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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

New Officers, Board of Directors installed in September

The ETHS Alumni Association has new officers and a leaner Board of Directors this fall. Following a change in the bylaws last spring that reduced the size of the Board from around 38 to no more than 18, a smaller slate of directors—some incumbents, some new—were seated in September.

Heading the Association Board are Co-Presidents **Elaine Grimes Wall, '49**, and **Ron Lewis, '71**; Vice President **Jim Ossyra, '74**; Secretary **Ardis Dechman Coninx, '41**; and Treasurer **Felisha Parsons, '80**. Board members include **Elizabeth Donohue Allen, '84**; **Bernie Cullen Bates, '54**; **Cathy Wirth Iverson, '83**; **Mary Lou Smith, '62**; **Connie Thomp-**

son Bell, '55; **Rick Hemwall, '78**; and **Hyde Perce, '54**.

Retiring from the Board are Immediate Past President **Jeanne Zimmer, '77**; Board Secretary **Mary Jo Steinmetz Hunsberger, '57**; and members **John Donohue, '54**; **Sophia Dorsey King, '84**; **Jim Emery, '52**; **Dick Fischl, '45**; **Jim Harper, '53**; **Alfred Jackson, '39**; **Janice Jones, '65**; **William Logan, '51**; **Dorothe Carver Magid, '84**; **Scott Markwell, '84**; **Art McZier, '54**; **Bob Morgan, '54**; **John Schulz, '38**; **William Spriegel, '41**; **Bruce Strahlman, '74**; **Charles Thomas, '52**; **Katie Tucker-Trippi, '77**; and **Mike Wynn, '65**.



The ETHS Alumni Association was again part of the ETHS entry in Evanston's annual 4th of July Parade. Picture here are (l. to rt.) Elaine Grimes Wall, '49; Jeanne Zimmer, '77; Scott Markwell, '84; and Ron Lewis, '71.

Alumni talk to freshmen through Career Panels

On October 13, all ETHS freshmen participated in an activity that got them to begin thinking about how their interests can be channeled into a career. For this special event, over 100 community and school professionals from various backgrounds were divided among 36 Career Panels and asked to talk to the students about their chosen career and the educational training that the job required.



Aracely Canchola, '95, told students about her job with the City of Evanston.

inspired us to continue pushing ourselves." "From your visit we realized we might not get the right career the first time, but we should strive for a career that suits ourselves," wrote another freshman.



Chicago Tribune editorial writer Cornelia Gruman, '81, served on a career panel at ETHS.

Several ETHS graduates were among the career panelists including **Cornelia Gruman, '81**, editorial writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, and **Aracely Canchola, '95**, Outreach Specialist for the City of Evanston. The project was designed to help freshmen understand the relationship between learning and work and to encourage them to begin their initial career planning.

Student feedback showed the experience proved to be a positive reality check. One student wrote: "Your life experiences really helped us realize the struggles that we will encounter in life and

Class of 1954's 50th reunion raises over \$15,000 for scholarships

Over 175 members returned to Evanston for the Class of '54's 50th Reunion held October 1-3. As they celebrated, the Planning Committee announced that classmates had donated over \$15,000 for scholarships and a class gift to the high school.

"Everyone enjoyed a full weekend of events," said Committee Co-Chair **Diane Crawford Kingwill**, "starting with a golf outing on Friday and concluding with a Sunday brunch at Prairie Moon in downtown Evanston." They also had an informal get-together on Friday at Hackney's, a Singles-Only reception, tours of ETHS and Evanston, and a gala dinner-dance Saturday at the Skokie Country Club.

The Class of 1954 has a long history of making gifts to

Winter Open House to honor Association's 10th year!

Celebrate the ETHS Alumni Association's 10th year anniversary when the Association hosts its annual Winter Alumni Open House on Wednesday, December 15.

From 7-9pm in the ETHS Terrace (Faculty) Dining Room, join alums from all decades as they reminisce about old times and update each other about what's new. (See related story on page 12.)

The evening will also honor past Board officers and Board members and feature speakers who helped build the ETHS Alumni Association into the thriving organization it is

today—one that keeps tens of thousands of ETHS alums all over the world in touch with their alma mater and each other, and, at the same time, provides enrichment and resources for today's ETHS students through the financial and volunteer support of its "active" membership.

The Winter Alumni Open House is free of charge. Parking is best in the rear lot (enter off Lake Ave. or Church St.) and enter the school near the loading dock. The Terrace Dining Room is handicapped accessible by elevator.



Planning Committee members Bob Heiberger and Bernie Cullen Bates greeted classmates at the Sunday brunch in Evanston.

ETHS as part of its reunions, starting with their 30th back in 1984. According to classmate **Fred Hunter**: "That year we donated funds to rebuild and

'modernize' one of the fireplaces in the school's main lobby. Since then we've done a number of things, including

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ETHS vs. School to the North in basketball

ETHS's varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams will play New Trier on Friday, December 17, and Sunday, February 6, at Northwestern's McGaw Hall (Welsh-Ryan Arena). Game times on Dec. 17 are 6pm for the girls' game, 7:30pm for the boys'. On Feb. 6, the girls will play at noon, followed by the boys at 2pm. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

ETHS vs. New Trier basketball games were moved to McGaw Hall three years ago because neither school could accommodate the enthusiastic crowds that wanted to attend. Attendance has ranged from 7,000-8,000 for each game held at McGaw.

So, deck yourself in orange and blue and come cheer on the Wildkits.

Alumni Directory

Harris Publications is currently updating the ETHS Alumni Directory. By now, all of you should have received postcards from Harris asking you to call their toll-free number (800-829-4999) to update your records. From December 20-January 31, Harris will be calling all of the ETHS alumni who have not already called them. However, Jan. 31 is the final deadline for taking any new information.

Should you choose, you may order the directory when you speak to the Harris representative. Cost for the book ranges from \$69.99 (paperback) to \$79.99 (hard cover) with a package price that's higher for a CD-Rom version (all plus shipping and handling and state sales tax, if applicable).

This directory project is done at no cost to ETHS or the ETHS Alumni Association. The school receives the updated alumni database from Harris for free once the project is finished. The directory should be released by mid-June 2005.

What's New at ETHS?

ETHS opens up 2004-05

Over 3,100 students began classes at Evanston Township High School on Monday, August 30. Official projections show the ETHS student body should stabilize at current levels for several more years and then decline at the end of this decade.

New administrators, teachers, and staff were introduced to veteran staffers on Thursday, August 26, including two new administrators: Alec Anderson, Athletic Director, and Anna Nakashima, Director of Adult and Continuing Education. In total, over 30 new faculty and staff members were welcomed on opening day (2 administrators, 18 teachers, 2 counselors, 1 social worker, 1 Special Staff, 2 secretaries, 2 psychologist interns, and 5 social-work interns).

Work to establish a new Environmental Education Demonstration Project (a.k.a. Nature Center) on two vacant, rubble-strewn acres behind the ETHS football stadium was completed this summer and was officially opened with a community celebration (see related story on this page).

This September ETHS reinstated a four-year counseling model for all students. Since the early 1990s, students had two counselors during their four-year stay at ETHS: one who specialized in transitioning into the high-school experience during the freshman and sophomore years, and another who helped the student focus on college and career planning during the junior and senior years. However, general concerns about a lack of continuity and the strong desire for personalizing each student's experience caused the school to rethink the counseling model. Each of the 13 counselors will advise an average of 285 students and stay with them from freshman year through graduation.

In an effort to save money and promote the use of alternate energy, ETHS partnered this summer with the Foundation for Environmental Education, Illinois Clean Energy, and ComEd to install a one-kilowatt solar array above the school's Applied Sciences/Technologies wing at the south end of the campus (the panel can be seen from Lake St.). Information about the amount of electricity generated will be shared with teachers and students to help expose them to the benefits of alternative energy sources that are environmentally friendly and sustainable over long periods of time.

The school's attendance policy has been tightened up. Several years ago, ETHS implemented a policy that allowed students to amass up to 10 absences per class each semester before the student lost credit for the course. Previously, distinctions were made between excused and unexcused absences, but this plan eliminated those differences and capped the number of allowable absences at 10. Once parents and students adjusted to the concept, average-daily attendance steadily improved to a high last year of over 94-percent. Wanting to sharpen students' focus on class attendance, the administration and school board reduced the allowable number of absences (excused and/or unexcused) to eight effective immediately for all grade levels.

"County Fair" feel to Nature Center opening

The Grand Opening of the ETHS Nature Center on October 3 was a community event with a "county fair" feel to it. Along with non-stop tours of the center led by students, the afternoon featured pie-baking and flower-arranging contests, and special speakers, who talked on topics such as falconry and other birds of prey, butterfly gardening, and 5-minute flower arrangements. Local exhibitors explained the virtues of beekeeping, mosquito abatement, composting, and recycling. And a Southern Black Farmers' Market offered fall produce for families to buy.

The Nature Center, which includes a wet and dry prairie, a savannah, ponds, wetland habitats, and a horticulture study plot, will serve as an on-site, outdoor classroom where students from both ETHS and Evanston's elementary school district can pursue research and environmental studies (approximately 10,000 students in both districts).

Funds for the Nature Center, which cost over \$235,000 to install, have come from the school's Operations/Maintenance Fund and from community donations. With the generous help of the Evanston Community Foundation, Garden Club of Evanston, ETHS alumni, local family foundations, Sam's Club of Evanston, and other many donors, \$54,830 has been raised to date to help defray district costs for the Center.

