Editor’s Notes

The 2005 senior class of Chillicothe High School was awarded a record $5.2 million dollars in scholarships. This is an outstanding achievement for a graduating class and should make every CHS alum proud of their school. I attended the CHS academic awards ceremony on May 13, 2005 and was very impressed with the quality of student CHS is graduating. Our future is in good hands with this group of young people soon entering the work force.

In this issue of Mid-the-Hills we will bring you current on the new high school under construction, the status of the all class reunion set for 2007, how we are doing with the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund and a few “alums in the news.”

Our web site (chillicothealumni.com) is still a work in process. It is a tough job on our shoestring budget, but we feel like progress is being made. Soon you will be able to click on your grad year and see what is going on with your classmates. You will have an opportunity to send in your news directly form the web site. So, stay tuned!

We need your help. You can help by doing three things as a result of reading this issue of Mid-the-Hills . . . send in your dues, $15 annually for individual memberships and $25 annually for a Blue and White member status. Send us your email address so that the newsletter can be delivered to you electronically (saves a ton on printing and postage) and last, send a donation for the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund, Check the web site for fund information. If you need a tax deduction for 2005 now is the time to make that donation to the endowment fund.

Send us your news through the web site. Your classmates want to know what and how you are doing.

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CEF Chairman’s Letter

Jeff Hoselton ’74

Building for the future, preserving and learning from the past.

What an exciting time! It is truly hard to keep abreast of all of the changes. The renovation of Chillicothe High School is well underway. Viewing the demolition may create a sense of loss in some, but others will see renewed energy in the construction. My hopes are that this article of “Mid the Hills” captures this feeling of moving forward without losing sight of where we have been.

The Alumni wall will be relocated in the new High School and will continue to grow and pay tribute to CHS Alumni (see article on Ken Dunn and Larry Gates). The Terrace Project will also be moved, and the engraved bricks will be relocated to the entrance of the new high school. These bricks will continue to be offered and are a great opportunity to leave a lasting legacy of CHS.

Lois Lyddon ’50 led the Chillicothe Education Foundation for 5 years. Many of you remember Lois as your music teacher. Lois is still active with the alumni and in numerous community affairs. Others like Lois have made a positive contribution to our community and help make Chillicothe the home in our hearts no matter where we are located. Virgil Rinehart is one such
person. He and his sisters recently made a donation to CEF dedicated to the memory of Mary Cronin and Rosemary Yeager; two teachers that influenced his life. Mary Ruth Keiser, a retired teacher, also donated to CEF directing her money toward scholarships for students wishing to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Larry Gates, who along with Jim Lungo initiated CEF’s Scholarship Endowment Fund, felt compelled to create his own scholarship to “give back” and invest in the community that gave so much to him.

We all know someone like this; that person you can always count on seeing at a game, a concert, or PTA meeting. If you were to ask John Rippeth why he continues to be so active with the Cavalier Club, he’ll simply tell you that he just enjoys being involved and feeling satisfaction of helping others.

The memories of several CHS Alumni continue to inspire us. CEF is donating a plaque to be placed at the corner of the entrance to the new high school in memory of Officer Larry Cox. Officer Cox was loved by Chillicothe for his dedication to his D.A.R.E. students and the selfless love he showed to our community. Billy Schmieder, a member of the Chillicothe City School Board, was instrumental in designing the new High School. A flag pole will be erected in his memory at the baseball diamond where he loved to watch his son, Billy play with the CHS team. Lynn Jones, Bobby McKell, and Aaron Reed, son of Sara Aquino Duvall ’70, who was recently killed in action in Iraq, all have provided inspiration to all those whose lives they touched.

Hearing of the inspirational things others have done, and remembering the experiences that influenced our lives, stimulates the desire to do inspirational things.

The chillicothelumni.com web site will hopefully be an avenue for you to share such news and information. The web site is up and running and with your help we can make it a true connection to Chillicothe. Classes are encouraged to build web sites that can be linked to the alumni site thus creating a one stop site to all CHS alumni. These sites can contain news, pictures, chat or message boards, bios, and information regarding upcoming reunions. If your class does not want to build a separate site, information can still be added to the alumni webpage. Linda Hill ’69, current alumni president is receiving this information now at e-mail address linda_ncis@horizonview.net. Please contact Linda if you have questions or have interesting news to share.

