

## Northwestern, ETHS expand partnership

Twenty-first century educational demands require a “village-like” response to engage today’s students and provide them with essential skills they need to compete and become leaders. To that end, ETHS has forged a strong connection with a variety of community partners to tap into their resources and expertise on behalf of its students.

Most recently, ETHS and Northwestern University’s Office of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education Partnerships cemented a formal relationship that will provide ETHS students and faculty with cutting-edge STEM experiences in academics, research, and career exploration.

**On September 6, a** ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by (l. to rt.) NU President Morton Shapiro, ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon, and Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, opened the new NU/ETHS Partnership Office just off ETHS’s main lobby. Funded by NU, program coordinator Kristen Perkins will facilitate connections between the two academic institutions, particularly in



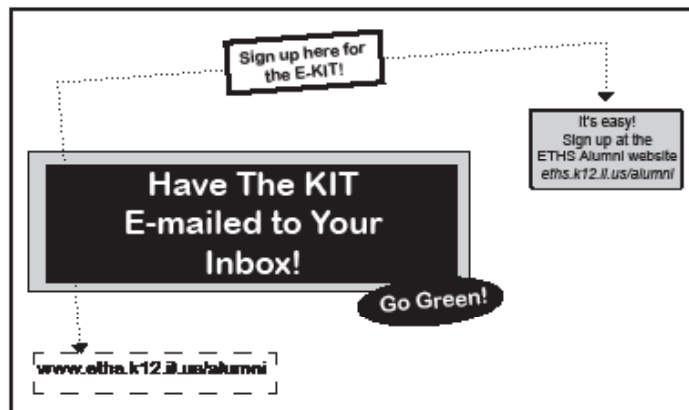
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STEM education. While this is the latest cooperative venture, other connections include research initiatives, advanced college credit, college scholarships, Dance Marathon, fiber-optic connections, Project EXCITE, and a visiting NU math professor, among others.

In addition, Northwestern and ETHS have organized a loose consortium of higher education and K-12 schools to study how they can significantly increase and retain the number of academically prepared high-school students of color choosing to enroll in selective colleges. In early October, NU hosted a workshop for educators at

both levels to begin discussions about this challenging issue.

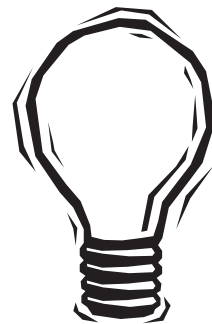
**More than 30** K-12 administrators and higher education leaders met including the presidents or chancellors of NU, Syracuse U, Alcorn State, and the U of Colorado-Boulder; as well as admissions directors, deans and professors from Amherst College, Duke U, NU, Williams College, Winston-Salem State, and the U of Pennsylvania. Efforts are now underway to develop formal goals and concrete steps to take and to increase the pool of school districts and colleges and universities involved in the effort.



## ETHS and NorthShore University HealthSystem are Named Top Energy Savers

Evanston Township High School was named one of the winning teams for the “Big 7 Savers Challenge” by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), which held a yearlong energy-efficiency competition. Officials from the City of Evanston and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) announced in mid-April that ETHS and NorthShore University HealthSystem earned top honors in the challenge.

**ETHS earned** the largest per-person savings, cutting electric bills by an average of 3.15-percent, for a



total savings of \$2,425 and 17,967 kWh. Overall, families in the competition cut energy use by a total of \$39,486.92 and 292,495 kWh. That’s enough energy to power about 740 refrigerators for a year, according to federal statistics.

## Alumni Association supports Poetry Week 2012 (and 2013)

A student stood at the microphone during his lunch period in Michael Library and read his poem in rap style, looking at his I-phone, before an attentive audience of 200 students and staff. This was Open Mic, the closing event to ETHS’s 10<sup>th</sup> annual Poetry Week last spring, which the Alumni Association helped to sponsor.

The Open Mic continued for three periods, when students came voluntarily or with their classes to listen to others or to read their poems in front of their peers. At the end of each period, students and staff served pizza and cookies (baked by students in culinary arts classes) as another group came in and took their seats.

What most excites the poetry committee is the “magic” that happens

when the students find their authentic writing voice and feel free to say what they see as important, whether it’s something personal, something about “their people” or culture, something philosophical, or just humorous. We also like that Open Mic students come from all ability levels and ethnicities. This gives them an opportunity to speak to and listen to one another.

**For three days,** teachers had the opportunity to bring their students to several workshops. Monday and Wednesday, Jim Flanagan, New Jersey poet and story teller, engaged students in 22 classes each day with his down-to-earth approach to writing their stories in verse.

On Tuesday, poet Kevin Coval conducted poetry presentations and

writing workshops. He brought Malcolm London, a 19-year-old “up and coming” poet and winner of the “Louder Than A Bomb” Chicago youth poetry competition. Together they performed their own poetry and engaged students in discussion with time to share some lines of their own.

Throughout the week, 20 teachers brought 88 classes to the events. Our preparation starts in the fall to develop a theme for Poetry Week with classes of students, and with graphic-design classes to create posters and buttons to give to Open Mic readers.

**We sincerely** thank the Alumni Association for partnering with us so we can continue to offer Poetry Week workshops and Open Mic, a place and time for students to write



Students shared their own poems at Open Mic sessions.

and express themselves within the context of ETHS.

*Poetry Week Committee:*

Nancy Figel, ETHS Librarian; Shari Iverson, Library Assistant; Angie Tomcik, Interim Librarian; and photographer Rich Izzo, Library Substitute.

*By Shari Iverson*

[*Editor’s note:* On November 12, the Alumni Association Board approved a new grant to the 2013 Poetry Week committee to continue its work.]



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From the Superintendent

by Eric Witherspoon, ETHS Superintendent

STEM education—Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—is vitally important to our nation’s future. The demand for well-educated students who are prepared for these careers is critical. And the need for outstanding teachers in STEM fields is vital. Fortunately, ETHS is poised to meet the 21<sup>st</sup>-century requirements. Our students are highly interested in STEM courses and careers, and our teachers rank among the best-qualified in high-school education. Our STEM programs have been honored as ranking among the best in the nation by Siemens Corp. and Intel, recently winning prestigious state and national awards.

Moreover, ETHS and Northwestern University announced a groundbreaking partnership this fall. NU has opened a fulltime office of STEM partnerships at ETHS, providing curricular enhancements, professional development for our teachers, professors and graduate students who bring the latest research to our classrooms, and access to learning opportunities on NU’s campus.

ETHS offers our acclaimed Chem/Phys program and many challenging honors and advanced placement (AP) classes in science. Students can take a vast array of technology courses, and we integrate technology in our classrooms across all academic disciplines. We offer a nationally-rated, five-course sequence in engineering. And our math faculty teach courses that include AP Calculus, AP Statistics, and

AP Multivariable Calculus/ Linear Algebra, to name a few. Each year our science and math teams compete regionally and nationally, garnering many awards.

But even with all these accelerated courses, with all our top-flight teachers and motivated students, and with our NU/ETHS STEM partnership, we have a great need. Our science labs are outdated. In fact, we are still using the same science labs alums were using in the 1960s. The world of STEM education has changed dramatically, but our facilities do not match 21<sup>st</sup>-century requirements.

Over the years, we have done a terrific job maintaining this beautiful school and keeping it in tip-top condition. We have also been very successful making many upgrades. But the tough reality is we do all this with a very small capital-projects budget that is capped by state-funding restrictions placed on schools in the 1990s. We are very good at stretching our dollars, but there just isn’t enough funding to do all the major projects that are needed.

Fortunately, Leonard Schaeffer, ’63, has seen the need. He has generously pledged \$500,000 towards creating three STEM labs at ETHS and has challenged the ETHS Educational Foundation to raise an additional \$100,000 to complete the three labs. STEM labs are learning spaces equipped with interactive technology that will allow our students to benefit from 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning environments and



for teachers to provide 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning experiences that are currently limited in our outdated science labs.

