

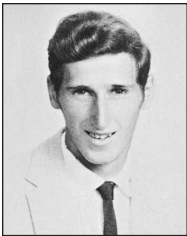


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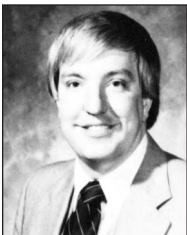
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Bob DeWitt '56

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

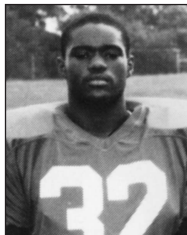
Five former CHS athletes and coaches have been chosen as the eleventh group of inductees into the Colerain High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place in May as part of the annual CHS Boosters Breakfast of Champions. Those selected this year were Bob DeWitt '56, Ken Meibers coach '70-81, Missy Merrell Stenger '77, Kevin Kidd '94, Amy Clippard Dryer '97. The Boosters will host next year's Breakfast of Champions on May 10th. All interested alumni are urged to attend. *(Click on the Alumni Website COLERAINALUMNI.COM to see more info on the Breakfast of Champions and the Athletic Hall of Fame.)*



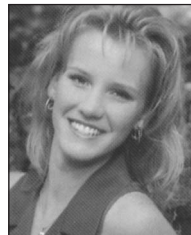
Ken Meibers
coach '70-81



Missy Merrell
Stenger '77



Kevin Kidd '94



Amy Clippard
Dryer '97

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI MEETING

Alumni Association meets Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Meeting will be in the conference room in the main office at CHS.

THE FIFTH GREAT COLERAIN TEACH-IN

This event will take place on Friday, April 18, 2008. If you are interested in sharing your career or lifetime experiences, please contact CHS at 385-6424.

ALUMNI SOCCER

The annual men's alumni soccer game was played in August. The Varsity won 3-2. Weather permitting it will be played again next August.

ALUMNI/PARENT BAND FOR BASKETBALL

Several members of the Alumni Band expressed interest in playing with the student pep band for one or two basketball games. We are also inviting non-alumni band instrument playing parents of the student band to join us. If interested, contact Paul Wesolowski.

CONCERT FOR MR. HANNING

Saturday, December 22, 2007 at the CHS Auditorium

BOOSTER NEWS

COLERAIN BOOSTER STAG – Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Kolping Grove 6:00 p.m. Brian Kelly, University of Cincinnati Football Coach is the main speaker.

ANTIQUE SHOW – Saturday, February 16, 2008, starting 9:00 a.m. at CHS. Call CHS 385-6424 for details.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT – The Boosters are holding their annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Hartwell CC. Support the kids at Colerain Middle, White Oak Middle and CHS. Call CHS 385-6424 for details.

BOB HUGHES MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING – Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Scramble starts at 1:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS – Saturday, May 10, 2008, at CHS.

GOLF OUTING – Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Winners of the previous golf outing were Paul Hester '74, Paul Miller '81, Jack Chard '84, Dean Murray '87; second place were Jack Findley '59, Fred Marsh '71, Ken Messerschmidt '76. Fred Marsh recorded a hole in one on number 10! Contact CHS 385-6424 for details.

CARDINAL CORNER – If you want to buy CHS Booster clothing, and other CHS spirit items go to Cardinal Corner in the high school. Store hours are Tuesdays 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Fridays 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The store will also be open in the evenings during PTA meetings and conferences. Visit Online Spiritwear whenever you wish.

WAY TO GO CARDINALS!

Head Football Coach, Tom Bolden and Athletic Director, Dan Bolden were notified of the fire at Taft High School and the damage done to the Taft football uniforms. One of the firefighters on the scene was a Colerain High School graduate, married to a Colerain graduate, and is the next door neighbor of Coach Bolden. Coach Bolden was notified of the situation and conferred with the athletic director. Dan Bolden called and spoke with Anthony Booker, athletic director of Taft High School. In offering their services and asking if there was anything they could do to help, Booker joked and said there was nothing they could do unless they had 50 uniforms to spare. Tom Bolden counted uniforms and Dan Bolden called back and told Booker that they indeed had enough uniforms to spare. They delivered the uniforms, mouth guards and belts to the players at Taft High School. WE ARE COLERAIN!!!

ALUMNI NIGHT 2007



Another great alumni night occurred on October 5th, at the CHS vs. Lakota West football game. Lee R. Suman, the director of CHS Bands from 1957 to 1984 led 50+ Rhythmettes and 40+ Alumni Band members on the field. The band played Sweet Georgia Brown during which the Rhythmettes proved they still got their stuff!!! All alumni had a great time catching up and performing. We invite you to join us next year. Watch the alumni website for upcoming events. The following alumni performed. Henry Huber '60, Dave Suder '64, Sharon Suder '65, Sandy Rice Hansert '66, Maryellen Baldwin Garrison '67, Bill Gilbert '69, Sharon Baldwin Sittner '69, Donner Miller Riley '69, Dennis Murphy '69, Steve Hester '74, Teresa Fishbaugh Earhart '76, Paul Wesolowski '76, Greg Hester '77, Karen Claybaugh '78, Bob Bruenemen '85, Michelle Platt '91, Mike Hansert '93, Jenny Tuertscher '94, Kristen Boles '03, Deanna Craig '04, Jennifer Pieper '04, Nicole Cassini '04, Megan Junkunz '05, Steven Crawford '05, Ross Pasqualetti '05, Joshua Cain '05, Andy Grohs '06, Caiti McCane '06, Andy Boeing '06, Geoff Blum '06, Angela Potts '06, Ben Knueven '06, Sara Boggio '06, Kaitlyn Frandoni '07, Douglas Meyung '07, Kara Forcellini '07, Kate McMahon '07, Lauren Pietrosky '07. Noticeably missing was YOU! If you were a musician or band-aid in the marching band but did not receive information about this year's alumni night, or if you would like to help plan next year's alumni band activities, please contact Paul Wesolowski at wesolowskipaul@aol.com or (513) 662-2066.

MUSIC DONATION

Also at halftime, Barb Simmons Shepard '79 and Babette Simmons '86 were recognized. Babs Simmons currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee, and is owner of Simba Products, a musical instrument company. Babs learned via the Colerain High School Booster email system that many students at Houston Elementary wanted to be in the school's band but could not afford their instruments. Last week, Babs Simmons donated \$10,000 in instruments and accessories to the Houston Elementary Band Program. The Alumni Association would like to thank these former Colerain grads for their generosity.

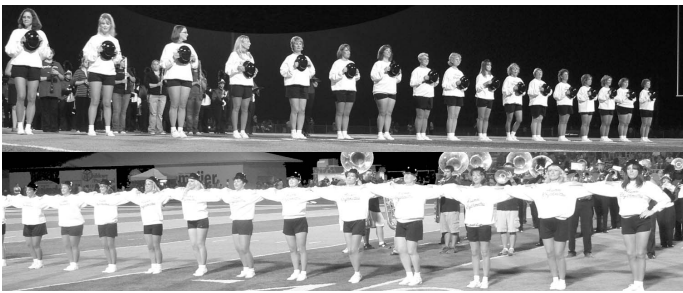


*Maureen Heintz, CHS Principal and
Gail Nolte, Distinguished Graduate*

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

Former Colerain student, Gail Nolte was selected as a Distinguished Graduate. Gail Nolte graduated from Colerain in 1975. She played on the tennis and softball teams, was a Wrestlette, a member of Student Council, and was in Honor Society. After graduation Gail went to Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana where she received a Bachelors in Liberal Arts. In 1980 she received a Masters from UC in Business Planning. Gail worked for Procter & Gamble for twenty-eight years in marketing research, community relations, and finished her career as Assistant Director for Consumer Relations on a global scale. She now works for Centenary College in marketing and communications. Gail served on the Northwest Board of Education from 1986 to 1992. She was appointed to the State Board of Education by then Governor George Voinovich in 1992 and served until 1996. She has served on the Board of United Way and Groesbeck Methodist Church. She has been active as a Girl Scout leader and as a coach for both little league softball and soccer. Gail has three youngsters, John a 2005 Colerain grad, Phyllis a senior this year, and Joel a freshmen.

ALUMNI RHYTHMETTES



The Alumni Rhythmettes Perform

At half time sixty-one former Rhythmettes including twelve of the original squad returned to strut their stuff. The Rhythmettes received a standing ovation for their excellent half time performance. Colerain High School Principal, Maureen Heintz, presented carnation corsages to the original Rhythmettes.

Rhythmettes started in 1957 under the direction of physical education teacher, Gladys Hale. For many years, they were a fixture at Colerain High School. Colerain High can boast of having the largest performing drill team in Greater Cincinnati. Over the



The Original Rhythmettes

years the drill team performed at football and basketball games, education conventions, on TV, Miami's Band Day, Carthage Fair, Harvest Home, Bengal and Cincinnati Royal Basketball games.