All of the people mentioned above, representing only a small percentage of our alumni, have contributed to making Chillicothe what it is today. The Chillicothe Education Foundation (CEF) was established to receive charitable donations and direct the funds for educational enrichment that the school system could not provide. CEF is the parent of the Alumni Association. Membership dues to the Alumni Association have historically paid for the Mid the Hills Newsletter, the Alumni Wall and All Class events. Dues are also used as part of many larger projects of CEF such as the Alumni Library and scholarships. As part of the Alumni organization small contributions collectively can go a long way. With the renovation of the high school come new opportunities. State and tax dollars are limited on what they can provide. Through CEF we can help build a school system that will allow our students to compete with the best schools in the State. Working together, we can instill pride in our school system and community.

Members of the CEF Board are: Carolyn Ault ‘64, Director of Alumni Affairs, Linda Hill ’69 Alumni President, Joyce Atwood ’61, Asst. Superintendent for City Schools, Jeff Benson ’75 Attorney (currently running for school board), Ann Fry ’58 CEF Treasurer, Kay Hall ’66, CEF Secretary, Sherri Hoselton ’74 Elementary teacher and CHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Scott Nusbaum ’72 County Prosecuting Attorney, Brian Putnam ’85, H.R. Kenworth and CHS track record holder, Gary Seitz ’68, investment counselor with Edward Jones, Greg Smith ’67, retired
from US Enrichment Corporation, currently working part time for Information Providers Incorporated out of Hopkins, MN, John Wilson ’58, telecommunications consultant, recently retired from Horizon, trustee of the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund.

I hope the information provided through the newsletter and website helps inspire you to become involved in the Chillicothe City Schools. Be a part of our future, renew or become an alumni member, forward the newsletter on to a friend, encourage others to update their addresses, or share a story on the web site. By doing these simple things, great things will come. Please help the Chillicothe City School system leave a lasting legacy for years to come.

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Alumni President’s Letter
Linda Hill, ’69, CHS Alumni Association President

Classmates:

Just seems like yesterday that we were celebrating New Years Eve, 2005, and now we are looking at 2006 in the very near future.

Our Alumni Association is having an annual meeting which will be held Dec.3, 2005 @ the CHS Alumni Library @ 10:00am. Refreshments will be served. At this meeting we will be discussing the 2007 All Class Reunion. We are looking at dates in July, 2007. As always, we are looking for new ideas for the reunion, if you are unable to attend, please e mail me @ linda_ncis@horizonview.net with your ideas. As soon as a date is set, we will have it posted on the web page. ChillicotheAlumni.com. We will be updating our Web page, please be patient.

At our June, 2005 meeting officers were elected to serve until Sept, 2007.
President: Linda Hill Class of 1969
Vice President: Toni Harris Class of 1968
Secretary: Joy Cox Class of 1958

Remember, your alumni memberships are due, please send your dues in as soon as possible, membership form in this newsletter.

Remember, The ALL CLASS REUNION is in 2007, we will update the web page with the date.

As Always,

Linda Byers Hill
Class of 1969

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New High School Taking Shape

Building / Renovation Project Update. 11/16/05
It is exciting to be a part of this building project. If you drive by the construction site you are amazed at the progress they are making. What will be interesting is that as the weather gets colder and more of the outside work is completed….the workers will move inside and you may not think any work is getting done….but it is.

We (Administration/ Quandel/ Fanning-Howey) met with the Chillicothe Education foundation and the Alumni president to finalize design of the wonderful Alumni Plaza that will grace the entry of the High School building. The bricks and pavers that were in the area directly north of the Alumni Library are being scheduled to be set into a series of brick walls that will line the entrance to the high school as well as the placement of the current alumni benches. Bricks and pavers will also be installed in the walkway throughout the Plaza. The Alumni Organization will be selling bricks and pavers to alumni and community to help create a truly wonderful Plaza of Pride that can be shared by the entire community. Information will be forthcoming with this information.

Project update as of 11/16/05

- Concrete foundations are being installed.
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins are being installed.
- CMU (concrete masonry unit) Block work is complete at new gym area.
- Concrete wall are being installed.
- Interior block work is being installed.
- Plumbing underground is ongoing.
- The electrical transformer cement “pads” are done and the new transformers are scheduled to arrive the week of 11/21/05.
- New stage rigging had been installed in the High School Auditorium.