In addition, the Chicago Community Trust granted ETHS \$25,000 to support teacher professional development and curriculum design for the outdoor classroom for



Science students led tours of the Nature Center at the grand opening. Visitors could see the aquatic plants, turtles, and water bugs up close from the wooden boardwalk.

teachers in both districts.

ETHS thanks the many alums (listed below) whose donations helped establish this center, which may be the only one of its kind in the country, said Wayne Carley, executive director, National Association of Biology Teachers.

Due to ongoing costs for tools and equipment for scientific research at the site, a storage shed, and specialized plantings, fund raising for the Nature Center continues. Tax-deductible donations payable to the "ETHS District Foundation" can be sent to ETHS Public/Alumni Relations, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204. Note on the check-memo line that the donation is for the Nature Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL CURATORS

(\$10,000 and over)
Cheney Family Foundation (David Cheney, '71)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTORS

(\$1,000-\$5,000)
Deborah Murphy McManus, '61

ENVIRONMENTAL CUSTODIANS

(\$100-\$500)
Cynthia Russell Axley, '62

Marc L. Baum, '76
Carolyn Dopke Bennett, '68
ETHS Class of 1947
Allen Joseph Haman, '62, Memorial Gift
Jeanne Lindvall for daughter Tracy, '01
John B. Lord, Sr., '35
Robert F. Neuman, '54
Mary Grimm Peterson, '43
John W. Shedd, '42

ENVIRONMENTAL GUARDIANS

(Up to \$50)
Anne Powers Bretland, '71
Marcia Eaton Brown, '57
Linda S. Buyer, '73
Christopher Carlson, '83
Cindy Gaskill, '62
Margot Copeland Goode, '55
Eleanor Rayseur Hagnann, '46
Steve Hancock, '64
Robert P. Hardler, '73
Jeanne Shunway Harker, '34
William L. Hickman, '56
Mike Hillebrand, '60
Judy Meyerovitz Hillebrand, '68
Roslyn D. Johnson, '83
Elith Pais Klein, '40
Michael Kozibek, '65
Colleen Marsh McCarthy, '46
Dorothy Rose Mrazan, '41
Nancy Patton-Cosden, '64
L. Michael Ream, '47
Eunice Anderson Roche, '47
Laurent B. Roche, '47
Sally Sherwin Roterberg, '70
Carol Sesterham, '68, & Joseph Szma
(Dorothy Dullin Sesterham, '38, Memorial)
Dennis G. Shaw, '61
Hilary A. Smith, '91
Dr. Robert M. Stein, '68

ETHS faculty and student kudos

Two ETHS seniors—Alex Franks and James Kath—are among 300 students nationwide (11 from Illinois) named semifinalists in the Siemens-Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition. On November 1, Kath was among 30 finalists and 30 finalist teams chosen to present their research at six regional competitions. Regional finalists go on to compete at nationals in Washington, DC.

Kath's research is in astrophysics, specifically in doing computer simulations to determine stable planetary orbits in binary star systems and whether liquid water—and the chance for life—may exist on them.

Franks is working on network theory and computer simulations of how global decisions are made in a network when only local information is available.

Regional finalists receive \$1,000 scholarships and an additional \$3,000 if they are a

regional winner. Winners of the national competition receive scholarships of \$100,000.

In September, the Illinois High School Association named ETHS's girls' track coach **Fenton Gunter, '74**, the 2003-04 Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year. Last spring, Gunter led the ETHS girls to the State Championship for the second consecutive year, Gunter's fifth ETHS championship in 13 years!

National Merit Scholarship Program: 16 semifinalists and 36 Commended Students.

National Achievement Scholarship Program: 3 semifinalists, and 4 Commended Students.

ETHS science teacher Craig Smith received the Walter Lucansky Environmental Stewardship Award from Keep Evanston Beautiful Inc. for his leadership in creating the new ETHS Nature Center.

Recently, the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association of America chose senior Nick Gauna, ETHS soccer player, as the Number One player from our region. He was voted onto the All-Midwest team and is eligible for All-American status.

The Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation has given ETHS a \$2,500 grant to support the first edition of a student-produced magazine profiling exceptional people in Evanston who have overcome difficulty to achieve success. Students will determine the magazine's content, interview and photograph subjects, design the magazine, and produce digital prepress files for printing. In addition, they will work with Universal Press of Evanston on the prepress process and attend the printing session. This project is also supported by a \$500 Mini-Grant from the ETHS Alumni Association.

AND IN SPORTS...

2003-04 summary

- Girls' Track - State Champions for 2nd consecutive year
- Girls' Water Polo - 3rd in state
- Boys' Swimming - 5th in state
- Girls' Lacrosse - 6th in state
- Girls' Swimming - 7th in state
- Girls' Basketball - Regional champs
- Boys' Basketball - Regional champs for 4th consecutive year
- Wrestling - Conference champs
- Football - 2nd round of state playoffs
- Boys' Cross Country - Regional champs
- Boys' Soccer - IHSA Elite Eight
- Girls' Soccer - 2nd round of sectionals
- Girls' Volleyball - Regional champs
- Girls' Badminton - Conference champs
- Boys' Baseball - 2nd round of sectionals
- Boys' Track - Sectional champs

And so far this fall:

- Girls' Swimming - 6th in state
- Girls' and Boys' Cross Country - both had runners advance to state, 1st time in 11 years for the girls
- Girls' Tennis - doubles team qualified for the sweet 16
- Girls' Volleyball - 2nd in conference
- Boys' soccer - won regionals

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Supt. Allan Alson: "ETHS must make some tough financial choices"

For the first time in a generation, the ETHS School Board must make tough choices in order to maintain its commitment to excellence and equity in the face of limited financial resources.



Dr. Allan Alson

Since 1977, with a few planned exceptions, ETHS has balanced its budget. Despite major cutbacks (\$2.1 million in the last three years), this year ETHS faces a \$3.6 million shortfall in its operating funds. We will encounter further shortfalls if we do not make changes.

Previous reductions have little impact on curricular programs or extracurricular activities. Future budget cuts may affect course offerings and programs. We may have to do our work somewhat differently to accomplish the goals we seek. However, our commitment to serve all students well will not waver.

What caused this problem?

Eighty-three percent of ETHS's revenue comes from property taxes, which are subject to caps that limit increases to the Consumer Price Index (2.4% last year, 1.9% next year). Caps prevent ETHS from accessing its approved tax rate and have caused us to join the 82% of Illinois districts with deficit budgets. ETHS receives 5% of its revenue from the state, 4% from federal sources, and the remaining 8% from local sources such as investment earnings, facility rentals and a food-service contract with District 65.

Education is driven by labor costs (salaries, 66%; benefits 11%). The board and administration have worked

collaboratively with our six unions to control labor costs and still remain competitive enough to attract and retain the best teachers and staff. While we were able to limit increases in labor costs to around 4%, revenues increased less than that.

What's been done in addition to non-classroom budget cuts?

Reductions in staff, primarily through attrition, affecting all employee groups, have contributed to most of the \$2.1 million in cuts over the past three years. Other major savings were made by cutting overtime costs and such line items as supplies and professional travel.

Over the years, ETHS school boards have authorized reserves to accrue in the operating funds, which have helped with cash flow between tax payments by allowing the district to tap its reserves to pay bills, rather than borrowing money. For the past three years, the board has transferred some reserves to the Education Fund to cover costs. It is prudent, however, to maintain 25% of the previous year's costs in reserve to cover three months of expenses. This and other sound budget practices have consistently brought District 202 very high (Aa1) Moody's bond ratings.

As our fund reserves dry up, we cannot maintain that 25% threshold unless we take action to reduce expenses and/or increase revenues.

What's next?

With input from financial advisers, the board set a range of dollars to be cut (or reached in combination with increased revenue) and still maintain its policy of a 25% reserve level. This year, the range of combined savings and cost increases the board is using for

planning purposes is between \$1.25 and \$2.25 million for 2005-06, and from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million for 2006-07. Using a range rather than a specific figure give the board maximum flexibility in making tough decisions, while still protecting the district's long-term financial future.

Any reductions for 2007-10 will depend on the success of the plan's first two years. If the top of the range is reached in those two years, further cuts may not be necessary through 2009-10. If only the minimum is reached, more cuts of up to \$1.75 million will be needed in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Last month the board adopted a set of principles and guidelines to direct the work of administrators as they generate budget-reduction options for the board's review.

Principles

To fulfill the ETHS Vision Statement, which commits us to both excellence and equity, we will:

- Preserve a strong core curriculum that is central to high achievement and academic excellence.
- Maintain ETHS's commitment to closing the achievement gap.
- Preserve programs and/or elements of programs that are documented to serve students not yet meeting academic standards.
- Continue to provide quality opportunities for workplace preparation.
- Continue fine-arts offerings that shape the aesthetic and cultural development of our students.
- Maintain, to the greatest extent possible, a strong athletic and extracurricular program that serves a wide range of students.

Procedural Guidelines

- Program reductions will be broadly conceived and not target any particular group of students.
- Expenditure reductions will be geared to take full advantage of staff attrition.
- All staff role groups will be subject to reductions.

Budget Timetable

The board set a timetable for community involvement in the difficult decisions it must make. The tentative budget-reduction plan will be presented on Dec. 13. Throughout January, the community can give feedback as the plan is explained at community venues and at board meetings. After fine-tuning the plan based on board, staff, and community input, the board will take final action on Feb. 14.

