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Charles (Mike) Self

A Northeast Great from the Greatest Generation

By: Lloyd Bermond '60

Charles Walter (Mike) Self, graduated from Northeast High School in 1936. Following graduation the family moved to Sugar Creek, Mo., and his father left home leaving Mike as the sole support of his mother and five sisters. Mike took a job with Standard Oil, though it was in the midst of the Depression, he always managed Christmas gifts for everyone in the family by working three jobs. After war broke out in 1941, Mike was inducted into the Army Air Corp and trained as a Gunner on a B-24 as well as being a firearms instructor. He was sent to the 376 Bomber Group of the 15th Air Force and was stationed at Bari, Italy. Mike's crew flew 21 missions without any fighter escort where he lost many friends, and the group lost a lot of B-24's. Mike made raids to Regensburg and Winnereustadt, and well as two raids to Ploesti, Romania the source of much of the German oil supply. Mike was a tail gunner and a waist gunner on these missions.

On 23 April 1944, his 27th mission to a German aircraft factory on the outskirts of Vienna, Austria, flak hit the right side of the aircraft. With two engines out and another on fire the decision was made to parachute from the aircraft. This was 600 miles deep in enemy territory and near the Austrian border with Yugoslavia. While coming down in the parachute he remembered that the fields and trees reminded him of the Ozarks. On landing he broke his ankle, and he lay unconscious for a time. Mike tried to get up and did the best to bury his parachute when he observed a man standing a short distance away from him smoking a pipe. The man smoking the pipe was soon joined by six other men who were armed and after interrogating Mike at gunpoint determined that he was an American. The crew had been found by Tito's partisans. Eight of the crew were smuggled to Greece and then across the Adriatic Sea back to Bari, Italy. Mike and the aircraft navigator could not walk and were taken to the mountains where they were constantly moved to stay one step ahead of the Germans. They were moved farther into the mountains living in caves and sleeping on hillsides. On one occasion they were caught out in open by German aircraft and strafed. Once while hiding in a cave they could hear German soldiers who were cutting wood nearby talking. This took place over a period of four to five months.

The partisans were able to contact American intelligence, and Mike and the navigator were taken to open countryside with a field suitable to land an airplane. The local men cut brush and piled it into a straight line to mark a landing field. They were also met by a half dozen other airman who had been rescued by the partisans. The weather was dark and gloomy, and the local men were unable to light the damp brush when they heard the C-47 approach. The plane did not land which was a great disappointment for those waiting on the ground. The next night the C-47 returned and the brush was lit. The plane circled, landed and taxied to where the men were standing on the field. The men were packed into the plane including some of the partisans who were apparently working for the underground. Mike worried that the plane was too heavily loaded, but the pilot took it to the end of the strip before yanking the wheels up. The aircraft skimmed the trees to avoid enemy radar. They were taken to Bari and then to Naples where they were returned to America by ship. On return to the U.S. Mike was sent to O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri where he had surgery for his ankle. He was given a medical discharge on 26 June 1945.

Following his return to the U.S. Staff Sergeant Charles Walter (Mike) Self was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Silver Star, Five Air Medals and a Purple Heart. He returned to his job at Standard Oil and married **Dorothy Hawkins** who had lived next door to a friend of his. Dorothy had corresponded with him while he was in Europe. Mike and Dorothy had one daughter **Linda Lloyd** who currently teaches school in Blue Springs, Mo. and a son-in-law **Frank Lloyd**. Mike and Dorothy had four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mike was also a deacon and an elder in the RLDS church.

Sadly, Mike passed away on the 30th of December 2010. A narrative of his story in completion will be available at the dinner dance, June 17th for those who would like to read more about Mike. It will be kept permanently for display by the Alumni Association.

A TRIBUTE...



This year the dinner dance, golf tournament and some parts of this issue are dedicated to our Alumni who have served or who are serving in the military. We are forever in their debt and wish this to be a tribute to them and to their families. Most of us have no idea what life was like when World War II took place or when our generation had Vietnam to learn from, but those who served, remember it like it was yesterday. Young men and women today are in foreign countries protecting the freedom of others and making sure that war does not come to our door. These are special Alumni with some having paid the ultimate price...

World War II is currently being featured on a wall in our **Lyal Viers Alumni room**. I recommend that you see it. Many Alumni have sent and are sending pictures and memorabilia to be on display for the summer. The items will then be kept in a Memory book. To think that we are able to capture even a small portion of what it was like through these pictures is amazing to me. As part of this tribute to our service men and women, you should also see the World War II Memorial and spend some time looking at the wonderful documentation of this difficult time in everyone's lives. It is very humbling to see it.

We have the honor of having **Charles R. Long** as an alumnus who received the **Medal of Honor** for bravery and who is now honored in the newly completed Veteran's Hall in Independence, MO. **General Maxwell Taylor** was a soldier with many awards and accolades and another Northeast Notable. These soldiers are true heroes who served their country well.

I recently read that while service men and women are fighting a war, all service men and women wear their fatigues as a silent pledge to the ones fighting the war. If that is true, I think it is a great thing to do. You may not support a war, but you should always support our troops. Let this issue serve as a small token of our appreciation and as a tribute to our Alumni who have, and who are, serving to protect us and keep us safe!

Bless them all!

Karole Zinger,
President



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-Important-

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2011

Board Meeting.....	Oct. 11
Hayride Social.....	Oct. 15
Annual Meeting.....	Oct. 18
Active Member Socials:	See page 5

The above dates are subject to change!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS.

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Annual dues are due January 1 for 2011. Please mail your checks for dues and donations to our Post Office address: **NEAA PO Box 1264 Blue Springs, MO 64013-1264.**

Our **Pay Pal** program through our website for donations and memberships dues is now available. www.northeastvikings.org

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Alumni Association wants to sincerely thank those members who have sent in their dues for the 2011 year. Many of the members who had previously paid for "life memberships" several years ago have "stepped up to the plate" and paid current dues. They are receiving 2011 membership cards.

