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THE BULL DOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL & COLUMBUS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Message from Our President

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Dear Fellow Bull Dog:

We have been blessed with a great year of Bull Dog activities. Many of our members have been generous in their donation of time, talent and energy.

If possible, please consider us for a yearend donation to help us continue the great work of supporting student and faculty excellence at Columbus North High School.

We wish you good tidings and a great holiday, and we look forward to an exciting 2016 for the Bull Dog Nation.

Stay Blue!

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

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Class of '55 --- Leading the Way!

The Class of 1955 held their 60th reunion on August 22 with some of its members participating in a tour of CNHS. It was my (Hedy George) pleasure and honor to give this tour as the Bull Dog Alumni Director. Even though these Bull Dog alumni attended high school at the "Central" building on 7th Street, there was interest in seeing the new additions and upgrades at the 25th Street school, and of course, Memorial Gym. The group moved through the hallways with lots of engaging conversation and finally came upon our pride and joy, Memorial Gym. Throughout the years, some things have changed since that first game was played in November, 1954. The most recent changes are the new gym floor and lower-level bleachers installed this past spring. The original gym floor lasted over 61 years! Wow!

As the group moved up to the Maple Street hallway, older team pictures and trophy cases were on full display. One of particular interest was the large picture of the first team to play in Memorial Gym, the '54-'55 basketball team. (21-5 record along with sectional and regional champs) Unfortunately, this team picture has been damaged over the years with water spots in several places. (Very few of the pictures in the front hallway have glass coverings.) One of the alumni, Jim Strietelmeier, mentioned he has a smaller picture that could possibly replace the damaged one on the wall. This was exciting news because this definitely is a picture with historic significance for CHS/CNHS! The story ended better than expected because the smaller picture Mr. Strietelmeier gave to me was scanned and made into a larger picture that also included the team members' names. It looks terrific and will soon be hung in place of the damaged picture in the Maple Street hallway of Memorial Gym!

(Below, Jackie & Jim Strietelmeier, representing the class of 1955, present a photo of the '54-'55 team to be hung in Memorial Gym)



At their meal and program on that August evening, the Class of '55 surprised Shirley Lyster with a \$1,000 check to the Bull Dog Alumni Association for the Lyster English Endowment Fund at CNHS, benefitting English teachers in curriculum and professional development. Ms. Lyster was humbled by this generous donation. A few days later, Mr. Strietelmeier (representing his class) brought two more checks for the Bull Dog Alumni Association, \$300 to cover the cost of the new basketball picture and \$1,200 to be used to support students and faculty at CNHS! Several members of the 1955 class have donated individually, as well!

The Class of '55 is truly leading the way for other CHS/CNHS classes to follow. The Bull Dog Alumni Association's mission is to promote and support excellence at CNHS for its students, faculty and alumni. These donations from the '55 Bull Dogs will assist us in accomplishing our mission.

A BIG SALUTE TO THE BULL DOGS OF 1955!

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Class of '55 --- Leading the Way!

A big WOW to the folks below!



Many thanks to the Bull Dogs from the Class Of 1955 for their generous support of the Bull Dog Alumni Association!

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Psi Iota Xi --- Serving the Community

Tucked into a quiet neighborhood at 8th & California Streets in Columbus, you'll find the **Psi Iota Xi Thrift Shop**.



The shop is owned and operated by the local (Epsilon) chapter of the Psi Iota Xi Philanthropic Sorority. The "Psi Otes", as they are known among themselves and others in the community, are a local group who are (as their brochure states) "women with a desire to be of service in a cooperative effort with the community."



Currently, there are 54 active members along with another significant group of auxiliary members. Many of these ladies are Bull Dogs, and many of the ones who aren't Bull Dogs themselves have children and grandchildren who are! They all take regular turns working at the thrift shop, and all proceeds from the shop support their community giving.

Since 1994, the Columbus Chapter has contributed almost \$200,000 to community projects. Many of these projects are education-related and have touched countless Bull Dogs and their families over the years. Another section of their brochure proudly states "supporting communities in speech, hearing, art, music, and literature." It's in these areas around county schools that you'll see the fruits of these ladies' labors demonstrated. And you'll seldom know it was they who enabled a program or an opportunity.

Their mission to the community is to "enrich the lives of those around us." While providing residents an affordable place to shop, profits may purchase books for school libraries, provide scholarships to middle and high school students, or support a wide range of projects. Some recent projects involving the BCSC have included High School "Arts" programs, speech/language/hearing therapists and equipment at elementary level, school books and musical instruments for elementary students, and Elsie Sweeney Psi Iota Xi High School Music scholarships.