They were noted for their high stepping performances. Those original returning Rhythmettes were Norma Wethington Braun '58, Evelyn Lewis Diersing '58, Sharon Potts Backers '60, Barbara Meinking Findley '60, JoAnn Nydam Hartman '60, Phyllis McQueen Keating '60, Bonnie Strecker Kolloff '60, Susan Bierbaum Thomas '60, Janet Krafzick Lockwood '61, Nancy Beyring Watts '61, Michele Rub Hughes '62, Julie Halterman Olden '62. The remaining Rhythmettes who returned were Elaine Vincent Ahrens '61, Donna Hayes Floyd '62, Marian Egbert Button '63, Georgie Ballard Clark '63, Neva Wekeman Scheve '63, Luci Hammack Secord '63, Connie Eger Payne '64, Connie Schehr McNamee '65. Sharon Lohrum Newman '67, Sandy Hine Seevers '68, Pam Hughes Schaible '69, Mag Gantt Ranft '69, Sue Whiteker Ruehl '70, Diane Bricka '71, Peg Bradner Hancock '71, Michele Janszen '72, Jan Jessup '72, Jennifer Hurst Schueler '72, Linda Meyer Newton '74, Cynthia Ficke Wisner '75, Val Wolford '75, Cindy Bennett Bartley '76, Cheryl Miller Mattingly '76, Joyce Adkins Cross '77, Claudia Oxley Farmer '77, Krista Mendenhall Hill '77, Lori Jackson Kallis '77, Margo Hagedorn Komarek '77, Cindy Milner-Kornfield '77, Sheryl Lavender '77, Vicki Schneider Marzheuser '77, Chris Meyer McBee '77, Doris Hayes Haubner '78, Susan Hester Humbert '79, Sandy Bennett Poettker '79, Susan Davis '80, Holly Gibson Coombs '81, Tammy Grimm Fischesser '81, Michelle Botzner Wagner '82, Christine Hughes Roaden '86, Jeanie Davis Bryant '87, Susan Jacobs Gentry '87, Tracy Hirsch Eads '89, Marquel Dewalt Buhrmann '90, Beth Myers Graham '90, Gina McDevitt '93, Angela Jacobs Copenhagen '94, Jenny Hershberger Muse '96 and Chrystl Wigner '96. Thanks for making Alumni Night such a huge success!!!

RHYTHMETTE COMMENTS

The following comments were received from former Rhythmettes:

So sorry I cannot attend. Really would like to since I was one of the originals and to see all those who were with me then. Thanks for contacting me about this. **Carol Froehlich Hussey '59**

Oh my, how I will miss being a part of this. I remember our first routine: toe/heel/toe/kick-there were eight variations of that step!! Good luck, you are all in my thoughts!! As a fitness instructor, I am always trying new choreography and enjoying the old choreography! Break a leg! LSMFD
Barbara Siller Day '60

Thanks for the invite! **Janet Morgan Weiss '60** I will be traveling from August 23rd thru November 3rd. I would really like to get together with McQueen, Strecker, Rub and anyone else from those really early years. Please pass this on to them. Thanks **Kathy Fales Oetzel '60**

Have a great time! **Jane Broxon Fleischaker '61** Mrs. Heintz, Thank you for your hearty support of the Colerain Alumni Rhythmettes' efforts on October 5 to keep alive the memory of the precision drill team. We came from near and far to practice and work on the routine. Friendships were renewed, and we relived our youthful days. The carnation corsage was a surprise and much appreciated. Participation in the drill team was the centerpiece of my high school years, and it was a thrill to be back! Thanks again! **Nancy Beyring Watts '61**

Wish I could have attended!! I was one of the original thirty-two girls. It was the highlight of my

four years in high school. **Paulette Ballard Culbertson '61**

Wish it was possible to attend. When Mrs. Hale invited me to be a Rhythmette, it was the biggest thrill of my life. I knew then high school would be great. She was a very caring person. **Jane Thompson Selby '61**

God Bless all of you. **Joyce Braun Ott '62** Had talked with Michele Hughes and I had hoped to attend. However, two new travel requirements have come up for the end of September and second week in October. Loved Gladys Hale – even cleaned her house for extra \$! **Gayle Tansing Johnson '63**

Would love to but can't. Have a great time! **Sandy Austin Hanning '64**

Sorry – Sounds like fun, but Tampa, Florida is a loog way to drive and still make practice on time! **Peggy Volz Wolfe '65**

Thank you for remembering the Rhythmettes, a very special group. My sister Sharon, was one of the originals. I follow the news via the Colerain Chatter **Linda Potts Miller '66**

Sorry I cannot be a part of the celebration – Have a great time! **Jill Stevens Miller '67**

Sorry we live in Georgia and will not be able to come up! Thanks **Mary Hoberg Street '69** It would be a "Kick" to perform and pretend to be a Rhythmette. Unfortunately I live in North Carolina and could not make the practices. Also I am having shoulder surgery in two weeks (old age). Have a great time. PS I can still kick above my head – but it hurts!! **Phyllis Bachman Odenbeck '70**

Dear alumni Rhythmettes, sorry I will not be able to make the journey from Los Angeles to be there but wish you every success. I am sure both of my sisters (Pam and Megan) will participate. Thanks for the invitation. Sincerely **Roxanne Hughes '71**

Thanks for the invite. My sister and I were Rhythmettes – '69 and '71 graduates. I have a senior football player at Lexington Catholic High School with a game that night. Thanks **Kathy Merkt Yoko '71**

Glad to hear from you! Thanks **Peg Bradner Hancock '71**

How exciting that we are celebrating and honoring the 50 year anniversary of the Rhythmettes! I sincerely appreciate your efforts in organizing this event! I can hardly wait to get started!! **Jennifer Hurst Schueler '72**

I will be out of town but I will think of all of you! **Kathy Hill Snider '74**

Sorry I cannot be there. We will be at our son's football game that night! Thanks and Good Luck. **Jackie Stanley Hart '79**

Have a great time. Wish I could be there-great memories!! **Donna Frazer Collins '80**

I sure do wish I could be there! It sounds like a great time to see old friends and work my forty year old muscles! But I live in Florida and would not be able to make practices! Have a great time! Chin up! Smile! **Lori Bierbaum Young '85**

Think I can do this! Will see how the leg holds up. **Tracy Hirsch Eads '89**

I cannot make it to the anniversary. Thank you and hope everyone has fun! **Shannon Weinstein '95**

The Colerain Boosters have a rich tradition of support of student extracurricular activities at Colerain High School, Colerain Middle School, and White Oak Middle School. During the past years, the Boosters have raised and contributed over \$1,250,000 toward projects and activities that are benefiting all students. In addition to athletics, the Boosters support the Band, Show Cards, Cardinal Company, Orchestra, Yearbook Committee, Student Council Activities, Banquets, and provide Scholarships yearly to students whose family's are Booster members.

Entering the 2007 - 2008 school year, the Boosters are committed to three major projects, Softball Stadium, 3 Coaches Offices, Wrestling Mats for both Colerain Middle and White Oak Middle Schools, in addition to its ongoing support of student activities. These projects are in addition to the commitment made in 2004 to install a state of the art Field Turf competition surface in the stadium. Currently the Boosters are making monthly payments on a \$500,000 loan. Additionally, the Boosters have raised the amount of 4 scholarships to be awarded at the end of the year to \$1000 each.

These improvements are being made possible because of the generous support of parents, community members, and alumni. Dedicated volunteers spend countless hours in planning and executing the numerous fundraising events that support our students.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are a number of ways...

FIRST, JOIN THE BOOSTERS. Enclosed is a pledge envelope that you can return with a one-time contribution or multiple year pledge. Please support at the highest level possible.

SECOND, you can attend and patronize the numerous events throughout the school year - Sports Stag, Craft Show, Antique Show, Monte Carlo, and Golf Outing.

THIRD, you can let the community know that you support Colerain through purchases of apparel at the Cardinal Corner Spiritwear Store.

FOURTH, you can volunteer your time and talents to any of the Booster events. The Boosters need you!

If you need additional information about how you can help make a difference in the lives of our students, please contact David Denny at 513-923-9125 or myself Ronald Busch at 513-741-0339.

Sincerely,
 Ronald J. Busch
 President, Colerain Boosters

WEBSITES

www.ColerainAlumni.com

At the Alumni website view past newsletters, reunion news, alumni activities, e-mail messages and much more.

www.ColerainBoosters.com

This website has CHS sports records, Athletic Hall of Fame info., CHS sports schedules, links to GMC Sports, galleries of pictures, and much more.

