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PRESIDENT'S LETTER...

Ted Marty '53

Your alumni association exists for you by fostering communications, person to person, classmate to classmate and with reunion committees. Our two scholarships are among the most revered and any 'icing on the cake' projects for the schools are heralded. This, and the ECHO and web site take all our money. And, folks, we are running short. The ECHO is sent to about 5400 people. To date, in dues for the year, we have received a total of \$2400. The Spring ECHO cost \$2622 to print and send. We try to keep our dues structure as low as possible but the message is clear – please pay your dues. We really don't want to cut back on the previously mentioned activities, but we might be forced to do so soon.

Don't confuse us with the Wyoming School Foundation. They raise long term serious dollars and we raise memories. Obviously our structures and purposes are diverse. Both, however, strive to help Wyoming schools in their pursuit of excellence.

I'm sure many of you are using your new Harris alumni directories, but do not confuse their web site with ours. We welcome you to visit our site, www.wyominghighschoolalumni.com and contact us at info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com.

One more time...please pay your dues.

LIFETIMERS

Welcome to our new Lifetime members.
Carolyn Becker Woodhouse 1942, Kathy Coutlett
LeTarte 1961, Katherine McMurrain Czeschin 1977.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME - 2007 -

Three star athletes have been added to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Rotell Searcy '86, Bari Porter '91 and Mike Grandstaff '92.

CATCHING UP WITH...

Doug Yeager '65

In the past year, I had several joyful get-togethers here in New York and in Cincinnati with Daniel Wolfe (class of '60), Bill Abernathy (class of '60), Michael Wolfe (class of '63), Kathy Iliff and T.K. Webster (class of '65); while looking forward to a visit soon from Don Weaks (class of '64). Michael Wolfe, and his impressive resume as a filmmaker, has inspired me to try my hand in the documentary film world. Over the past two years, I've made five trips to the former Soviet Union, filming interviews and concerts at the Kremlin Theatre for a documentary film I've been developing: Rockin' The Kremlin (www.rockinthekremlin.com), which explores the significant soft-power influence rock music had in weakening the communist system behind the Iron Curtain during its battle with the KGB from 1956 to 1986. In March, I produced a tribute concert in Washington to the legendary singer/civil rights activist Odetta, featuring a host of folk, blues, jazz and gospel stars, which I also filmed and recorded for a documentary on her life (...while happily getting together with Harriet Cooke and Joe Nordsieck – class of '65 – who attended the concert). In April, as part of Scotland's Tartan Week celebrations in New York, I produced some concerts with the Scottish country-rock singer and fiddler (and rising star) Laura McGhee; in addition to the fascinating Scottish play "Did You Used to be R.D. Laing?" For twelve years, I've worked with a group of African friends in an effort to establish Africa's first continental broadcasting network, FBN Africa. Finally, this summer we had our company launch (www.fbnafrica.com) in New York and Abuja. Meanwhile, life for me continues to be an adventure of the unknown (...though anxiously looking forward to growing up soon!)



(L) Doug Yeager '65 and Daniel Wolfe '60.

The 2008 round Up will be Friday, June 6th, 7-11 at the Wyoming Golf Club. Please mark your calendar and plan on stopping by and saying hello.

Bring us up-to-date on your life. Please send your letters to the alumni association at P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH, 45215-0068 or email to info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com Deadline for the next issue is April 1st.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Wyoming High School Alumni Association is an Ohio non-profit organization serving the graduates and friends of Wyoming High School. Faculty/staff and non-graduates are welcome as Auxiliary members with dues payable at the same rate. Donations to our Scholarship fund are also greatly appreciated.

The ECHO is published semi-annually in May and November. To insure inclusion in the newsletter all letters/photos/materials must be received by the 1st day of the preceeding month. Information contained herein is believed to be accurate and does not necessarily reflect the views of WHSA. Letters to the editor are encouraged and subject to modification due to space limitations. A class address list is available to each reunion class. These lists are not to be used for solicitation purposes.

All correspondence, newsletter information and address changes should be sent to WHSAA, P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH 45215-0068 or emailed to info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com.

