



# The Alumni News

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## Politics makes way for music



Jake Oken-Berg ('98)

When 19-year-old Jake Oken-Berg ('98) kicked off his campaign for mayor of Portland in December of 1999, he held the press conference in Room 169 of his alma mater — Lincoln High School.

When Jake received the endorsement of another Lincoln grad, former Mayor Bud Clark ('49), curious Portlanders began to take notice of the Pomona College student.

And when Jake finished second in a field of 17 candidates in the May 2000 election, garnering 27 percent of the vote and nearly forcing powerful two-term incumbent Vera Katz into a run-off, he established himself as somebody to watch in the future.

Now 25, his career goals have shifted, at least for the time being.

The band that Jake co-founded in 2003 with Lincoln classmate George McCleary ('98), the Retrofits, is fresh off a West Coast mini-tour and is putting the finishing touches on a debut album due out this summer.

**“It would be really cool for a couple of Lincoln High students to start this band and become rock stars.”**

Politics is on the backburner for now. Jake quit his job as a project director with the Oregon Business Council late last year to dedicate more time to the Retrofits, while still working part-time for U.S. Senator Ron Wyden.

Keyboardist Jake and guitar player George share vocal duties for the quintet, which was the subject of an Oregonian feature story last year, and was described as “a band worth catching” by writer Lee Williams, a tag the band features prominently on its Web site, theretrofits.com.

The Retrofits have played around the area for the last two years, but the goal is to become full-fledged, Portland-based touring band a la the internationally popular group, Pink Martini, whose charismatic frontman, Thomas Lauderdale, has been a friend of Jake's since his mayoral campaign.

***for now, he's more interested in entertaining crowds than stirring them up***

The Retrofits opened for Pink Martini at the Crystal Ballroom last year. Jake calls Lauderdale his “musical mentor.”

Jake isn't totally out of politics. Besides working for Wyden, he sits on the boards of the City Club of Portland and the Oregon Bus Project. The Retrofits often play political benefits, and will be the house band at Candidates Gone Wild, the irreverent election-year candidate debate and talent show May 1 at the Roseland Theater.

Jake says he may run for office someday. But for now he's more interested in entertaining crowds than stirring them up.

“We really do want to build up a fan base,” he said. “It would be really cool for a couple of Lincoln High students to start this band and become rock stars.” •

# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Last summer your Alumni Board established goals and priorities for the 2005-2006 school year. The number one priority was to revitalize the Endowment Committee and increase donations. Some work has been done on this, but more help is needed. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact us.

Several goals have been completed. Refurbishing the girls' bathrooms, giving scholarships for SAT training and helping to form an Alumni Council with other Portland high schools were all accomplished and are described in this newsletter.

Our other goals can only be met if we get some alumni volunteers to help us. These tasks include: forming committees for specific projects, working on increasing membership, planning alumni events, and working on the school grounds. Please contact us if you want to know more about our volunteer committees.

If the Lincoln High School Alumni Association is to grow and prosper we need your help – and you will find that getting involved can be fun!

**Gordon Evans ('53)**  
President



## Reunions, Reunions!

**1938** - This class holds the record for number of reunions held. They will meet again this year on September 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Moreland Presbyterian Church for lunch and visiting. Contact Elliott Snedecor at 541-574-8703 or eksned@webtv.net.

**1946** - The class of 1946 will hold their 60th - yes, 60th - reunion on June 8th. They plan a full day of festivities at the Governor Hotel - a luncheon at noon and dinner at 6 PM. Class members may attend either or both of these functions. Contact: Floyd Riley at floydrriley7@msn.com.

**1951** - The reunion will be Saturday, May 20th at the Shilo Portland Airport Hotel. The hospitality room opens at 1 PM and the buffet dinner starts at 5 PM. Contacts: Joan Clegg Banks - 503-244-9343 or joanclegg@yahoo.com; Vern Grimshaw - 626-968-4464 or vgrimshaw@aol.com; and Barbara Brewer Heidegger - 503-254-5018 or duanebaba1@aol.com.

**1956** - Their 50th reunion is on September 8th at the MAC Club and September 9th at Lincoln High School. The reunion committee is working hard to plan a great reunion. There are still many "lost" classmates. Family and friends can help locate them! Please email Shirley Lehrer-Bankston at lhsclass56reunion@earthlink.net or fax her at 503-246-8769, or call 503-246-8632.

