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LINCOLN
CELEBRATES
150 YEARS!

LHS Alumni Association
Queen's Rose Garden is
presently located on the
Lincoln High School Campus.
In the LHS Courtyard on the
East side of the school, just
off of SW 14th near Salmon.
Alumni, students and other
volunteers in the Lincoln
Community take care of the
Roses. Thank you Volunteers!

Lincoln turns 150!

To commemorate Lincoln's extraordinary legacy as the oldest Public High School west of the Rockies, the LHSAA is pleased to announce that it will be organizing an exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society, March 2019.

Portland High School opened April 26th, 1869 at NW 11th and Davis on the second floor of Old North Elementary School. The High School had 45 students and 2 teachers, and its first graduating class of 5 students was held in 1875. Portland High School was a catalyst for public education. During Portland's infancy, secondary education was private but Portland citizens realized the need for a public school...and the future Lincoln High School was born. After five years at the NW Davis location, Portland High School was relocated in 1874 to Central School, across from the Pioneer Post Office. In 1879 it was once again moved, this time to Park School where the Portland Art Museum is located. Then in 1885 "The Marvel of the West" was built at SW 14th and Morrison, specifically to accommodate a High School. During this transition Portland High School's name was Changed to Lincoln High School.

From 1912 - 1952 Lincoln spent 40 years at SW Mill and Market on the South Park Blocks. Students who attended High School in the Park blocks would experience two world wars, the great depression, and a quickly growing city population. 1952 found Lincoln moving to the historic Kamm estate at SW 16th and Salmon, where it is still today. ■

- OHS Archives/Vertical files

Then and Now...

The LHS Alumni Association is both an opportunity for a nostalgic look back in time and a reality check of the current world of financing higher education for more recent LHS graduates. Carolyn Studenicka Jackson, a long standing force for Lincoln, has asked me to share a personal story as only one of a sea of Lincoln grads with stories related to funding their own education.



Don Eichman, '55

Then ... 1955

Our world saw the first McDonald's opening in Des Plaines, Illinois, Bill Haley and the Comet's "Rock Around the Clock" hit No.1 and President Eisenhower increases the minimum wage to \$1 per hour.

On September 11, 1952 I joined with 420 other Sophomores to enter a recently finished new Lincoln High. At that time I was making \$1.25 per hour working on Schoelberger's farm in a country slaughterhouse. (The farm later sold for \$50,000 and became the Raleighwood Development.) I started at the bottom of the economic ladder as a 'flunky' and worked there after school and weekends throughout high school. The job left little to no time for extra curricular activities which kept me from playing the sports I loved.

(I credit that 'sacrificed' period for motivating me to later play basketball for the Goose Hollow Inn and with players from the East Bank Saloon in tournaments around the country and abroad.) My job also provided me with great grades and a permanent hall pass from Lincoln's biology teachers. I brought in such animal parts as cattle brains, lungs, hoofs, intestines, hearts, spleens and other specimens. Dirty and hard work paid me enough to help my single mother, still save \$50 per month and buy a beautiful 1941 Buick convertible for \$350.

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Rex James Bates, class of '41 *November 9, 1923-March 8, 2016*



Rex Bates, '41

During his junior year at Lincoln High School, Jim entertained the idea of attending Harvard but Latin was a prerequisite for admittance. Bertha Hunter tutored Jim in Latin and while he was able to master the subject, he ended up attending another University. To honor Bertha Hunter's memory, Jim established the Bertha Hunter Language Scholarship through the LHSAA Endowment Fund. This award is given annually to a Lincoln Student. Jim passed away at the age of 93. The Endowment Fund is grateful for his patronage. Following is excerpted from his obituary.

