



Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

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FORMER MAIN ENTRANCE - The circular addition will house the administrative offices and the library media center.



MAIN OFFICE - The office will still be located near the old main entrance, but the principals and some support staff will be located in the new circular addition.

NEW MAIN ENTRANCE - The main entrance to the school has been moved to the northeast side of the building. This will be the entrance used for entering sporting events and other activities.



CHS gets a new look

Jim Schaefer
Class of 1970

The next time you walk through the doors of Columbus High School you may not recognize it.

The main entrance has been moved to the northeast side of the building, the track and practice fields have been replaced with a parking lot and all the classrooms received facelifts.

In 2003, city voters passed a \$17.7 million school bond issue to renovate Columbus High School and add 38,000 square feet to the building. Worked started on the project in the summer of 2004 and is slated to be finished by the beginning of the 2006 school year.

In addition to the renovations on both floors, the school is getting a new media center, cafeteria and dining area.

Columbus Public Schools Executive Director of Business

Operations Jeff Page indicated the project is right on track and should be completed by next fall.

Last summer, the classrooms were gutted, and the windows were replaced with more energy efficient products. The old practice fields and track are being moved to the north side of the Administration Building.

Over Christmas vacation, the new kitchen will be completed. "The teachers and students have done a good job of working around the renovations and disruptions of their daily school life," Page said. "Teachers, staff and students have adapted well to the renovations and changes that have occurred."

The decision to renovate came after studies showed the cost of a new high school would be \$35 million and that was not including the price of land to build on.

Page said with the renovations and improvements, the school should be able to serve students for many years to come.

Lifetime & Annual Members

The cutoff date for this newsletter was Nov. 10. Dues paid after that date will be printed in the spring 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 Charles & Jean Fricke Ashby
1939 Laird & Lois Carlson Loomis
1939/36 Robert & Eleanor VanBerg Loshbaugh
1943/44 Calvin & Pat Heynen Gloor
1943/44 Dr. Karl & Mimi Hahn Mueller
1950/49 Ronald & Roberta Nielsen Saalfeld
1951 Dr. Robert & Carole Smith Quick
1951/52 Marvin & Sandra Davis Trofholz
1952/55 Charles & MaryAnn Dietrich Johansen
1952/56 Gerald & Delores Klug Mueller
1952 Dwayne & Virginia Van Berg Smith
1953 James & Sandi 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
1960/61 Richard & Mary McEnerney Goc
1962/63 Ken & Karen Rice Gigstad
1962/63 John & Kay Asche Nelson
1963 Dr. Lawrence Hake
1963/64 Dr. Gerald & Bonnie Hay Luckey
1965/74 James & Gayle Massman Oppliger
1966/67 Bruce & Sheryl Cattau Channer
1966 Bill Fleischer
1968 Larry P. & Chari Rumbaugh Nyffeler
1969 Dr. Greg C. & Judy Bock Warner
1970/72 Brian & Barbara Tank Nelson
1972/73 Dr. Dana & Nancy Winkle Bailey
1972/73 Dr. Richard & Cindy Palmblade Kant
1974 Dr. Ronald & Ann Bremer Ernst
1974 Rick & Marsha Hopp Joseph
1977 Loren R. & Michelle Bellum Goedeken
1986/88 Chris & Amy Busteed Blaser
1989 Craig & Becky Kuncl Andreasen

Lifetime Single

1935 Bettie F. Sharp Eggli
1938 Martha Boehm Kusek
1938 Bernice Brock Hegi
1939 Vera Ellen Gertsch Weller
1940 Frances Behlen Brakel
1940 Ryland R. (Rip) Nantkes
1940 Dorothy Yonkie Folden
1942 Norm Loseke
1942 Bill Smith
1943 Walt Lips
1944 Walter Kiuntke
1944 Donald Smith
1945 Edward Babka
1945 Nan Klassen
1945 Clarence Brunkhorst
1946 Delores Cattau Ebel
1946 Robert Osborn
1947 Bob Jaeggi

