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Cleveland High School All School Reunion & Open House
Saturday, September 22, 2007
How Cleveland Was Born the First Time

By Don Duncan (’43)

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

then Seattle's superintendent of schools. That was because of the inconvenience. Numbers were dropping out of school many South End teenagers, an increasing number of whom were dropping out of school because of the inconvenience. In 1923 the 'we-want-our-own-school' chant caught the ears 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 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 Hassenniuger, math and science and a little coaching; Miss Beryl Smith (women teachers were all Misses back then), English, 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 Demo- crust, 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. Demo- crats 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. Be- sides, 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 consider- able 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 bat valued at $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 lot more fans than Mr. Hoover." Those memorable events all came after the Big One on Jan. 3, 1927.

On that day Principal Gridley, teach- ers and students picked up boxes filled with maps, books, chalk, erasers, paper and pencils and began the now-famous "Walk the Hill" from Grover Cleveland 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 Cleve- land Junior-Senior High School, with its 31 classrooms and 240-seat cafeteria.

Upon entering the new school, stu- dents 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 educational needs.

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 chande- lier never materialized, and by the time people got around to missing it the coun- try was mined 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 – de- manded 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 students in Cleveland's first graduating class June 14, 1928. The valedictorian was Margarette Fox and the salutatorian was Mena Mueller. Other student speakers included Lulus Sakura, Walter Fisher, Gunnar Carlson and Marjorie Brown.

A class officer was Walter Fisher, presi- dent, and Jean Wilson, Bob McNenery 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

the name "Spirit of St. Louis."
I Didn’t Know That (Part 1)

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Mugwumps, Busy Bees, Larks, Buffaloes, Cardinals, Highlanders, Hottentots, Hillclimbers, Redcoats, Wildcats and Eagles. How Cleveland Was Born

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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 loudness outside, not without whimper, the contractors have installed double-thick windows and glass 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, Roos- evelt, Lincoln, Ballard and West Seattle. Cleveland made the nine. 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 completed, the late electronic bells and whistles most popular in the school’s history, Roosevelt was remodeled next. And now Cleveland!

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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 (1959-64) – the longest tenure of any of the Cleveland’s administrators.

Gridley was succeeded as principal by Heber D. Johnson in 1959, 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 (1959-65).

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:


Vice Principals since 1965:

- Michaela Hoy/Larry Smith (1992-93), Betty Gray/Susan McDaniel (1994 00)

By Donna Marshall, Principal, CHS

B y 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.

I Didn’t Know That (Part 2)

Cleveland High School 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 students (and teachers) to be evacuated for the first time.

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 Roose- evelt 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 went openly when the evacuation order was carried out.

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The Smartest Boy in School

Although Cleveland's student body hasn't done especially well on standardized tests in recent years, a Cleveland High School graduate — Roy Chan (‘90) — was awarded the President's Medal at the University of Washington in June of 2002.

Scholarships Awarded to Two CHS Students

Two $2,500 scholarships were awarded from a field of seven senior students who applied for the alumni association scholarships this year.

Heansang Ratha Chhay plans to attend community college in her pursuit of a degree in the field of nursing. She volunteered at a medical clinic and the Cambodian Cultural Museum and Killing Fields Memorial. She also earned a varsity athletic award in tennis and received an award from the Rotary Club. She maintained 3.8 GPA and her senior project dealt with Cambodian Genocide.

Joanne Duong plans on majoring in Business at the U of W. She was also involved in several community volunteer projects and played tennis and was on the cross country team. Her senior project research the affects of Birth Order and she maintained a 3.5 GPA.

The scholarship committee considers GPA, activities in the community as well as extra curricular activities at school, reviews their senior project, essay and personal recommendations.

Eagle Pavers on Sale Now

Be one of the first to help pave the way at the new Cleveland High School by purchasing your Eagle paver today. You can choose to commemorate an alumnus, teacher or group. Or choose to put your message in stone for generations to come. Just complete the form below and mail it in with your payment.