You will hear more from the Foundation about the need, about the challenge grant, fundraising, and about the difference STEM labs will make for today’s and tomorrow’s learners. I hope the investment this community made in your education at ETHS has served all of you well over the years. Now I am encouraging you to invest in the next generation so they can have all the state-of-the-art advantages that ETHS graduates have enjoyed for generations.

I hope ETHS alums step up and not only meet the \$100,000 challenge, but build on Leonard Schaeffer’s gift and possibly fund even more STEM lab renovations at ETHS. We have 24 science labs and they all need significant upgrades. Please help us serve upcoming generations and assure that we continue our prominence in STEM education. The beauty of being Wildkits is that each generation has generously invested in the next, which has resulted in a standard of excellence that has remained strong for decades. Thank you for helping us keep this tradition going strong. Go Wildkits!

Concert Choir sings at White House



This fall, the Alumni Association contributed \$4,500 toward the ETHS Concert Choir’s trip to Washington, DC. The choir, directed by Mary Theresa Reed, was invited by the White House to perform during its Winter Caroling season. Fifty-eight students, grades 9-12, took part in this prestigious concert as well as performances at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC, and Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas, VA. Students toured our nation’s capitol with stops at the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetary, Old Post Office, Holocaust Museum, and a cruise on the Potomac.



# From the Alumni President

by *Joel Servillo, '01*

Plato is quoted as saying “The direction in which education starts a (person) will determine (their) future in life.” I have adjusted this quote so as not to exclude women, as Plato did, but I feel strongly that Plato is correct. Education is the foundation of growth and change, the tiny seed that blooms in each of us according to our will to tend it.

**And as an** ETHS alum, I share a powerful heritage with every other member of this community. All of us were given this gift by the faculty and staff at ETHS, a group that changes every year as well, but always one with a singular goal: to aid the children of their community in growing into adulthood and reaching their potential.

No small task, then. And one that has been develop-

ing to fit the needs of the student body at ETHS for approaching 130 years. Dr. Otis E. Haven (the namesake of Haven Middle School) believed a diverse curriculum was important for the students attending his school. Today, you can see that belief in the wide array of classes in a variety of disciplines that are offered to present Wildkits.

What’s more, the ETHS faculty is dedicated to making an impact outside of the classroom; the list of extracurricular activities available this year is frankly astonishing. And this is where we as alumni can meet the teachers at our alma mater half way.

**The Alumni** Association leverages the funds from our incredibly supportive community to help off-set the bottom line for teachers, and mitigate the cost

of some programs and activities for students in need. We all know how important these years are for students, and we want to ensure that each new class is afforded *at least* the opportunities we had while we attended ETHS.

**The Alumni** Association is a conduit for growth and change, our channel to give back for what we were ourselves given. Let us know what groups, teams, classes or activities mattered most to you as a student, and share your memories and experiences on the ETHS Alumni Association Facebook page. If you’d like to have a more direct impact, please contact our Alumni Relations office to find out more about the Association. As always, we look forward to hearing from you!

## Cast, crew, orchestra celebrate “The Mikado” 50th anniversary at ETHS

Evanston Township High School’s Emmy Award-winning production of “The Mikado” turned 50 last spring. And, on May 12, over 60 members of the cast, crew, and orchestra came in from all over the country to gather in the ETHS auditorium, where it all began, to relive the magic of that momentous musical event. Over 170 students were involved in the original production (77 cast and chorus, 55 orchestra, and 43 crew members).

**ETHS presented** Gilbert and Sullivan’s delightful operetta in Spring 1962. In the audience was Arthur Thorson, TV producer, who at the urging of his boss, Clark B. George, Vice President and General Manager of CBS’s Chicago affiliate WBBM-TV, attended the show. According to Thorson, he was so impressed by the “beauty of the auditorium-town of Titipu and the near-professional performance of the cast” that he convinced his station to tape the ETHS musical and air it as part of WBBM-TV’s Repertoire Theatre Series the following fall.

“The Mikado” aired September 11, 1962, preempting two evening family favorites and sponsored by Hills Brothers. On May 13, 1963, ETHS’s “Mikado” was awarded three Emmy Awards by the Chicago Chapter of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, making ETHS the first high school in the United States to have a student production so honored by the Academy.

**Jim Radford, '62**, who played violin in the “Mikado” orchestra, made an audiotape of the 1962 broadcast. This he converted to CD, which with WBBM’s permission, was given to the Mikado alums as a gift. **Charles “Corky” Troy, '63**, produced a 20-minute PowerPoint of the history of the ETHS production, which was shown at the reunion. William Ditton and Bruce Siewerth, retired Speech Arts teachers, and many cast members shared reminiscences, and **Dan Robinson, '65**, led a rousing sing-along of Mikado favorites, accompanied by cast member **Bob Holst, '62**.

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We love to hear from our alumni all across the country and around the world. Let us know what you are up to! Following are ways to share what’s new with other ETHS graduates:

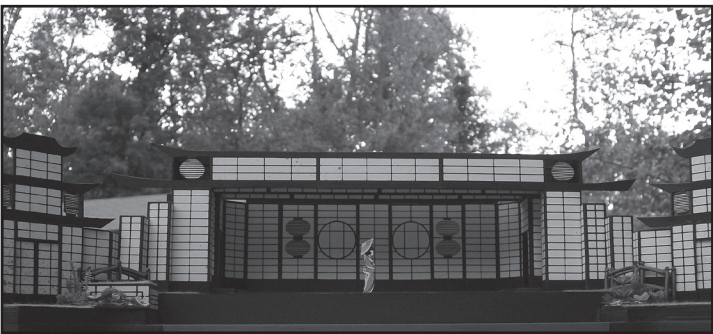
- **Class Notes:** Your personal updates...Where are you working? Where have you traveled? Etc. Send us pictures and a short summary.
- **Mini Class Reunions:** Have you been meeting with a group of your high school friends for years or maybe only recently? Send us your story. Of course, we love pictures too!
- **Class Reunions:** Is one coming up? Did you attend or coordinate your class reunion? Tell us how it went.
- **In Memory:** Do you know of an ETHS alum

- who has recently died? Please let us know the name and date of passing.
- **ETHS Sweethearts:** Did you meet your husband or wife at ETHS? Tell us your story. How long have you been married? What class did you meet in? Of course, we love current and past pictures.
- **Authors’ Bookshelf:** Did you pen a book? Send in your book to be catalogued and shelved on our ETHS Authors’ Bookshelf. Include a summary.

All information may be sent via e-mail to [marcus@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:marcus@eths.k12.il.us) or to Ben Marcus, Asst. Director of Donor and Alumni Relations, ETHS Alumni Association, ETHS, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.



“The Mikado” was taped in the ETHS Auditorium by WBBM-TV in Spring 1962, which aired the following September. Note the camera platforms in the audience.



The set for “The Mikado” was designed by Robert Proper, ETHS Scene Designer and Technical Director. His daughters brought the mock-up he built in 1962 to the show’s 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.



# ETHS Kudos

Last spring and this fall many ETHS students and staff members were honored in a variety of ways.

### STUDENTS

#### In science/engineering...

An 8-member team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Illinois, 19<sup>th</sup> nationally, in the Technology Student Assn. contest.

ETHS's Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Junior Chapter, coached by the SHPE chapter at Northwestern University, won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Chicago Regional Science Bowl, sending five students to nationals.

Two ETHS seniors were national semifinalists in the International Physics Olympiad.

Two seniors won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the team portion of the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, earning them a \$40,000 scholarship.

This fall, senior Laura Goetz was named a semifinalist in the 2013 Intel Science Talent Search (STS), the nation's oldest, most prestigious pre-college science competition. Goetz is one of 300 semifinalists, and one of only five in Illinois, to be selected from more than 1,700 submissions across the country this school year.

#### In music...

In December, the ETHS Symphony Orchestra was chosen to perform in a special open rehearsal with internationally acclaimed conductor Leonard Slatkin at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the world's largest music education conference.

#### In writing...

The ETHS newspaper, *The Evanstonian*, won a gold medal and eight students earned 1<sup>st</sup>-place in the Northern Illinois School Press Assn. contest.