1947 Jean Johannes Johnston
1947 John R. O'Neal
1948 Bernice Gates Gengenbach
1948 Wayne A. Schild
1948 Rudy J. Winkelman
1949 Larry Blaser
1949 Vernon C. Feye
1949 Dorothy Held Glaser
1949 Roland W. Kluver
1949 Charles W. Walden
1952 Karen Norton Cook
1952 Donald Rice
1953 James Murphy
1953 Kenneth D. Peterson
1953 Robert L. Pope
1953 Donald M. Schupbach
1953 Ronald Tschauner
1953 Judd Wagner
1953 Louis Welch
1954 Jeanette Fickel Blaser
1954 Frederic Krebs
1955 Barbara Boyd Park C/O Jeannie Spalding
1955 Jeanie Frey Randall
1955 Edward D. Riggins III
1955 Loretta L. Williams Meistrell
1956 Douglas M. Groteluschen
1956 Helen Korte Campbell
1956 Larry B. Novicki
1956 Ronald D. Rice USAF(Ret.)
1957 Mary Kluver Lauber
1957 C. Ronald Lambert
1957 Sylvia Rodehorst Hermone
1957 Dick Whitcomb
1958 Jane Evans Douglas
1958 Larry Ray Krumland
1958 Sharon Welch Lehr
1958 Mike Liddy
1959 Mary Ann Behlen Hruska
1959 Mary Coffey Frauendorfer
1959 Leonard J. Fleischer
1959 Betty K. Kaspersen Hegi
1959 Con Keating
1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin
1959 Richard L. (Stoney) Stone
1959 Kay Swanson Genereux
1959 Steve Ellenburg
1960 James Jura
1960 David Kathka
1960 John Lohr
1960 Joe Matejka
1960 William K. McAuliff
1960 Sheila R. Nelson Backes
1960 Jerry L. Norris
1960 Gayleen Oppliger Hingst
1960 Larry Schmidt
1960 Keith VanVelkinburgh
1960 Paula Jean Arndt Verdoorn
1961 Steve Ahl
1961 Bob Ahrens

1961 Karlyn Kuper Carson
1961 Gerald L. Whitcomb
1962 Cecil Bykerk
1962 Jean Groteluschen Schmidt
1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf
1963 Kent W. Behlen
1963 Mathew (Bud) Fleischer
1963 Janet Kummetz Hansen
1963 Sandra Ottsen Davis
1963 Kathryn Varner Overturf
1964 Joseph W. Augustine
1964 Russell Muller
1965 Mickey Brazeal
1965 Henry E. Clausen
1965 David L. Ernst
1965 Mary Holy Kuhlmann
1966 John Anderson
1966 Mark S. Anderson
1967 Emily Cameron Shattil
1967 Thomas L. Hagel
1967 Don Oppliger
1967 Gary D. Uphoff
1968 Steve Anderson
1968 Michael Floyd
1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen
1968 Robert C. Jones
1968 Robert Lohr
1968 Donald Sieh
1968 Connie Welch Sylvester
1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei
1969 Jamie Johnson Snyder
1969 Mary Sims
1970 Brad Berlin
1970 Dr. Michael Brown
1970 Virginia Curry
1970 Peggy Dankert
1970 Steven W. Eymann
1970 Danny Gernstein
1970 David Kincaid
1970 Greg Kluck
1970 Janelle K. Krumland Shepherd
1970 Gary Osborn
1970 Thomas J. Rich
1970 Ronald Walters
1970 Yvonne Mihulka
1971 Jennifer Allen Mills
1971 Robyn Gembol Ryan
1971 Greg A. Gersib
1972 Susan Dixon Bowman
1972 Judy Ernst
1972 Thomas Folsom MD
1972 Kelly George Shada
1972 Thomas M. Heiser MD
1972 Daniel W. Miller
1972 Michael J. Robak
1974 John A. Curry
1974 Brian Miller
1974 Mary Nosal Chen
1974 Rex Porter



Lifetime Single

1975 Michael J. Burrows
1975 Jane Hopp Beltz
1976 Ann Ewert Richards
1976 Kyla George Reising
1976 Mark Redrow MD
1977 Duane Olsufka
1977 Jim Schwartzter
1978 Kathy Curran Maca
1978 Randy J. Eihausen
1978 Mark Jilek
1978 Bob Shively
1978 Alan Siemek
1979 Karen E. Koppel
1979 Leslie Nielsen Hitchner
1980 Kathi Miles Nickman
1981 Ralph Castner
1981 Dana D. Ernst
1981 Jeff Johnson
1981 Teresa Osterhoudt Filsinger
1981 Todd Robinson MD
1981 Bob Shepherd
1981 Steven P. Zaura
1982 Mark Bellum
1982 Christine Nielsen Hancock
1984 Janet Arnold Keating
1984 Cindy Hinze Conkling
1984 Tom Nelson
1985 Anna Castner
1985 Beth Schupbach Buehler
1986 Kip Anderson
1986 Kerry Belitz
1986 Robert Cruise
1987 Elizabeth (Lisa) Staroscik Wilke
1988 Donette Brase Smejkal
1988 Russ Eihausen
1988 Shelly Nielsen Schmidt
1989 Jon Bellum
1989 Chad M. Johannes, DVM
1990 Brent Griffith
1991 Jim Kennedy