CARDINAL CORNER

Shop and find all of your Colerain Spiritwear and Novelty Items.

Colerain High School Store Hours

Tuesdays (up to Winter Break) • 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Fridays (up to Winter Break) • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.

and 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

AFTER Winter Break – Fridays ONLY • 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

The store will also be open in the evenings during some basketball games.

SHOP ONLINE ANYTIME

visit www.colerainboosters.com/cardinalcorner

BUSINESS PARTNERS

As an alumnus or alumna of Colerain High School you are aware that we depend a great deal on the generous support from our community. One way in which we do this is through our Partners In Education program. This program has been linking businesses with our schools for over twelve years. This outstanding program won state recognition a few years ago, and has served as a model for other school districts desiring a business partnership program. Our business partners have been extremely generous to our schools with financial donations, as well as providing extra programs and services for our students, families, and staff. This school year a few major business partners will not be continuing their partnerships with some of our schools. Their leadership and support to the schools will be greatly missed. Now is the time to bring in new partners and reenergize the program, and we are asking for your help with this rejuvenation. If you have been to our newly designed website (www.nwlsd.org), you will notice through the Booster E-mail system the district was gifted \$10,000 in much needed band equipment for elementary students. A Colerain High School Booster read a plea from one of our band directors for used band equipment. As the owner of an instrument company, this individual was able to contact our band director and offer new band instruments for the majority of the students in need. We are truly grateful for her generosity and willingness to help maintain our wonderful music program. We are searching for businesses or individuals who would be willing to provide financial assistance or services to one or more of our schools.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED.

The Partners In Education program. has been linking businesses with our schools for over twelve years.

If you are interested in becoming a **Partner In Education**, or would personally like to support a specific program or project in a school, please contact Pauletta Crowley, Administrative Assistant for Community and Administrative Services at 923-1000 ext. 612, or email her at crowpa@nwlsd.org for further details.

BOB HUGHES MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

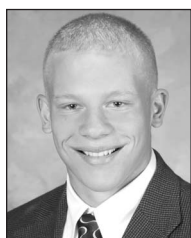
Your faithful and generous contributions, participation and time made the fourth annual Bob Hughes Memorial Golf Classic an outstanding success – again! The weather was perfect – again! Bob did a "heavenly" job! We want to express our sincere gratitude for the extraordinary support everyone offered to celebrate Bob's life, thus enabling us to give five scholarships to CHS students. It is still a heartbreaking journey without Bob, but the joyful satisfaction and happiness in memorializing and honoring Bob is an awesome experience. Bob will again be touching kids' lives. This year the proceeds will provide five scholarships totaling \$4500.



Claire Koenig



Dan Kemen



Jarad Fogelsong



Brian Denny



Kiersten Stanley

The scholarships were presented to the students shown above at the Breakfast of Champions at CHS. In the rear lobby of CHS a special plaque with recipient's names is on display. See you on April 27, 2008. Visit www.bobhughesmemorial.com for more info.

CAROL SMITH WELCH-YERKES AWARD RECIPIENT



The award was established in 1995 to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the students of Colerain High school through their support of the Boosters. Carol Smith is being recognized for chairing the annual Craft Show for 25 years plus a number of other significant projects. Carol's dedication, commitment, and hard work helped the Boosters raise over \$250,000 during that time.

SCHOLARSHIPS - 2007

Amanda Watson attending Northern Kentucky received the \$400 Academic Scholarship and the \$400 Career Scholarship was awarded to Chelsey Mullins attending Cincinnati State.

AP STUDENTS DO WELL IN AP TEST PROGRAM

The College Boards Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. Successful completion of the final exam then qualifies these students to earn college credits. At Colerain High School, 138 students were involved in the program in 10 subject areas, and took 241 final placement tests. Of those, 32 students received AP Scholar status for passing and exceeding the national average scores in multiple tests. Students are recognized at three levels of achievement. The Scholar level means students completed three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher. Colerain students at this level: Katlyn Callahan, Amber Crowley, Monica Doerman, Erin Fischesser, Grant Fogelsong, Megan Fox, Bryan Fries, Victoria Fromme, Meredith Grant, Andrea Happensack, James Heck, Allison Price, Sara Rahtz, Jessica Rapier, Grant Rohlfer, Brecken Schindler, Eric Schnee, Brad Thompson, Corin Weiss, and Eric Wesolowski. The Scholar with Honors recognition is for students who earned an average grade of 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Colerain students honored at this level: Daniel Caproni, Brad Clevenger, Emily Kremer, Jeannette Loyer, Anna Montag and Mark Young. The Scholar with Distinction recognition is for students who earn an average grade of 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Honored at this level from Colerain are Megan Hathaway, Claire Koenig, Emily Salzman, William Sheline, Corinne Streicher and Kristen Timperman.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES

As some of you may be aware, the high school no longer recognizes valedictorians and salutatorians. In place of this honor, the high school now recognizes the top graduates as Summa Cum Laude. The class of 2007 Summa Cum Laude graduates were Brad Clevenger attending University of Cincinnati majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Courtney Coombs attending Ball State University majoring in Pre-Business; Meredith Grant attending Ohio State University majoring in Molecular Genetics; Andrea Happensack attending University of Cincinnati majoring in Biomedical Engineering; Megan Hathaway attending University of Cincinnati majoring in Civil Engineering; Claire Koenig attending University of Cincinnati majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Emily Kremer attending Ohio State University majoring in Animal Science; Emily Salzman attending University of Toledo majoring in Pre-Pharmacy; Brecken Schindler attending University of Cincinnati majoring in Nursing; Corinne Streicher attending Oberlin College majoring in English and International Studies; Kristen Timperman attending Ohio Northern University majoring in Pharmacy

Just a small donation to help keep the Chatter coming. Herb Muehlenhard '33

ATTENTION: Thought it was time I sent in a donation. Some sad news for the class of '40. Ed Pitzer died this spring. I would like if possible players from the 1968 Young Funeral Home Babe Ruth Baseball team from Colerain to get in touch with me. They won the League, District, State and lost final game of the Regional 2-1 in the fourth game they played that day because of rainouts. One was 15 innings. The team that beat us only played 2 games. We finished at 2:00 a.m. The players were from Colerain, St.Xavier, Mt. Healthy and LaSalle. They players were Mike Heizman, a pitcher that had to leave before the tournament because having to report to Indiana on a football scholarship; Chuck Graf, a pitcher; Don Grofer, a catcher both received baseball scholarships; Kurt Schulze, second base; Ron Beekman, pitcher we picked up for the tournaments; and my son class of '70, a pitcher, received a baseball scholarship from Mississippi University. Andy Mack '40 513-825-6453, 2801 Crest Road, Cincinnati, OH 45251

I surely enjoyed reading the WW II letter from Bob (Beep) Fath to Babe Wert in the last issue of the Chatter. Beep wrote the way he talked and I could almost hear him speaking the words as I read them. The names he mentioned brought back to me a variety of memories; Bud Wert, "little Wert" (Bob), Earl Frey, Don Scholl, Les and Huff (I assume he referred to Les Hereth and Noah Huff). The Faths' lived on Colerain just down from Banning Road and there was an empty lot between their house and Verssen's house. For a summer or two, that lot was where we played unique softball games of 3-on-3. One team was Beep and the Verssens, Tony and Russell, against Ed Seibert, my brother Stan and me. I required some special rules which sometimes led to arguments about their interpretations, but when darkness ended the game, we were still the best of friends. Beep's little brother Clarence (Pinky) always wanted to be included but he was "too little", so a few times we gave him an at-bat to humor him before sending him home. Pinky became, like Beep, a good ballplayer and later a bowler with an average of about 200 in the top leagues in Cincinnati. My brother Stan will be 82 on July 30th and he and Beep were about the same age. I hope Beep is still with us, the last time I remember seeing him was during the late 70's when his wife and mine were in the same group taking organ lessons. I visit and play golf once a year with Tom Thole in

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Cincy or in Florida, but haven't seen any other of our '46 classmates for a few years. There aren't too many of us left, but if they are, they can send me an email at dave-jeank@comcast.net Dave Kramer '46

Dear Friends: Recently, four classmates of the class of 1948 met for lunch at Skyline Chili. We all proudly used our Golden Buckeye cards to help pay for lunch. The four classmates are Ed Haffey, Gene Hereth, Dale McCann and Paul Pitzer. During the course of our discussion Dale mentioned that it was time for another class reunion. We wondered how many would respond to a 60th reunion. Tentatively, we thought sometime in the latter part of October, 2007 would be a good time to get together. If you are interested sharing some time with us, call Dale McCann at 513-779-6664 or Paul Pitzer at 513-385-7871. Sincerely, Paul Pitzer '48

Thank you for sending me the Chatter even though I have been out of Colerain for a long time, it is good to hear what is going on. I would like to visit the school and attend the various activities but due to a rare lung disease and I am on oxygen 24/7 my traveling is very limited. Since graduating from Colerain I have moved from Cincinnati to Gas City, Indiana, then to Union, Kentucky, and now in Jonesboro, Indiana. I retired from GE (REA) after 36 years. Two of my four children graduated from Colerain and two from Northwest. Three of them still live in the area. Hello to all my classmates that are still with us. I hope you are well and happy. Henry (Hank) Hoberg '50

Thanks for putting excellent program for the alumni group. Sorry that our Class of '52 did not have a better turn out. We also received less than expected for our 55th in June. Mentioned to the Superintendent that maybe the Power Point Presentation in a n adopted version could be used for promotion of the tax levy. Keep up the good work, some of us really appreciate your efforts. Leroy Meier '52

The Class of '52 was pleased to have their 55th reunion on Saturday June 23rd, 2007.