Alumni provide mini-grants for enrichment

This fall the Alumni Association board granted four mini-grants to ETHS teachers to enrich their classes. These mini-grants are made possible by generous donations from ETHS alumni. This fall's mini-grants include:

- **Tour Black Chicago.** This field trip for students taking African-American Studies highlights global contributions by African-Americans who live in Chicago. The teacher feels this experience will help students of color learn about their own history first hand, establish a better sense of identity, and allow them to better connect with the course curriculum.
- **Magazine: Profiles of a Community.** This new

literary magazine will enable students to apply their artistic talents in a professional format by involving them in the "real-life" experience of magazine production. The first issue will focus on Evanstonians who have overcome adversity. Students in Graphic Communications, 2 Photography, and Creative Writing will collaborate on the content, and will work with **Jory Siegel, '70**, president of Universal Press of Evanston, on the prepress and printing processes.

- **Dancer-in-Residence.** A dancer/choreographer will work with six ETHS dance classes for one week to give them an overview of dance as a profession.

- **"Bass Fiddle."** This classical-folk trio (university professors playing violin, bass and guitar) did a two-day residency and master classes with the orchestra and guitar students.

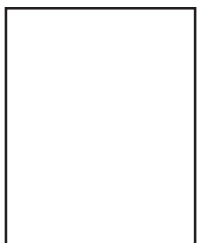
The Mini-Grant program channels alumni contributions into the classroom by funding school-related projects, programs, functions and activities that benefit students. ETHS faculty and staff may apply for mini-grants of up to \$1,000 throughout the school year. Association funds will not be used for grants to individuals, for religious or political purposes, or projects for which taxpayer dollars are intended.

Alumni award five annual scholarships

Since its inception, the ETHS Alumni Association has sought ways for alumni to reconnect with each other and with ETHS. One of the Association's first projects was to award scholarships to graduating seniors. The first year, the Association gave two \$500 awards, one each to a senior girl and boy. Within three years that number rose to five \$500 scholarships.

Last May, at Senior Awards, the Association again gave five awards, which were funded by donations from ETHS alumni. The scholarship winners are:

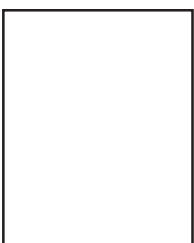
Bryan Kelly was a scholar athlete who earned Central Suburban League All-



Conference honors in football and the Central Suburban League Scholar Athlete Award. A senior leader in Physical Education, he also volunteered as a math tutor for second graders, at a summer youth football camp, and with his church youth group. He is attending Illinois Wesleyan University.

Monique Ramsay

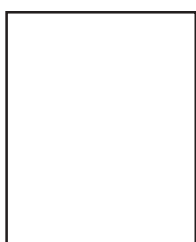
managed a full schedule of honors classes and worked all four years, and still found time to volunteer with QUEST, a support group for middle-school African American students, and at the Center on Wrongful Convictions and at the Evanston Community



Defender Center. She is majoring in criminology at Barry University and plans to go on to law school.

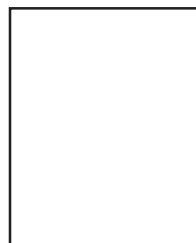
Sergio Rivera-Thompson

is a student-athlete (football and baseball). An African American Youth Achievement Award recipient, he was an ETHS representative at the 2003 Minority Student Achievement Network student conference. He volunteered as an assistant gym teacher at Walker Elementary School and had such a good time, he also volunteered to coach the 4th-grade boys' team. He is studying business at Illinois State University.



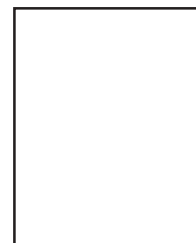
Dema Sabbara was a four-year, high-honor roll student who earned multiple departmental awards for academic achievement. As a Golden Apple Award winner, she plans to become a high-school science teacher.

Throughout high school, Dema tutored her peers, worked part-time, and volunteered in community service projects at her church. She is majoring in chemistry and secondary education at Quincy University.



Javon Wideman

was president of the Senior Class Board, and volunteered as an elementary school tutor and sponsor of children's school carnivals. She also participated at ETHS in the "First Class" and Names Can Really Hurt Us programs for freshmen, Black History Month Committee, and outside of ETHS on the Ebony Ball Committee. She plans to become a teacher.



Five ETHS alumni to receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

Evanston Township High School and the ETHS Alumni Association will honor five of its graduates with the Distinguished Alumni Award on December 2, the third class of alumni to receive this recognition award. The annual program was established to honor graduates who are noted in their field of endeavor and/or recognized for their expertise and good works by their peers and others.

The third class of ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award

winners includes:

Dr. Fred H. Geisler, '64, neurosurgeon, national authority on spinal-cord injuries and degenerative diseases of the spine, pioneer in development and use of artificial disks and other innovative techniques to treat spine disorders, researcher, lecturer, author, professor.

Dr. Pam McAllister Johnson, '63, journalist, first Black female publisher of a general circulation newspaper in the United States, award-winning college educator,

Director of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting at Western Kentucky University.

Julian C. "Junior" Mance, '45, noted jazz pianist, composer, recording artist, author, college educator, inductee in the International Jazz Hall of Fame.

David A. Mount, '61, award-winning corporate leader in the music and film/video industry, national leader of several philanthropic organizations, inductee in the Video Hall of Fame.

Thomas Eddy Tallmadge, 1894, noted Prairie-School architect, architectural historian, college educator, author.

The awardees will be recognized at a public ceremony for senior students on December 2. To be nominated, alumni must have distinguished themselves through achievement, service, and/or contributions to society. Also, nominees must have graduated from or been enrolled at ETHS at least 10 years ago. Posthumous

nominations are accepted.

A Selection Committee of alumni, students, community members, and current and retired ETHS faculty, chaired by **John Donohue, '54**, evaluated the nominations and selected the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. All nominations are kept on file and reconsidered for three years. After three years, a candidate must be renominated for consideration.

Dr. Fred H. Geisler, '64

For over 20 years, Fred Geisler, has been a neurosurgeon and is considered a national authority on spinal-cord injuries and degenerative diseases of the spine. He has pioneered many aspects of spinal-cord repair and spinal surgery, particularly in the development and use of implants, fusion systems, instrumentation, and other innovative techniques to treat spine disorders. He is chief investigator of a new drug, Sygen, used in accelerating recovery after spinal-cord injury, and is the only neurosurgeon in the country presently implanting artificial disks.

Geisler, who, in addition to his medical degree, holds a doctorate in physics from Washington University, conducted biophysics research at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory before beginning his medical education in 1974 at the State University of New York at Buffalo. After completing his residency in neurosurgery, Geisler specialized further at the Shock-Trauma Center of the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems in Baltimore, where he was later appointed medical director of the Neurotrauma Unit. In 1990, he joined the staff of The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Two years later, he came back to Chicago to join the Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch, where he helped found the Institute for Spine Care.

As well as being an active researcher, lecturer, and author, Geisler is a professor of neurosurgery at Rush Medical College in Chicago. His hobbies include photographing eclipses and doing higher mathematics.



Dr. Pam McAllister Johnson, '63

Pam Johnson has made her mark in the field of journalism for over 30 years—first, after graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, as a news reporter and editor for newspapers, magazines, radio and television in Madison; Chicago, IL; Quincy, MA; and Bridgewater, NJ. She then moved into journalism management. From 1981-95, Johnson was President/Publisher of the Gannett-owned Ithaca (NY) Journal, the first Black female publisher of a general circulation newspaper in the United States, and for three years as Publisher/Chief Operating Officer of three computer magazines at West World Productions in Beverly Hills, CA.

From publishing Johnson shifted to academe. Along with her bachelor's degree in journalism and secondary education, she holds a master's in journalism and educational policy and a doctorate in mass communications and educational psychology, all from UW-Madison. She was an adjunct professor of mass communications and media management at Pepperdine University, and has held other academic career positions at Cornell University, Norfolk State University, University of Missouri, and University of Wisconsin.

In 2002, Pam was named the R.M. Seaton Professional Journalism Chair at Kansas State University's A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Last year, she was tapped to head the School of Journalism and Broadcasting and the Center for 21st Century Media at Western Kentucky University.

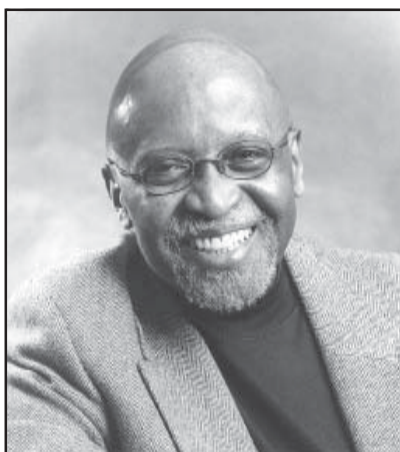
In 2001, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications awarded Johnson a Lifetime Service Achievement Award. The University of Wisconsin has honored her with the Ralph O. Nafziger Award for outstanding achievement within 10 years of graduation and a Distinguished Alumni Award for achievement. She has also received a Candace Award from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women acknowledging "landmark achievements of African-American women."



Julian C. "Junior" Mance, '45

Pianist, composer, recording artist, author, teacher—all are hallmarks of this noted jazz musician. He began playing piano at age five and started with formal training at age eight. Weekends, during his ETHS years, Mance played jazz and blues piano in Chicago jazz clubs, work that continued while he attended Roosevelt College.

Throughout his career, Mance has played with many jazz greats. In 1947, he left Roosevelt to join Gene Ammons' band, and two years later he played with Lester Young. During military service, he served in the 36th Army Band with Julian "Cannonball" Adderley. After his discharge, Mance joined the house rhythm section at Chicago's Bee Hive Jazz Club accompanying such legends as Charlie Parker, Coleman Hawkins and Sonny Stitt.



