

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Well, here we are, one year later and time for another newsletter. And what a year it has been!

Your Alumni Committee deserves full honours for a job well done. First and foremost, the Victoria High School Alumni Endowment Fund-Drive to replenish the original fund so ably provided by Lawrie Wallace and the 1976 Centennial Committee has been a great success. Thank you also to the many patrons, supporters and donors for your kind contributions to our School and its future generations of graduates. Thanks to you, we will be able to provide bursaries in perpetuity! Thank you also to the Vancouver Foundation, which by availing of us matching funding, will ensure a fund sizeable enough to meet this goal. Thank you finally to the Fund Raising Committee for their efforts thus far.

1997 will be a relatively quieter year for your committee, one of continued fund raising, membership organization and bursary review. And of course, continued progress on both the Archives and the Archives displays in the balcony of the Old Gym. Please drop by during school hours and have a look or visit John, Kay, June and the other members of the Archives Committee in the Archives (1st floor, Room 105) on Tuesday mornings.

Plans are also afoot for us to go onto the Internet, as part of a Vic High web-site, by next year. And to continue computer cataloguing of the Archives as a historical reference source, with the assistance of the Computer Data Department and students. All in all, last year has been a great year. Now we are moving toward the end of the Century, and the future ahead. Please support your Alumni Association. **Douglas S. Cunliffe ('71) Chairperson**

CAMPAIGN UPDATE AND 2001 APPROACHES

Victoria High School has done it again! The oldest public high school in Western Canada has maintained its accomplishments over 120 years. Founded in 1876, Victoria High School has educated outstanding citizens into all walks of life. Now we are fast approaching Vic High's 125th anniversary!

1996 again was an outstanding year in the School's record and the Victoria High School Alumni has contributed greatly. The first in our three year campaign to raise money to set up an Endowment Fund was successful and the challenge made to the Vancouver Foundation last year will be met with the result the Alumni Assoc. will hereafter receive considerable revenue each year in perpetuity. Depending on interest rates, this annual revenue should amount to approximately \$12,000.00 per year. The support of our Alumni has been great, and we thank all who have contributed. The present campaign is

for 1996, 1997, & 1998. Pledges are still being met. If you have not yet contributed or wish to do so, now is the time. The Endowment Fund assists in scholarships, archive development, and other projects to help students. For instance, the Victoria High School Centennial Bus provided by the Victoria High School Centennial Committee initially in 1976 must be replaced in the near future. The bus has over the years become a necessary and indispensable part of Victoria High School life in contributing to the cultural, athletic, and technical experience of the students.

The Victoria High School Alumni Archives was officially opened in 1996 by his Honour, The Lieutenant Governor. The Alumni Archives Committee is working hard to complete this fine project. Now we look forward to the future. Can we ever forget our Centennial in 1976? In 2001, Victoria High School will be 125

by Lawrie Wallace ('30)

years old! And the Alumni Association is committed to make this Anniversary a great success.

In 1976, hundreds worked on some twenty committees. The Alumni Association would like to know if you wish to become a member of our over-all committee for 2001. Please let the Victoria High School Alumni (Chairman, Douglas Cunliffe, c/o Victoria High School Alumni, 1260 Grant Street, Victoria, B.C. V8T 1C2) know of your interests, your telephone and fax numbers, address and graduation year. This will be an outstanding observance of 125 years of service to the country of one its outstanding High Schools! Please Participate. "Come give a cheer for Victoria High!"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vic High Bandroom

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 P.M.

Everyone Welcome

1996 FINANCIAL REPORT

Boosted by an encouraging response from VHS alumnus with contributions to the VHS Alumni Fund, a \$2,500 donation from the Pacific Coast Savings Foundation and the \$25,000 matching grant from the Vancouver Foundation, receipts exceeded \$87,000 in 1996. Generous support also was received from the following Grad Classes: '50 - \$1,547; '45 - \$470; '46 - \$2,791; '56-\$500. The 1996 Newsletter cost reflects a mailing more than 3 times that of the 1995 Newsletter and higher postage costs in an attempt to validate our mailing list. The \$4,586 Archives expenditure went on the installation of Phase 1 of the Archive Gallery project - a pictorial display of 120 years of VHS activities and achievements. At year end receipts exceeded disbursement by \$18,586.

