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News BRIEFS

Shortridge High School
Alumni Association

PLAN NOW !

HOLD SEPTEMBER 2009 FOR ALUMNI CELEBRATION WEEKEND

September

Friday | Saturday

11
Evening:
Alumni Association
Member Reception

12
1:00 pm
Shortridge High School
Reopening Celebration

It's now less than a year away, so reserve the date and plan to come the evening before for the Shortridge Alumni Association Member Reception. There will be special guests all weekend and tours of the newly refurbished building. Call your class officers and plan your own get together after the Saturday afternoon celebration.

We are looking for members to help with both planning and last minute details, so if your *thing* is "event planning" send us an email. We can use your help even if you're not in town.

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Brandon Cosby

.... is the new principal of Shortridge High School. Brandon served as the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning's (CELL) Senior Fellow for high school transformation and worked directly with Indianapolis Public Schools on high school conversions for the last four years.

Cosby joined CELL after serving nine years in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, where he worked as a principal, assistant principal and high school teacher.

Brandon is also an anti-racist activist and works in numerous communities and schools around the country.

A New Castle, Indiana, native, Brandon is pursuing his Ed.D. in education administration at Oakland City University.

He holds an M.A. in education administration from Oakland City University and a B.S. in speech communication and theatre teaching from the University of Indianapolis.

Brandon has three children: his son Zion (4), his niece Shianne (16), and his nephew Storm (17).

HELP WANTED FOR WEBSITE POSITIONS

Like any nonprofit organization, as we begin the process of creating a website, we are evaluating several issues including cost, flexibility, access and database management that we would like to offer to alumni members when the site gets up and running.

Given all the *Daily Echo* and *Annual* alumni reading this newsletter who are multi-talented writers, editors and creative directors, if any of you are interested in web mastering our Alumni Association site from the start, the position is now open for you to volunteer your services.

We could purchase an off the shelf alumni website template, but we would like to offer our members something more personal. So, to start with, we need some professional input on the product we need to purchase (unless a knowledgeable alumnus volunteers to create the site from scratch). After that we are looking for volunteers to keep the different web pages updated (because the whole site is probably too time consuming for one person).

So we are looking for a few good volunteers as:

A Web Consultant who can serve as a technical resource for the templates (products) we are reviewing or who can assist on the technical side if there is enough volunteer expertise to launch a site on our own.

A Creative Designer to create the look and continuity that the site needs and to initially layout the first pages.

An Editor to coordinate the updating of the site pages including information in the form of articles, reunion times and dates, class calendars and obituary listings. There will be some writing but there will be a lot of material that needs to be sorted for newsworthiness and then routed to the Web Page Coordinators for layout.

Copywriters who can take the story information we get and write headlines, notices and articles to be included on the appropriate web pages. Any one piece of information may need to be listed in several areas as recent news, historical information, donations, individual class data and so forth. This position will also require some editorial judgment.

A Photographer/Graphic Designer to shoot and obtain photos, touch up items that have been submitted and create the graphics that support an interesting site.

The Web Page Coordinators will lay out copy, photos and graphics on the web pages for which they are responsible. We hope to initially have a dozen primary pages (not including pages available for individual alumni and pages for each individual graduating classes).

Interested volunteers may email Dee Duff at deesdocs@earthlink.net or Al Edyvean Jr. at a.edyvean@sbcglobal.net and need to be Association members.

Class Officers of 1968 were Esther Eisman (*Annual* Editor), Linda Counts (VP), Milton Dailey (President), Marsha Bryant (Secretary) and Stephen Scott (Treasurer).

FROM THE EDITOR

As I'm watching the run-up to the current election, I'm thinking back about when I was a senior and we were about to elect our Senior Class Officers. I remember reflecting on how we had elected our Junior Class Officers the year before. I remember thinking how voting for Junior Class Officers was more of a popularity contest like Homecoming and Jamboree Queen. So I spent time during my senior year helping to nominate some *really good people* for office from the Senior Class Council and National Honor Society.

Sometime during my during my junior year I had gotten the message that if you want good leadership you need to elect good leaders. So I got serious enough to support those people I thought would do a good job by talking positively about them, voting for them and helping them get elected. After the last four years it's been déjà vu.

I had to look up one name (and several spellings) but I still remember Milton Dailey was elected our Class President and Esther Eisman put in a lot of time as the *Annual* Editor documenting what for me is a wonderful visual memory of that year.

These five officers also reflected the best of what was the *diversity of Shortridge*: two whites, two blacks, one oriental, two males, three females, poor, affluent, soft spoken and "right out there." And they came by their smarts in different ways (intellectual, downright hard working and street smart to demonstrate my point). And while there were those who were not as bright or talented as these elected officials, as a class we worked and played in a microcosm of what the world has become today.