Thirteen of the class members were present along with eight spouses. Enclosed is a check of \$25 for the Alumni Association in honor and memory of the 1952 Class members. This was extra money that was received for food and drinks after expenses were paid. Here's hoping the Association will continue for many years in the future. Leroy Meier '52

Thank you for a great day with the other alumni. We appreciate all the work you put into organizing this day. Thanks again! Dick and Yvonne Herrman '53

53rd reunion at Don Stolzenbergers home. Picnic time again. Info from me :jgierach@aol.com or 513-825-0679 and Don 513-779-3744 or lindair@fuse.net. Letters have done out, which you should have by now. You know the drill. Lots to eat & much to chat about. Hope to see a big crowd. Joan : Joan (Jacob) Gierach '54

The "1954" Class would like to thank you for all the work you did in preparation for the Alumni Day. It was great fun and interesting. Had we had more speaking time I could have said a lot. I was in the "Pleasant Run" 1 room school. Also our era was mostly farms. The students today have no idea how financially strapped most families were. But being small into the school we knew not only our class makes but most of the High School Students. Enclosed is a small donation to help with Alumni expenses. Joan (Jacob) Girach '54

Hello: another year has passed. So, here's a donation for the Colerain Alumni Association. "Life is so good, so enjoy everyday" Mary Lee (Schmidt) Davis '56

To Nancy (Jacobs) Engelke re a get-together of alumni in Florida. If anything develops on this, there are 3 of us who spend from November to May in Ft. Myers every year and would like to be kept posted. Thanks, Laura, Norb, Nancy Snow. Laura (Snow) Crew '59

HI AGAIN - IT'S JAKE HERE!! ONE THING (MAYBE TWO) THINGS I FORGOT TO INCLUDE IN MY FIRST MESSAGE WAS OUR E-MAIL AND GENERAL LOCATION IN FLORIDA. (AS OUR KIDS MIGHT SAY- DUH!!) IF YOU SEND AN E-MAIL PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN THE SUBJECT SO IT DOESN'T GET TRASHED. WE ARE IN THE OCALA, FL AREA. WE HEARD FROM BARB (SILLER) RAY JUST THE OTHER

DAY AND WE ALREADY WHERE BOB & NORMA PENNINGTON AND TERRY & LYNN SMALLE ARE AND NOW WE HEARD FROM LAURA, NANCY & NORB SNOW. IF YOU LIVE IN FLORIDA OR ARE "SNOWBIRDS" SEND A MESSAGE AND WE WILL TRY TO GET SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR ALL OF US THIS FALL OR WINTER. NANCY (JACOB)ENGELKE '60

I DID IT AGAIN!!! E-Mail address: elks-duffer@hotmail.com JAKE '60

Hey Class of 1962 I lost my information about the Reunion on October 27 is the 45 year class reunion still on. If it is then just send a message to this site or call me at 480-964-1675 and leave a message. Thank you Dottie Dorothy S. James (Geppert) '62

Global warming caught up with me last year. After nearly four decades in Phoenix and Tucson, my wife and I relocated to Sacramento, California. Not the most exciting place in the world, but a more hospitable climate. We are two hours east of San Francisco and two hours west of Reno and Lake Tahoe. My wife runs a self-storage and I own an import wholesale business. We still own our "ranch" in northern Arizona where we will retire to someday. I was in Cincinnati last summer for our 40th reunion, but none the kids I went to school with were there; just a bunch of old people that looked like their parents. Larry Bullis '66

Linda Insalago (Formes 68) and Dawn Mueller (Formes 69): curious to hear about what you ladies have been up to for the past 35 years or so. Hard to believe that much time has passed. Drop me an email at dneufarth@yahoo.com. Dave Dave Neufarth '67

I had hoped to see many past alumni, but never got specifics of where and when, would very much like to hear from you and hope to make it to the 50th (LOL) Cheryl Ferguson '67
Hi to all from the Class of '67!! Didn't make the reunion-I assume everyone there had a great time. Best wishes to all. Mike Wyatt Mike Wyatt '67

Hello to The Class of "67", I still have some fond memories from school. I remember winning a dance contest with Donna H.! I remember Otto V. I remember Spanish with Gary W. and Paul U. Hope you have a great time at the reunion. My email address is up to date now. I will look forward to any corre-

spondence. Congrats "67" Go Cards Your Great! Arthur Johnson "1967" email-artjohnson740ohio@roadrunner.com Arthur Johnson '67

Hello to all 1968 grads. Has anyone started to plan our 40th reunion yet? I still can't believe it will be 40 years! If anyone is interested in helping to plan our reunion please send me an email. I'd love to hear from you. Jan Wilson Corico class of '68 Janice Wilson Corico '68

My how time flies. Today is June 4th.....The class of 1968 graduated 39 years ago today! Will there be a reunion next year??? Does anyone know?
Donna (Schuler) Beckum '68

Dear Class of '69: Let's stop asking when we're going to have a reunion and start planning one! Please email me (ruthgdoyle@hotmail.com)if you are willing to help. I am looking forward to hearing from you and getting started -- finally!!!!
Riuth (Gandenberger) Doyle '69

Hi class of '69. How is everyone doing and when are we going to get together?
Bonnie (Yelliott) Riddle '69

Dear Alumni : Where are you? There doesn't seem to be much chatter about the Class of '69. My name is Brownie, but most of you remember me as Erwin Brown. I still see Mary Ewing Roehm, John Elsener and Ray Dirk on a regular basis, and see Ron Schroth, Ted Hoskins, Bob Thatcher, George Flake, and a few others on occasion. Next year will be our 39th year, which seems like a great time to get together. Our class was never very good for normal anniversary dates. Mary, John, Ray and I are inviting you to a reunion at our property in Indiana, about 30 minutes from CHS. We want to do this in June 2008. Its free, bring a cooler with a picnic lunch and drinks. We'll supply the name tags (we don't look the same) and a great place to get together after so many years. For info, e-mail me at TrusteeBrown@aol.com. Or call me at 513-353-3111 and I will put you on a list to send a notice and map, Lets get together and see some old friends for the first time in many years. Brownie, '69

As you all can see from the e mail I sent about my sister, I put her name where I should have put mine.
Clifford Sevier '70

I would like to hear from some of you who graduated in 1970. I went to 10 yr reunion but that is the only one. I have been blessed

with 3 kids and 8 grandkids all girls except one boy. I live in Mesa Arizona most of my life since graduating. I love it here. I visit cincy on occasion. Anyone out there email me. Cathy
Cathy Riley (Hill) '70

hay class of 72' i know someone out there remembers me, this is debbie (hensley)smiddy i married gary edwards in 73' got divorced in 75'. i married a gain in 77'. i lost my mom 4 days later. she was buried the day beverly hills burned down. my father died in 82'. i have 2 children, a daughter 24, and a son 21. i have a beautiful granddaughter (2)from my son. i got divorced again in 97' then i got married to my present husband in 98'. i guess the 3rd times a charm. i worked at ge for 33 years, i am now retired. i have had my home for 34 years. i was just wanting to here from some of my old class mates. so drop me a line at ssmiddy001@cinci.rr.com. hoping to here from some of you out there. debbie hensley smiddy
deborah hensley smiddy '72

yes this is deb hensley smiddy again please email me at ssmiddy001@cinci.rr.com. would love to hear from some of my classmates of '72. does anyone know what happen to ray kuhn. last thing i heard from him is when he married maryann schmidt. my address is 1813 dallas ave. in north college hill. love to hear or see anyone.
deborah hensley smiddy '72

hello class of 72.this debbie hensley how are all of my classmates doing? does anyone remember little ole me? is there going to be a class reunion soon 35 years man are we getting old. i just wanted to say hi. i just received my medical disability retirement after 33 yrs. with ge. i finally bought me a laptop so i thought i'd play on it some. don't laugh. i'm married 2 children and 1 granddaughter. i live here in nch. give me a line.
deborah hensley smiddy '72

