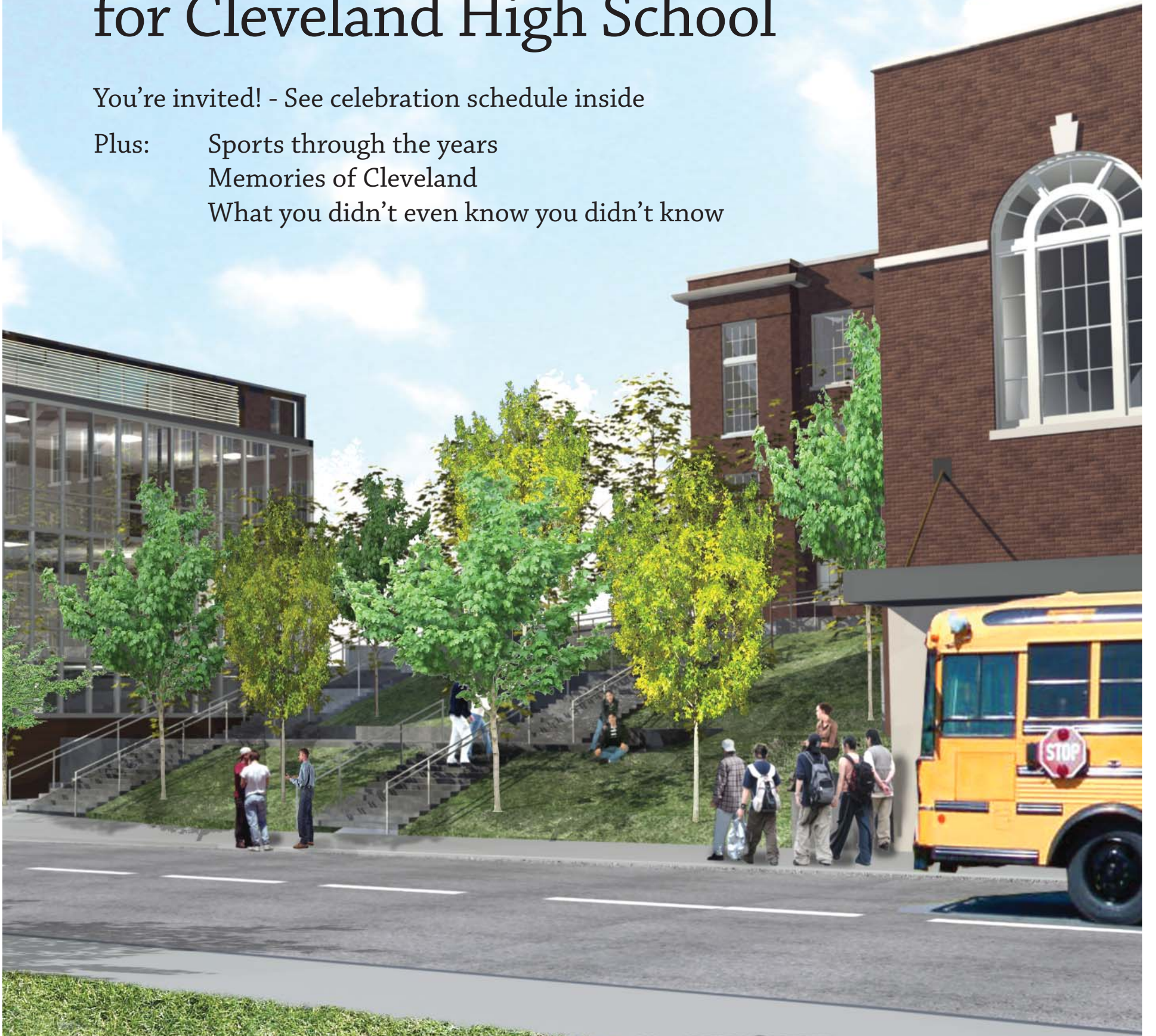
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How Cleveland Was Born the First Time

By Don Duncan '43

Cleveland's very existence is a miracle, cranking along with having Boeing, Microsoft, Starbuck's and Nordstrom all wind up in Seattle's backyard.

No one is exactly sure when the idea of a South End high school was first proposed to the Seattle School Board. Most likely it was around the end of World War I (1918).

The school board politely responded that there weren't enough young people in the area to warrant building another high school. Next item on the agenda, please!

By the early 1920s, however, South End PTA's and Improvement Clubs had become increasingly vocal, arguing that students from South Park and the west side of Beacon Hill were causing overcrowding at Queen Anne, West Seattle, Broadway and Franklin high schools.

They added that while getting up at 5 o'clock every morning to catch a streetcar across town had become a way of life for many South End teenagers, an increasing number were dropping out of school because of the inconvenience.

In 1923 the "we-want-our-own-school" chant caught the ear of Thomas Cole, then Seattle's superintendent of schools.

In 1923, Cole sat down with the school board and said, "Gentlemen, it's time we take a hard look at the need for a South End high school."

The all-male school board, dressed in the dark suits and stiff collars of the time, listened as Cole laid out the pros and cons. The chief opposition, the superintendent said, came from those who felt there were not enough students in the area to justify a new high school. Cole disagreed.

If a school were built – with the same floor plan as Garfield and Roosevelt, but with everything "just a little bit better" – pressure would ease on the other high schools and the high dropout-rate in the South End would fall, Cole argued. In short, "build it and they will come," which sounds like the plot for an academic version of Field of Dreams.

To guarantee sufficient enrollment to justify building a new school, the superintendent proposed including a two-year junior high school in the package, making it a six-year educational facility.

The school board bought the idea. It was agreed that in the beginning students for the new high school would be drawn from Georgetown, Maple, Concord, Van Asselt and South Seattle elementary schools and be housed temporarily on the second floor of Georgetown Elementary School. In time, Cleveland's boundary would be expanded to include Beacon Hill teenagers living west of Beacon Avenue. Those on the east side would go to Franklin.

Seventy students showed up in the fall of 1924 and were greeted by a principal, H.N. Gridley, who had been teaching history at Broadway High School and would continue to do so at the new school. Gridley had a staff of three teachers: Kenneth Hassenmiller, math and science and a little coaching; Miss Beryl Smith (women teachers were all Misses back then), Eng-

lish and composition, and Miss Henrietta Burgess, art and extracurricular activities.

Cole suggested that to make room for the new high school, the four-room Maple Elementary School at the corner of 15th Avenue South and Lucile Street be moved several blocks to the north and that additional land to the south and west be purchased through a \$15,000 bond issue.

The school – designed by Floyd Naramore, the district's main architect – would cost the then-outrageous sum of \$750,000. Construction on the first phase (the west side of the building) began in 1925 and was completed in December 1926; the second phase (the east hallway) began in the summer of 1927 and was completed in December of that year.

It was tentatively decided to name the school Woodrow Wilson Junior-Senior High School, in honor of the president who led the nation during World War I. Almost immediately a protest was launched by the large Republican contingent on the school board.

It wasn't just that Wilson was a Democrat, they said, but he had been president too recently and been too controversial for his name to be attached to a new school.