The Board of Trustees is composed of area residents loyal to their school and willing to lend a hand when needed. If you wish to serve on the board please email info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com to that effect.

Your **officers** are: President, Ted Marty; Vice President, Jon Boss; Secretary, Harriet Schierenbeck ; Treasurer, Sherry Sheffield.

The **Board of Trustees** of your WHSAA are:

Class of 2005: Jim Barre '72, Jim Commins '63, Dick Cryder '49, Jan Jamieson Kramig '54, Barb Halberstadt Marty '53, Ted Marty '53, Jennifer Rembold Moore '77, Bill Schuchardt '40.

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Class of 2007: Jon Boss '54, Lois Hall Gleason '50, Carol Clark Johnson '46, Nancy Hulbert McCue '52, Joyce Mueller '71, Harriet Schierenbeck '75, Sherry Sheffield '63, Tom Tobias '71.

THE PRICE IS GOING UP!

Graduation Walkway brick have been \$35 since the original sidewalk was started in 1990. Like anything else costs have been going up and we are increasing the cost of bricks effective January 1st to \$50 each.

If you have been wanting to buy a brick now is your chance before the increase. There is a form in this issue of the ECHO or you can get one on our web site. You may also buy a brick using PayPal or your credit card on PayPal at our web site. Go to the last page, Wyoming Store.

ECHO ON LINE

The ECHO is now available online at our web site (wyominghighschoolalumni.com) in PDF format. You can read it or print it. In an effort to cut down on printing costs we will eventually be sending the ECHO by mail to only those people who request mailed copies. We know that there are some people who do not have computer access and will need the ECHO sent to them. The Fall 2006, Spring 2007 and this Fall 2007 issue, in color, are currently available.

SPORTS... by Jim Barre

The fall season has been another successful campaign for the Cowboy sports teams. The football team qualified for the playoffs again this year. (11 out of the last 12 years) The boys' and girls' Cross Country teams won the CHL league championships and the girls captured the district title as well.

The volleyball team was 23-3 this year, and shared the CHL title with Indian Hill. The girls have been 45 and 5 the last two years. The golf team won the CHL crown again this year and continue to be a power in the Cincinnati area.

We celebrated Homecoming with a convincing win over Madeira. Football player Larry Black and soccer player Tori Edwards were named king and queen. The football team also got the opportunity to play a game at Paul Brown Stadium (where the Bengals play) in their last regular season game.

IN MEMORIAM

We have been notified of the passing of the following alumni and friends since the Spring edition of the ECHO.

<p>Florence Wellman - Teacher (6-16-2007) Ruth Sloniker - Teacher Harry Weaks BOE (9-17-2007) Betty Sloniker Graf '38 (5-30-2007) Paul McClure '38 (11-24-2004) Patricia McDonough Martin '41 (11-15-2001) Frank McEwan Foster '42 (9-7-2007) Ruth Huber Lutter '42 (12-28-2006) Alan J. Paul '42 (10-25-2007) Martha Klemm Simpson '42 (2007)</p>	<p>Winifred (Lee) McDonough Shipp AUX44 (1-3-2005) Nancy Gaines Bernard '50 (6-8-2007) Thomas M. Meyer '53 (2-2-2007) Marvin Coleman '63 (9-3-2007) Karen Genter Hart '65 (11-4-2004) David Rae '73 (4-19-2006) John Leavell '74 (9-23-2007) David Petree '76 (6-24-2007) John Eric Gentry '78 (5-23-2007)</p>
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CELEBRATING 65 YEARS...

He was never known to do things in a small way. When Bill Abernathy '60 turned 65 this past June, he celebrated with family and friends. Below are some of the Wyoming contingent of friends that found themselves at the birthday bash in Clifton. Carol Hall Isphording '60, Karen Wolff Klaine '64, (unknown), Polly Purdy Steinhauser '60, Jane Hess Walker '60, (back) Bill Abernathy '60, Daniel Wolfe '60, Tom Crotty '65, Melinda Mathews Wahl '60 and David Clay '60.



