



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

Fall 2012



New scoreboard, turf improve stadium

Anne Cruickshank Hughes
Class of 1990

On August 31st, Columbus High hosted Seward for its first home game of the season. First home games of any season are usually full of anticipation and excitement, but this Friday night seemed to have some extra “buzz.”

For on this night, the City of Columbus revealed the newly renovated Memorial Stadium, which included artificial turf, a new scoreboard with video capabilities and a newly resurfaced track.

Columbus High is proud to call Memorial Stadium at Pawnee Park home, CHS Activities Director Mark Brown said.

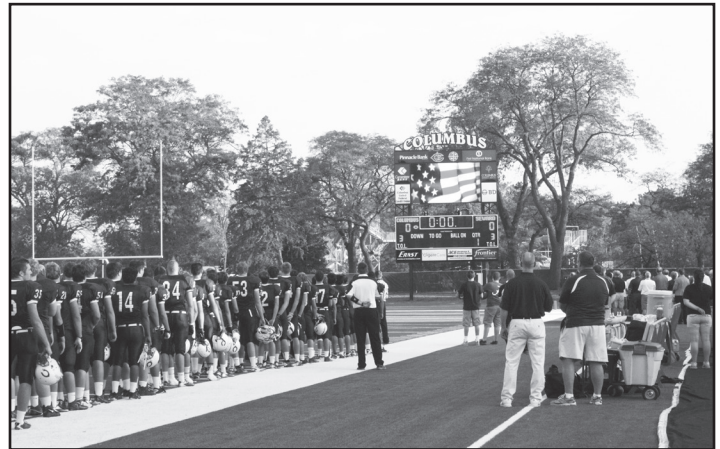
“The facility creates a special feeling for our students,” he said. “The upgrades will make it possible for us to host a variety of events to showcase the community of Columbus. The support that we receive from Columbus, our fans, and our alumni is evident through this project.”

The \$1.5 million project began in May and was ready to go just prior to Columbus High’s first home game.

“Columbus High is fortunate to have this facility. We had a great atmosphere and it was fun to be a part of,” assistant football coach Patrick Clark said about the first night experience.

The players also like the new field.

“The stadium was great for the fans, and we were really excited to play out there,” CHS senior Sam Mancuso said. “To get a win made it even better. It is not only awesome for the team



but also the City of Columbus and the alumni.”

CHS went on to defeat Seward 42-35 in the home opener.

The new field is not only appreciated by the football players but also the band members.

The following were some comments from band members.

“It is great to march on, it is so much better than the old field.”

“The atmosphere was really different, and we were pumped up to play.”

“We feel we have a huge advantage being able to march on both grass and turf.”

Foundation contributes to Nantkes Center

Jessica Kuehler
Executive Director of Foundation

This summer, the CPS Foundation contributed more than \$20,000 for improvements to the sound system of the CHS Nantkes Performing Arts Center.

Named for Ryland “Rip” Nantkes, **CHS Class of 1940**, the Nantkes Center is home to dozens of CPS performances throughout the year. The Center also hosts many events from groups in the community. Sound improvements were provided through Mr. Nantkes’ generous bequest to the Columbus Public Schools Foundation upon his death in 2010.

An increased number of floor boxes for electrical outlets and microphones provide added flexibility for performances. In addition, a digital snake from the new control desks to

the stage rack will ease the transition to digital light and soundboards some day.

“The digital upgrades that were made to the Nantkes Performing Arts Center will enable CPS to continue future enhancements and upgrades to make it a facility that this community will continue to be proud of,” said Leonard Kwapnioski, CPS Executive Director of Technology and Operations.

The improvements are a welcome change to the CHS Fine Arts Department. Jeff Peabody, CHS Instrumental Music Instructor, remarked that the upgrades will provide even more flexibility in sound reinforcement and staging of both theatrical and musical events.

Lifetime & Annual Members

The cutoff date for this newsletter was Oct. 9. Dues paid after that date will be printed in the 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 your support.

