



PANTHER'S TALE

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C.H.S. FORMS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Since 1884, Cheltenham High School has stood as a standard of excellence for education, producing leaders in every field. Started 94 years ago by George W. Flounders, Cheltenham served as one of the pioneer township senior high schools in Pennsylvania. In a recently discovered yearbook, it has come to light that as far back as 1895, Cheltenham had an organized Alumni Association. During the early part of this century the Alumni Association for unknown reasons dissolved. Although this organization disappeared, Cheltenham continued on, producing outstanding graduates.

Recently, a group of these interested alumni, meeting at their 45th reunion, discussed the current need to reactivate the Alumni Association. Action followed words and a group met in October of 1977, in a basement classroom of the high school to organize. Officers were elected and plans formulated to locate over 25,000 graduates. Under the leadership of Herbert Fleisher '32, and Barbara Ball Portner '52, a general membership meeting was held in December of 1977, with representatives going back as far as Berta Kuppinger McPeak, class of 1920. A complete slate of officers and a 15-member board of directors was approved.

Immediately following this general meeting, work sessions began weekly collecting and updating the addresses for class lists. This was followed by a membership mail campaign to invite graduates to join the Association. To

date, the Association's membership numbers almost 600, representing a small portion of the potential membership. There are over 40 classes that have not received membership applications due to the lack of an updated address list. A long and arduous task still remains, but one definitely worth making.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President-----Herbert K. Fleisher '32
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Charles Stamm '67
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Corres. Sec'y.--Ellen Rosenau Lawrence '51
Treasurer-----Philip Margolis '33
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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS GRANTED TO KEIM AND WESSEL

Association president Herbert K. Fleisher '32 recently announced that Dr. Edwin B. Keim and Dr. Herman M. Wessel have been named honorary lifetime directors of the Cheltenham High School Alumni Association.

Dr. Keim served as principal of Cheltenham High School from 1954-1973. During this period the school moved from its old location in Elkins Park to the present one in Wyncote. Following his retirement from Cheltenham, Dr. Keim served as a Professor at Lehigh University in the Graduate School of Education. At the present time he is retired and resides in Glenside with his wife.

Dr. Wessel taught at Cheltenham from 1922-28 and served as principal of Elkins Park Jr. High from 1928-60. In later years he served as chairman of the Department of Education and director of the Placement Service at Ursinus College. He also served as director of the Ursinus College Union. At the present time he is also retired and resides in Elkins Park with his wife.

REUNION ROUNDUP

CLASS OF 1968 - 10th Year Reunion

The reunion was held on Sat., June 24, 1978 at the Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill, N. J. Over 250 people attended this dinner dance that was organized by Rae Meyer Reeh, Stuart Sarshik and Robert Steinhart.

CLASS OF 1973 - 5th Year Reunion

The reunion was held Labor Day weekend at the Hilton Inn-Northeast. A good time was had by all!

CLASS OF 1948 - 30th Year Reunion

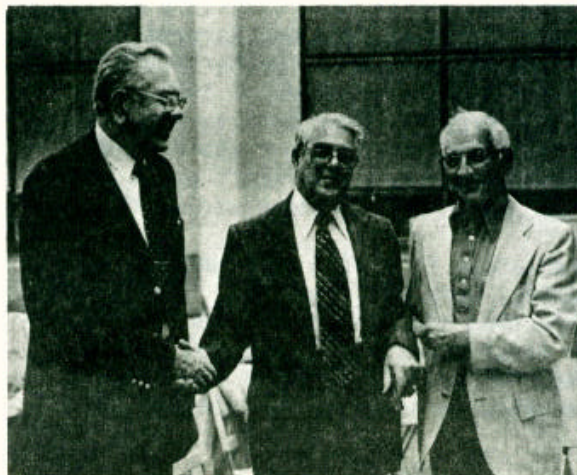
The reunion was held at LuLu Temple C. C. on October 14, 1978. Organized by Dottie Lachlan Hallman, Louise Conaway Reese, Betty Michner Lukridge and Dottie Knapp Burns and attended by over 100 people including Bob Cunningham and Bill Saltzman.

CLASSES OF 1942, 1943, 1944 - Reunion

Held Oct. 28, 1978 at Whitmarsh Valley C. C., the triple class reunion attracted over 300 people from as far away as Calif. and Seattle, Wash. The guest of honor was Dr. Herman Wessel. Dave Schloss headed this large committee.

THE PANTHER'S SPOTLIGHT

- 1926-Nellie Coppola Arcara-owns Coppola-Arcara Real Estate in Glenside.
1935-Elizabeth Langsdorf Miller-is a well known artist.
1942-Maxine Winokur Kumin-is a Pulitzer Prize Winner.
1952-Richard Levinson and William Link-are a movie and TV writing and producing team. They have won a number of Emmy Awards for Columbo, Mannix and special feature length TV movies.
1953-Helen Callas Reiner-presently chairperson of the Business Department at CHS-was the first woman ever inducted into the Drexel Univ. Hall of Fame.
1958-Allan H. Thomas-is a Greyhound bus driver from Rockledge, Pa. He received a special award certificate from the State of Pa. for stopping his bus to rescue a man and his daughter from a plane crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
1960-David W. Marston-was the former U.S. Attorney for Pennsylvania's 10-county Eastern District in Phila.
1964-Reggie Jackson-professional baseball player for the N. Y. Yankees-was the 1977 World Series Most valuable Player. He paid a surprise visit to CHS last fall.
1964-Jonathan Netanyahu-was an Israeli soldier who led the raid on Entebbe in Uganda and was killed. A memorial service was held at C.H.S. and a plaque was dedicated.
1978-Linda Hamberg-was selected as one of the top two science students of Pa. "University Scholar". Winner of Jr. Academy of Science Fair.