From 1954-58, Mance toured and recorded with Dinah Washington and with Adderley's first working band. Mance joined Dizzy Gillespie's band in 1958, a career highlight not only for being a joyful time, but also for the great learning experience he got in the business of music. In 1961, he formed his own trio following the release of his first recording as a leader ("Junior" on Verve Records).

Author of *How to Play Blues Piano*, and recording artist of 30-plus albums as a leader and a sideman, Mance is also a faculty member of the Jazz and Contemporary Music Program at the New School University in New York City, where he lives. He teaches classes in Blues and Blues Ensembles, gives private piano lessons, and helps students develop their careers in playing jazz.

For over a decade, Mance has been part of the "100 Gold Fingers," an elite group of 10 outstanding jazz musicians that tour Japan biennially. In 1997, he was inducted into the International Jazz Hall of Fame. In 2000, he made his solo piano debut at Lincoln Center.

David A. Mount, '61

For nearly four decades, David Mount built a successful career in the entertainment industry. Along the way, he determined to "contribute something back" and share his business skills with the non-profit sector. He is recognized as a potent leader in both worlds.

In 2002, Mount retired after serving nine years as Chairman and C.E.O. of Warner-Elektra-Atlantic (WEA), Inc., a division of Warner Music Group. Under his leadership, the company represented one-quarter of the U.S. music industry's market share. Before that, he was President and C.E.O. of LIVE Entertainment, a company with divisions in music and video distribution and in the production of such films as *Reservoir Dogs*, *Terminator 2* and *The Piano*, as well as children's and special-interest videos. He also was chairman of Strawberries Inc., a 140-store chain of music and video stores owned by LIVE on the east coast. From 1977-88, Mount served in various corporate roles with WEA and with the home-video division of Warner Brothers Studios.

His philanthropic leadership has benefited a broad array of people. Mount is Chairman of the Board of Visitors of Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Business, where he earned his Master of Business Administration degree. For the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, he serves as president of the Southern California Chapter and as a national trustee. Over the last decade, he and his wife, Sheri, have raised over \$8 million for the foundation. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Society of Singers, which benefits the health and welfare of professional singers in need of assistance, and of Break The Cycle, whose mission is to end domestic violence by working with young people, ages 12 to 22.

Both his corporate and philanthropic work have been honored. In 1999, Mount was named to the Video Hall of Fame, and he received an Industry Cornerstone Award from the Music Industry Heroes and Legends Foundation and the Person-of-the-Decade Award from the Video Industry Aids Action Committee. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation gave him its Breath of Life and Humanitarians Awards, and he was honored by the Break the Cycle Foundation and People for the American Way Foundation, among other organizations.



Thomas Eddy Tallmadge, 1894

Thomas Tallmadge was a noted Prairie-style architect, who coined the term "The Chicago School" used to describe the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and his contemporaries, of which he was one, at the turn of the 20th century.

Born in Washington, DC, Tallmadge grew up in Evanston and after graduation from ETHS, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning a bachelor's degree in architecture. For the next seven years he served as a draftsman for noted Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham. He won the Falkenau Traveling Scholarship from the Chicago Architectural Club in 1904, which funded a summer in Europe sketching architectural scenes.

Upon his return to Chicago, he and fellow draftsman Vernon S. Watson formed a 31-year partnership that was noted for designing modest, suburban Prairie-style homes primarily in Evanston and Oak Park, IL, as well as Gothic-style ecclesiastical structures. Their first important commission came in 1909 with the design of Evanston's First Methodist Church, the first of more than 30 churches they would design in their career together. Another of their Evanston commissions was Roycemore School in 1915. In the 1920s, Tallmadge designed his signature streetlight that is still used in Evanston and Oak Park.

Tallmadge developed a reputation as an architectural historian and teacher. For 20 years, he taught architectural design and history at the Armour Institute (now known as Illinois Institute of Technology), and he wrote three books on architectural history.

In 1940, Tallmadge was killed in a train accident near Arcola, IL, and was buried in Chicago's Graceland Cemetery.



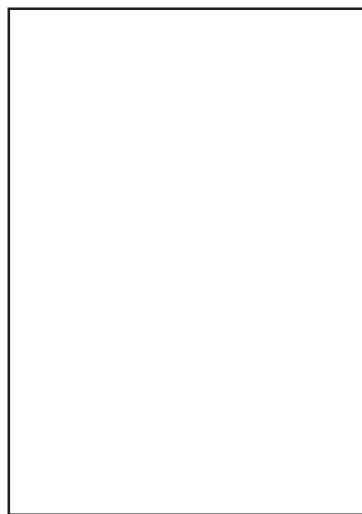
Reunion Roundup

Westminster Wildkits celebrate, honor alumna

ETHS, We will fight for you. So sing the members of the Westminster Wildkits, an ETHS alumni group composed of some who graduated as far back as 1924. Forty-nine members strong, they meet at Westminster Place of the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, where they all live. On September 15 they got together to celebrate with their third annual dinner, complete with orange and blue balloons.

Three years ago, **Bill Pool, '38**, got the idea. He contacted fellow resident **Ardis Dechman Coninx, '41**, who used to be a librarian at ETHS and now works part-time in the ETHS Public/Alumni Relations office. Coninx took charge of details, helped by alums **Jean Shanks Alex-ander, '39**; **Ted '37**, and **Betty Moseley Bates '39**; **Frank Foster, '33**; **Art, '39**, and **Marcia Lape Freeman, '39**; **Josephine Reeves Smith, '37**; **Phyllis Fox Tittle, '36**; and Ruth Wheeler, who taught at ETHS for 31 years.

Each year an ETHS-related speaker is invited to address the group. This year it was **Denise Martin, '69**, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, who charmed her audience relating present-day accomplishments



May Morey Leonard, '24, was crowned by the Westminsterites and concerns, and comparisons between the situation in her day and the present. For example, then the Senior Prom was held in the school cafeteria. Now it's at the Navy Pier ballroom.

The group honored resident **May Morey Leonard**, a June 1924 graduate. (See related story.)

The Westminster Wildkits plan to hold a dinner each year. Meanwhile, they'll meet each month for lunch, to "talk about good old times, old friends, teachers we remember (or would like to forget)."

They remember it well.

By Betty Bates, '39

She got out just in time. **May Morey Leonard** graduated from the old Evanston High School in June 1924. It burned down that summer. The school was located on the SE corner of Dempster and Elmwood, where a computer store now stands.

May went to Northwestern University, minoring in art, and then on to lead what she says is a "wonderful life." She taught at Oakton School in Evanston and at Syracuse University. She gave summer art classes to teenage girls on her front porch in Winnetka. At the Women's Athletic Club, she taught needlepoint and embroidery. She volunteered as a docent at the Art Institute of Chicago for 20 years, leading groups of school children. And with her late husband Dan, she gave slide programs on historical embroidery and created historical miniature rooms.

Dan Leonard was on the Board of Trade. He and May had a son and daughter, and she has two grandchildren and eight "greats."

May is still plenty active at nearly age 99. Isn't it lucky she got out of ETHS in time?

By Ted Bates, '37

Baseball still brings them together



Last April, seven members of the Class of '58 took in an ETHS varsity baseball double-header with Harlen High School. The men had been seniors on the 1958 varsity baseball team, and their reunion must have brought good luck to the current team, which swept both games. Picture above are (l. to rt.) Tom Whitmore, Skip Magiera, Jim Hardy, Willy Mitchell, George Jozwick, Carlton Pryor, and Wendall Thomas.

Class of '38 meets at Hackney's

During the past few years the ETHS Class of '38 has had informal luncheons during April, July and October at Hackney's on Lake Ave. in Glenview, IL.

Twenty-two people attended in July including several guests from other classes. Each attendee gave a brief report on "what's up."

One of the highlights was **Bob Woods's** report on the plans that are being prepared by **Jim Gutman** for their "100th class reunion." Everyone had an interesting and enjoyable time.

The meeting dates have been set for the 2005 gatherings. For more information, get in touch with **Bill Pool** at 847-492-7787 or lporel@aol.com.

Technology key to the Class of '79 reunion

While most class reunion planning committees rely on the U.S. Postal Service to contact classmates, the Class of '79 moved its 25th reunion effort into the 21st Century. They relied instead on the Internet and e-mail to spread the word.

According to **Linda Heiberger Hemwall**, she and classmates **Ohan Kedjidjian** and **Gigi Hara Rames** thought that fewer people would be interested in attending a 25th-year reunion ("not as important as the 10s"), so they put together a Web address (www.ethsclassof79) to contact local alumni rather than trying to reach everyone in their class. The three planners were delighted when 120 people came to the informal gathering held this fall at Prairie Moon Restaurant in Evanston.

"We thought it would be just local people from the North Shore or Midwest, but people came from all over the country as well as one from Costa Rica," said Hemwall.

Then...



The four 1978-79 Homecoming Queens (and one King) from their senior year: (l. to rt.) Mini Iature, Pat Johnson, Heather Heiberger, Wendy Ewbank, and Chip Davis.

Now...



Over a decade later, the four '79 Homecoming Queens all attended their 25th reunion: (l. to rt.) Mimi Iature, Linda Heiberger Hemwall, Pat Johnson Brown, and Wendy Ewbank.

Class of '55 gears up for BIG 50

The Class of '55 is well underway with plans for its 50th-class reunion in 2005 and wants to share the details with classmates.

