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ALUMNI EDITION

OCTOBER 2007

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WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES!**

OCTOBER 16, 2007

DINNER/REVERSE RAFFLE

AA Executive Event Center

Social Hour 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

La Pizzaria

Social Hour 6:00 pm

Dinner and Presentations to follow

JANUARY 25, 2008

Polar Party

Windsor Hall

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI BANQUET

The 2007 Class of Lehman High School Distinguished Alumni will be honored at the Annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet to be held November 15, 2007, at La Pizzaria at the corner of Dressler and Hills and Dales Road in Canton. Social time will start at 6:00 pm, with the dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards will follow dinner.

This year's honorees are:

Military	Karl Shank '41
Service to Alma Mater	Dick Burrell '56
Arts and Entertainment	Barbara Smith Hilbish '46
Athletics	Class of '52 Athletic Teams
Business	William Lemmon '55
Civic/Community	Carl Lavin '43
Education	Wendell "Bud" Williams, Jr. '50

Tickets for this event are \$20 and can be obtained from Alumni Association President Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519, Distinguished Alumni Committee Chairman Kitty McClelland at 330-453-3577 or any Board Member.

DINNER/REVERSE RAFFLE

At the time of writing (late September), less than ten dinner/reverse raffle tickets were available for the event on October 16 at the AA Executive Event Center.

In the event you do not already have your ticket and wish to purchase either a raffle ticket only or a raffle ticket complete with dinner, you should call Larry Taylor at 330-494-9519 upon your receipt of this *Journal* to determine if there are any tickets remaining.

Raffle tickets are \$35.00 each, with dinner an additional \$15.00 per person. Over \$3200 in prizes will be awarded at the dinner, and all profits are for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

TO ALUMNI CHAIRPERSONS

Please send us a note as soon as a date has been set for a class reunion. We will publish the details of the reunion and also the names of missing classmates if space permits. We also would like to set up a small table one night of the reunion with memorabilia and membership information. We have many out of area alumni who are not aware of the Alumni Association and its good efforts, and this is an opportunity for them to learn of our existence and activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Alumni:

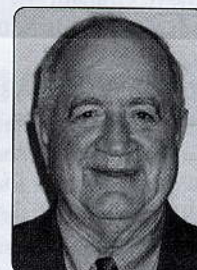
Another busy summer for the Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association. The Scholarship Dinner was held July 17, 2007, at the Canton American Legion Post #44. Attendance was outstanding. As a result of your generous Scholarship donations, your Canton Lehman High School Alumni Association Board increased the number of Scholarships to be awarded to 50.

That is a BIG 50 or \$25,000. This event makes all of the year's hard work meaningful. All of the individuals who started and kept this organization going through the lean years should be immensely proud. Thank you.

And again our thanks to all this year's donors, with special thanks to Milan McMannis and Norman Jackson for their generous donations which greatly assisted us in making our goal of 50 Scholarships. Although the overall total donations are not quite as high as last year, we will be very close and should be able to continue to award 50 Scholarships.

The next event that kept us busy was the Football Hall of Fame Kickoff Parade. This year we made the tenth annual march down Market Avenue. Thanks to Sally Conley-Oyster, our entry was a calliope. Sally's playing received tremendous response. We even made the *Canton Repository's* article on the parade. They wrote about Sally and her "pipe organ" and about a little old man (Jim Schwerzler) having fun with a polar bear and the kids along the way. The only disappointment was the number of Alumni who participated. Same old group that is getting older by the year. We may not be physically able to make the walk next year. Help!!!

On to the picnic. Those of you who did not attend missed a great event. Over 100 attended. It was held at the Lake Cable Pavilion on August 8, 2007, under excellent weather. This is one event I personally look forward to because of the ease of handling it. This year fellow Trustee Gus Reale along with Dick Burrell ran the picnic - Lock, Stock and Barrel. He and his crew took over. I cannot say enough thanks to Dick and Mary Burrell and Gus and Judy Reale. Bill and Chris Maronitis did the chef work again to everyone's delight.