REUNIONS - 2008

1943 – 65th – June 6-7, Contact Roger Stridsburg, rogerstridsberg@copper.net or 513-2231-5610.
 1953 – 55th – June 6-8, Contact Ted & Barb Halberstadt Marty (Ted@tedmarty.com) 513-761-1245 or Julie Lortz Cryder (ccryder1@cinci.rr.com, 513-513-2995).
 1958 – 50th – June 6-8, Contact Jim Mullaney (jmullaney@mullaneyrx.com, 513-793-1604) or Charlene Paul Lausche (clausche@cinci.rr.com, 513-522-0066)
 1963 – 45th – Date not determined. Contact: Sherry Sheffield (sherry@shers.com, 513-821-5866).
 1968 – 40th – Date not determined. Please send your email address to Rick Noelcke (rnolk@fuse.net) so you can be contacted.
 1973 – 35th – No info
 1978 – 30th – Date not determined. If you are interested in helping contact Cindy Braun Register at cjpreister@fuse.net.
 1983 – 25th – Next reunion will be the 30th.
 1988 – 20th – Date not determined. Contact is Tori Hauth Amongero at ktamongero@aol.com.
 1993 – 15th – No info
 1998 – 10th - No info
 2003 – 5th – No info

REFLECTIONS

Grayson Wood '39, Sherwood WI

Just a note to say that Carolyn and I are in good health, active in church and community and enjoying two of our grandchildren in nearby Appleton. Our other four grandchildren are scattered from RI and WI to WA. Don't have much opportunity to visit them, but do stay in touch.

Enjoyed the picture in the Spring ECHO showing Bud Lewis and Charlie Diebel. I recall them being on the '38 football team when I arrived on the scene as a transfer from Oak Park High School (IL). Looking forward to our 70th reunion in '09.

Lynn Kleeman McCabe '50, N. Charleston SC

Here are some more class pictures for your archives. I find it is amazing that 13 of us 50 of the class of 1950 went through all 12 grades together. It just shows how unique Wyoming is.

Susie Comstock Apthorp '53, Abingdon, VA

Big changes in my life! In just two days I am moving to Abingdon, VA.

Both daughters and 3 grandchildren will accompany me for the drive and to help me set up my new place. I am moving to a community called ElderSpirit. Small in numbers: about 40 people. Many religions represented and there are couples and singles - men and women. The idea is to attend to the increasing spiritual needs of elders; to care for one another to avoid nursing homes; to serve on committees at ElderSpirit; to serve as a volunteer in Abingdon (an art town founded in 1776); and to work ecologically to help the earth.

ElderSpirit is an example of senior co-housing and is unique in that various income levels are there. Some rentals are government subsidized and some can be purchased. This first community is about 2 years old and located in the rolling Virginia country in the Appalachian Mountains. Set right next to a hiking/ biking trail called the Virginia Creeper, once the site of a railroad. More Elderspirit communities are forming with the help of an extension committee.

This is not an old folks' home, believe me. These are actively engaged people making a difference in the area and beyond. So far, no one is "down for the count". This has not been an easy decision. Leaving my family, my yoga students and a place I've lived since the late 60's is challenging. I intend to teach yoga to ElderSpirit and in Abingdon.

I will keep in touch and will look forward so much to hearing from old Wyoming friends. My address will

be: 114 Trailview Drive, Abingdon, VA 24210. My land line will be: 276 739-9951. And for now my email will be: apthorpsusan@yahoo.com. Anyone interested in ElderSpirit can check their website (elderspirit.com) or read a Time magazine article called "Not Home Alone" by googling.

My sister, Betsy, and her husband, Roy, will be coming to see me in October. Roy is a major bluegrass lover so he is happy to have a reason to come to the area! Sending warm wishes to all!

Michael Wolfe '63, San Juan Bautista, CA

Michael's two most recent films have been released. "Pricee of Slaves" premiered at the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati. "Cities Of Light: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain" was aired on PBS in August. Both are available at his web site, upf.tv/upf06/UPFShop/tabid/81/Default.aspx.

Shan Heyman Burchenal '71, Denver CO

We love Denver. Have lived here ten years. Ski and bike a lot, plus anything else outdoors. My husband Cabb and I have two great kids. Jeb (19) is a sophomore at Middlebury College. Kate (17) is a senior in high school. Two Golden Retrievers round out the family. I would love to hear from Jane Parker (shan.burchenal@pepsi.com).

