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Work Begins On FHS Pool

*By JoAnn D'Ambrosio
Woodward*

The warm morning reminded those in attendance how important a pool is to the community. On July 23, 2009, a new competition pool was dedicated at FHS. The old pool, built in the 1950s, was being demolished in the background.

Dignitaries present included Bob Reyes, Principal; Carol Mills, Trustee; Michael Hanson, District Superintendent; Blong Xiong, City Councilman; and Carson Rolfe, FHS senior, representing Aquatics and Water Polo. Each spoke on the importance of the pool to the school and the community.

The pool will be 25 x 35 meters with three diving boards and an overall depth of 14 feet. It will be ADA accessible with a ramp in a shallow end. Pool completion is scheduled for fall 2010. Current metal seating will be replaced with cement. Eventually, shade covers will be added over the seats.

Both the pool and an all weather track, also under construction on campus, are part of a \$14 million investment in city schools by the Fresno Unified School District.

Annual Wall of Champions Dinner Honors Athletes

By Dave Brase

The 3rd annual Fresno High Alumni Association Athletic Wall of Champions dinner is set for Wednesday, October 7th at Pardini's restaurant. This year's list of inductees includes one of the best all around athletes in the history of the school.

Jim Jurkovich was named by Cal - Hi sports as the top athlete in the state for achievements in football and track during the 1938 - 39 sports year.

Bernard "Bernie" Allard was a high jumper on the warrior track.

Fred Bartels - outstanding baseball and basketball player for FHS and FSU and a 50 year career in coaching and teaching.

Irving "Crip" Toomey - outstanding halfback on the 1920 Cal - Wonder team considered by many sports historians to be the best collegiate football team in the 20th century.

Tom Jacobsen - a gifted natural athlete and standout on the very successful warrior basketball and baseball teams of the late 1950's and as a dual player at Fresno State.

Anthony Washington - after an exceptional Fresno High career went on as a defensive standout at Fresno State before a career in the NFL.

Don "Brownie" Van Galder played for FHS then quarterbacked at University of Utah, before returning to Fresno High for many years of service as a teacher and coach.

Billy Wayte - football and track standout, running back at FSU, star defensive back for the Canadian football league, tennis coach at Fresno city college for many years.

Lee Angelich coached for 10 years (mid 50's - 60's) at FHS winning five NYL basketball championships.

The WOC dinner is also honoring the **1951 Fresno High Basketball Team** which took the Valley Championship.

For additional information contact Jack Fowler, Fresno High Alumni Association chairman, at 559-291-3533. You can also buy tickets on-line at www.FresnoHighAlumni.com or use the order form that is part of the enclosed flyer.

OLDEST ALUMNUS, 101, ATTENDS MAY FHS DINNER

By JoAnn D'Ambrosio Woodward

It was 1922, when a young lady named Hazel Chess moved from Bozeman, Montana to Fresno, California. Her father had been working in California as a carpenter and her mother, two brothers and a sister decided they had been separated long enough. Everything was piled into a car, and they took off to find a new life and a college for her oldest brother to attend. Everything went well during their trip until they got to Madera, and the lights on the car went out. Her brother was assigned a flashlight and a fender seat, which got them from Madera to Fresno in the dark. That was the beginning of life at Fresno High School for Hazel, who started as a sophomore the following fall.

Hazel is the oldest known graduate of Fresno High, turning 102 in February, 2010. She was an early graduate in February, 1925, just to prove to her father that she was as smart as her cousin who also graduated at 16. Hazel's sister graduated from FHS in 1923, and her youngest brother graduated in 1928. Her future husband, Edward M. Calderwood, graduated from FHS in 1926 and they married in 1929.

Hazel and Edward had three boys, Dick, Bob and Bill who also are Fresno High graduates; Dick in 1955, Bob in 1958 and Bill in 1962. Hazel's entire California life has been in the Fresno High area. The home she still lives in is just south of

Hamilton and when walking through the door, it's like walking into the comfort of the 1950's. If you listen long enough, you can hear children playing in the street; smell the pie baking in the oven; hear the radio playing and three boys running in through the front door to get the largest piece of leftover baked pie dough. Bob said the pieces were always split three ways, except for the first and largest piece! The Calderwood family finished building the house in 1950, and Hazel has never left it. Edward passed away after a battle with cancer in 1970.