As I look over the *Annual* photos that have preserved my classmates better than my mind or even they would prefer, it amazes me that I haven't seen more than one or two of them since I left college. Yet for each class there were officers: people given the responsibility to represent their class that year. As a part of creating and updating our database, we are trying to identify each class's officers and eventually people from each class who would like to help with their individual class web page. We are looking for people who knew their class then and want to represent their class now.

I've been told the school still has copies of most volumes of the *Annual* and the *Daily Echo* but they need to be catalogued along with the huge amounts of historical memorabilia that has been stored (but not well) for us (the alumni) and future generations.

You don't have to live in town or even visit the new school library to be helpful. The suggestion was even made to scan the documents onto computer and make then available online. It would be a labor of love but consider the time and love that went into putting out our *Annual*. Maybe one of these days the *Echo* will be "searchable" too!

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEIVES DONATION

A $2500 donation to the Shortridge High School Alumni Association was made in memory of Florence A. Gebbardt-Props, Class of 1941 (1922-2008) and in honor of Jody Flanigan-Murphy, Class of 1941 (1922-2008).

The Board is honored to accept this very generous donation on behalf of the Alumni Association and appreciate any and all support from our alumni as we regenerate the work of the association to provide help and assistance to the students of Shortridge, especially now as we prepare for the reopening of the school in 2009 as a high school.

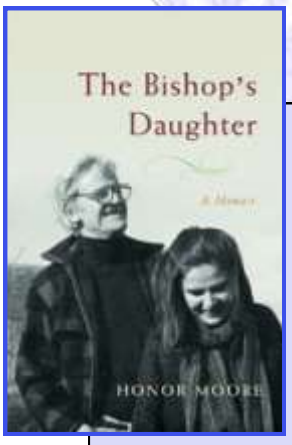
Photo Courtesy of IU Alumni Association

JEAN GRUBB CELEBRATES 105th BIRTHDAY

In honor of her 105th birthday, Jean Grubb was visited September 15th by Stefan Davis, vice-president, IUPUI Alumni Association who presented her with a crystal paperweight. Jean's actual birthday on September 13th was observed with a reception for relatives and some close friends.

Ms. Grubb graduated from Shortridge in 1920 and from Indiana University in 1924. She taught at SHS from 1943 to 1970, and was advisor to *the Annual* from 1946-1965 and *the Daily Echo* through 1970, except 1965-66. She also was a contributor and copy editor for the SHS history book published in the 1980s.

She attended the Shortridge High School All Ways Celebration held in 2006 and 2007.



Honor Moore (a Shortridge alumna) will be in Indianapolis on Monday, November 10th, to read from her memoir, *The Bishop's Daughter*, in the Reilly Room, Butler University, at 7:30 p.m. Honor is the author of five books of poetry and nonfiction that have earned her a Guggenheim award and an NEA grant. *The Bishop's Daughter* chronicles her relationship with her father, who was for two decades the Episcopal Bishop of New York.

Her collections of poems include *Red Shoes* (2005), *Darling* (2001) and *Memoir* (1988), and she is the author of a biography, *The White Blackbird*, *A Life of the Painter Margarett Sargent by Her Granddaughter* (1996), which was a New York Times Notable Book.

EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

With just a few exceptions the renovation of Shortridge is complete. Over the summer the front of the building was stripped of the Shortridge name and new letters have now replaced the old. Sunlight streams through clear new windows and hallways look bright and inviting. The front foyer doors will soon be the official entrance used to enter the building (rather than the north-west door to the parking lot). And in the center of the front hall are distinguished alumni rooms to be for students to meet with community leaders, political guests and alumni who will be invited to regularly engage these young law and political science students as they consider their future careers.

There will also be a moot courtroom for students to test their debate skills and for teachers and distinguished guests to demonstrate techniques and presentation skills.

The Alumni Association would like to name these prominent rooms and add to the limited furnishings that have been planned. The Association is also working to upgrade the outdoor courtyard in the center of the school and is seeking corporate sponsors and individual donors that wish to be involved.

NewsBriefs and the Shortridge Alumni Association wish to thank Jay Alley (Class of '75) for the photographs in this publication.

New hallway next to outdoor courtyard

SHORTRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Yearly dues are $35.00

Your membership is good for one year. You may join at any time.

We are planning for the Grand Reopening of Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy in September of 2009. We want you and other alumni to celebrate with us.

Our current database has the names and addresses of 2300 graduates and 750 of those have included their email to help us cut down on postage.

Help Shortridge tomorrow. Join today.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

What year were you Graduated?
Class of 19 __ __ ?

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Your Name Now

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Maiden Name

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City, State and Zip

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