A compromise was called for. Democrats and Republican met and settled on Grover Cleveland, the only president to serve two separate four-year terms. He was a Democrat, like Wilson, and although he had fathered a child out of wedlock nobody talked about it much. Besides, Cleveland's time in office had been far enough in the past to be acceptable to the Republicans.

1927 was to be a year of considerable historical significance in the United States. In May, Charles Lindbergh made the first solo flight across the Atlantic in the monoplane "Spirit of St. Louis,"

that summer Hollywood released its first talking-picture, *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, and that fall Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs and had his salary raised to \$100,000. When asked if it didn't bother him to earn more than the president of the United States, the Babe replied, "I had a better year than he did."

Those memorable events all came after the Big One on Jan. 3, 1927.

On that day Principal Gridley, teachers and students picked up boxes filled with maps, books, chalk, erasers, paper and pencils and began the now-famous "Walk Up the Hill" from Georgetown Elementary School – across Duwamish Avenue (now Airport Way), where they held up traffic, and on to the many flights of stairs up the old wooden Lucile Street Bridge.

Finally, they arrived at the new – still uncompleted – three-story Grover Cleveland Junior-Senior High School, with its 31 classrooms and 240-seat cafeteria.

Upon entering the new school, students were ushered into the auditorium and lectured by Principal Gridley on the do's and don'ts of good citizenship in such a wonderful structure "built for your education."

Although the auditorium was not yet completed, Architect Naramore said it eventually would be as impressive as Seattle's new Fifth Avenue, Coliseum and Orpheum movie theaters. It was perhaps a slight exaggeration, especially his promise of a great chandelier to hang from the ceiling, presumably as a prop for *The Phantom of the Opera*. The chandelier never materialized, and by the time people got around to missing it the country was mired in the Great Depression.

But give Gridley credit. The school board had given him the option of having a large study hall or an auditorium in the new school. Gridley wisely chose the more expensive auditorium.

Among the special features of the school were soundproofed rooms for music, typing and oral-expression classes, and such "modern kitchen gadgetry" as an electric potato-peeler, a steam-cooker and an automatic bread-slicer.

Despite some grumbling about the cost, South End voters – wanting their new school to be the very best – demanded that the auditorium be finished and that the school be provided with gymnasiums. Naramore also had included a swimming pool in his original plans, something that was to be found in no other Seattle school. The school board weighed all the options, against available money, and approved the gymnasiums and the auditorium. The swimming pool disappeared from the plans.

According to official Seattle Public School records compiled by Kenneth Selby, Cleveland's third principal, there were 50 students in Cleveland's first graduating class June 14, 1928.

The valedictorian was Marguerite Fox and the salutatorian was Mona Mueller. Other student speakers included Lulu Sakura, Walter Fisher, Gunnar Carlson and Marjorie Brown.

Class officers were Walter Fisher, president, and Jean Wilson, Bob McChesney and Kathleen Everham.

Selecting colors for the new school was relatively easy. No other school had chosen red and white.

Picking a nickname took more time. A student-body nicknaming contest yielded

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The original Cleveland High School facade

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A New Life Begins At 80 For Cleveland



By Don Duncan ('43)

This is your invitation to return to Cleveland High School on Saturday, September 22, to see the results of a two-year

remodeling project and, coincidentally, to celebrate your old school's 80th birthday.

Imagine, a real two-for-one offer at a time when double-features at movie theaters and Sunday double-headers at the ball park are quaint anachronisms!

Cleveland's facelift, without benefit of botox, was dreamed up by Mahlum Architects and executed by Absher Construction.

The remarkable thing is that motorists whizzing by on I-5 see pretty much

"the same old Cleveland." Not only has the original façade been preserved, but almost all the labor-intensive brickwork on the original school building has survived.

The innards, however, have been totally revamped. And there are several striking new buildings – one a three-story classroom, the other a huge gymnasium/commons. Add them all together and the student capacity has been boosted from 783 to a potential 1,000.

Everything, of course, is state-of-the-art, high-tech. If you recall telling freshmen to "take the elevator to the roof garden," the elevator part is no longer a joke. There are now "lifts" in every building.

No roof garden yet, but \$67 million – the cost of the remodel – doesn't buy as much as it once did.

If you've checked the real-estate ads lately, the \$750,000 it cost to build the original Grover Cleveland Junior-Senior

High School now buys just a nice, but not especially imposing, four-bedroom home in Bellevue.

It is the new buildings that will draw the most ohs and ahs from returnees.

Remember the "new" gymnasium built on the south end of the property in 1969 to replace the cracker-box gyms we had for the first 42 years? The remodel required that the '69 gym be reduced to rubble and hauled away. In its place is that handsome three-story classroom complex.

The really eye-popping building, a two-story affair, is the huge one that has sprung up on the north end of the property. It houses a gymnasium almost, but not quite, large enough to satisfy the new owners of the Sonics, a spacious new cafeteria and lots of gathering-and-talk-ing space.

Remember how the racket created by airplanes taking off from Boeing Field or flying low out of Sea-Tac interrupted classroom activities? To dampen the loudest outside noise to a whisper, the contractors have installed double-thick windows and gobs of sound-proofing material, with extra heavy layers on the noisy west side..

Cleveland always looked much nicer from the front than it did from its drab and monotonous 15th Avenue side. That said you'll like the landscaped plazas that break up what used to be a block-long stretch of concrete and brick.

Back when Cleveland was built there were eight public high schools in Seattle – Broadway, Queen Anne, Garfield, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Ballard and West Seattle. Cleveland made the ninth. Shortly after World War II it was back to eight, as Broadway quit being a high school and

became Edison Vocational-Technical School. Edison was later reborn, with a major makeover, as Seattle Central Community College.

Then, as attendance declined in city schools over the years and boomed in the suburbs, Queen Anne and Lincoln were closed.

The super-remodels began a few years ago with Ballard. Facelift complete, the home of the Beavers became the most popular school in the district. Roosevelt was remodeled next. And now Cleveland!

That Cleveland was selected for a multi-million-dollar remodel surprised many. For some time, it was rumored that Cleveland almost certainly would be closed, due to declining enrollment and less-than-ideal location on the edge of the city's most industrialized area. If Cleveland did survive, many thought it might be more community college than traditional high school.

But the Cleveland that you will visit on Sept. 22 still has high-school pretensions. Students who spent the past two years in "exile" at Louisa Boren Junior High School in West Seattle are expected to enter the newly remodeled school after Labor Day.

Almost certainly there won't be enough students to fill the school at the outset.

But the school board has pinned its hopes on the attraction of a truly beautiful new building, complete with all the latest electronic bells and whistles.

Don't miss the opportunity to tour your old/new school on Sept. 22.

Besides, it may be the last chance you'll have to see your old boyfriend/girlfriend/bestfriend, who hasn't had the benefit of a \$67 million facelift.

How Cleveland Was Born

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Mugwumps, Busy Bees, Larks, Buffaloes, Panthers, Ionians, Bearcats, Cardinals, Highlanders, Hottentots, Hillclimbers, Redcoats, Wildcats and Eagles.

A student-faculty committee met to make the final selection. After the first vote, three names remained: Eagles, Highlanders and Cardinals.