It is apparent these members want to be included as recent supporters of the programs sponsored by the Alumni Association to help the students at Northeast High School and the Northeast community.

Please fill out the dues form on Page 15 of this issue of the Purple & White and send in with your check. If you are ordering a cookbook or logo items, one check is sufficient for both.

Report from Jim Conaway, NEHS Activities & Athletic Director

I wanted to let you know that our boys and girls track teams, and our girls soccer teams have received new uniforms this spring that were purchased by the school district athletic dept.

At the same time, **James Sanders**, assistant district athletic director, has informed me that all of our athletic teams (this includes boys and girls cross country, boys soccer, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and baseball) except football (and they will be receiving white home uniform jerseys) will be in new uniforms before the start of the next school year.

A generous amount of kudos and thanks should go to Coach Sanders, who with the help of district athletic director, **Kimble Anders** and assistant district athletic director, **Andrea Dorch**, have wisely made a bulk purchase of new uniforms in all sports for all five district high schools, including NEHS.

In closing, I want you to know once more, that all of us appreciate your support and all that you do for our school!

Committee Reports

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Deanna Valentine Wishon '63 Co-chair

Once again, Northeast Alumni Association scholarships will be awarded to eligible seniors choosing to further their education. In honor of their daughter Tracy, the **Chuck Weber** family will again fund a Nursing Scholarship. A Vocational scholarship will be sponsored by the class of 1969 along with **Barry Aronoff**, in memory of their classmate and Barry's wife, **Cheryl DeShazer-Aronoff**.

Sophomores and juniors will have the opportunity to enter our annual Essay/Poetry/Visual arts competition. Topics include the struggle for democracy in Egypt and the 100th Anniversary of Northeast High School. Winners will be awarded monetary prizes at the Awards Assembly in May. Students needing additional information, or help with the rules, will be tutored by Helen Kuhr Shores '60, Connie Evoritt Edwards '63 and Karol Null Zinger '62.

We thank you for your donations, contributions and participation in our fundraising activities making this all possible.

N-CLUB

By Jerry Slavens '48

The NEHS N-Club is going strong. Our meetings held each month are socially inspiring and our camaraderie is of the Viking spirit! We invite you to attend the N-Club meetings which are held in the HyVee Store Club Room, Raytown, Mo.

To our lettermen and women who are out of town, send us a note or comment that we can share at our meetings. We really enjoy hearing stories of the "good old days" at Thou Dear—how great we were and how great we can be. We also are glad to tell you our NEHS principal, Marshall Peebles and NEHS athletic director, Jim Conaway attend our meetings and keep us updated on our school athletic program and scholastic achievements.

A special note of thanks goes to all who support our N-Club efforts and to our Chairman, Jerry Slavens for his donation of \$1,000 each for the boys basketball and cheerleader uniforms which are still to be selected. A special thank you to Duane Seaman for \$1,000 for the boys basketball uniforms. A shout-out of "go Vikings" to the gals, Velma Showalter and SueAnn Erb, for making the fundraiser, Girls Night Out, so successful. Send your emails, correspondence to Jerry Slavens, Chairman. jerry444@mchse.com or 573-474-0902

!!GO VIKINGS!!

VIKING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

By: Roberta Holt-Kipper '69

The Viking Incentive Program committee is working to help many small groups within the school. We have ordered Purple and White T Shirts for our freshman class who will represent the 100th graduating class of Northeast. We graduated our first class in May of 1914 and our freshman will graduate in 2014. This class will be the first at Northeast to potentially win a two-year free ride to Missouri colleges through the A+ program. We expect them to soon sign their contracts.

In exchange for certain promises of grades and conduct, students gain the opportunity to advance their education. A new group has been developed which provides role models for our young men, and we look for ways to help not only this program but a program beginning next year directed to the girls.

LYAL VIERS ALUMNI ROOM

*By: Velma Buterbaugh Showalter
& Roberta Holt-Kipper*

The Alumni Room is excited to be working on a pictorial display on the Viking Warriors of WW II and the fires of the home front that kept them going. It will continue through the fall as we honor ALL Viking service personnel both current and past. What started with a small mention of a landing craft paid for by students and staff during 1943 has grown and grown. We are collecting memorabilia of this important time in our nation's history and hope to copy and to make a permanent display book for generations to come. What a gift!!!

As always, the Alumni Room is in need of your help. We are missing yearbooks and are asking for donations of either the books or a digital copy, so that visitors can enjoy them. We are currently in need of '52, '71, and '80. In addition to those three, we would like to borrow the 1949 book to digitize. Our understanding is that there was no 1950 yearbook produced, but that the '49 or '51 included the graduating class of '50. 1950 was the year Kansas City transitioned from a world without the 8th grade to the current one which includes it. Requests come in weekly from people trying to replace a lost copy. If you can help by digitizing yours, we would appreciate it.

We also ask for memorabilia from the Jr. High. We have been unable to get much of what is stored in the Jr. High and would appreciate anything you might have preserved of your years there. We ask that any Northeast obituaries which appear in your local papers be saved, emailed or sent to us. We get the KC paper, but know that not all alumni live with in KC. Please contact Roberta Kipper at 816 358-3201 with questions.

Gladstone Theater Memories

By Joe Davis

When we were kids, there was a man frequently standing on the corner of Lawn and Sunrise Dr., by Gladstone School. One afternoon in the early fall, he was passing out fliers to the kids leaving school regarding the 5 cent "Br'er Fox" Saturday matinee at the Gladstone (also called the "Jolly Rock") Theater. My brother Bob and I spent many Saturday afternoons there watching the Movietone News, cartoons, short subjects and a serial where the heroine gets into some kind of trouble right at the end so that you have to go back the following Saturday to see how the hero rescues her. Then there was the feature...often a Western of some ilk. Mom would give us 15 cents, which would cover admittance for Bob and me and candy or popcorn to share. Before the movie started, there was always a program of some sort. Sometimes it was the dance studio putting on a dance recital. Always we had to sing the Br'er Fox song and if we didn't sing it loud enough, the manager would have us keep singing until it was to his satisfaction!