Lifetime Couples

1937 Jean Fricke Ashby
1939 Laird & Lois Loomis
1939 Robert P. Eleanor VanBerg 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 E. Petter
1955/56 Ed & Jolaine Loseke Nielsen
1957 James & Kathryn Ericksen Lohr
1958 David H. Kuper
1958 John & Julie Floyd Schutz
1960/1961 Richard & MaryMcErney 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 William I. 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 Kuncl Andreasen
1989/90 Greg & Julie Insinger Hutcheson
1993/96 Todd & Tasha Henninger Moss

Lifetime Single

1928 Elmer H. [Bus] Lohr
1937 Arthur H. Garbers
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
1942 Norm Loseke
1942 Bill H. Smith
1943 Walter Lips
1944 Donald Smith
1945 Edward Babka
1945 Clarence Brunkhorst
1945 Carroll R. Devlin
1945 Nan Bernstein Klassen
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. Kluber
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 Don Rice
1953 James Murphy
1953 Kenneth D. Peterson
1953 Robert L. Pope
1953 Donald M. Schupbach
1953 Charles Speice
1953 Ronald Tschauer
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 Kluber Lauber
1957 Richard [Dick] Whitcomb
1958 Robert M. Duranski
1958 Larry Ray Krumland
1958 Sharon Welch Lehr
1958 Mike Liddy
1958 Jane Evans Novicki
1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin
1959 Geri Austin
1959 Howard [Steve] Ellenburg
1959 Sylvia Wilke Faller
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
1961 Karlyn Kuper Carson
1961 Janice Feye-Stukas
1961 Joanne Smith Jonas
1961 Gerald L. Whitcomb
1962 Gary Lee Burwood
1962 Cecil Bykerk
1962 Diane Ericksen Hembry
1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf
1962 Jean C. Groteluschen Schmidt
1963 Kent W. Behlen
1963 Sandra Osten 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



Lifetime Single

1964 Rita Zulkoski Moeller
1964 Russell Muller
1965 Mickey Brazeal
1965 Henry E. Clausen
1965 David Heiser
1965 Dennis C. Hirschbrunner
1965 Mary A. Holy Kuhlmann
1965 Tom Petsch
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 Michael Floyd
1968 Robert C. Jones
1968 Robert Lohr
1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen
1968 Donald Sieh
1968 Connie Welch Sylvester
1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei
1969 Lester Hake
1969 Nancy Hegi-Cuba
1969 Thomas M. Obrist
1969 Sharon Peppler
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 Gernstein
1970 Mike Jacobs
1970 David Kincaid
1970 Greg Kluck
1970 Yvonne Mihulka
1970 Thomas J. Rich
1970 Jim Schaefer
1970 Janelle Krumland Shepherd
1970 Ronald Walters
1971 Kimberly Ball
1971 Greg Gersib
1971 Neil Klutman
1971 Jennifer Allen Mills
1971 Robyn Gembol Ryan
1971 Jolene Hellbusch Scalzo
1972 Kelly Bembry-Hennings
1972 Susan Dixon Bowman
1972 Randall S. Cheloha
1972 Judy A. Ernst
1972 Thomas Folsom
1972 Thomas M. Heiser
1972 Daniel W. Miller
1972 Jennifer Gonka Peterson
1972 Michael J. Robak
1972 Kelly George Shada
1973 Gary Abel
1973 Sue Shively Anderson

1973 Mike Berlin
1973 Kurt Micek
1974 Mary Nosal Chen
1974 John A. Curry
1974 Brian Miller
1974 Rex Porter
1975 Jane Hopp Beltz
1975 Michael Burrows
1976 Larry Leach
1976 Bob Markham
1976 Mark Redrow
1976 Kyla J. George Reising
1976 Ann Ewert Richards
1976 Alan Dale Robertson
1977 Richard P. Haney
1977 Duane Olsufka
1977 James E. Schwartz
1977 Becky Willman-Gragg
1978 Randy J. Eihausen
1978 Mark Jilek
1978 Kathy Curran Maca
1978 Trish Hopp Ross
1978 Kim Joiner Sevensing
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 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 Couple

