NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Association off to good start for 2000

By Alison W. Sing '64

The Spirit of Aquila is alive and well. More than alumni crowded into the Cleveland library for a spirited annual meeting on Jan. 29. Former alumni presidents — Don Clifford ’44, Don Case ’48, Loretta Scott ’48 and Elaine Comerford ’45 — were individually honored by the board for their dedicated service and past leadership to our association.

New members joining the board for a three-year term include Kathleen Gemmill Stremick ’59, Pat Sullivan Rosenkranz ’49, Larry Zipp ’42 and Kevin McGinnis ’77. (Note: In order to maintain staggered terms, the alumni waived the bylaws and granted three-year terms for new board members elected this year. Future board terms will be two-year terms).

Current board members reelected for a two-year term were Vera Chan-Pool ’91, Louise Steggall ’67 and Alison Sing ’64.

Board members Terence Wong ’58, Richard “Whitey” King ’44, Paul Barden ’54 and JoAnn Victor Smith ’56 rounds out the board for this year.

Board officers elected at our Feb. 19 meeting were Alison Sing ’64, president; Vera Chan-Pool ’91, vice president; and Terry Wong ’58, treasurer. The board secretary position was split into two new positions, with Kathleen Gemmill Stremick ’59 serving as recording secretary and JoAnn Victor Smith ’56 serving as membership secretary.

Association updates

Announcement that the alumni board would resurrect the annual trek to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest drew praise from those present. Two new treks — Senior in the Spring and Frosh in the Fall — would establish a new tradition for giving our incoming freshmen exposure to the forest and for our outgoing seniors an opportunity to create a formal link to our alumni association.

Since our annual meeting, a summary judgment was rendered on the plaintiffs' case with the Seattle School District.

A popular teacher at Garfield High School and former Cleveland High School alumni, Tom Hudson, died tragically in February.

Rumors and speculation abound in March about a possible partnership between South Seattle Community College and Cleveland High School.

In April, a proposed six-year, $400 million levy to modernize Seattle's aging public schools included $50 million to renovate Cleveland High School.

On May 11, 40 members of the senior class — led by Carol Gehman, Julie Pierce and Camilla Nakano — met association board members and former alumni at the Memorial Forest for one last visit before graduation and to plant a tree in memory of our fallen classmates (see story on Page 4).

We extend our sincere thanks to Pat Coluccio '47 for securing a tree donation from Julius Rosso Nursery & Garden Center in Georgetown for the senior class.

Alumni joining the celebration were Louise Steggall ’67, Larry Zipp ‘42, Ed Boprey ’45, Richard "Whitey" King ’44, Pat Rosenkranz ’49, Pat Coluccio ’47, Gordon Parker ’46 and Alison Sing ’64.

Furtheing education

Pat Rosenkranz ’49 is working with drama teacher Faith Beatty and her students on a special project to gather biographical data about the students who died in service to our country and their time at Cleveland High School. It is our sincere hope that this information will someday serve to educate past, current and future Cleveland High School students and alumni about our fellow classmates and their ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country.

Our Scholarship Committee actively reviewed candidates for educational scholarships. Thanks to our generous alumni, the board allocated $5,000 to support student scholarships for this year. (See story on Page 2.)

More help needed

In closing, we have an exciting year ahead of us. We need your help in making the alumni association your link to the past and the future of Cleveland High School. We have six standing committees — Finance, Historical, Membership, Projects, Public Relations and Scholarship — that could use your help and support.

We are looking for volunteers to help us mount the newest memorial plaque honoring two more classmates who fell in World War II (see Page 3). We also are looking for website-development expertise.

Give our board members a call if you can help our efforts.
Three $1,500 scholarships awarded this year

This year the Scholarship Committee awarded $1,500 scholarships to three Cleveland seniors, all of whom will make excellent role models for future Eagles.

Led by Louise Steggall '67, the Scholarship Committee included Sandra Bunning '57, Sharon Victor '60, Irene Steggall-Brown '64 and Vera Chan-Pool '91.

