



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News



Fall 2014

Newest member of Discoverer family



Next time you come to a Columbus High School event you won't be able to miss the Discoverers' biggest fan.

Columbus High School introduced their new mascot at the first home football game.

Students were given the honor of naming him, and they voted for Lil' C.

The Discover Unity Council came up with the idea to pursue a new mascot. The group felt that a new mascot could help address crowd moral at athletic events.

"Through the Discoverer Way Unity Council our students are able to voice their opinion and make requests that will improve the activities program for them," said CHS Activities Director Mark Brown. "Lil' C is an example of our commitment to the students and their desire for new, fresh and exciting ways to establish spirit in a positive way."

He said the fans and students didn't seem to connect with the old mascot.

"Lil' C is more exciting and fun for the students to see," he said. "An inflatable seemed to be what the students wanted."

CHS grad co-founder of Twitter

By Steve Anderson 68'
Alumni Association President

Evan Williams is:

- A brand of whiskey
- A 1990 graduate of Columbus High School
- Co-founder of Twitter
- Currently working for a company called Medium
- All of the above

The correct answer is e, All of the above.

The 42-year-old entrepreneur-turned-social media magnate is best known as a co-founder of Twitter and Blogger.

Evan Williams grew up in Clarks, Nebraska. He was a member of the high school band and the choir and speech teams. Despite his "mental rebellion," as one former teacher described it, Williams was an altogether polite and respectful kid. He worked on his parents' farm, and they describe him as the easiest of the four Williams kids to raise, mostly because he had a penchant for keeping himself entertained.

Not surprisingly, Williams "didn't really jive" with the people in Clarks, he wrote in a blog entry from December 2001. He sought stimulation and new influences, and that was especially difficult to find before the Internet era. "My sources were limited," Williams wrote. "I often think how drastically different my life would have been had I grown up with the Web."

Williams' parents divorced during Evan's senior year of high school and, following the split, his mother moved 30 miles away to Columbus.

Lifetime & Annual Members

The cutoff date for this newsletter was Sept. 10. Dues paid after that date will be printed in the 2015 Fall newsletter. Dues can be paid at any time of the year. If you wish to become a member, please fill out the form in this newsletter. Thank you for paying your dues.

Lifetime Couples

1937 Jean Fricke Ashby
 1939 Laird & Lois Loomis
 1943/44 Robert & Eleanor Van Berg Loshbaugh
 1943/44 Calvin & Pat Heynen Gloor
 1943/44 Karl & Mimi Hahn Mueller
 1950/49 Ronald & Roberta Saalfeld
 1951 Dr. Robert & Carole Smith Quick
 1951/52 Marvin & Sandy Davis Trofholz
 1949/51 ES Bud & Arlene Finley Van Berg
 1952/55 Charles & Mary Ann Dietrich Johansen
 1952/56 Gerald & Delores Klug Mueller
 1952 Dwayne & Virginia Van Berg Smith
 1953 James & Sandy Briswalter Ernst
 1953/57 Gerald & Nadene Loseke Karlin
 1953 Gary & Janice Potter Nantkes
 1953 Harlan Petter
 1955/56 Ed & Jolaine Loseke Nielsen
 1957 James & Kathryn Ericksen Lohr
 1958 David H. Kuper
 1958 John & Julie Floyd Schutz
 1960/1961 Richard & Mary McErney Goc
 1960/62 Ted & Sharon Aerni Otte
 1962/63 Ken & Karen Rice Gigstad
 1962/63 John & Kay Asche Nelson
 1963 Lawrence Hake
 1963/64 Gerald & Bonnie Hay Luckey
 1964/66 James & Connie Elliott Hellbusch
 1964 John & Bonnie Knight Kennedy
 1965/74 James & Gayle Massman Oppliger
 1965/68 Ronald & Maureen Daniels Taylor
 1966/67 Bruce & Sheryl Cattau Channer
 1966 Willaim Fleischer
 1967 Ken & Deta Coover Robb
 1968/67 William & Rita Mikkelsen Ingold
 1968 Larry & Charice Rumbaugh Nyffeler
 1969 Don & Sue Folsom Brouse
 1969 Greg & Judy Brock Warner
 1970/72 Brian & Barbara Tank Nelson
 1972/73 Dana & Nancy Winkle Bailey
 1972/73 Richard & Cindy Palmblade Kant
 1974 Dr. Ronald & Ann Bremer Ernst