Friday, May 13, 2005: "Early Bird" Cocktail Party, Hilton Garden Inn, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, IL. A block of rooms has been set aside, with special rates for both Friday and Saturday night. When the time comes, attendees will be able to go online or call the Hilton directly to make reservations, identifying themselves as part of the "Class of 1955 Reunion."

Saturday, May 14, 2005: Saturday Night Dinner and Dance, Evanston Golf Club,

4401 Dempster St., Skokie, IL/

Work is underway to collect "50 years of memories" from each of the graduates to be published in a commemorative book. Specific information about event costs and other "special events" has gone out and personal invitations will be mailed early next year, probably in February.

Contacts for more information are: **Sally Cahill**, judge36@rcn.com; **Ed Swanson**, ed@vpw.com; and **Carol Cunningham Sawyer** (Secretary), tsawyer110@aol.com.

The class also has a web site (thanks to classmate **Betty Paden** and her family): <http://www.ethsclassof1955.com>.

Dialogue Series benefits from '79 donation

After the reunion was over, the Class of '79 had a balance \$941 in receipts. With the approval of classmates, the planners donated these funds to the ETHS Dialogue Series, a program started by the reunion classes of 1945 and 1947. This well-utilized program provides honoraria for speakers requested by teachers to help enrich their classroom curriculum.

The Dialogue Series is totally funded by donations from class reunions. This generous contribution from the Class of '79 will allow the program to continue for the 2004-05 school year.

Other class reunions wishing to make a gift to the ETHS Dialogue Series should contact the ETHS Public/Alumni Relations Office (847-424-7515).

Reunion Roundup

1970 griders reunite

Last August, more than 30 teammates from the 1970 EIHS Championship football team and Coach Murney Lazier came together at **Dave Kauppi's** house for their "first ever" reunion.

The seeds for this reunion were sown at a breakfast between old teammates, **Xavier Gardner, Tom Corcoran, Kauppi** and **Shawn Lazier**. Lazier (now dubbed the Historian) brought along a box of EIHS football memorabilia that included many of the old game films. Based on this treasure trove of old memories, a plan was hatched to reach out to as many of the old team as possible, to hold a party, and to make sure that everyone got a CD of the 1970 EIHS season.

Former Wildkit griders arrived from all parts of the USA. There was a great deal of excitement as old friends, many of whom had not seen each other in decades, renewed friendships. Each time a "new" face would walk through the door, a cheer would go up and another round of hugs, high fives and handshakes would begin. There were smiles everywhere as these old teammates told stories about games and practices and just plain enjoyed this experience.

By the way, many of these stories have gotten bigger and better with age.

Lazier organized an outstanding display featuring helmets, pictures, rosters and newspaper stories from that era. Also, there was a diary of the 1970 season kept by **Eddie Casselberry** for an English class, which brought back lots of memories. Throughout the party, a steady stream of men watched the black-and-white game films that ran non-stop on a big-screen TV. A shout went up whenever a touch down was made or a turnover happened.



Former EIHS football coach Murney Lazier at the '70 reunion.

Emery Moorehead, who also was tight end for the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champs, made every player's wife smile as he let them all try on his Super Bowl ring.

The highlight of the day was having Coach Murney Lazier be there. The Coach looked great and had a smile for everyone. His foursome won the morning golf scramble. Throughout the party, former players made their way over to visit one-on-one with Coach Lazier, share old times, and say "Thank You" for all of his motivation and positive affect that he made on young men so many years ago in Evanston. This special time with Murney made everyone's day.

On the way home, each former player received a plaque made by the EIHS Athletic Department featuring the team pictures from 1970 and 1971. Everyone also went home with a team roster and the EIHS game film CD, too.

The party lasted for 12 hours. A good time was had by all. It turns out that sometimes living in the past, even just for a day, can be great fun. You just have to make time to do it!

By Tom Corcoran, '70

Class of '64 celebrates its 40th-year reunion

They wouldn't think of hiring a reunion company to run their reunion! The Class of '64 has held a 10th, 25th, 32nd (in 1996 when most members of the class turned 50), and now a 40th reunion. Each of the three-day get-togethers was planned by a committee of classmates.

A core of approximately 20 class members all living in the Chicago area has hung together since their first EIHS class reunion in 1974. **Judy Anderson** and/or **Phil** and **Pat Richey Wanzenberg** have chaired the planning committee from the beginning, and by now, other constant committee members have found their own niche: some organize one of the three reunion events (Friday cocktail party, Saturday dinner dance, or Sunday brunch); and others specialize in decorations, nametags, finances, "lost sheep" search, the reunion book, or reservations, for example. Everyone does mailings, all together.



The Class of '64 took time from dancing, laughing, and eating to have a group photo taken. Judy Anderson (front row, 5th from right) and Pat Richey Wanzenberg (to Judy's left) co-chaired the 40th reunion.

Planning meetings, beginning at least 18 months before each reunion, are well attended and some say are almost more fun than the reunions themselves.

To attract more classmates to the reunion and to

share the event workload, 21 additional classmates signed on to help for the 40th reunion this summer. While everyone is taking a well-deserved breather, they all know their 50th class reunion is only 10 years away.

MYF' renews the ties that bind

EIHS students lead active lives, in and out of school. Athletics, community service, church youth groups—they all provide opportunities for them to share common interests and forge lifelong friendships.

This certainly holds true for EIHS students who participated in Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) at Evanston's First United Methodist Church over the years.

As part of its 150th anniversary year, the church sponsored a series of MYF reunions that drew people back to celebrate the church and the close ties they made in high school through youth-group activities. Over Labor Day weekend, 50 or so adults who were MYFers during the 1950s and 1960s attended their



reunion. Among them were (l. to rt.) **Mary Gratz Wadsworth, ETHS '59;** **Dexter Bailey, '62;** **Joan**

Ackerberg Clausz, '59; **Joan Layman Hoehn, '59;** **Virginia and Wesley Harper, '56;** and **Janet Nott Holdsworth, '59.**

Yearbooks for sale

The Alumni office has a limited number of yearbooks for most years from 1920-2000. They can be purchased for \$10 each (\$15 if the book needs to be mailed). First-come, first-served. Contact the office at 847-424-7515. Yearbook sales benefit the EIHS general scholarship fund.

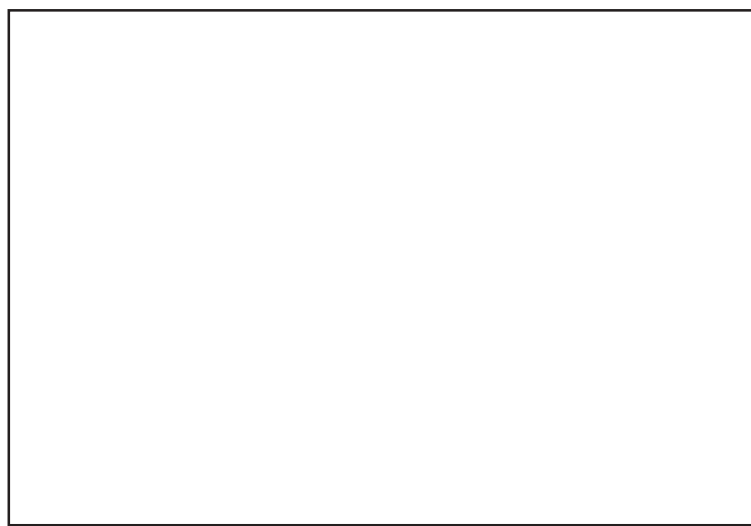
Reunion Roundup

Class of 1949 reunites for 55th

The '49ers celebrated their 55th class reunion October 1-2, starting with a opening party at the Doubletree in Skokie, where they gathered for their 50th reunion. It proved to be just what the doctor ordered.

On Saturday, **Jim Emery, '52**, led a bus tour around Evanston, a reunion highlight, and provided interesting commentary along the way. The downtown area has changed greatly, but many neighborhoods seemed just as they were in 1949. Classmates agreed they preferred Evanston the way it was "back then."

The Saturday evening dinner was held at Prairie Moon, a fairly new Evanston restaurant owned and operated by several EIHS alumni. It was the perfect spot to spend a casual evening reminiscing and enjoying each other's company.



The Class of '49's 55th reunion drew 37 classmates. Of those, 22 live in the Chicago area and 15 came from as far as California and Florida.

As part of the celebration weekend, the class gave a monetary donation to the EIHS Dialogue Series.

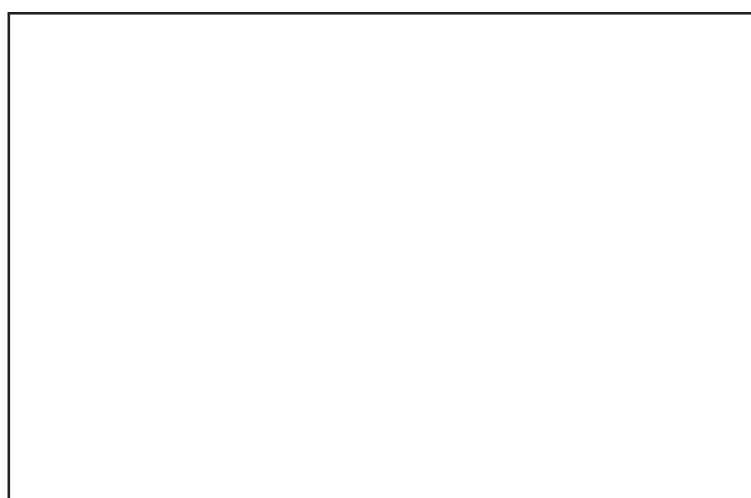
The reunion committee's goal was to have fun, spend

lots of time visiting with friends, and get reacquainted with others. The goal was certainly met as everyone left saying, "See you at the 60th."

