

Licking Heights Alumni Report

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Banquet "Luau" Theme Great Success

The Association's annual banquet and meeting was held June 20th at the Old Summit Town Restaurant. The Officers and Directors thought it would be fun to have a banquet theme and more casual atmosphere. For our first theme we selected a Hawaiian Luau and guests were encouraged to dress to the theme. Bill West (pictured right) entertained us with his over-the-top hula performance in his grass skirt.



The banquet committee did a great job of decorating the banquet room, providing our guests with colorful lei and light sticks. After dinner, members were asked if they liked the banquet theme. The response was a resounding "yes" and to keep the dress casual. Based on the comments at the banquet, it sounds like cowboy boots, ten gallon hats, and six shooters may be in order for next year. We will of course let you know for sure in the next newsletter and in your personal invitation.



The award for best theme dress went to Ralph and Jane (Roby) Corwin.

Hornet Marching Band, Superior Rating

Congratulations to the members of the marching band for a fantastic performance at State Marching Finals Sunday evening 11/8/09 at Dayton Welcome Stadium. They ended their season with an Overall Superior for the 8th consecutive year. Breakdown of the judging was: Flags – Superior Plus Rating, Percussion – Superior Plus Rating and overall band – Superior Rating. The band won 2 Grand Champion Awards this season and 21 "Best in Class" awards. The band also achieved 5 overall Superior Ratings in 6 local competitions this fall. The flags were very inexperienced this year with 5 newcomers to the squad but rose to the occasion each time in attaining 5 out of 6 first places. Percussion was also very successful with 5 of 6 first places. The show this year was titled "Strike Up the Band" featuring music from Gershwin. One of the features this year was Brianna Robinson (flag corps) soloing on the song "They Can't Take That Away From Me". Note: I am not prejudiced by any means but very proud of my grandchildren; one of whom is in percussion, and the other is in flags. These two groups work very hard all summer long and their effort really paid off.

by Bev DeNune



The 1947 Six-Man Football Team at Summit High



Are you pictured in this photo or do you recognize a classmate in the photo? If so, we would love to hear from you. Tell us about the team, the coaches, some statistics and some fond memories you have about the six-man football program. If you have any pictures that would be great, please send us copies for the next newsletter.

Front: J. Harr, R. Bruner, Dick Gieseck, R. Stanley, Don Joseph, E. Stires, V. Slonaker, and J. Camden
Back: Mr. Cobb, G. Harr, C. Baird, G. Fishbaugh, J. Mount, L Layton, R. Sampson, and Coach C. Craig

Six-Man Football - History & Update

Have you ever heard of six-man football? I hadn't until our last board meeting. It seems that in the late 1930's there were a number of small high schools and colleges throughout the country who opted to use a six-man football team instead of 11-man. This style of football was developed in 1934 by Stephen Epler, Chester (Nebraska) High School Football Coach, as an alternative means for small high schools to field a football team during the Great Depression. By 1938, Texas schools started using this version of football with 55 schools participating that first year. On October 5, 1940, Windham High School in Windham, Ohio defeated Stamford Collegiate of Niagara Falls, Ontario, 39-1 in the first international six-man football game. Jack Pardee, who played in the 1950's at Christoval High School in Texas is the only known six-man player to have played or coached in the NFL.

While similar to the 11-man version, there are a few differences: the field is 80 x 40 yards; there is a 15 yard distance between the line of scrimmage and a fist down; all six players are eligible receivers; three offensive linemen are required on the

line of scrimmage at the start of play; a touchdown is worth 6 points, but a point-after kick (drop-kick or place kick) is worth 2 points and a conversion is worth 1 point; and a field goal is worth 4 points.

Wow! Can you imagine watching a six-man football game? You can! Did you know that Texas has over 110 teams and the number keeps increasing. Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Canada also have teams. There are even two adult amateur football leagues!

I have tried unsuccessfully to get information on Ohio's history of six-man football teams and specifically those six-man teams and players for Summit High. Can any of you help me? I'd love to get an email or letter with any information and or pictures you might have! Thanks for the help!!!

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The Banquet Challenge!