Larry Taylor '51

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

Robert Peters '56	Lorene Wilson Van de Castle '50
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Louise Lajeunesse Beitzel '57
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Dorothy J. Hogan '44

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Dr. Russell E. Watts '43

Thomas Lajeunesse '52

William H. Denzer (attended)

Robert J. Himmelright, Jr. '44

Theodore Koontz '63

Roger Viscounte '53

Dorothy J. (Taggart) Hogan '44

Patricia (Wright) Basinger '53

Richard C. Steigerwald '49

William H. Waechter '45

The Association tries to send or take a single red rose tied with red and gray ribbons to the funeral home of Lehman Alumni who die locally if we know about the passing. Often the school is not mentioned and we miss the opportunity to remember they were our classmates. Please notify an Alumni Board member when possible. For out of town alumni, we send a card to a family member when possible.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you letters have been received from Scholarship recipients Maria Crookston, Miriam Oyster, Amy Myser, Eric Shimko, Charlotte Shimko, Alexis Stahler, Jessica Barth, Patrick Robbins, Alex Robbins, Ben Schmucker, Jennifer Taylor, Josh Weenig, Lindsay Simon, Courtney Taylor, Jessie Springer and Kari Ringer.

CORRECTION

In the July 2007 *Journal*, the name of Susan Schulz Bailey '56 was misspelled. We regret the error.

ADS NEEDED

Our *Journal* advertisers are the backbone for our *Journal* each issue, and new ones are always welcome. Business card size ads are only \$15.00 per issue, and hopefully our readers keep the advertisers in mind when in need of their services. We have several new advertisers in this issue, and thank them for their contribution to the Association.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

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That was followed by the Stark County Fair, which is one of our biggest affairs. It is one that requires a lot of support by our members as we have two Alumni in our booth at all times for the entire week. Nickie Wingert, as usual, did a tremendous job of ensuring that the booth was adequately manned. When personal hardship problems arose, she or Claudia Selby jumped in to provide coverage. The weather was hot this year. But we did provide visibility for the Association and in the end, it proved to be an excellent fund provider. We raised funds for at least one more scholarship. I want to thank each and every one of the volunteers who manned the booth.

As in the last two years, we conducted a Hog Raffle in support of the 4-H Clubs of Stark County and our Scholarship Fund. I would like to especially thank Ed Moody for sitting through almost five hours of auctioning (nurseminding me again), until we made our purchase. Now to the financial report. This year's raffle was a tremendous success and rivaled last year's great effort. Again we raised funds for another six scholarships. Thanks, alumni, in supporting the raffle.

Next up on the schedule is the Reverse Raffle Dinner on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at the AA Executive Event Center on West Tuscarawas Avenue. This is our largest fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund. If you don't have your ticket by now, you better get with one of the Board Members as soon as possible because we sell only 200 tickets, and they are going fast. The ticket cost \$35, and you can win as much as \$2500. The cost of the dinner that night is \$15 each. You do not need to attend, but it is a lot of fun to participate in the event. All profits go to the Scholarship Fund so please support this effort.

Give me a call at 330-494-9519, and I will get a ticket to you if there are any left.

Next will be the Distinguished Alumni Dinner to be held at La Pizzaria at 3656 Dressler Rd. on November 15, 2007. We had a great list of nominations for this year, and the list of the 2007 award winners is in this *Journal*. Tickets for this event are \$20 and can be obtained from any of the Board Members.

Don't forget this *Journal* is as good as the members make it. Please send any news item, newspaper articles of news concerning alumni to me or to our post office box, Canton Lehman Alumni Association, PO Box 8175, Canton, Ohio 44711 or by e-mail to LehmanJournal@aol.com. Let's keep *The Lehman Journal* the number one alumni paper in the county.

LAST BUT MOST IMPORTANT. We are in need of some new and fresh help and ideas. We are going to have an election of trustees and officers next month. If you have an interest in the Alumni Association please volunteer. We would like to get someone who graduated in the '60s and the '70s, although any help would be appreciated. Give me a call. The election ballot will be sent to members in November.

We are always looking for suggestions that will improve our functions. Please call me or send me a letter. My phone number is 330-494-9519 and my address is 1115 Knoll St SE, North Canton, OH 44709-1174.

I also would like to thank all who have written or called. It is great to hear from you after all these years.

Your board is looking forward to completing a very memorable year.