Was looking for Debbie Secrest and heard she got married and moved to tn. Then found out she passed away in 1999. Does anyone know what happened?
Pat Goins '72

Hi class of 72 we live in Land o Lakes florida still married to Connie Moody 34 years in june.I just retired and Connie teaches 5th grade.We ride moter cycles on the weekends or every chance we get.Doing good, and we have a new grand baby.John Pierson
John Pierson '72

While looking up past classmates from '72, I found myself listed in the "In Remembrance" section. Wow, I knew I wasn't the most popular guy in the class, but didn't realize I had passed on and didn't know it! Anyway, I updated the record to show that I'm very much alive and quite well, living in Florida. Gerald (Jerry) Buttelwerth '72

Looking for Barry Lynch '73, anyone knowing whatever happened to him or know his email please get in touch with me. And if you read this Barry please email me. Terri Osborne Pittroff (1973)
ters1955@yahoo.com
Terri Osborne Pittroff '73

Hey Chris (1972), Susie (1973) and Robyn(1973) Forgot to put email address. shhatl@comcast.net Also, any plans for Class of 1973 to have 35 year reunion? Stephanie '73

Looking for Susie Meininger(1973), Robyn Langhorst(1973), Chris Hall (1972).
Stephanie '73

Classes of 1971, 1972, and 1973 and Friends of Jim, I echo my Brother Doug's thoughts over the profoundly tragic loss of our life-long leader, our elder brother Dr. James Howard Stiling. He, along with our parents, remains our adored hero and mentor. Four Stiling brothers were Colerain Cardinals (Jim '71, Greg '73, Doug '76, and Jeff '78) Jim lead with a Christ like example, and he went on to lead an extraordinary life. Jim's departure from this life like our beloved Mother (Peggy) before him was for our family a great sadness too deep for words. But equally great is our pride and joy in his life, his unquenchable love for Sue his wife of 25 years, his children Maggie, Jamey, Donny & Michael, his incomparable father Don, extended family, his patients & his profession, and his Lord. As Jeff said of Jim in the Memorial Service "You are a graceful competitor. You always made me feel I was better than I am and better than you, bragging on me and boasting about your little brother. Yet, you were the truly gifted one. But you would have nothing of yourself. Your life was about others. Your gift was bringing joy, peace, laughter and a self-respect to those you loved. You did not need to be the winner, though you often were. Even then, you left others feeling like they had won too, because it wasn't about the score, it was about being together." To see what others had to say about Jim beyond Colerain, please go to this Guest Book link.
<http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?I=GB000087159670> Grace and Peace to you.

Greg Stiling '73
Hi everyone. It's been a long time since I have talked to anyone from my class. If anyone wants to let me know they are alive and kicking, please do so!
Sharon Gundling Stern '74

The post on 6-15-07 was posted by Bob M., not Kriste Swanson. Bob is looking for Kriste who lived in CVG. This format would not allow me to post as such. Please take note.

Kriste Swanson '74
Does this name ring a bell, look familiar? Thought she attended there mid-70's or so. I'm looking to "reconnect" and simply say hi to her. To see how she is doing... Nothing more. No bad intent whatsoever :) or tell her to call my sister, Kris in Columbus. I'm sure she was a graduate from Colerain along with her sister, Sherri. Please email if you can assist or if you know she never attended there. I'll look elsewhere. Bob M.
Kriste Swanson '75

Alumni Band - Great Turnout for Alumni Night. Thanks to all who came. Several folks expressed interest in playing for one or two basketball games with the student pep band. In addition, we're inviting non-alumni, band-instrument-playing parents of the student band to join us. Alumni: make sure your current email is in the alumni database. No snail-mail will be sent for these performances. Update your email address by clicking on the Record Update link on the left of this page. Watch the website and emails for more information on Alumni Band basketball game performances. Paul Wesolowski '76

Attention CHS Band Alumni - Alumni night is Friday, October 5. You know the drill! Meeting time 5:30 at the band room for rehearsal with the student band. Wear black pants, black shoes, red shirt or as close as you can get to any of that. Optional rehearsal the prior Sunday, September 30, from 7-8 also at the CHS band room. If you can't make the Sunday rehearsal but would like music, send me an email with your address, instrument and part and I'll send music on 10/1, earlier if I can get sufficiently organized. This year is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rhythmettes, so we're expecting a great turn-out. I look forward to seeing you there.
Paul Wesolowski '76

My dear brother died on April 4th, 2007. He graduated from the class of 1971. Jim was a gentle and loving leader of his 3 younger brothers who admired and loved him

tremendously. What a blessing he was not only to his immediate family, but to all of those who knew him near and far. He is, and will continue to be, painfully and greatly missed. But I am at peace in my heart knowing he is with our Lord in Paradise. I welcome those who would like to add their memories to this note expressing their thoughts about Jim's wonderful, fruitful and fulfilled 54 years of life here on earth. In remembrance of Jim, the Solano County Medical Society (in Northern California), has established the James H. Stiling, M.D., Health Career Scholarship Fund. Doug Stiling 1976
Doug Stiling '76

A tad of history, Today marked the 30th year since the Beverly Hills Country Club fire. That took so many lives. Just weeks before that we were sitting there having our CHS Senior Awards Banquet.
Ginny Moore '76

Class of '77, my name is Clifford Sevier, the brother of the late Kimberley Sevier. It is with great sadness that I am writing this email to inform you that my sister Kimberley was murdered September 10, 2007. Kimberley had just turned 48 August 27, 2007. She leaves behind 2 children Amy and Dustin, 6 grandchildren, 2 brothers Kenney (68) and Clifford Sevier (70). For those who remember Kim, will remember what a kind person she was. Please keep her family in your prayers. Remember, life is so short to just let it pass by. Kimberley Sevier '77

Class of '77 - It's not too late to sign up for our 30 year reunion. It will be held this coming Saturday (Oct 6th). Details can be found on the Alumni page under Reunions. Come out and party with your friends and classmates. We're planning to have a great time!
Linda Klein Bryson '77

I just read about my Alumni donating football uniforms for Taft Hi School. Good job over there. I live in California and check the news regularly. Proud day for my old school. I visited last year, the football field looks amazing. Congratulations on being a football powerhouse yourselves. You brought a smile to my face. Thanks, Charles Dennis Payne ENDO PAYNE Productions www.endo-payne.com Charles Dennis Payne '77

I'd like to formally thank you, the boosters, and the Colerain Athletic Department for the "Breakfast of Champions" on May 12. It was great to be invited back to CHS for the occasion and thank you for the recognition. It was especially memorable to share the

morning with my parents, both in their 80's. Thanks for the memories!
Missy (Merrel) Stenger '77

Hey Class of '77 - in case you haven't heard, we have a 30th reunion planned. Yes, it really has been 30 years. You should have received a flyer in the mail (if we had your correct address). There is also information posted on this website under Reunions. We hope everybody can make it - it will be Saturday, October 6th. Your committee is Amy (York) Euller, Jenny (Engel) Schwartz, Sallie (Greer) Hilvers, and Linda (Klein) Bryson. Hope to see you there - Amy is handling reservations and money. Her contact info is posted on the Reunion page. Let's make this our best reunion yet!!! Linda (Klein) Bryson '77

If anyone plans a 30 year reunion, please let me know. Elaine Branigan '77

hey everybody anybody remember me e-mail me. anybody know anything about Tim Elstun or Bart Mason.....please let me know thanks. kim hitesman '78
hey class of 78 anybody want to chat e-mail me..... kim '78

I was reading the alumni site Friday and noticed that myself (James Gibson - 1984) and my sister (Holly Gibson - 1980) were both listed in the "Lost Alumni" section. I'm emailing you to update you on our information. Sadly, Holly is deceased. She contracted breast cancer and passed in 2004. On a more positive note, I'm doing well and living in Hollywood with my wife, Pearl where I am an active film-maker. I would certainly like to be added back in to the alumni system and can be reached at the following address:

James Gibson
10513 Chandler Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 392-8183
Thanks and feel free to contact me should you need any clarification.
James Gibson '78

I answered an post sometime back. The person was looking for Kim and Angie Wilson, I e-mailed with a message that I would let them know you were looking for them since they are my wives cousins, and send you any info. I finally got a current phone number for Angie, but I lost you're e-mail address do to moveing. please get in touch with me. E-mail revnick@localnet.com
nick wehring '79

I didn't graduate from Colerain. I read with sadness that Tracy Deck (84) had passed away. If someone could let me know what happened I would appreciate it greatly.
Thanks. Mike Gregory '81