"Cardinals" was removed after a teacher noted that the name already was in use by Stanford University, "and we don't want to copy anyone." That left Highlanders and Eagles.

And so "Eagles" was chosen, right? Wrong! The committee decided to combine the two names and call the new school's teams "The Highlander Eagles." Principal Gridley was pleased with the decision.

Highlander Eagles, however, proved to be too much of a mouthful for most students. Before long – with an assist from Seattle sportswriters who found the name too long for headlines – everyone was calling the team "Eagles." By 1931, The Cleveland Eagles became official.

There was no problem in selecting a tune for the Alma Mater. Half the high schools in the country already were writing their own words to Cornell's Alma Mater ("Far above Cayuga's waters. . ."). Cleveland joined the crowd.

For the first 30 years of its life, Cleveland remained pretty much as those first students remembered it.

Then, in 1957, a one-story rectangular structure was attached to the northeast end of the building to house music, art and metal-shop classes. Within the next year, chemistry, physics, food, clothing and mechanical-drawing rooms were remodeled.

In 1969, Wick Construction began work on a new, detached gymnasium at the south end of the original building. The brick-faced building, designed by Edward Mahlum & Associates, was formally dedicated with a dinner-dance the evening of April 17, 1970. Among the speakers were Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman and John Cherberg, the state's lieutenant governor and coach of Cleveland's city-champion 1937 football team.

In 1995, the old vice principal's office and adjacent student-services areas were remodeled to accommodate the new Cleveland Harborview Health Clinic, a Harborview Hospital-Cleveland High

School cooperative venture designed to provide readily accessible health care to students. Old grads returning to the school in the '90s were surprised to see a large condom dispenser just outside the door to what, for many years, was the office of Vice Principal Ray K. Imus.

The most recent change to the school – until the massive remodeling -- was the addition of a detached building at the school's South End in 1996 to accommodate aquaculture tanks for the school's Fish & Roses project. The goal was to raise fish for commercial sale and use the waste to fertilize roses in beds.

And so the years passed.

Cleveland marked its 25th birthday with an all-school reunion in 1952.

Another big party was held at the school for its 50th birthday (1977). An estimated 1,000 alums walked the halls, read anniversary editions of The Cleveland Journal and greeted former classmates and teachers.

By the time of the 70th anniversary – in 1997 – the ranks of those who had taught at Cleveland or graduated in the '20s, '30s and '40s had been dramatically depleted by wars and age. Alums from the '50s, '60s and beyond were stepping forward to lead the way.

The 75th anniversary celebration in 2002, was a noteworthy because what had been "the newest high school in Seattle" in 1927 was now the oldest original building in the system. Furthermore, the student body was so small and the interest in football so lukewarm that the school that had won the city football championship in 1937 couldn't even field a team one year and had recently joined the Nisqually League, playing the likes of Port Townsend, Chimacum, Vashon Island and Orting.

It was rumored that Cleveland almost certainly would go the way of Broadway, Queen Anne and Lincoln or, at best, undergo some largely cosmetic changes like the ones that had taken place at Franklin.

In the spirit of Mark Twain (who reportedly said, "rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated") Cleveland didn't die. Furthermore, it continues to show the durability of its namesake, Grover Cleveland, the only president elected to non-consecutive terms in the White House (1885-89 and 1893-97).

Go Eagles!

I Didn't Know That (Part 1)

Superior Court Judge Clarence Seeliger, of Decatur, GA., who graduated in 1958, once said that running for student body president at Cleveland in 1957 and being "rejected overwhelmingly" prepared him for his later runs for public office.

Seeliger said he didn't decide what he wanted to do with his life (go to law school) until he was 27 and had spent almost five years in the Air Force. He credited a Cleveland faculty member, Jamie Kourkemalis, with "exposing him to writings, both political and literary – that stretched the boundaries of my thought" in a contemporary problems class." Kourkemalis' method of inquiry," he added, "marked me for life, creating a lifetime habit that continues with me in my work as a judge."

◇ David Della, a Seattle City Councilman and native Seattleite, is a graduate of Cleveland High School (Class of '73). Della went on to attend the University of Washington and Bastyr University Leadership Institute.



After serving as a deputy chief of staff for Mayor Norm Rice in the early '90s, Della became community affairs director for United Way of King County. As a city councilman, he has spearheaded numerous projects, including skateboard parks, aimed at meeting the needs of youth.

◇ Vince O'Keefe ('30) died in 2004. But the longtime associate editor of The Seattle Times sports section left us with a delightful story:

Cleveland's 1927 and '28 football teams had failed to record a single score in two seasons. It was not until the final play of the final game of the '29 season that Miro Kinkella, Cleveland quarterback, threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Willie Segalla in a game against Ballard. Although Ballard won, it was Cleveland's first-ever varsity touchdown and the school its boosters went wild. When Bill Segalla, who made the historic catch, died 68 years later, his obituary in both The Times and P-I noted, "he scored Cleveland High School's first varsity touchdown."

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Cleveland High School would like to thank the Seattle School District, Seattle School Board, and the citizens of Seattle for supporting the renovation project. The Alumni Association thanks Mahlum Architects, Butch Reifert, Principal, and Erica Hildebrand for the cover and center spread of this special edition of *The Cleveland Journal*.

Come Experience Our New School

By Donna Marshall, Principal, CHS

By the time alumni and friends of Cleveland High School read this, workers will be putting finishing touches on the "new" high school that has replaced the old one at 15th Avenue and Lucile Street.

Shortly after Labor Day, students will be greeted in wonderfully spacious new classrooms by teachers who have spent weeks preparing for their arrival.

We're so proud of the new school that we want all of you to see it.

So, please consider this your invitation to attend a one-day open house on Saturday, Sept. 22. You'll have an opportunity to walk the halls, ride the elevators (yes, the "new" Cleveland has elevators) and tour a new gymnasium/commons area that almost certainly will have you saying, "They didn't have anything like this when I was in school!"

Settling down in a permanent nest will be a major change for the young Eagles and staff who have "camped out" at Louisa Boren Junior High School in West

Seattle for the past two years, while the renovation was taking place.

Cleveland High School, as you know, was born in January 1927 when students and teachers walked up the hill from Georgetown – the first of thousands of students and hundreds of teachers to walk the school's halls.

Now we're ready to show you what high school is going to be like in the 21st Century.

Don't miss it.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 23

New Commons

9 - noon

\$5/individual, \$10/family

Thanks to Isernio's Sausage for their donation.

Cleveland's Principals and Vice Principals

Cleveland High School has had 19 principals in its 80-year history. The first, H.N. Gridley, who led the historic "Walk Up The Hill" from Georgetown "High School" (Jan. 3, 1927), had the longest tenure - 12 years (1927-38).

There was no vice principal until 1939, when Ray K. Imus was appointed to the position. Imus became an institution, staying 26 years (1939-64) – the longest tenure of any of the Cleveland's administrators.

Gridley was succeeded as principal by Heber D. Johnson in 1939, the same year Imus arrived as vice principal. In 1941, Johnson was succeeded by Kenneth Selby, whose five years as principal were highlighted by the purchase of The Cleveland Memorial Forest with money from the graduating classes of 1943 and 1944.