—Larry Taylor '51

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Henry Schwerzler '56 was recognized for his 38-year career as a high school football and basketball umpire by being selected as the honorary official for the 18th annual *Repository* East-West All-Star game at Fawcett Stadium in Canton.

Marci Zawacky '60 and her husband Marty were recognized in both an article and an editorial in the *Repository* for being event coordinators for the BAN (Beautify a Neighborhood) program's community cleanup program in their Canton neighborhood.

Dan Finn '74 was selected for inclusion in the 2007-2008 Edition of The Heritage Registry of Who's Who. He is Vice President of Financial Settlement Services in Newport Beach, California, and, while at Lehman, was a member of the 1971 State Championship basketball team.

Ralph Schreiber '58 and **Rick Christian '59** were pictured in A Moment in Time article in the *Repository* as members of a six member group of McKinley Area Council Explorer Scouts who, in the summer of 1957, were attending a Jubilees Jamboree, where they spent a few days at a Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, followed by two weeks at a Jamboree in Warwickshire, England.

Nancy (Weaver) Hoover '56 won a club title in the women's club golf championship at Congress Lake Country Club in Hartville.

Jane Metzger '55 was pictured in A Moment in Time as the Cook Park playground supervisor whose teams had just won the city's playground championship during the third week of August 1957. Also pictured awarding the championship banner to her was city playground director, **Louis Rymen**, who was coaching at Lehman at that time."

John Firestone '49 and **Harry Hansen '54** were members of the Brennan's White Hat 70-and-over slowpitch softball team which won three tournaments this past summer and finished as the runner-up at the National Senior Olympics.

Richard Hart '72 is a candidate for re-election as Canton's Ward 7 Councilman.

Ashley Spencer, daughter of **Molly (Kinney) Spencer '71**, who was the runner-up in "Grease: You're The One I Want" earlier this year has been cast in the prominent role of Amber Van Tussle in the New York production of *Hairspray*, running from July 24 through October 28.

Shirley Sweitzer, wife on **Don Sweitzer '51**, was awarded \$50 of doughnuts by WHBC on her birthday July 27.

Rocco Macri '49 has recently been elected Chairman of the Board for the Four Seasons Resort and Sports Club in Las Colinas, Texas. Rocco is currently serving as Vice-Chairman and has been on the Board of Directors for two years and will assume his new duties on January 1, 2008. He was a recipient of the Lehman High School Distinguished Alumni Award for Business in 2005.

LEHMAN HISTORY AND MEMORIES

In this issue of the *Journal*, we are pleased and honored to be able to publish three different perspectives on Lehman. First is an overview of Lehman from the laying of the cornerstone in 1920 to present written by Luann Huff Fultz of the Class of 1952 for the Class of 1952 Reunion in August. This is followed by One Man's Lehman Memories, compliments of Wendell Horn of the Class of 1951. Finally, Wendell "Bud" Williams, Jr. of the Class of 1950 provides more Lehman History with special emphasis on the teaching staff of Lehman in its early days as a high school. Read and enjoy!

JOHN H. LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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By Luann Huff Fultz '52

The cornerstone for Lehman High School was laid in 1920. Like McKinley High School, it was built in two sections. S. L. Thayer and Rowland M. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, were the general architects. A contract for the west wing was given to R. H. Evans & Co., and this wing was completed in 1921. A contract for the east wing was given to Melbourne Brothers Co., and the east wing was completed in 1923. The building was dedicated November 21, 1923, along with Horace Mann and Belden Grade Schools, during education week exercises. The total cost to build Lehman High School was \$1,107,935, and this included the auditorium, stadium and fixtures. It had a total of 29 classrooms. Window space took up nearly four-fifths of the exterior. The stadium seating capacity was 800 – made up of cement steps/bleachers. Two tunnels from the school gave exits onto the athletic field.

Lehman High School was built on the site where old North High School was located. In 1910, Young's Bible Class occupied this hill which was between Oxford and Arnold Avenues and 14th and 15th Streets N.W. Because of an overcrowded situation at Central High School, the building was bought and received the name North High School. When the west wing of Lehman was completed, all students at North High moved in to the completed wing and North High was torn down and the east wing was built on its site.

