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A new president, a new energy

By James Louie '43
President

As incoming president of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association, I am awed by the accomplishments of the founding members.

Under the leadership of **Don Clifford, Don Case** and **Alison Sing** and an energetic core of other volunteers, Cleveland High School Alumni Association became a reality.

The gift of Classes 1943 and '44 provided a forest, and from that forest came a seed, which was nurtured by caring leadership through its primal stages. And, voila, CHSAA was born, and it continues to grow and mature.

Growing pains and obligatory interline cabals may add light and heat, energizing leadership to remain focused on its primary mission.

Cleveland Memorial Forest

It appears that the Cleveland Memorial Forest is not a high-priority item on the Seattle Schools' agenda.

The number of graduates in the Classes 1943 and '44 (donors of the forest) are diminishing,

and those surviving are on the edge of anxiety, wanting assurance that their dream will remain in perpetuity. It is time to approach the Seattle Schools to forge a settlement that will meet the district's criteria and fulfill our commitment to the Classes of 1943 and '44.

We shall develop a strategy to accomplish this.

We shall strengthen our ties with the school and alumni.

We shall strengthen our financial base to fulfill our commitment.

Soaring together

The "new school, which opens in 2007, will be the renaissance for our students. This is the golden opportunity for Cleveland High School to prepare our students with a strong education that will be meaningful and valuable for them in an everchanging world.

All of us have a stake in our students' future — their future is our future.

As one Eagle said to another, let's soar together!

A changing of the guard

By Alison W. Sing '64

I remember the struggle I had when I penned my first article as your president for the Alumni Association newsletter. Now, seven years and 12 articles later, this is my last article, as your outgoing president.

And again, I struggle to find the right words — this time to say thank you for all the support each of you has given me and our Alumni Association over the years. Your generous support and participation in our various events have helped our organization become a success over the last 10 years.

It has been a privilege and an honor serving as your president these last seven years, and much of my success is attributed to the wonderful board members who have served with me. Your asso-

ciation has been led by 34 alumni whose dedication and commitment cannot be overstated.

A new era

This past year we celebrated our 10th anniversary as an organization. As I look back, we have faced many challenges, and with each we have grown stronger and more effective. As we look to the future, we will face similar challenges, and we will meet these challenges head on.

As we enter a new leadership era, your continued support is critical to keeping our Alumni Association moving forward. I ask each of you to give our new president, **James Louie '43**, and our new board the same level of support you have extended me over these last seven years.

Rather than say goodbye, I prefer to say "see you again."

Cleveland High School closes out an era

By Alison W. Sing '64

On a balmy Saturday, June 4, more than 300 alumni, students, parents and teachers roamed the halls of Cleveland High School one last time before our faithful alma mater officially closed its doors.

Last summer, our old high school began a two-year construction project that will renovate the historical landmark 1927 building (the original school) and add a new three-story classroom building, a new gymnasium and commons facility.

Cleveland staff set aside gathering places throughout the school for alumni to meet and share memories. Students and teachers prepared displays to commemorate the special events of each decade. Students were given a unique opportunity to meet and greet the individuals who lived through the events that were captured in words and pictures.

Honoring the classes

At mid-morning, everyone gathered one last time in the school auditorium for a brief program.

Current Cleveland principal **Donna Marshall** gave a warm welcome to all those attending.

Alumni from the various class years were called out by activities coordinator Carol J. Coe to stand and be recognized.

As one member from the Class of 1932 was recognized, the entire auditorium broke out with enthusiastic applause and cheers. It was a wonderful moment as the different classes recognized and honored each other.

Taking the stage for his last time, outgoing Alumni Association president Alison Sing announced that the Alumni Associa-

tion had established a permanent, irrevocable scholarship endowment fund to help future Cleveland High School Eagles pursue their educational dreams.

Seeded initially by grants from the Washington State Higher Education Board Community Matching Fund and matched by proceeds from the association's annual Golf Scramble, \$10,000 was set aside to begin building this fund.