Selby's successor was Homer Davis, who spent nine years as principal (1946-54). Harry L. Garrison took over from Davis in 1955, staying through 1958. Next came Loren Ralph, who served for six years (1959-64).

When Ralph left in '64, Imus retired as vice principal, creating the first-ever vice principal's vacancy at Cleveland. When classes began in the fall of 1965, Cleveland was 37 years old. During that time, there had been six principals and just one vice principal.

In the next 43 years – including this year's 80th birthday - Cleveland would have 13 more principals and 23 more vice principals.

Stability was restored in 1993, when Ted Howard, who had served two years as vice principal, was named to the top job. Howard remained as principal for 11 years, second only to Gridley's 12.

Rick Harwood served for one year after Howard's departure in 2003. He was

succeeded by Donna Marshall, who has held the job since 2004.

Principals since 1965:

Richard J. West (1965), Robert Tate (1966-69), Charles Hough (1970-71), William Maynard (1972-76) Gordon Albright (1977-78), Edmonia Minnis (1979-81),

Edmonia Woolridge (1982-83), Edmonia Jarret (1984-88), Andres Tangalin (1989-92), Chris Kato (1992) and Ted Howard (1993-03), Rick Harwood (2003-04); Donna Marshall (2004 -).

Vice Principals since 1965:

Bruce E. Wilson (1965-68), Al Shier (1969), William Butler (1970-72), Chris Kato (1973-76), Chris Kato/Ammon Mc-Washington (1977), Carol N. Simmons/Robert L. Cox/Edward Yakushijin (1979), Richard Dyksterhuis/Edward Yakushijin (1980), Cathy Hayes/Ed Yakushijin (1982-84), Joan Butterworth (1985-87), Wanda Williams/Paul Stimovich (1989), Wanda Williams/Ted Howard (1990), Michaela Hoyt/Ted Howard (1991), Michaela Hoyt/Larry Smith (1992-93), Betty Gray/Susan McDaniel (1994-00)



H.N. Gridley



Ray K. Imus

and Susan McDaniel/Randy Wiseman (2000-02); Rick Harwood/Ryan Stevens (2002-03); Ryan Stevens (2003-04); Glenna Haynes/Wayne Floyd (2004 -)

I Didn't Know That (Part 2)

Cleveland High School chess teams, coached by Terry Whaley, won back-to-back state championships. The team members in 1988-1989 were Anthony Oloans, Alvin Graylin, Kin Lee, Daniel Chinn and Gin Yee. In 1989-1990 they were Alan Lee, Su Ho Cho, Daniel Chinn, Kin Lee and Gin Yee.

◇ Lyle Anderson (Class of '59), now a resident of Arizona, is the chief golf-course designer for Jack Nicklaus.

◇ Cleveland's yearbook was named Aquila because Aquila means "Eagle" in Latin. The first yearbook, in 1928, was called Cleveland Spirit. There was no name on the cover again until 1934, when Aquila appeared for the first time.

◇ In 1939 - two years prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor – Cleveland's annual operetta was Gilbert & Sullivan's

Mikado, directed by Norman Webb. Although *The Mikado* was a huge success, it was never again performed at Cleveland.

◇ Two of the darkest days in Cleveland's history were:

Dec. 8, 1941, when the entire student body gathered in the auditorium to hear President Franklin D. Roosevelt, via radio, respond to the attack on Pearl Harbor the previous day. Roosevelt solemnly declared that a state of war existed between this nation, Japan, Germany and Italy.

Feb. 19, 1942 when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which ordered West Coast persons of Japanese descent (including many Cleveland students) to be evacuated immediately to internment camps. Many Cleveland teachers and students wept openly when the evacuation order was carried out.

◇ The stained-glass window at the front of the school, over the middle set of doors, was designed and executed by Ted Ishida, who once headed the school's art department.

◇ During World War II, Dora Leavitt (later Dora Leavitt Hay), school librarian, and Martha Whittaker, mathematics and biology teacher, joined The Waves.

◇ Paul Barden ('54), who spent 28 years of his life in politics, says that these days he's in the "wellness business, teaching people how to live long and healthy lives." Barden has had one of the most varied careers of any Cleveland grad – policeman, banker, four terms in the State House of Representatives, five terms on the King County Council and then "his crowning achievement," several terms on the Cleveland High School Alumni Association board of directors. At 70, he's a poster boy for wellness.



◇ Richard "Whitey" King ("44), who sports a striking white moustache these day, was one of those rare athletes who lettered in two sports at the University of Washington. Whitey played halfback on the Husky football team under Ralph "Pest" Welch and basketball under the legendary Clarence "Hec" Edmundson. But his biggest accomplishment, he says, may have been graduating in architecture, "because they didn't think a dumb jock could do it."

◇ Joe Colello ('60) won the Washington State Open Golf Championship in 1968 — the same championship won 10 years later by a young man named Fred Couples, an O'Dea grad who learned golf at Beacon Hill's Jefferson Park Golf Course.

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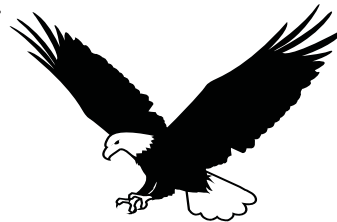
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Transforming a landmark

The dramatic renovation and addition to Cleveland High School is transforming this Seattle landmark. Significant facades of the original three-story school building, built in 1926, are benefiting from historic rehabilitation and seismic bracing. Later additions built in 1958 and 1969 have been demolished to make way for a new classroom wing and integrated commons/gymnasium.

These new buildings are designed as modern interpretations of the historic school. Materials, and the rhythm and flow of openings reflect those of their predecessor. In their simplified form, however, they graciously defer to the landmark. The new structures flank the historic building to create outdoor plazas and a campus entry that connects Cleveland with the community, from which it has been long separated by a two-story wall.

When it opens this fall, the 168,000-square-foot school will provide students with innovative learning environments that support smaller class sizes, accommodate future change, and foster school pride and identity. It is hoped that integrated investment in educational delivery and facilities will enhance the academic achievement of this diverse student body and strengthen ties with the South Park, Georgetown, and Beacon Hill neighborhoods.

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Rendering of the school bus drop-off on 15th Avenue South at the new student entry to Cleveland High School.

A photo tour: 2005 to 2007



November 2005:
Aerial photo showing the removal of the 1969 gymnasium building.



January 2006:
The original gymnasium in the 1926 building begins its facelift.



January 2006:
The two-story wall on 15th Avenue South is removed.



July 2006:
The steel structure of the new commons/gymnasium is in place.



September 2006:
The new and old architecture come together.



November 2006:
A view of the new academic building.



Rendering of the north courtyard with a view into the new student commons.



removed.



March 2006:
The new academic building's foundation is poured.



June 2006:
Terra cotta and brick on the historic structure are cleaned and repaired.



academic building from 15th and Orcas.



May 2007:
The north facade of the new academic building.



June 2007:
Concrete for the grand stair is poured at the east entry.