From the 10 applicants, they selected Nancy Fung, Edgar Hernandez and Sarin Thim to receive the scholarships.

Nancy Fung

Crediting her immigrant father for "building a solid foundation for a prosperous future" for her in the United States, Nancy Fung plans to study computer science or computer engineering at the University of Washington.

Fung prepared for the years ahead by taking calculus and physics classes at Cleveland; studying math, science, genetics, computer design and web design after school at the University of Washington; and competing in the Upward Bound Knowledge Bowl, History Day Competition and ThinkQuest, a web-building contest.

She even maintained perfect attendance and a 3.7 grade-point average during her years at Cleveland while also a member of numerous school organizations. Among them: the volleyball and track teams, the Chinese and SKY clubs, DECA and the Cleveland Library Council.

Fung, one of five children in her family, also served her community well. She volunteered for various Key Club projects, as a kindergarten teacher's aide and at the Juvenile Diabetes International Foundation. She also was a member of the Seattle Chinese Community Drill Team and served as secretary of the Boeing Explorer Post 777.

Edgar Hernandez

Edgar Hernandez said he has "been blessed with numerous obstacles that have helped shape my character." Born in El Salvador, he moved to Washington state when he was 10, speaking only Spanish. Within six years, he moved from bilingual education to mainstream classes and then to college-preparation courses, where he maintained a 3.8 grade-point average.

Hernandez received numerous academic achievement awards at Cleveland, and he participated in many school-related activities. He was a member of the Fish & Roses and Latino MECHA clubs at school and took part in the After School Art Program, the UW Math Science After School Program, Upward Bound, the University of Idaho math and science program and Running Start.

He also volunteered to help with tutoring, Maple Elementary School's Clay Day, school cleanups, the Cleveland Multicultural Dinner, the Seattle AIGA LINKS art program and even with grant presentations.

The first in his family to attend college, Hernandez will enroll at the University of Washington this fall to study education and/or architecture.

Sarin Thim

Sarin Thim — whose parents survived the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia — also is the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college. Seeing her family struggle to support its six members here in the United States, she is determined to make their standard of living better. Thim hopes to do this by studying to become a biologist at the University of Washington.

At Cleveland, Thim maintained a 3.6 grade-point average while participating in various school and extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Cambodian Club, the Cleveland Library Council and the school golf team. In addition, she took part in the University of Washington's Upward Bound after-school math and science class and Knowledge Bowl, as well as the ThinkQuest website-building competition and the Boeing Explorer Post 777 Program.

Thim also received numerous awards for academic achievement and for her work in the UW programs, including the Award of Excellence in Science, Outstanding Depth in Detail and Critical Analysis Award and Outstanding Performance Award in Section.

The Scholarship Committee and the Cleveland High School Alumni Association would like to thank the other scholarship applicants: Tyra Chantel Ellington, Jeremi Hermo, Amanda Licorish, Albert Cong (Tri) Pham, Thanh (Billy) K. Thai, Shera-Kasuni D. Three and Cameron Tom. We wish you all continued success in your studies and your futures.

To make a contribution to the Cleveland High School Alumni Association's scholarship fund, see the form on the following page.

CHS football gears up for a touchdown season

By Bob Richardson
CHS Football Coach

The Eagles had a successful 1999 football season with a record of 5-4. The losses were tough ones, including a one-point loss to West Seattle, an overtime loss to West Seattle later in the year and a tough fourth-quarter rally by Blanchet. But the Eagles showed a lot of heart and promise for the future.

Success also was had outside of the win-loss record as four seniors are going on to college, three of whom are planning to play ball. The seniors going on to universities are Bill Nitta (Eastern Oregon University), Derrick Sencil (Western Washington University), Sam Chan (University of Washington) and Joe Davidson (Western Washington University).

With six returning offensive starters and five defensive ones, the Eagles are eager to begin the 2000 season.