1974 Rick & Marsha Hopp Joseph
 1977 Loren & Michelle Bellum Goedeken
 1986/88 Chris & Amy Busteed Blaser
 1989 Craig & Becky Kuncel Andreasen
 1989/90 Greg & Julie Insinger Hutcheson
 1993/96 Todd & Tasha Henninger Moss

Lifetime Single

1928 Elmer H. [Bus] Lohr
 1935 Bettie F. Sharp Eggli
 1937 Arthur H. Garbers
 1938 Jean Vanberg Chase
 1938 Bernice Brock Hegi
 1938 Martha Boehm Kusek
 1939 Vera Ellen Gertsch Martin Weller
 1940 Frances Behlen Brakel
 1940 Dorothy M. Yonkie Folden
 1940 Walter Matzen
 1940 Julian Meyer
 1940 Ryland R. [Rip] Nantkes
 1942 Norm Loseke
 1942 Bill H. Smith
 1943 Helen Whiting Gerber
 1943 Walt Lips
 1944 Walter Kiuntke
 1944 Donald Smith
 1945 Edward Babka
 1945 Clarence Brunkhorst
 1945 Carroll R. Devlin
 1945 Nan Bernstein Klassen
 1946 Tom Bernstein
 1946 Delores Cattau Ebel
 1946 Robert Osborn
 1946 Homer Rothleitner
 1947 William [Bill] Haney
 1947 Robert Jaeggi
 1947 Jean Johannes Johnston-Mills
 1947 John R. O'Neal
 1948 Edward [Skip] Gass
 1948 Bernice Gates Gengenbach
 1948 Wayne A. Schild
 1948 Rudy J. Winkelman
 1949 Larry Blaser

1949 Vernon C. Feye
 1949 Marilyn J. Hunkins Gentry
 1949 Dorothy Held Glaser
 1949 Roland W. Kluver
 1949 Charles W. Walden
 1950 Ethel [Genie] Clark Ingold
 1950 Wilma A. Schild Kilgore
 1950 Donna Olson Morlock
 1952 Karen Norton Cook
 1952 David Kraus
 1952 Donald D. Rice
 1952 James Schultz
 1953 James Murphy
 1953 Kenneth D. Peterson
 1953 Robert L. Pope
 1953 Donald M. Schupbach
 1953 Charles Speice
 1953 Ronald Tschauner
 1953 Judd Wagner
 1953 Louis C. [Lou] Welch
 1954 Jeanette Fickel Blaser
 1954 Richard Cuddeford
 1954 Frederic Krebs
 1954 Robert W. [Bob] Mead
 1954 Marlene Schild Syas
 1955 Loretta L Williams Meistrell
 1955 Barbara Boyd Park
 1955 Jeanie Frey Randall
 1955 Edward D. [Ed] Riggins
 1956 Helen Korte Campbell
 1956 Wanda Schild Eihausen
 1956 Douglas M. Groteluschen
 1956 Vard Johnson
 1956 Barbara A. Lundin Mitlyng
 1956 Larry B. Novicki
 1956 Ronald D. Rice
 1957 Sylvia Rodehorst Hermone
 1957 Ron Lambert
 1957 Mary Kluver Lauber
 1957 S. Kay Becher Rockwell
 1957 Richard [Dick] Whitcomb
 1958 Robert M. Duranski