Virginia Maxwell Powell '87, Corral de Tierra CA

Hello Class of 1987. Since graduating from Southern Methodist University in 1990, I have been busy living in several different cities from Louisville, KY to Sacramento, CA, but have been living in Corral de Tierra, CA for the last 4 years. I have been married to Robert for the last 8 years and we are expecting our first child, a girl, on June 28, 2007. My husband is an advertising director for the Gannett Company, and I am a Premise Sales Rep for AT&T Yellow Pages for Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties in California. We love living within 15-20 minutes of Monterey and Carmel, along with how great the weather is here. Just to let you know my brother, Rob Maxwell, Class of 1991, is getting married June 10, 2007 to Andrea McClellan of Loveland. I am sorry to miss the class reunion along with my brother's wedding, due to the fact that at this point in my pregnancy I am not allowed to fly. Hope everyone has a wonderful time at the reunion.

Erin Salter '03, Baltimore MD

Erin is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. She will be married next year in Cincinnati.

Ashley Salter '06, St Louis MO

Ashley is a sophomore at Washington University.

COLORADO OR BUST!

Visiting Dan Jones '56 and his wife Susan at their Vail, CO home this summer are: (Front Row L-R) Sally Stearns '60, Andy McDonald '56, Mary Jo Freedman, Stewart Freedman '57. (Back row L-R) Rick Collins '56, Judy Collins, Dan Jones '56, Susan Jones, Bob Olson '56 Marty Olson.



WEDDING CELEBRATION



Cynthia Benken and Bradford Rodgers, both members of the Class of 1994 were married on July 28, 2007 in Wyoming. Other graduates participating in the wedding were: Steve Rodgers '73, Lynn Rodgers Dubrow '74, Barbara Weiherer Rodgers '76, Jeff Rodgers '78, Chris Benken '90, Lori Skolnick Drasnin '94, Christienne King Wilson '94, Katherine Rodgers '02 and Joey Rodgers '04.

OLDIES TRIVIA

Those over 50 might know the answers to these questions. the names of five theaters they went to in the Wyoming area? What Willowbrook used to be called? What MVIL stands for? What were the nicknames of the following schools: Lockland, St. Bernard, Greenhills, Reading, Mariemont, NCH?

ROUND-UP WEEKEND 2007



In town for the celebration of their 60 year anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1947 are Janet Yelton Teal, Alberta Caine Storey and Janet Wright Warner. They are shown here during their visit to the Wyoming Historical Society on the Saturday of Round-Up Weekend.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

We again have a supply of Cat's Meow collectibles available for purchase. The Wyoming Avenue School Building is \$20. The Village Logo is \$12. The new Doughboy is \$15 (proceeds go to the restoration).

You can purchase these on our web site store using your PayPal account or using a credit card on PayPal or you can send in your order. We ship them out immediately. Send your order to WHSAA, POB 15068, Cincinnati, OH 45215. The web site address is wyominghighschoolalumni.org.



Wyoming Avenue School



Village Logo



Doughboy

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2007

This year's Dorothy Spreen Schierenbeck Scholarship went to Emily Horne. Emily, a freshman at Miami this year, has been in accelerated classes and involved in sports since attending Wyoming Middle School. She was on the Honor Roll all 4 years and was in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Cum Laude Society. Track & Field, recreational basketball, and Tae Kwon Do filled her recreational time and HOPE, Project LEAD and Spanish Club filled up more. Emily is a violinist and pianist. Emily also was an exchange student in Germany.



Jonathan Edgington (right) who also is attending Miami, was awarded the Sherry Sheffield Scholarship. Jonathan was in National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and Cum Laude Society. He received the "I Dare You" Award and was the recipient of Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Jonathan received a Varsity letter all four years. He was CHL Player of the Year as a Junior and an All-City Selection. An orchestra member, student council president, homecoming court and girls' recreational basketball coach were just some of his free time activities.