Thank you to everyone for your continued support over the last several months while we try to cope with the sudden loss of our beautiful daughter Megan Gore (CHS-'85) Her wonderful friends organized the walk on her 20th birthday in July which was so well attended. We were able to raise over \$8000 for her memorial CHS scholarship so we can continue to help others like she did. Thank you to all. Jennifer Snyder Barlow '81

What kind of performers are you needing? Is this a fundraiser? Have invitations been sent?
Nichola Hubble-Sanderson '81

This message is for Darla Underwood McRee (1984). I saw your message today in Chatter and wanted to let you know that Steve Barkley was killed in a car accident several years ago. I think his mom is in DC, but I have no idea where Gary is. (Don't know if you remember me, but I lived two doors up from you on Tripoli and went to school with your brother Dennis. You would probably remember my brother Jude or my little sister Pattie.)
Cindy Howe '81

Just wanted to let those who remember me know what I have been up to. I started a non-profit organization called Living Creatures Animal Sanctuary. We are a foster care organization for unwanted pets. We have helped everything from skunks to horses. Our web site is <http://livingcreatures.petfinder.com>. We are a Petsmart Charity and you can find me most Saturday afternoons from 12-4 at Petsmart on Colerain. I was always bringing home strays as a kid and doing it on a professional level now. I currently work for Cincinnati Public Schools. Isn't that poetic justices since I used to skip school as much as possible.)
Lisa Warren (Harper) '82

Curious, any word of a 25 year reunion for Class of 1982?
Traci Wagner '82

Any word on a 25 year reunion? We shouldn't let this pass without something!!!
Shelli Streckfuss Giess '82

Hello class of 83, We are just starting to think about planning our 25th reunion in 2008. E-mail me if you are seriously interested in helping to plan. We are having our

first organizational meeting on Friday, July 27. E-mail me at ASeiller@aol.com for more info. Everyone is welcome!
Angie "Schmeling" Seiller '83

Anyone interested in doing an Appreciation Concert in Honor of Mr. Mike Hanning for all the support & inspiration he gave us in Choir?? He is suffering from Pick's Disease which is similar to Alzheimer's. I would love to have help organizing a concert to show him how much he means to us & how thankful we are for his years of inspiration & hard work! If you are interested in being involved, please contact me at pupbutt@aol.com.
Andrea Canny '83

We will be having a concert on the evening of Dec. 22nd, 2007 at Colerain H.S. to honor Mr. Mike Hanning. I am looking for alumni interested in performing. Please contact me @pupbutt@aol.com and SPREAD THE WORD to anyone you know!! I really want him to know how much of an impact he made, before Pick's Disease takes his memory. Thanks! Andrea Canny
: Andrea Canny '83

Wow! I had no idea this existed. It was very exciting and sad to read the postings. Any orchestra or band members out there?
Amy Grasham-Smith '84

Oops..my email address for the below posting is Equestrian66@aol.com. My former boss and trainer gave me the screenname after my first National Champion Junior win in Oklahoma City, OK. Bill Kelley '84

God bless Mark Angel in his passing over the weekend. Melissa Anderson '84

CLASS OF '84....I was thinking it was about time I tried to get in touch with my fellow grads, as I have been out of touch with the Cincinnati area for a very long time. After High School and an extended stay at Camp Kern (Anyone remember going with the elementary kids??)....I ended up spending 5 years on staff there, both in summer staff and as a Naturalist / Teacher in the late 80's. After finally deciding to finish college and a little bit of dating in the Cincinnati area, I accepted a job as an Assistant Horse trainer and Instructor in Spring Valley, Ohio. In a span of 15+ years, I have trained, instructed, and handled 15 World Champion American Saddlebred Horses, Equitation riders, Hackney Ponies, and Morgan Horses. When I decided it was time to move on, I moved to Baltimore, MD, where I am now using my college degree (does anyone really use thier

degree's anymore?), working for URS Corporation, specializing in Project Management and Accounting. It would be really nice to hear from any '84 grads that happen to read this. I have kept in touch with only a handful of people, one being my twin brother Jim, and my best friend from High School, Rob Burton. I am sincerely hoping that some of you remember who I am, since I have not been around much lately. It definitely helps when you try and remember how many sets of Twins we had in our Class...my brother and I amongst the decent sized group. I would also love to hear about any reunion plans in the works for 2009 (our 25TH !!!!!). God, I feel OLD! Take care and hope to hear from any and all grads. If anyone is in the Baltimore area, send me an email and we can get together.
Bill Kelley '84

You're invited to the "Bengals Bash" fundraiser for the 2007 NWLSD Levy Campaign! Sept. 23rd, 3:30-end of Bengals game (it's an away game) at Receptions in Fairfield on Boymel Ave. \$15 per ticket gets you in for the game on 12ft x 12ft screens, beer, wine, soft drinks, food, live DJ, dancing, and a \$500 grand prize! Tix can be purchased at Heid's Lanes, Colerain Bowl, or The Sports Machine (near corner of Poole and Colerain). Must purchase by Sunday, 9/16/07 so hurry! If you're unable to make it, but would like to make a donation to the campaign, please mail to: Community Partners for Education C/O Jim Detzel, Treasurer 3114 Crest Rd Cincinnati, OH 45252 Go Cards! Who Dey!
Susan Bennett '85

Just to let everyone know that I was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in Cincinnati. I am at St. Charles Parish in Kettering, Ohio. I hope and pray all is well with our Colerain High School Family.
Ron Haft '85

I am moving back to Colerain township after sixteen years in Eastern Ohio. I hope to attend my first alumni night since college and want to participate in the Teach-In next spring. Had a great time at our 20th, thanks Keith and Kelly! See you a;; before our 25th reunion, I hope!
Michelle Burdett '86

hey ron haft congrats on becoming ordained saw you in the catholic telegraph my brother is also a minister down town working in the front office dave binzer
davebinzer '86

Hey Class of 1987, I hope everyone had a great time catching up with old high school friends at the reunion this past weekend! It was a huge success and a great night! The reunion committee is working on a few things that we wanted to make you aware of: In Response to many requests-we are working on combining the DVD's that were shown at this reunion and previous ones. We will try to keep everyone posted on the progress of this. Also, we are going to try to maintain our class website-colerain87.com to post pictures, update your changes, and maintain communication with you all. Lastly, please feel free to contact myself or Joyce Barhorst McHenry with your updates, etc, via the email- colerain.reunion87@fuse.net. Thanks again to those who helped make the evening a great success! Keep in touch! Kristy Kuwatch Thomas '87

I just want to say hi! to all my friends from school.I cannot wait to see everybody again.I think all of us will have a great time.I want to thank all the committee members that have went out of there way and works so hard to make this happen for all of the grads of 87.I am sure you have planned a great evening for us.My many thanks to all of you.I hope everybody has been doing well in our class.I would like to hear fom you.Just write me anytime.I wish everybody the best and cannot wait to see everybody at the reunion. I still cannot believe it has been 20yrs.I don't feel this old lol! Take care everybody!
Tony Kain (cyclops) '87

Sorry! I forgot to leave my e-mail address below it is kain772000@yahoo.com.Hope I hear from you! Tony kain(cyclops) '87

Hi all 1987 grads! The 20 year reunion invitations have been sent! If you do not receive one, it means we either don't have your information, or the info that we have is incorrect. PLEASE email the reunion email address-Colerain.reunion87@fuse.net with your updated information. We are expecting a great turnout! The reunion committee has been hard at work for over a year now and we have a great night planned! Feel free to contact myself or the reunion committee email with questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing the older but wiser you in july! Kristy Kuwatch Thomas '87
Class of 1987! Final invitations have been mailed for our 20th reunion that is scheduled to take place on July 21,2007. If you did not receive one we do not have current contact

information. Reservations are due by July 6, 2007. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and looking forward to a great time. We are still missing some classmates. Visit our website www.colerain87.com for a list. Feel free to contact myself or email the committee at colerain.reunion87@fuse.net
Joyce (Barhorst) McHenry '87

Hello Class of '87! Don't forget to RSVP for our 20 Year Reunion. I really hope to see a lot of classmates on July 21st. I will be travelling 1,800 miles to see you, so I'm hoping you can all make it. We will be having a Friday night (July 20) get-together at Crossroads Sports Bar & Grill on Cheviot and Jessup. 8:00-10:00ish. Sunday will be a family picnic at Colerain park at 1:00. BYOPS (bring your own picnic supplies). See you then. Eric Eric Meyer '87

class of 1987 reunion committee, great job on the class reunion this past Saturday. Had a great time. I only wish we had more time to socialize. Randy McCann '87

Class of 1987- The reunion is just over a week away. If you plan on attending please email the reunion committee ASAP and send in your money. Anyone showing up that night will have to pay \$40 at the door. Look forward to seeing everyone!
Colerain.reunion87@fuse.net Joyce (Barhorst) McHenry '87