The audience was called upon to help the association achieve the goal of raising \$200,000 by the time Cleveland High School reopens its doors in 2007.

Closing its doors

At noon, everyone gathered on the front steps of the high school for a short but emotional ceremony symbolizing the closing of the school doors for one last time.

CHSAA board member **Bernie Moskowitz '57** performed "Taps" as **Pat Coluccio '47** formerly presented the principal with our national flag. This flag will be officially flown again when the school reopens in 2007.

Everyone then gathered on the front steps for one final picture commemorating our celebration.

The last bell

Finally, at 3 p.m., Cleveland High School students, teachers and remaining alumni gathered once again on the front steps for the final closing event. Students and alumni representing different class years were selected to help officially close the front doors one last time.

Alas, the school bell also rang its final time as everyone was dismissed.

CHSAA remembers Terence L. Wong '58

On April 29, 2005, dedicated alumnus and Cleveland High School Alumni Association treasurer Terence L.



Wong passed away unexpectedly.

Terry Wong was born June 7, 1940, and graduated from Cleveland High School in 1958.

In 1995, Terry was recruited by his uncle, James Louie '43, to help the fledgling Alumni Association get organized.

Terry was instrumental in the formation of our Cleveland High School Alumni Association. He drafted and filed the original incorporation papers that created our nonprofit association in Washington state on Oct. 4, 1996. He also filed and secured our final determination and status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization from the Internal Revenue Service.

His dedication and support for our Alumni Association did not end there. The association benefited tremendously from his professional accounting and legal advice throughout his tenure as our treasurer.

The Alumni Association has grown over its 10 years as the result of his commitment. It now has a solid treasury totaling nearly \$70,000, a growing membership exceeding 8,000-plus alumni and an irrevocable scholarship endowment fund of \$10,000 that is still growing.

Terry is survived by his sister Penney Pierce, of New York; and brother Doug, of Washington.

His brother Dale and their parents, Fannie and Dan Wong, preceded him in death.

The Alumni Association is taking suggestions for honoring Terry's memory.

— Alison W. Sing '64



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2006 Contributions

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. A suggested donation of \$5 per year is requested.

Make checks payable to: CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 94004, SEATTLE, WA 98124-9404

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Eagle 100 Club (January - December 2005)

Hugh Albrecht '51
 Darrel J. Ankeny '59
 James & Tracy (Case) Arnold '82
 Walter E. Berg '37
 Margaret Jylha Berre '45
 Eve DiLuck Borak '41
 Merlin D. & Della (Gookstetter) Bosch '55, '56
 Jim Burns '50
 Quinn W. Chin '57
 Jack Clark '50
 Roland W. Donnem '48
 Vitt Ferrucci '37
 Ruth Ann Kantzer Gatto '50
 Carol Litch Griessen '50
 Evelyn L. Fish Griffin '55
 Jim & Janet (Baker) Hammack '47, '52
 Gayle Wise Hassard '69
 Graydon & Marilyn (Wagar) Hauff '50
 Julianne Barlow Heath '57
 Randy T. Hikida '63
 A. Paul & Irene (Zuger) Hilborn '44, '44
 Suzanne Desimone Hittman '48
 Leslie Imlay '64
 Harold R. & Margaret (Goodman) Imus '42
 Judy Mc Donnell Keithley '57
 Harold M. Lemmon '50

Rosann M. Smith Lewis '63
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 Ivan L. Madzuma '49
 Patricia Connors McFarland '50
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 Stan E. Moran '46
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 Deryl Moses '52
 Howard R. Myers '41
 T.W. (Bill) Nicholson '40
 Michael L. Nolan '61
 John C. Pavone '58
 Dave Petrig '40
 Madge Harney Phillips '40
 Debra Lenci Pietromonaco '49
 Frances Williams Renfrow '36
 Stanley G. Ridings '44
 Gerald R. Robinson '64
 Karen Virkelyst Schraga '67
 Clarence (Chuck) Seeliger '58
 Don & Pat Sergi '58
 Elsie Rich Sienkiewicz '56
 Russ & Effie (Hughes) Smedley '35, '42
 Dixon Smith '61
 JoAnn Victor Smith '56
 Kenneth L. Smith '57
 Kathleen Gemmill Stremick '59