C.H.S. "IF YOU COULD SEE IT NOW"

The bell rings. Lockers slam. Footsteps, some running, some walking, resound through the halls. Classroom doors close. Harry Highschool is in his seat ready for the school day to begin.

Harry Highschool could have been a classmate of yours. However, he is a present day Cheltenham student. How different is "his" Cheltenham from the one you remember? Let's see....

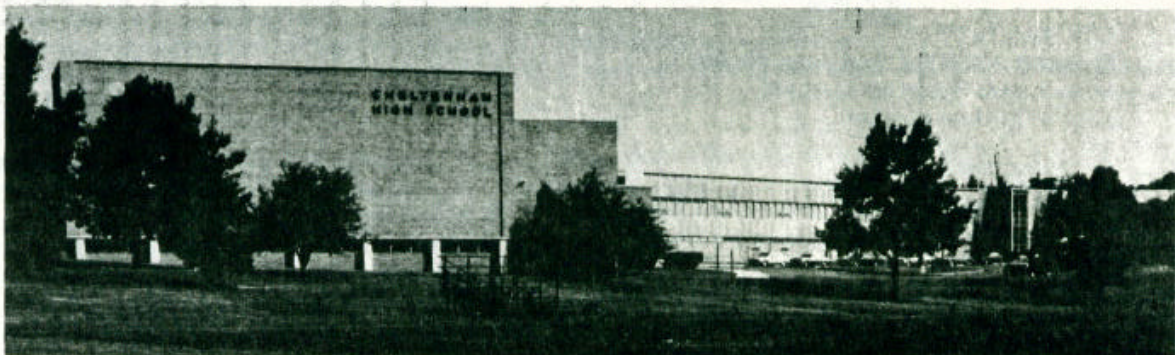
To begin with, Harry will attend C.H.S. for four years, not because he has failed, but because in the fall of 1977 the ninth grade was added to the high school student body. This action was taken by the School Board in response to declining enrollment. Harry attends the new C.H.S. on Rices Mill Road in Wyncote on the site of the old Wright's farm. However, he doesn't think of it as being new since it was built in 1959, a few years before he was born.

In the course of Harry's eight-period day, which stretches from 7:40-2:30, he has the opportunity to enrich himself through the use of such school facilities as the

swimming pool, the T.V. studio, the planetarium, the driver education simulators, and the computer terminals. During an unscheduled period, Harry can sit down with a teacher in the tutorial center for individual help or he can search through career, college and vocational literature in the Career Information Center. As of 1975, Harry and his classmates received the option of Open Campus, which permits them, during unassigned periods, to leave school grounds.

In addition to the standard academic courses offered in the High School, Harry has the option of attending for half a day the Eastern Montgomery County Area Vocational-Technical School. As a senior, Harry will have the chance to take Senior Independent Study in a field of his choice or Work Study where students have the option of learning while earning.

His attire for this day? Faded jeans, dirty sneakers, a rock star T-shirt, and quite possible a portable cassette-radio under his arm.



CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Date _____
CHS Class of _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

Attached are my dues (tax deductible) for membership.
Please check one and mail to:
CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOC., INC.
Rices Mill Road & Carlton Ave., Wyncote, Pa. 19095

_____ Annual Dues....\$ 2.00
_____ Life Dues..... 15.00
_____ Century Dues... 100.00

ALUMNI EVENTS

- November 22.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- November 24
Class of 1963-15 Year Reunion
Philmont Country Club-
Contact: Bobbie Barasch Rosin-635-3577
- November 25
Class of 1958-20 Year Reunion
Holiday Inn-Fort Washington, Pa.
Contact: Lydia Rugel Zappacosta
Me 5-2733
- December 20.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- January 17.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- February 21.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- March 21.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- April 18.....8:00 P.M.
Alumni Board Meeting
- April 21.....7:30 P.M.
Annual Meeting/Social
Cheltenham High School Auditorium

All Alumni Board Meetings are held at the Administration Building, Ashbourne Road & Washington Lane, Elkins Park, Pa.

C A L E N D A R

1ST ANNUAL MEETING/SOCIAL

Date: Saturday, April 21, 1979
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Cheltenham High School
Auditorium

A short business meeting will be followed by musical entertainment, refreshments and dancing. Awards to outstanding alumni will be presented.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

SCHOOL EVENTS

- November 10, 11.....8:00 P.M.
School Play - Teahouse of
the August Moon
- November 18.....1:30 P.M.
Cheltenham-Abington Game-Home
- December 15, 16.....8:00 P.M.
Ninth Grade Play
- April 4.....7:45 P.M.
Spring Concert
- May 7-12
Student Art Show-CHS Lobby
- May 10, 11, 12.....8:00 P.M.
Musical "Pipin"

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