The Joneses hold a special get-together

The Jones Family held an EIHS reunion of sorts last June in Evanston when they invited over 150 of their friends and relations to celebrate a confluence of happy events: the retirements of **William "Billy" III, '58**; **Janice, '65**; and **Philip, '64**; and the birthdays of **Virgil S. Sr., '72**; and his son, Robert, and wife, Gloria, and **William III's son, William "Scott" IV, '80**.

Janice and Phil both retired from EIHS, where together they put in 70 years of service: Janice as Human Resources Director and Special Education teacher (32 years), and Phil as Receiving Room Clerk and Custodian (38 years).



Jones siblings (l. to r.) William "Billy" III, Virgil Sr., Janice and Philip.

Class of '47 meets here, there, everywhere



Some Class of 1947 members gathered for an impromptu lunch at the Flying Bridge Restaurant in Osprey, Florida, last May. Pictured here (l. to rt.) are Mary Ann McGee Greenhalgh, (Bob Force), (Vivian and) Jerry Laschinski, Phyllis Ford Force, Sheila Sanders Vaughan, (her sister), Joyce Williams, and (JoAnn and) Tom Anderson.

The EIHS Class of 1947 LOVES to get together. Be it locally or in smaller groups elsewhere across the country, this class of Evanston alumni make an effort to stay in touch. Since their 50th reunion in 1997, the class pledged to hold reunions every five years and occasionally in between. They also have a semiannual newsletter which goes out chock full of news about classmates.

All of this activity requires planning. So, the 1947 Reunion Committee of Fifteen (official name) met in August for a potluck dinner meeting. They are planning a 60th reunion in 2007, and maybe a local lunch in 2005, close to their graduation date of June 19, 1947.

Class Reunion Schedule

REUNIONS IN 2005

Class of 1955 (50th) Reunion

May 13-14, 2005, Hilton Garden Inn on Friday, Evanston Golf Club on Saturday.

Contacts: Ed Swanson, 936 Cedar, Northbrook, 847/272-4753 ed@vpw.com; Sally Cahill, judge36@rcn.com; Carol Cunningham Sawyer, tsawyer11@aol.com. See also the class website at: www.ethsclassof1955.com

Class of 1965 (40th) Reunion

TBA

Contacts: Tim Greenier, 9598-24 Halyards Ct., Ft. Myers, FL 33919, 239/481-2218; Ann Stewart, cnsknar@yahoo.com

Class of 1975 (30th) Reunion

TBA

Contacts: Alison S. Pieters, 2571 N. Bartlett Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, (414) 906-0660, pieterswoneye@hotmail.com

Class of 1985 (20th) Reunion

July 2, 2005

Contacts: Nicole Jacob Marks, 3030 Thayer, Evanston, 847/491-0533, hevanston@comcast.net; Kate Cravens Newman

Class of 1995 (10th) Reunion

TBA

Contact: Diona Kelley, 2309 Ridgeway, Evanston, IL 60201 dionak77@earthlink.net

REUNIONS IN 2006

Class of 1976 (30th) Reunion

TBA

Contact: Barbara Simmons Taylor, 5139 S. Ellis, Chicago, IL 60615, 312/747-6487 (w), 773/955-9676 (h), sunshine70002002@yahoo.com

REUNIONS IN 2007

Class of 1987 (10th) Reunion

TBA

Contact: Rina Campbell, rcampbell@gmx.net

Class of '54, cont. from page 1

starting the EIHS Authors' Bookshelf in 1994, which now has over 600 volumes. In the past we've dealt with material things, and this year the Committee decided to recognize and reward the continued excellence of the students at our Alma Mater. We set out to raise \$10,000 for scholarships, and we're delighted to say that we not only met, but exceeded that goal."

Other class-reunion gifts have included the large "E" banner hung at EIHS graduation and sponsorship of plaques recognizing outstanding faculty and student achievement at EIHS.

A reunion highlight was coffee and rolls in the EIHS Main Lobby on Saturday morning, followed by a talk by Associate Superintendent Laura Cooper, who brought the alums up-to-date on the modern EIHS and its continued commitment to excellence.

After an enlightening Q-and-A session, **Kathy Miehl, '64**, Public/Alumni Relations Director, conducted a tour of the school, much of which had been added after the class graduated in a hot Beardsley Gym in June 1954.

The first two scholarships commemorating the class's 50th reunion were given at Senior Awards Night last spring. Scott Hymen and Robyn Richardson, both of Evanston, each received special scholarships funded by the class.

Classmate **Henry Revis**, a Reunion Planning Committee member and grandfather of a 2004 graduate, noted in his presentation that the scholarships were "a reaching back from one generation to another, an expression of thanks to an institution which continues to educate and inspire its students today just as it did for us fifty years ago."

by John Donohue, '54

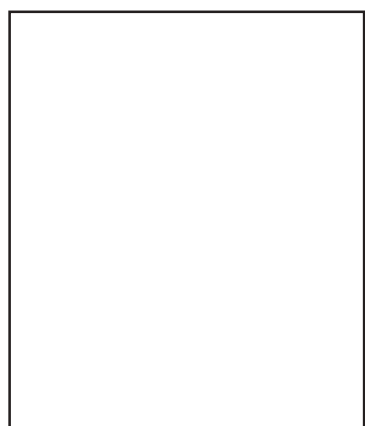
ETHS Alumni Class Notes

1935

Alice Nordberg Terrill, who lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, is "technically retired" but works at the Information Center for the Community Development Corp. in Long Grove, IL. In May, she received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her work as a member and president of the Lions Club of Long Grove. She writes the "Just Dogs" column for the Daily Herald. "Just thought you'd like to see that all 87-year-olds aren't couch potatoes!" She drove (alone!) to Oklahoma and Texas in July. "Oh, yes, I have fun!"

1936

Roy W. Fletcher, Jr., was a member of the Military Training Corps, under Lt. Jones, during his four years at ETHS. "The training served me well during my tour as a Naval Aviator in the Aleutians and the Pacific Fleet during WWII," he said.



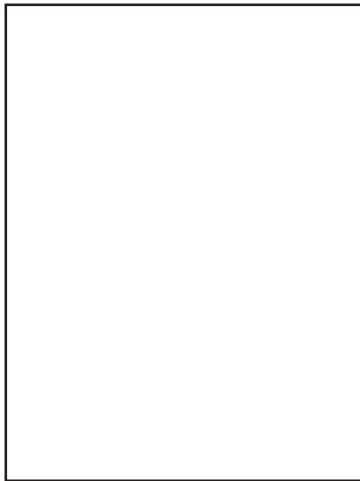
Cadet Lt. Roy W. Fletcher, Jr., ETHS Military Training Corps, '36

1943

Richard Kruse retired in 1996 from the independent "pool and spa biz." His wife Marilyn, a nurse, continues to work. They live in San Diego and their daughters **Meg, '75**, and **Mary, '79**, and son, Rick, live nearby.

1946

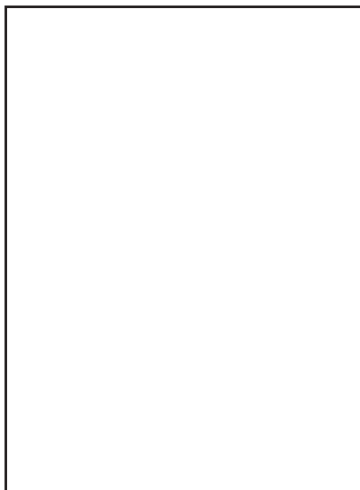
Margaret Sherman Kennedy recently went hiking in Iceland with Elderhostel and then flew to Oslo, Norway, took the train to Bergen, and took the ship Finnmarken to the North Cape and Kirkenes.



Peg Sherman Kennedy '46, onboard the Finnmarken in Bodø, Norway.

1947

Donald DiSilvestri married Carmen Cisneros just over a year ago, and they live in Chapala, Mexico.



Carmen Cisneros

Joyce Charn Hawk is a self-employed watercolor artist and teacher, who lives in E. Harwich, Mass. Her work is shown at the 820 Main Gallery in Harwich on Cape Cod.

1948

Bert and **Judy Clark Reinthal** celebrated their 50th anniversary in May 2004 with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. "We had a simply fabulous time!" They live in Rogers, AR.

Marjorie Osborn Roeder, a retired high school guidance course-

lor, now enjoys church work, volunteering at an elementary and middle school, singing in a large community chorus (which sang at Carnegie Hall in 2003), and traveling, especially cruising, with her husband. They live in Colorado Springs, CO.

1955

Rosalie Hildebrecht Perfler is married to Olaf, and they live in Ione, CA, on 40 acres with sheep, donkeys, cats, and a dog. They also have two kids. They have lived in Vienna, Austria (Olaf's home), England, Australia, and New Zealand, and have traveled all over Europe. Rosalie loves gardening, hiking, dogs, arranging flowers, concerts, and shell collecting. They have designed and built two homes.

1957

Charles Jaynes retired in 2000 after 38 years of teaching high school English, mostly in Florida. He soon took a part-time (now full-time) job as Parish Administrator with an Episcopal church in St. Petersburg, FL, where he lives.