When I was a sophomore at Northeast, I dated a girl who lived in the area. I took her to the Gladstone a couple of times on walking dates, since I was too young to drive. Eventually she dumped me for a junior who had a car.

Just east of the theater, there was a hamburger joint named the "Log Cabin Inn." We couldn't go in because "Mom" served beer inside. "Mom" lived close by and she ran back and forth from the Inn to her house to replenish food items that she ran out of. After graduation from Northeast, I would often go there for a 5 cent 'burger after a movie...one of the best 'burgers I've had!

Dad was not much for going to movies, unless it was a Charlie Chan movie. One Saturday around 1932, he spent all day waxing his '31 Chevy and at dinner announced that he was taking the family to the Gladstone Theater that night. We lived within blocks of the theatre, but Dad announced that we would drive. He parked his car right under a street light on St John, half a block away from the theater.

When we came out of the theatre, the car was gone and Dad called the police and reported it stolen.

About the middle of the next week, Dad got a call from the police telling him that his stripped car had been found across the river in North Kansas City sitting on a mud road. The headlights, taillights, license plates, bumpers and wheels were all gone and the car was sitting on the body down in the mud. The thieves had started to shave the city license off the windshield, but apparently got frightened away after they had made only one cut through it. That is how they identified the car as ours. The Platte County Sheriff called Kansas City and gave them the city license number and they traced that number to Dad. Dad got his car back, and the insurance company rebuilt it for him. Mom and Dad were happy, but we never drove his car to the Gladstone movie again. Come to think about it, as far as I can recall, Dad never went to the Gladstone Theater again...ever.

Yes, I have some great memories of the Gladstone, "Jolly Rock" theatre!

The theatre has since burned down due to an electrical fire.

VIKING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

By Louise Kellough Welker & Ruth Petty Roush

Spring has arrived and our thoughts, as always, are with our Alumni having difficulties with mobility or needing assistance in their everyday life and who are in a care facility. The Viking Assistance Committee calls on these Alumni to talk with them about whatever they wish to discuss and share camaraderie for a short time. Holiday cards and birthday greetings are sent as well. Funerals are attended and sympathy extended to the families. The VAP committee will do their Easter visits soon and then meet for lunch and share the happenings of the day. We are always happy to have someone call on our alumni friends with us, or if you could visit just one person that would be helpful. If you have an interest in helping, please contact us by calling the numbers listed on the back page of this publication.

NEHS 2011 Social Event Calendar

FUN FALL SOCIAL FOR 2011

Mark your calendars now for an old fashioned **Bonfire/Hayride/Cookout at Weston's Red Barn Farm** in Weston, Missouri. The date is **Saturday, October 15, 5:00 to 9:30 pm**, and it is wheelchair accessible. The cost is **\$5.75 per person**. Bring your lawn chair and a side dish to share to go along with hot dogs, beer and soft drinks.

The address is: 16300 Wilkerson Rd, Weston, MO 64098, 816-386-6437, the website is: www.westonredbarnfarm.com. RSVP required...space is limited to 50 people, so get your reservations in early!

Call or email to:

Connie Evoritt Edwards

816-254-2114

connie_edwards3@yahoo.com

2011 Dinner/Dance Theme

June 17th, 2011

This year's theme is **Let Freedom Ring!** We are honoring our men and women who have served our country to bring us the freedoms that we enjoy today! Feel free to dress in this year's theme colors...Red, White and Blue.

And if you still fit into your uniform, please wear it proudly to the dance! We'd like to know ahead of time if you have served in a branch of our military! Contact:

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MEMORIES THROUGH THE YEARS AND NORTHEAST FACTS

NEW PLAN III CLASS

Taken from 1935 Yearbook

The New Plan is a 3 year course beginning in the junior year of high school. The plan has three divisions: the Engineering, the Liberal Arts, and the Secretarial. A fourth division, as yet not wholly separated from the Liberal Arts, is the Pre-Medics Course.

As the entire New Plan has developed, each division has become more efficient and educational. The growth of better facilities has been rapid. The handicaps that accompany each new experiment and beneficial progress are slowly disappearing and the course is assuming a more finished aspect.

Graduation under the New Plan requires the satisfactory completion of the first 2 years of college. Upon completion of this plan, the Engineering students and Liberal Arts students may enter as juniors in any College of Arts and Sciences or School of Engineering; and the graduates of the Secretarial course are competent to begin work with a foundation of high school training and 2 years of business education.

A new experiment, the publication of the "College World," originated this year. Several editions of the paper were printed and enthusiastically received. The staff of the paper served a semester each and were selected by the Editorial board which was elected by the Class.

Two dances were sponsored by the Class this year and gay times were had. The first dance served as a Home Coming celebration for former New Plan graduates and was held December 20, 1934. The second occurred March 29, 1935, and it too was favorably attended.

A fine fellowship existed and was further promoted by the joint pot luck suppers of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. clubs. These evenings of gaiety and seriousness developed bonds of friendship that everyone will cherish a long time.

Our scholastic and social life this year has been pleasant—forming warm memories for future years.

FACTS ABOUT NORTHEAST-1914

By: Jerry Snider '62

- The whole building may be heated in 20 minutes.
- The air throughout the whole building may be changed in 8 minutes.
- All water for drinking, bathing and swimming pool is filtered.
- Has a complete telephone system with 61 telephones.