1939 Carroll J. Jones
1943/46 Jack & Joyce Johnson Schultz
1943 Clarence [Jack] Spitz & 1945 Ruth Bisson Moser
1949 Henry & Mary Ann Evans Hockenberger
1949/51 Gene & De Lellis Geiser Luchsinger
1952/55 Fred & Liz Frederickson Geiser
1952 Richard & Goldyn Hook Liebschwager
1956 Ruth Rambour Duignan
1958/60 Jack & Nancy Salak Pittman
1959/61 Louis & Mary Holdren Franzen
1959 Bill & Tammy Egger Henke
1960/61 Marty & Jean Treinies Munson
1961/60 Larry & Patricia Stonebraker Ball
1963 Gayle & Jeanetta Swanson Janssen
1964/65 Roger & Jean Nelson Meier
1967/79 Connie & Cindy Jasper Reese
1971 Stephenie Sessler McCall
1999 Ryan & Melissa Wurdeman Wragge

Annual Single

1935 Henrietta Gumm Denman
1937 Margaret Prest Bundgarrd-Vanderkolk
1940 Marjorie Wolfe Korte
1940 Mildred Karlin Meyn
1940 Eletha J. Johannes Sheldon
1942 Betty Frey Dew
1942 Phyllis Nelson Phillips
1942 Alvina Brinkman Sherwood
1943 Helen Whiting Gerber
1943 Dorian Guettler Purtzer
1943 Elaine Theilen Shreve
1944 Bob Ridenour
1944 Dwaine Schmit
1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
1945 Loran Schmit
1945 Lillian Schroeder
1945 Sylvia A. Stevens
1946 Mark Buchholz
1946 Dolores Heibel Oppliger Montag
1947 Rogene Blaser Brown
1947 Margery A. Camp Cator
1947 Robert Henke
1947 Joyce Klug Keith
1947 Robert E. Lusche
1947 Frank H. Starkey
1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
1948 Ethel H. Krumland Sutton
1948 Jane Johannes Turner
1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
1949 Don Kuhn
1949 Peggy J. Bachtel Walsh
1950 Carroll Krumland
1950 Ronald C. Lassek
1951 Ludee Hammond Holmes
1952 Delane Robert Bell
1952 Gordon L. Ernst
1952 Marlin Glasner

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Annual Single

1952 Ellen Feye Martin
 1952 Neil W. Welch
 1953 Marilyn Burman Becic
 1953 Willa Mae Lusche Janssen
 1953 Florence M. Kolm
 1953 Mildred Fittje Liss
 1953 Shirley Ewert Lococo Fischer
 1953 Darlene Louis Mueller
 1953 Janice R. Mueller Nelson
 1953 Beverly M. Egger Schaefer
 1953 Ginger Mahlin Zabka
 1954 Fred A. Aerni
 1954 Larry Brezinski
 1954 Betty Becker Hansen
 1954 Harold Marlar
 1954 Ardis A. Levine Sperber
 1955 Terry Gaver
 1955 Mary Ann Speck Lehr
 1955 Donald Mueller
 1956 Leon Janssen
 1956 Gene R. Peterson
 1956 Kathleen Swanson Schelert
 1957 Jane Ellefson
 1957 Mary Brewer Hull
 1957 James W. Ludwig
 1958 James [Jim] Asche
 1958 Rodney S. Goering

1958 Marva Eckmann Van Velkinburgh
 1958 John C. Zimmerman
 1959 Tom Ernst
 1959 Clifford A. Ferris
 1959 Don Peterson
 1959 Richard H. Rickner
 1959 Harlan Rosacker
 1961 Dianne Swan Amenta
 1961 Bernard C. Hay
 1961 Richard E. Kelly
 1961 Kurt V. Leininger
 1961 Carroll [Ed] Loseke
 1961 Lois Davis Rosacker
 1961 Barbara J. Alpers Vallero
 1961 Jeanette Hake Volker
 1962 Kenneth J. Kohlmeier
 1962 Patricia [Pat] Proski
 1963 Nancy Behle Gonka
 1963 Beverly J. Loseke
 1964 Lynn Bokelmann Van Vark
 1965 Stephanie Floyd
 1965 James [Jim] Prentice
 1966 Joel R. Leininger
 1966 Patty Fairbairn Loyd
 1967 Kent Kelly
 1968 Jacque [Jody] Emel
 1968 Lois Meschke Espeland
 1968 Nancy Graus Gilley
 1968 Mary Sommermeyer