Yes, Hazel did go to an assisted living home in 2002 for a month, but she told everyone she was going home to take care of herself, which she has done. There are a couple of caregivers that come in the morning and the evening; other than that, she reads and watches a little television during the day. When asked what she remembers most, she tells the story of seeing her doctor at the age of 92, and he told her she could not drive any more. This was devastating to her as she had only learned to drive at the age of 62, and 30 years was just not long enough to be independent. A sweet kiss on the hood was her farewell to her independence.

Calderwood Printing was the family business, Edward took care of the operations, and Hazel did the bookkeeping from the home she still lives in. She was a



stay-at-home mom in order to give her three boys a good foundation. Dick and Bob joined Hazel last May at the all-alumni dinner held in front of FHS. Even though the day was extremely warm, Hazel said she had an enjoyable time and was looking forward to attending the event in May, 2010.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Jack Fowler Class of 1952

Again we of the Alumni Committee thank all of the Alumni and friends of Fresno

High School for continued support to the Fresno High Alumni Association.

We want to welcome Joan Flores Jabin, class of 1951 as our new Warrior Echo Editor. We are very grateful to Joan for filling this very demanding position. Joan was the fall semester Editor for the 1951 Owllet and Assistant feature Editor in 1950.

We had a great turn out for our 10th annual Alumni May dinner despite the Hot, Hot, weather. Thank you all for attending and making this a successful event.

We would like to invite the classes that are not represented on the Alumni committee to attend our monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 pm in the Fresno High Library. If you have a class reunion coming up this year or next year please contact www.FresnoHighAlumni.com

Without your support, it will be difficult to continue this newsletter. Contributions in any amount are always appreciated. Send your tax-deductible donations to the Association's return P.O. Box number in newsletter.

Principal's Message —By Bob Reyes, Principal

On August 17th, Fresno High welcomed back its student body, including our senior class, the 121st graduating class in our long and illustrious history. This also marks my 13th year as principal of this school. Great traditions, a wonderful staff and neighborhood kids, and the best alumni in the valley continues my commitment to this wonderful school.

Our new 35-meter swimming pool, will allow us to host large competitions. Thanks to so many of you who have e-mailed me proposed names for the new complex (all of them have been to name the pool after long-time swim coach Jack Skadden). I have forwarded all of those e-mails to the district for their consideration.

Our new all-weather track will be ready for competitions this upcoming spring. And our new varsity softball diamond will be finished this fall. This softball diamond along with the varsity baseball diamond built two years ago gives Fresno High the best baseball/softball athletic complexes in the valley. Right next to the varsity baseball diamond, a new restroom facility has been built for our 9th Grade Warrior Academy.

Our 4th International Baccalaureate Diploma Class had 8 students receive the prestigious IB Diploma. This large number of full diploma recipients is unusual for IB programs that have been existence for less than 10 years. It is amazing to have so many students choose to take 8 college-level exams, write a 4000-work research paper, document over 150 hours of community, action, and service during their junior and senior years in high school. Most of these students will have completed at least one semester, if not two semesters of college before they actually enter college. This year we anticipate that our 9-12 program will grow to between 450-500 students in IB (about 15% of our student body taking the most challenging high school courses in the world).

As an International World School, our IB seniors choose a project each year that helps to build world knowledge and that has an impact of making our world a better place. Last year, our student body raised nearly \$7000 in 4 months to donate to help build schools for girls and boys in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Through Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute, this money builds schools and buys supplies so that students half a world away have a chance to receive an education as an alternative to that imposed by certain fanatical groups. This year's project is the Invisible Children of Uganda. Our goal as a school is to raise public awareness of the harsh conditions that children in Uganda go through in order to be safe from rebel abductions that force them to become child soldiers.

Last year, our 9th Grade Warrior Academy opened, giving 400 freshmen some intensive reading and math support designed to make them more successful in high school and more likely to graduate. Early results from that first class show that test scores were up in both math and English, grade point averages were also up, including their attendance. This success is due to the courageous work done by the 4 teams of 9th grade teachers who simply never gave up on our most at-risk student population.

Building upon the success of the 9th Grade Warrior Academy, our theme of this school year is "Connecting with our kids." Success for each young adult is forged by the relationships that our staff is able to build with our students. Our 10th – 12th grades will be organized into small teams this year, all done with the idea of having teams of teachers working together to help students become more successful.