Apart from the 1997 installment to the VHS Alumni Fund under the VHS Alumni/Vancouver Foundation matching grant program, the funds for which are in hand, the major project expense this year is \$4,000 required for Phase 2 of the Archive Gallery project. Looking down the road, a committee is investigating options for replacement of the 1978 vintage bus. The bus maintenance and replacement fund presently stands at \$13,100.

Hugh Ferguson
(41), Treasurer

1996 UNAUDITED STATEMENT

	1996	1995
RECEIPTS		
Donations	\$53,454.19	\$28,656.96
Vancouver Foundation grant	25,000.00	-
Membership enrollment fee	3,815.00	2,785.00
Interest	4,858.47	3,586.72
Miscellaneous	<u>65.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$87,192.66	\$35,208.68
DISBURSEMENTS		
VHS Alumni Fund	50,000.00	10,000.00
Newsletter	4,984.74	624.91
Archives	4,586.38	1,140.97
Archives opening ceremony	1,545.54	-
Scholarships	2,250.00	2,250.00
Bus license and insurance	1,557.00	1,671.00
Liability insurance	1,099.00	-
Miscellaneous	<u>2,583.72</u>	<u>985.11</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$68,606.38	\$16,671.99
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$18,586.28	\$18,536.69

VHS ENDOWMENT FUND

The pledge card at the bottom of page 3 provides Alumnus the opportunity to support Victoria High School through the Victoria High School Alumni Endowment Fund. Gifts may be pledged over 2 or 3 years or in a single payment, either by cheque or money order payable to Victoria High

School Alumni Association or by Visa or Mastercard by indicating credit card type, card number and expiry date. If gifting over 2 or 3 years the preferred timing of your payment should be indicated. Please sign and date the pledge card, scissor it from the Newsletter and mail it, along with your

installment payment, to **Victoria High School Alumni Association, 1260 Grant Street, Victoria, B.C., V8T 1C2.**

All donations are tax deductible and an official receipt for income tax purposes will be forwarded upon receipt of your donation.

MORE ARCHIVES DISPLAYED

Since the May 4, 1996 opening of the VHS Alumni Archives Gallery display, Phase I - north wall, we have been making preparations for Phase II- south wall. This section will be devoted to the history of sport at Vic High - approximately 120 years of student participation in everything from boxing to tennis, and all sports in between. The accession and cataloguing of materials continues and the selection of sports photos for display is underway. These will be laser-copied and marked by decade in the same manner as the north wall, which has been a success. The installation of the new south wall display

section in the Roper Gym balcony will be done by the Greater Victoria School Facilities Services and should be completed by the end of February, 1997. The total cost of labour and materials will not exceed \$4,000. Mounting of the pictures with captions will be completed by the end of this calendar year. **John Boel ('46)**

Archives Chairman

WANTED Wondering what to do with your VHS mementoes? The Archives Committee are interested in them. Pictures should be identified, along with names

(if you can) and dates. Artifacts such as Indian clubs, hand-printed scandal sheets (circa 1933), early textbooks or whatever, also are of interest. Think of us before trashing them. Drop us a note c/o Victoria

High School, 1260 Grant Street., Victoria, B.C., V8T 1C2, or call 658-1385. Thanks! John Boel, Chairman, Archives.

REUNIONS HIGHLIGHTED

Ken Leighton('48), Alumni Reunions Chair, has continued his hard work this past year, attending and helping to organize the many class reunions which take place at the School or local hotels. Ken has also compiled a Reunion Workbook to help you organize a class reunion. Please contact him for further information(250) 652-2686. Ken has produced the following list of reunion data and contacts. Check it out!