1969 David L. Torczon
 1970 Terri Drozd Hoesly
 1970 Greg A. Johnson
 1971 Pam Johnston Johnson
 1971 Linda Schaufelberger Mohr
 1975 Jamie Cumming Al-Haj
 1975 Tom Lange
 1976 Patti J. Whetstone Muhlenkamp
 1977 Karin Saalfeld Leatherberry
 1977 Jane Keller Stephens
 1978 Pat Burrows
 1983 Dean Lauterbach
 1984 Lori J. Labens French
 1984 Shellie K. Brakenhoff Mcintosh
 1991 Jonathan Barnes
 1991 Denise Wallace Kracl
 1991 Chad Swantz
 1993 Michelle Ditter
 1993 Donald McHugh
 1995 Thorbjorg [Tobba] Thorsdottir
 1997 Banu Buyukuygur
 2000 Yildizfer Kemaloglu
 2001 David Ekelund
 2002 Braden Cielocha
 2003 Jessica Zimmerer Prokupek
 2005 Ali Avci
 2008 Kristoffer Kostveit
 2011 Natalie Chow
 2011 Jihan Sujateruna

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By Amy Busted-Blaser
Class of 1988

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Nantkes

From Front Page

"We are excited about the opportunities we will have to enhance our own programs and to work with other organizations that bring their performances to the City of Columbus," Peabody said.

CPS also invested \$228,000 this summer to increase the structural soundness of the stage, install a durable Plyron floor, update riggings, repair stage curtains, add edge lighting and extend the stage.

"The portable pit cover brings the audience and the performers so much closer together visually and acoustically," said Fred Ritter, CHS Vocal Music Instructor. "Audiences will notice the difference right away."

If you are interested in seeing the auditorium improvements, please attend CHS theater's musical production of Little Shop of Horrors Nov. 9, 10 and 11. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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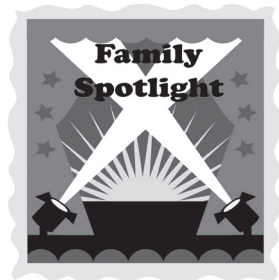
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Meet the Floyds

Julie Floyd Schutz

Graduating Year: 1958

Favorite class and/or teacher?

I have always enjoyed reading so English was good. I also, and still do, enjoy history. Max Kelly was probably my favorite teacher.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

I was in my 'rebel' phase so refused to be influenced by anyone. Thanks Mom.

Most memorable high school experience?

Probably the experiences I had in band were the most memorable. We had NO girls' sports back then, so band filled in for my competitive urges, and I loved it.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

I wish I had been a better student and learned more. Don't think I really learned how to study until my 40s when I went back to school.

Where do you live?

I live in San Luis Obispo, CA with my husband, John Schutz also '58. We have lived in CA since '80.

What are you doing now?

John is a retired automotive engineer and left Nissan in '99. I am a spinner of yarn and seem to be specializing in exotic fibers. I also weave and knit just to use up the yarn. There is also some volunteer stuff - docent at local history museum on occasion and the like.

I find that growing up in Columbus is very hard to explain to younger people and even some of my peers. It was such an idyllic childhood without much of the problems that face young people today. My grandson is still mystified that I didn't even have a TV until I was his age. He probably figures that we didn't even have food on the table.

Stephanie Floyd

Graduating Year: 1965

Favorite class and/or teacher?

Choir with Mr. Larson. I loved participating in his musicals. He put a lot of effort into making his productions razzle dazzle.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

Mr. Clark, drama teacher. I later took some great acting classes in Hollywood and performed in an improv group with Helen Hunt.

Most memorable high school experience?

Sitting in Study Hall and hearing the principal (My Dad) announce over the intercom, that John Kennedy had been shot.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

Knowing what I know now, I would want to be more proactive and confident in fully participating in all that CHS had to offer and really appreciate every

moment spent with my valued friends and classmates.

Where do you live?

I recently moved from Laguna Beach to Laguna Woods, California.

What are you doing now?

I am an acting coach and casting director. My clients include new actors seeking career advice and skills for T.V. commercial, film, television, modeling auditions; professional Los Angeles and Orange County actors needing coaching for auditions; kids, teens and adults wanting to build confidence; media training for athletes, politicians, doctors, corporate executives, etc. I also love to travel and share grand adventures with my wonderful friends and extended family.