**1957** - The class of 1957 is getting a head start for 2007. Contact Bill Walker at wswalker1@comcast.net or write him at 8404 SW 9th Ave - Portland, OR 97219. Dates will be August 24th and 25th, 2007 - locations are not finalized.

**1966** - The class will meet on July 29th at the On Deck Sports Bar. For more information email lincoln1966@classic-reunions.com or call Classic Reunions at 503-626-3669 or 800-474-3669.

**1976** - This class is difficult to track down. As far as we know there is no reunion planned this year. If any of you want to plan one, we can help with classmate addresses. Just contact us.

**1981** - This class is looking for volunteers. to serve on the 25th reunion committee. Contact Ted Wheeler at 503-709-4386 or ted\_wheeler@hotmail.com.

**1986** - The class of 1986 20th reunion will start on August 18th at the Stockpot Restaurant at the Red Tail Golf Course from 7 PM to midnight. The second act will be on August 19th at McMenamin's Kennedy School from 6:30 to midnight. For more information email lincoln1986@classic-reunions.com or call Classic Reunions at 503-626-3669 or 800-474-3669.

**1996** - The 10th reunion for these relative youngsters will be September 16th at the Crystal Ballroom in Portland. For more information email Brian Jennaro at brianjennaro@hotmail.com.

### Lincoln on the Park Blocks Reunion

This reunion is for all those who attended Lincoln on the Park, now Lincoln Hall at PSU. In other words, all classes prior to and including 1955. Even if you don't have a 2008 calendar yet, make a note somewhere. Plans for Friday, September 12th, are for an evening cocktail party and Saturday, the 13th, will be a dinner - sites not yet chosen. This leaves Sunday, the 14th, for individual class reunions, if desired. Contact Vance Taylor, ('50) at 503-223-7886 or email vancetaylor@earthlink.net or Andy Friedle Dignan ('49) at 503-244-7075 or email patdiggy@cs.com. •



# The Numbers Speak for Themselves...

Careful analysis of yearbook and other data suggests that there have been just under 29,000 students graduated from Lincoln since it first opened some one hundred and thirty-seven years ago. Of that number, another reasonable inference – based upon some U.S. Census data – indicates that about 18,500 or 19,000 are still living. And, for that group, the LHSAA database contains valid addresses for about 12,700 names (including yours). So? What do all these numbers mean? It means that the LHSAA does a remarkably good job of keeping its books. About 2/3 of all Lincoln alumni receive this newsletter. That means that you are right now looking at the same numbers that just about 1,800 fellow Cardinals from the 1990's or more than 500 from the 1930's are, will be or have been looking at. It's nice to know that you may be gone from the halls and classrooms of Lincoln, but you are not forgotten.

Which brings us to an unpleasant fact involving some more numbers:

Of the 12,700 alumni who receive this newsletter, only about 11% (1,458) belong to the Alumni Association. What that means is that while the Association may be doing a great job of keeping in touch, many – too many – alumni are letting fellow alumni attend to the essential task of supporting that effort. That is not the Lincoln way. If you found

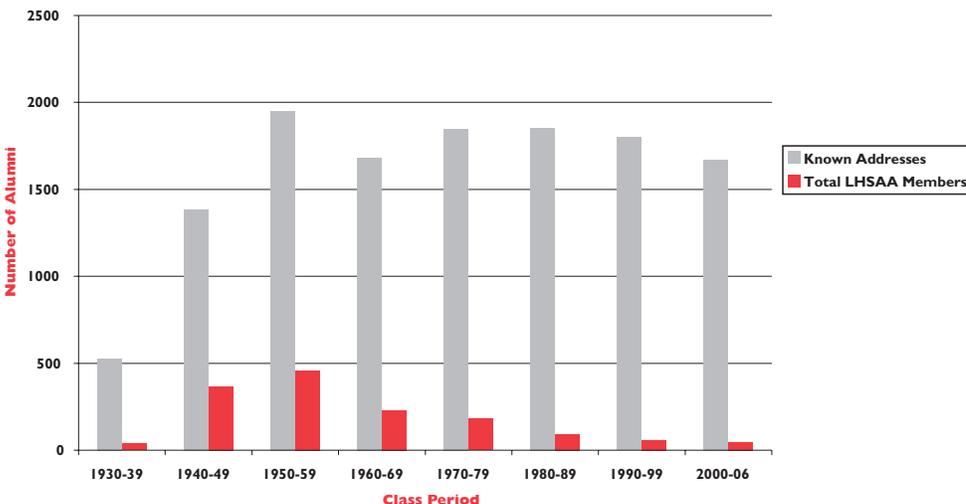
an LHSAA enrollment form in this newsletter, it means you are not yet a member. Tsk, tsk!