Rex James "Jim" Bates was born in Seattle, Washington. The family lived in Tacoma before moving to the Multnomah Village area of Portland. Jim enlisted in the US Army after a year at Oregon State and was recruited into the Army Air Corps Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. This was a handpicked group of 24 engineering students who were commissioned as Lieutenants, trained at the University of Washington, and

sent to the Pacific to fly into the weather to determine conditions before the commencement of major battles. They were the first "Hurricane Chasers – the first to fly into the eye of a Hurricane. During one of the many reconnaissance flights, his B-24 ditched into the South Pacific and while Jim was burned he aided in the rescue of several of his crewmates. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal.

Jim attended the University of Chicago School of Business. After earning a BS in Physics and an MBA specializing in Statistics and Applied Mathematics at Chicago, he joined the investment firm of Stein Roe and Farnham. In 1972, Jim became Financial Vice President of State Farm Insurance, where he served for 19 years and assisted in substantially improving State Farm's long term financial sustainability. He was elected to the Boards of Directors of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and all of its affiliates and retired in 1991 as Mutual Company Vice Chairman. He served as a trustee of Illinois Wesleyan University and The Brookings Institution.

A life-long birder, Jim served as a trustee of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology for many years. He was an avid stamp collector, tennis player, and salmon fisherman. Tennis playing took him to the USTA National Championships in 1989 where his 65 and older 3.5 doubles team won first place.

Jim touched many lives and gave generously. He offered free financial consulting to "widows and divorcees", mentored young people and provided financial assistance to young people struggling to get through college or graduate school. His patronage of the Sequim City Band led to the development of the James Center for the Performing Arts. Annie Wright Schools in Tacoma and The Dungeness River Audubon Center, along with a number of other institutions, also benefited from his largess.

Jim was predeceased by his wife Reva, in 2011. Jim is survived by their children Patricia Mattingley (Dave) of Sequim, Rex Bates (Angela) of Seattle, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons. ■

Then and Now... *Continued from Front Cover*

In the fall of 1955 I entered the University of Oregon. During registration I met with the Dean of Students to explore the possibility of a scholarship. I came away with what must have been the U of O's smallest scholarship: \$10 per term from the journalism department. I bet that record still stands today! I was not too proud to accept it. On the same day I found a part-time job as a kitchen helper at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house.

The summer months primarily financed my education. I had gained some butchering skills and strength from my high school job which enabled me to find work at Silver Falls Meat Packing on the Columbia Slough in North Portland. I made \$2 per hour which was a workingman wage in the 1950's. I worked long hours weekdays, from 5:00AM until 8:00PM. The mornings were spent in giant chill-room coolers pulling shrouds from half-side cattle and loading delivery trucks. The regular mid-day shift found me on the kill-floor from leading cattle into chutes to washing down half-carcasses before shrouding them for the coolers. My tired body then steamed and cleaned-up the kill-floor. Those long hours and hard work paid for my tuition, books, room and board which totaled approximately \$1,200 - \$1,500 per year.

Despite my earnings, my mother's health and my workload required a return to Portland. Good luck and great professors landed me at Portland State for both Bachelors and Masters degrees with a scholarship and a stipend.

In those years a great variety of jobs were available for young men. Unfortunately, young women did not have as wide a variety. Work among some of my LHS friends included delivering doughnuts for Best-Ever Bakery and making pies for Quality Pie Shop; landscaping for Frank L. McGuire Realty; assembling furniture and cleaning at BP Johns Furniture; selling merchandise at Meier & Franks, Lippman Wolfe and/or Olds & King; manufacturing gunny sacks in dusty Ames-Harris-Novelle; selling manure door-to-door for fertilizing; lugging survey equipment for ODOT in

preparation for a new I-5 freeway; conducting recreation activities and cleaning swimming pools for Portland Park Bureau; pumping gas at Richfield, Flying A, Signal or other service stations; hauling scrap metal to Zidell or Schnitzer junk yards and, of course; joining any of our Armed Services.

Of special note is a tribute to Bill Porter, one of our most admirable Lincoln classmates who made a living from door-to-door sales of Watkins household products.

Now ...

Obviously I know more about the past ways of funding post-high-school education, yet we all are aware of the current issues related to paying for higher education.