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1958 Larry Ray Krumland
 1958 Sharon Welch Lehr
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 1958 Jane Evans Novicki
 1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin
 1959 Geri Austin
 1959 Howard [Steve] Ellenburg
 1959 Sylvia Wilke Fallner
 1959 Leonard J. [Len] Fleischer
 1959 Mary Coffey Frauendorfer
 1959 Kay Swanson Genereux
 1959 Betty K. Kaspersen Hegi
 1959 David E. Hollman
 1959 Mary Ann Behlen Hruska
 1959 Con M. Keating
 1959 Ron Salak
 1959 Richard L. [Stoney] Stone
 1959 Arnold Stuthman
 1959 Margaret Corn Trew
 1960 Sheila Nelson Backes
 1960 Gayleen Oppliger Hingst
 1960 Gary J. Hoge
 1960 Darlene A. Ebel Jansen
 1960 James Jura
 1960 David Kathka
 1960 John F. Lohr
 1960 Joe Matejka
 1960 William K. Mcauliff
 1960 Joan Marr Nichols
 1960 Jerry L. Norris
 1960 Larry Schmidt
 1960 Keith Van Velkinburgh
 1960 Paula Jean Arndt Verdoorn
 1961 Steve Ahl
 1961 Bob Ahrens
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 1961 Janice Feye-Stukas
 1961 Joanne Smith Jonas
 1961 Gerald L. Whitcomb
 1962 Gary Lee Burmood
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 1962 Diane Erickson Hembry
 1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf
 1962 Jean C. Groteluschen Schmidt
 1963 Kent W. Behlen
 1963 Sandra Ottsen Davis
 1963 William Doan
 1963 Mathew [Bud] Fleischer
 1963 Janet Kummertz Hansen

1963 Kathryn Varner Overturf
 1963 Mark Schild
 1964 Joseph Augustine
 1964 Thomas W. Holub
 1964 Rita Zulkoski Moeller
 1964 Russell Muller
 1965 Mickey Brazeal
 1965 Henry E. Clausen
 1965 David L. Ernst
 1965 Gary Gruenhage
 1965 David P. Heiser
 1965 Dennis C. Hirschbrunner
 1965 Mary A. Holy Kuhlmann
 1965 Tom Petsch
 1965 Edward R. Riley
 1966 John Anderson
 1966 Mark S. Anderson
 1967 Emily Cameron Shattil
 1967 Tom Hagel
 1967 Don Oppliger
 1967 Gary Uphoff
 1968 Steve Anderson
 1968 John Z. Ballew
 1968 Ann Loomis Burns
 1968 Steve Ferris
 1968 Michael Floyd
 1968 Robert C. Jones
 1968 Robert Lohr
 1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen
 1968 Donald Sieh
 1968 Connie Welch Sylvester
 1968 John Zocholl
 1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei
 1969 Lester Hake
 1969 Nancy Hegi-Cuba
 1969 Thomas M. Obrist
 1969 Sharon Pepler
 1969 Marcia M. Hake Schlender
 1969 Mary Sims

1969 Jamie Johnson Snyder
 1970 David Athey
 1970 Brad Berlin
 1970 Michael Brown
 1970 Virginia Curry
 1970 Peggy Dankert
 1970 Joann Eickhoff-Shemek
 1970 Steven W. Eymann
 1970 Danny Gerinstein
 1970 Daryl Henry
 1970 Teri Drozd Hoesly
 1970 Mike Jacobs
 1970 David Kincaid
 1970 Greg Kluck
 1970 Yvonne Mihulka
 1970 Gary Osborn
 1970 Thomas J. Rich
 1970 Jim Schaefer
 1970 Janelle Krumland Shepherd
 1970 Ronald Walters
 1971 Kimberly Ball
 1971 Greg Gersib
 1971 Neil Klutman
 1971 Patricia A. Caffrey Mcquillan
 1971 Jennifer Allen Mills
 1971 Robyn Gembol Ryan
 1971 Jolene Hellbusch Scalzo
 1972 Kelly Bemby-Hennings
 1972 Susan Dixon Bowman
 1972 Roger Brown
 1972 Randall S. Cheloha
 1972 Judy A. Ernst
 1972 Thomas Folsom
 1972 Thomas M. Heiser
 1972 Daniel W. Miller
 1972 Jennifer Gonka Peterson
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Lil' C newest Discoverer

From front page

The Columbus Discoverers Sports Boosters paid the \$4,600 cost for the new mascot.