The LHSAA is dedicated to the task of making Lincoln a better place, of helping classmates keep in touch and promoting The Lincoln Experience. The list of your LHSAA's achievements is long: new sun-control shades for the library, some new furniture for the faculty lounge, a significant contribution to the rebuilding of the language lab, the new rose garden

on the east side of the school, new robes for the choir, a refurbished . . . . But, why go on? This newsletter hasn't the space to complete the list. On top of the direct contributions to the

school, the LHSAA has established the Lincoln Endowment Fund – which should rapidly grow into an important resource for the support of educational and cultural programs of the school. Finally, of course, there is always that ongoing basic service to the alumni: helping those who are organizing reunions locate and contact their classmates. So, whaddaya say? Since being a dues paying member of the Alumni Association of the oldest and by far the best high school alumni association in the Northwest is simply a matter of filling out the form, enclosing your check for \$12 and mailing it in, that's probably the best use you can make of the next ten minutes. Remember, you are still a Cardinal. •

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# EVEN THE BATHROOMS HAVE SPIRIT

When you've got to go, you've got to go.

But with the girls bathrooms at Lincoln having fallen into disrepair – some stalls didn't even have doors any longer! – something had to be done.

That's when the LHSAA board came into the picture. The alumni board donated \$8,744 for the removal of old battered stalls and new ones, painted Cardinal Red, were added in their place.

The Board dealt with W. H. Cress Co. on the project. Both Scott Cress and Dana Barton Cress graduated from Lincoln in 1964, their daughters Kelly and Kerry in 1987 and Scott's father Warren in 1928. This long Lincoln connection led to the company donating part of the costs. Our thanks to the Cress family. •

## CHOIR IN ACTION

Lincoln has a choir again. After disbanding a few years back, a new group of about 25 kids has been reconstituted. Margaret Murer is the Choir Director for Lincoln these days. How she can manage to do everything she has accomplished in only 3-6 hours a week is amazing.

She said they sang for the Realty Trust Group and the Mac Club in December, and just recently sang at Good Samaritan Hospital where their voices were piped through the entire hospital. Of course they sang at the recent Coronation of our own Rose Festival Princess.

The group is relatively new in that they have only been together since September so they will not be performing in competition this year but hopefully will be prepared to do so next year. Needless to say, they will of course lend their voices to graduation. The choir is funded in part by the Booster Club and LHSAA donations and is extra-curricular, with classes held after school. •

# STUDENTS GET SAT HELP

Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, but the reality is that many don't have all the resources they need to reach their potential. Scoring well on college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT can be crucial to helping students gain admission or earn scholarships or merit aid. The SAT course offered at PSU costs over \$100 and some students can't afford that. A new LHSAA program pays for the costs of the SAT cram course for students recommended by school counselors. To date, LHSAA funds have paid for six students to take the course and plans are to continue the program in the future. •

# Good food and drink is a family affair

Every St. Patrick's Day for the past few years, the Lincoln Alumni Association has contracted with Fehrenbacher Hof to



Rachel Clark ('85)

deliver coffee and pastries for the teachers and staff members at Lincoln. The Hof is operated by Rachel Clark ('85) and it has an interesting history.

The story of the Fehrenbacher Hof begins with the Goose Hollow Inn, run by Rachel's father, former Portland Mayor Bud Clark ('49) since 1967 at Southwest 19th and Jefferson, just down the street from Lincoln.

Over the years, the turn-of-the century house next door to the Goose was used as a kitchen, commissary, shop, break room, walk-in cold storage, and general storage for the bar. There was even a rented apartment upstairs.