The new high school auxiliary gym has four walls up…no roof yet…but it’s coming along nicely.

We are currently one week behind on the outside of the complex and two to three weeks ahead on the inside construction. Pray for no rain over the next couple of weeks….and warmer temperatures so they can pour more concrete.

Remember the scope of the new construction project.

Renovate 165,000 sq. ft. of existing High School
New High School auxiliary gym
New High School classroom additions
New cafeteria additions
New Middle School Gym and Music Department

Monthly meetings are held with the Core Team consisting of the Administration/ the Architects (Fanning and Howey) / and the Construction Managers (Quandel Group).

Weekly meetings are held with Quandel and the construction company (R.W. Setterlin) and all of the companies that are providing work on the project. (site superintendents).

We are very pleased with the professionalism and work ethic of the Quandel Group especially Brian Grimes- Assistant Project Manager and Harry Hastings- Site Superintendent. All of the Quandel employees that are working on the project are
contribute to an exciting experience. We certainly have a “ways to go” yet but the working relationship has been excellent to date.

Dr. Mike Trego, Superintendent

*(See page 9 for an artist’s rendering of the new high school.)*

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**ALUMNI TERRACE PROJECT MOVES AND CHANGES NAME TO ALUMNI PLAZA**

Be one of the very few CHS Alumni to be sitting in a wall!!!! With the construction of the new high school addition on Yoctangee Boulevard, the Alumni Terrace installed behind the Alumni Library had to be relocated. The building architects have designed a Plaza at the new entrance to the high school. The plaza will include three walls, seating area, and sidewalk pavers, which will give us a future area to install more engraved bricks. The CHS Alumni Association has been given the opportunity to fill the walls with our engraved bricks and pavers. The original bricks will be installed with room to purchase new bricks. There is a limit of 7 additional 8” square pavers and 144 additional 4 x 8 bricks that can be engraved and installed into the wall. The original engraved 36 pavers and 148 bricks will be automatically installed. You can view the names of those engraved on our website. The deadline to purchase a paver will be March 1, 2006. Now is the time to purchase a paver as a Christmas gift, a memorial, or recognition of that special classmate. On this new installation we can offer engraved symbols on your paver, such as an athletic or music symbol. The cost of the pavers will remain the same. $75.00 for a 4x8; $250 for an 8” square. If a symbol is added there is a $25.00 charge. We sold 4 benches. They will be relocated in another area in front of the school. Complete the terrace form located inside the newsletter and return as soon as possible to insure your place on the wall.

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**Observations from a CHS Student**

*Chris Coppel, Junior Class President*

Throughout my life as a student in the Chillicothe City Schools I've always been extremely happy. I've grown up with wonderful teachers urging me on through each grade, with the result of my being able to learn more and being able to expand my horizons. There, however, has always been the lingering problem of money available for the educational system.

With the passing of the levy and the building of this new school I feel that I can be completely satisfied as a student. The new school is more than just a building to the students; it is a symbol of actual progress and hope of an even better education. With each passing day, as the students can see the progress being made, bit by bit, the school is coming together, and its well worth the long walks through the cold from the student parking lot.

For me, as the president of the junior class, it is especially exciting. My class will have the honor of being the first group to graduate from this school. In a way, we will be able to usher in this
new school and lead all of the other classes behind us. For all of us who grew up in a system always stretched for money it's an uplifting way to finish our careers as students here.

This new school, I hope, can only bring about a positive change to our school system. It will help every student in our current high school and even attract students from other districts who want a better education.

Better education and facilities can only help our community and this new school will do just that. Better times for the community as a whole are coming.

Sincerely,
Chris Coppel
Junior Class President

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CHS Alumni in the News

Larry Gates, ’56 and Mary Ann Delong Gates, ’60 - Larry and Mary Ann, retired to Chillicothe several years ago. Larry retired as senior vice president for human resources and administration with Philip Morris Companies in 1998. In that position, he was responsible for worldwide human resources for a multinational corporation employing 160,000 individuals in 180 major markets around the world. Larry is a former President of the CHS Alumni Association and along with Jim Lungo, ’59, founded the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 2003, Larry and Mary Ann established the Gates Foundation to provide scholarship funds for graduates of all Ross County high schools.