Annual Couple

1940 Glen & Patricia Jones Krueger
1943/46 John (Jack) Joyce Johnson Schultz
1944/48 Deryl & Jane Johannes Turner
1948 William & Elizabeth Ernst Grant
1948 Don & Betty Hoge Haskins
1948/50 Fred & Genie Clark Ingold
1949/51 Gene & DeLellis Geiser Luchsinger
1949/52 Dr. Ed & Joyce McMeekin Watke
1952 Lee & Sharon Weisenfluh Blaser
1952/55 Fred & Liz Frederickson Geiser
1952 Richard & Goldyn Hook Liebschwager
1956/59 Steve & Jeanne Sandahl Haney
1958/60 Jack & Nancy Salak Pittman
1959 Bill & Tammy Egger Henke
1960/62 Ted & Sharon Aerni Otte
1966/67 Scott & Gaye Groteluschen Nelson
1967/69 Connie & Cindy Jasper Reese
1968 Gene L. & Kaye George Nyffeler
1969 John & Sue Cronin Burns
1969/70 Robert & Laurie Sutton Tredway

1973 Ron & Stella Merry Medinger
1977 Patrick & Ernie Turek Augustine
1977 Jo Bartholomew Shaddy
1977/86 Terry & Renee Harrington Norris
1981 Shari Dohmen Logue
1982 Clark Jenkinson
1983 Kevin & Julie Staroscik Zuroski USMC

Annual Single

1926 Jay C. Brown
1927 Lorena Blaser Johansen
1934 Orlethia E. Wolfe Abbott
1935 Henrietta Gumm Denman
1936 Robert Siewert
1937 Ferne Price Burmood
1938 Eulalia L. Engel Dahmke
1938 Arline Weber Perkins
1939 Homer (Hoke) Johansen
1939 Albert A. Kupp
1940 Dr. William Aldrich
1940 Kenneth E. Carter
1940 Julian Meyer
1940 Ronald E. Morgan
1940 Kenneth L. Mueller
1940 Greeley Rickert
1940 Bette Schwantje Braithwait
1942 Phyllis Nelson Phillips
1942 Bette Alice Woods Leatherbury
1942 Adele Zobel Boss
1943 Dorian Guettler Purtzer
1943 Maxine Luchsinger Traudt
1943 Betty V. Van Berg Scholz
1943 Bernice Wergin Nansel
1943 Helen Whiting Gerber
1944 Lynn Hentges Tredway
1944 Bob Ridenour
1944 Dwaine Schmit
1945 Ruth Bisson Moser
1945 Leatrice Ewert Barentson
1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
1945 Loran Schmit
1945 Sylvia A. Stevens
1945 Dona Jean Willman Chalquist
1946 Clarice Blaser Everett
1946 Charles (Bud) Boettcher
1946 Dorothy Lu Johnston Brinkman
1946 F. Kent Luchsinger
1947 Margery Camp Cator
1947 Robert Henke
1947 Donna Lusche Wood
1947 Robert Lusche
1947 Margie Small Leslie
1947 Frank H. Starkey
1947 Dick Thimgan
1948 James D. Brennehan
1948 Mary Ellen Brown Thurber
1948 Mildred Flamme Gabel
1948 Robert J. Gay
1948 Dave (Doc) Jelden
1948 Ethel H. Krumland Sutton
1948 Jerald Loseke
1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
1948 Frank L. Schwartzter
1948 Clifford W. Shaffer Jr.