FACTS ABOUT NORTHEAST -1914 continued

- A show day was held to let the public see the facility top to bottom. (Over 14,000 attended the open house and dedication)
- It is the most modern high school building in the West.
- The largest high school building in Kansas City being 27 per cent larger than Westport high School and 8 per cent larger the Southeast High School.
- The building is 300x196 feet and four stories high.
- The building is of solid concrete with brick facades.
- The roof is of solid concrete slabs and is fireproof.
- It cost \$625,000.
- Has an auditorium seating 1500 persons, the Shubert Theater seats only 200 more.
- Has a room for community gatherings seating 250 persons.
- Has a branch of the Public Library containing many thousands of volumes for convenience of the people of the northeast, a reading room and another reference library for pupils only.
- The school will accommodate 1600 pupils.
- Contains a gymnasium 100x60 feet, large enough for 4 basketball teams to practice at once, and a track 21 laps to the mile.
- An auxiliary gymnasium with all sorts of apparatus for corrective exercises.
- A playground large enough for 8 games of basketball to be played at once.
- A swimming pool lined with white enamel 6 1/2 feet deep.
- A complete laundry, where all towels, napkins and bathing suits will be washed and sterilized.
- Its own soap plant wherein all soap used in the school will be made.
- A hot air apparatus where 6 girls may dry their hair at once.
- Makes its own electric light.
- Has a dining room seating 750 persons at once.
- All rooms and hallways have 14 foot ceilings.
- Has a complete business college, wherein a full business course from stenography to banking is taught.
- Has facilities for full courses in vocational training from joinery to shop work.
- Has equipment for full courses in cooking, dress making and millinery work.
- Has a master clock which by compressed air sent through tubes operates 27 other clocks and rings program bells in classrooms.
- All air in building is pumped thru a sheet of falling water, cleansing it before forced into classrooms maintained at 70.

Alumni Room Treasures

By Roberta Holt Kipper

Since I started to work weekly in the Alumni Room a few years ago, I have come to love and appreciate the many treasures that have been collected. One treasure in particular, I find myself drawn to over and over. It is a 1940's photo taken of an upholstery shop with the phone number CH-4134 in lights prominently displayed in its window. Many a student, teacher and alumni have caught me sitting on the floor scanning this picture which is at least 20 x 24. This window, I now know, was located at St. John and Lawndale and has long had its windows bricked in.

The window is covered in framed and unframed photos of NE neighborhood residents who were off to war in service to "we the people" during WW II. There must be 100's of photos from all branches, some formal, some with families, but most, if not all, men and women in uniform. There is a small American flag prominently displayed in the center of the photo.

I scan this picture looking for my dad and his two brothers who, although NEHS students, left their education to answer the call to serve our nation during the call to war. This picture has led many of us to discuss with students currently in high school, the rights and privileges of citizenship and, alas, the cost of it in war times. It's led to discussions on selective service and the uncertainty of it, with a generation who have never known it. Northeast is still a school where the military service is chosen by many, including one at West Point, one of this nation's great military academies.

Recently, while working on a pictorial display for the South wall in the Alumni Room on WW II, we came across an undated yellowed newspaper article from the KC Star on this window. The article says that there were over 300 pictures of servicemen and women in the window. Many of the women were WAC's and Army Nurses. We don't have their stories; we just know that they were NE residents, some who had known each other from childhood. All of them had a proud family who probably passed this window every day on purpose. The article states that the window display was only up from July 1st-July 10th. The year is not listed in the article, but we know it was somewhere between Pearl Harbor and D-Day. The article also states that many of the soldiers in the picture had received the Purple Heart or other citations for heroism. Two had died, one stateside and one on duty in North Africa. As I read through the list of names, I recognize many from the Alumni Association, but alas, I didn't find the names of my dad and his brothers. Even knowing they're not in the picture, I'll bet that someone will find me on the floor still scanning the faces in the window.

It's my hope that you will visit us in the Alumni Room and to see the picture and article as well as other WW II memorabilia which will be on display through Veteran's Day 2011. Look for me - you know now where I'll be.

CALLING ALL VIKINGS

The Alumni Room is doing a pictorial presentation on Viking Heroes of WWII. We are requesting small snapshots of you or any Viking who went to NE during the war years. We are looking for small pictures of you or your Viking loved one in uniform or at play. We are looking for homeland pictures, pictures of victory gardens or of you at work in one of the many defense plants, some right here in KC. For those in the military, please include their rank, branch of service, location of service and their years at NE, if known. For homeland pictures, where and of what was it taken. Some pictures and memorabilia are starting to come in.

Currently, we have run across a small treasure of WWII memorabilia. A photograph of a landing craft, nicknamed the "Viking" was paid for by the students and staff at NE, through war stamps, bonds, scrap and oil drives. We've also come across a wonderful pictures of the student body forming a "V" for Victory on the parade ground. Sadly, a very special treasure is a list of our boys lost during WWII.

We would like to continue the display into the fall by honoring ALL of our military warriors from 1914 to our current generation. Our display will morph each month until Veterans Day, November 8th, where we will have collected Viking service personnel past and present where they will be honored. After that date, we would like to put these items into a scrapbook for future generations of Viking's to honor.

Please send your pictures to Roberta Kipper, 9011 Laurel, KC, MO 64138

Charles Richard Long (December 10, 1923 - February 12, 1951) was a United States Army soldier who received the United States military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions in the Korean War. A native of Independence, Missouri, and a graduate of Northeast High School, Long joined the Army after high school and served in Europe during World War II. Recalled to active duty for the Korean War, he served as a sergeant and forward observer for a mortar platoon. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his conduct during an assault by a numerically superior force on February 12, 1951, when he voluntarily remained at his forward post and continued to direct mortar fire until being overrun and killed. He was 28 years old when he was killed in action. The newly completed Veteran's Hall at the Truman Memorial Bldg. in Independence, Missouri features the Charles R Long Memorial, including memorabilia and a video. *By Connie Evoritt Edwards '63*



Let Freedom **SWING!**

The Northeast Alumni Association invites you to the 21st Annual Dinner/Dance

Date: June 17, 2011 \$50 per person

Time: Cocktails - 6 pm Dinner - 7-8:30 Dance to 12

RSVP by June 9, 2011

Marriott Courtyard
1500 Coronado
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Please join us in a Patriotic Salute to our past and present Service men and women who unwaveringly sacrifice so we that we may enjoy the gift of freedom!