- 1939 50 year reunion held in 1989. Lunch meetings held monthly. Contacts: Ethel Barker (Fitchett) 592-1778. Rae Whitehouse 479-3766.
1940 50 year reunion held in 1990. Some of the ladies still get together. Contacts: Jean Lindsay (Fletcher) 658-4806, Ken Wills 592-4869.
1941 50 year reunion held in 1991. Contacts: May Croft (Williams) 385-7559. Hugh Ferguson 598-7188.
1942 50 year reunion held in 1992. Contacts: Marion Andrews (Kennedy) 598-5504, Fran Blandy 477-8779.
1943 50 year reunion held in 1993. Contacts: Reg Reid 592-7489. Winson Oliver (Smith) 592-6260.
1944 50 year reunion held in 1994. Contacts: Sandy Vye 656-7943. Eric Gee 592-7712.
1945 50 year reunion held in 1995. Contacts: Sylvia Kane (Abbott) 721-1802, Joe Mittag (Spicer) 474-3868.
1946 50 year reunion held in 1996. Contacts: David Stock 592-6510, June Ferguson (Short) 598-7188.
1947 45 year reunion held in 1992. Planning 50th on June 24, 25, 26, 1997. Contacts: John Boel 658-1385, Jim Forsyth 383-9528.
1948 40 year reunion held in 1988. Planning 50th for last week of May 1998. Luncheons held once or twice a year. Contacts: Ken Leighton 652-2686, Jean Priestley (Page) 595-1894.
1949 40 year reunion held in 1989. 45 year reunion in 1994. Planning 50 year reunion 1999. Lunches held twice a year. Contacts: Vera Creelman (Stanley) 382-8876, Helen Joslin (Warwick) 652-3096.
1950 45 year reunion held in 1995. Contacts: Clarice Stewart (Knott) 658-5569. Colin Moir 477-3463.
1951 40 year reunion held in 1991. Contacts: Gordon Smith 477-4461, Rosemary Gibson (Leason) Shawnigan Lake 743-5077.
1952 40 year reunion held in 1992. Contacts: Brian Small 477-2214. Ron Lou Poy 477-3700.
1953 30 year reunion held in 1983. 35 years held in 1988. 40 years in 1993. Contacts: Pat Girvin 386-7091, Ruth Timnick 360-3008.
1954 30 year reunion held in 1984. Contacts: Doreen Ross (Wells) 477-4889, Pat Ricardson 477-2046, Bob Darnell 595-6606.
1955 30 year reunion held in 1985, 35 in 1990, 40 in 1995. Annual dinner held every June 10. Contacts: Irene Harrison 727-0097, Astrid Doidge (Strandlie 995-2128).
1956 40 year reunion held in 1996. Contacts: Joe Frackson 652-2990, Alf Petterson 727-6709.
1957 Planning a 40 year reunion for June 7,8,9, 1997. Contacts: John Devlin 477-4807, Kim McGowan 721-2735.
1958 25 year reunion held in 1983, 30 year in 1988. Contacts: George Brice 598-6209, Hazel Johnson (Sweeting) 592-6043.
1959 30 year reunion held in 1989. Contacts: Penny Devlin (Tisdale) 721-1764, Pat Aitkin (Paterson) 478-7570.
1960 28 year reunion held in 1988. Possible reunion in 2000 (40th) Contacts: Russ Leach 383-0141. Alice Sutton (Esselmont) 598-3757.
1961 25 year reunion held in 1986, 30 in 1991, 35 in 1996. Annual luncheon second Saturday in May. Christmas party first Sunday in December. Contacts: Sharon Chow 477-2924.
1962 25 year reunion held in 1987. Thinking of 35 in the fall of 1997. Contacts: Vicki Halliday (Rigby) 727-6221.
1963 22 year reunion in 1985. Contacts: Frances Syroid (Howard) 477-9210, Pat Morrison (Bowden) 652-2207, Bruce McConnan 598-5717.
1964 25 year reunion held in 1989. Contacts: Margaret Lidkea (Newell) 595-8084. Barry Bowes 595-5303.
1965 25 year reunion held in 1990. Contacts: Greer Service 592-8227, Jane Vaesen (McKeachie) 383-6305.
1966 20 year reunion held in 1986. Contacts: Pam Parkes (Best) 479-7952, Liz Gillies (Porter) 592-7170.
1967 20 year reunion in 1987. Contacts: Anne Boldt 384-0407, Dixie Robertson (Carley) 595-2807.
1968 20 year reunion held in 1988. Contacts: Anne McKeachie 472-1661, Maryanne Roueche (Glover) 592-9604.
1969 20 year reunion held in 1989. Contacts: Ian Mac Lean 479-6925. Adelle Hatch (Zanet) 592-0190.
1970 20 year reunion held in 1990. Planning 30th in 2000. Contacts: Connie and (Weich) Grant Price 383-1983. Connie Morgan (Hallett) 721-4426.
1971 15 year reunion held in 1986, 20th in 1991, 25th in 1996. Contacts: Doug Cunliffe 382-2202, Anne Rendell (Bickford) 478-1914.
1972 20 year reunion held in 1992. Planning mini reunion for 1997 (25th) Contacts: Sheila Stevenson (Gillies) 658-2992. Stu Thompson 477-0059.
1973 Reunion held in 1984. Contacts: Sherry McIntosh 480-5038.
1974 Reunion held in 1985. Informal 20th held at pub. Possible 25th to be held in 1999. Contacts: Paula Eng (Patzner) 655-4828. Joan Schuartere (Robertson) 391-1993.
1975 10 year reunion held in 1985, 20th in 1995. Contacts: Randy & Brigitta Lenoux 477-2967. Doug and Frances Benedict (Schauents) 658-2728.
1976 10 year reunion held in 1986, 20th in 1996. Contacts: Mark Paone 391-0375, Bruce Smith 385-0423.
1977 10 year reunion held in 1988. Planning 20th for Oct. 1997. Contacts: Rhys Wicks 385-1441, Ron Basi 480-8101, Heather Keevil 370-7809.
1978 10 year reunion held in 1988. Planning 20th for 1998. Contacts Gordon Chan 477-5902. Brenda Bradly (Lim) 384-2567.
1979 Contact Dorothy Owaianik 592-7208.
1980 Contact Gordon Wilson 477-9326.
1981 Contacts Maureen Spizawka 385-6470, Donna Yee 727-0108 or 592-0100.
1982 10 year reunion held in 1992. Contact Tammy Fox (England) 381-4851 or 478-2641.
1983 10 year reunion held in 1993. Contacts Rob Barber 727-0253. Janice Butler 360-1664, or 595-5212.
1984 Contact Osla Duppill 595-7746
1987 Thinking of 10 year reunion in 1997. Contact Marc George, 478-1226.