I cannot believe it has been 20 years!!! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!! It will be a great time, I am sure. I have been trying to help find those missing classmates but my investigative skills aren't that sharp! Hope all is well with everyone. If you want to drop me a note, I would be happy to hear from you: shari09@fuse.net
Shari Drago Heflin '87

Greg Meister, I'm from the class of 1988 and was on the alumni site this evening. I have been searching for some of my fellow grads and thought I'd do some searching for you. We Cards must stick together! I think I have a current address and phone number. E-mail me if you haven't gotten any info. Mark J. Wagner myspace.com/whiskeywags
www.mwags70@yahoo.com
Mark J. Wagner '88

Class of '88. Check out our website... www.colerainclassof1988.com. This will keep you updated on the happenings of our class and the reunion that will be next year. Patrick Slade did a great job on this. Update

your profile so we know about you and what you have been up to.. Also - We are wondering if anyone knows anything about Amy Zeinner. If so email at greesh@nwlsl.org Look forward to hearing from you Sherri Green (Swigert) '88

Hello everyone. I was just checking the message board. I would love to hear from some of my old classmates (1988 or 1989). Good luck Cards during this years football season. Way to go Tom Bolden!!! Go Cards!!!!!! Tricia (Fights) Sunderhaus-Lee '89 Just saying "hi" to anyone from the class of 1989. We're all busy with life & kids... (making kids, feeding kids, coaching kids, etc, etc)... but remember we'll all be empty nesters one day!
Shawn Kent '89

HEY EVERYONE JUST TRYING TO FIND A FRIEND OF MINE THAT WAS IN THE CLASS OF 1989 HER NAME IS KELLY WHITAKER. I WAS REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH HER WHILE WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND I HAVE LOST TOUCH WITH HER, SO I AM JUST WONDERING IF ANYONE KNOWS WHERE SHE MIGHT BE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ANYONE KNOWING ANYTHING COULD LET ME KNOW. THANKS HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING WELL TAKE CARE.
GREG MEISTER Greg Meister '90

just wanted to say hello to all 1990 grads..hope all is well with everyone..
michael howard '90

Hello, I found the page and thought I would update my info. Loyalty to Colerain is deep. I want there from K-12. Antony (Tony) Heitz 2726 Cox Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45209 '90 theitz@alienworkshop.com or heitztony@hotmail.com

I didn't graduate from Colerain but attended from 3rd-7th before moving out of the district. I just wanted to drop a quick message and invite anyone to email me sometime.
joe@abelfive.com
Joey Leonard '91

Dose anyone know what ever happened to marc fishman he was in the class 90 or91 I think. To jogg your mind he was in the truck repair program at our school.
mark '91

Hello...Just wondering if anything was planned for a 15 year reunion. Anybody

know?? Thanks. Angie Deets '92

HEY ALUMNI FLAG CORPS MEMBERS!! I am interested in forming an alumni Flag Corps to perform at Alumni Game Nights in the future (probably not this year). If you are interested, please let me know by email (shelleyseifert@yahoo.com). Thanks:) Shelley Shelley Seifert '95

Hey class of '97! I didn't make it to the reunion but I hope everyone had a good time. I'm wondering how you all are doing! If you have a moment, send me an email: sprightlylizz@gmail.com (most of you knew me as Rizzo!) Lizz Trusler '97 Just to let you know that I was looking at the list of lost alumni and Bobby Askew '99, he plays now for Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He is in the NFL making money. He was playing for the New York Jets for a few years as a back-up running back but was traded to Tampa Bay for this season. He is still a back-up but I watched him play for Michigan in college and he is really good. So that's where he is. Krissy Stamper Clark '99

Where is Adam Bryson class of 99?? If anyone knows how to get in contact with him PLEASE let me know by e-mailing me at samanthastuder@yahoo.com! Samantha Studer '00

just saying hello to everyone. anyone out there from the class of 01' special hello to you. Ayisha Kinamore '01

Does anyone know about the 5 yr reunion for class of 2002? If anyone has any info please email me Cassidyj723@yahoo.com Jenny (Cassidy) Strunk '02

Hello everyone. It is about time for our 5 year reunion. If there is anyone planning one or has a date set please let me. Just drop an email to me nicholas.konerman@pnc.com Nick Konerman '02 Whats up Colerain, just wanted to know if anyone has heard anything about Class of 02 5year reunion.
Anthony Garnette '02

Hey Anthony, I haven't heard anything, but send me an email! (rhummer@gmail.com) I tried to send one to you, but it seems the email you put in doesn't work.
Ryan Hummer '02

Man, has it been five years already? Thanks for the reminder Nick! Same to what Nick has said if anyone has info for a class of '02

reunion drop me a line at rhummer@gma.com, I have tentative plans to be in town late summer/early fall so any info would be greatly appreciated.
Ryan Hummer '02

I can't believe nothing has been settled yet for our high school reunion. We were the best class academically and athletically in the history of the time we graduated. I miss all you guys and the ones I still keep up in touch with I love it. To all the ones I knew and was close to in high school but haven't seen or heard from in awhile give me a shout out I'll be looking to hear from you. WWW.myspace.com/sebastiansolorza Sebastian Solorza '02

Hey everyone! I hope all is well and I was wondering about a reunion as well.....
Emerald Clay '02

just trying to stay in touch. My address has changed to 2225 Struble Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45231 and my cell phone changed as well to 513-479-7233. I always look forward to getting the chatter. Daniel Rucker '05

hello. i was reading your in memory, and you are missing two important people... Robbie Zeinner c/o07 and andrew fisher c/o 06 thanks heather '05

To Colerain Alumni Career Center:
Thank you so much for awarding me with a scholarship. Being a Health tech student was the best decision I could have made for my future. Because of my experience and hard work as a career center student I have allowed myself to prepare for my future. I'm so proud that someone could see the dedication it took for me to be the student and person I am today. I will use my scholarship to its fullest extent to better prepare myself for the future as a healthcare worker. I am honored with such a supportive community and people that know I will make it! Thank you for all that you have done and my success will be from my accomplishments! Thank you again! Chelsey Mullins '07

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ROBERT FATH ARTICLE REPLY

As some of you may recall from the previous newsletter, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks contacted the Alumni Association to try to locate Robert Fath '43. The university had obtained a number of Robert's letters written during WW II while Robert was stationed in Alaska. Robert contacted the Alumni Association to let everyone know he is alive and well. He spends part of the year in Hamilton, Ohio, and the remainder in Florida. Robert informed the Alumni Association that the letters were written to Ethel Wert '38. He remembers some but not all of the letters. During the war, Robert worked as a decoder and encoder while stationed in Kodiak, Alaska. Thanks to Bob for contacting the Alumni Association.

REUNIONS

1958 – October 10, 11, and 12, 2008. The big gala dinner event will be held at Clovernook Country Club on Saturday evening, October 11. More weekend details will follow as they develop closer to the event date. For additional information contact Arlene Henkel Rahn at a6_kuge@yahoo.com

1963 – Saturday, June 13, 2008, at Pebble Creek, Bevis, OH from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. The cost is TBD. Please keep this date open and join us in a gala celebration! Any questions call Jerry Strohmenger 513-459-4969, Dottie Wullenweber 513-741-7540 or Lois Thornberry 513-531-6250, Robb Amick 513-825-7500; Scott Kuwatch 513-759-5850.

1969 – 40th Reunion is in the planning stages –at long last! A committee is forming to organize a reunion for 2009. Please contact Ruth Gandenberger Doyle at rgdoyle1969@gmail.com to volunteer to help with the planning, OR to indicate your interest in receiving more information. Further information will be posted on the Alumni Website, and in future issues of the Chatter. Hope to hear from you!

1988 – Saturday, August 16, 2008, at Nathanael Green Lodge, visit www.colerainclassof1988.com, or email colerainclassof88@cinci.rr.com for more information.