If student loans were around in the 1950's, I certainly wasn't aware of those dollars. Student loans have become the blessing/curse of higher education for both universities and students as well as parents. In 2015 Oregon college students and their parents borrowed \$1.34 billion for education. Oregon colleges now depend upon twenty to seventy percent of their revenue from student loans. In 2013 Oregon ranked 47th in the nation in state funding for higher education. An analysis by The Oregonian read "... federal student loan data for students at Oregon's colleges and their parents borrowed more than \$12.2 billion over the last decade." "By 2013, more than six in ten college graduates left school owing on average more than \$26,000."

I haven't done the math, but I bet I'd still be killing calves if I had to pay for college today. The world has changed, but the value of an education remains high with a much higher price-tag. Our LHS Alumni Association encourages your support of Lincoln and our graduates. My apolitical request is to take another look-see at Senator Bernie Sanders education goals for our country.

– Don Eichman '55

P.S. Our new Lincoln of 1952 cost \$3.5 million. The proposed cost for a 'new improved' Lincoln is \$271,397,302. You do the math! ■

Caddy Scholarship Provides Generous Support

— by David Evans, LHS Class of 1978

Being the oldest of four children, with my dad's high school teacher's salary providing support for the whole family, I knew that finding a way to pay for my college education was critical. Fortunately, with help from my aunt, I identified a college scholarship program that still exists today, that would pay for tuition and room for 4 years at the University of Oregon.



David Evans, '78

This program is operated by the Western Golf Association (WGA), through the Evans Scholars Foundation (just a coincidence that my last name is the same - it's not one of the criteria!), and it provides funding for students in over 15 states. In 2016, the Foundation was supporting over 925 individuals throughout the country, including over 30 students at the U of O.

You may be asking, how does someone qualify - there are 4 primary criteria, which are the same today as they were when I qualified, which are as follows:

- Caddy at a sponsoring golf club for at least two years
- Strong academic record
- Demonstrated financial need
- Outstanding character, integrity and leadership

I still remember how nervous I was when speaking before the group from WGA that made the final selections, and how happy both me and my parents were when I received word that my application had been approved. Subsequent to my time at U of O, I have volunteered on multiple occasions at local golf events, such as the annual Ladies Professional Golf tournament, that help raise money for the scholarships. It's a small payback for what was definitely one of the key springboards to the success that I have been able to enjoy throughout the years.

If you're interested in obtaining additional information on this potentially lucrative opportunity, it can be accessed at www.wgaesf.com.

— Dave

Endowment Fund

"With Wit, Wisdom and Talent"

Many graduating Lincoln students look to a future that includes continuing education, whether attending college, trade school, or some type of additional schooling that will help them build toward a positive future in an area that interests them.

In May 1999, the LHSAA formed an Endowment Fund to enable individuals and organizations a way to contribute to a permanent financial resource that supports special educational programs, projects and activities. The growth of this fund is managed with wit, imagination, wisdom and thoughtful concern for all Lincoln High students. Please consider making a donation today.

Donations can be sent to the Lincoln Endowment Fund:

LHSAA Endowment
P.O. Box 23756
Portland, Or 97281

Endowment fund Committee: Carolyn Mae Jackson, '55; Ardys Reverman PH.D, '56; Dr. David Perlman, '65; Marlyce Gholston, '54; Dr. Lee Emery, '56; Chris Brown, '89; Christopher Lancefield, '92; Harris Matarazzo, '75.

Extra for Animal House

— by Heather Henderson, LHS Class of 1974

I saw your note in the Alumni News asking for stories about how we paid for college, and I couldn't resist sending my contribution...

I worked many jobs during my 4 years at U of O (1974-78) to pay the \$500 a term tuition plus my living expenses. But the most interesting of those jobs was working as an extra for Animal House when it was filmed on campus in the fall of 1977. I got casting calls for a number of different scenes, which meant that I was paid for the whole day, even if my scene wrapped early. Eight hours at minimum wage — plus free meals — was a good deal as far as I was concerned! That helped me pay for part of my junior year.