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Thanks to the Haas Foundation

Among the many fine traditions at Cleveland High School is one of assisting students in need with funds provided by the Saul and Dayee G. Haas Foundation. This program provides opportunity for students through grants for health support, personal needs including clothing, supplies such as textbooks, activity support for uniforms, shoes, and musical instruments, academic support including gradation expenses and testing fees, activity cards and field trips.

By providing parity, not charity, the goal is to encourage students to stay in school, return to school or get involved within their learning community.

There are countless stories of how Cleveland students have been impacted by the Haas Foundation. About 40 students were helped in 2006-2007 — hundreds more assisted throughout the years. One story involved a top student who was having problems at home. Financial stress was taking its toll. Having transferred in from another school, it was a hard time to adjust and find new friends. The circumstances became overwhelming. After trying out and making the tennis team, assistance was needed to pay the fees. The Haas Foundation paid the tennis team, assistance was needed to make ends meet. Sandra Bunning, Bernie Moskowitz, JoAnn Smith and Sharon Victor comprise the scholarship review committee.

Published Student Authors

Back in the late 1940s, students at Cleveland High School — under the direction of Margaret Waltzhow — accomplished a rare feat for high school students, writing and editing a manuscript that was first published in 1950, covers the history of the Georgetown, South Park and Beacon Hill areas, including Cleveland High School, from the time of Native Americans and early pioneers through World War II. A second printing in the early ’90s had a new foreword. Copies of Duwamish Diary can still be found in most local libraries.

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Each 8 x 8-inch brick can be printed with up to three lines of type with each line having a maximum of 20 characters including spaces and punctuation.

We reserve the right to approve any engravings.
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 strengthens ties with the South Park, Georgetown, and Beacon Hill neighborhoods.

A photo tour: 2005 to 2007

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

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

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 wing.

Principal
Donna Marshall

BEX II Program Manager
Don Gillmore

Architect
Mahlum Architects

Contractor
Absher Construction Company

Project Management
Heery International, Inc.
March 2006: The new academic building’s foundation is poured.

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

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

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

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

moved.

The new academic building from 15th and Orcas.
Sports Before Your Eyes

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

The Best Cleveland Football Team Ever

The Kid Who Stuttered

Thanks to our partners:
80 Years of Sports Champions

The following lists were gleaned from yearbooks, plaques and trophies at Cleveland High School. If there are omissions or misspellings, notify The Cleveland High School Alumni Association so the record can be set right.

All-City Football 1937
John A. Cherberg, coach, Max Starcevich, asst.
Eddie Slavdy, Bill Evans, Don Harney, Bill Jones, Rayne Lamb, Ken Manzo, Dick Maurer, Jack McGee, Don McMil- lavey, Pete, Jim Rohleht, Clarence Rach, Wal Reltkhu, George Richardson, Bob Rounds, Andy Thomas, Bernie Thomas, Joe Ulrich, Joe Williams, Harold Williams, Bill Yorke, Masau Zamasaki.

All-City Track (Half-Mile) 1943
Gaylord Pellett, coach
Robert Griffin

All-City Basketball 1952
Rex Scott, coach, Ed Landon, asst.

All-City Basketball 1953
Rex Scott, coach, Ed Landon, asst.
Dick Boers, Joe Davis, Bob Fossattic, Dick Minice, Dan Nikius, Ken Pinney, Paul Redmond, Phil Rich, Dick Stuns, Sherm Swanson, Ron Wayman. (won first round in state tournament; lost next two games)

All-City Basketball 1955
Rex Scott, coach, Ed Landon, asst.
Harlan Bruhljell, Jim Collins, Phil Genner, Don Glitschka, Jerry Hammack, Sam Ingram, Ken Kane, Dick Mozzone, Don Mozzone, Dan Nikius, Bob Oncutash, Denny Peterson, Paul Redmond, Dick Stuns, Sherm Swanson, Frank Urman, Ron Wayman.