Lehman operated as a Junior High School from 1923-1932,

having classes from the 7th grades to the 9th grades. In 1932 the 10th grade was added. In 1936 the 11th grade was added and then in 1937 a 12th grade was added and Lehman became the second full high school in Canton, Ohio.

John H. Lehman High School was named after John H. Lehman, in honor of his untiring and unselfish efforts for the public school system of Canton, Ohio. He was superintendent of Canton public schools for 12 years (1876-1888) and served on the Board of Education from 1902-1918, being president for 12 years. Mr. Lehman was also the author of a three-volume *History of Stark County* which is used extensively as a reference in writing many articles. Mr. Lehman came to Canton from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1859 and was Canton's first superintendent of schools.

The first graduating class from Lehman High School was on June 5, 1938, and consisted of 187 students. Many of Lehman's "traditions" were formed by this class of enthusiastic teenagers. The Lehman High School Alma Mater was composed by two of Lehman's outstanding teachers. The words were written by Florence Willett (English IV, Debate, Public Speaking) and the music by Margaret Miller (Director of Music). The class ring was designed by a member of the first graduating class, Betty Ray. It had either a black onyx or a brown tiger-eyed stone (alternate stones were added in later years – ruby, pearl, etc.) The stone had the school's emblem, a gold unicorn, on it. Below the unicorn were the small words in gold "Canton Lehman." In later years, the unicorn was changed to a polar bear head. The school was located in the northern most part of the city in relation to the other school in Canton and therefore the most appropriate mascot was the polar bear. The students were called the Eskies (short for eskimos) or Hilltoppers. Note: Another nickname (which the students didn't like, but seemed to be more used than any other) was CAKE EATERS! This came about because Lehman was in the northern ("wealthier") section of Canton and we were supposed to eat a lot of cake!

The school newspaper was first called *Lehman Mirror*, then the *Lehman Outpost*. In 1937, the *Outpost* was found to be inadequate for the ever-growing Lehman and so it was enlarged and given a new title, the *Lehman Journal*. The heading reads, "The Lehman Journal." "We Cover the Corridors."

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The purpose of the *Journal* was to record and interpret the news of the school and to offer an opportunity for journalistic writing.

The name of the year book was the *Polaris* (*Polaris* means Northstar). The Standard Printing Company of Canton (publishers of the *Polaris* and *Journal*) wrote this in their ad: "Congratulations Class of '38 in publishing the first edition of the *Polaris*. We have been instrumental in recording the history of Lehman during its first year as a Senior High School. Through experience we know that as you travel through the years you will cherish this Annual more and more." This statement was true for the next 38 years and remains true today! The Lehman *Journal* is still being published. The Canton Lehman Alumni Association has carried on this tradition and, four or five times a year, sends out a very interesting, informative edition of our school paper to its members. News of the many alumni, their whereabouts, reunions, activities and etc are covered in this very well written *Journal*!

Over the 38 years Lehman operated as a high school, there were five different principals. They were I.W. Delp 1923-1945, M.P. Watts 1945-1967, Richard L. Barnes 1967-1971, Robert L. Henderson 1971-1974 and Robert Menarchek 1974-1976. All took a great interest in the school and its student body and shared in their pride and enthusiasm (Richard Barnes was also a former student at Lehman graduating in the class of '47).

Lehman's first football coach was James R. Robinson. He began his term in 1926 when Lehman was still a junior high school and coached until 1958. It is said that "J.R." was a "great influence over more men over a longer period than any other one person at Lehman High School." Lehman was the only high school in Canton that boasted "all boy cheerleaders." In 1938 and 1939, there were girls and boys. From 1940 to 1960, much to the objection of many girls, the boys ruled! At pep assemblies the cheerleaders led the enthusiasm—seeing which class could out-yell the others. Almost always, the seniors came out on top!