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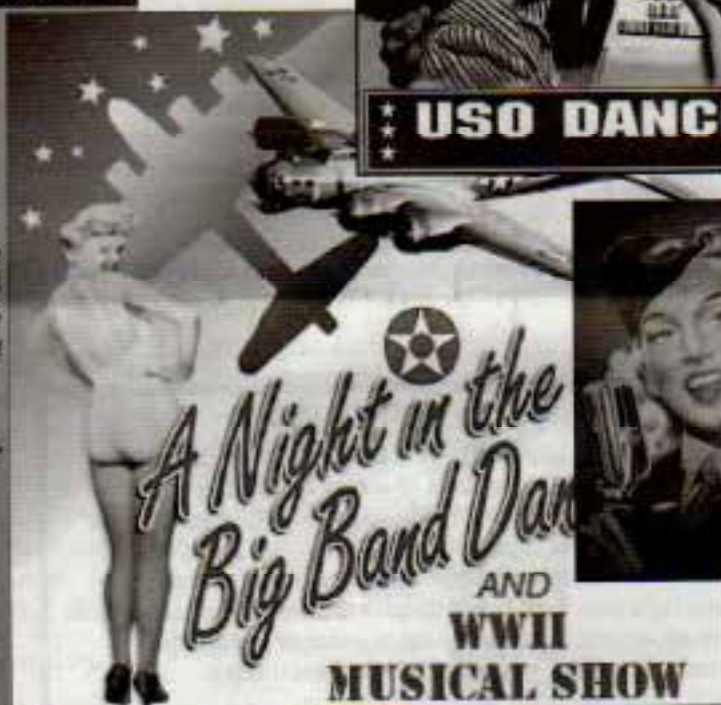
**NEHS Alumni Association
P. O. Box 1264, Blue Springs, MO
64013-1264.**

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NEHS GRAD WINS KANSAS CITY COUNCIL ELECTION PAST WINNER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

By Judy Springer Terry '59

In the spring of 2002, **Jermaine Reed** was graduating from Northeast High School with a NE High School Alumni Association scholarship in hand and the desire to keep making a difference in the world. Now, in the spring of 2011, he has been elected to serve as councilman for Kansas City's 3rd District.

At an early age, Jermaine's desire to help his community led him to become active in the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime. It was in this group he met his mentor, **Alvin Brooks**, who became a role model and friend. Brooks, after some "pestering" by Jermaine, allowed Jermaine to join him on his weekly talk show, "Voices from Midtown," where many issues were discussed. It was here that Jermaine "learned that his voice mattered, and people would listen to him." Later Jermaine co-hosted KPRS's "Generation Rap" every Saturday. Today, as an adult mentor himself, he lets his listeners know "that what you say on the air has to match what you do off the air."

Jermaine attended the University of MO, in Columbia where he earned his degree in political science. He gives much credit to **David Ross**, one time vice president of Bank of America, for his support at this time. After graduating, Jermaine left for Washington, DC where he had interned earlier for **Congressman Emanuel Cleaver**, another mentor. He was employed by the Resources Development Office at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and then as a financial program manager with the D.C. government.

Jermaine returned to Kansas City to help with family and to continue his work in the community and countless organizations. On March 22, 2011, with the campaign slogan of "Energize and Restore the 3rd District," Jermaine Reed was elected to the City Council to represent Kansas City's 3rd District. Jermaine will be representing the district where he was born, and, along with his siblings, raised by their single mother.

Congratulations, Councilman Reed. The NE Alumni Association is proud of you and wishes you good luck as you continue to make a difference in the world. *(Portions of this article were taken from Jermaine Reed's website as well as other internet sources.)*

Purple and White Northeast High School Report

It has been announced that Northeast High School, class of 2011 will graduate from **Sheffield Assembly** on May 25th. Northeast is the only school in the KCMO school district being allowed to graduate locally. All other schools will be graduating from Municipal Auditorium in cookie cutter fashion. Our Northeast SAC committee fought to keep it a community celebration by graduating close to home. This saves parents the cost of travel and parking in downtown Kansas City.

Our graduating class consist of 165 students. Of the 165 students, 106 of those students have applied or been accepted to Missouri schools. Our NE students have out performed all but Lincoln High School in the pre testing of algebra 1 during the MAP prep. Plans are being made for a car wash later in the spring to be held in Lee's Summit at Advanced Auto.

The school gym is currently open on Saturdays for a get together of the Latino community. **Mr. Peebles** addresses parents and students, and activities are open to all. He is hoping to foster a relationship with families and hopes others will stop by and get acquainted.

Mr. Peebles has announced a Northeast Community day named a Day At Northeast for Saturday, May 14th. It will benefit the Alumni Association with a small registration fee and will include tours of the school and bus tours of the community. It will start with the monthly meeting of the N Club and end with a dinner dance in the gym. We hope that all of the Alumni who live locally can come out, see the school and reacquaint themselves with the neighborhood. We will also plan to have the Alumni Room open during tours.