After Bud's wife, former Oregon Symphony violinist Sigrid Fehrenbacher Clark, died in 2000, the Clark children (David, Jason, Rachel and Nicolas) decided to open the Hof in her memory.

Sigrid's influence can be felt all through the Hof. The décor began with a collection of antique and vintage toasters that she had amassed. Since added are framed artworks and hanging utensils.

The Hof is the quintessential indie coffee shop. It offers creamy espresso drinks and coffees, homemade pastries, old-fashioned mac and cheese, and the renowned egg and cheese breakfast sandwich that comes complete with thousand island dressing.

The Goose Hollow offshoots have continued. Last summer, the Clarks opened Goose Hollow at the Cove in Seaside. The Goose at the Cove is similar to its namesake, serving the same simple home-cooked food, including Bud's famous "Best Reuben on the Planet." It also has 14 beers on tap and indoor and outdoor seating.

The Clarks report that these three endeavors keep the family busy, and that they have no new "Geese" planned in the immediate future. •



Bud Clark ('49)

## The Cardinal Field Project – Phase III

One of the greatest successes in recent years at Lincoln was the installation of the new synthetic turf and state-of-the-art track at Mike Walsh Field. The beautiful new facility has been getting constant use by the community at large. Now the Booster's Cardinal Field Project Committee is getting set for Phase III of the project, which will be construction of a much-needed building with a new concession stand, restrooms and plaza. Ground breaking is scheduled for June, 2006 and completion is expected in August.

Luckily, they have been blessed in that a local foundation has offered a matching grant of up to \$50,000. This foundation will match any checks sent in for \$100 or less. The match program runs through August, 2006. You can help by sending in checks of up to \$100 to: The Cardinal Field Project, Lincoln High School, 1600 SW Salmon St., Portland, OR 97202. Let's prove the alumni can put the funding for this project over the top.

