Colusa High School

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation

MEMORIES

There are way too many memories to pick one overall; It was my girlfriend and sports, mainly football. I challenge all who, like myself, forget to donate! Especially my buddies 'Two-Ton', 'Jamie', 'Big John', 'Brodie', 'Spider', 'Mose', Crazy Legs', 'F & B', 'Hawkeye Pierce', and all the others whose faces I see in my minds eye. My teammates were from 75-77 of course and we all know 1976 or whatever your graduation year is, it is not much to ask. Too repeat, help this foundation now! Take that 20 minutes and send your donation today! Please keep me updated and kick booty Redskins!

Gary (Cal) Calcagno, Class of 1976

Coach Dana trying to leave me behind at a golf match in Willows in 1976.

Charles Meyers, Class of 1979

My biggest memory was being a part of the 1990 State Champion Basketball Team.

Scottie Tyler Marvel, Class of 1991

We had some pretty fair athletes in the late 30's and 40-41—Johnny Ramos, Dom Fusaro, Barney Gonzales, Don Snyder, Charley Clement to name a few. The Redskin Foundation is a great idea and can be a real force for CUHS athletics.

Carroll R. Doty, Class of 1941

Ciao! I can't believe more people from my 1960 class haven't responded. I question whether is correctly labeled as an <u>alumni</u> group as only sports programs receive the donations. We are technically Boosters Alumni. Either way, it's long overdue.

Nancy Paletta Chelini, Class of 1960.

In memory of my dad, John Sterk, who taught there for 22 years. Some of my best memories are of high school days at Colusa High. I hope that we can keep our Redskin logo and name.

Ruth Sterk Anderson, Class of 1940.

Just glad to still be on "The Green Side of The Lawn". Good work and the best to all who are still with us.

Nick Garcia, Class of 1952

1950 Football team beat Willows, 1st in a lot of years.

Bones Allen, Class of 1951

I was never #1 in any sport I played at Colusa High, but <u>every</u> coach, I was lucky enough to have trained me, encouraged me and made me part of the team. I wish that for all future Colusa Athletes.

Sidonie Roach Usher, Class of 1981

Johnnie Ramos was the best student-athlete of my generation and I enjoyed watching him play shortstop on the championship baseball team at UC Berkeley.

Don McNary, Class of 1942

Some of my most memorable moments in high school, are of practices I had with Coach Regier and with my dad, Coach Dana. They were and will continue to be my mentors; their words of wisdom will be with me always.

Joy Dana Bruening, Class of 1980

In memory of the best Dad and track coach ever "Tommy G" (Tom Guild).

Lori Guild Kessler, Class of 1981

Memories; they are all good!

Clifford McCormick, Class of 1949

Love the stadium at the fairgrounds-Why the change?

Andy & Deanna Smith, Class of 1981 and 1982

John still has his old rubber Redskin after 53 years, its looking bad!

John P. Danford, Class of 1951

One of the greatest Redskins—Michael Randleas, in his memory.

Beth Noble Jones, Class of 1973

This donation is to support Coach Tom Vedo's basketball team! Go Redskins!!!

Mary Vedo, Class of 1958



Individual Alumni Donations

1927 George G. Mannee

1935 Len Mannee George Mannee

> 1937 Les Cook

> > 1938

Lucille Cook Mannee Hefner

1940

Ruth Sterk Anderson

1941 Carroll R. Doty

1942

Gerald (Joe) Livermore Kenneth Keller Don McNary Bernard Gonzales

1943

John Abreu Wanda Woolery Grob James Riley

1944

Charles Seaver Jack Staple Elizabeth Ash-Livermore Joyce Braly-Keller

1945

George Hinoke Kirk Messick

1946

Al Gomes Elsie L. Abreu Dean Tyrrell Betsy Davison Darrow Barbara Giuliani Yeomans Mary Huff

1947

Janet Allen Staple Lorraine Farnsworth Samons Georgeen Roberson Pierre Barbara Betterton Messick Freda Zwald Brookins

1948

Bill Collins
Pauline Guild Masera
Harry Strickler
Kenneth Bruggman
Doris Crane Rose
Robyn Wilsey Dorsey
Marily F. Farnsworth
Johnson

1949

Vincent Walker
Robert M. Stagmier
Bertha Westcamp Fontes
Carolyn Crane Henry
Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey
Joan S. Storm
Clifford McCormick

Mission Statement

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is a non-profit organization under the direction of the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation.

All Colusa High School graduates are eligible to participate in the Alumni Association. Annual newsletters will encourage alumni to donate an amount equal to their year of graduation, such as 1963=\$19.63, 1942=\$19.42, and so on.

Donations received will be accounted for and directed to the area of scholastic interest at Colusa High School, so designated by the donating Alumni. These donations will be used to enhance the education of current Colusa High School students.

The success of the Colusa High School Alumni Association is dependent upon the ideas, volunteer work and donations of the Alumni.

1950

Bonnie Farnsworth Grussenmeyer Eunice Stafford Harlan Barbara Comfort Wanda Fullmer Mills Millard Totman Donald L. Michener

1951

Bobby Jo Allen Seaver
Annette Lee Park
Delbert Tucker
John P. Danford
Alan Rutledge
Tom W. Schwartz
Richard Steidlmayer
Harold B. Tennant
Koe B. Ishigaki
Jack Elkins
Laverne (Bones) Allen

1952

Nick Garcia Andy Ponta Shirleen Wood Dean Jim Davison Janita Smith

1953

Carleen Yungling Leise Sally Steidlmayer Pat Capehart Totman George Chan

1954

Vince Sargentini Raegene Cation Chester Miller Jimmie Lee

1955

Robert Shippen May Warren McAlhaney Jerd Ferraiuolo Harvey Yamamoto Dr. and Mrs. George T. Egling Arlin Miller