#### In debate...

Senior Noah Whinston earned ETHS's first national championship in the National Forensic League's National Speech/Debate Tournament, where he won in Congressional Debate-Senate.

ETHS's Urban Debate team won the 2012 Allstate Chicago Debate League Championship.

#### In sports...

Girls' track/field claimed their 17th trophy and 28th Top Ten finish as they earned 3rd place at the IHSA state finals.

Boys' basketball, boys' swimming (12 students), boys' tennis (2 doubles), football, girls' badminton



The ETHS Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers made an excellent showing at the Chicago regional competition.

(1 student), boys' golf (1 student) all qualified for state finals.

#### STAFF

Math Dept. chair Peter DeCraene was among 97 math and science teachers nationwide named by President Obama as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. DeCraene has taught math and computer science for 23 years, the past 15 years at ETHS.

Math teacher Zach Herrmann was among 29 Illinois educators recognized for outstanding achievement by the state board

of education, the Illinois Education Association, and the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

Physics teacher Mark Vondracek was awarded Williams College's George Olmsted Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching.

ETHS boys' track/field/cross country Head Coach, **Don Michelin, '69**, was recently inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame in mid-January. Michelin has coached at ETHS for 28 years, helped guide the 'Kits to four state track/field trophies and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in cross country,

and coached five different relay teams to state championships.

Also in January, Girls' track/field coach, **Fenton Gunter, '74**, received Coach of the Year honors for leading ETHS to 3<sup>rd</sup> place at last year's state finals. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> time in 21 years that Gunter has been named Coach of the Year.

## ETHS's Advanced Placement program leads to high national rankings

Last spring, *US News & World Report* ranked ETHS in the top 2% of high schools in the nation. A week later, *The Washington Post* issued its ranking also using data collected nationally, but applying its own formula that included an Equity and Excellence index. Once again, ETHS was ranked among the top high schools in the coun-

try, ahead of many top-flight Illinois schools. Our successes in Advanced Placement courses have directly contributed to our high national rankings.

**ETHS sophomores**, juniors and seniors may take Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which give them a chance to try college-level work in high school. Due

to a concentrated effort to boost AP enrollment, a full quarter of the ETHS student population (25.8%) took AP exams last year, a 2.2% increase from the previous year and the highest percentage of students taking AP in documented history. In addition, the percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher jumped from 65% (in 2011)

to 70% (in 2012). Students earning a 3 or more may be given college credit at many colleges and universities.

Along with this overall increase in AP enrollment, the percentage of students of color taking AP courses has dramatically risen over the last six years. In 2001-02, 23% of the stu-

dents taking AP courses were non-White. Four years later, the percentage rose to 28%, and by 2012, 36%—more than one-third of the 865 students taking AP courses—were students of color.

### AP Comparison at ETHS Over Time

	1973	1984	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of scores grade 3 or higher	349	428	940	1026	1008	1253
Total % w/scores grade 3 or higher	81%	85%	72%	74%	65%	70%
Percent of scores grade 4 or higher	NA	NA	49%	51%	42%	45%
Total school enrollment	4955	3488	2941	2891	2890	2974
Percent of students taking AP exams	5.0%	7.4%	21.2%	21.4%	23.6%	25.8%



# Distinguished Alumni Award

Five alumni of Evanston Township High School (ETHS) received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award at an induction ceremony on December 3. **Gene Bell, '50; Dr. William Cross, '59; Jeffrey Gettleman, '89; Hon. James Zagel, '58; and Dr. Faith Villas, '69,** were honored during the recognition program sponsored by the ETHS Alumni Association and the ETHS school board.

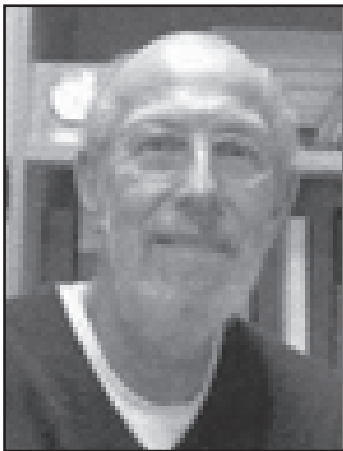
The Distinguished Alumni Award Selection Committee evaluates the nominations each year and selects the recipients. The committee is made up of students, current and former ETHS faculty and staff members, community members, and alumni.

The ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award program was established to recognize and honor the outstanding accomplishments of ETHS graduates and, by celebrating these role models, to inspire today's students to follow their own pursuit of excellence. This year's honorees shared advice and answered questions from the senior Class of 2013 before visiting ETHS classrooms throughout the day.



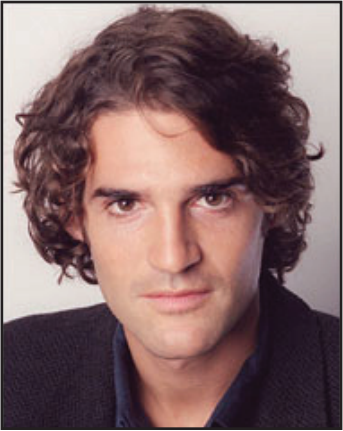
**Gene Bell, '50**

In response to cutbacks in Evanston middle-school athletics, Bell and a handful of other African-American community leaders formed the Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM). While the after-school sports league was initially established to engage black male boys from Evanston, FAAM grew to include girls and young people of all races from all over the area. As the head of the basketball program since its inception, Bell is known for his quiet but firm leadership, and is affectionately called the "Commissioner for Life."



**Dr. William Cross, '59**

One of America's leading theorists and researchers on black identity development, Cross helps bridge societal divides between cultures through research and education. He is currently a professor in the Educational & Clinical Studies Department of the UNLV College of Education. His book, *Shades of Black*, is considered a classic text in African-American studies. Cross is the 2009 recipient of Columbia University's Annual Social Justice Action Award.



**Jeffrey Gettleman, '89**

A 2012 Pulitzer Prize winner, Gettleman covers 12 countries as the East Africa bureau chief for *The New York Times*. Much of his work has focused on internal conflicts and human-rights abuses in neglected parts of the world. He has appeared as a news commentator on major television and cable networks, and often has been praised for his straightforward approach, dubbed the "Gentleman Method" by other journalists.



**Hon. James Zagel, '58**

Prior to his appointment to the federal bench by President Reagan, Zagel led a long and industrious career working on behalf of Illinoisans as an attorney and director of various institutions. He has presided over many high-profile trials, including the 2010 corruption trial of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich. He also published a fictional book in 2002, *Money to Burn*.



**Dr. Faith Villas**

A leading member of the astronomy community, Villas is Chief Scientist for the NASA Planetary Data System archive. During her impressive 30-year career that began at MIT, she has been recognized by American scientific institutions such as NASA and the Department of the Navy for her work in helping to develop a better idea of what space discoveries await us.

# Athletic Hall of Fame

Last August 24, during half-time of the football home opener and before a spirited crowd, ETHS inducted two sports superstars and two dynamic teams into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Honored during the 2012 ceremony were:

**Shalina Clarke**



**Shalina Clarke, '06**

As the most decorated performer in Evanston girls' track history, Clarke earned the Hall of Fame nod in her first year of eligibility. Between 2003 and 2006, she captured an unprecedented eight gold medals at the state finals, along with two silver medals and a bronze. Overall, she totaled 13 top five state finishes, all of them in individual races.

Clarke also competed in basketball and volleyball at ETHS. At the U of Southern California, she was a three-time All-American on the track and was nominated by USC for the NCAA Woman of the Year award in 2010 for her outstanding efforts on the track, in the classroom, and in the community.

She recently competed at the Jamaican Olympic Trials, and now has her sights set on the 2016 Olympics after falling short in her bid to make the Jamaican team in the 100 hurdles.