1959

Douglas Baily, an attorney, lives in Juneau, AK, with Landa, his wife. He was recently elected to a 6-year term on the Alaska Judicial Council, which nominates lawyers for appointment as Alaska state judges. Only those nominated by the council can be appointed by the Governor; Alaska has no elected judges.

Robert Roth retired last June after 39 years as a teacher, middle- and high-school principal. He earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1971. He was a principal in Illinois, Colorado, and Oregon. He is married to **Georgia Wade, '62**, and they live in Bend, OR.

1960

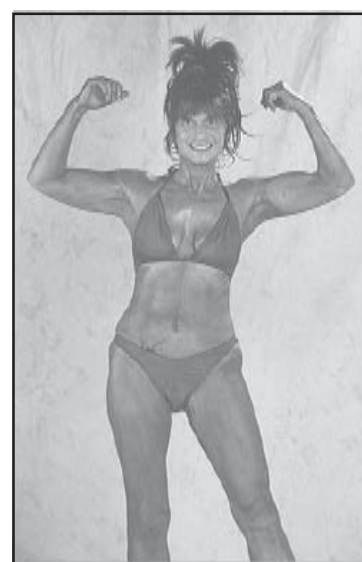
Barbara Lovelace Williams is a medical transcriptionist for Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, CO, where she lives. Married to Clarence Williams, they have 9 children (1 hers, 8 his). She still plays some tournament tennis, sings in a church choir and in concerts, and works full time. She has traveled to Europe, Mexico, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii.

1961

Caroline "Lynn" Stafford Halusek works for the Glenview, IL, public school district and is owner of Lavenderia Laundries. She and husband Jim live in Glenview. They have a son and daughter and four grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.

1962

Bobbi Rose Sloan has won another bodybuilding competition (at age 60!). She is now Ms. Grand Prix Grand Masters Women. You go, Girl!



Bobbi Rose Sloan, '62

1963

Lynn Seidel Oliva is Administrative Specialist with Lions Clubs International in Oak Brook, IL. A widow after 30 years of marriage, she remarried to David Oliva in 2003. They live in Chicago, IL.

1962

Georgia Wade Roth retired in June 2004 after 20 years working with elementary school special-education students. She lives in Bend, OR, with husband **Robert, '59**. Sons Rob, an architect, and Tim, high-school science teacher, live nearby in Portland.

1965

Janice S. Jones, who retired as ETHS's Director of Human Resources in June, recently returned from the national conference of the American Association for Employment in Education, held in Salt Lake City, where she was awarded with an Emeritus Membership. Janice is a past National President of the organization.

1971

Alicia M. Bjornson is the resource interpretive specialist at Hancock House in Salem County, New Jersey, overseeing the day-to-day operation of the facility that attracts about 4,000 visitors annually. The Revolutionary War-era site is noted for a massacre there of a local militia by British troops who were angered that Gen. George Washington had outsmarted them and gotten supplies for their Valley Forge troops from Salem County. Bjornson and an assistant who works during the summer months staff the site.

1976

Nanci Fine is "suddenly single" and "back to work after 15 years raising kids." She lives in Woodbury, MN, and is a Customer Service Sales Assistant with the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

1981

Amy Wadsworth Platt and her husband, Adam, live in Minneapolis, MN, where she works as a real-estate attorney for Target Corporation. They have two children: son Holden, and daughter Melinda, who was born this past May.

1987

After six years at Hewitt Associates, **Laura Bryant** quit to become self-employed. She has a master's in clinical psychology (working at EIHS as a teaching assistant while earning the degree) and is certified as a fitness trainer. She is now devoted to helping women reach their health and fitness goals. Her first book, *Trust Yourself to Transform Your Body: a Woman's Guide to Health and Weight Loss*, is due out this month. She now lives in Gurnee, IL, and would love to hear from any area alums (extra5@sbccglobal.net).

1988

Christen Herron Murray is a social worker and "Mommy." She and husband Tim and their two children live in Evanston.

Cathleen Purnell Podell, husband Jon, and daughter Maggie welcomed new son/brother baby James to the family last April (11 lbs., 7.9 oz). They live in Wheaton, IL. Grandmother **Elaine Borland Purnell, '64**, who lives in Evanston, just can't stop smiling.

1989

Michael Lopina is a firefighter/paramedic with the Lockport, IL, township fire district, and a fire-science instructor at both Joliet Junior College and the College of DuPage. He belongs to the Will County Model Railroaders Assn. and serves on the Board of Directors for the Lockport Area Genealogical and Historical Society. Michael and wife Gina live in Lockport.

Shannyn Gillespie is the first head coach of the new women's Greco-Roman wrestling program by the US Olympic Education Center, which is housed at Northern Michigan University. A state and national wrestling champ at EIHS, Shannyn competed for Lock Haven University, where he took third at the 1993 NCAA Championships. He trained for two years at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO, and has much experience as an assistant wrestling coach at Northern Illinois U, California U of Pennsylvania, Northwestern U, and EIHS. Most recently he was executive director and coach with the Black Kats Wrestling Club in Evanston. In addition to working with the USOEC team, Shannyn is a member of USA Wrestling's national women's coaching staff.



Shannyn Gillespie, '89

Heather Prete made her Goodman Theatre debut this fall in the premiere of Arthur Miller's latest work "Finishing the Picture." In Chicago, she has worked at Steppenwolf Theatre, European Repertory Company, Shakespeare Repertory Company, and Raven Theatre. Film credits include *Bokshu The Myth, The Room Next Door, Expecting Mercy, D.D. Rutherford, The Dreamers*, and the upcoming independent film *Light*. TV credits include *March in Windy City* (BBC-TV), *Cop Show, The Jamie Kennedy Experiment, The Pretender, Cupid*, and *Early Edition*.

1990

Make it three for **Jared Davis**. His latest baby, Myah Jacqueline, was born last May, weighing in at 6 lbs. 7.8 oz.

1991



Robert Gary, '91

Robert Gary, an All-State soccer player and state two-mile champ while at EIHS, competed in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in Greece this summer in his second Olympics. He qualified by finishing third at the 2004 US Trials with a time of 8 min., 19.46 seconds. While he failed to advance in Greece, he has a nice collection of national medals: 2003 US 4km cross-country champion; and in the steeplechase, 1999 US National silver medalist and 2003 US National bronze medalist. Gary is head cross-country coach and assistant track coach at Ohio State.

1992

Michael Dougherty, a math teacher at a middle school in West Oakland, CA, is married to **Jennifer Nodot, '93**, who is a full-time Mom to their son Aiden. They live in Berkeley, CA.



Michael Dougherty, '92, Jennifer Nodot, '93, and their son Aiden.

1994

EIHS basketball (and track) phenom **Pollyanna Johns Kimbrough** currently plays center for the WNBA's Houston Comets. Pollyanna was introduced to basketball her freshman year and was on the All-State team by the time she graduated. She went to the University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in sports management and communications, and was the school's all-time leader in field-goal percentage (.552), second in rebounds (827), and sixth in scoring (1,261). Check out her professional stats at www.wnba.com.

1996

Philip Yau married Cynthia Kop last year in Hawaii at a wedding attended by several EIHS Wildkits. The couple currently reside in New York City.

1997



Wil Blades, '97

Wil Blades has become one of San Francisco's top organists. Now 24, he has played professionally in the Bay area since his first year as a jazz-studies major at the New College of California. He began playing and studying drums at age 8, guitar at 13, and organ at 18. He's been tutored by jazz organist Dr. Lonnie Smith, and has performed and recorded with such artists as Melvin Sparks, Idris Muhammad, and Soulive. For the past four years, he has been house organist at John Lee Hooker's Boom Boom Room and teaches at the Berkeley Jazz School. Wil and his quartet played at the Green Mill in Chicago last August.

2000

Zach Gilford graduated from Northwestern University last June with a degree in acting. In early January (tentatively the 4th), he will appear in an episode of *Law and Order SVU*. Zach lives in New York City.

2003 and 2004

Sutton Crawford, '03, and **Michael Eisenstein, '04**, made their New York stage debuts November 5 in the Gotham Shakespeare Company's production of "Titus Andronicus." Sutton, who attends the New School, already had a role in the show and recommended Michael, who studies acting at New York U-Tisch, when they were looking for a combat-friendly actor (he is a 3rd-degree black belt in taikwon do).

Letters to the Editor

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL—I don't know if Norm Raedle sent you a copy of our [Class of 1947] newsletter, but the Everett Opie story goes directly back to you when you ran a front-page story in the Spring 2000 issue of The KIT about Ev's art work—and included my name. Ev's cousin, Bruce Johnson, ETHS '60, saw the article and called me to say he and his mother had lost track of Ev.

I gave him Wally Burr's phone number in New York, and Wally arranged to take Bruce and his mother (who lives in Evanston) to visit Ev in his home-care facility in the Bronx, NY. The family was reunited and stayed in touch till Ev's death. Bruce sent a nice thank you for all those involved in this family reunion.

Your KIT story started this chain of events, in case you've ever wondered about the power of the press. Thank you.

Joyce Macdonell Meinert, '47

PHOENIX, AZ—I graduated from ETHS in 1937, and like many of my classmates, continued on to Northwestern. My four-year GPA was 93, not enough to get me a scholarship to NU, although I was offered two scholarships at lesser schools. However, my training at ETHS exempted me from Freshman English, and my three years of Spanish there left NU nothing to offer me except a semester of *Don Quixote*, read and discussed entirely in Spanish.

During WWII, I was accepted into the US Navy as a WAVE. I served for three years as a recruiter and public-relations specialist. My last assignment was at Naval Air Station, Memphis, where I was editor of the station's news magazine *MemFLite*.