All-City Basketball 1956
Rex Scott, coach, Ed Landon, asst.
Joe Davis, Pat DeFeo, Dick Dondero, George Dull, Gerald Egbert, Sam Joe Davis, Pat DeFeo, Dick
Rex Scott, coach; Ed Landon, asst.

All-City Basketball 1957
Rex Scott, coach, Ed Landon, asst.
Jim Burgess and Bob Henry, mgrs.

Metro Basketball Team in Action
Rayne Lamb, pole vault; George Roney, 440 yard run

Wrestling '70s

All-City Football 1951
Alumni Welcome to a New Cleveland
This is a privilege for a kid from South Park to be the President of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association. I feel I am so lucky to have 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 class- mates. Come and see your new school and share in this significant celebration.

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John Foley ’79
Mike Foley ’47

Metro AA League Football 1979
Ben Wright, coach
Eugene Bruce, Todd Corzup, Dale Corzup, David Cooper, Glenn Evans, Gary Fetui, Tim Fields, Roland Flowers, Jim Foley, Dean Herrington, Wade Jackson, Curtis Jordan, Hilton Keller, Kurt Kaufman, Scott Kozuimi, Joe Lam, Joe Logan, Steve Mikami, Tim Miyamoto, Leo Pulido, Eddie Roleford, Scott Sakagami, Brad Santos, James Saunae, Edward Sim- mons, David Suguro, Steve Sunya, Vince Vigil, Richard Wayman, Reggie Wilson, Sam Yamada, James Young, Mike Zupke.

First-team All Metro: Eugene Bruce, Todd Corzup, 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.
2007 Eagle 100

The Eagle 100 includes those individuals who have made contributions to Cleveland High School Alumni Association of $100 or more in a year. We would like to thank the Eagle 100 members for 2007:

$1,000 or more
Howard Wang, '39
Steven T Millsami, '80
$200-1,000
Frances Cozy John, '34
Karuko Umino Bill, '38
Eva Di Luck Bonak, '41
Stanley G Ridings, '44
Stan E Moran, '46
Debra Lenti Pietromontem, '49
Akira Sowaha, '50
Douglas Wong '73
Warrant Sitek Assoc.

$100-200
Frances Williams Remrow, '36
Howard R Myers, '41
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Listed below are alumni who have passed away recently. They will be missed.

Fallen Eagles 2006 to present

Today’s Kings of Swing

The 17-piece dance band that we 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 such college and leisure bands as YMCA’s, 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 ‘60s 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 lived 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’ row 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, Folklore 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, Audrey Adams, Bob McCaffrey, Barry Clove, Bob Peck, Dick Case, Bob Farlow, Don Case, Harry Cameron, Gordon Parker

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.

One student looks 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, new-aged 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?

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Sneak Preview of the Renovated Cleveland High

By Pat Coluccio ‘47

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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: $45 per person
Contact: cleveland1997@gmail.com or www.myspace.com/cleveland1997 or cleve-landhighschool1997.classquest.com
Phone contact: Allen Abad 206-765-7685

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 Lambos 206-243-6553 or jmmlambos@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 a bottle of wine, $19.57.
Saturday – Dinner and music at Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Contact: Kit (Fredericks) Carlton jackandkit@gmail.com or Karen (Bird) Flambou 206-935-2125

Class of 1977 – 30 year reunion
September 21, Informal gather w/buffet bar at: Jubilante’ Restaurant & Music Club
7 p.m. to midnight
September 22, 6 - 11 p.m., McCormick & Schmick’s HarborSide
Cost: $45 per person, $125 per couple
Contact: Mark Holmes, 206-726-5044 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.freesewebs.com/aschuehle/
Email CHS62Reunion2007@juno.com, mail CHS Reunion, PO Box 412, Clinton, WA 98236 or phone: Gert 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 nations 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 Rohlfser (“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. Ronnie 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 wetst control of the forest from the school board and run it as a privately-owned 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’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.


Cleveland students Lena Sharow, Walker, left, and Clara Uragu 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.

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