1956

Jim Ernst Judy Meadows-Ranger Scott Clare Marie Forney Clare Carol Sartain-Hubbard 1957

Jim Lucchesi Walter and Susan Ramazzni

1958

Juana Buonomo Juvenal
Jerry Hulbert
Eva Meraz-Robey
Pat Cull
Al Raitt
Jerry Randolph
Mary Lou Vedo

1959

Ken Stat Ishigaki
Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin
Keith Mannee
Fred J. Meckfessell
Dorothy H. Murphy
Tom Tucker
Roy Lee
Marta Sachudy-Keith
Beverly Yopp-Gabbert
Jim Steidlmayer
Gerald and Violet Sartain
Nancy Tennant-Potts

1960

Ron Livermore Marlene Stephens-Sheldon Nancy Paletta-Chelini Linda Jaconetti Randolph

1961

Stuart Savage Rick Libby Tony Garofalo Mary Kay Devine Hutchison

1962

Dorothy Baggett Butler Sandra Diggs Richey Kent Mannee Susan Tennant Rohles Janet Bergman Houser Sharon Jarnigan Wade Sandra Moss Hitchcock Betsy Westfall Harris Jeane Carole Campbell Betty Jo Benson Marano Matie Ann Spurgeon Stan Goodin 1963

Richard Kelly Nancy Tucker Vierra Bill and Beckey Dolstra

1964

Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel
Diane Foster Bransford
Kathy Harrison Revak
Gary and Judy Yates
Lani Yoshimura
Carolyn Paletta Smith
Jim Devine
Mike Prime

1965

William A. Baggett
Don Bransford
Jean Dunham Delgado
Dena Fusaro Mannee
Fred Neilson
Paul Ferraiuolo
Sherman Fitch
Pam Forney Ernst
Jeri Jarnagin Benson
Craig and Dianne
Poundstone
Glenn Saxton
Sue Tucker Bean
Jane White Cushing
Buster Diggs

1966

James N. Polander Edee Westfall-Silva Bonnie Peterson Steve Garofalo Kitty Barker Garofalo

1967

Gerry Ingebretson Sue Farnsworth Ferraiuolo Gene Beauchamp Jim Reading Frank Briceno

1968

Joyce Candito Wayne Oliver Jerry Abreu Greg Boyes 1969

JoAnn Livermore Burnett Sue Heigel Oliver Sherry Griffin Prater Louie Grob Jr. 1970

Valorie Vedo Ingebretson
Janice Lauppe
Pam Livermore Cefalia
Jan Wood Cullen
Dorthy Stegall-Woody
Tom Golden
Patty Randleas Mendenhall

1971

Lynne Galentine Weber Richard Forney Lenore Peterson Rico George Sandridge Walter Seaver Mary Steffes Critchfield Mike McGowan Cathy Schulbach

1972

Charlotte Heliker Jeager Arlene Okikawa Oji Helen Wright Fink

1973

Nancy Paletta Metts
Kay Steidlemayer Schoder
Greg Weber
Jerry Seaver
Kathleen Disney Hart
Sheryl Sanderson Bacharach
Beth Noble Jones

1974

Vickie Pogue Marchio Laurie Moran Nelson Steve and Cindy Sanderson Mardel Sandridge Jim Seaver Connie Smith Jeri Willoh

1975

Jane Ash Goodin
Gerald Davies
Jim Pescatore
Paul Fisher
Yolanda Salazar Tirado
Kenneth Seaver
Check Mok
Kathy Overton Garner
Tim Parris
Guadalupe Chavarria
Kurt Schulbach
Joe Walker

1976 Gary (Cal) Calcagno

Tom Kittle
Robin Spinetti Myers
Mark Beauchamp
Arnie Gross
Les Harada
Peter Niles
Earl Stegall
Debbie Stone Cerevantes
Peggy Wrysinski Greene
Colleen Davies Ronan
Brady Myers
Diedre Orr Galentine
Sandy Seaver Cabral
David Zepeda

1977

Marta Gbbens Stegall Jamie Wheeler Myers

1978

Bill Manville Pam Hurni Nardinelli Polly Seaver Cordorniz Lynn Thompson Harp Rick Ponciano

1979

Charles J. Meyers Jeff Moresco

1980

Gina Calcagno Moresco Robert J. Davies Alice Solis Darsel Woodring Forney Joy Dana Breuning Demetre Goudas John Poundstone

1981

Cathy Guizar Keaton Marina Redding Mary Davies O'Connor Sidonie Roach Usher Paula Ash Chad Woodring Lori Guild Kessler Andy Smith Denise Billups Sloan

1982

Devonna Byrd Smith

L983

Kathy Richards Ferreira Denise Cerney Graham Frank Davison Rob Hickel Marilyn Messick McGowan Jody Moore Johns

1984

Ron Jarrard Laurie Townsend Costa Jesse Garcia SoHanna Park Minami Julissa Silva Garcia Denny Stillwell Monty Lee

1985

Michael Davies Kirk Kelleher

1986

Mary Wallace Kelly Bolen Hickel Brenda Homes Seyk

1988

Ty Ernst Amy Hess Manville

1990

Jamie Ernst Edmondson Jennifer Lemos Sims

1991

Wendy Duck Scottie Tyler Marvel Sebastian and Lydia Medina Nancy Stine Woodring

1992

Darcie Bransford

1994

Scott Bransford

1997

Katie Goodin

1998

Holly Goodin Nathan Bransford

1999

Scott Zumwalt Katie Nelson Matt Forster

2000

Beth Bransford Blake Stegall

2001

Mike Forster Scott Nelson Molly Weber

2002

Devin Ingebretson Katie Zumwalt Kevin Zumwalt Teal Richards Tara Forster

2003

Brian Davies Tracy Stegall Nicholas Weber

2005

Katelyn Davies Ashley Stegall



2005 Family Donations

Bransford

Diane Foster, 1964

Don, 1965

Darcie, 1992

Scott, 1994

Nathan, 1998

Beth, 2000

Davies

Jerry, 1975 Colleen, 1976 Rob, 1980 Mary, 1981 Mike, 1985 Brian, 2003 Katelyn, 2005