Please visit our website at <http://www.fresno.k12.ca.us/schools/s092/sch092hp.htm>

Class Notes and Reunions

Class of 1958 Celebrates 50

By Jan Charshaf Kelley

It has almost been one year since the Fresno High School **Class of 1958** celebrated their 50th reunion. All that attended certainly can't forget the fantastic events of the memorable event.

The golf tournament at the Fig Garden Golf Club with a BBQ and Awards Ceremony started off the weekend. Next, on Saturday morning, a wonderful b r u n c h a t G r a n d Occasions... Thank goodness for the nametags with our senior picture and our last and married names. Soon the hugs and reminiscing began.

Saturday afternoon many took a one hour tour of FHS. The cafeteria looked the same as it did all those years ago. Some even remembered where they used to sit. Next they moved to the gym and began to sing the Alma Mater.

The finale, also at Grand O c c a s i o n w a s spectacular. Purple and gold dominated the candle-adorned tables with purple tablecloths, gold satin napkins and covered chairs with large purple bows. It literally took your breath away, and there were tears in many of our classmate's eyes. The evening went by way too fast, much like the time that had passed since our senior year.

Our 50th reunion was without a doubt a wonderful, fantastic success. To many, it will be a lifetime memory. For all of us...bring on the next one!

Forty-niners Dig in!

Those '49ers are ready to celebrate their 60th reunion on September 19th and 20th. Graduates and their guests will meet at Pardini's at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening for no host cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 7:30 there at Shaw and Van Ness. Tickets are \$35 per person. Ruth Aronstein Bricker may be contacted for reservations at 559-299-9425.

Brunch on Sunday morning is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club on Moroa. (the old DeVaux). Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

Headquarters and room accommodations are at the Piccadilly Inn, Shaw.

Committee members are Ed Scarsboro, Mary Ann Waterman Hendricson,
hlakemom@aol.com

COMMENTS FROM ' 36

Bernice Denman Dyck , class of 1936, is glad that FHS is getting a new pool . "Back in the '30s" she says, "We were lucky to be able to cool off in the open showers...and we had to pay one dollar a week in towel fees. That was a lot of money in the '30s."

Class of '52 Mini Event!

By Bettylee Ginsburg Wapner

The class of '52 does.. mini events every year that is not a reunion year..to keep people in touch ...

This year we had a 75th Birthday Fiesta.....(most of the class turns 75 years of age this year) and the Fiesta part was our menu/decoration..... turnout.....about 80 in attendance.... Keith Jewell was here from New York.... He came the farthest....

Our class is very close; we get together often (there are a large number of us here in the valley.....and then some of our out of town regulars: Clyde Workmon, Coy Herring, Caroline Helm Lucicero....We even had a surprise visit from George "Gus" Karabian. Committee consisted of Bettylee Ginsburg Wapner, Irene & Jim Palmer, Anita Bukilica Chiamas, Richard Pearson, Carol Kemple Martin, Hal & Sandy Avakian, Donna Piacentini Shebelut, and Mary Leach Wren..

We ask members of our class of '52 to KEEP IN TOUCH....I can always be contacted at: 439-2676 or by email:

BLTBUM@aol.com

Class of 1955 Plans Reunion

*Sharon Henryson Haverty says that the class of 1955 is **planning** their 45th reunion for next year. It will be at the Four Points Sheraton on Blackstone on October 16, 2010.*

Class Notes

The big 50 year mark is up for the class of 1959 this year.

Their two day celebration begins with a golf tournament at 1:00 p.m. at the Belmont Country Club on Friday, October 16, 2009. It will be followed with an awards ceremony. Saturday the 17th starts with a 9 a.m. breakfast at the San Jouquin Country Club. Alumni will meet at Royce Hall on the FHS campus at 1:00 p.m. for a tour of their Alma Mater. They will top off the evening at Dinner at Pardini's on Shaw and Forkner. Contacts for the events are Carol Thorpe Fields 559-431-1567 or par4carol@aol.com