MEMORIAL/RECOGNITION WALL

Since the fall issue of the Purple & White, the following names (in bold) have been submitted for placement on our new Memorial/Recognition Wall located in the Lyal Viers Alumni Room at Northeast High School:

- Nancy Carder Grybowski '62, by Sondra Ulrich '61/John Carder '58
- Raymond C Whetsel '51, by Bob D White '51
- Robert D White, 51, by Bob D White '51
- Annetta Morino Coffelt '37, by Annetta Morina Coffelt '37
- James E Haynes, Sr, by Jeannette Haynes
- Dorothy Kean Nordstrom '59, by Ronald Kean '51
- William A Kean '44, by Ronald Kean '51
- Connie Garzee '57, by Judy Chrisman DeBaene '58
- Leonard V Porter '38, by Leonard V Porter '38
- Brenda Van Bebber Dannaldson '60, by Brenda Van Bebber Dannaldson '60
- Carolyn Magaree Russum '58, by Carolyn Magaree Russum '58
- Yvonne Hunley Toner '44, by Michael K Toner '39
- David Worden '56 by David Worden '56
- Charles E Dumsky '51, by Margaret L Juricak Dumsky '56
- Pauline Van Camp Sullivan '55, by Pauline Van Camp Sullivan '55



The Memorial/Recognition Wall will be on permanent display in the Alumni Room for all students, faculty, and alumni visitors to view. The area designated for the memorial/recognition wall plaque is four-feet wide and thirty-two inches tall. The plaque is made of colorful acrylic. Names of individuals honored will be permanently inscribed on plates to be attached. When you provide a generous, tax-deductible donation of at least \$100 or more, you may choose to have your name placed on the wall. You might want to honor a spouse, sibling, parent, classmate or other loved-one. Your class may want to provide a donation and have the class year inscribed for all others to see. With each \$100 or more donated, you may specify an honoree. Our thanks to you for your support, and we hope you will take this opportunity to receive the recognition due or to honor someone with a lasting remembrance. Send your donation today and be recognized, or honor a loved-one.

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NAME TO BE PLACED ON THE WALL _____ CLASS YEAR _____ Your phone # _____
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 Notes: _____

Dinner Dance Picture Correction DAVID KYLE '64

We are so sorry that we keep trying to put you in our graduating class of '63!

Velma Showalter, NEHS Alumni Room Chairman, was interviewed by CBS, Kansas City's local reporter, **Bonyen Lee**, on Saturday, April 9th, 2011. The interview highlighted the work of preserving and displaying the past 97 years of Northeast High School and its memorabilia; which included letter jackets, cheerleading uniforms, trophies, jewelry, yearbooks, photographs of many notables that graduated from NEHS as well as the large stained glass window that is in view as you enter the front doors of the school. Thanks, Velma, for a great interview and showcasing our Alumni Room with the Go Viking Spirit!

Contrary to reporter commentary, WE DO NOT AUCTION OFF OUR TREASURED NEHS MEMORABILIA!!!



ANNOUNCING TWO NEW NOTABLES

Dr. William O. Stevens '44

Bill Stevens was born April 29, 1926 in Absaraka, ND. He graduated from Northeast High School June 9, 1944, where he played football. He married **Billy Jean Halley** on August 3, 1951 and they had three children and two grandchildren.

While at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, he earned a BS in history and economics graduating in 1952. He went on to earn a Master of Science degree in secondary school administration in 1954, a Master of Arts degree in history in 1967 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and continued to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in history, economics, psychology and sociology in 1970.

Bill served in various public school positions from 1949-1988, during which time he oversaw the integration of Butler High School in 1954 as its principal. He attained considerable distinction as an educator who was appointed History Coordinator for the High School/College Program, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri-Kansas City on September 1, 1988 and brought his illustrious tenure to a close on July 31, 2004, in a well deserved retirement.

Bill deserves mention of his participation in the Jackson County Historical Society, Missouri Council for the Social Studies, Missouri State Historical Society, National Council for History Education, Organization of American Historians, Harry S. Truman Library Institute and Northeast Alumni Association Historian.

The Members of the Missouri Senate, ninety-third General Assembly joined unanimously to applaud the long, productive educational career of Dr. Bill Stevens and to convey to him their heartfelt wishes for a golden retirement, and he was given a special resolution #161 signed by **Senator Charles Wheeler**.

In high school, Bill graduated with honors, was a member of the National Honor Society, All-City Student Council President, Secretary of the N Club, member of the undefeated football team, and sports editor for the *Courier* newspaper.

In addition to the college linkage with Northeast High School, Bill, as a Northeast Alumni Association leader and officer, led the effort to set up the annual scholarship program awarded each spring to the qualifying and deserving Northeast graduates. In the spring of 1990, the first newly established Markey-Peters UMKC Scholarship was awarded to a deserving NE graduate, Rachael Quintero. Bill continued volunteering as a major contributor of knowledge and leadership as the Northeast High School Alumni Association grew and developed the funding of scholarships. Bill willingly shared his expertise as the by-laws were developed, insuring a framework and structure for future endeavors.

Bill has always been a hard-working Viking alumnus, as a friend and mentor to all Viking students. He now resides in Centerview, MO., near Warrensburg. He continues to be active in the revised and revitalized N-Club of today and still serves as Historian for the NE Alumni Association.

ARTHUR WILLIAM GEBEUR, JR. '36

Born February 22, 1919 and died August 29, 1952. Missing in Action and Presumed Dead in the Korean War. The Air Force named the Grandview Air Force Base, the Richards-Gebaur in his honor. We have strong evidence to support this alumnus of Northeast is one and the same and, as such, deserves to be a Northeast Notable.

The President of the United States of America, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1918, took pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to **Lieutenant Colonel Arthur William Gebaur, Jr.** He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for Action in the War for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as a Pilot with the 7th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing, FIFTH Air Force, in action against enemy forces in the Republic of Korea on 29 August 1952.