1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
1949 Robert A. Johnston
1950 Ronald Lassek
1950 Wilma Schild Kilgore
1950 Nancy Smith Lesko
1951 Rita Angell-Spitzli
1951 Margery Brown Sellers
1951 Mary Jane Louis Bryant
1952 Delane R. Bell
1952 Harold Dey
1952 Vergene Frost Wolfe ('52)
1952 Clinton Gehring
1952 Martin J. Kaplan
1952 Ruth E. Morlock
1952 Robert L. Plantz
1952 Mary Reese Brown
1952 Jim Schultz
1952 Lori-Hazel Wadsworth Eishen
1953 Vernetta Behrens Bills
1953 Marilyn Burman Becic
1953 Donald D. Ehlers
1953 Shirley Mae Ewert Fischer
1953 Mildred Fittje Liss
1953 Dorwin Hild
1953 Claudia Lange Blaser
1953 Darlene Louis Mueller
1953 Willa Mae Lusche Janssen
1953 Ginger Mahlin Zabka
1953 Janice Mueller Nelson
1954 Ardis A. Levine Sperber
1954 Harold Marlar
1954 Kathleen (Teenie) Murphy Jones
1954 Donald Potter
1954 D'Ete Schumacher Kluck
1954 Sally Schwantje Dreyer
1955 Terry Gaver
1955 Joan Mikkelsen Mimick
1955 Norman B. Snodgrass
1955 Mary Ann Speck Lehr
1955 Byron Speice
1956 Marilyn Clark Kaup
1956 Leon Janssen
1956 Gene R. Peterson
1956 Wanda Schild Eihausen
1956 Dennis G. Schmidt
1956 Kathleen Swanson Schelert
1956 Carmen Vauck Crockett
1956 Roger Watke
1957 S. Kay Becher Rockwell PhD
1957 Marjorie Clark Shriver
1957 Rev. Jane Ellefson
1957 James W. Ludwig
1957 Polly Whitney Magula
1958 John Cherry Brown
1958 Jini McGrew Washburn
1958 Andrew Richard Wiater
1958 John C. Zimmerman
1959 Clifford A. Ferris
1959 Gene A. Nitz
1959 Don Peterson
1959 Harlan Rosacker
1959 Ron Salak
1959 Dave Wiebold
1959 Sylvia Wilke Faller

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CHS graduate leads Nebraska State Patrol

Amy Busted Blaser
Class of 1988

As the current superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, Bryan Tuma leads by example and is a man of high integrity. The roots of these characteristics can be traced back to growing up in Columbus and an education in the Columbus Public School System.

"I don't recall a single teacher throughout my education who was not caring, compassionate or dedicated to their students," Tuma said. "Growing up in this type of environment was a tremendous influence upon my future career success."

This success includes Tuma's 26 years with the Nebraska State Patrol serving in many leadership positions from 1979 to his current position as appointed earlier this year by Gov. Dave Heinemann.

During high school, Tuma enjoyed journalism class and working on the annual staff. His best memories of high school are the friendships he still has today.

"You may not talk to someone for years, but when you go back to reunions and visit with classmates, you pick up right where you left off."

Tuma recalls spending time playing sports and attending pep rallies on the band shell in Frankfort Square. Cruising 13th & 14th streets were popular pastimes for Tuma as well as frequenting Pizza Hut and Kings Restaurant.

During his years in the Columbus Public School System,

Tuma does remember a time or two in which correction was required due to his behavior.

"What I recall is that during these times, the teachers sat down and were really concerned with what you were doing and your ability to learn and obtain an education. The approach they took with us was not something they had to do, but they did," Tuma said.

During Tuma's freshman year in high school, his sister was killed and his parents seriously injured in a traffic accident. Shortly following the family's loss, Tuma recalls asking his father if he could join his teammates and play in the football game.

After obtaining his father's permission, Tuma remembers walking onto the football field where Freshman Coach Dave McNair smiled, shook his hand & gave him a hug. Coach McNair extended his apologies for Tuma's loss and told Tuma the team was glad to have him back. The support of Coach McNair during this time remains with Tuma still today.

Recently, Tuma was asked to speak at the Platte County Historical Society in Columbus. Following his presentation, three women came up to Tuma and asked him if he knew who they were. Tuma was delightfully surprised by his first, second, and third grade teachers from West Park Elementary School: Ms. Craig, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Springer. Other teachers who have greatly influenced Tuma include Ron Callan, Bart Bartholomew, Dick Luebbe, and Jed Rood.

Tuma cites these four men as teachers and coaches he still looks up to today. "They are just great people!"