The Class of '38 laid the foundation for the many clubs/organizations that were always part of Lehman. Those that continued on to 1976 were: National Honor Society, Lehman Government Association – later known as Student Government, The Lehman *Journal* (*Journal* Editorial Staff and Business Staff), *Polaris* Editorial and Business Staffs, Quill and Scroll, A Cappella Choir, Thespians, Players, Speech Dept./National Forensic League, French-German-Latin and Spanish Clubs, Boys and Girls Leaders Clubs, Art Club. Some that were added thru the years were the Candid Camera Club, the Commercial

Club, Librarians, Polar Bear Club, Band Parents Association, Junior Red Cross, Senior Secretaries, Future Nurses of America. The students at Lehman had a wide variety of interests. Every Christmas the Student Government had as their main project a drive to collect gifts, toys and food for needy families in the Canton area. The donations were then given to the County Welfare Society or Fairmount Children's Home of the Salvation Army. A Cappella Choir and Players and Thespians entertained audiences over the years with *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Smilin' Thru*, *The Red Mill*, *Naughty Marietta*, *In A House Like This*, *Desert Song*, *Oklahoma*, *I Remember Mama*, *Captain Applejack*, *Hilltop U.S.A.*, *Carmen*, *Brigadoon*, *A Man Called Peter*, *Guys and Dolls* and many others. The band always had a winter concert and also a spring variety show and concert. The stage is quiet now, but if you take a seat in the auditorium, close your eyes and listen carefully, all the sounds you once heard will return to you. Gone but never forgotten.

In 1939, Lehman had its first football Queen and Prom Queen with a Junior Attendant. In later years there was a Tax Stamp Queen and King, Valentine Queen, and Basketball Queen.

One issue that would forever remain with a freshman at Lehman was his or her purchase of an elevator ticket (We know of no one who ever located that elevator!).

In the 1942 *Polaris*, this memoir stands out: "when students gathered in the auditorium to hear President Roosevelt's declaration of war!" Civics and History classes had "radios" handy in order to hear the latest war bulletins. Defense stamps were sold every Thursday sponsored by the *Journal* and knitting clubs were organized. In 1944 there were tax stamp drives to buy and send *Journals* to "our service boys."

In the 1945 *Polaris* it was written that "every senior boy who played on the 1943-1944 basketball team, which went to the state finals, is now in the service of Uncle Sam."

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Inside the main entrance of Lehman was a beautiful fountain. Many pictures were taken by this fountain of class officers, teachers and etc., and pennies were tossed in along with wishes! On each side of the fountain were trophy cases which housed the many awards Lehman students won for outstanding performances in athletics, speech and other areas. In 1971, Lehman athletes showed outstanding talent in basketball by being the first team from the Canton City Schools ever to win the State Championship for that sport.

Lehman was and will always be a remarkable school. Despite many changes in many years, it remained an institution of renowned spirit and pride, of dedicated faculty and brilliant students, of athletic and academic excellence, where people learned much about other ideas, other people, and most of all about themselves.

In 1976, Lehman faced a different future. It began in 1923 as a junior high school and in 1976, it returned to being a junior high school.

Then in 1999 another change was made, this being a completely new status. Lehman became a Middle School. On October 29, 2002, ground was broken and construction then began at Thirteenth and Broad Ave. N.W. for a new Lehman Middle School which opened for classes in the fall of 2004.

At that time the doors of John H. Lehman High School were officially closed. The status has changed many times over the years but the memories will linger for many generations to come. Those of us who were proud to graduate from Lehman High School will always hold dear the words of our Alma Mater — “Tho’ far we roam, Thy halls are home — Lehman High.”

ONE MAN’S LEHMAN MEMORIES

by Wendell Horn '51

Every Lehman alumnus, regardless of age, has certain memories of their high school days. Here are some of mine from 1947-51. If they aren't what you remember, maybe at least they'll spark some of your own memories.

I remember ...

Being called into Principal M.P. Watts's office and being admonished for pitching pennies on the school steps. Mr. Watts nasal twanged “It doesn't look good for our neighbors to see the students gambling on the school steps.” I never asked my other “partners in crime” whether they, too, heard from Mr. Watts.

Playing varsity basketball in our gym (“the pit”) and how its confines must have intimidated opposing teams. Small floor,

screaming fans on the balcony above each basket and wrestling mats on the walls behind the baskets to keep players from maiming themselves when driving in for a layup.

The Polar Bear, the student hangout on the corner across from the school. I also remember Rehor's Drug Store where I went for lunch nearly every day (don't remember ever eating in the school cafeteria).