Ernst

Jim, 1956 Pam, 1965 Ty, 1988 Jamie Edmonson, 1990

Forster

Matt, 1999 Mike, 2001 Tara, 2002

Garofalo

Tony, 1961 Steve, 1966 Kitty, 1966

Goodin

Stan, 1962 Jane Ash, 1975 Katie, 1997 Holly, 1998

Ingebretson

Gerry, 1967 Valorie, 1970 Devin, 2002

Lee

Annette Park, 1951 Jimmie, 1954 Roy, 1959 Monty, 1984

Livermore

Gerald (Joe), 1942 JoAnne, 1969 Pamela, 1970 Ron, 1960

Mannee

George, 1927
George G., 1927
Len, 1935
Les Cook, 1937
Lucille Cook Hefner,
1938
Keith, 1959
Kent, 1962
Dena Fusaro, 1965

Nelson

Laurie Moran, 1974 Katie, 1999 Scott, 2001



Seaver Charles, 1944

Bobbie Jo (Allen), 1951 Walter, 1971 Jerry, 1973 Jim, 1974 Ken, 1975 Sandy Cabral, 1976 Polly Cordorniz, 1978

Stegall

Earl, 1976 Marta Gibbens, 1977 Blake, 2000 Tracey, 2003 Ashley, 2005

Weber

Lynne Galentine, 1971 Greg, 1973 Molly, 2001 Nicholas, 2003

Woodring

Chad, 1981 Nancy Stine, 1991 Brandon, 2014 Lily, 2021

Zumwalt

Robin Spinetti Myers, 1976 Scott, 1999 Kevin, 2002 Katie, 2002

2005 In Memory Contributions

Tom Guild Harry Strickler Don Vedo Ron Jarrard John Sterk Charlie Nelson Mike Randleas Jack Faulk Glenn DuFor
Dora Elliot
Tony Garofalo
Christine Scott
MaCauley
Francis White
Charles Seaver
Ron Livermore

MEMORIES...cont.

Our senior prom was wonderful. The decorations were terrific and our theme song was "Stardust". Love our old school. Loved the newsletter. The computer students did a great job. Keep up the good work. Great hearing from you.

Wanda Fullmer Mills, Class of 1950

Great fun memories of singing and dancing to the music of "Ducky" Vedo and Ben Town....Gone but not forgotten.

Barbara (Giuliani) Yeomans, Class of 1946

Great fund-raising program. Thanks.

Jerry Hulbert, Class of 1958

Greetings to all. Carolyn Crane Henry, Class of 1949

Football-The year is 1973. We are newly back in the Westside League. We travel to Corning to play the single-wing Cardinals on a cold, rainy Tehama County night. The Redskins prevail against the favored guys up north on their way to an undefeated 10-0 season! Go Red Machine!

Paul Fisher, Class of 1975

My Colusa High School years were wonderful. Great friends, great teachers. I am proud to be an alumnus of a great school.

Shirleen Wood-Dean, Class of 1952

We're overjoyed with the legislation that was passed so our school can continue to use the "Redskins" as their mascot! Also, keep up the good work!

Pat Capehart Totman, Class of 1953

Was born and raised in Colusa until 1942. I would have graduated with the Class of 1945 but for World War II.

George Hinoki, Class of 1945

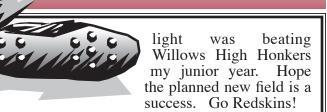
In 1949 the Colusa Redskins thumped the Willows Honkers 26-0, (after a 13 year dry spell), and was that a night!!!

Donald L. Michener, Class of 1950

Glad to hear "Redskins" still alive. Go Arnold!

Kathy Richards Ferreira, Class of 1983

Enjoy reading your newsletter regarding the Colusa Redskins. I played on the team for 3 years under Coach John Gilkey. The high-



Alan Rutledge, Class of 1951

Hi Folks. I have fond memories of life in Colusa. Feel I received an excellent education, too!

Judy Ranger, Class of 1956

I'm sending an amount that is the same as my age, it will increase \$1.00 every year until I'm not here anymore. Colusa High School years were the best!

Jim Reading, Class of 1967

Go Redskins! Jim Ernst, Class of 1956; Pam Forney Ernst, Class of 1965; Ty Ernst, Class of 1988; and Jamie Ernst Edmondson, Class of 1990

Happy to donate to such a good cause. I know how much work fundraising is! Keep up the good job.

Pam Hurni Nardinelli, Class of 1978

Here is my donation for 1965—This is a fabulous idea. Hope more people join. Looking forward to class reunion in September 2004. I have so many

wonderful memories of dances, athletic games, band concerts, and lunch with friends.

> Jean Dunham Delgado, Class of 1965

Have to disagree with Sharon Jarnigan. Class of "64" was the last class to graduate from "the old brick school". Good

luck in all you are trying to accomplish.

Caralyn Paletta Smith, Class of 1964

Thank you for sending us the Alumni newsletter. We look forward to hearing more from the Association and the Colusa Redskins! Good Luck! Please accept this donation from our family.

Chad Woodring, Class of 1981; Nancy Stine Woodring, Class of 1991; Branden Woodring, Future Class of 2014 and Lily Woodring, Future Class of 2021



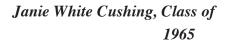
MEMORIES...cont.

Hello All, I've had great memories of my years at CHS and all the reunions. Go Redskins!

Mrs. Kathy (Harrison) Revak, Class of 1964

I'm sending this donation in memory of my mother, Frances White, and the years she devoted to Colusa High. Here's a dollar for each of her 4 years as a student, 25 years as the girls' P.E.