Sports Before Your Eyes

Cleveland Coaches Who Moved Up

Three former Cleveland High School coaches went on to coach at the University of Washington:

Johnny Cherberg: Coached the Cleveland Eagles to their first and only city football championship in 1937. In 1953 - after a four-year stint as the Huskies' frosh coach - "Cowboy" Johnny Cherberg became head football coach. After being fired by the Huskies a few years later, Cherberg ran for lieutenant-governor. He won and held the office for the next 35 years, at the time the longest-running lieutenant-governor in the nation's history.

Art McLarney: In 1951 - After leaving Cleveland to coach basketball at Roosevelt, he became frosh coach at the UW. He later succeeded the legendary Clarence "Hec" Edmundson as head coach. McLarney left after a few years and coached briefly at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma before dropping out of coaching.

Bob McDonald: In 1977, five years after his Cleveland team won the Metro baseball championship, he became head baseball coach at the University of Washington. After 15 successful years with the Huskies, he was hired as baseball coach of the U.S. Naval Academy.

1976 Eagles Basketball Team Called State's All-Time Best

Cleveland's 1976 basketball team, which won the state 3A championship after winning the state 2A championship the previous year, was named by The Seattle Times as the finest prep basketball team in the state's history in a 2005 article.

Although the Eagles, who were undefeated at 17-0 in 1975, lost one game in '76, to go 23-1, they were rated ahead of such powerhouses as:

The '74 Garfield Bulldogs (24-0), Mercer Island's 1985 team, led by Quin Snyder (28-1), Everett's 1940 team (29-0), so dominating it won the state championship game 64-19; Davis's 1965 team (25-0) and the 1890 Garfield Bulldogs (25-0), which coach Al Hairston felt was one of his best.

Cleveland's lone loss in '76 was to Lincoln of Tacoma, the defending state 3A champions, in the second game of the season. The Eagles avenged that defeat in the final game of the season when, with just seven seconds left, Carl Ervin, Cleveland's all-state point guard, sank an 18-foot jumper to clinch a 42-41 victory at the Seattle Center Coliseum.

Cleveland had won the 1975 2A championship by blowing out Mark Morris, 77-57, in the final game.

Even though Cleveland was a small school, even by 2A standards, Coach Fred Harrison felt the team had the ability to step up the next year to 3A (then the state's highest classification). His faith was justified as the Eagles went 50-1 in two seasons.

Cleveland was led by center Jawann Oldham, 7-0; forwards James Woods, 6-8, and Eli Carter, 6-3, and guards Ervin, 6-1 and Brad Bowser, 6-1. Robert Keller, 6-2, was the main man off the bench.

The reserves were known as the "Blue Bandits."

Four members of the '76 team went on to play Division 1A college basketball.

Ervin, who twice made the all-state first team and still holds the AAA tournament assist mark (35), was selected for the mythical all-time first team all-state basketball squad by the same coaches and sports writers who felt the Eagles were the best prep team of all-time.



1976 Cleveland High School Basketball Team

The Best Cleveland Football Team Ever

Although Cleveland's 1937 football team was the only one to win an all-city championship in football (2-0 over a much bigger Garfield team in the championship game), the 1979 team won the Class AA championship and the 1930 football team was undefeated. That's right, Cleveland didn't lose a game in 1930 - when its record was one victory and three ties.

Sonics and Storm Rescue Cleveland Uniforms

The uniforms of Cleveland's boys' basketball team were stolen earlier this year. The SuperSonics and Storm Foundation and the foundations of Sonic players Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis quickly came to the rescue, replacing the uniforms and giving the Eagle players an opportunity to see that at least some NBA stars have hearts almost as big as their salaries.



The Kid Who Stuttered

On a hot July evening at Civic Field in 1938, curly-haired, 22-year-old Al Hostak - who had attended Cleveland High School six years earlier - stunned the boxing world by knocking out Tacoma's 32-year-old Freddie Steele in one minute and 42 seconds of the first round at Seattle's Civic Field, thus becoming the new NBA middleweight prizefighting champion of the world.

Former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey, who refereed the bout, proclaimed Hostak, who grew up in Georgetown, "the hardest hitter, for his weight, I have ever seen." Hostak would lose the title, regain it, then lose it again in the next few years. But on that July night he was the toast of Seattle.

At the age of 81, Hostak was one of the honored guests at Cleveland's 70th birthday party. He told the audience that as a youngster living in Georgetown he stuttered whenever he felt pressured. And when he stuttered, students laughed.

"I used to go to bed at night and cry, wondering what was to become of me, and whether I would ever be able to get a job," Hostak said. "Maybe that's why I turned to boxing and dropped out of Cleveland at age 16. I didn't have to talk. I just threw punches."

Hostak was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1999. He died two years ago in White Center.



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80 Years of Sports Champions

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All-City Football 1937

John A. Cherberg, coach; Max Starceovich, asst.
Eddie Blakely, Bill Evans, Don Harney, Bill Jones, Bayne Lamb, Ken Manzo, Dick Maurer, Jack McGee, Don McMillan, Dave Petrig, Jim Rohletter, Clarence Rach, Val ReBahn, George Richardson, Bob Rounds, Andy Thomas, Bernie Thomas, Joe Ulrich, Joe Williams, Harold Williams, Bill York, Masau Zamasaki.

All-City Track (Half-Mile) 1943

Gaylord Peltier, coach
Robert Griffin

All-City Baseball 1952

Rex Scott, coach; Ed Landon, asst. .
Dick Bronson, Jim Burgess, Warren Cardoza, Jim Collins, Ron Foisy, Bob Glitschka, Bob Henry, Ventris Ingram, Ken Kane, Dick Minice, Don Mozzone, Denny Peterson, Dick Stuns, Sherm Swanson, Ron Wayman, Darrell Wehrwein, Ray Wilfong.

All-City Basketball 1953

Rex Scott, coach; Ed Landon, asst.
Dick Beers, Joe Davis, Bob Fossatti, Dick Minice, Dan Niksich, Ken Pinyerd, Paul Redmond, Phil Rich, Dick Stuns, Sherm Swanson, Ron Wayman.
(won first round in state tournament; lost next two games)

All-City Baseball 1953

Rex Scott, coach; Ed Landon, asst.
Harlan Bruhjell, Jim Collins, Phil Gesner, Don Glitschka, Jerry Hammack, Sam Ingram, Ken Kane, Dick Mozzone, Don Mozzone, Dan Niksich, Bob Onustach, Denny Peterson, Paul Redmond, Dick Stuns, Sherm Swanson, Frank Urpman, Ron Wayman.
Jim Burgess and Bob Henry, mgrs.

All-City Baseball 1954

(played for city championship; lost in playoff)
Rex Scott, coach; Ed Landon, asst.
Joe Davis, Pat DeFeo, Dick Dondero, George Dull, Gerald Egbert, Sam Ingram, John Martin, Dale Miller, Dick Minice, Tim O'Brien, Dennis Peterson, Paul Redmond, Ken Sturman, Don Vallalla, Mike Yurina.