The Valentine Dance in the gym. My date Shirley Carr (now Shirley Gissiner) was named Valentine Queen. Lucky me! We even got our photo in the *Polaris*.

Walking from my Avondale home in 1950 to see the Field House under construction and imagining how it would be to play basketball there. I found out when Lehman's hoopsters played in the very first game there in December, 1950.

Playing the part of son Nels in the student production of *I Remember Mama* under the direction of Florence Hill. I borrowed a pair of knickers from local golf pro Walter Ingram for my period costume.

Losing the election for president of student government to Cy Paumier. I was elected class vice president as a junior, but like most veeps didn't do much.

Al Schaaf, one of our finest athletes, taking off with the school bus that was to take the basketball team to an out-of-town game. Al drove around the block while the driver was in the school building. As a shy frosh, I was scared to death.

Watching the girls play field hockey during my lunch hour. It was their phys ed class, but it was a field day for us guys checking out the girls in their cute little scarlet bloomers.

Being advised by my older sister (class of 1947) to take Florence Willett's English IV class because that tough taskmaster was the best preparation for college. My sister was so right!

Going to the prom my junior year with Kathryn (“Casey”) Conley and leading the grand march with other class officers and their dates. It was at the massive Meyer's Lake Moonlight Ballroom, which burned to the ground many years later.

Friday afternoon pep rallies for football and basketball games. Each class took a turn trying to out-shout the other three classes.

Someone planting a stink bomb in the study hall in room 308. Any confessions?

Basketball coach Roy (“the Boy”) Sheil wearing shorts and scrimmaging right along with the team.

Going to Taggarts with Frank Moore after those stifling summer basketball practices and getting lime sherbet in a sugar cone.

Getting caught cheating in Grace Seesdorf's Latin I class. I was so embarrassed I never cheated again ... even when it would have been easy to do so!

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Racing home from school in October 1948 to see if the Cleveland Indians beat the Boston Red Sox in a one-game playoff to get to the World Series. They did ... and won the World Series, too!

Ah yes, "*Memories sweet, joy complete*" from our "*Alma mater dear.*"

MORE LEHMAN HISTORY

By Wendell Williams, Jr. '50

The predecessor to Canton Lehman High School was "Old North" High which sat at the top of "Old North Hill" from 1910 until 1923. The building sat at the north-east corner of the "Lehman" property, and the hill was famous for sled riding. Thus the "up-north" tradition eventually led the Lehmanites to embrace the polar bear, the Polaris, the "eskies", etc. as their image.

Old North was a three year high school with all students spending their senior year downtown at "Old" Central High School. Beginning in 1919 all sophomores and juniors were sent to the newly opened McKinley High School and Old North became a junior high, soon to be replaced by a new Lehman Junior High. In 1921 the west wing of the Lehman building was opened for the North High students and by 1923 the balance of the Lehman building had been completed on the site of the Old North Building. Meanwhile, "Old North Hill" had been replaced by Lehman Stadium. The new building and stadium were dedicated on November 21, 1923.

For the first nine years, Lehman remained a junior high school with seventh, eighth and ninth grades. In addition, there were fifth and sixth grades from Woodland School using the new facility. For those Woodland students, Mary Lynch was one of the early teachers.

Of interest are the teachers who first appeared in the early years and were still on board when Lehman finally graduated its first senior class in 1938. The subjects they were teaching are shown in parentheses.

Teaching at "Old North" in 1919 and making the first transition to Lehman were Principal I. W. Delp, J. J. Hutchens (Algebra and Math), James A. Berry (General Shop) and William N. Carson (Bookkeeping). When the new McKinley school opened in 1919, "Old North" became a Jr. High with all sophomores and juniors now going to McKinley. The 1920-1921 school year was the first graduating class of McKinley. On the athletic side, the famous 1920 McKinley team was unscored upon and were made up of students from Central and Lehman.


In 1924-25 year Grace Mahan (Librarian) joined the faculty. In 1926-1927 Lloyd Cline (Biology) and Jim Robinson (Physical Education and Head Coach) became members of the faculty. Next year, Margaret Stolzenbach (Home Economics) started. In the school year of 1929-30, W. M. Jerles (Business Law and Civics), Grace Seesdorf (Latin), and Esther Smith (English and Journalism) joined the teaching staff.