**Eric Friedler**



**Eric Friedler, '72**

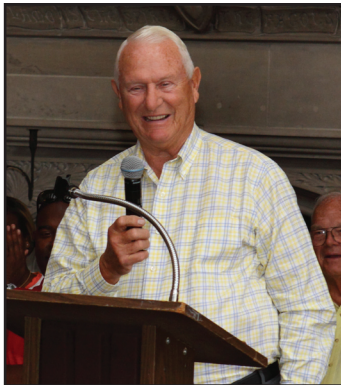
From the first time he held a tennis racket at age four, Friedler's passion for the game has never wavered.

His hardcourt success included a professional career from 1976 to 1980 and featured victories over two players ranked in the top 10 in the world, Ivan Lendl and Peter Fleming.

Friedler was a four-time state qualifier at ETHS, including a state doubles championship in 1970 with partner Bob Thompson. His focus turned back to singles after Thompson graduated, but the state singles crown eluded him his junior and senior years.

Things picked up at the U of Michigan, where he was a four-time All-Big Ten Conference selection, won seven conference titles (three in singles, four in doubles), and reached the semifinals in the NCAA doubles in 1975. Also, he won the inaugural National 21-and-Under championship in 1975, was the national Amateur Clay Court doubles titlist that same year, and was runner-up at the National Grass Court championships. As a professional, Friedler was ranked as high as No. 145 in the world in singles and No. 70 in doubles.

## 1951-52 Football



**Bob Rowe speaking for the '51 football team**

The debate will continue forever as to which Evanston football team was the greatest in school history, but there's no question which was the deepest. The undefeated 1951 squad, coached by Karl Plath, featured such depth at every position that three players who were backups—end David Norris, center John Keating and linebacker Milton "Coot" Gibbs—were selected to All-State teams the following season.

Plath rarely played his first string beyond the first half of games as the Wildkits outscored the opposition 286-41 in eight games,

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including victories over Bloom (33-0), Morton (21-0), Highland Park (80-7), Proviso (20-7), Oak Park (34-7), Waukegan (20-7), Niles (38-13) and New Trier (40-0).

Players of note who later went on to excel in college included All-State choices Bobby McKeiver (halfback), Charlie Thomas (fullback), Duke Rogers (tackle), Willie Stewart (end), and all-Suburban League selections guard Jim Demos, end George Redman, Bob Schmidt (linebacker), Bob Rowe (quarterback), and Bill Bowers (halfback).

1965-66 Soccer



Miles Zaremski, '66, (l.) with Coach Ken McGon-

Head coach Ken McGonagle was expecting a rebuilding year after the Wildkits had tied St. Mel for the state championship in a poll of coaches in the pre-state tournament era the previous season. Instead, goalie Miles Zaremski and his teammates put together an unbeaten season, marred only by a 0-0 tie with New Trier in the season finale as the Wildkits finished 9-0-1.

Zaremski allowed only three goals, all of them by penalty kicks, as Evanston stretched its two-year winning streak to 19 consecutive games with triumphs over Lyons (8-1), Oak Park (5-1), University High (5-0), Morton East (3-1), New Trier (1-0), University High (3-0), Oak Park (2-0), Lyons (2-1) and Morton East (2-0).

Co-captains for the squad were Rafael Salvitierra and Dave Trace, who were named All-Staters along with Zaremski. Trace led the Kits in scoring with eight goals, followed by Jessie Siebert (5), George Merubia (4) and Lester White (4). Other key players were Frank Ling, Rick Klamm and Bob Olin.

Nominate someone for the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame

The Athletic Department seeks nominations for the 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame, established in 1994 to honor outstanding former high-school athletes from ETHS.

CRITERIA

Individual athlete

- Must be an ETHS graduate from the graduating class of 2007 or earlier
- Must have demonstrated outstanding athletic achievement during his/her high-school years and/or after graduation

Coach or administrator

- Must have worked as a coach or administrator at ETHS for at least 10 years
- Must have made outstanding contributions to the ETHS athletic program during his/her time as coach or administrator
- Must be retired

Team

- Must be an IHSA, ETHS-

sponsored sport

- Must be a varsity team from the 2006-07 school year or earlier
- Must have state or national ranking
- Must have displayed excellent sportsmanship and provided a positive impact on the community

You may download a form from [www.athletics2000.com/evanston](http://www.athletics2000.com/evanston) or do your own nomination. Include your name, phone; the nominee's name, address, phone, class year; the sport(s); and a write-up listing high school and post-high school athletic accomplishments (records, awards, championships, college, professional, Olympics, etc.) Feel free to include newspaper articles, etc. with your nomination.

**Nominations are due by May 1, 2013.** Mail applications to Ann Carra, c/o ETHS Athletics, 1600 Dodge Av., Evanston, IL 60201, or fax to 847-492-5806, or email to [carraa@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:carraa@eths.k12.il.us).

The (surprising) meaning of Evanston High School's Athletic Hall of Fame

by Miles Zaremski, '66

The 129-year-old Evanston Township High School (ETHS) established an Athletic Hall of Fame in the 1994-95 school year to honor men and women, teams and now coaches and administrators, who established themselves as outstanding in their athletic or coaching endeavors either while in school, or beyond. This includes for a team having had a positive impact on the community as well. Inductees have included many athletes whose names would be recognized in the sports pages of any Chicago newspaper, not only at the high school and intercollegiate level, but all the way into the professional ranks. I am sure other high schools have established similar athletic recognition entities.

**This fall, I** had the pleasure of joining these ranks as a member of the 1965 ETHS state champ boys' soccer team. Actually, I had a "little" to do with it, since I started the inquiry into it well over four years ago, undertaking hours of research, and gathering and analyzing data for those who would decide our team's fate. It became a "labor of love," or, undertaking a path best described by Abraham Lincoln who once said: "You can have anything you want, if you want it badly enough. You can be anything you want to be, do anything you set out to accomplish, if you hold to that desire with singleness of purpose." To be clear, I never knew President Lincoln said this during any of my work, but my wife, Elena, recently brought his words to my attention.

Joining our team in this recognition was also the high school's 1951 state champ football team; a multiple state champ, NCAA women's track star and Olympic aspirant; as well as a state and Big Ten champ and pro-circuit tennis player. Quite select company to be in to be sure, though Evanston High has a reputation for producing such top-tier student-athletes. *[Editor's note: The late Willie May—track star, Olympian, coach, teacher, and Athletic Director—was also honored. Please refer a reminiscence on page 10.]*

**The ceremonies** brought into town our former head coach, Kenneth McGonagle, from Minnesota (also a star baseball player in his playing days and long-time baseball coach at ETHS, who retired in the late 1980s), as well as players from as far away as Alabama, Florida, Kansas and Wisconsin. I had not seen any of my teammates since we all graduated in 1966, so it was truly a pleasure to reacquaint with them. They all seemed genuinely pleased with what the induction ceremonies meant, though as explained below, the meaning of the event went beyond the "surface."

Certainly Coach McGonagle had an ever-present gleam in his eye and energy in his every step. I also received e-mails from additional team members who could not make it—from Philadelphia to Memphis to Seattle—who expressed well wishes, genuine pride in being part of the recognition, and regrets for not being able to come in.

**Even those** who played on that 1951 team who attended—and there were many from as far away as California—displayed a sense of spirit that had not waned with the passage of some 60 years since they all played together. Maybe it was harkening back to the days when concerns of adult life had yet to materialize, but each seemed to reflect a boyish attitude that reflected genuine respect for one another on and off the field.

The real meaning of the day and event for me did not arise until the ceremonies had long concluded. I received the other evening an e-mail from one of my teammates who attended. He spoke about his successes in another sport on a competitive level, including during the summer before our championship season. This took away from his preparation for the soccer season, and as a result his playing time during the season became limited. Life had its twists and turns for him after high school, but he now devotes some of what he does to mentoring other men who have traveled a wrong path for a long time.

He recalled how ETHS athletic director, Chris Livatino, said during the ceremonies that the Hall of Fame induction would help inspire and motivate students to excellence. "Sometimes the effect may not be immediate, but a seed has been planted," said this former player in my e-mail. The induction of our team and my role with it obviously had offered much more. I was touched by what he had to say, as well as seeing the delight in those who could attend, being recognized 47 years after the toil we all had to put in to achieve what we did. This no doubt was multiplied for those 1951 football players given their present ages and having to look back another 13 or so more years.