“The Discoverers respect the past and our great tradition, but we look to the future and strive to take all of our programs to the next level,” Brown said. “Part of our success is promoting school spirit and creating excitement at our athletic events.”

Appearances by the new mascot won't be limited to just sporting events. It will also be used at different district events at the elementary schools, middle school and high school.

Lil' C was purchased from the Omaha-based company, Signs and Shapes.



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Please use this form for address corrections or changes, what's new information, or if you wish to pay dues.

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Lifetime Single

1972 Kelly George Shada
1973 Gary Abel
1973 Sue Shively Anderson
1973 Mike Berlin
1973 Kurt Micek
1974 Bradley R. Busler
1974 Mary Nosal Chen
1974 John A. Curry
1974 Brian Miller
1974 Rex Porter
1975 Jane Hopp Beltz
1975 Michael J. Burrows
1976 Janice [Jan] Uden Bostelman
1976 Larry Leach
1976 Robert J. [Bob] Markham
1976 Mark Redrow
1976 Kyla J. George Reising
1976 Ann Ewert Richards
1976 Alan Dale Robertson
1977 Richard P. Haney
1977 Mark Morris
1977 Duane Olsufka
1977 James E. Schwartzer
1977 Becky Willman-Gragg
1978 Randy J. Eihausen
1978 Mark Jilek
1978 Kathy Curran Maca
1978 Trish Hopp Ross
1978 Kim Joiner Sevingen
1978 Bob Shively
1978 Alan Siemek
1979 Cindy Aerni
1979 Leslie Nielsen Hitchner
1979 Karen Koppel
1979 Kenneth E. Robinson
1980 Kathi Miles Horsley
1980 Lynn R. Strehle Sjuts
1981 Ralph Castner
1981 Dana D. Ernst
1981 Teresa Osterhoudt Filsinger
1981 Jeff Johnson
1981 Brad W. Loseke
1981 Todd Robinson
1981 Bob Shepherd
1981 Steven P. Zaura
1982 Mark Bellum
1982 Christine Nielsen Hancock
1984 Cindy Hinze Conkling
1984 Janet Arnold Keating
1984 Thomas [Tom] Nelson
1985 Beth Schupbach Buehler
1985 Anna Castner Wightman
1986 Kip Anderson
1986 Kerry Belitz
1986 Robert Cruise
1986 Jodi Miller Holen
1986 Linda Raimondo Myers-Bock
1986 Steve Sobota
1986 Rob Zulkoski
1987 Elizabeth [Lisa] Staroscik Wilke
1988 Donette Brase Droge

1988 Russ Eihausen
1988 Shelly Nielsen Schmidt
1989 Jon Bellum
1989 Chad M. Johannes
1990 Brent Griffith
1990 Aaron Hoefling
1991 James Kennedy
1992 Alicia Young Fults
1993 Becky Chinn Coulter
1998 Lindsay Berlin Ogle
2001 John S. Lohr

Annual Single

1936 Raymond Fred Mihulka
1940 Kenneth E. Carter
1940 Mildred Karlin Meyn
1942 Alvina Brinkman Sherwood
1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
1945 Sylvia A. Stevens
1946 Mark Buchholz
1947 Margery A. Camp Cator
1947 Robert Henke
1947 Joyce Klug Keith