All-City Tennis Doubles 1957

Jack Dolstad, coach
Quin Chin and Munn Chin

All-City Track 1957

Howard Glazier, coach; Dick Eisenbrey, asst.
Darce Lamb, pole vault; George Roney, 440 yard run

All-City Tennis 1958

Jack Dolstad, coach
Jerry Akita, Joe Alba, Darrel Ankeny, Bob Bushman, Lunn Chin, Munn Chin, Jerry Kiel, Jim McDonald, Allan McFadden, Al Woo, Richard Woo; Tom Jones, mgr.

All-City Tennis Doubles 1963

Frank Fujii, coach
Charles Chinn and Sherman Woo.

Metro Track 1963

Bill Phelan, coach; John Richardson, asst.
Wes Acrey, 220 yd. dash; Tom Higgins, long jump (also All-State long-jump champion)

Metro Basketball Southern Division 1964

Rex Scott, head coach; Paul Wallrof, asst.
Jerry Bailey, John Banchemo, Dennis Calhoun, Don Deschenes, Jim Deyungan, Bob Jurcan, Redmond Kincaid, Dave Pounds, Tom Steinbach

City Tennis Doubles 1965

John Smith, coach
Gordon Yee and Wilbert Look

Metro Tennis Doubles 1966

John Smith, coach
Wilbert Look and Gordon Yee

Metro Tennis 1967

John Smith, coach
Curtis Chin, Ozzie Diamond, Jerry Fujita, Alvin Ko, Willon Lew, Glen Kiyonaga, Doug McKnight, Bob Mito, Ron Soo, Randy Tada, Eugene Usui, Darryl Yee, Gordon Yee. (Also Alvin Ko and Gordon Yee won the All-Metro Doubles; Gordon Yee was Metro tennis doubles champion three straight years).

Metro Tennis 1969

John Smith, coach
Curtis Chin, Gary Kiyonaga, Mike Ko, Myron Ko, Willon Lew, Rod Louie, Al Pastores
Gary Yee, All-City Singles.

Metro Tennis 1970

Tom Champoux, coach
Gary Hanada, Gary Kiyonaga Jim Kodama, Tim Louie, Al Pastores, GGeorge Tsukamaki
Gary Yee, All-City Singles.

Metro Baseball 1972

Bob McDonald, coach; Jim Sampson, asst.
Tom Anderson, Dan Bossuyt, Tim Gorman, Dan Hagan, Bill Harwell, Warren Higa, Bernard Holland, Eugene Kato, Howie Nelson, John Nelson, Doug Nikaitani, Gary Pankiewicz, Gary Patterson, Mike Sandhop, Corry Ward

South Division Soccer 1973

Harold Johnson, coach; Don Roos, asst.
Jose Ahumada, John Barron, Randi Bonari, Dan Bossuyt, Robert Budinich, Mark Della, David Everett, Jim Ferrari, Steve Fontana, Gilbert Gardner, Jim Gordon, Bill Harwell, Chuck Harwood, Richard Medina, Pasquale Palmermo, Gary Pankiewicz, Roberto Papini, Gary Patterson, Gene Wu.

State AA Track 1975

Mike Abbott, coach
Mike Abe, triple jump; Greg Ford, 100 yd. dash; Paul Giralmo, two-mile (5th).

Metro And State AA Basketball 1975
Fred Harrison, coach; Marvin Morris, asst.

Randy Furukama and Rodney Tibbs, mgrs.

John Bell, Brad Bowser, James Brown, Eli Carter, James Carter, Carl Ervin, Danny Horne, Robert Keller, Keith Lowery, Jawann Oldham, Philip Petty, Buddy Williams, James Woods, Maurice Young.

Metro and State AAA Basketball 1976

Fred Harrison, coach; Marvin Morris, asst.
John Bell, Brad Bowser, Gary Bowman, Carl Ervin, Tony Carter, Jesse Gardner, William Hunter, James Jones, Robert Keller, Tom Kihara, Jawann Oldham, Larry Roberts, James Woods.

State AA Track 1976

Mike Abbott, coach
James Jones, 440 yd. dash; Matt Shea, low and high hurdles; Jack Stillmaker, mile and two-mile; Carl Thompson, long jump (4th), triple jump (4th)

Wrestling '70s

Ed Yakushijin, coach
1972 Metro, Jose Valenzuela 126 lbs.; 1974 Metro, Alan Hatcher 190 lbs.; 1975 Metro, Robert Dalzell 101 lbs.; 1975 Regional, Satbir Sandhu 115 lbs.; 1976 Regional, Harvey Peques heavyweight; 1977 Metro, Victor Yagi 129 lbs.

Metro AA League Football 1979

Ben Wright, coach
Eugene Bruce, Todd Corpuz, Dale Corpuz, David Cooper, Glenn Evans, Gary Fetui, Tim Fields, Ronald Flowers, Jim Foley, Dean Herrington, Wade Jackson, Curtis Jordan, Hilton Keller, Kurt Kaufman, Scott Koizumi, John Lam, Joe Logan, Steve Mikami, Tim Miyamoto, Leo Pulido, Eddie Roleford, Scott Sakagami, Brad Santos, James Sasues, Edward Simmons, David Suguro, Steve Suyama, Vince Vigil, Richard Wayman, Reggie Wilson, San Yamada, James Young, Mike Zuppe.

First-team All Metro: Eugene Bruce, Todd Corpuz, Glenn Evans, Gary Fetui, Tim Fields, Ron Flowers, David Suguro

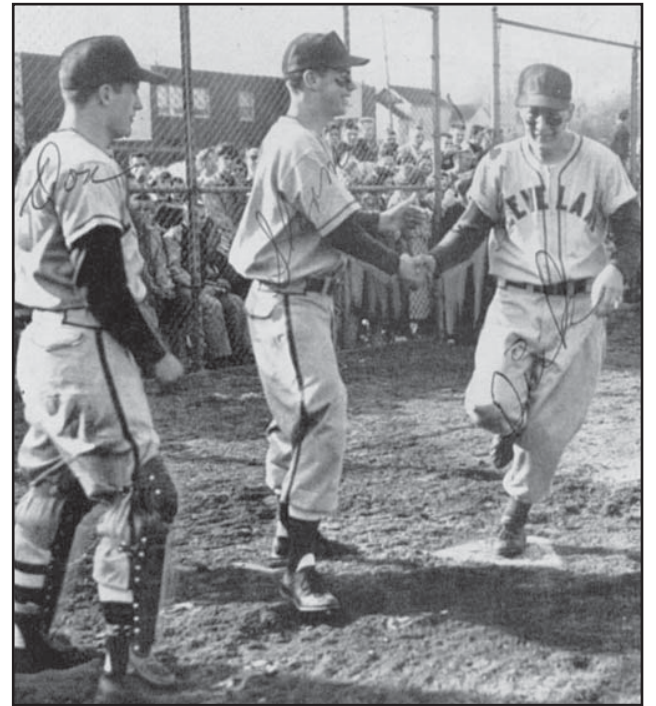
Defensive Lineman of the Year:

Eugene Bruce

Defensive Back of the year: Gary Fetui

AA Football Coach of the Year: Ben Wright.

1953 Cleveland Baseball Team in Action at Ballard
L to R:
Don Glitschka, Sherm Swanson, and Dick Stuns



Alumni Welcome to a New Cleveland



grown up in the South Park community and graduated from Cleveland High School. Some of my teachers would be very happy to know that I am representing so many alumni and I am so honored.