**So, in the end,** the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame has become more than getting a plaque installed in the athletic wing of the school for its inductees. It has become, metaphorically speaking, a house where our past rekindles a present avenue to inspire and motivate those still in school to seek and maintain excellence, knowing that life's challenges may still be on the horizon. The Hall of Fame honor lets us know that life is a journey, and, occasionally, if we are individually lucky enough, as we soccer players who composed our '65 team, to recall days of pleasure on the athletic field that lessen, even if only briefly, through a window of moments, present-day concerns and issues.

I at least have come to realize the true meaning of the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame and being one of its inductees. Thanks again Athletic Hall of Fame committee for selecting us.



# Reunion Roundup

## Old friends stay in touch



Several members of the ETHS Class of '64 gather annually to catch up with each other and their families. Pictured here are (top row, l. to rt): Steve Bruhn, '64; Norm Swanson, '64; Jack McCabe, '64; Tom Payne, '64; and Charlie (Chuck) Thompson, '64. (Front row, l. to rt.): Deb Swanson, Jerri Engeln McCabe, '64; Jane Payne, Carol Bruhn, and Barb Thompson. Some members date their friendships back to Lincolnwood elementary school.

## Class of '64 looks to 2014 for The Big One

Planning has begun for the Class of 1964's 50th-year reunion in 2014. Chicago-area classmates who worked on the four previous ETHS '64 reunions have agreed it should be a multi-day affair held in July or August 2014, and that as many classmates as possible should be found and encouraged to attend. To ensure the news reach-

es everyone, initial work will be devoted to updating the class database, aided by the alumni office.

If you received this copy of *The KIT* (alumni newsletter), the Alumni Association knows where you are and shared your address with the '64 planners. If you know classmates who don't receive *The KIT* or

who have moved, please send their data—ASAP—to **Kathy Dalgety Miehl**s, '64, at [kathymiehl@yahoo.com](mailto:kathymiehl@yahoo.com) or **Judith Anderson**, '64, at [judithwanderson@msn.com](mailto:judithwanderson@msn.com).

Anyone interested in joining the planning committee or sharing ideas for the 50th-year reunion should contact Anderson, as well.

## Class of '45 goes Italian for its 67<sup>th</sup> reunion

The Class of 1945 celebrated its 67<sup>th</sup> reunion on September 16, 2012, at Monastero's Ristorante in Chicago. A delicious five-course dinner and beverages were enjoyed by 32 classmates, along with family members and friends.

Owner Joe Monastero and Casey Candebat serenaded us with songs in Italian and English with their captivating and beautiful voices.

Casey is the 2011 winner of Monastero's Bel Canto Foundation Opera Contest.

Classmate **Julian "Junior" Mance** flew in from New York City and entertained us with his original jazz piano rendition of "Home on the Range." Junior is a 2004 recipient of the ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a renowned pianist and composer, recording artist, author and teacher, and

was inducted in the International Jazz Hall of Fame.

Great appreciation goes to classmate **Jim Dowdall** who handled the arrangements for a splendid party. Out 67<sup>th</sup> reunion was one that will linger with many fond and happy memories.

by **Patricia A. Frackner**, '45

## Class of '51: Listen up

Any 1951 classmate that did not receive an e-mail in May 2012, please send your e-mail address to either **Ann Ewing Hardy** ([ann@hardygroup.com](mailto:ann@hardygroup.com)) or to **Jim King** ([JDAJK@aol.com](mailto:JDAJK@aol.com)) so you can receive e-mails starting in February 2013 concerning

details of a class reunion to be held September 19-22, 2013, in Coronado, California.

The committee of **Carole (Korny) Korengold Last**, **Jane Canning Ellis**, **Wes Harris**, and Hardy and King that planned the 55<sup>th</sup>

reunion in San Francisco will be doing the same for the 2013 reunion in Coronado. The latter year and location were requested by the majority of our classmates at the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion in Bozeman, Montana.

by **Wes Harris**, '51

## UPCOMING ETHS REUNIONS in 2013

Please visit [www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/alumni) for the most up-to-date information regarding reunions.

### Class of 1963 50<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion

**Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13**

- *Friday night*: dinner at Hackney's on Lake.
- *Saturday morning*: walking tour of historic Evanston
- *Saturday noon*: lunch at ETHS with scavenger hunt through halls of the school
- *Saturday night*: cocktails and dinner at the Glen View Club
- *Sunday morning*: brunch at Gillson Park
- Website: <http://eths-63.com> Email: [eths63reunion@gmail.com](mailto:eths63reunion@gmail.com)

### Class of 1968 45<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion

**Saturday, August 24**

The Class of 1968 will celebrate 45 years at Prairie Moon Restaurant (1502 Sherman Ave. Evanston) at 7 PM for appetizers and cash bar. \$10 at the door. Come reunite with old friends and meet new ones!

### Class of 1973 40<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion

**Saturday, October 12**

Check out their Classmates.com event page! <http://www.classmates.com/reunions/Evanston-Township-High-School-40th-Reunion/361360>

### Class of 1998 — 15<sup>th</sup>-Year Reunion

**Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21**

It's time to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup>-year class reunion with a whole weekend of events. We hope you & your family can make it!

- *Friday* at 9pm – MEET & GREET, JT's Bar & Grill, 1639 Orrington Ave. Hosted bar from 9pm-12am, cash bar from 12am-close (adults only please). Our DJ will play the music of our generation. A photographer will be there to capture our reunion.
- *Saturday* 1pm-sunset – FAMILY PICNIC, Harm's Woods, Grove 5, in Skokie (Harms & Old Orchard Rds.). Food catered by some Evanston's restaurant staples; Hecky's, Chicken Shack, & Buffalo Joe's. Vegetarian options & beer available. Early arrival is strongly suggested to take advantage of catering. Link to picnic area map, Grove 5: [http://fpdcc.com/downloads/maps/pdf/HarmsWoods2007\\_600dpi.pdf](http://fpdcc.com/downloads/maps/pdf/HarmsWoods2007_600dpi.pdf) Tables/chairs provided, but feel free to bring your own grill, food, table, &/or chairs. Two kids under 10 are free with PAID adult ticket. Kids 10 & up are at a discounted rate of \$15 per child, with PAID adult.
- *Sunday* — We will offer a TOUR OF ETHS at noon.
- Registration for the entire weekend is \$100 per adult, & \$15 per kid over 10. To register, mail your CHECK or MONEY ORDER made out to REBECCA REIZNER to the following address by June 1, 2013: ETHS REUNION 939 Elmwood Ave., Evanston, IL 60202. Let us know your full name (maiden name), email, how many adults, & children (their ages) will be attending with you. You will receive a confirmation email once payment is received. PAID participants will receive a different colored bracelet per event during check-in at JTs Friday. Facebook the reunion: <https://www.facebook.com/events/147660485391504>



# Class Notes

## 1930s



**Fred Emerson, '38,** writes: "I doubt there are very many of the 1938 class of 625 still with us. However, I would enjoy hearing from any who are and remember me. My last visit to ETHS was for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, and I enjoyed seeing and spending time with several close friends. Anyway, here's a picture of me at 92, still playing golf 2-3 times a week!" Fred lives in Wilmington, NC, and you can reach him at [emerson7913@hotmail.com](mailto:emerson7913@hotmail.com).

## 1940s



Last April-May, **Margaret (Peggy) Burdick Sherman Kennedy, '46,** took a trip on a Road Scholar program hiking in Northern Oregon along the coast, walking along the beach, forest, and the mountain. Last October, she flew to New York for a Jane Austen conference, where she stayed at the Marriott Hotel in Brooklyn, and enjoyed lectures, dancing and local side trips.