The scenes you can (barely) see me in include the Emily Dickinson College scene (I'm one of the students who walks through Berlinger Lounge while "Otter" is waiting), and the parade scenes filmed in Cottage Grove. And another little note: my LHS classmate Julie (Brooks) Whitmore was my roommate that year at U of O, and because we had to provide our own wardrobe for most of the scenes, the brown blazer I'm wearing in the Emily Dickinson College scene is one Julie lent me that day.

Evidently, the experience was inspiring, because I went on to graduate school at the Yale School of Drama, and now I am a commercial actress! ■



Heather Henderson, '74

The Bulletin Board

Lincoln Alumni are welcome to attend monthly Board Meetings, held the 1st Thursday (September-June) in the LHS cafeteria. If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via conference call: 1-605-475-4700, access code - 645211. For more information, call: 503-452-2225.

Quarterly Endowment Fund committee meetings are generally held the 3rd Sunday of January, April, July, and October at 3 pm. If interested in becoming involved, please call the LHSAA hotline number: 503-452-2225

Consider giving a Membership gift to a LHS classmate. Yearly dues are \$15.00. Your generous gift helps further the LHSAA's mission.

For those who have passed, we mourn. It is important for the alumni association to remember all Cardinals, so if you know of a Lincoln grad that has passed away, please contact us at: lincolnalum.org or 503-452-2225. Thank you!

Tell us your story. We want to know how High School helped prepare you for life.

Reunions

1955 Class Reunion

80th Birthday Bash

September 22, 2017. We are getting ready for the Class of LHS 1955 80th Birthday Party. It will be held at The Stockpot Broiler located at 8200 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Beaverton, OR 97008. Time from 4:00 till nap time. Contact Bob Turner, 503-310-2126 or email him at bob@indiospirits.com. or Pat Wright Gibbs at 503-694-8735. pat.gibbs1@comcast.net.

1957 Class Reunion

60th Reunion

Date for the reunion is August 26, 2017. It will be at the Multnomah Athletic Club. For more information as planning goes forward contact William S Walker at william.walker841@gmail.com or call him at 503-706-3517.

1967 Class Reunion

50th Reunion

The reunion will be on Saturday, September 23 from 6 to 10 PM at the Lake Theater Cafe in Lake Oswego. For further information as planning proceeds or to help organize the event please contact Chet Orloff. His email is chetorloff@gmail.com. Phone number is 503-805-5461.

1987 Class Reunion

This class will have its 30th reunion on Saturday, September 30th. It will be at the Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St. in Portland and will start at 6:30 pm. FREE. No pressure fundraiser for Harper's Playground. We are going to have fun and that's our commitment to the Class of 1987. Contact: Peter Thomas at email peterwre@gmail.com or phone 541-610-6858.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

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Reunions

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Lincoln Senior Larsen Hodges, Selected as Finalist

Congratulations to Lincoln Senior Larsen Hodges selected as a Finalist for the 2017 U.S. Army Pro Football Award of Excellence. This is the fifth year of the program and Larsen was one of only 25 honorees selected nationally – quite an honor for her and her parents and an affirmation of Lincoln's academic and athletic programs!

Larsen's IB Biology teacher Ms. Maggie Raczek was also honored as an outstanding contributor to Larsen's success. Larsen graciously recognized the support of her parents, lacrosse coach and her peers on the girl's lacrosse team for helping her balance hours of community service, rigorous classes,

and a commitment to varsity athletics. We love that Larsen's hard work exemplifies the mission statement of the Pro Football Hall of Fame which is to "Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values, & Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE!"

We heard today "It is just as important what we do off the field as on the field" and we couldn't agree more! ■



Lincoln Senior
Larsen Hodges

FROM THE PAST...

from many
different places
we moved
together
to experience
to create
and
to express
ourselves

– Class of '78