In the 1932-33 year, the tenth grade was added as Lehman High School began the process of becoming a Senior High School. Coming from McKinley to join the faculty were Wendell Williams (Algebra, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry and Physics), William Mutchmore (Biology), Nolan Blackman (Mechanical Drawing) and Maude Rose (Art). Marcella Herbst was the secretary. This level with eighth, ninth and tenth grades lasted four years with growing academic and athletic programs. In athletics, the football players that had been coached by Jim Robinson for at least three years went on to McKinley as juniors and were much of the nucleus of that program, including McKinley and Ohio State Don Scott!

In 1933-34, Margaret Buel (Algebra, General Mathematics and Geometry) Margaret Miller (Music) became faculty members. The next year, Margaret Ketterer (Latin) was added. In 1935-36 Lucile Leiter, (English and Latin), Nancy Eloise Lewis (English) and Robert Herbert (American and European History) were added.

The next school year, as planned, the Eleventh Grade was added to Lehman and Margaret Heinrichs (Chemistry), Florence Willett (English), Albert Lawrence (Business and Faculty Manager of Athletics) and Jessie Burroway (American History and Civics) became members of the school faculty. In addition, Canton Lehman played their first Class A Football Schedule.

At last, in the school year 1937-1938 Canton Lehman High School became officially a Senior High School with the addition of twelfth year students. Teachers who joined that year were Matilda Schuster (German and European History), Florence Hill (English and Drama), Genevieve Mahan (Commerce and Industry, Civics, History and Sociology) and Ellis Carter (Algebra and Plane Geometry). Also there were Virginia Gruber (English and History), Lloyd Grable (Business), Grace Rice (Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry), Robert Shearer (Business and Assistant Coach), Ruth Sickafoose (Physical Education), Dorothy Vogelgesang (French), Elizabeth Wade (English) and Mildred Wilson (English). That year's football team went undefeated. Many of the players had been coached by Jim Robinson from the sixth grade through their senior year.



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Joe Helaney '57 and Marty Long pictured at their auto center.