Margery Maurer Swartz '44
 Charlotte Eldridge Teufel '44
 Harry Thomas '59
 Cheri Tucker '59
 Paul J. Wallrof '50
 Nicole Washington '80
 June Drennan Whitson '50
 Charles Widger '61
 Ileana Oliver Wood '52
 Susan Araki Yamamura '58

Honorariums

In memory of Britt (Nielsen) Nelson '63, who passed away in April 2004, from Kathy (Collier) Walters '63.

In memory of Terry L. Wong '58, who passed away in April 2005, from Raymond J. Bell '40.

A bequest from Karen (Virkelyst) Schraga '67, in honor of her mother, Rose (Ricetti) Virkelyst '44, who passed away in June 2004, after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer, for the Cleveland Memorial Forest.

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Mission Statement

A nonprofit organization, Washington and United States 501(c)(3), founded for the exclusive purposes 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 United States of America, (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 purposes.

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

Please help us to keep the database current by sending a post office change-of-address form or contact the membership secretary when you move. In order 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 (subject to change)

MARCH

18 CHSAA board meeting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 @ Marpac Construction, 1227 S.
 Weller St. (International District)

MAY

- CHSAA annual meeting
- Memorial Day observance @ Memorial Forest, Issaquah (bus transportation from CHS available)
 Contact: Pat Coluccio, (253) 852-4229 or p.coluccio@comcast.net

AUGUST

22 Class of 1946 reunion, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 @ Seattle Marriott Hotel (Sea-Tac)
 Classes of '45 and '47 welcome.
 Contacts: Marilyn Lloyd,
 (206) 542-5812 or MCDBBburke@aol.com; Leatrice Reynolds,
 (206) 762-4349

- CHSAA Golf Scramble
 Contact: John Christiansen,
 (360) 493-1440 or jlc4glf@comcast.net

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- Class of 1956 reunion
 Contact: JoAnn Victor Smith,
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Fallen Eagles memorials

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| <p>Nellie (Carmella) Picardo Dolan '28 (Oct. 18, 2005)
 Stella Frank Drager '31 (Sept. 9, 2005)
 Otis Clinton '34 (Nov. 23, 2005)
 Charles Bosi '35 (April 10, 2005)
 Annamarie D'arielli Dilonardo '36 (Dec. 22, 2005)
 Helen Edson Bonafair '37 (May 12, 2005)
 Audrey M. Lapsansky Burr '37 (March 30, 2005)
 Tony Ferrucci '38 (Aug. 14, 2005)
 Raymond T. Kamp '38 (May 5, 2005)
 Joe Williams '38 (May 10, 2005)
 Don Harney '39 (Oct. 10, 2005)
 John D. Hughlitt '40 (Dec. 23, 2005)
 Darl Casey '44 (July 28, 2005)
 Audrey Hoenshell Hopkins '44 (Sept. 2, 2005)
 George Little '46 (May 13, 2005)
 Juanita Arbello Russell '47 (Aug. 1, 2005)
 David Rogers Beers '49 (July 6, 2005)</p> | <p>Helen Dahl Orr '50 (June 18, 2005)
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 Richard Mozzone '53 (Oct. 4, 2005)
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 Juanita De O'Campo Cano '56 (Feb. 24, 2005)
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 Erling Larsen Sr. '57 (April 4, 2005)
 Allen Hatlen '58 (June 29, 2005)
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 Neil V. Pellegrini '63 (June 21, 2005)
 Ronald G. Winton '64 (Sept. 27, 2005)
 Larry Young '64 (June 6, 2005)
 Lester M. Chin '70 (Dec. 8, 2005)
 Davi Farr '84 (Jan. 4, 2005)
 Alefosio Hefa '04 (June 25, 2005)</p> |
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