FHS 1960 - 50 Year Reunion October 22 - 24, 2010

By Jackie Garo Boyajian

Pardini's - located on Shaw Ave.
at Van Ness

Friday - Classmates only event

Saturday - Reunion evening
event - daytime - tour of Fresno
High

Sunday - Casual brunch event

Please plan to be here -

50 Years is BIG! Here are some
of the names of classmates that
are working hard to make this a
really special weekend:

Jackie Garo Boyajian

Joyce Anthenien Gaynor

Joan Blankenbeckler McKnight

Nancy Fisher Fiorani

Ron Gajarian

Sharon Bopp Walker

Tiffany Snow Madsen

Nikki Hoernicke

Richard Colby

Toni Sessagesimo Busick

For information: Contact Jackie

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FHS 57 70th Birthday Photo 5/16/09

Names from L to R Starting at the bottom row

Row 1 Buss Helm, Carroll Trippel, Darlene Wimer, Judy Martin,
DeMaris Cowan, Wanda Allen, Catherine Kemplin, Elaine Parnagian,
Linda Shollenbarger (missed photo Bob Bolton)

Row 2 Aldo Marciochi, Barbara Heath, Angela Petropulos, Nancy
Wynne, Betty Cromwell, Ken Scott, Freeda Cassady

Row 3 Nona Thuesen, Kathleen Rogness, Brenda Johnston, Lorna
Royer, Claudia Andresen

Row 4 Phil Tews, Billie Jane Hand, Judy Ebert, Jim Santos, Roy Oto

Row 5 Jim McKelvey, Gary Becker, Barbara Diebert, Barbara
Beagles, Pete Mehas, Mike Noakes, Chuck Alstrom

The FHS class of 1979 is holding their 30 year reunion on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

By Sharilyn Gustine Weber

On Friday, September 25th, there will be a Classmates only
no-host cocktail gathering at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Fresno in
the Skyroom starting at 7pm. The reunion will be held at the Holiday
Inn, Downtown in the Grand Sierra Ballroom on Saturday the 26th.
Reception and cocktails starting at 5:30pm, dinner at 7pm. Dancing
begins at 9pm and closure is at midnight. The cost for this event is
\$70 per person.

On Sunday, September 27th there is a champagne brunch at
El Torito Restaurant in Fresno at 11am. The cost is \$14 per person.
Tickets for the reunion must be purchased in advance, there will be
no tickets sold at the door. For more information phone 559-355-
6832 or e-mail fresnohs1979@hotmail.com

FOCUS ON BUSINESS

Soup and Scoop

By Bill Shipley

The man scooping ice cream at the SOUP N' SCOOP SHOP in Old Town Clovis is Bill Shipley, class of 1960. Bill started serving soup, sandwiches and Fresno State ice cream in 2005 when he opened the shop on Pollasky Avenue. He also serves breakfast. Bill's daughter works along side him; he plans to turn the business over to her when he retires.

The Shipley's own two stores on Pollasky Ave. Just a few doors down, his wife, Cora, operates HEARTS DELIGHT GIFT SHOP. They began the shop together as an antique store in 1999, but both tired of traveling to collect antiques. "The best selection of antiques is east of the Mississippi," Bill says.

Bill has had a varied career. He worked as a carpenter the first 10 years after high school. He got his contractors license about the same time he joined the Fresno Police Department. The other officers joked that Bill carried house plans across the handle bars of his motorcycle instead of a night stick. He built houses for several officers as well as for his family. Bill retired from the FPD after a traffic accident disabled him.

He tried being a private investigator but gave it up because he didn't like the unsavory characters he had to defend, but he worked for many

years as a body guard for judges in the U.S. Marshalls Office.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, a McLane girl, and they have been together ever since. They have a son and a daughter.

Alumni Volunteers

Class of '51 graduate, Frances Cone Crow volunteers at the Senior Center at Manchester Mall. She is a greeter on Tuesdays and chairs the Book Club on Thursday afternoons. She is always glad to see FHS alumni, and says, "Drop in for a cup of coffee".

Alice Brothers from the class of '52 volunteers every year at the Fresno County Fair. She is a docent directing students from Fresno County Schools in the Agriculture/Education Program.

In Memorium:

LESLIE A. SIRMAN class of 1923 who attended the Alumni dinners in his late nineties passed away May 26, 2009 at the age of 103. He had planned to attend this years dinner. At 102 years old he passed both the written and drivers tests. In earlier years he drove and raced several Porche cars.

Where Are They Now?