Teacher and then to round it off, I include a dollar for the year I attended Colusa High as a freshman: \$30.00. Go Redskins!



My Dad, brother, and I all graduated from Colusa High School and also my nieces and nephew. Now we're on grandnieces and grandnephews, totaling five with one more coming up. We're all loyal Redskins-12 of us.

> Marily Farnsworth Johnson, Class of 1948

I hear that last years alumni picnic was a big success.

Delbert Tucker and Marion "Clark" Tucker, Class of 1951

Every little bit hellps-ok-"gals of 59" lets see

Bev Yopp Gabbert, Class of 1959

Betty Jo Marano Benson, Class of 1962

Redskins will be forever!

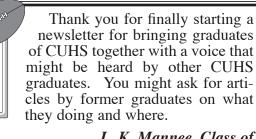
Mary Kay Devine Hutchinson, Class of 1961

Congratulations on forming the organization!

Merrill Newman, Class of 1946

Heard about new legislation & Colusa, Redskins were mentioned on our local radio. We'll all fight to keep our name & logo! Go Redskins!

> Doris Crane Rose, Class of 1948



L. K. Mannee, Class of 1959

Hope you have had a good response to your letter, I know every little bit helps!

> Zelette McCullough Smith, Class of 1951

In memory of George Mannee, Time Keeper for 40 years.

George G. Mannee, Class of 1927; Len Mannee, Class of 1935; Les Cook, Class of 1937; Lucille Cook Mannee Hefner, Class of 1938; Keith Mannee, Class of 1959; Kent Mannee, Class of 1962 and Dena Fusaro Mannee.

Charlie Nelson, Coach, Great Guy, Chico graduate-wanted to win but worked on the person.

Class of 1965

Frank Briceno, Class of 1967

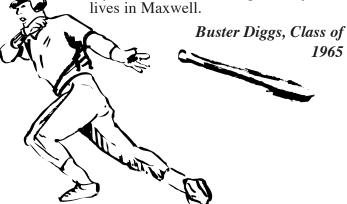
Enclosed is a contribution for the athletic foundation. I know the State budget cuts are hurting the schools hope this helps keep the sports program moving along.

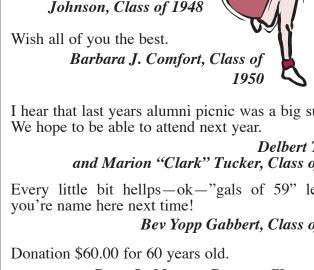
Sandy Fusaro Sheedy, Class of 1961

Greetings Colusa Alumni Association,

My sister Sandra passed your letter onto me. What a great idea and I salute the person(s) who put this in motion. I return to Colusa from time to time

but only to fish with a college buddy who





Alumni Association News

Alumni Association Board Takes a New Direction!

In August of 2003, like a coach searching down the bench for help in a close game, the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation called on the alumni of Colusa High School to get in the game.

Dusting off the years of watching from the sidelines, the alumni stood up and listened to the coach. The Redskin Foundation was calling for a new strategy that needed the financial muscle of the Colusa High School Alumni.

Prepared for battle, the alumni focused on their past. Their strength was in their numbers and years of experience. The coach was only looking for a little help from everyone. The play was set up like this; everyone was encourage to donate the amount of the year they graduated, such as 1963=\$19.63, 1980=\$19.80. With cautious nods of approval, the alumni entered the game.

At the end of the first half, the alumni had made a difference. The stats looked impressive. \$8200 was donated the first year. \$12,000 was collected in 2004. The coach was pleased, but something was still missing.

During halftime, as the coach looked at the many faces of Colusa alumni, he could sense their different interests in winning the game.

Some alumni were very athletic enjoyed the <u>sport</u> of the game. Others took a <u>scientific</u> approach, testing every situation put in front of them. Some alumni responded better when they heard the <u>band</u> play fight song and many really appreciated the <u>art</u> designs of the banners supporting the team. Even the alumni who liked <u>agriculture</u> were worried about being put on the farm team. Because we're all in this <u>business</u> together thought the coach, maybe if we each focused on our interest, the whole team will win.

So with a new game plan for the second half, the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation is changing the "Alumni Donation Play" as follows: Donate to your <u>area</u> of interest. If you would like your donation to go towards sports, science, band, business, art, or agriculture, please direct us.

The Colusa High School Alumni Association will now be a group donating to the benefit of the entire Colusa High School. The Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation will still oversee the Alumni Association and hopes that the whole school will win with this new game plan.

We truly appreciate your support and participation in the Alumni Association. You are really making a difference in your school. Sincerely,

Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation - Alumni Association

Agriculture Department

Tim Crabtree & Heather Thomas

Calling all Aggies from Colusa FFA the Alumni association is looking for you! The Redskin foundation has asked us to get the news about our department out to you. I would like to introduce my partner Heather Thomas and myself Tim Crabtree as the local agriculture teachers here at Colusa High school since 1998. Over the past seven years our department has grown from 70 members to over 150 members. We have added 8 American FFA Degree Recipients and 26 State Farmers to our chapter as of this year. Our students have won many proficiency awards at the regional and state level in the past seven years. Our chapter continues to grow and expand with the offering of new classes and program improvements. Our program has been supported over the past seven years by many people throughout our community which we believe has made our program a huge success. As budgets get tighter each year we look for new ways to financially support the interests of our FFA members. This would include sending them to regional and state activities, and attendance at the National Convention in Kentucky. It is our hope that you would be willing to support our members through this foundation. We would also be interested in hearing stories about your involvement in the agriculture department and the FFA chapter. We have trophy cases in our department and plagues on our walls, but not much historical information to go with it. An example is 3 medals from the state fair in 1922 which were won by Paul Wolff, Herman Fendt, Joseph Jordan, and Harold Fortna. Or would anyone know the team members who won the Farm Power and Machinery contest for the chapter in 1974. What about our state farmers from 1944-45 Roy Triplet, or Alfred Davis from 1952-53. There are many examples, but not information to pass on to the next generation of FFA members. If you had great memories of your time spent in the FFA please pass them on and support the next generation of students. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Art Department

Bob Kirkman

Remember the old art room? I mean the former room. Room 305 has been transformed into a math room to house Environmental Science Academy math classes. The walls and memories were painted over. With the demise of the wood shop, it was a perfect move for art to head out to what is now known as "area 51" by the locals. Now, with the space and the tools, great things can happen loops. It could with donations from your former art students and lovers of art to assist in the needed materials and supplies. If you get a chance, stop by and see what we have been doing.