1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
1948 Mildred Flamme Gabel
1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
1950 Carroll Krumland
1950 Ronald C. Lassek
1952 Delane Robert Bell
1952 Lori-Hazel Wadsworth Eishen
1952 Lilyan Engel Martensen
1952 Ellen Feye Martin
1953 Marilyn Burman Becic
1953 Shirley Ewert Lococo Fischer
1953 Janice R. Mueller Nelson
1954 Ardis A. Levine Sperber
1955 Donald Mueller
1956 Leon Janssen
1958 Andrew R. Wiater
1958 John C. Zimmerman
1959 Tom Ernst
1960 Kurt Behlen
1961 Bernard C. Hay
1961 Jeanette Hake Volker
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Williams co-founder of Twitter

From front page

In Columbus, Evan Williams had an aura of being “kind of the weird, mysterious kid,” said Craig Kohtz, who graduated from Columbus High School with Williams and remembers him hanging out with a younger crowd at school.

When asked a few questions about high school, Evan said his favorite and most influential teacher was Alan Griffith who taught physics.

When asked what he would change if he had to do high school all over again, Evan said he would talk to more girls. His most memorable events in high school were parties at the river that were busted by the cops.

Evan Williams abandoned his college education at UNL about two weeks before finals during his sophomore year.

He told his father in spring 1992 that he had a mentor in Key West, Florida, for whom he could work writing direct mail marketing copy. Monte Williams cautiously gave his approval, but it didn't work out. Evan Williams returned to Nebraska in 1994, where he finally began the entrepreneurial streak he has often described as a “painful (but educational) mess.”

One project led by his brother involved documenting the history of Cornhusker football on the then-popular CD-ROM format. Monte Williams provided some financing for the project.

At about the same time as the CD-ROM project, Evan recruited friends from UNL to work as informal associates in an attempt to sell and service Internet domains for local companies. “I had various

Web jobs around Lincoln, but it was always a tiny subculture of people interested in them. Evan was forced to jettison the CD-ROM idea and subsequent Nebraska-based attempts at capitalizing on the Internet.

Within three years, Evan's friends went to work for a Lincoln-based technology firm, but Williams remained cool on the prospect of working for someone else. Monte Williams declined to finance any additional business attempts there and his youngest son moved back home to Clarks.

Then, in May 1997, with “no degree or significant tangible skills,” Williams blogged, he went west. He accepted a job with O'Reilly and Associates of Sebastopol, California, about one hour north of San Francisco, working as a marketing coordinator for the company's software group. He was 25, and it was his first-ever professional job.

Seven months later, Williams quit the company, then was rehired as a contract intranet developer. Thanks to better pay, flexible hours and a chance encounter with a Massachusetts Web developer named Meg Hourihan, a fledgling Web startup was born in 1999.

Evan and some friends would accidentally spawn Blogger, which was originally an internal diary to support development of a Web-based project management tool. Blogger, a term adapted from “weblog,” as the first blogs were known, was among the earliest and most popular tools enabling ordinary Internet users to self-publish personal Web pages.

Later, Evan Williams rebuilt and sold Blogger to Google for an undisclosed sum.

Not long after that, Williams would go on to cofound a microblogging service in which users could communicate what they were doing using 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Twitter has over 255 million monthly active users around the world and trades on the New York Stock Exchange. Williams served as CEO for about two years, then moved on in October 2010. He has remained on the board and is one of the largest shareholders with almost 56 million shares.

His main focus now is Medium, a new Web-publishing platform with the stated goal of making it “dead simple to write and present a beautiful story without having to be a designer or programmer.” The platform features a simple-by-design interface that focuses on reading and writing and has a feed that uses computer modeling and human decisions to curate suggestions for new content.

Of course, it's unlikely Evan Williams will ever return to the Cornhusker State except for visits. He, his wife and two children live in San Francisco. “I love it here,” he said of the city in a November 2007 blog entry. “Just being around the creative energy, the action, and the ambitious, smart people is reason enough for me, business advantages aside.”

