This Issue was Delayed Until late September or early October, 2010

Due to the vast amount of information and photos surrounding the very successful All-School Reunion on August 28, the editors and production guy took the liberty of postponing the September publishing date.

Reunion Program Brought Back Memories

Susie Jones did a terrific job emceeing the Marshall/Marshall U High Reunion on Saturday, August 28th. And she did it three times. That’s right. Susie emceed the program at the luncheon and then did it twice in the evening, once in the main ballroom and again in the Hubert H. Humphrey room. She did a very classy job which was no surprise because Susie was the president of the Class of 1981 before she became a pro at WCCO.

The program was relatively short and sweet, but it did include thanking the reunion committee for their many hours of hard work, recognizing the faculty and staff members in attendance, introducing the alumni by decades, and hearing stories from two very special alums: Ruth Sprung Kuehn and Otto Lausten.

Ruth from the Class of 1940 told the story of the BUG Club. The BUG Club was started in 1937 by Ruth and ten of her girl friends. BUG stood for Bachelorettes United in Gaiety. After seeing Marshall’s hockey team goalie emerge from the gym with his legs wrapped in burlap bags, the girls of the BUG Club decided that they would do something to improve the equipment for the boys’ teams. With the permission of Coach Cec O’Brien and their principal, the BUG Club girls sponsored a benefit dance in the school gym. They solicited door prizes from the Dinkytown merchants, got members of the school band to play the music, and charged ten cents admission. Two hundred forty students must have attended because they raised $24. The money was used to buy ten Marshall jerseys. Only Ruth and three of her friends remain from the original group, but they continue to stay in contact and fondly remember those days when they worked together to improve things at Marshall High.

Otto told about Hunting Marshall Style. He told how he and some of his lifelong friends began hunting with slingshots and BB guns when they were about ten years old. Not all of their adventures were strictly legal, but they were mostly funny. Not fearing any repercussions because the statute of limitations has run out, Otto named names of his fellow hunters: Jack Fecht, Jim...
Christenson, Bob Lerfald and Bill Slathar.

As the hunters grew older, their weapons evolved to 22s and shotguns. Their activities included not only hunting, but also swimming at the BAB (Bare _ _ _ Beach) and looking for girls. Their efforts were met with limited success. One grouse was shot twice, once by Otto who only knocked it out, and again amid tears of laughter by Jack who brought it down for good. Eventually even looking for girls worked out for them all. Otto provided us all with lots of laughs and memories of good friends.

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Friends meet and greet one another. The food was excellent, the service at the Radisson superb. A great venue for a very successful reunion.

Ruth Sprung Kuehn tells the Marshallites the meaning and purpose of the BUG club that she and classmates founded.

If you were a cheerleader you were challenged to come to the podium and entertain your classmates with cheer and song.
Alumni Committee Gatherings to plan and promote a most successful All-School Reunion!

The annual Prospect Park Days held in May centered around the “Witches Hat” tower, and Pratt School. It was a prime site for promoting the Marshall/Marshal University all-school reunion. Pictured are Scott Watson and Paul Abelseth. Scott and Paul were hard-working, reliable, and key committee members.

Scene of the Alumni Committee’s final planning meeting. The meetings were held on the third Saturday of the month, in three venues over a one year period. In addition many sub-committee meetings were interspersed. Kudos to all who spent so much time planning the reunion. Janet Duff was a magnificent leader.

The committee members interspersed the business at hand with quite a bit of frivolity. Over 20 members had a steady hand in this reunion’s success. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered the night of the reunion.
Great TCF Stadium Tour

Part of the Marshall/Marshall U High School Reunion was a tour of the new TCF Stadium. Thanks to Lois and Joel Maturi about 50 Marshallites got a VIP tour of the new stadium. Not only did Lois and Joel meet and greet us at the stadium door, but Joel gave us an excellent introduction to the tour.

Three tour guides divided us into manageable groups and led us through the stadium from top to bottom. At the top we visited the university president’s suite which is large and beautifully appointed. It also has a wonderful panoramic view of Minneapolis from Tower Hill to Northeast with all of Downtown in between.

We toured the large press box and the luxurious suites and boxes that can be rented out for the season as well as large enclosed areas that will hold hundreds of fans on game days, but may also be used for wedding receptions, business meetings or reunions.

Perhaps the most impressive part of our tour was the huge football-shaped players’ locker room and the field itself. The 140 lockers in the locker room are all wood and look like fine built-in cabinetry that might be found in an expensive home. The room is carpeted and includes a large block M that is roped from pedestrian traffic. The M is waiting for team celebrations that will held after victories on the football field. Pictures of past Minnesota football heroes line the walls above the lockers and remind the viewer of former days of glory.

The field is covered with brand-new artificial turf, all fresh and waiting to be played on. While we were touring, the Minnesota marching band was practicing on the field. We learned from our tour guide that Coach Brewster was opposed to letting the band practice on the new field until it was discovered that there was too much “bounce” to the new field and he reversed his opinion. Now he wants the band to trample it everywhere so that it is less springy. It appeared that the band was doing a good job of following their new marching orders.