For more information, go to: <http://lincoln.pps.k12.or.us/fieldproject> •

## WHO'S ON FIRST.

### Gordon Evans '53

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# In Memoriam

This list includes deaths since March, 2005. Please let us know of any others who have died since then.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Elizabeth Plummer Kiesz, 1924     | David Lesch, 1940                 | Alexander Schleuning, 1952       |
| Frederic Smith Kemp, 1925         | Edna Lee Montgomery Edwards, 1940 | Eugene Hayashi, 1953             |
| Augusta Kirschner, 1925           | Philip Roberti, 1940              | Donald Newman, 1953              |
| Leah Spellman, 1926               | Madeleine Finnegan Ryan, 1941     | Jerome Slavich, 1953             |
| Viola Hansen Schulmerich, 1927    | Don Stathos, 1942                 | Delta Stahl Klinski, 1953        |
| George Malin, 1928                | E Clarke Anderson, 1943           | C Burrill Taylor, 1953           |
| Clara Horenstein Paige, 1929      | Louis Gilbert, 1943               | Edward Packer, 1954              |
| Esther Raz Tolls, 1930            | John Kroder, 1943                 | Don Hudson, 1955                 |
| Ruth Davenport, 1931              | Marian Nieke Chambers, 1943       | Anne Sime Utley, 1955            |
| Morris Director, 1931             | Marvin Brenner, 1944              | Priscella Vogel Hall, 1955       |
| Harry Hoard, 1931                 | Arnold Burda, 1944                | Judith English Briles, 1956      |
| Herbert Schwab, 1932              | Richard Frohman, 1944             | Sara Glasgow Cogan, 1956         |
| Alton Chase, 1933                 | Elise Wurzweiler Lyon, 1944       | Larry Keenan, 1956               |
| Violet Sykes Kimball, 1933        | Richard Earl, 1945                | Deanna Kraft Stannard, 1956      |
| William Long, 1934                | Martha Jean Jette Smith, 1945     | Judith Martinson McCulloch, 1956 |
| Dorothy McKinley Filip, 1935      | Gloria Michos Drougas, 1945       | Richard Mabry, 1957              |
| David Stephenson, 1935            | Loretta Morris Murphy, 1945       | Richard Pierce, 1958             |
| Dorothy Breininger Whetzel, 1936  | Catherine Owens George, 1945      | Dennis Kasubuchi, 1961           |
| Lucille Kies Bowles, 1936         | Patricia Ross Hadley, 1945        | Frederick Stinson, 1961          |
| Nancy Kistler Kenyon-Bohrer, 1936 | Glenn Wilson, 1945                | Joan Chown Cramton, 1963         |
| Harold Larson, 1936               | Barbara Vowels Hendrickson, 1946  | Patsy Swinney Lewis, 1963        |
| Ralph Ely, 1937                   | Beth Weeks Bourquein, 1946        | Elizabeth Duden Achartz, 1964    |
| Geraldine Williams Gwillim, 1937  | James Bacon, 1947                 | William Zurow, 1964              |
| Theresa Wolsiffer Olsen, 1937     | William Gerber, 1947              | Greg Hurlburt, 1965              |
| Byron Broms, 1938                 | Harry Sinn, 1947                  | William Reed, 1966               |
| William Carney, 1938              | Kenneth Watkins, 1947             | Otis Abernathy, 1969             |
| Buzz Carpenter, 1938              | Lewis Chamberlain, 1948           | Jeff Patterson, 1969             |
| Marjory Hoffman Haglund, 1938     | Millicent Rogers, 1948            | Debora Bond, 1970                |
| Elaine Rosenberg Leonnig, 1938    | Virginia Tucker Bolopue, 1948     | Warren Brown, 1970               |
| Harriet Senders Finn, 1938        | Rudolf Wagner, 1948               | Tim Coghill, 1971                |
| Maggie Shepherd Morrison, 1938    | Joan Coons Curry, 1949            | David McCollister, 1971          |
| Eleanor Staehli Milne, 1938       | Mark Melgard 1949                 | David Newman, 1972               |
| Selma Swire Lesman, 1938          | Carmen Reynolds Riis, 1949        | Gregg Harder, 1973               |
| John Bubalo, 1939                 | Stanley Wies, 1949                | Janalee Degman Johnson, 1974     |
| Lois Hagerty Paschelke, 1939      | John McCourt, 1950                | Robert Coe, 1983                 |
| Carroll Peterson Burkett, 1939    | Verna Strohecker Wells, 1950      | Alfredo Penn-Harris, 1994        |
| James Wendel, 1939                | James Cozzetto, 1951              |                                  |
| Cleattice Abbott Dhanens, 1940    | Otto Freimoeller, 1951            |                                  |
| Edward Bushman, 1940              | Clifford Peterson, 1951           |                                  |
| Charlotte Chusid Ostomel, 1940    | Virginia Pomeroy Singer, 1951     |                                  |

*"We are the poorer for the loss of their company,  
but are well served that they were once among us" . . .*

- Anonymous

## Alumni band together to share ideas

LHSAA board member Vi Wittman Watt ('53) has organized for the first time a meeting of current and aspiring Portland high school alumni groups. Twenty-two people representing alumni associations from Lincoln, Grant, Roosevelt, Wilson, Franklin and Cleveland attended the recent meeting, which was held in Cleveland's library.

Vi led the meeting and the discussion of the varied roles of alumni in the schools. Members from Cleveland emphasized the benefits of working directly with the school principal. In five years, they have amassed an endowment of approximately \$150,000. Last year they gave away \$8,000 for various scholarships and activities. Roosevelt graduates reported having held a large picnic at Columbia Park and starting an after-school auto- and mechanical-repair class.

One creative way some school alumni are planning to raise money is through friendly competition. Franklin and Cleveland will be holding a head-to-head golf tournament this fall, with the winner taking the tournament trophy to be displayed at the winners school. The meeting provided the just-beginning Grant and Wilson alumni with plenty of ideas and advice. The all-city alumni meetings will continue, to share advice on how to succeed in helping out the schools they serve. •

## From the Past . . . from the 1950 Yearbook

*Lincoln High School has always been exceedingly proud of its cosmopolitan student body. Here people of all races and religions, and from all walks of life study and associate happily together, sharing responsibility equally.*

*To emphasize this unique quality of their school, the yearbook staff has chosen the theme "One World" for the 1950 Cardinal. Moreover, they express here the sincere hope that every student will carry the ideals of democracy and racial and religious tolerance he has learned here into the future years, for this is the only way by which the precious goal of "One World At Peace" may be attained.*



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