Not bad for a young man who grew up in Nebraska!

Portions of this article are attributed to Cole Epley of the Omaha World Herald.



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1962 Kenneth J. Kohlmeier
1962 Pat A. Proski
1963 Nancy Behle Gonka
1965 Jim Prentice
1966 Joel R. Leininger
1967 Charles Mihulka
1968 Nancy Graus Gilley
1970 Greg A. Johnson
1971 Linda Schaufelberger Kohler
1978 Pat Burrows
1986 Loran Paprocki
1993 Michelle Ditter
1995 Thorbjorg L. [Tobba] Thorsdottir
1997 Banu Buyukuygur
1998 Jacquelyn Lamb Woods
2000 Jennifer Johannes-Hascall
2000 Megan Lamb Meyer
2001 David Ekelund
2002 Braden Cielocha
2005 Ali Avci
2008 Kristoffer Kostveit
2011 Natalie Chow
2011 Jihan Sujateruna

Annual Couple

1943/46 Jack & Joyce Johnson Schultz
1949/51 Gene & Delellis Geiser Luchsinger
1957/58 Boyd & Cheryl Fox Jones
1958/60 David & Arlene Osten Blessen
1958/60 Jack & Nancy Salak Pittman
1959 Bill & Tammy Egger Henke
1961/60 Larry & Patricia Stonebrakerz Ball

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Meet the Heisers

Steve Heiser

Year graduated: 1963

Residence: San Francisco and Sacramento, California

Career: Attorney
Deceased in 2008

Dave Heiser

Year graduated: 1965

Favorite class/teacher: My favorite class was World History taught by Edsel Wibbels. At the time, I thought I was a “jock,” and I was aware of his accomplishments in sports, especially track and field. I was amazed how he could be so well balanced, and it gave me a mentor to emulate.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most: I must say that Dave Swartz and Ron Callan also influenced me greatly as a motivators and educators. Bart (don’t call me Marion) Bartholomew added that macho thing we all wanted.

Most memorable high school experience: It would be easy to say the most memorable experience was the state title in football that November of 1964. But quite frankly, for me it was the first day of high school in September of 1962. At the end of the first five classes, including the lunch break, the presiding teacher asked me to stay for a brief meeting. Each one, without fail, put me on notice that all the Shennanigans conjured up by my older brother, Steve, would receive zero tolerance. Dell Miller in football and Cliff Hopp in Basketball just shook their heads and looked to the sky.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I wouldn’t have changed a thing. Every facet of the short three years there was a

positive for me.

Where do you live now? Lincoln

What are you doing? I recently retired from Nebraska Ortho and Sports medicine, having sub specialized in hip and knee replacement. I still consult at the Lincoln VA hospital and Madonna rehab hospital.

Marilyn Heiser Kingston

Year graduated: 1967

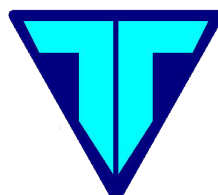
Favorite class/teacher: My favorite class was biology with Mr. Callan. But I don’t understand how India ink drawings of amoeba were important to the learning process.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most: Mr. Clark’s debate class was the most memorable. It still didn’t allow me win any “debates” at home with my older brothers Steve and Dave.

Most memorable high school experience: My most memorable high school experience was being an AFS student to Bogota, Columbia. The 30 pounds I gained were an added “bonus.” I returned the night before the first day of my senior year.

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Meet the Heisers

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Marilyn Heiser Kingston

The only thing I could fit into was a red shirt and a brown skirt (with the zipper half up). It was a nightmare!

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? If I could do high school all over again, I would not worry so much about “outcome” but rather the “process.”

Where do you live now? Omaha

What are you doing? I live with my husband, Tim, of 42 years. I have lots of past times. I am in my 22nd year silversmithing lessons, 20th year of a knitting class, playing lots of bridge, golfing and exercising regularly. Life is good!