The Gates Foundation - Ross County Scholar's Fund will pave the way to a college education for countless students who wouldn't otherwise have that opportunity by endowing scholarships for students graduating from Ross County high schools. This major scholarship fund will eventually total about $10 million.

The first scholarships, totaling $30,000, were awarded in April 2004 to 10 students. The scholarships are available to students wishing to attend ANY accredited, bricks-and-mortar institution of higher learning.

"There are few things that impact our lives more than a solid foundation of education and scholastic achievement," Mr. Gates says. "As we mature in our lives and careers, this understanding may result in a realization of our obligations to provide educational opportunities for future Ross County graduates. Call it pay back time, or as Woody Hayes liked to characterize it, 'paying forward.'"

Preference is given to students who have shown the ability and ambition to succeed in college but lack the money provided by scholarships and/or financial aid to afford a college education. Criteria include economic need and the ability to complete college work. Applicants will provide at least two letters of reference from high school guidance counselors and/or teachers.

Kenneth B. Dunn ’69 – Ken was the focus of a feature article in Business Week magazine last year for his achievements as Dean of the business school at Carnegie Mellon University. The
Business Week article highlighted the fact that Ken is working pro bono as the school’s dean after a career in finance, most recently, as a Director at Morgan Stanley. Prior to his career at Morgan Stanley Ken had been a finance professor in the business school at Carnegie Mellon. Ken has an MBA from Ohio State and a PhD in Finance from Purdue University. He is married to Pam Radcliffe, also a 1969 CHS grad.

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**Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund**

*By John Wilson ’58, Endowment Trustee*

The Cavalier Scholarship Endowment received a real shot in the arm in 2005. 1943 Chillicothe High School graduate, Virgil Willard Rinehart of Williamsburg, VA and his sisters, Joan Rinehart Myers and Joyce Rinehart Andrews both of Chillicothe, have combined to donate approximately $100,000 to the endowment fund. The funds are being given in memory of their parents, Virgil F. Rinehart and Ruby B. Kellough Rinehart. Scholarships awarded as a result of this gift, will be known as the Mary Cronin and Rosemary Yeager Scholarships in order to honor the substantial, positive influence these two teachers had on the students they taught. The Rinehart family has left a legacy of giving back to the school system in which they were nurtured. This is the second gift of $100,000 or more the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment has received which honors former teachers in the Chillicothe school system. The Endowment is the brainchild of two CHS alumni and former Chillicothe Education Foundation board members; Jim Lungo, class of 1959 and Larry Gates, class of 1956.

The Chillicothe Education Foundation annually awards scholarships to Chillicothe High School graduates currently with funds raised through an annual fund raiser and through the generosity of the David Meade Massie Trust. The Cavalier Scholarship Endowment will begin tapping earnings for scholarships as soon as the endowment reaches a threshold amount of $500,000. The fund grows each year through donations such as the Rinehart donation and fund earnings. The fund has now reached 80% of its $500,000 minimum goal.

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**Class News**

*By Lois Jean Layman Lyddon, ’50, Ann Hixon Fry. ’58*

1950 - **Class of 1950 holds 55th Reunion.**

On the weekend of July 15, 16 and 17, the CHS Class of 1950 held its 55th class reunion. Eighty people attended including 49 members and 31 spouses and friends. On Friday evening July 15, there was a welcoming reception at the Hampton Inn, and an afternoon get-together was held at the Hampton on Saturday the 16th. The main banquet was preceded by a cocktail hour on Saturday evening at the Christopher Inn. Following dinner a program of song and dance
was provided by Andrea Riddle who has opened for many stars in Las Vegas including Barbara Mandrell. Several remembrances were given to those present including an outstanding souvenir program put together by class historian, John Motes. This consisted of several historic pictures, a list of all the members of our class and a list of those deceased. On Sunday morning, the 17th, the end of the great weekend was marked when members gathered for breakfast at the Golden Corral.

A committee of 30 local alumni, headed by class chairman David Riffle, was responsible for the arrangements. Out of state class members came from Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Iowa, Arizona, California, and Oregon.