I mention these things to point out what an excellent education I received at our most excellent high school. More recently I have been involved in free-lance writing for various Arizona publications, and produced and wrote a definitive catalog of the Thorne Miniature Rooms at the Phoenix Art Museum.

During the 1990s, I served on the Board of Directors of Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, and was also a tutor for more than a year. I felt that I was really making a difference for the people whose reading I helped to improve.

I've always been proud of our school, and proud of the way it has held its place as a leading US high school. The Spanish I learned so many years ago even comes back to help me deal with the linguistically challenged Latinas who clean my house. We speak a sort of "Spanglish" together.

So, thank you, ETHS. Thank you, Miss Grimsley, Mr. Whipple, Miss Thompson, and Miss Colborn, and all the other excellent teachers who expanded my teenage mind all those years ago!

Susanne Maurer Thorne, '37

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL—It has taken me a year to put all of my thoughts together about my Class of 1973's 30th reunion because when something happens that is so good, you have to share it. If you haven't been to your high-school reunion, you do not want to miss the opportunity.

There was magic in the air for me. I had been a part of my 10th and 20th years, and those reunions were good, but the 30th was the best! Being on the committee got my spirits moving for this special event since reunions are my connection to stay in touch with classmates. At my 30th, I used my computer to send out information and was so amazed at the e-mails I received back. I hope we have more than five or six classmates to organize the next reunion. Imagine the turnout and endless possible ways we all can plan.

The 30th brought out the best in me. I saw girlfriends from my grade school and junior high. We are still in touch and now plan monthly outings. We laughed all night and some of us never sat down to breathe. There were groups just talking and catching up—it was like being in high school all over again.

My dreams came true. The songs "Oh What a Night" and "This Magic Moment" best describe it. I turned around on the dance floor and my night began. When I asked him to dance, it was like we were the only ones on the floor. Things like this never happen to me. I'm the social butterfly who never wants to get too involved and who never sits down until it's time to clean up and go home. This time was different.

So, go to your reunion with an open mind and heart. You might be surprised. To the gentleman who touched my heart that night, thank you.

By a 1973 Classmate

In Memory

1920s

Regina (O'Toole) Larson, 1922 (9/5/04)

1930s

Amy (Plochman) Werner, 1932 (4/3/04)

John A. Diener, 1935 (7/14/04)

Katharine E. Gran, 1935 (5/31/04)

Marcella (Powers) Masterson, 1935 (6/15/04)

Erle L. Van Geem, 1935 (4/6/04)

Donald Guritz, 1936 (6/14/04)

Marion (Kluge) Carlisle, 1937 (7/12/04)

Andrew D. Singleton, 1937 (3/20/04)

Ruth (Dahlgren) Dahlby, 1938 (4/1/04)

John R. Foster, 1930 (10/28/04)

John H. Perkins, 1939 (9/24/04)

1940s

Richard Lawrence, 1940 (8/18/04)

Linnea (Lundgren) Onderdonk, 1940 (10/7/04)

Elsie (Krizsanitz) Saleski, 1940 (10/9/04)

Lorraine (Schaeve) Gersdorf, 1941 (6/6/04)

Faith (Weiss) Watts, 1941 (8/4/04)

Alicia (Edward) Williams, 1942 (7/19/04)

Herbert E. Simpson, 1942 (7/15/03)

Bertha (Spencer) Murray, 1943 (6/30/04)

Barbara (Laffoon) Sizemore, 1944 (7/24/04)

Everett Ralph Gibbs, 1945 (6/14/04)

Carl O. Schultz, 1946 (9/2/04)

Gladys (Bartlett) Jennings, 1947 (10/14/03)

Nancy (Bristol) Hass, 1947 (5/6/04)

Roger S. Ligare, 1947 (3/22/04)

Everett G. Opie, 1947 (6/11/04)

Harold J. Richardson, 1947 (5/17/04)

Mary Anne (Tanner) Wilson, 1947 (10/4/04)

Elaine (Westerberg) Malin, 1947 (6/11/04)

1950s

Richard H. Vaaler, 1950 (12/22/03)

Lora (Wehlitz) Shafer, 1950 (7/03)

Samuel C. Caldwell, 1952 (5/24/04)

Joan (Forman) Downing, 1952 (10/30/04)

William B. Strong, 1956 (7/23/04)

Dorothy (Dixon) Wynn, 1958 (5/8/04)

Joanne (Henry) Roseman-Hudson, 1958 (4/25/04)

1960s

Thomas McCreadie, 1961 (10/11/04)

Michael Abrahamson, 1962 (4/9/04)

Gayle Radebaugh, 1962 (5/6/04)

Robert E. Archer, 1964 (7/12/04)

Frank Larkin, 1964 (5/10/04)

Judy (McCain) Williams, 1965 (9/04)

Allen D. Snagel, 1965 (4/12/04)

Dana Elizabeth Bramlette, 1966 (9/26/04)

Mark Jackson, 1966 (7/30/04)

1970s

Victor Affinati, 1970 (5/14/04)

Dennis E. Brennan, 1972 (7/16/04)

Jeffrey James, 1972 (8/10/04)

Phyllis K. Kirk, 1972 (7/30/04)

Cynthia A. Forehand, 1973 (6/12/04)

Steven Jennings, 1974 (5/25/04)

Donna (Winfield) Terry, 1974 (9/24/04)

Renee Barnes, 1976 (8/14/04)

John W. Murray, 1976 (6/19/04)

1980s

Rosemarie (Barrett) Palmer, 1981 (5/11/04)

1990s

Ted Stanger, 1995 (11/7/04)

ETHS Authors' Bookshelf grows and grows

We continue to get a wonderfully diverse selection of material authored by ETHS alumni. Thanks to all who so generously participated in our collection efforts.

Most of us are familiar with Anne Boleyn who lost her head to Henry VIII, but **Margaret Doner '72**, has sent us her historical novel *Lies and Lust in the Tudor Court: The Fifth Wife of Henry VIII*, featuring Katheryn Howard, the mercurial, strong-willed, sexy woman who married the aging King.

Many writers find their subjects in a lifelong passion and **Henry Bender '54** is no exception. His book, now in its fifth printing, is about the Uintah Railway (that's pronounced Yew-in-tah), one of the last narrow-gauge lines built in the Rockies. What's a narrow-gauge line? Guess you'll just have to read the book! Henry also sent a selection of articles he wrote for *S&P Trainline*, the official publication of the Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society, and *The Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette: Accurate Information for Fire Model-building*.

The New Harvard Guide to Women's Health is the latest contribution from **Terra Ziporyn '76**, who has already generously donated other books of hers to the Bookshelf. This comprehensive volume answers many questions women ask about their health. Terra's background in history of science and medicine as well as journalism guarantees the usefulness of this informative book.

Gale Bratnober Brugeman '62, reached into the past and involved her family in the project that became *Soldier and Scribe: The Autobiography of Augustus Charles Bratnober*. Gale's great-great-grandfather Augustus (1842-1918) began writing the story of his life, including his Civil War experiences, in 1900. His daughter made typewritten copies of the handwritten work which was lost. Gale collaborated with other family members to produce the modern edition that is now part of the Bookshelf.

Another life story comes from **John M. Ferren '55**. His book, *Salt of the Earth, Conscience of the Court*, is the

biography of Justice Wiley Rutledge, the eighth and last justice appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. John conducted more than 160 interviews to complete the book; his own judicial work provides additional depth to this profile of one of the Supreme Court's leading liberal activists and early supporter of racial equality, free speech and church-state separation.

Anna Viadero '76 has contributed *Local Color - the First Five Years: Stories by Western Massachusetts Senior Citizens About Life as They Remember It*, a collection of memoirs she edited. Anna taught a memoir-writing class to a group of 70-95-year-olds, many of whom entered the class saying, "I'm not a writer." The varied stories in this collection contradict that statement many times over.

Another collection of writings has been donated by editor **Vi Van Zelst Orr '45**. *Word Explosion: Treasures in Poetry and Verse Written by the Mentally Ill, their Family Members, Friends and Professionals* provides a fascinating and powerful view into the world of the mentally ill through creative writing.

Mary Lyndon Shanley '62, Political Science prof at Vassar College, has compiled a collection of essays (including one of her own) entitled *Just Marriage* on the timely topic of, well, marriage. These essays discuss such issues as groundbreaking legal decisions on gay marriage, promotion of marriage for low-income families, and whether marriage is a private or public act.

Lynn Twist '62 has traveled the world as an activist and fund raiser and has used her experiences to write the book *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life*. It is about our relationship with money and how the anxiety, suffering and challenges most people have with money can be lessened by looking at money in a new context. The book won the Nautilus Book Award Grand Prize for Best Book of 2003.

Claire Zulkey '97 sent her witty and provocative

collection of essays entitled *Girls, Girls, Girls* which challenge gender stereotypes and the unspoken rules of chick lit.

Finally, a book entitled *Plane and Solid Geometry with Practical Problems*, authored by a former ETHS math teacher, **Marquis J. Newell**, published in 1918, was donated by Gene and Ellen Stern, themselves former ETHS teachers. It's certain to be the oldest book on the Authors' Bookshelf!

Thanks to all who donated their work. The Authors' Bookshelf collection reflects the diverse interests and talents of alumni who have chosen to share their expertise and creativity with us through published material. The Bookshelf is not a museum, but a circulating collection that can be accessed in person during school hours or online through the North Suburban Library System catalog LIAISON (www.nslsilus.org). Resumes and photos of contributors are displayed in notebooks adjacent to the books.

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