Patty Heiser

Year Graduated: 1970

Favorite class/teacher? Ms. Sypherd - Spanish

CPS teacher that influenced you most? Ms.

Sypherd

Most memorable high school experience?

A collective experience: Being in booster club, decorating lockers the night before game days and riding the buses with the booster club to the games.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Nothing, except perhaps trying to remember these are years you can never get back so enjoy each day and each person!

Where do you live? Seattle

What are you doing now? **Teaching at the University of Washington and working with graduate students in the MA TESOL Program

Tom Heiser

Year graduated: 1972

Favorite class/teacher: German - Mr.

Splittgerber

CPS teacher who influenced you the most? Mr.

Griffith – chemistry

Most memorable high school experience:

Winning the state high school basketball championship.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Nothing

Where do you live now? Lincoln, Nebraska

What are you doing? I am married with 2 grown boys (men). I am an orthopedic surgeon in Lincoln, Nebraska. I did five years of orthopedic surgery training in Kansas City and then did an extra year in sports medicine at the Kerlan-Jobe Clinic in Los Angeles. I returned to private practice in Lincoln in 1985 and served as team physician at the University of Nebraska. In 1990, I was on a family vacation in Hawaii and was injured in the ocean, with resulting paralysis. My health is otherwise good, and I continue working with an office practice.

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Meet the Heisers

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Susie Heiser

Joni Heiser

Year graduated; 1974

Favorite class teacher: What it was? Physical Education; What it should've been? Chemistry or Physiology.

CPS Teacher that influenced you most? Ms. Owens, Math.

Most memorable high school experience: Hosting a foreign exchange student.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Pay attention in all of my classes, not just the ones I thought were interesting/fun.

Where do you live now? Kensington, MD – suburb of Washington, DC

What are you doing now? Owner/CEO, Pro-Health Systems, Inc: Population Health Management company.

Year graduating: 1976

Favorite class/teacher: Math with Ms. Moomey

CPS teacher that influenced you the most: Mr. Steinbrook

Most memorable high school experience: Internship Day- when we took the day off of school to shadow a person in the workforce. I spent the day with my father and watched him in the operating room for about five minutes before fainting.

What would you change if you had to do high school over again? I would have been in jazz band.

Where do you live now? I live in Omaha, NE

What are you doing now? I am CEO & President of Diabetes Supply Center of the Midlands and serve as Executive Director of Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands.

CHS/Kramer Class Challenge

By Steve Anderson 68'
Alumni Association President

Your Class could be the winner. We are offering a CHS/Kramer Class Challenge to see which class will come out on top. In this publication, you will note the names of lifetime couples and lifetime singles.

We are looking for the class that can get the most people to sign up as lifetime couples or singles. The Class of 1970 currently leads the pack with 20 lifetime alumni members. Classes of 1960, 1959 1953, 1972, 1968 and 1969 aren't too far behind, and every class

is within striking distance. By this time next year, we will crown some class the winner of the challenge and display their class year in this publication.

It is now up to those of you who are not lifetime members to write your tax deductible checks (\$200 for singles/\$300 for couples) to the Columbus Alumni Association and encourage other classmates to do the same. This money is used to publish this newsletter and keep you informed as to what is going on with your alma mater. Which class is going to win? So far the Class of 1970 is in the lead!

“We both love the strong community atmosphere of Columbus.” - Scott & Gessica A.

“Our decision to return home has been the most important decision we have made, and a decision we do not regret.” - John & Kristie B.

“We both thoroughly enjoy being back in the community where we grew up and getting to spend more time with family.” - Adam & Nikki B.

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What's Happening

Ruth Beierle Saalfeld '41 – Passed away on March 6, 2011 at the age of 87.

Max Ernst '46 – Passed away in November 2012. He was an electrical engineer in the Navy and graduated from UNL in 1957. He worked at Vishay for many years.