Alumni Education News

Science Department

Craig Richards

History and science don't always go hand in hand, but it is hard not to have a strong sense of history when looking at equipment that predates all the current teachers at Colusa High. Every time I open the door of my 1950's vintage autoclave, I can't help but think of Wayne Heuer. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting him before his untimely death, I feel a close kinship. To this day, I live next door to Wayne's wife Dorothy and often run in to Robin, Hugh and Matt as well as their families. Dorothy has shared with me many of the similarities between Wayne's and my own life. We graduated from Humboldt State University, worked in the wildlife arena during the summers, love the outdoors, lived on Hunter Road and taught or teach biology at Colusa High! I learned that Wayne had even planned on retiring in the Fort Jones area, one of my favorite places in California.

My name is Craig Richards and I'm the current biology instructor at Colusa High and have been since 1988. I have been blessed with many fine students over the years and know that Mr. Heuer was an influence to many before my time. Numerous times, parents of current students, like Woody Yerxa, have reminisced about their biology experience with Mr. Heuer, their memories sparked by visiting the same biology classroom he taught in. I have heard many stories over the years from his ex-students and cohorts attesting to Mr. Heuer's teaching ability and robust character.

In the spirit of Colusa High biology teachers and students past and present, I'm asking you to consider a donation to the current program. Present funding is adequate to maintain a decent lab curriculum, but does not cover one time purchases of expensive lab equipment such as the autoclave described at the beginning of this note. In the next year or so this piece of equipment, which is 50 years old and critical to all microbiology labs, will need to be replaced, to the tune of several thousand dollars. Your donations will be used for this purchase. Thank you for considering donating to the current Colusa High School biology program. If there are any anecdotes from biology classes past you would like included in the next alumni letter, please send them to me at CHS or e-mail me directly at crichards@colusa.k12.ca.us.

Music Department

Mike Phenicie



The Colusa High School music department remains busy with performances both in the Colusa Community, and reaching out over the countryside. In spite of funding cuts of approximately 80% in the past two years, our schedule has

only increased. Some of the events this spring include: Cabaret Dinner Show at the Colusa Casino on March 3rd, Country Music Festival on March 8th-9th, Jazz Band Festival in Portland, Oregon on March 11th-13th, and two members of the CHS band will travel to Pasadena on March 17th-19th to join the All-California Festival Honor Band for a performance with 115 of the top musicians in the state. The show Choir, "Sound Decision!" will compete at the RAVES choir festival in Redding for the 19th time at the end of April, and the HS Band will return to Southern California to defend it's sweepstakes trophy they earned last year. We will team up with the Colusa County Arts Council to produce our second musical, "Quilters" later this spring. Last year's "Nunsence" was a huge success. Many graduates will fondly remember Art Heliker, former band director at CHS. His passion for the CHS jazz band was well known, and is remembered as we rebuild the jazz band, which currently numbers 18 students. We have even started a new group, called "Junior Jazz" at Egling, made up of 9 very talented 5th and 6th graders.

All these activities cost a great deal of money, and we are now back to fund-raising to maintain our busy schedule. Unfortunately, fund-raising involves some class time, and a lot of outside time. Students should use class time for creating music, not searching for ways to pay for what we do. Any fundraising donations will be greatly appreciated, and used wisely.

Michael Phenicie is now in his 20th year in Colusa, and directs 8 bands and one show choir at Egling and CHS, and Mike Rittmann directs the drum corps. Jeff Poppinga, CHS graduate, now directs all the choirs at Egling, plus classroom music at Burchfield.

Colusa FBLA Chapter Continues To Shine!

Sue Barrett

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. FBLA prepares students for "real world" professional experiences. Members gain the competitive edge for college and career success.

Colusa High School's FBLA members continue the long standing tradition established by Susan Rasmussen and John Vafis as being a top ranking chapter in the state of California. Chapter members enjoy successes in all levels – education, leadership training at the local, section and state levels, career development, community and school service, competition and individual and chapter recognition.

Members earn the privilege to compete at the state and national levels. Although fund raising efforts are ongoing, conference fees and travel expenses are cost prohibitive to many members.

In addition, because technology changes rapidly, it is a constant struggle to stay current in the classroom in terms of upgrading equipment, text books and software programs. Budget cuts have eliminated previous funding sources and other funding sources are currently threatened. As a result, we are seeking financial support of the FBLA program and classroom curriculum needs. Any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Colusa High School News...From the Administration

CHS Principal

Greetings to All CHS Alumni:

First, I want to acknowledge the Redskin Foundation for their work in bringing this newsletter to you. Georgia Raczniak had the vision for keeping Colusa High School graduates in contact through an Alumni Association, and since her passing, it has been through the dedicated effort and interest of many that the alumni connection is coming to fruition.

As CHS Principal for the past 12 years and a CHS graduate ('63), I have had the unique opportunity to serve our school community professionally and to see many changes over time. Each of you reading this has your own memories of Colusa High and the things that mattered most to you at the time you were a student. Hopefully, the opportunities and experiences you had then have been beneficial as your life has taken shape and you pursued your own career. In this edition you will read comments from various classmates regarding their own pursuits.