The football season brings a need for volunteers and an opportunity for your talents to be put to use. We are looking for one or two people to videotape the games, sponsors for lunches during two-a-day practices, someone willing to repair torn jerseys and pants, mentors and/or tutors for student athletes and two coaches for the freshman team.

We also are fund-raising for the team's away jerseys and updated equipment (approximately $4,000) and to pay off the debt incurred during last year's season (approximately $6,000). The debt from last year was due to raising less money than was originally expected operating a concession stand at Safeco Field.

Current alumni contributing to the cause are Bernie Moskowitz and Tom Kubota, both '57, who are coordinating and staffing the Food for Thought program to help students stay on the graduation course through weekly progress reports.

If you would like to contribute to the success of the upcoming season, please contact coach Bob Richardson, at (425) 643-3761, or e-mail: CoachBobR@aol.com.

Keep up with what's going on with Cleveland Football by visiting our website, at members.xoom.com/CHS_Football.
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(as of May 30, 2000)

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Albert C. McLean ‘40
Dave Petrig ‘40
Eva (Di Luck) Borak ‘41
Carl D. Marra ‘42
Lido Di Luck ‘44
Stanley G. Ridings ‘44
Margaret (Jylha) Berre ‘45
Ed Boprey ‘45
David Skellenger ‘46
Dale Erickson ‘47 and
Jeanette (George) Erickson ‘49
Gordon Parker ‘47 and Berna (Steele) Parker ‘47
Elsie (Vanni) Jorgensen ‘48
Leo Utter ‘48
Bob Peck ‘49

Donald Mills ’49 and Doreen (Rose) Mills ’52
Pat (Sullivan) Rosenkrantz ’49
Ruth Ann (Kantzer) Gatto ’50
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Neva (Averanno) Sexton ’54
Evelyn L. (Fish) Griffin ’55
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C. F. (Chuck) Secliger ’58
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Allan Whitcomb ’62
Alison W. Sing ’64
Richard Chinn ’93

Memorials

Generous contributions to the Cleveland High School Alumni Association were given by the following individuals:

In memory of Evelyn (Schultz) Homann
From Mona Rae (Budarin) Serpa

In memory of Eugene Young
From Wayne McCutchen ’62

In memory of James R. Anderson ’42
From Dorothy L. (Husk) Anderson ’41

In memory of Al Ferrier ’49
From Loretta (Holmes) Ward

In memory of Larry and Gary Winstead
From Joann (Janie) (Winstead) Roaf ’55

Their support enables the association to provide scholarships and financial assistance to deserving students of Cleveland.

Submissions to the next
CHSAA newsletter are due Aug. 16.

A bronze memorial plaque was cast last year by the high-school foundry and donated through the generosity of the Olsen Family. This plaque adds two more names of Cleveland High School alumni who died in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. Dedication ceremonies for this addition will take place in June or early summer.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the Memorial Rock for mounting of this plaque. Please contact Richard "Whitey" King ’44, at (425) 746-9261, or Larry Zipp ’42, at (206) 244-0259, to help.

2000 Dues & Donations

To help with costs (including newsletters to more than 8,000 alumni and former teachers — and growing), we ask you to join the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. Dues are $5 a year.

Make checks payable to:
CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 50294, BELLEVUE, WA 98015-5294

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☐ I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CHSAA COMMITTEE (indicate committee)
Senior class begins annual trek to Memorial Forest

Forty members of Cleveland High School’s graduating class visited Cleveland Memorial Forest on May 11. The students and their advisors (Carol Gehrman, Camilla Nakano and Julie Pierce) were invited as guests of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. Several alumni, including alumni president Alison Sing ’64, joined the students.

The visit started with a hike to Memorial Rock, where Pat Rosenkranz ’49 shared stories about some of the soldiers named on the rock. Other alumni added details and additional stories.

The students then planted a tree on Tillicum Trail to commemorate the Class of 2000. Pat Coluccio ’47 presented the tree to the class as a donation from Julius Rosso Nursery & Garden Center.

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