Michael Floyd

Graduating Year: 1968

Favorite class and/or teacher?

Seventh grade shop class with Mr. Dostel. (or was it 8th grade?) He commanded great respect from the students and showed us great respect in return. He was an excellent disciplinarian who set clear limits while at the same time was quick to give praise for a job well done. He also served as our 8th grade basketball coach. He was an excellent coach who believed in sound fundamentals. Not enough credit has been given to him for laying the foundation for many of the great high school basketball teams that followed.

CPS teacher that influenced you the most?

There were so very many dedicated teachers along the way to include Bart Bartholomew, Dave McNair, Don Holscher, Dell Miller, Cliff Hopp, and Dave Schwartz.

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How do you define "Quality of Life?"

10 minute work commute?

Secure, high paying job at a fortune 500 company?

Affordable housing?

Great place to raise a family?

Close proximity to a metropolitan area?

Excellent school systems?

A progressive community college?

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Floyd Family

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However, the teacher who had the most profound impact on my development was Ron Callan, my high school track coach. Coach Callan was the greatest motivator I've ever known. He had a gift for getting the best out of us in both the classroom and on the athletic field. It was coach Callan who taught me the value of hard work and never giving up. If not for his life lessons, I would not have successfully completed law school.

Most memorable high school experience?

This is an impossible question to answer. I have so many fond memories. I am most thankful for the deep

friendships with classmates and teammates that I enjoyed and continue to enjoy. I am blessed to have grown up with so many good and caring people.

What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

Clearly, maturity was an issue for me, and I wish I would have figured some things out a little sooner. I guess maturity will always continue to be a work in progress. What I don't regret are all the good times.

Where do you live?

Napa, California with my wife of 29 years, Estelita Marquez-Floyd, M.D.

What are you doing now?

I am a founding partner of QVerity. QVerity is a provider of training, consulting, and screening services for private and public sector clients worldwide.

Founded and staffed by former Central Intelligence Agency experts in deception detection and critical interviewing techniques, QVerity uses proven information gathering methodologies, developed within the U.S. intelligence community, for commercial applications.

Our book, "SPY THE LIE: Former CIA Officers Teach You How to Detect Deception," released on July 17, 2012 debuted at #2 on the New York Times Best Seller List. The greatest personal reward in writing the book was the opportunity to publicly praise Columbus and the positive impact Columbus and its great people had on my life in the acknowledgements section.

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What: Alumni Basketball Tournament

Date: Nov. 22-24

Cost: \$25 per player



Contact Bob Markham at 402-564 9358 or rmarkham@neb.rr.com to sign up.



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Alumni Basketball Tourney 2012

The 2012 CHS Alumni Basketball tournament will be held over Thanksgiving weekend, November 22-24. The cost is \$25 per player and includes a T-shirt. All teams are guaranteed at least two games.

This is the 15th tournament since its inception in 1984 and has been held every two years since the start. Past proceeds of the tournament have gone towards the development of the Columbus High basketball programs.

The gyms will be available for a shoot around on Thanksgiving night from 7-9 p.m. Games begin Friday morning, and the tournament will conclude Saturday afternoon. A post tournament gathering will be held at the Elks Country Club at the conclusion of the tourney on Saturday night.

Please contact Bob Markham 402-564-9358 or rmarkham@neb.rr.com for more information.

Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2012 & 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.).

1945 - Meets the last Monday of the month at Picket Fence at noon.

1946 - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Regina Giersdorf Gondringer, 402-564-7000 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.

1958 - 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.

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1973 - 40th Reunion - July 19 and 20, 2013. July 19 - picnic at Izaak Walton; July 20 - dinner at American Legion. More details to come at a later date. Contacts: Jeanne Johnson at sjoh145854@aol.com or Ardis Bruckner at dbruckner@neb.rr.com.

1988 - 25th Reunion- Save the Date: July 26-27, 2013. Contact: Steve Hughes: shughes@neb.rr.com, (402) 270-4647 or Amy Busteed-Blaser: cablaser@frontiernet.net, (402) 270-1819.

2003 - 10th Reunion - June 14 and 15, 2013. For more information go to the Columbus High Class of 2003 Reunion Facebook page. Contact: Jacque Mueller DeBuse.