Especially with the advancements in technology, education continues to change for teachers and students today. However, lessons and values that come not only from the classroom but from the friendships made in high school, sports and extra curricular participation are timeless. Following are a few of the recent achievements that have made a difference for our current students. Our Boys' Soccer team just finished a 40 match winning streak with three league championships, a section title and section runner-up during the past three years. Our Golf team took the league title and section twice during this same time period, and continues to receive considerable support from the Pat McGowan Swing for Redskins Tournament held each of the past 27 years. Our Boys' Basketball team was league champion and section runner-up in 2004, and the Girls' Soccer team took league the same year.

Success for FBLA continues with the Colusa Chapter just last week-end having taken Overall Sweepstakes for the 4th consecutive

year. This year's Football Homecoming parade involved the entire CHS/CAHS student body and even more community members than the preceding year when it was reinstituted. At this year's Basketball Homecoming games 25 local businesses were recognized for their ongoing support, and the CRAF for its \$35,000 donation to help fund athletics. Other fairly recent additions include the formation of a very talented Jazz Band which recently competed in Portland, and the establishment of a PTSA chapter which has backed spirit/leadership activities and a variety of campus improvement projects. Our FFA chapter currently has170 active members, and four alumni candidates for American Degree (Shelby Stegall, Brad Cardosa, Brett Sankey, Ryan Grimmer). Also, Our Environmental Sciences Academy continues to thrive with field studies from Castle Crags to Catalina Island providing great memories for students.

With school accountability at an all time high we to face the ongoing challenge of showing continuous test score improvement; and though there is still more work to be done, we have seen significant academic growth during the five years that we have participated in the II/USP state school improvement program, and received generous validation just this past week when our WASC school accreditation team completed its four day visit.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you who either have been involved with CHS over time or have recently reconnected, and invite those of you who haven't to let us hear from you. In addition, if you are interested in following our sports teams you can access the www.highschoolsports.net website for schedules and rosters, and for all types of school news including the daily bulletin our school website is www.colusahigh.org .

Sincerely, Robert Hulbert, Principal

CUSD Superintendent

Dear Alumni,

THANK YOU ALUMNI! In two short years you have provided much needed financial support to the tune of just under \$20,000, but more importantly; you have connected the past with the present with so many of your notes of memories and your words of encouragement. Many of you have mentioned how important those high school years were to your future and the many opportunities you had growing up in Colusa. Although the years have changed, many of the same opportunities are alive and well for current CHS students. Teachers, coaches, advisors, community members and parents continue to go the extra mile to provide many activities that still make a difference today. With your continued support, we will be able to maintain the proud traditions that many of you started long ago.

On behalf of current and future CHS students, please accept our sincere thanks.

Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent

Alumni Success Stories: Where are They Now?

Tom Kittle, Agriculture,

Asia Pacific Regional Director FMC FoodTech - Class of 1976

Everybody knows, if you want see a Kittle in Colusa, you go to the same place you pick up your shotgun shells. But there's one Kittle who's a little harder to get a hold of. In fact, just to call him might be more expensive than your average trip to Kittle's—depending on who you are, of course.

Tom Kittle works as the Asia Pacific regional director for FMC Food Tech, and he does it in Bangkok, Thailand. In this far off land, Tom is in charge of sales and service, new business development and market and strategic plan-

After High School Tom attended University of California, Davis, and later would earn an MA in business from the University of Phoenix. But Tom doesn't like to overlook the strong educational foundation that he established at CHS.

"I have great memories of Mr. Vafis," says Tom. "He inspired my interest in international travel, politics and work affairs.

While attending CHS, Tom was very active in AFS and FFA. He cites the various learning experiences with the organizations as particularly relevant

to his current disposition.

My AFS experience to Germany really opened my eyes to other cultures and lifestyles," says Tom. "FFA was great in giving me my first exposure to managing a meeting using the guidelines of Parliamentary Procedures. It showed me the importance of keeping good records while I grew my first

Tom was something of a renaissance man early on. In the wake of his academic, FFA and AFS achievements in high school, he was also active in drama, partaking in several school plays.

He values the unique backdrop that Colusa High students enjoy.

"The opportunity to grow up in a rural community, relatively crime free and with—other than the burning rice fields—nice, fresh air, is something I really appreciate," says Tom. "When compared to Bangkok, which has a population of 11 million.

He believes, too, that in retrospect, he can see how Colusa, though small, is an integral cog in the theater of Global Commerce.

"[Colusa] has given me a great appreciation for the contributions that our agriculture industry brings to the U.S. economy."

Tom thinks that high school students today would benefit from learning

more about junior and senior level business management.

"No matter what job you end up with, you will be exposed to some level of Human Resources, financial or planning related tasks," says Tom. "Being properly trained in these areas will help you in both business and personal matters.

Tom is married to Diane, a photographer. They have a daughter, Jessica,

11 and a son, Jordan, 9.

You'll be glad to know that though Tom and his family were in Thailand at the time the Tsunami hit, they were unharmed. Diane's services have been retained by the United Nations to help document some of the horrendous damaged caused by the disaster.

Charlotte Heliker Jaeger, Music,

Musician - Class of 1972

One of the highlights of the music department from Colusa High School is Charlotte Heliker Jaeger, a 1972 graduate. She now lives in Virginia, perform-

ing and teaching the music she has worked so hard to perfect.

Charlotte performs in Flutonic, an ensemble of flutists. This group of flutists (known as a flute choir) performs throughout Fairfax Country, Virginia. Flutonic performs many different genres of music ranging from classical to pop. Charlotte is also a solo member of the Friday Morning Music Club, a highly respected musical society (over 100 years old) that provides a venue for semiprofessional and professional musicians to perform.