Joyce Klug Keith '47 – Her granddaughter is expecting triplets early this year.

Donald Mueller '55 – Celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2013.

Boyd & Cheryle Fox Jones '57/58 – Cheryl retired from nursing and is loving it. Boyd is still doing half days in their glass store.

Gayle and Jeanetta (Swanson) Janssen '63 – 9 great grandchildren.

Jim Prentice '65 – Moved to a 55-plus community between Phoenix & Tucson.

Lonnie & Lynette Larson '69 & 77 – Lynette got a sixth grade math teaching job, so they moved from Nebraska to North Carolina.

Patrick Burrows '78 – His son, Aaron, is a recent graduate from TCU with a degree in movement science.

Meredith Oakes Peterson '79 – Court judge for the city of Laramie, Wyoming on April 1, 2013.

Loran Paprocki '86 – relocated to Kalamazoo MI where he is senior staff advanced quality engineer working on designs of neurology/spinal /ENT Drills for Stryker.

Chuck and Bridget Borer Potter '89/'91 – Opened Inner City Automotive Repair LLC.

Tracy Kuehler Krepel '93 – Adopted their five year old daughter, Petra Tyan, from Hungary on Sept. 9, 2013.

Colin Clayburn '94 – Current

graduate student working on a master degree in physical education at Arizona State University in Tempe. He is the graduate student assistant equipment manager for the ASU football program.

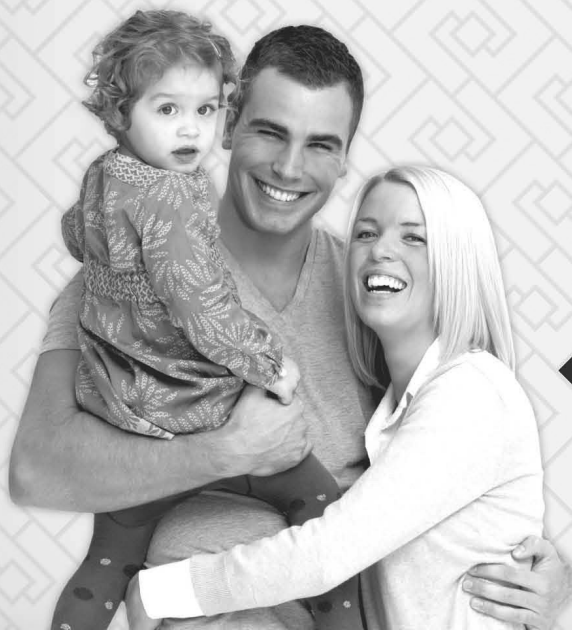
Kris Nitz Udey '97 – has three children: Katleigh, 16; Koleton, 5, and Kandyn 2. She works at Mills & Reiter Law Office and Ridgeview Assisted Living.

Megan Lamb Meyer '00 – earned her master's degree from Iowa State University in Materials Science & Engineering in May 2013.

Braden Cielocha '02 – welcomed Katelyn Olivia Cielocha on June 26, 2014.

Ashley Cerny '12 – Released her first Christmas album, "The First Noel" on Nov. 13, 2013. The album includes eight tracks, which contain arrangements of traditional Christmas songs.

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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2014 & Beyond

1935 - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

1937 - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Ruth Olson Babka, 402-564-5991 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

1949 - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

1956 - Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1958 - Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1959 - Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1962 - Meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Picket Fence. All classmates and spouses are welcome.

1965 -50th Class Reunion - Save the date. June 5-7, 2015. For more information or to make a suggestion, please look us up on Facebook at

Columbus Nebraska High School Class of 1965. More information at a later date.

Let us help you plan your reunion!

What we can do for you:

- Class list and mailing labels
- Nonprofit Bulk rate for qualifying mailings
 - Tours of CHS or CMS
 - Tips for planning reunions

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