The successful accomplishment of three quick turn-around missions required the utmost careful planning and execution. Colonel Gebaur determined it was his duty to lead his squadron in all three attacks. Immediately after returning from the first mission, he briefed the Group on flak positions and evasive tactics and then led the Group back to the target. He received a damaging, glancing hit from an 85 millimeter explosive shell, but continued his attack, accurately scoring hits. Coming off his bomb run, Colonel Gebaur spotted eight quadruple .50 caliber gun positions firing at the Group. Completely disregarding the damage to his aircraft and with concern only for the safety of those he led, he attacked the blazing gun positions through intense smoke. Through his superior airmanship, and high personal courage, the gun positions were silenced and the remainder of the Group successfully completed their mission.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, since our last newsletter, we have learned of the following deaths:

- 1930-Clara Roma Wells Rhoads
- 1932-Lorraine Katherine Bowman-Barnard, Mary Catherine Dichiaro Zappo
- 1933-James E. Haynes, Sr, Edythe Phillips Hiltner, Mary Virginia Evans Krueger, J. Richard Lee, Vera G. Gregory Torrey
- 1934-Ada M. Phillips Betts, John Campbell, Rosalee Elizabeth Bodenhamer Parker
- 1934-NP-Lucretia Fleming Burroughs, George William Davis, Jr.
- 1935-Thomas H. Boone, Frank August DeMarea, Jr. James T. Hall, Earl Franklin Marshall, Harry P. Thompson
- 1936-Joseph E. Hildreth, Virginia Hannah King, Pearl G. Miller Patten, Charles W. Self, Quinn Rinehart
- 1937-Joseph S. DiGeorge, Howard S. Gammill, Joseph T. Gargotta, Helen E. Michaels, Marian Scott
- 1938-Phyllis Fields McCarroll, Helen Fan Velzen Pyke, John Ragan, Frank Small
- 1939-Sally Sexton Bratton, Mary Louise Ecklinger Case, Paul DeHass, Robert Holly Hennign, Betty Ann Brockhouse Hill, Evelyn Ruth Kanan Provance, Benjamin R. Smith, Jr, Thelma Triplett Taylor, Ciro Valenti.
- 1940-John Joseph "Jack" Freeling, Maxine Gruner Garrett,
- 1941-Doris Billiter, Col. Thomas B Hayter, Jr, Francis Louise Jeter Henning, Lloyd McFerren,
- 1942-Robert Bell, Eugene Brackman, Lois Jea Pilkington Cavanaugh, Barbara Vaccaro Evola, Rosemary Olive Coleman Hanaway, Vincent Palazola, Roberta Hornbeck Pfeifer,
- 1943-Shirley Ray Beagle, Robert Fraser, Marvin Hollis, Gilmore Lee Squier, Anna Elizabeth Beckman Starbuck
- 1944-Russell Gordon Box, Eva Curry Davenport, William Kean, Ruth Jenkins Miller, Maribelle Adcox Morris, Lula Jane Gray Peterie, Robert Rinehart, Barbara Stanley Schmidt
- 1945-Betty Jean Swift Allen, Lillian Mason Blankenship, Wallace Brunworth, Robert Lee Chartrand, D "Eileen" Hamil-

- ton Denny,
- 1946-Joseph Corsentino, Beverly Couter O'Laughlin, Dorothy Smith Scott
- 1947-Ray Derringer, Wanda Needham Kurtz, Mary Robinson Mills, Florence Pasley Stevens
- 1948-Mary McWorter Quick, Carl Rodina
- 1949-Phillip Aldrich, Raymond Ault, Richard "Dick" Harriman, William Price, William Zans
- 1950-Charles Eugene dumsky
- 1952-Lyle Herrick, Patricia King, Mary ann Snyder Lawrence, Sam Pascuzzi, Cora Ann Henry Wheeler
- 1953-William "Bill" King, Jr, Riley Urton, Jr, Janet Wright Van Compernelle
- 1954-Nancy Hedeem Strahan
- 1955-Michael Cannova, Bonnie Sue "Dee Dee" Towley Cravens, Margaret Rozgay Jarrett, Mary Jane Prock Mobley, Janet Baldwin Sanders
- 1956-Mary Louise Palmentere Smith, Marie "Tommie" Cuezze Taormina
- 1958-Patrick Romine, Cheryl Spangler Williams, Robert Romine
- 1959-Sue Ann Hartz Carroll, Carol Ann Hilton Schafer, Jerry Lee Stewart, Donna Hixson Vanderlaan
- 1960-Beth Kirk Hessenflow, Margaret Paden Hobbs, Daisy June Bryson Mowell,
- 1962-Lyle Leas
- 1963-Daniel Rosenberg
- 1964-Daniel John "Dan" Bowen
- 1965-Jay Rohrs
- 1967-Jeannie Shafer McLoughlin, Nancy Marie Hazlett Wilson
- 1968-Craig Bryant, David Bosch
- 1969-Leonard Gilmore
- 1972-Vincent Pisciotta, Jr, Shelia Diane Milligan Williams
- 1973-Amy Jo McCullum/Kirney Buford, Karen Sue Hunter
- 1974-Edward Allen Burkhardt, Dennis Charles Kaullen
- 1975-Phillip Alewel
- 1976-Ronald Igo
- 1977-Paula DeGeorge Todd
- 1980-Jack Stasi
- 1984-Damon Jensen
- 1989-Dawn Renee Sherill Hollandsworth
- 1994-Bernis Jackson

CORRECTIONS:

- Frank Hunter class of 1934
- Dora Plummer Herbst (name misspelled)
- Mary Jane Juelich (name misspelled)

DID YOU KNOW.....

By: Connie Evoritt Edwards '63

Martha Lee Cain Tranby, a 1941 graduate of Northeast High School, was a lifetime resident of Northeast Kansas City. She was a teacher of piano and voice at Northeast High School, and many of us had her as our music teacher! During her lifetime, she also served as church organist at various area churches as well as serving as officers in the Kansas City Chapter of American Guild of Organists. Martha served 30 years as a Province officer of Sigma Alpha Iota, was a life member of Pi Lambda Theta, VFW and the Alumni Association of UMKC and KU. Although Martha was a person of modest means, careful planning allowed her to establish the Martha Lee Cain Tranby Music Enrichment Fund in 1991. The purpose of the fund, which is managed by the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, is to "promote, inspire, foster, encourage, assist with and engage in, either alone or with others, the promotion of music education, composition, performance or any other music endeavor by individuals, groups or institutions". Her foresighted estate planning and insurance meant that, after her death in October 2004, her Fund grew to more than \$1 million. Beneficiaries of the fund have included the KC Chamber Orchestra, the Youth Symphony, the Kansas City Chorale, Music/Arts Institute scholarship students, the Kansas City String Quartet Program, Summerfest and many others. These groups and others have been enriched by her leadership and support. Martha Lee Cain Tranby died at the age of 81 in 2004.