Over the past few years a beautiful new school has emerged, filling the surrounding communities of Beacon Hill, South Park, Georgetown, and South Seattle with

pride. To be able to see the reopening of a new Cleveland is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a special occasion.

The spirit we experienced while attending Cleveland has helped us through real-life challenges. The never-give-up attitude that was instilled in our student body is ever present.

I ask all past alumni to come walk the same halls we knew so well, celebrate our history and reminisce with former classmates. Come and see your new school and share in this significant celebration. This is a very exciting time. I invite you to celebrate our weekend festivities on September 22 and 23 and share in the success of our new buildings honoring Cleveland's generations of alumni.

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Kings Of Swing Still Swinging

The 17-piece dance band that will be heard at the 80th Birthday/Grand Re-opening celebration originated in the fall of 1943 as the Cleveland High School Pep Band, under the baton of Cleveland music teacher Ed Ottum (who died in 1996).

It soon became known as The Kings of Swing, featuring the Big Band music of the '40s in the style of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

After graduating, the band members continued to play through 1949 at service clubs, YMCAs, USOs and high school proms. They disbanded after this country entered the Korean War.

Gordon Parker, an original member, decided to revive the band in the late '80s to play for his class's 40th reunion. Twenty-two of the original members showed up – from as far away as Florida and Oklahoma.

Some hadn't touched their instruments in years, and the rust showed when they opened with "Moonlight

Serenade." But all agreed the memories were great.

On the basis of that get-together, seven of the original members who resided in the Seattle area decided to revive the band. They practiced a lot, got good again and, as original members died or moved away, added new blood. Members' now range from their twenties to their seventies.

The Kings of Swing have performed at such varied venues as The Space Needle, Rainier Club, 5th Avenue Theater, Seattle Tennis Club, Museum of Flight, Folklife Festival, Eastside Community Street Fair and the Seattle Trade Center.

The alumni association's first president (Don Clifford) and his successor (Don Case) were members of the original Kings of Swing.

The Original Kings of Swing:
Roland Pennyhoff, Fred Johnson, Aubrey Adams, Bob McCaffree, Burr Cline, Bob Peck, Dick Case, Bob Furlan, Don Case, Harry Cameron, Gordon Parker



Today's Kings of Swing



Sneak Preview of the Renovated Cleveland High

(Don Duncan '43 and Don Mills '49 toured the not-yet-completed school near the end of June, guide Ian Kell, Seattle School District project supervisor, and Wayne Floyd, assistant principal. This is what they saw)

The "really old" Cleveland gymnasiums (boys and girls) have a new incarnation – as drama rehearsal rooms attached to the Performing Arts Theater. Surprises: an orchestra pit, although Cleveland doesn't have a school orchestra at this time; dressing rooms for performers; and a theater (the old auditorium) that still has a balcony but is slightly smaller (seats 536) and a lot nicer than the original. There are box offices in the lobby and a motorized projection screen on the stage.

Let's face it, as much as we love the place, Seattle often is dark and overcast. To combat the dreariness, the architects have greatly increased the size and number of windows, flooding potentially dark corridors and classroom nooks and corners with loads of natural light.

Students no longer will have an excuse for not hearing the teacher. Even with a bad case of laryngitis, teachers can easily be heard, thanks to the miracle of wireless clip-on microphones. They'll also have head sets to listen to messages from the office.

Those student lockers into which earlier generations stuffed books, lunches and extra clothing have been a thing of the past for quite a few years. Because today's students carry everything in a backpack – as if they were going to climb Mt. Rainier – there are hooks on the backs of all seats.

In keeping with its culinary arts program for budding chefs, it is no surprise that Cleveland's new kitchen is state-of-the-art, mechanized and microwaved to the teeth. The main cafeteria – in the new commons/gymnasium building on the north end of the school – seats 250. If the food and conversation aren't enough to keep them occupied, they can watch a huge flat-screen TV on the wall. The big

question: who chooses the channel?

When Cleveland opened its "new" gymnasium in 1969, the complex was considered to be one of the finest in the Seattle School District. The "new" gym is gone, to make room for the new 3-story classroom building on the South End of the school. The "new-new" gymnasium is a true mind-boggler. You'll find a weight room, boys' and girls' locker rooms, and facilities for volleyball, badminton and wrestling. There are six baskets on the basketball court, and pull-out bleachers to accommodate 1,350 spectators at games. The red-and-white scoreboard is already in place.

Although all rooms are accessible for the handicapped, those in wheelchairs will have to cover a lot of ground to get from here to there in some cases. Elevators are for the use of staff, the handicapped and students toting uncommonly heavy loads. A card must be inserted to operate them. But not on Sept. 22 – when everything will be operating for old grads.

Other highlights: There are no less than three huge science rooms in the new school, with enough equipment to stock the lab of a pharmaceutical company. The library, on the third floor of Building 2 (that's the original school that we all remember) has ample room for rows of computers and is flooded with natural light from a long wall of windows looking out over Georgetown and Boeing Field. Oh yes, and there's room for quite a few books, too.

Disappointments: While there is a nice music room, with several rehearsal rooms across the hall, there is currently a paucity of music instruction, except for a student "drum line." And hopes that the Seattle Parks Department-owned track and football practice field to the West of the school might finally be improved have once more been put on hold. Wayne Floyd, assistant principal, thinks alums might join in putting pressure on the city to finally give Cleveland a break.

Enjoy your tour!

Cleveland Memorial Forest 11th Annual Trek

By Pat Coluccio '47

Patriotic readings by a dozen or so Cleveland students set the tone for this year's 11th annual CHS Alumni Association Memorial Day Service & Trek to "The Rock" at The Cleveland Memorial Forest.

Each student reading emphasized service and sacrifice for the betterment of all.

An impressive flag-raising ceremony featured two men in WWI doughboy uniforms, courtesy of American Legion Doughboy Memorial Post #138 in University Place, and an Honor Guard of two

Cleveland students, Abas Sheiko and Josh Holbert.

Sheiko and Holbert folded the flag with professional skill at the conclusion of the ceremony and presented it to Pat Rosenkranz ('49), author of a book on Clevelandites who have given their lives in war. Bernie Moskowitz played Taps.

Don Clifford ('44) of University Place once again emceed the program.

The Trek to the Rock — a short hike through the woods from the flagpole to the rock bearing the names of Cleveland's war dead in WWII, the Korea and Vietnam — ended the day.

Fallen Eagles 2006 to present

Listed below are alumni who have passed away recently. They will be missed.

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Margo Salvador Lai, '60
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Robert Thompson, '60
Ronald D Hess, '61
Jackie O Hoglund Bylund, '64
Robert Berg, '67
Laurie Homann Thompson, '68
Vance Richard Roberts, '69
William C. (Bill) Huff, '72
Donald Ray Zeitler, '73
Robert V Coluccio, '74
Kim Kammerzel, '78
Marie Davidson, '82

Join Us for a Grand Opening Visit!