In addition to her accomplishments as a flutist, she also sings soprano in the Cathedral Choral Society of Washington D.C. They perform mostly in the cathedral, but have also performed many times at the Kennedy Center and Wolf

Trap (a popular outdoor concert hall in Fairfax County).

Charlotte earned a Bachelor of Arts in music from California State University, Chico and later went on to earn a Master in Education at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She has studied flute privately with Paul Renzi, first flutist of the San Francisco Symphony, Isabel Starr, first flutist of the San Jose Symphony, and John Lagerquist, flutist and piccolo player for the Washington Opera Orchestra.

But the inspiration to become a flutist came from her first teacher, her father. This man, who introduced Charlotte to the flute at the age of eight, is the same Mr. Heliker who inspired so many others as the music teacher or many

vears at Colusa High School.

From father to daughter and now daughter to sons, Charlotte has inspired the love of music in her children. Her two sons, Travis, 21, and Braden, 17, are excellent violinists and are, or have been, members of one of the top five youth symphonies in the country, The American Youth Philharmonic of Fairfax

Currently, Charlotte teaches private flute lessons at the Madeira School in McLean, Virginia, a private boarding school for girls.

Beth Noble Jones, Art,

Gallery Owner/Art Consultant - Class of 1973

Do you ever really know if you have good taste? Consider this for a minute. When someone walks into your house and makes a snide comment about the "Dogs Playing Poker" print on the wall, do you become defensive? Or do you coolly dismiss the remark, thinking, "They wouldn't know no art if they stepped

Beth Jones has good taste. How does she know? People pay to obtain her artistic taste, if only for a short while, and they pay handsomely.

Beth's art consulting business is finishing out what will be its most successful year to date with annual revenue of \$750,000.

"I feel very blessed to do what I do and make money at it."

The consulting firm is in talks to sign a contract with Kaiser Permanente to do the art for their new Modesto campus. The contract is worth \$250,000, the firm's biggest account since Beth started it in 1991.

Beth also is an equal-part owner of JAYJAY, a contemporary fine art gallery located at 5520 Elvas Avenue in Sacramento.

"Our mission is to work with collectors of original art to add our stable of

artists to their [clients] collections," says Beth.

Beth attended Parsons School of Design in New York before attending California State University, Sacramento, where she majored in studio art. She would later go back to CSUS to study creative writing with a concentration in

Beth remembers being pushed in high school by those who taught the arts.

"Mr. Vafis encouraged my curiosity in the cultural world at large. Mr. Becker, my love of writing and literature. I was also heavily influenced by Mr. Rose, the art teacher," says Beth. "He encouraged me to go to art school in New York after grad-

Despite the financial rewards of her success, Beth is proudest of her more philanthropic achievements. Beth became involved with the Center for Contemporary Art, whose primary goal was to develop a non-profit museumquality exhibition space in Sacramento. She would go on to become the President of the Board of the Center for Contemporary Art.

The experience was both exhilarating and depressing," says Beth. "I was heavily involved for about four years in this effort. Needless to say, Sacramento still does not have said space, but the organization still exists and is still trying to

get it going.

Not surprisingly, Beth thinks that students today aren't exposed to enough

"In many schools, it is no longer taught!"

Beth will have been married to Steven Jones for thirty years in August. They have a son Evan, 23, and a daughter, Michaela 19.

Peter Steidlmayer, Business,

Investor/Farmer - Class of 1957

Our letters to past graduates have been very productive, and in the group of those that we received recently was one from Pete Steidlmayer, class of "57". We asked Pete what he thinks the benefits from those years were to him, and what would current students hope to take from their experiences at Colusa High.

Pete went on to U.C. Berkeley, and graduate in 1960. After a stint in the army, he went to Chicago and joined the Chicago Board of Trade in 1963, and

Alumni Success Stories...cont.

is still an active member. He also farms in Colusa County, and is planning to come back to Colusa sometime in the next few years. He has been married to his current wife Judy for 40 years this coming January, and has three daughters, and four grandchildren.

The largest benefit I gained from my high school experience was confidence, and I think it is what all students need to strive for even before grades. If you do not believe in yourself, no one else will. You want to be a can do person, look to do things better, and generally be involved. The more exposure the better. You will develop different levels of tolerances, and these need to be measured in terms of time, rather other measurements.

Things that interest you will garner the most while those that do not, will be dropped rather quickly. These developed tolerances are what cause you to end up where you do, as they form your basis for continuation. They come from all your experiences, and are, in a way, the most important thing that you will do for yourself. If you are open, and willing to try different things, success in some form will find a way to your door.

In trading, which is my principal business, I have had an equal amount of good and not so good trades, and the key to my success was that the not so good were not disastrous, which would not have allowed me to continue. The good ones were trades that I kept longer, which hopefully will help make my point about tolerances, as I departed the not so good trades much earlier.

It is important to make observations in other fields because the similarities of sound practices are often the same. Farming and trading are both supply oriented rather than price, which surprises most people. Farmers need to get yields better than the county average, and if that happens, they can live with somewhat lower prices. The year where one gets a good crop as well as very high prices are not a common experience. As a trader, I always focus on supply, trying to have more [supply] on where I could safely manage it, and less on where I thought that I could not.

The best opportunities are never well defined in either business, and this is where confidence comes in. Confidence is always needed to carry the early stages of any project, until data is revealed that one should continue or stop. It is important to do the latter, and to admit that you were wrong. I try to make problems a mistake-meaning that I have acted to end that association.

It is important for students to realize that they have a tremendous opportunity and also a responsibility to themselves, as well as society as a whole, to gain all they can their educational experience, and that the latter needs to continue indefinitely. I was taught to learn how to learn, and I would think that that would be my advice to all students today, and to realize that the learning process in an on-going need.

It was during high school that I began to develop educational and social skills, and the environment was just great. I learned from classmates, teachers, and what might be called the Colusa experience, that you need to help others in order to help yourself, and that others were always willing to share their experiences, and you should also.

