

Molalla High School Alumni Newsletter

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Molalla, Oregon 97038

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Whatever Happened to the Senior Pictures????

Most of us in the classes prior to the 1990s remember the large framed pictures of the graduating classes that donned the halls of the old high school. Where are they now?

They were all hanging at the old school when the Spring Break Quake occurred in 1993. Since the temblor left the building unusable, portable classrooms were leased at the High School building on Cole Street, and the students all moved to the north campus. The old building was dangerous to enter so access was limited to removing students' belongings and other essential property. The rest, including the old pictures, was left for another time.

A year or so later, the senior pictures were removed to be taken to be stored. The building had been unheated, and there was damage. Some of the frames and some of the glass was broken. Roger Engle '62 took charge of moving the pictures to the Mulino Grange hall where they were stored. The class pictures were composed from individual seniors' pictures, and because of the dampness, some of them had dropped to the bottom of the frames.

To the rescue came Bill Barth '60, a professional photographer, who volunteered to take the pictures to his home and begin restoration. He wisely decided that it was best to remove the individual photos, identify the people and archive them by class. He has done that. His plan is to scan, name and touch up (as needed) each of the photos and store them digitally so that they might be used in any number of ways. Ideas include arranging them by class and making posters, make power point



presentations, and reframing and displaying them at the new high school.

To this end, an archival quality scanner has been purchased by Sheryl Erickson '63 for Bill's use to do the scanning. Sheryl is actively seeking student interns, who can help with this process. At the conclusion of this project, the scanner will go to the Molalla Area Historical Society for their use in archiving materials. It would also be available for any other Alumni projects.

Bill has been fighting cancer for a while now, and recently received a bone marrow transplant. He is looking forward to resuming this project as his health improves, and we wish him the best as he continues his journey.

To see this project through, we are asking our ever-generous alumni to contribute a modest amount to cover expenses. We would like to be able to make a small remuneration to our student interns (\$150 each), and to have some up-front money to make disks, print posters, etc. If you are so inclined, please send a check to the Molalla Alumni Association, P. O. Box 454, Molalla, OR 97038 with a note to direct it to the "Picture Restoration Project. Thank you so much.

We hope to send out more occasional newsletters to keep you posted about the association and Molalla High School. Regrettably, we are not able to pay postage for more than the Spring Luncheon Mailing. We can only use emails. Please share with anyone

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Contact us at

**info@molalla-alumni.org
for assistance in Class Reunion planning. Please send us any address changes collected from class reunions.**

Mailing Is Getting More Expensive

We are working to save mailing costs by emailing information to those of you for whom we have email addresses. At this time we have hundreds of email addresses and receive more as classes update their rosters. **Please give us your email address:**

Info@molalla-alumni.org

We will not share your information with anyone not part of the Alumni Associations, Molalla High School or individual classes. If you would like to be removed from our roster, let us know.

In Memoriam

Please visit our website www.molalla-alumni.org for a list of deceased alumni and staff. We update it regularly and would appreciate it if you would let us know of anyone who has died. The side has been changed recently to allow for easier use and sorting. Let us know if you see errors. We do our best to verify the information we receive.