Carl Jordan and Wilma Dupuy

Wilma (Dupuy) and I have been married 55 great years now, and have lived in Berkeley for 52 of those years. I sold my engineering business years ago but Wilma is still working part-time at a child care and referral agency, enjoying books, walking, and breakfast groups, plus attending musical performances. She no longer plays the marimba or the piano. I still fool around a little bit with my clarinet. Agility has forced retirement from softball, tennis and skiing. I play golf but still can't beat Doug Heisinger, Don and Beth Ann Knowles Farris or Travis and Carlene Grace Burnett ('51 and '53).

We still sail a little. And I still high jump - but no higher than six inches.

Wilma and I regularly walk to the nearby Peet's coffee house. With my joints (some metal), I can barely keep up with her. Our attitude / outlook is a 10. We continue to be socially involved in the yachting community. Our family has celebrated our Thanksgiving feast at a Yosemite picnic area for 44 years now.

Finally, we enjoy informal bird watching - over 600 species now

**FHS Alumni Sponsors FHS
Clovis North Football Telecast**

By Dave Brase

The Fresno High Alumni Association is helping to sponsor a telecast of the

Fresno High-Clovis North Football game on September the 18th.

Although it is not a league game for the Warriors, it will be very good exposure for the team, Fresno High and the Alumni Association. The game will be the first home varsity football game ever played by Clovis North.

The game is being promoted with an *Oldest vs. Newest* theme. Fresno High has been in existence since 1889 and Clovis North is only 2 years old.

Hector Verduco, head football coach at Fresno High said, "This is a great thing for our kids because it gives them a chance to connect with Fresno High's past. This game with Clovis North is good for both schools. It's always good when communities can get to know each other thru sports".

Clovis North is coached by Fresno High Alum Tim Simons, who is considered the dean of high school football coaches in Central California. After a long career at Clovis High and 7 seasons as an assistant to Pat Hill at Fresno State, Simons has chosen to take up the challenge of heading up the football program at the new school.

Simons said "This is a special game for us being that it's our first varsity home football game and we're playing a school with a great tradition and has been playing varsity football games for over 100 years."

Chris Terrance, who will be announcing the Play by Play of the game with Fred Clark said, "This is the kind of game that traditions are made of. I can't wait."

The game will be telecast on various Cocola broadcasting stations, reaching a valley wide audience, including KGMC-TV 43 (Comcast channel 10) Digital Channel 43.1 and Dish channel 43.

It will also be rerun multiple times on KJEO channel 32 (digital channel 32.2) on Saturday the 19th at 10:00 AM again at 8:00 PM and streamed on the web at www.Cocolatv.com

The Fresno High Alumni Association is taking this opportunity to let the public know about the organization and to promote the upcoming 2009 Wall of Champions Dinner on Wednesday October the 7th at Pardinis. More information about the dinner can be found at www.FresnoHighAlumni.com

**2009 FHS football
schedule**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sept 4	Los Banos	Ratcliffe
Sept. 11	Madera	Madera
Sept 18	Clovis North	Buchanan
Sept 25	Monache	Porterville
Oct. 2	BYE	
Oct 9	Reedley	McLane
Oct. 16	Memorial	Memorial
Oct 23	McLane	Ratcliffe
Oct 30	Madera South	Madera South
Nov. 6	**Sunnyside	Ratcliffe
Nov. 11	Roosevelt	Ratcliffe

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GRANTS GIVEN**

500.00	Link Crew leadership skill development
500.00	Economic class trip to Federal Reserve
2,500.00	New sod for baseball diamond
1,348.00	JROTC, drill team equipment
750.00	Sober Grad night 2007
1,300.00	IB film student's trip to Hollywood
1,000.00	Easter Baseball Classic
1,896.05	Two Pottery Wheels
1,500.00	Boy's soccer, tournament and transportation
2,018.00	Wrestling team, Singlet uniforms
2,000.00	Girls Basketball, uniforms
1,380.00	Girls Softball, amend soil on field
1,000.00	IB student's dinner
1,676.00	Film Studies equipment and field trip
700.00	Top 20 student's dinner
1,000.00	Incentives for State testing
2,500.00	Folklorico costumes
1,000.00	Latin student's field trip
1,000.00	JROTC transportation to competition
650.00	Easter Baseball Classic
1,000.00	English language learner's recognition dinner
1,276.00	IB film student's trip

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