Fall Sports Round Up

Bob Markham
Class of 1976

The 2005 edition of the CHS girls cross-country team was the highlight of the fall sports season finishing second at the state "A" meet held in Kearney, their best ever. Stephanie Powell led the Discoverers finishing eighth, followed by Ashley Kamm 16th, Jena Schwalenberg 24th, Danielle Archuleta 27th and Carrie Wiese 29th.

As a team, they won the Columbus City Meet, Norfolk Dual, Grand Island Invite, Columbus Invite, Conference Meet and the District Meet in North Platte.

On the boys' side, Scott Schwalenberg qualified for the state meet finishing 59th, the

first boy's qualifier since 1994.

Both cross-country teams should be strong next year with girls losing only two seniors, and the boys losing only five seniors from this year's team. The cross country teams have seen resurgence in the last few years with 37 athletes on this year's squad.

The boy's tennis team under the direction of first-year head coach Scott Bethune had another strong finish at the state meet coming in sixth place. The Discoverers were led by second place finishes by junior Andrew Lecelius in No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Curtis Goebel and Brent Johannes. Also representing the tennis

team were Zach Rushey, Jared Thomas and Paul Hansen. The team returns a strong nucleus for next year.

The girl's golf team coached by Anne Robertson was again led by Jenny Andrew who finished 10th at the district meet and tied for 13th at this year's state tournament shooting a 167 for the two day meet.

The girl's softball team was guided by new head coach Jack Gutierrez. They finished 17-18 showing steady improvement throughout the season. Chelsea Woodside led a young Discoverer team that has a bright future.

The CHS football team showed much improvement this year finishing 2-7 in

Coach Luebbe's 27th year at the helm. Losing close games to Norfolk and Lincoln Southeast, they finished strong with wins over Fremont 40-37 in overtime for a homecoming win and 41-14 over Lincoln High to close out the season. The Discoverers should continue to show steady gains with a talented group coming back next year.

The CHS volleyball team was in a rebuilding mode this year under Head Coach Betsy Rall. The Discoverers finished 10-20 this fall. The girls finished the year strong however, beating Hastings, Kearney and Fremont before ending their season losing in the district tournament to North Platte.



Plan your reunion around B-day party

Plan your reunion around the 150th Birthday celebration for the City of Columbus. The Sesquicentennial Committee wants to invite all alumni as well as anyone who ever lived in Columbus to come to the All-School Birthday Bash on Friday, June 30, 2006, at Ag Park.

The show will feature the following bands: Echoes, Soul Incorporated, Freedom Road and Thudwinker. The Echoes and Freedom Road are members of the Nebraska Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The cost is just \$5 and the concert will start at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m.

There are also many

other activities going on that weekend because the Columbus Days Celebration has been moved to June 27 through July 3. On July 1st and 2nd, you won't want to miss the Columbus Barbecue Classic competition. Over the course of the weekend, there will be a talent show, Mr. Beefcake contest, street dance, and lots more hometown fun. The Columbus Days parade on July 2nd at 4 p.m. will be the biggest ever.

July 3 will feature firemen water fights, a kiddie rodeo, a cow milking contest, mini monster trucks and the largest fireworks display in Columbus history.

You shouldn't have any

trouble finding something to do, and what a great way to catch up with your friends. Remember to save the June

30 date for the All-School Birthday Bash and come home to Columbus for the biggest birthday party in our history!!

Memorial Donations

The following people donated money for scholarships in memory of Wilma Floyd: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jeffrey; Steve and B.J. Anderson; Mary Helen Shortridge; Billy & Darleene Allen; Bernetta Berlin; Fred & Renee Bellum; Edsel Wibbels; Jolaine Nielsen; Larry & Evelyn Nyffeler; and Dorothy Glaser.

Raymond & Luella Luchsinger donated money in memory of Don Murray.

Class starts website

The Class of 1963 has started a website: www.geocities.com/discoverers1963/. We are attempting to make an email list of all classmates. Anyone with an email address who would like to be added please send your information to me at wtpooh@megavision.com. When the list is finished, people can request a copy.