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ENDOWMENT FUND PLEDGE CARD

Name : _____ Tel. No. _____

Address : _____

I/We agree to pledge \$____(total) to the benefit of V.H.S.as follows:

Single payment Two/three annual instalments of \$_____

Cheque/Money order payable to V.H.S. Alumni Assn.

Mastercard Visa Credit Card No. _____ Expiry Date:_____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEDGE TIMING

1996 month _____ Please return your Pledge Card and instalment
1997 month _____ payment to VHS Alumni Assn, 1260 Grant Street,
1998 month _____ Victoria, B.C., V8T 1C2. An official receipt
for Income Tax purposes. will be forwarded. Tax Registration No.1026285-21.

COMPUTER LAB UPDATE

The Vic High Computer Lab has become an essential part of student curriculum in this changing world. In addition to providing technical skills training and research resource advantages, the Pathfinder Program, initiated by the Federal Government in 1987, has increasingly provided a strong alternative for disadvantaged youth who have difficulty in a traditional setting. Principal Denis Harrigan figures that the Pathfinder

Program, which serves about 300 students per year in all disciplines, directly keeps up to 70 students per year from dropping out of school. Curriculum for the student programs are developed either by the Provincial Ministry of Education or by school staff such as Terri Costain, the Vic High computer lab teacher. Now the original Pathfinder Program has been replaced with new computer software, allowing

many improvements, including internet access. Unfortunately, the existing computers are not powerful enough and must be replaced. 10 new computers are needed, and there is no District money available.