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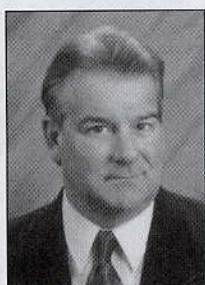
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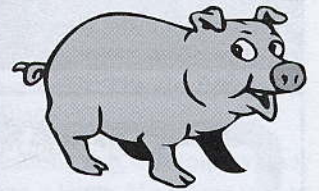
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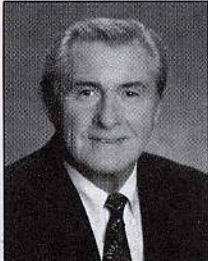
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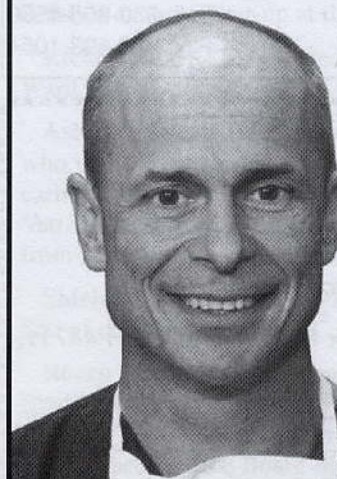
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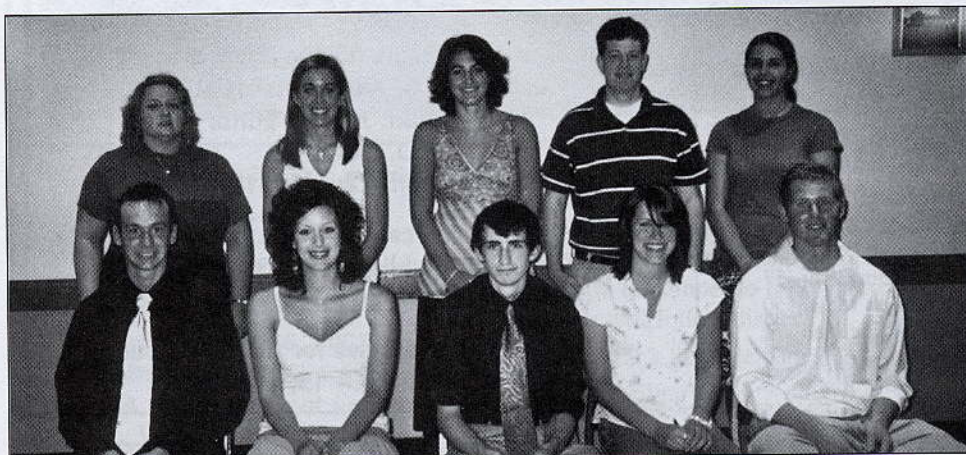
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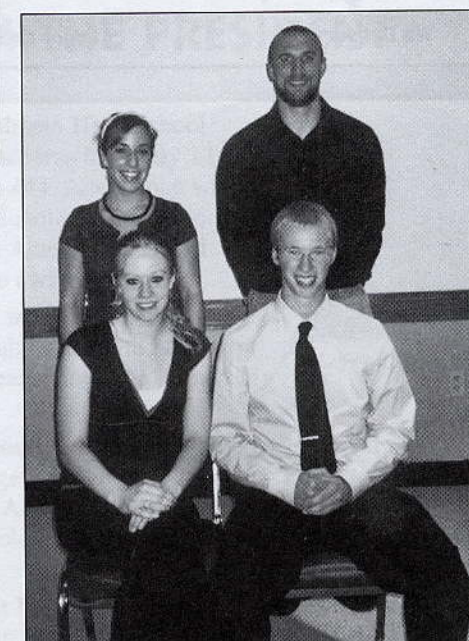
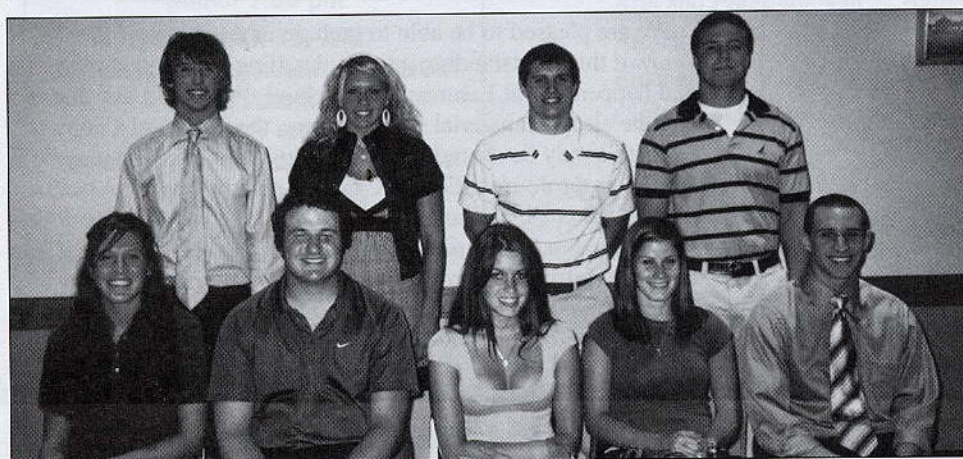
Pictured at the July 17 Scholarship Award Banquet are the following scholarship recipients:

Top photo – Seated: Zachary Adams, Jessica Barth, Jeffrey Brown, Carla Carper, Joshua Cary. Standing: Molly Hall, Ashten Haswell, Julie Hecht, Matthew Hinton, Kelly Kroupa.

Second photo – Seated: Erin McBride, Kyle McBride, Chantel Moody, Amy Myser, Adam Prescott. Standing: Eric Prescott, Nicole Pribich, Alexander Robbins, Patrick Robbins.

Bottom photo – Seated: Charlotte Shimko, Eric Shimko. Standing: Jessica Springer, Joseph Waechter.

Photos by Ed & Joanne Moody



HILL GANG GOLF OUTING



The annual Hill Gang Golf Outing was held on August 17 at Spring Valley Golf Course with 52 golfers participating. Another five alumni joined the golfers for dinner. Pictured on the first tee are golfers Bruce Schorsten '66, Kent Smith '59, who served as event organizer together with Wayne Arnold '57, Jim Ivan '59 and Gregg Schorsten '65.



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