WYOMING TOPS IN STATE

Each year the State of Ohio scores each school district in a variety of ways. In August Wyoming received a score of 109.3 on the performance index. This represents the achievements of students on the proficiency tests required by the state. This was the best score in the state! Congratulations to Superintendent Gayle Kist-Kline (right), her staff and all the teachers in the Wyoming City Schools.

MOST INFLUENTIAL IN SPORTS

Lance Williams '68

Time has its 100 Most influential People and now Sports has its 50 in the form of the ArmchairGM Fifty. This is the first year for the new list of the 50 most influential people in the world of sports. These are not necessarily the best players, managers, commissioners, or owners. They are the most influential individuals.

Who took 1st and 2nd? None other than Lance Williams '68 and his co-author Mark Fainaru-Wada for their book *Game of Shadows* which brought steroid use to the forefront. For more on this clever new list and to read about why Lance was chosen, go to armchairgm.com and search on the Armchairgm Fifty.



MOST POWERFUL WOMAN

Christine Poon '70

Fortune's 50 Most Powerful Women; Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women; Healthcare Businesswomen's Association Woman of the Year; Most Inspiring Asian Americans of All Time; All these and so many more for Wyoming grad Christine Poon. With a bachelor's degree in biology from Northwestern, a master's in biology and biochemistry from St. Louis University and an MBA in finance from Boston University, this Vice Chairman of Johnson & Johnson, married to Mike Tweedle, loves the outdoors, skiing, hiking, fishing and biking.



MEFF'S NEWEST NOVEL

Bill Mefford '63 has written another exciting novel, *The Rasputin Stain*, by W. H. Mefford. Toss together Rasputin's relatives, dead bodies, Faberge eggs and an American business tycoon for this exciting adventure. Available at bookstores everywhere.



DUES

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It is through your dues that we can produce the ECHO and maintain the web site.

We thank you for your support.

Fill out this form and send in your dues today.

TWO LADIES SCORE IN TWO-LADY

Mary Lou Motl (left) '64 and Ellen Schaengold (right) '63 were the runners-up in the "Two-Lady Alternate Shot Best Ball tournament this summer at Maketewah Country Club. This is the first time they had played together and the first trophy for Ellen, who is only in her second year of golfing.



WORLD CLASS HURDLER DAVID MICHAEL PAYNE '00

Payne, a Wyoming and UC track star, recently won, as a member of Team USA, a Bronze Medal in the Track & Field World Championships in Osaka, Japan. Next is winning a place on the US team for the 2008 Olympics.

STEP INTO HISTORY

Have your name and year of graduation engraved on a brick for our Graduation Walk. Return this completed order form and a tax-deductible check for \$50 (\$35 if received by 12-31-2007) made payable to WHSAA. Bricks are only placed in the walk once a year. For your brick to be in place for the June graduation ceremonies, your order must be received by April 1st.

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HONORING THE DOUGHBOY'S 81ST BIRTHDAY AND COUNTING

Do you remember *The Doughboy*? It sits on the lawn of the Civic Center looking toward Springfield Pike. This wonderful sculpture by Mary Louise Alexander was dedicated on Armistice Day, 1926. The statue was conceived, nurtured and birthed by the Wyoming Woman's Club.

This month *The Doughboy* is celebrating his 81st birthday and to honor the occasion the Wyoming Historical Society is spearheading a drive to raise money to give him his first refurbishing in those 81 years of Ohio weather.

You can help in several ways. At the dedication in 1926 two youngsters from the elementary school did the unveiling honors, Mary Taylor and Polly Childe. The historical society would like to think that a photo of that occasion exists in someone's photo album. If you know of this photo, please let the historical society know.

Additionally, the historical society would like to hear any stories from your growing up years that involve *The Doughboy*. Did you propose to your girl friend at *The Doughboy* statue? Did you climb the statue? Faith Davis Lee '54 recalls walking past him every day to and from school. Nancy Hulbert McCue '52 recalls her Girl Scout troop planting the pine "Christmas" tree nearby and decorating it each year.

If you are interested in helping restore *The Doughboy* you can send your contributions to the Wyoming Historical Society, 800 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215. Make the check payable to Wyoming Historical Society - Doughboy.