CORPORATE CALL: If you have any 486's (or better) that you no longer have use for, please contact Terri or Denis at the School (388-5456). Tax deductible receipt available.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the class of 1997! As we begin our second semester we are excited about the growth of the programmes and facilities at Vic High. This September saw the opening of our \$100,000 computer lab equipped with 24 stations of Pentium 100 machines on a Novell network and linked to a high-speed Laser printer. We now have multiple Internet access for our students and staff and soon Vic High's Web page will be operational. We also started five new Career Preparation courses in Entrepreneurship, Tourism, Biology,

Pop/Rock/Rhythm and Blues Music and Human Services. These programmes include a work experience placement of 100 hours and complement our successful technology programmes (Autobody, General mechanics, Machinist and Carpentry). You will be pleased to hear our Totems are presently tied for first place in the Senior Boys' Basketball League and are aiming for a second straight appearance at the Provincial Championships!. I would again like to thank the Alumni Association for the support (financial

and moral) they provide through the Scholarship Programme. Many of the winners would not be able to continue their studies without this assistance and it is genuinely appreciated. Also, thank you Alumni for the Archives Gallery in the Roper Gym balcony (entry from ground floor). Please drop in and visit your old school. We would love to see you.

Denis Harrigan
Principal

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DAVID ANDERSON, PC, MP ('55)

Many of us know him from his various activities over the years. Now he is the Liberal MP for Victoria, and representing our Fair City as the current Minister of Transport. David and wife Sandra have two children, James and Zoe. Well done and keep up the good work, David!

STEVE ORCHERTON ('70)

Steve, active for many years in volunteer service and the Trade Union Management in Victoria, was elected last year as NDP MLA for Victoria-Hillside. Steve and wife Peg ('72) have four children Levi ('97), Caitlin, Mackenzie and Connor. Good luck, Steve!

SPORTS REPORT

Vic High Athletics is alive and well in 1996/97! We have already sent teams and individuals to four island and one British Columbia championship including field hockey, girls' and boys' volleyball and cross-country.

At our annual Awards Day last year, we recognized athletes for their participation in 14 sports and had some outstanding athletes win the major athletics awards. For example

the 1996 male athlete, Aaron Nutting, is now a member of the University of Victoria Men's Volleyball team! Things have changed somewhat, as we now have athletes participating in 10-pin bowling and golf. At the Awards Day we presented individual team pins to the athletes, instead of team bars. The Andrews Gym has been upgraded for basketball, but the Roper Gym looks exactly the same

(and probably always will) as we all remember it..

We promote participation in our students, encourage excellence and still stand proud in our black and gold uniforms at Vic High! Come give a cheer!

Donna Blackstock ('72)
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We continue to attend class reunions to sell our \$10 membership in the Alumni Association and with current graduates joining as part of their grad fees, our membership continues to grow! Reunions and the Newsletter bring increased interest and welcome activity. As a retired member of staff, I myself enjoy meeting grad students at the reunions and talking to them of their lives since leaving Vic High. With my crew of retired shop teachers, Arnie Paone and Dave Unwin, the oak moldings for the next expansion of the Archives referred to in the Archives Report have been prepared for the

south wall of the Roper Gym. Thanks again to our willing volunteers!

In membership, keeping up with current addresses is our biggest challenge - **messages at 479-4677 are welcome for yourself or other “movers and wanderers”**. Also, if you are receiving this newsletter and are not a member, please sign up and pay your \$10.00!

Fred Packford ('49)

THE BUS REPORT

The Centennial Bus is still going after 22 years. The bus continues to serve a large section of students. Sports teams use the bus to travel to league and tournament games. The Sky Club uses the bus to travel to the Oak Bay Kiwanis Pavilion on a weekly basis. Fine Arts, Science, and P.E. use the bus constantly for field trips. The Outdoors Club travel to Cape Scott, Cape Beale, Pacific Rim Park all via our valued treasure - the Centennial Bus. Thanks also to John Campbell, Robin Steffanick and other dedicated staff for maintaining the bus, now getting a little tired.

With a target date of 2000 in mind, the Bus Replacement Committee under Chair John Skillings ('52) is now investigating costs and needs with the school bus users at the School. John's committee will make their first report later this year. If you have any comment or suggestions, please contact him (592-6291).

ATTENTION:ALUMNI

SNOWBIRDS/U.S. DOMICILED DONORS

Under the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Convention U.S. donors can make a tax-deductible donation from Canadian-source income to a Canadian registered charity (such as VHS Alumni Association). Official receipts for income tax purposes have been mailed to U.S. domiciled Alumni who made Canadian \$ donations. For Alumnus who made US \$ donations and qualify under the Convention, please advise the Treasurer, c/o the school, for an official receipt for the Canadian dollar equivalent received.

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