Many thanks to Lois and Joel Maturi and our very able tour guides. We had a great tour of the new Gopher Stadium.

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Thank You Notes in Our E-Mail Bag

We’ve received a lot of thank you notes from people who enjoyed the Marshall/Marshall U High All Classes Reunion. Here are some of them.

From Marshall’s last principal Donovan Schwichtenberg: “Congratulations on a great reunion; what a turnout! These types of events are successful because some people decide to contribute their time and talent to make the event successful.”

Nan Chido Ladehoff, ’69 wrote,” A huge thank you goes to you and all members of the committee who did a wonderful job planning the all school reunion. . . . I had a wonderful time.”

Corky Polnaszek, ’67 wrote, “We think you guys did a superb job . . . If it ever happens again we will probably be back. To us it seemed like a perfect night. Thanks.”

Cathy Brophy, ’78 wrote, “Your hard work and commitment resulted in a tremendously well organized, fun and successful event. Bravo!!”

Roxanne Cruciani, ’81 wrote, “The reunion was amazing! I left with a big smile and lots of fun memories, thanks planning committee!!”

Jerry Von Korff,’63 wrote, “I expected to have a great time, and it was better than I expected. Well done.”

From Kathy Klennert, ’80 wrote, “Thank you to the committee! You did a wonderful job! We had so much fun catching up with friends! Let’s not wait so long to do it again!”

Chris Follett, ’78 wrote, “Great time! Especially liked seeing all of the teachers and classmates from the 70s.”

It is amazing what a “thank you” does to warm hearts of committee members. We really appreciate the responses that we’ve received. Also if you have good digital photos that you can send to us, we’ll try to put them in the next issue of the newsletter. Please send them to Otto Lausten (owlausten@msn.com). Bob Hayes and I do most of the writing, but Otto is the person who puts everything together in the form that you know as the Alumni Newsletter.

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Anne Lindgren, Jan Duff, and Otto Lausten spear-headed the registration process and name badge project. Badges were color-coded by decade, sub-divided by class year, and further separated by luncheon and buffet dinner.
Two Young Women Receive MAEF Scholarships

On September 16, two University of Minnesota students were awarded Marshall Access and Education Fund (MAEF) scholarships at the Disability Services Scholarship Luncheon. Emily Duffield and Emilie Lane were among nineteen scholarship recipients who were honored at the luncheon.

Emily Duffield is a junior physics major who has been on the Dean’s list the last four semesters with a 3.9 G.P.A. Emily is a talented musician and is currently a member of the university marching band. She hopes to graduate summa cum laude and then pursue a PhD in aerospace engineering.

Emilie Lane is a freshman biology major whose goal is to become a doctor specializing in geriatrics. Emilie is an excellent student, an athlete, and an officer in 4-H. She has served the needs of others by being a math tutor and a camp counselor.

It was a real pleasure to meet these two impressive young women and have a small role in awarding them the MAEF scholarships. Lois Maturi and I introduced the two MAEF scholarship winners at the luncheon. Harvey Johnson who played a leading role in establishing the MAEF scholarship was among the honored guests.

The luncheon was held in the President’s Room of Coffman Memorial Union. The other seventeen students were awarded scholarships from the Angela Brooke Warner CF Scholarship Endowment Fund, the Robert and Gail Buuck Family Fund for Disability Services, and the United Health Group Scholarship Fund. It was a very memorable event. I was honored to be there.

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Alumni Activities fostered renewal of old friendships–rooms for Memorabilia, an on-going slide show, photo-ops, snacks, and several “watering-holes” (a.k.a. bars) were sprinkled throughout. Hundreds of alumnus attended.
Scholarships are possible because kind people like you donate $$— Perpetuate Kindness & Generosity!

TODAY IS THE DAY YOU can make a difference in the life of a student.
Remember that Marshall high School invented mainstreaming! Those who attended our school weren’t disable... they were classmates!!
Please contribute to the Marshall Access Education Fund. Mail tax-deductible contribution to:

MAEF
CM9407
P.O. Box 70870
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Remembering—
Helen (Hudson) Holman

Marjorie (Fox) Lallo
Born February 9, 1928, passed away August 29, 2010

Kelley, Richard “Dick”
Age 64, Class of ’64, of Minneapolis, passed away August 25, 2010.

Arthur Krenz
Class of ’51, passed away May 7th, 2010 Sun City, AZ
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It will be posted at:
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...and will contain assorted facts and statistics of the reunion.

Thank you, & you, & you for attending, participating, and for making our efforts fruitful! Without you marvelous, caring Marshalites the Reunion would have been a flop!—
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Disability Services, University of Minnesota are the managers of “MAEF” & providers of the MHS/MUHS Alumni News web site. Give generously and give a boost to those in need.

Mark your calendars!
Another all-class reunion is a mere 19 months away!

March 5-7
Riverside Resort & Casino Laughlin, Nevada
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