## 1950s

While at ETHS, **Wes Harris, '51,** won Harvard Book Award and was president of the study body. His senior year, he was state champ in the 100 yd. breaststroke, "allegedly the fastest time of any high school student in the USA," he says. He was invited by the Olympic and Yale swimming coaches to train for the 1952 Olympics during his freshman year at Yale. He served three years in the Navy after graduating from Navy OCS and was involved in the 1956 hydrogen-bomb testing in the Marshall Islands. He attended USD Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review and president of his legal fraternity. He joined a law firm specializing in personal injury and was elected president of the San Diego Trial Lawyers. After 25 years of practicing law, Wes did his lifetime dream of doing a circumnavigation in his own sailboat. After that, he worked as an arbitrator and mediator before serving as a docent with the San Diego Maritime Museum. He's also been Team Captain for the Coronado Rotary Club Relay for Life.



**Christopher Albright, '54,** reports he is working with the Special Education Dept. at Woodlawn Middle School in St. Gabriel, LA, just outside of Baton Rouge. He is also coaching in an indoor soccer league and is proud to report his middle schoolers competed in the Bronze Division of the Indoor High School

League, coming in 4<sup>th</sup> out of eight teams. He just finished training the new roster of boys for a middle-school Outdoor League. Other activities include serving on the Board of the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge. He sends a big Hello and a Go Wildkits! to all fellow alums and notes he still has his old orange and blue wrestling jacket. Contact him at [captchristopher@gmail.com](mailto:captchristopher@gmail.com).

**Larry Templeton, '54,** and wife Cynthia were on their first day in the upper reaches of the Amazon River along with four other couples. "Hi. I'm Larry." "Dick. Where are you from?" "Southern California—Upland." "We're neighbors from Los Altos, near San Francisco." "Hi neighbors. Where did you start out?" "Evanston, IL." "No kidding. Me, too!" "What schools?" "Haven and ETHS" (says Dick, starting to hum "ETHS we will fight for you..., etc.") "Wow! What a coincidence. What class?" "ETHS 1954." "Unbelievable! Me, too!"

The amazing part is that we spent four years in the same two schools at the same time and didn't know each other. To add to the coincidence, my long-time friend **Bob Lorenzini** (also ETHS '54) and his partner Bonnie joined the tour a few days later. We had a great time in Peru, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. Here's some photographic evidence, taken on the last day of the trip. **Dick Zahniser** on the left, Bob Lorenzini in the center and me (Larry Templeton) on the right. ETHS rules!"



**Meriam Bailey Leeke, '55,** was inducted into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Northwestern University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. More recently, she was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame and received the Don Rossi Award from the National Golf Course Owners Association after serving on the Board of Directors and as Association Treasurer for the past 10 years. She still owns the Old Channel Trail Golf Course in Montague, MI, and plays golf as often as she can.

**Lynn Malnekoff, '59,** is single, no kids, earned her BS in Music Education from Northern IL U in 1963, worked as a social worker, teacher, musician, and office manager. She's played viola in the Evanston Symphony Orchestra since 1963 and with other ensembles including the Savoyaires, Symphonic Pops Orchestra of Chicago, Navy Pier Pops Orchestra, Northbrook Symphony, Skokie Valley Symphony, NIU and Northwestern University Symphonies, and Opus 4 String Quartet. She also plays folk, blues and rock fiddle in a variety of styles and is a member of Innisfree Classical Folk Ensemble and a former member of Cactus Juice. Lynn lives in Chicago.

## 1960s



**Frances Anamosa, '68,** is a donor-prospect researcher and database consultant with a long history in research and grant writing in

the world of non-profit foundations and philanthropy. Co-owner of Anamosa, Inc., she earned her BA in Photography and Design from the California Institute of the Arts and an MS in Urban and Environmental Planning from the U of Virginia. Frances met her husband, Paul Anamosa, PhD, while they were both in the Peace Corps in Jamaica. Paul is a soil scientist and works as a consultant in the vineyard industry. They have lived in Napa, CA, since 1997 and have a daughter who is now a sophomore in college in New England.



Four of the five Neece Family members gathered September 2, 2011, in Durham, NC, to celebrate brother Vernon Neece's daughter Sara Beth's marriage and oldest brother Doug's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. All five of the Neece kids graduated from Oakton elementary school, Nichols Jr. High, and finally ETHS. Middle brother **Donald Neece (Class of 1963)** passed away suddenly in 2006. Pictured above (l. to rt.) are: **Becky Neece Evans, '67,** who resides in Braceville, IL; **Doug Neece, '59,** lives in Norfolk, VA; **Cherie Neece Haines, '61,** resides in Peotone, IL, and reunion host **Vern Neece, '64,** lives in Durham, NC.



**Priscilla Lindsay Ferguson-Wagstaffe, '67,** just finished her second year as Chair of the Dept. of Theatre



and Drama at the U of Michigan-Ann Arbor (her alma mater, BA and MA). In winter 2011, she directed two shows: one for the St. Louis Repertory Theatre, the other for University Productions at Michigan. She is regionally admired for her performances in 35 seasons at the Indiana Rep, including 12 years as Associate Artistic Director. Along with her acting and directing, Lindsay is nationally recognized as a top commercial voice talent. Lindsay and husband Richard, a theater designer, have three children: Sarah, William and Margaret. While working in Indiana, she was chair of the John P. Craine House, an alternative sentencing program for non-violent female offenders and their preschool children. She also performed with Suzuki & Friend Chamber Music series, and the Indianapolis Chamber and Symphony Orchestras.

## 1970s



**Brian Siebel, '74,** launched a political blog, Oppose Mitt: Fight for Progressive Change. You can find it at [opposemitt.com](http://opposemitt.com). Brian lives in Falls Church, VA, with his wife Linda and two adopted kids.

**Wendy Woolf, '74,** married Patrick Athey in 1995. They live in Indian, AK, where she is a petroleum land manager for the Division of Oil/Gas, Department of Natural Resources in Anchorage. They have two kids: Jessica, age 25, a grad student at UNC-Chapel Hill; and Elias, age 16, in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

## 1980s



**Jeffrey Gettleman '89,** is the East Africa bureau chief for *The New York Times*. In April 2012, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for his vivid reports, often at personal peril, on famine and conflict in East Africa, a neglected but increasingly strategic part of the world. Read more about Jeffrey in the Distinguished Alumni Article.

## 2000s



**Jessie Mueller, '01,** was nominated last year for a Tony Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical for her Broadway debut, opposite Harry Connick Jr., in “On a Clear Day You Can See Forever.” Prior to her New York opening, Jessie won critical and award-winning acclaim in Chicago at the Goodman, Writers’ Theatre, Marriott Lincolnshire, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Court, and Chicago Shakespeare Theatres. Last summer she performed the plum role of Cinderella in the revival of Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods” at the New York Public Theater’s prestigious Shakespeare in the Park.

## In Memory of George Duncan Macdonald

Every year we celebrate Memorial Day, honoring our nation’s women and men who served our nation gallantly, thousands of times sacrificing their own lives and thousands more who have suffered irreversible injuries — all to protect and preserve our country’s freedom.

President Obama in his speeches last Memorial Day addressed those who were lost and suffered in the country’s two most recent wars, Iraq and Afghanistan. But, he also addressed those who were denied a proper homecoming at the time, the men and women who served in the Vietnam conflict. On May 29, 2012, the country’s flag flew at half-staff throughout the State of Illinois to honor one of those heroes from the Vietnam conflict — **George Duncan Macdonald**. An Arlington National Cemetery funeral with all its regalia also “buried” George on that day as well.

**But just who** was George? Much of what follows is a composite of a story that appeared a couple of months ago in the *Chicago Sun Times* (“Family ends 40-year search for missing Vietnam War captain”) and a Facebook page recently established for George’s and my ETHS class of 1966.

George held the rank of captain in the Air Force. Months before the Vietnam conflict ended, he was a navigator on a converted C-130 gunship during a nighttime mission over Laos. Enemy aircraft took it down in mountainous terrain. Two of the 16 crew members escaped the fiery crash, but the whereabouts of George, or his remains, were unknown.