If you are involved in an area where you think the Psi Otes might be able to assist one of your programs, you can call or stop by the Thrift Shop and make arrangements to pick-up an application form for a grant.

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Psi Iota Xi --- Serving the Community (cont.)

We here at the Bull Dog nation would love to see the Psi Otes' strong and quiet impact grow. And you can help in an area(s) below!

Shop at the Thrift Shop! It's open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00AM – 1:00PM. They specialize in "Quality Used Merchandise" including Clothing, Home Decorating Accessories, Small Appliances, Toys, Giftware, and Jewelry. The first Saturday of each month is HALF PRICE day! And they're currently loaded and ready for anyone looking for Christmas items and decorations!

Donate to the Thrift Shop! Your charitable donation of any of the above items is tax deductible. Simply take your donations to the shop during their business hours, and one of the ladies at the shop will give you a tax-receipt and a smile! And you can always look around for a needed treasure while you're there!!

Join Psi Iota Xi! If you're looking for a way to give back to the community, the Psi Otes can help provide you the opportunity. If you're interested, please stop by the Thrift Shop or phone 812-376-7136 during their normal business hours, and ask to have an officer contact you.

You can read more about Psi Iota Xi at:

- Their national website at www.PsilotaXi.org
- Their state website at www.IndianaPsiOtes.org
- The local Columbus Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PsilotaXiThriftShop/



Bull Dogs Barb (North) Dunlap ('68 – 2nd from right) and Connie (Gelfius) Ruble ('67 – on the right) assist customers at the Psi Otes' shop at 8th & California



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Fall Sports Wrap

Fall sports are over, and it was another successful set of campaigns for Bull Dog teams. The girls golf team finished 7th at the State Finals, the boys cross country team finished 8th at the state meet, and the girls cross country team topped off a great year with a 3rd place finish at the state meet.

As a result of fall season performances in conference competition, the Bull Dog boys lead Bloomington South in the Conference Indiana All-Sports standings for 2015-2016. The girls are currently in 2nd place, trailing Bloomington South and just in front of Bloomington North. Other Conference Indiana schools are Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South, Perry Meridian, Southport, and Franklin Central.

MVPs have been named for all the Bull Dog fall squads. They are:

Cross Country (Girls) – **Rachel Brougher**

Cross Country (Boys) – **Ben Rankin**

Football – **Mitchell Burton**

Golf (Girls) – **Holly Anderson**

Soccer (Girls) – **Natalie Teo**

Soccer (Boys) – **Tyler Heathcote**

Tennis (Boys) – **Kevin Luo**

Volleyball – **Hannah McKinney**

Winter Sports Kickoff



Wrestling, swimming (boys and girls), and basketball (boys and girls) seasons are underway. Gymnastics season gets underway the first week of January. Both the boys and girls basketball teams christened the new gym floor with victories in their respective home openers!

The biggest news to date for the winter teams is a huge win for the Bull Dog girls over previously unbeaten and #1 Indianapolis Lawrence North at Pepsi Colliseum in Indianapolis! The Bull Dog girls are ranked #2 in the latest poll. Mark your calendars for December 29th & 30th for the holiday tournament where many top 10 girls teams will be at Memorial Gym for two days of great basketball.

Be sure to get out and support Bull Dog teams this winter. You can see the winter sports schedules for all Bull Dog teams on page 2 of the November issue of the **Bull Dog Bulletin** at the following link:

<http://www.columbusnorthathletics.org/siteRepository/14080/userfiles/November.pdf>

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Annual Fund Drive Update & Status

Bull Dog Alumni Association – Annual Fund Drive Update

2015 is quickly winding down, and it's been a busy one for the Bull dog Alumni Association. Among the many activities with which we've been involved are:

- Hosting a reception after the American Pie Concert in May for the performers and guests as our way of saying "THANKS" and helping celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this great event
- Presenting three scholarships at the May Awards Convocation --- 6th annual Samuel P. Simmermaker Journalism / Communications scholarship, 4th annual John Johnson Studio Productions scholarship, and the inaugural Michael P. Garber Memorial scholarship
- Awarding three staff grants to Special Education, Art, and Physical Education departments at CNHS for staff enrichment and development
- Hosting the 2nd annual Bull Dog Summer Celebration Event in June in conjunction with the Barbecue, Blues, & Brew Festival in downtown Columbus --- providing information and registration for the Alumni Association as well as selling merchandise to benefit the Alumni Association
- Selling Memorial Gym floor board mementos created from pieces of the original gym floor
- Sending summer and autumn (and now winter) issues of the **True Blue** newsletter to our registered alumni

- Facilitating the 5th Installation of bricks in Alumni Plaza
- Providing school tours for six class reunion groups during the summer and fall and assisting multiple classes with their reunion planning
- Hosting reception and induction ceremonies for our four alumni inducted into our Alumni Hall of Fame, our 3rd induction class

None of the above activities and all the other "little" things provided are possible without the generous support of each of you --- our supporters. Our annual campaign is fast approaching its December 31 end date; and at this juncture, we have received just over **\$8,000** from our loyal donors!