Jeane Fleming Miller, Class of 1963

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1960 Judy Aerni Muhle
1960 Gary J. Hoge
1961 Dianne Swan Amenta
1961 Mary Franek Williamson
1961 Jeanette Hake Volker
1961 Bernard C. Hay
1961 Carroll E. (Ed) Loseke
1961 Jolene Rundell Timm
1962 Kenneth J. Kohlmeier
1962 Pat Murphy
1962 Patricia Prosocki
1962 Herbert Stuthman
1963 Nancy Behle Gonka
1963 Nancy Greenwald Challed
1963 Fred Greiner
1963 Tim Kathka
1963 Beverly J. Loseke
1964 Lynn Bokelmann Van Vark
1964 Bill Braithwait
1964 Randy Krumland
1965 Sharon Hake Franks
1965 Dennis C. Hirschbrunner
1965 Jim Prentice
1965 Larry D. Schulz
1965 Vickie Ward Benyr
1966 Joel Leininger
1966 Doris Siefken Koepke
1967 Jeanie Ausman Marlowe
1967 Kathy Drake Evans
1967 Thomas J. McCarty
1968 Lois Meschke Espeland
1968 Mary Ann Miller Wright

Annual Single

1968 Mary Sommermeyer
1969 Bonita Michener Willets
1969 Kathy Waldman
1970 Douglas Kline
1971 Carol Louis McDermitt
1971 Barb Zwiener Hansen
1972 Betty Moore Thompson
1972 Sandy Sample Boehm
1973 Sue Shively Anderson
1974 Eugene Bokelmann
1974 Cindy Weldon Lacroix
1975 Alice Gangel Ward
1975 Roger M. Iwansky
1975 Tom Lange
1976 Robert J. Markham
1976 Cindy Nadrchal Vandenberg
1978 Tammy Osterhoudt Grotelueschen

1978 Barbara Kline Becker
1978 Cathy Vahlkamp Schulz
1980 Alan Haney
1981 Anton David Divis
1981 Brad W. Loseke
1981 Deborah Nienkamp
1983 David M. Anderson
1984 Mary Olsufka Bellamy
1988 Nancy Czarnick Carr
1988 Kelly Kehlbeck Cox
1991 Erica Bush Silvester
1992 Alicia Young Fults
1993 Christopher M. Mulligan
1994 Rhonda Bruner Becker
1995 Joni Andreasen Armbruster
1996 Holly Vollbracht
2001 John Lohr

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Class of 1955 donates piano to CMS

The sounds of music will once again fill the halls of Columbus Middle School thanks to a donation by the Class of 1955.

The Class of 1955 donated funds to purchase a new electronic piano.

"We are very appreciative to the Class of 1955 for their gift," CMS vocal music teacher Kim Wilson said. "It is wonderful."

She said the electronic piano they were using before was falling apart.

"If it was in the right mood, it would work," she said of the old piano. "It was really having problems. It was falling apart. We had to put screws in it to hold it together."

Wilson said the new electronic piano is awesome.

"We haven't found anything that we wanted to do that it can't do," she said. "We still have not figured everything out."

Wilson said the piano is able to make approximately 1200 sounds and can also play all the instruments, brass, woods, strings and percussion. She said it also has the capabilities to record songs and play



HELPING OUT - The Class of 1955 donated money for a new electronic piano for CMS. Music instructor Kim Wilson and class representative Roberta Uhlmann stand by the new piano.

them back.

"It is nice when our piano player can't be here," Wilson said. "We can record the music and play it for the class."

She said the piano is in constant use all day long and is used for all vocal music classes.

Byron Speice from the Class of 1955 spearheaded the fundraising effort. The middle school was selected to be

the recipient of the gift because the class graduated from Kramer High School, which is now CMS.

The money was donated to the Columbus Public Schools Foundation and earmarked to go to the middle school for the electronic piano.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt entity that receives gifts for the benefit of Columbus Public Schools.

What's happening

Arline Weber Perkins `38 – moved to Lincoln, NE to be closer to relatives. My 79 years in Columbus were good!

Bettie Alice Woods Leatherbury `42 – retired after 33 years with the U.S. Navy Department in Annapolis, MD. Moved to California to be closer to family.

Jon C. Evans `66 – went on a trip to Scotland with the Omaha Pipes & Drums. The group was invited to compete at the International Bagpipe Competitions that were held in Glasgow, Scotland. The Omaha Pipes & Drums also competed at the Highland Games. While in Scotland, I visited the birthplace of my grandfather, Greenock, Scotland. I did not get to visit all the places I wanted because heavy rains washed out a large section of railroad tracks. For those of you who don't know me, I'm very proud of my heritage. I'm the one who wears the family kilt around Columbus.