It is also important to win big when you've ended up right. Small gains or marginal situations are not going to cover your down the road expenses and it is hard to be consistent enough to accumulate them collectively to get beyond the reach or grasp of these longer term needs. In outlining a program for your success, think beyond the present, as the free society we live in always needs to replace resources, and you need to represent the new selection.

Raymond Pickles, M.S., Science,

Electrical Engineer, United States Navel Research Lab, University of California, Davis; University of Wisconsin, Madison-Class or 1975

Don't you hate when people say, "I could tell you, but I'd have to kill you"? It's just not funny, or threatening. Unless, of course, they mean it. Ray Pickles might not speak in action film fodder, but he should.

After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis, he began working for McDonnell Douglas. He started with no-brainer stuff like¹ "I programmed computers to control electro-optics experiments. I used knowledge of isometric projection from Mr. Regier's mechanical drawing class to design a program."

After some time working with the people over at McDonnell Douglas, Ray took a job with the United States Naval Research Lab. "I designed a high performance antenna for airplane identification. This occurred early in my career and gave me a good reputation."

But Ray didn't always surround himself with such a high level of success in the field of science. He started out modestly in our fine, little hamlet. He still thinks of Colusa fondly. "Colusa is a unique place. I like to tell people that Colusa is populated by hillbillies who were educated at Stanford and Cal," says Ray. "Colusa has a lot of bright, well educated people, but they are not pretentious or snobby."

When Ray attended Colusa High, he dabbed in a few extra curricular activities, but seems to only recall the latent aspects of the time invested in them. "I belonged to AFS but I don't remember much. AFS had barbeques each spring, but the barbeques were organized by Mr. Vafis, so we had shish-ka-bobs instead of hamburgers," says Ray. "I also belonged to a group called CSF, or something like that. CSF was a car-washing club."

Ray also has some regrets about high school. Things he wishes he could've spent more time on. "I hated writing in high school. I still hate it today, but I should've had more of it in high school," says Ray. "I wish I would've taken Lloyd Westcamps's auto shop class."

Ray thinks that today's students would benefit not from a broadened education, but rather a more intense focus on traditional fundamentals. "I would venture to say students need more of the basics—reading, writing and arithmetic."

Ray enjoys woodworking, and has kept in touch with Colusa alums Charles Yerxa, Peter Kelleher and Gerald Davies.

Joddie Vossler Gleason, Athletics,

Head Basketball Coach, Humboldt State University - Class of 1988

You'd think it'd be a lot of pressure. Coming from a basketball family, in what had become a basketball town, with two basketball-playing brothers, and, oh yeah, your dad being the local patriarchal-legend basketball coach—you'd think the pressure might make you buckle. The weight of the expectations could sway you the way of crime, drugs—or even more drastically—turn you the way of soccer or something.

Or you could go the way of Joddie Gleason (formerly Joddie Vossler), which means taking those expectations with a chuckle, and going about bettering an already impeccable basketball legacy.

Joddie's rap sheet in high school reads like someone that wasn't bothered with sleep, like most mortals—four year three-sport athlete, FBLA President, student government, CSF, etc., etc., etc., etc., and etc. To which she says, "[There are] probably others that I can't remember. I was involved in many functions."

After high school Joddie attended Chico State University. While earning here BA in Liberal Studies, she played for the Chico State women's basketball team. She then earned her multiple subjects credential before entering Chico State graduate school. While earning an MA in physical education and exercise science, to avoid too idle a state, she helped coach the women's Chico State women's basketball team.

She then immersed herself in teaching. "All of my careers have been involved in education in some way with students ranging from kindergarten through University."

She taught K-6 physical education at Colusa Unified, 1st grade for Burchfield, and coached basketball at the high school.

Joddie is now the head coach for the Humboldt State University women's basketball team. "I am currently coaching at the highest level thus far and am enjoying the experience at the NCAA Division II level." Though she enjoys what most would consider her most prestigious post yet, Joddie values the ride. "I've enjoyed every phase of my professional life thus far," says Joddie. "I'm a person who believes in the philosophy 'Bloom Where You're Planted.' Itry to make the most out of every experience and attempt to do my best in each field."

Joddie believes that CHS is a good learning environment, but would like to see the scope of education broadened. She thinks that more career training and exposure to various careers could be invaluable to students. "Coming from a small, agricultural community limits the exposure to fields that are not offered in that area."

Joddie has been married to Skip Gleason for six years. They enjoy spending time with their Golden Retriever Maddi.

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Alumni Association News

Class of 2005

Dear Colusa Redskin Alumni

Throughout our high school careers, we have had countless experiences, learned many lessons, and created and strengthen relationships which have made us all proud to call ourselves Colusa Redskins. As graduation comes upon us, we look back at all the things this high school and this community have given us, and we are more than satisfied. We feel secure in knowing that even after we leave this high school, a part of each of us will remain as CHS Alumni.

We are prepared to commit our class as not only part of the alumni, but as one of the strongest supporters of the Association. And we, the graduating class of 2005, would like to challenge all the previous and future classes of CHS to join in the CHS Alumni Association efforts to keep our school spirit and legacy alive and to always be proud to be a Colusa Redskin.

Sincerely, The Class of 2005

FOOTBALL STADIUM "DONOR WALL" PROJECT

The CHS Football Stadium Fundraising Committee has implemented a Donor Wall fundraising project for the new CHS Football Stadium. The Wall will be a permanent monument at the stadium site. Individual bricks can be purchased for a one-time \$100 per brick donation. Each individual brick will have the ability of a personalized inscription. For additional information and/or brick purchasing process, please refer to the CRAF website (http://www.colusaathleticfoundation.com) or contact CHS Athletic Director, Mike West (530-458-2156) or CUSD Superintendent, Larry Yeghoian (530-458-7791).

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