Please contact the **Purple & White News** purpwhi@hotmail.com or call any Board Member listed on the back page if you learn of the death of anyone affiliated (past or present) with Northeast High School. We rely on information we receive from our readers and what we find in the local newspapers.

PLEASE NOTE!

IF YOUR DONATION TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REQUIRES A RECEIPT FOR IRS PURPOSES, PLEASE NOTIFY Nancy Brooks Elder, TREASURER, AT OUR ADDRESS ON THE LAST PAGE OR CALL HER — 816-453-4347. SHE WILL PROVIDE ONE FOR YOU.

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ALL ABOUT REUNIONS AND GET-TOGETHERS

The Gals of '53

Spring luncheon 4-30-11 @ 11:30 am @ V's on 40 Hwy, Indep., Mo. RSVP by 4-25 to Beryl Niblock Wilson, 816-537-8133 berylniblock@earthlink.net or Mary Schlie Smith if you need a ride @ 816-350-3602, arnolderf2sbcglobal.net.

Fall luncheon: 9-24-11 Location to be announced in

Class of '56

Members of the class of '56 meet at **Chappell's Restaurant** in North Kansas City at 11:30 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Anyone from '56 or a close class is welcome to join us. Please contact **Roy Beaty** at 816-444-9294 or e-mail at roysandybeaty@aol.com.

The Class of '58

We meet for lunch and fellowship the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Call **Louise Kellough Welker** 816-468-7221 or **Jane Bryant Morgan** 816-781-3730 for the location, which changes monthly, or for more info.

The Gals of '59

We are still meeting every ~~Monday~~ Tuesday and July, the 2nd Sat. of the month, at **Clancy's** in Blue Springs, South Outer Road just west of I-70 and Hwy. 7, 11:30 a.m. For more info, please contact **Luella Rew** 816-229-9230 or **Linda Hurley Anderson** 816-224-0017

Members of the Class of 1959

will meet at the Adams Pointe Conference Center, Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 1400 NE Coronado Drive, Blue Springs, MO, on Sunday, June 19th to celebrate their 70th birthday anniversary with a Champagne Brunch. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with time for visiting and getting reacquainted. This is also the weekend for the Alumni Association Dinner/Dance on Friday and the Golf Tournament on Saturday, both being held at this location. You can enjoy all events and make it a fun weekend. Hotel rooms will be available at a reduced rate. If you were unable to attend the 50th reunion, this is the ideal time to reconnect with classmates. A mailing will be sent to all classmates with additional information. If you have questions, please call **Linda Hurley Anderson** at 816-224-0017 or **Luella Copenhaver Rew** at 816-229-9230.

Class of '86

25th Class Reunion

We will be celebrating our 25th class reunion on June 25th, 2011 at Barry Road Park, 7601 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64153 . The time is 11:00 a.m. Please contact one of the following for more information or to RSVP. **Tynetta (Zachary) Butler**, kerrybutler@sbcglobal.net; **Sheila Johnson**, johnson.sheila07@yahoo.com; **Bridgette (Anderson) Wilkins**, daddysgirlba86@sbcglobal.net; **Lynne Newton**, lynne-shanel@yahoo.com; **Wendy (Thompson) Hawkins**, psychdoctor4u@yahoo.com There will be lots to do and people to see.

Class of '61

50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1961 will celebrate their 50th Reunion on September 23-24, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (KC International Airport location) located at 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Pkwy, Kansas City, MO 64153. Phone: 816-891-7788

Please contact the following class member for your information and registration packet: **Fred Sweeney**, P. O. Box 936, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201. Phone: 913-962-2100. Email: fred@creekspeak.com

All James School Attendees

There will be some type of celebration of James School's 100th year anniversary. At this time we have no further information other than there will be one. We are collecting names, addresses or email addresses for those interested in receiving information as we receive it. Contact: **Karole Null Zinger '62**, karole.zinger@yahoo.com or 913-397-6992

Literary Societies—any year!

Meets four times a year at various restaurants around the area. Next dinner, September 15th, 6 pm at V's Restaurant in Independence, MO. Contact person is **Karole Zinger** **Karole.zinger@yahoo.com** or 913-397-6992 for more details.

!!!Attention all Class Reunion Event Planners!!!

If you're having your class reunion this year, why not consider having it at the NE Annual 2011 Dinner/Dance, Courtyard Marriott in Blue Springs??? Leave the hassle to us...we reserve the hotel, plan the buffet menu, book the entertainment, buy the decorations (AND decorate), arrange your seating so that you are all in one section and recognize your class! All you have to do is get your classmates together, fill out your reservations, (see page 8 and 9 in this newsletter), mail it in, show up and plan on having the best reunion to date! You can even join in the golf tournament the next morning! You'll be a hit with no effort on your part...it just doesn't get any better! Contact:

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Contact Deanna Valentine Wishon

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**Contact Deanna Valentine Wishon, Logo chair, for more info.
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It is very important to us for you to let us know if you have moved! Twice a year we mail out approximately 9,000 newsletters to alumni in our database. In order to keep our records up to date, we ask the Post Office to furnish us with a correct address, and we guarantee postage on each newsletter returned to us with a correction. An incorrect zip code can result in a returned newsletter. **Each returned newsletter now costs us 63 cents.** We would very much appreciate it if you would fill out the Change of Address Form below advising us of any changes. If you receive a newsletter for a member of your family who is deceased, please send us that information also. If you do not wish to continue receiving our newsletter, we appreciate your advising us. You can mail us the change of address form provided below, call any Board Member, or email info to purpwh@hotmaill.com. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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