That's still short of our goal, but **December is a great time to make your tax deductible donation and beat the tax man in the process!**

You can make donations online or by mail by going to the "How Can I Donate" section of our Support page on the Bull Dog Alumni Association's website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/support/>

**We thank you in advance
for your support!**

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Support Opportunity

Want a GREAT last-minute stocking stuffer? How about one (or more) of our last pieces of Memorial Gym's original floor?



They're only \$10 each and come with built in nostalgia and memories for anyone who ever walked across this amazing part of the amazing Memorial Gymnasium. To think that this original floor lasted 61 years is pretty mind-blowing.

Each memento is about six-inches long and laser engraved by one of our current Bull Dog students, and we're nearing the end of our supply!

Every dollar goes to support Bull Dogs and Bull Dog excellence!! If it's a local order, we'll deliver them to you if you want! Get yours now by emailing to the link below and providing **quantity** desired, your **address** (for delivery or postal service), and a **phone number** where you can be reached:

rubleld@yahoo.com

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You can donate stock – and save on taxes!

Now you can support the Bull Dog Alumni Association and get a tax break. For most individuals, donations of highly appreciated shares of stock earn a tax deduction of the full market value of the stock on the date of the donation – yet the donor is not required to pay capital gains tax on the difference between the market value and the amount the donor originally paid (tax basis). Check with your tax advisor to make sure no special circumstances would disqualify you from this beneficial tax treatment.

To donate stock, you should request a stock donation or transfer by your broker. In most cases your broker will need the following information:

Donation Recipient: Bull Dog Alumni Association,
1400 25th St, Columbus, IN 47201

Recipient Broker Information:

- Deliver to: Edward Jones
- DTC Number: 0057
- Account Name: Bull Dog Alumni Association, Inc.
- Account Number: 4821801612
- Contact: Eric Robbins – 812-342-8193

With the stock market at historic highs, it's a great time to help the Bull Dog Alumni Association improve Columbus North High School without incurring huge capital gains taxes! For further information about stock donations, contact Tom Tremain via email at ttinogil@yahoo.com

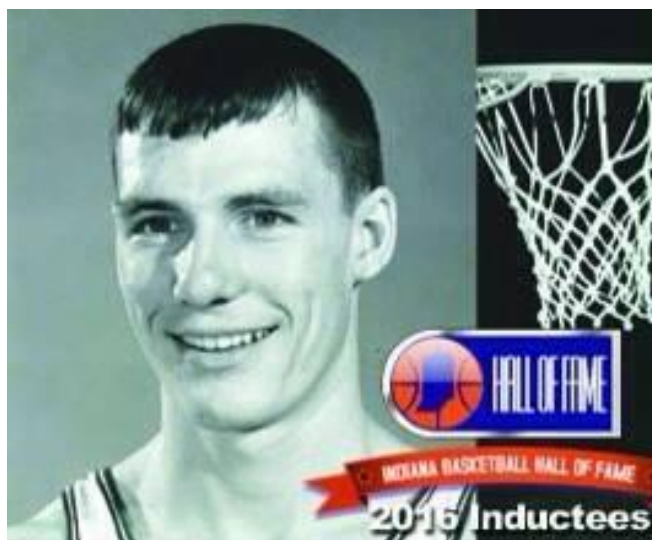
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Butch to the Hall of Fame! It's About Time!!

We are pleased to announce that Charles "Butch" Wade will be inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame during their ceremony in March.



You can read more about this along with inductee bios on the Hall of Fame website at the following link:

[**2016 Hall of Fame Inductees Page**](#)

The 2016 class also includes (among others) Damon Bailey, Calbert Cheney, and long-time Columbus resident Willie Humes, who played high school ball for Madison.

Congratulations, Butch!
Thanks for the memories!!