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55-year reunion

On Sunday afternoon, September 18, the classes of '47, '48, '49, 50' and '51 had a local reunion at the Great Seal Park. This was intended for people who could make it here and back in a day. This year's event had an attendance of 131 people. Soxie Bumen, 49, Nancy Munn, 48, and David Riffle, 50, made the arrangements for the reunion with a catered picnic. All agreed that it was wonderful not to worry about preparing something to carry in especially those from out of town. The food consisted of fried fish or ham sandwiches, baked beans and potato salad with iced tea or lemonade. All attendees had a grand time and after the meal, the group agreed to have the same reunion again in 2006. It will be held at the same place on Sunday, September 16th 2006. Everyone in these 5 classes is welcome to attend next year, and those living farther away are welcome, too, if they happen to be in the area.

The committee and contact people are:

'47 Beverly Richards Shoemaker
OE48 Nancy Lawson Munn
OE49 Soxie Bumen
OE50 Dave Riffle
OE51 LaVersa Roach Motes

Class of 1958

The ‘58er’s meet monthly for lunch and have been holding fund raisers in the form of bake sales and garage sales in order to raise money to have a BIG bash for their 50th reunion in 2008. Classmate Lynn Ward Neuman keeps her classmates up-to-date through regular emails.

Recent retirements include Jo Cropp Hall, Worthington, Linda West Hardin, Chillicothe, and Larry Lump, Chillicothe.

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OBITUARIES FOR CLASSES OF 1950-1975

Class of 1950:
Dorothy A. Hartsough Cook -- April 11, 2003
Glenn R. Lovensheimer -- June 12, 2003
Raymond Sonny" Stark -- April 6, 2005
Ruth Eileen Cottrill Shope -- July 4, 2005
Betty Oney Zeisler -- September 30, 20

Class of 1951:

Phyllis Maughmer Bain -- May 13, 2003
Gloria Wills -- May 26, 2003
Edgar "Junior" Combs -- May 28, 2003
Arilene Hitchens Thomas -- June 12, 2003
Ray Benner --- January 2, 2004
Ronald Benson -- August 3, 2004
Harold "Lefty" Palmer -- June 9, 2005
Richard Lee Baker -- July 11, 2005
JoAnn Brown Daniels -- August 26, 2005

Class of 1952

Shirley Finley Pigott - July, 2005
Tom Gallagher - July, 2005
Ann Griesheimer - July, 2005
Paul Junk - August, 2005
Doy McCrary - September, 2005
Evelyn Trimble Elliott - July, 2005

Class of 1953

Paul Carpenter (date unknown)
*Marilyn Dalrymple (date unknown)
Sue Ann Pairan Neuman Nov. 0e03
Betty Combs McCarty Jan. 0e04
Shirley Hutchins Ragains Nov. 0e03
William Pelfrey March 0e04
*Albert Sampson June 0e04
Ronald Pelletier Oct. 0e04
*Melvin McCorkle March 0e05
Shirley Lee Brooks April 0e05

Class of 1956

James Pocock

Class of 1957

Charlie Oyer

Class of 1965

Patricia Ann McQueen
Scholarships Awarded by CEF in 2005

Through the generosity of the David Meade Massie Trust the Chillicothe Education Foundation has been awarding $25,000 in scholarships to deserving Chillicothe High School graduates the last 3 years. In 2005 the 10 students selected for the David Meade Massie scholarships included Luis Miguel Veintimilla, Katlin Beck, Amanda Tootle, Kelley Marling, Hayley Wood, Jessica Moss, Mona Mislankar, Mary Downing, Sasha Sed and John Kruckenber. The selection criteria used by a committee of CEF board members include academic achievement, school activities, teacher recommendations and financial need.

The David Meade Massie Trust has been a valuable partner of CEF in supplying funds for scholarships until our own scholarship endowment fund is capable of helping fund scholarships.

ALUMNI PLAZA
ORDER FORM FOR WALL

Single Brick (4 by 8 inches) at $75  x_____ = $___________
Large Paver (8 by 8 inches) at $250 x_____ = $___________

ENGRAVINGS MUST BE LIMITED TO THREE LINES FOR SINGLE BRICK AND SIX LINES FOR 8” SQUARE PAVER. Please fill out the squares below, indicating how you would like the inscription to appear on the paver and brick. (One line = 20 characters including spaces and punctuation for bricks)

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Address_____________________________________________________________________
City:____________________________________________________State_____
Zip________

Phone Number:_____________________________________________________________________

E-mail address: ________________________________________________________________

Return your contribution and form to
CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—235 Cherry St.—Chillicothe, OH 45601

DATE PAID ___________________________