Hi everybody! Hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy. I'd like to use the space to send a shout out to all of you who graduated in the **1980's**. We've been challenged by some of those "old" 1970's graduates. They actually think they can have more attendees than we can at the 2010 Banquet. Our honor is at stake here people! So, please notify all graduates of that great decade of the **80's** that their presence is needed at the 2010 Alumni Banquet. Don't delay, spread the word, invite your classmates, and reconnect with your fellow classmates at the 2010 Alumni Banquet.

by Katie (Baker) Leister

Alumni "Bio" Page

Did you know that we have an Alumni "Bio" page on the website? It was being maintained by the school district, but for some reason was discontinued. Our resourceful webmaster, Dan McDonnell, quickly gathered up all the information and created the Alumni Bio Page for our website. Take a little time and see if you or any of your classmates are listed.

If you would like to add your "bio" or update the current information, please contact Dan at danmcdonnell@embarqmail.com. Add your contact information; phone number, mailing address, and/or email address. Let your classmates know what you're doing now and stay in touch.

by Tom Dunkle

Hornet Football 2009 Summary

This year the Licking Heights football team embarked on another great journey. A senior-led team, the Hornets finished the 2009 campaign with an 8-2 record, and finished third in the MSL-Cardinal Division. Head Coach Darren Waters, in his fifth season coaching the Hornets, improved his record at Licking Heights to 33-19. Behind the Senior offensive line of Sean Duprae, Austin Williams, Trayvon Ware, Alex Kielmeyer, and Nick Lewis, Senior running back Dan Pennington rushed for close to 2,000 yards this season. Senior quarterback Cody Bailey also played a successful role in leading the Hornets' air attack of Senior Zack Gunn, Senior Nick Rubbo, Junior Ty Stallings, and Junior Jordan Bodell. Defensively the Hornets were led by Senior Edwin Kamara, Senior Colt Denig, and Junior Teyvyn Young. Junior Kicker Kevin Carr served as an X-factor for the Hornets kicking game that proved to be a significant role in the Hornets scoring and field position battles. The 2009 Hornets seniors amassed a successful 30-12 record over their four year span. In that span, the **Hornets were able to claim the title of Battle for Broad Street Championship three years in a row**, outscoring their cross town rival Warriors 111-38 in their wins. The 2009 team outscored their opponents 353 to 120, outscoring their opponents an average of 35 to 12. On behalf of the LH Athletic Boosters and Touchdown Club, we wish to congratulate the Hornets, and wish the Seniors best of luck.

by Joe Lewis, 2008 Touchdown Club

The Alum's Corner

It's your Association and your newsletter, why not have your very own space for an article? Drop us a line and let everyone know what you have been up to since graduation. Are you retired and just leisurely traveling the country? Have you had a successful career and now have a lofty position in some Fortune 500 company? Have your children or grandchildren accomplished something you want to brag about? Or, how about a funny incident with a classmate that took place way back when? This could be a lot of fun and very interesting for the Alums. But, it's up to you. We will provide the space, you provide the story.

by Tom Dunkle

The Latest Buzz

The Board has purchased an Alumni Scholarship plaque and it is now mounted in the high school commons area. It's a beautiful wood and brass plaque with the Alumni name and vision on it and with each recipients name listed on a separate plate. Our thanks to Bev (Galloway) DeNune for selecting the plaque.

It was Alumni Night and we were honored at the October 2nd football game against Liberty Union. The Board hosted a tail gate party for all Alums and gave away hot dogs, chips and drinks. We then formed two lines in the end zone and cheered on the team as they took the field. Attendance was not as good as last year, but we all had a good time.

The Licking County Foundation (they administer the scholarship fund) reported issuing a check (\$1,000) to the university for our latest recipient. The Board approved \$3,000 for this years deposit to the fund. That left us with an operating balance of just less than \$1,800. As memberships and donations are received, the Board will set aside those funds and more for another possible deposit early next year.

Memberships have been slow coming in this year. We will be looking through our records for those alums that were members and have not yet sent in their membership form. We will then mail out a reminder to our past members. If you need a form, you can visit our website www.lhalumni.com to find the forms. Please send in your memberships, we need your support to grow the scholarship fund.

by Tom Dunkle

2010 Banquet Survey

The Alumni Board wants to make the Alumni Banquet a memorable and fun filled evening for you and your guest. Last year's Hawaiian Luau was voted a huge success and those attending want to continue with a "theme" and casual dress for the 2010 banquet. So, here is where you can voice your own opinion. We have created a quick and easy "online" survey for you. It's a short survey with only five (5) questions and takes only a minute to complete. You'll find the "link" to the survey on our website home page at www.lhalumni.com. Just simply click on the link and it will take you to the survey. Thank you for your help.

by Tom Dunkle

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