If you would like to attend the March 29th banquet and induction ceremony, you can acquire tickets on the Hall of Fame's website at the following link:

[**Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Tickets**](#)

Or by calling:

765-529-1891

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***It's never too early to be thinking about
nominations for the Bull Dog Alumni
Hall of Fame***

Visit our website at:

[**http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/
bull-dog-alumni-hall-fame/**](http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/bull-dog-alumni-hall-fame/)

for more info

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Reunion Resources on Alumni Website

New Reunion Web Resources

As we mentioned in our prior newsletter, we're adding a set of **reunion resource** pages to the Bull Dog Alumni website. They are now up and running. Since these are our first "editions" of these pages, we expect to make continuous enhancements in the coming weeks and months. We invite (make that implore?) everyone to offer suggestions to help make the pages / resources more valuable going forward. The best time to do that is NOW, before the reunion seasons hits us full bore. Please message us at the email address on the last page of our newsletter with your suggestions! Thanks in advance for your assistance!!

Real quickly, here are the three major new components (we'll be adding a Reunion Schedule page as reunions begin to be scheduled for 2016):

The link to our Reunion Resource Page is:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/>

(Click on **BLUE** text below to go to links)

[Reunion Class Contacts Info](#) : As we mentioned in the fall issue of True Blue, we hope to improve communication effectiveness of each class by making it each alum's responsibility to make sure his/her reunion coordinator has valid contact info. This is our first effort at sharing these points of contact. PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF THIS RESOURCE CHANGES FOR YOUR CLASS.

[Reunion Venue Suggestions](#) : We will compile and maintain this list of possible area venues for reunion activities. These are in no way an endorsement of a venue --- just a compilation of venues that classes have considered or used for previous reunions. Each venue has a link to its website.

[Reunion Planning Suggestions](#) : We have started a suggestion page to hopefully assist everyone in their planning efforts. We recognize that some of you have far more experience in this area than do we, so we're not trying to come off as any sort of expert. We're just sharing experiences and thoughts. We've found that many of the recently graduated classes have no real idea to where to begin when it comes to putting together a successful reunion.

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Music Doings

The Bull Dog Vocal Music students and staff are in the midst of a busy first semester.

Recently hosted an amazing afternoon with vocalist/beat boxer **Paul Sperazza** (called **Fearless Performing 101**), a member of Toxic Audio. He worked with about 85 students from the choral department on how to gain confidence in performing.

Laura Osnes Workshop - November 19

CHNS hosted a workshop with Broadway Tony Award nominee Laura Osnes the day after she performed in the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Cabaret Series.

WINTER CONCERT (Coming Up!) featuring all the CNHS choirs will be on **Wednesday, December 9th** at 7:30 in the North Auditorium. A suggested \$3 donation will be accepted at the door. We are also collecting canned goods for the annual Can Drive! This is a holiday tradition at North! Be sure to come and support the Bull Dogs!!

Show Choir Elementary Tour – Hopefully, both CNHS show choirs, **North Stars** and **Debs and Music Men**, will be out to perform for some of the BCSC Elementary schools as an outreach on December 11th. This is still in the planning stages

Various Holiday performances throughout the community during the month of December, as usual.

CNHS Media Kudos!

Bull Dog student media staffs had a successful trip to Orlando in November. Fifteen students traveled to Florida to participate in sessions and compete at the JEA/NSPA (Journalism Education Association / National Scholastic Press Association) Fall Convention. Over 6,000 students from around the U.S. attended the conference.

The Triangle placed 5th, Log yearbook placed 6th, The Blueprint placed 7th, and BNN placed 9th in Best of Show.

Several students also placed in individual contests:

- **Paige Grider** received 5th place in Sports Action photo and Honorable Mention for Photography Portfolio
- **Maddy Neal** received an Honorable Mention for Yearbook caption and copy
- **Fiona Smythe** received an Honorable Mention in Literary Magazine layout
- **Shelby Tays** received an Excellent in Social Media reporting.
- **Emily Waskom** received an Excellent in Social Media reporting.

You all make us **Bull Dog Proud!!**

Please congratulate these students when you see them!

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Stay Connected to School Happenings

Coming in March

There are many opportunities to stay connected to things that are going on with our current Bull Dogs.

CNHS has some nice web presence where you can find out what's happening.

--- Among these are ---

Check out the school newspaper (Yep, it's still called ***The Triangle***, even if it might look a little different!) at:

<http://issuu.com/cnhsmedia.com>

You can see and listen to the school's daily announcements given by the students at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cnhsmedia>

Access the above two features and all the current happenings at the Bull Dogs' award-winning website, CNHSmedia, at:

<http://cnhsmedia.com/>

Coming in March (Spring) Issue:

- Academic and scholastic update
- Winter Sports Wrap-Up
- Spring Sports Preview & Status
- And More

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Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/columbusnorthalumni>

Email to:

<mailto:cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us>

**What sort of things do you want to hear about
in our next newsletter? Please let us know!**

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