The Renovated Cleveland High School

All School Reunion

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Something For Everyone!
Golden Grad Reception
Former and Current Staff Reception
Chat Rooms for all Alumni
Community Open House

Hosted by the Cleveland High School Alumni Association

Event Day Schedule

Upon arriving, you'll be provided with a map of the remodeled school to guide your tour. Be on the lookout for the "Chat Room" where you'll find alums who graduated in your decade.

10 a.m.

Golden Grads (pre-1958)* Reception

10:30 a.m.

Chat Rooms for classes '58 - '70s

12 noon

Welcoming Ceremonies in the new Gymnasium:
Musical entertainment from The Kings of Swing and Marilee Winn Johnson '52
Memories of Cleveland
Welcome to the Future

1 p.m.

Chat Rooms for classes from the '80s, '90s, and 2000s

*Golden Grads and handicapped parking will be available entering at the south end of the school off 15th Ave S.

Sunday, September 23

9 - noon Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Self-guided School Tours

We need you!

We need volunteers to help out during the All School Reunion. If you're willing to help, please contact any Alumni Association Board member listed on page 2.

Upcoming Reunions - Look for Yours Here!

Class of 1987 - 20 year reunion

August 10, 7:30 p.m., Acme Bowling, Billiards, & Events
Saturday, August 11, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Potluck Picnic at Newcastle Beach Park
Contact: ClevelandReunion87@hotmail.com, Kyle Okada 206-683-8493

Class of 1997 - 10 year reunion

August 25, 6 p.m., Champagne Cruise from the Dock on Lake Union
Cost: \$65 per person
Contact: cleveland1997@gmail.com or www.myspace.com/cleveland1997 or clevelandhighschool1997.classquest.com
Phone contact: Allen Abad 206-763-2785

Class of 1952 - 55 year reunion

September 12, Noon - 5 p.m., Glen Acres Golf and Country Club
Cost: \$45 per person includes sit-down luncheon.
Classes of 1951 and 1953 are invited.
Contact: Jim Lambo 206-243-6553 or jmlambo@comcast.net

Class of 1957 - 50 year reunion

September 14, 15 and 16
Friday - Tour of remodeled school at 4 p.m., followed by Wine bottling Party at Castle Bridge Winery to bottle your own 'Class of 1957' labeled wine.
Cost: Evening with w/ a bottle of wine, \$19.57.
Saturday - Dinner and music at Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Contact: Kit (Fredericks) Carlton jackandkit@msn.com or Karen (Bird) Flamboe 206-935-2125.

Class of 1977 - 30 year reunion

September 21, Informal gather w/cash bar at: Jubilante' Restaurant & Music Club, 7 p.m. to midnight
September 22, 6 - 11 p.m., McCormick & Schmicks Harborside
Cost: \$65 per person, \$125 per couple
Contact: Mark Holmes, 206-726-9044 or Mark.Holmes@Seattle.gov

Class of 1962 - 45 year reunion

October 12, 5:30 p.m., tour of school followed by a casual gathering at Uncle Mo's Planet, Georgetown
October 13, golf tournament and buffet dinner at Maplewood Golf Course
Cost: \$50 per person before Sept 1 and \$60 thereafter
Contact: Website www.freewebs.com/aschuehle/
Email CHS62Reunion2007@juno.com, mail CHS Reunion, PO Box 412, Clinton, WA 98236 or phone: Geri Nelson 206-323-3600

The Cleveland Forest

Back in 1944, Cleveland vice principal Ray K. Imus paid \$300 at a King County tax title sale to buy a little less than 160 acres of forest land east of Issaquah.

The money had been raised by Cleveland's classes of 1943 and 1944 to purchase a memorial honoring former Cleveland students killed in World War II.

A year later, Principal Kenneth Selby - who determined that the school would not be able to develop the property on its own - signed a quit-claim deed and turned it over to the Seattle Public Schools.

Development has been spasmodic the past 63 years. Students have cleared trails. Several buildings have been erected, and a few structures have fallen.

A plaque bearing the names of former Cleveland students who have died in this nation's wars, from World War II on, has been affixed to a large rock in the middle of the property. A flag is flown on Memorial Day from a flagpole donated by the family of Jim Rohletter ('39) who played on Cleveland's championship football team in 1937 and served in the Navy in World War II.

The traditional Memorial Day celebration regularly attracts alums and

students. The latter, mostly from teacher Faith Beatty's classes, often read patriotic poems and essays. Bernie Moskowitz ('57) concludes each ceremony with Taps. Among those who have devoted considerable time to the Memorial Day service are Don Clifford ('44), Don Mills ('49) and Pat Coluccio ('47).

When it was rumored a few years ago that the School Board might consider selling the property, Cleveland alums strongly protested. An oversight committee - made up of alums and school district officials - meets several times a year to discuss activities at the forest.

Byron Coney ('47), an attorney and former alumni association board member, filed a lawsuit to wrest control of the forest from the school board and run it as a privately-endowed alumni foundation dedicated to environmental studies in memory of Cleveland's war dead.

Although the lawsuit was unsuccessful, the forest still bears the name "Cleveland Forest," and the "memorial" aspects of the forest have been broadened to include Cleveland alums who have died in all wars since World War II.

The Cleveland Memorial Forest is, in 2007 as it was in 1944, always a work in progress.



Cleveland seniors LaSharon Walker, left, and Clara Ulugalu raise the flag to start the ceremony at Cleveland Memorial Forest. (2006)
Photo courtesy of Steve Ringman/The Seattle Times

See page 11 for more on the 2007 trek to the Cleveland Memorial Forest.

Cleveland's Honored War Dead

The best record of Cleveland's World War II war dead is contained in the book "Honored Dead," by Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz ('49).

In the book, Rosenkranz tells the stories of 32 men from Cleveland. It includes photographs of the men and maps indicating the areas in which they fought. Copies will be available at the 80th birthday/grand reopening celebration.

The author may be reached at P.O. Box 85, Ocean Park, WA 98640.

World War II: Richard Baggott '39, Sidney Bienke '35, Richard Cornell '40, Hugh Craven '45, Eugene Cummings, Lawrence Decker '40, Hubert S. DeWitt Jr '42, Philip (Bud) Carl Fander, Andrew Harlin '42, Lawrence K. Harrison '39, Herbert Clayton (Toby) Holm '39, Bernard T. Kelly '39, Jero (Jiro) Kanetomi '35, Robert

Kennewick '41, Noel Kent, Milton King, Warren Edward Krafft '34, Mike Lagozzino '35, Gordon Larson '40, William Richard Lewis '41, John P. McLaughlin '41, Frederick Morris Jr. '43, Yoshito Noritake '40, William A. Rach '36, Robert Rizzo '41, Francis Schoenmaker '45, John Swick '42, Leonard Thibaut '42, Louis H. Wolfe Jr '41, Eric John Zackrisson '41.

Korean Conflict: John W. Churchill, Stuart A. DeWalt Jr., Robert A. Foster, Richard (Dick) E. Larson, Gene Modenese, Arlen John (John Jack) Morgan, Ray Oleson.

Vietnam Conflict: Ignacio Duro, Robert (Bruce) Richards, Theodore S. Rolstad, Kenneth Henry Visintin.