Mistan Moser Marking `91 – service coordinator for the State of Nebraska Health & Human Services. I have two children Tristan Andrew born on Oct. 8,

1997 and Carsen Don born on Oct. 29, 2003. I am married to Russell.

Donald Kozak `92 – works at HDR Engineering in Omaha. Donald and his wife Angie have one daughter Alyssa Jordan.

Keri Ainsworth Dickerson `94 and Rich Dickerson `84 – married with two children, a boy five and a girl one.

Bryan Reichmuth `94 – account executive for Eli Lilly & Company Pharmaceuticals.

Jamie Peterson Pallas `95 – working as an administrative assistant for A.L. Huber Construction in Overland Park, Kansas, for seven years.

Sarah Spence `95 – sales at Norfolk Iron & Metal.

Scott Thomas `96 – received a doctorate of medicine degree from St. Louis University.

Christine Alexander `97 and Jonathan Johnston `98 – married in January 2004. Chris graduated from UNMC with a doctor of pharmacy in May 2003 and Jonathan is a student at

Southeast Community College.

Kristy Kuehler Liehs `97 – graduated from UNK with a B.S. in computer information systems in 2001. Working in Lexington at Liehs Drilling Inc.

Megan Broberg Miller `98 – earned a B.S. in elementary education from Southwest Baptist University, a M.A. in TESL/applied linguistics from Iowa State University. Currently working as an international student/school advisor at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Angie Behrens `99 – marketing coordinator and proposal writer for an area office of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc. in Denver.

Sarah Hellbusch `99 – 2003 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan. Currently works in Kearney in pharmaceutical sales and has one daughter.

We have received a tremendous response to our comment section, so we are running a little behind. The rest will be printed in the spring newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Let's Keep in Touch

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____
(Please include maiden name if applicable.)

Spouse _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

What's New (job, degrees, comments, suggestions etc.) _____

I/we would like to become an annual member(s) for the year 2006.

_____ Annual Single \$10

_____ Annual Couple \$15

or

I/we would like to become a lifetime member(s).

_____ Lifetime Single \$200

_____ Lifetime Couple \$300

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Yes I wish to support the schools with a **tax deductible** gift to the Foundation.

Here is my donation in the amount of \$ _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2005 & Beyond

1932 - Contacts: Esther Smith Campbell, 305 Beacon Pl., 564-6916; Caroline Siebler Siefken, 2880 29 Ave., 564-8223.

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.).

1941 - Meets annually 3rd Wed. in Sept. at New World Inn. "No host" informal luncheon. Contact: Vera Kobus, 3163 26 Ave., 402-564-5837.

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.

1951 - Meets the second Thursday of every month at Maximus. All classmates welcome.

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

1956 - 50th Reunion, September 1 & 2, 2006.

1957 - 50th Reunion, August 31, 2007, Country Shadows. September 1, 2007, 8 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. tour of high school, afternoon open and evening at Dusters (informal with DJ).

1960 - 50th Reunion in 2010. Details to follow later.

1964 - 45th Reunion, Memorial Weekend in 2009. Details later. Contact: Suzy Viergutz Engel at 402-564-0948, Carolyn Hasek Fitzke, Gary Fouraker, Jim Hellbusch, Randy Krumland at 800-467-0244 or John and Bonnie Knight Kennedy at bonjohnken@msn.com.

1966 - 40th Reunion, June 30 & July 1. Contact: Janie Thomas, 402-564-7616.

1971 - 35th Reunion, June 30 & July 1. Contact: Tom Zimmerman, 402-564-9294.

1976 - June 24, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Glurs. Contact: Linda Nadrchal, 563-2627.

1991 - 15th Reunion, in the planning stage. Details later. Contact: Shawn Noonan, 402-564-5323 or mm_mommy@hotmail.com.

Grad encourages alumni to attend reunions

I would like to encourage the younger alumni to attend their class reunions when possible. The one from our 1935 class, which I got to attend, gave me the greatest thrill. Few occurrences in my life have given me greater joy. Columbus will always be a special place and our Kramer High the Tops!

Henrietta Gumm Denman, Portland, Oregon

Alumni phone number gets an extension

To contact the Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association, call 402-563-7000 Extension 1102. A new phone system has been installed and once you hear the automated voice, dial extension 1102.

Register at classmates.com

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Roger Cooley, Class of 1961