IN MEMORY OF

Katherine Meier Herrmann '33; Harold Herrmann '35; Virginia Burroughs Stepaniak '39; Henry Edgar "Speed" Pitzer '40; Cora Jean Rupp Pitzer-Lerch '44; Audrey Bradford Meister '49; Russ Foreman '52; Dorothy Baker Richards '52; Ed Weigel '52; Stanton Alvis '55; Phyllis Weidner Schroedder '57; Rita Stenger Bailey '59; Jack Webb '60; Ron Early '62; Judy Braun Flaxmayer '62; Evelyn Duecker Jesse '62; Susan Beckerdite Quagliata Oglesby '64; Paul Kelly '66; Bob Webster '66; Ron Ruehl '67; Dave Schon '67; Karen Seicshnaydre Garrett '68; Greg Snyder '68; Becky Devaney '71; Jim Stiling '71; Stephen Gear '72; Jenny Wessner '74; David Tarter '75; Gary Melvin Benkert '77; Kimberly Sevier Butler '77; Clarence Mark Holtman '78; Steve Walters '79; Holly Gibson '80; Cheryl Spencer Cobb '84; Michael Hucker '89; Eric Schott '93; Jeremy Whitener '00; Justin Quimby '02; Andrew Fisher '06; Robby Zeinner '07; Gene Hust Counselor

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Dear Friends: It is with sadness and regret that I inform his fellow scholars and athletes of the passing of Henry Edgar "Speed" Pitzer (Class of 1940) on July 12, 2006. Ed was on Jim Purdy's winning baseball team. He also played six man football and basketball. Ed was commissioned a first lieutenant assigned to the 97th Heavy Bombardment Group of the 15th Air Force- W.W.II. He was a pilot in B-17's with required missions over Germany. He and his former wife Cora Jean (Rupp) Pitzer Lerch (Class of 1945) were the founders of the Airy Bike Shop in Groesbeck. They have four children who graduated from Colerain High: Gary Allen Pitzer, Becky (Pitzer) Getz, and twins, Charles Pitzer and Charla (Pitzer) Kakias. Ed was not only a great brother but a great friend of many. He will be sadly missed. This will also serve to inform those who knew her of the passing of Cora Jean (Rupp) Pitzer-Lerch (Class of 1944). She died on her birthday, September 23, 2006. She was a Cadet Nurse during W.W.II before marriage, raising her family and operating the bike shop. She will be sadly missed by family and many friends. Just recently on May 6, 2007, Dorothy Mae Pitzer passed away. Dot attended Colerain but did not graduate from there. She was a sister and wonderful friend to me and my brother Ed and her sister, Pauline Marie (Pitzer) Janke-Schmitt living in Amelia, Ohio who graduated from Colerain High School (Class of 1928). Enclosed is a long overdue donation to help expenses. Sincerely, Paul A, Pitzer, Brother, (Class of 1948)

I'm sorry to learn of Harry Hopkins passing. Also, Jay Lauber in the loss of her husband in February. We're all getting older, so we should see one another more often. What's best in a class reunion. How about it? I'm willing to keep if someone else will. My Jack just had an operation in January. that was a nightmare to me. He's

slow, but doing fine. About the gal that wants to know about Joe Heis, he's my cousin. Never saw much of him, but went to his funeral and he was 60 years old and they dressed him in his red marine jacket. He had cancer. I don't know where Pam or his other children live. We only saw one another really at family reunions. Joe was always a fun guy to be around. My husband keeps me busy running him back and forth to the hospital or doctors. I still enjoy more than ever to work in my flames and been doing a lot of sewing. I'm busy all the time and thank God can still do all I want to. Wally Herbert had a stroke so remember him in your prayers. He's our plumber. His son Ken has taken over for him and he is a great guy like his dad. Thanks again for the newsy chatter. I love it and my donation is enclosed as always. Thanks Mary L. Sparks (1947)

Dear Alumni, I am sending this contribution in the memory of my Mother, Thelma Herzog. She passed away July 17, 2007, at the age of 96. Mom was not a graduate of Colerain, but in a sense she was an alumni. She started working at Colerain in the early 1950's as a cafeteria worker and retired in the mid 1970's as the high school cafeteria manager. Mom would often talk about the good times she had with the students and faculty. Her years at Colerain brought her much happiness and many friendships. Bonnie Herzog Keach '60

It is with great sadness I tell you of Susan Beckerdite Quagliata Oglesby's (class of '64) passing on May 1, 2007. Suzie was intelligent, generous, loving and had the highest integrity of anyone I have ever known. She has been living in Bolder, CO, where she had her own business, Canyon Clinical Trials. She leaves a wonderful daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law. She also leaves her true love, James Oglesby, who is from her hometown in Missouri, and with whom she had been reunited for the past few years. She was highly respected and loved by many. Memory Gay Decker Brown '64

I am writing to notify everyone that on August 29, 2007, the class of '66 lost one of its members. Bob Webster passed away from complications with diabetes. Bob was always very proud to be a Colerain Alumnus and will be remembered by all of us. Jerry and Sandy Hansert '66

Dear alumni:

Please accept this donation in memory of my father and mother. They both graduated from Colerain and grew up in Colerain Township. Mom was the center on the women's basketball team in high school. In Elementary school she went to the "pickle factor" she said. That's the old building at the corner of Springdale and Poole, the present Colerain Elementary. Who knows why it was called that? She walked from the farm on Daleview Road to school and one day a skunk sprayed her. She didn't think she smelled too bad, but when she got to the pickle factor the teacher sent her to the office and eventually home. Both my mom and dad's mothers, Alma Herrmann and Kay Meier, were cooks in the cafeteria while their children were in school. And I think were head cooks also. The times were different then in Colerain. It was mostly farms and very little towns. My dad played the trumpet in the orchestra- "there was no band." He said. He did a lot of study in woodshop and then made a wedding cedar chest for Mom. Thank you for organizing the alumni association. Memorial for: Katherine W. (Meier) Herrmann and Harold W. Herrmann Sue (Herrmann) Bross (1967)

Ron Ruehl, class of 1967, award-winning documentary producer/director and cinematographer passed away peacefully on May, 17, 2007, at the Solace Center, Asheville, North Carolina. Ron's loss leaves behind a profound void not just for his family and

many friends, but his championed causes: the mountains of NC and the Cherokee. He graduated from Kent State University, Ohio, in 1971 with a B.S. in Journalism and Advertising, received an M.A. in Educational Media from WCU in 1979. For the 32 years he lived in Western North Carolina (WNC) Ron created an eternal legacy of documentary films for and about the people and places of WNC that he loved so dearly. Ron was a former WLOS-TV reporter and videographer for the NC Dept. of Cultural Resources. Through his work with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, he received the largest grant ever awarded to produce documentary films for the Museum of the Cherokee Indians. Ron considered himself an "electronic storyteller". Some of his notable productions were Nashville Network's "Fire On the Mountain"; the radio program "Liberty Flyer" featuring music, personalities and sounds of WNC mountains. Other PBS productions include: "From Our House To the White House, Mountain Square Dancing in the 20's and 30's"; "Cherokee, the Principal People"; "Breathing Troubled Air, A Prayer for the Mountains"; "To Build Castles and Dreams" the documentary of the history and restoration of the Grove Arcade; and "Thomas Wolfe's Old Kentucky Home" for the grand re-opening of the historic home after its tragic fire. His "Video Postcard of the Blue Ridge and Great Smokey Mountains" can be seen in most retailers' racks in North Carolina. In his own words: "To be a good storyteller, one must first be a good listener, and I've listened for 30 years to the elders, cultural leaders, artists, musicians, historians and to the historic buildings and the mountains themselves. There's always much to preserve that's worth preserving and sharing. It's been such an honor to be able to keep a record of the passing of time, in such a timeless place as our mountains. I have a saying that goes, 'there is no place untouched by time; there is no time untouched by place'. It's quite satisfying to look at 30 years in one place, with film or video camera in hand, recording the important, the daily, the celebrated and beautiful places and people we call the mountains of Western North Carolina. I call my work a gift to the future; something the folks 50 or 100 or maybe even 500 years from now can look at; what it was like in such a rare and diverse natural and cultural environment as WNC. I think perhaps my work can impart insight and inspiration and energy to someone in the future, or maybe even today." Ron was so much more than his accomplishments. He was a visionary, a mystic, a seeker of wisdom and truth - always ready to laugh, to dream, to create, to live life to the fullest and to love it all passionately. We have not only lost a precious son, brother, uncle and friend, but a wonderful advocate for the preservation of the history and culture of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There was a celebration of his life in Cincinnati on June 24 and there will also be a celebration of his life on Sunday, August 12 at 12:00 pm at the UNCA Botanical Gardens, Asheville, NC Cyndi Ruehl (1973)

Dear Alumni Association, wasn't sure what section to go to about this, so just a note. My brother, Jim, died on April 4th of this year. It was sudden and unexpected. He graduated with the class of 1971. Jim was 54 and married with four kids. Please post his name in the Remembrance column. Thank you. Doug Stiling '76

Gary Melvin Benkert '77, passed away on May 8, 2007, from a brain tumor. Please accept this donation in his memory. Thank you. Cynthia Gerhan

Would you please include my brother, Stephen A. Gear, as deceased in August, 1971? He was killed in a car crash before he graduated. He was supposed to graduate in 1972 but failed junior high. I was a year behind him. Had that not happened, he would have graduated with me in 1972. Thank you very much. Dianna Gear (1972)

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