For the next 12 years, his mother Jean MacDonald, a conservative activist who fought against political corruption, began a search that only a mother could, as she did not believe her boy had died that late December day. It took her all the way to Mexico City for proof that her son was alive, somewhere. Sadly to say, she never found the answer before she herself passed away.



George was well liked by his classmates from Nichols Junior High through high school and beyond. He was a twin, growing up in a household full of siblings. George went on to become a Big Ten athlete at Ohio State, running track. He joined ROTC to assist with his college bills. He wanted to become an Air Force pilot but was prevented by an injury; he opted instead to become a navigator, entering the service in June 1971.

**He went to 'Nam** a year later, and from correspondence written home, he was enthusiastic about his work: tracking enemy troop and truck movements during low-flying, nighttime missions in that massive C-130. On Christmas Eve 1972, while the family gathered for its holiday meal, and only five months after he started serving in Southeast Asia, the doorbell rang. Two Air Force uniform-clad men appeared and delivered news no family of a service person ever wants to hear: their son’s plane was shot down; he was MIA and presumed killed according to government reports.

From there, momma Jean went to work. Her relentless activity to find out the truth about her boy was no less than admirable, described as “obsessive persistence” by the *Sun Times*. In 1982, she told reporters: “The U.S. government is engaged in a cover-up of this episode, and perhaps other similar incidents...

I believe the government has lied about the status of my son.”

**In 1985,** the Laos government gave permission to excavate the crash site. At the same time, Jean was undergoing open-heart surgery, but she never made it out of the hospital. Before she died, she “begged” her children to keep up the battle to learn the truth about their brother. Later that year, the White House said George’s remains were positively identified based on teeth and bone fragments. Two years later, the government reversed itself. But daughter Jeanette Macdonald Frye took up the gauntlet that has led to what observed May 29. As George is honored by the State of Illinois and at Arlington, his status remains: killed in action.

While it will be 40 years since that fateful Christmas Eve, the memory of George Duncan Macdonald will not be forgotten; it lives on through his family, loved ones, the people of the State of Illinois, and his high school classmates.

by **Richard Hartmann, '66**



# In Memory

## 1930s

Margaret Wicker, 1932, 1/26/2012  
Evelyn Ann Borgeson, 1935, 7/10/2012  
Willard Horne, 1935, 9/28/2011  
Chester Turski, 1936, 2/7/2012  
Dorothy (Milne) Hillman, 1936, 8/14/2012  
Eugene Bishop, 1938, 1/24/2012  
Janet Lynch, 1938, 10/30/2012  
Kay Davis (Kathryn McDonald), 1938, 1/27/2012  
Rose Hajian Barsamian, 1938, 12/21/2011  
Alberta (Duncan) Steele, 1939, 4/15/2011  
Alfred L. Jackson, 1939, 11/21/2012  
Charles M. Bliss, 1939, 8/3/2012  
Jean (Shanks) Alexander, 1939, 8/4/2012  
Luella Monson Roquemore, 1939, 5/11/2011  
Mary (Defreitas) Suttle, 1939, 8/25/2012  
Mina (Kennedy) Conover, 1939, 4/19/2006  
Richard Cartwright East, 1939, 9/3/2010

## 1940s

Elizabeth Hanson Miles, 1940, 12/10/2012  
Grace C. Harrison, 1940, 4/28/2012  
Jane Haywood, 1940, 12/10/2009  
William Hamilton, 1940, 2/28/2012  
Robert A. Reid, 1941, 8/23/2011  
Ann Dienner, 1942, 9/6/2012  
Doris (Johnson) Anderson, 1942, 6/1/2012  
Irene (Forness) Hodgson, 1942, 9/4/2010  
Philip Whitehouse, 1942, 12/10/2012  
Karl Benjamin, 1943, 7/25/2012  
Ora Neill Hepworth, 1943, 10/28/2011  
Shirley Gertsman, 1943, 1/1/2012  
William Dibble, 1943, 7/27/2012  
Gordon L. MacAdam, 1944, 8/31/2012  
Howard Herrman, 1944, 1/29/2011  
Jeannette Cox, 1944, 7/12/2012  
Marjorie Herrman, 1944, 3/28/2012  
Nancy Lang Risch, 1944, 3/9/2012  
Suren Ipjian, 1944, 4/17/2012  
Thomas Cearley Parrish, 1944, 3/26/2012  
Carl Johnson, 1945, 7/18/2012  
Chapin Barnard, 1945, 12/27/2012

Joseph K. DeLapp, 1945, 10/15/2011  
Loretta (Wiezorek) Kahn, 1945, 10/1/2012  
Louis (Nieman) Hutchinson, 1945, 5/9/2012  
Richard K. Harper, 1945, 6/12/2012  
Warde Pierson, 1945, 2/16/2011  
Alice Wagner, 1946, 9/8/2011  
James Lindsay Wait, Jr., 1946, 6/2/2012  
James Wes Fry, 1946, 6/3/2011  
Earl A. Nystrand, 1947, 7/22/2011  
Eugene Brzuskiwicz, 1947, 10/11/2012  
Joan Wilson, 1947, 12/29/2011  
K. Kenneth Johnson, 1947, 3/26/2012  
Richard Bauer, 1947, 11/6/2010  
Ted A. Gathany, 1947, 4/22/2012  
Thomas Dudick, 1947, 12/29/2012  
Albert William Wehlitz, 1948, 4/8/2012  
James Glennie, 1948, 1/28/2012  
Robert A. Kindig, Jr., 1948, 8/25/2011  
William P. Shook. 1948, 5/14/2012  
Craig Thompson, 1949, 9/7/2012  
Harlan E. Hjertaas, 1949, 12/8/2008  
Rachel (Penn) Krausch, 1949, 8/14/2012

## 1950s

Jean (Race) Merkle, 1950, 7/25/2012  
Tanner Davis, 1950, 7/25/2012  
Virginia (Hawes) Worthington, 1950, 10/17/2012  
Jeanette Prastein, 1951, 2/8/2012  
Tom Griffith, 1951, 5/22/2012  
Susan Woodow Milligan, 1952, 11/25/2012  
Tom J. Lundregan, 1952, 5/24/2012  
Eileen Erickson, 1953, 11/1/2012  
Jim Muchmore, 1953, 8/26/2012  
Toni Potter Wright, 1953, 3/16/2012  
John Kelly, 1954, 6/6/2012  
Mourad Kayaian, 1954, 3/10/2012  
D. Jeffrey Baddeley, 1955, 6/13/2012  
Barbara (Holby) Toner, 1956, 12/15/2010  
David Spurway Jaffe, 1956, 4/26/2012  
Sara (McGrath) Lundberg, 1956, 6/9/2012  
Garick “Gary” Gustafson, 1957, 7/31/2011  
Helen Vasta, 1957, 7/20/2012  
Richard Madden, 1958, 9/14/2011

## 1960s

Deborah Armstrong, 1960, 12/15/2011  
Jean Kuykendall, 1960, 9/15/2012  
Randolph “Randy” Post, 1960, 5/16/2012  
James Day, 1963, 3/1/2012  
Karen (Johnson) Carpenter, 1963, 7/14/2010  
E.F. “Nancy” Wen, 1964, 1/3/2010  
Robert Bost, 1964, 11/2012  
George MacDonald, 1966, 12/21/1972  
Barbara Wiczorek, 1967, 2/23/2011  
Michael Trueheart, 1967, 5/15/2012  
Paul A. Siebel, 1967, 7/18/2012  
Paul Feltstein, 1967, 10/28/2011  
Nancy Abell, 1968, 5/17/2011  
Patrick Lazier, 1968, 12/7/2012

## 1970s

Jeffrey S. Kanter, 1970, 4/3/2012  
William Marcum, 1971, 5/4/2012  
James M. Carrow, 1974, 8/10/2012  
Lauren Cavallo-Runzel, 1975, 5/26/2012  
Ross Phillip Hawkins, 1976, 2/22/2012  
Brian D. Ayers, 1979, 4/21/2012  
Scott Carr, 1979, 10/16/2012

## 1980s

Thomas E. Soper, 1981, 8/6/2012  
Aaron M. Plotnick, 1982, 10/3/2012  
Eddie E. Winters, 1982, 10/17/2012  
John Curtin, 1985, 4/26/2012  
Henry G. Osterkamp, 1986, 6/9/2012

## 2000s

Grant Munski, 2007, 4/20/2012

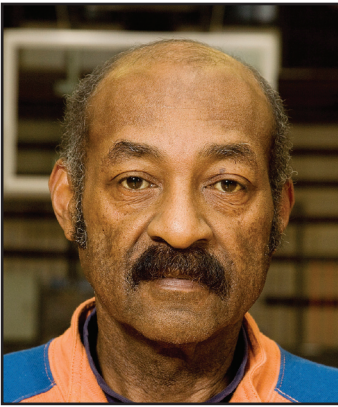
## 2010s

Abraham “Avi” Kurganoff, 2010, 3/12/2012

## Remembering May, Bost



Chris Livatino, '91, ETHS Athletic Director, remembers two long-time ETHS coaches who passed away within the last calendar year: Willie May (l.) and Bob Bost, '64 (rt.).



ETHS Athletic Director, PE teacher, and Head Coach of boys’ track and field, **Willie May**, passed away last March. May served at ETHS from the late 1960s right through the start of his 45<sup>th</sup> season at ETHS, even after retirement.

May burst onto the Illinois track/field scene in 1955 as he led Blue Island High School to a state championship while collecting three gold medals in the 120-yd. high hurdles, 180-yd. low hurdles, and 880-yd. relay. He went to Indiana U where he won seven Big Ten Championships in the hurdles from 1957-1959. Then in 1960 at the Olympic Games in Rome, he won the silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles.

**After earning** another silver medal at the 1963 Pan Am Games, May began teaching and coaching and found a home at ETHS in 1967 as an assistant coach winning four IHSA state championships in 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1974. He took over as Head Coach in 1975 and led ETHS to 26 CSL conference championships, including 24 consecutive titles from 1976 to 1999. He also guided ETHS to five state trophies, including the championship in 1979, and developed over 50 medalists during his tenure as Head Coach. He became Athletic Director in 1983.

May was inducted into the Indiana U Athletic Hall of Fame (2000), IL Track/ Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame (2007) and the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame (2010), and was named the greatest athlete in the history of Blue Island High School.

In November 2012, Wild-kit coach **Robert Bost, '64**, passed away after a long illness. Long-time teacher and administrator at Haven Middle School and assistant baseball and basketball coach at ETHS, Bost served the students of Evanston since 1971. Even after his retirement from District 65 in 2002, Bost continued as varsity assistant basketball coach at ETHS until 2011, completing his 27<sup>th</sup> season with the boys’ basketball program. and his 5<sup>th</sup> decade of working with Evanston’s youth. He even served as a substitute teacher in District 65 through the start of this school year.

**A 1964** graduate of ETHS, Bost was a standout student-athlete who was selected as an All-Area Baseball and All-Area Basketball player his senior year. He was drafted into the St. Louis Cardinals baseball organization in 1964 and played three summers in the minor leagues until moving on to attend college at Kentucky State.

After earning his degree, Bost returned to Evanston and went to work as a teacher in District 65 spending most of his entire career at Haven. He joined the ETHS coaching ranks in 1983 as a baseball coach under Head Coach Ken McGonagle and then began as an assistant boys’ basketball coach the following year. Bost served as an assistant coach for five different boys’ basketball head coaches during his tenure and helped guide the program to four different downstate appearances in 1986, 1988, 2003 (4<sup>th</sup> Place) and 2008 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). He also supported the baseball program to its sole trip downstate in 1992.



## A Call Out for a generous response

ETHS alumni are as much a part of today's excellence as our current students and faculty. Your financial support will help preserve our tradition of rigorous academics and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities that help our students achieve. **To that end, we invite you to participate in a remarkable matching-gift opportunity.**

In celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, ETHS alumnus and Distinguished Alum **Leonard Schaeffer, '63**, has pledged a gift of \$500,000 to the ETHS Educational Foundation to construct three science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) labs on the condition that an additional \$100,000 is raised in private donations **by June 30, 2013**. The \$600,000 will cover the entire construction costs of three Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) labs at ETHS in 2014.

**All gifts are** fully tax deductible as the ETHS Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

According to Schaeffer:  
“The people I met and the  
education I received at  
ETHS led to opportunities

that changed my life. The STEM labs should help provide similar experiences for current ETHS students.”

**By supporting** the STEM Lab initiative, the Foundation joins Schaef-

research.

"We are thrilled to partner with NU," said Peter Bavis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at ETHS. "We know that STEM education is at the heart of today's

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fer in acknowledging the importance of preparing students to compete globally in science, technology, engineering, and math.

This past September, Kristen Perkins, a member of Northwestern University's Office of STEM Education Partnerships, started in a newly created position as the NU/ETHS STEM partnership coordinator. She supports ETHS teachers in science, mathematics, and career and technology education to pique the interests of ETHS students in the STEM subjects. ETHS students will be among the first to benefit from innovations coming out of the University's STEM

global economy. This partnership will support our students in developing the critical-reasoning and problem-solving skills that will help make them productive citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

**All alumni** are asked to contribute generously to the ETHS Educational Foundation. For more information or if you'd like to make a donation, go to [www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/foundation) or contact ETHS Educational Foundation Executive Director Fran Caan at 847.424.7157.



**Foundation Board President Sarah Staples Wagner, '76, with winning Golf Outing team members Kyle Kurz, '80, (center) and Dennis O'Malley, '79.**

Cool and rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the many guests who turned out to participate in the ETHS Educational Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Wildkit Golf Outing and Happy Hour Bash, which raised \$26,787 toward the construction of new STEM Labs at Evanston Township High School.

**Held on September 21** at Glenview Park Golf Club—a beautiful new location this year—golfers participated in the scramble-format team contest as well

as individual-hole contests. A brand new Mazda Miata convertible parked on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole awaited the first golfer to hit a hole in one, compliments of Autobarn of Evanston.

The fun continued during Happy Hour, with many great raffle prizes, and a lively auction conducted by alum and current Wild-kit parent **Lou English, '84**. The trophy for the winning team was awarded to **Kyle Kurz, '80**; Rich Wheeler, and **Dennis O'Malley, '79**.

## Westminster Wildkits learn about the new Northwestern/ETHS STEM partnership

At Westminster Place in Evanston, formerly called Presbyterian Homes, there are over 50 residents who graduated from ETHS. The members of classes from 1934 to 1958 make up the group. Occasionally they meet for lunch, and in January, they were privileged to have a speaker from the new Northwestern/ETHS partnership, Kristen Perkins. Kristen is on the staff of Northwestern and her office is at ETHS, just off the main lobby. She is a liaison between the two educational entities.



### Ardis Coninx, '41, and Kristen Perkins


Kristen informed the group about her position—to arrange cooperation between NU's faculty members and ETHS students and

teachers. Particularly, she talked about the STEM program that combines science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This was a fascinating time for the residents as they learned about the new outreach program with Northwestern.

Thanks to the generous donations and pledges the ETHS Educational Foundation has received, including a pledge of \$500,000 from **Leonard Schaeffer, Class of 1963**, ETHS will eventually have three STEM labs and special classes.

And in keeping with tradition, every Westminster Wildkit program ends with singing the ETHS Fight Song.

by **Ardis Coninx**, '41



## BUY - A - BRICK

**Please consider purchasing a brick to be installed in the pathway of the new bicycle compound, at the Bacon School entrance, or at the new ETHS baseball park. Memorialize a friend, honor a teacher, or make a tribute to your family!**

**Please choose a location:**  
☐ Baseball Field    ☐ Bacon Entrance    ☐ School Commons

**Please check desired brick size and provide text to be inscribed:**  
☐ Small Brick \$250 (*inscription: 3 lines, 10 characters per line*)

☐ Large Brick \$500 (*inscription: 4 lines, 13 characters per line*)

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