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Grant Remodel Project Update

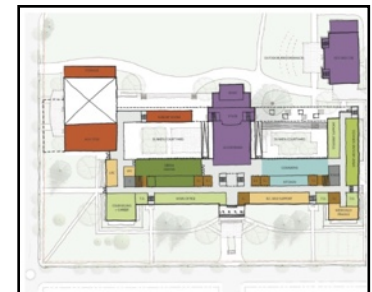
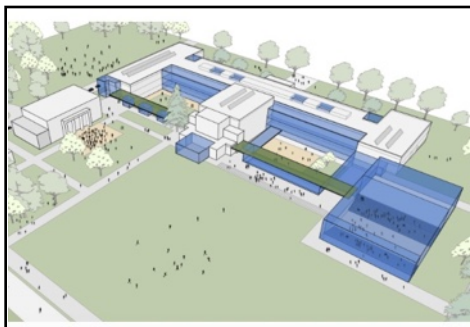
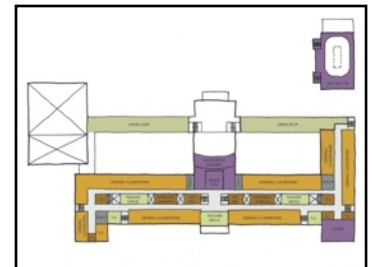
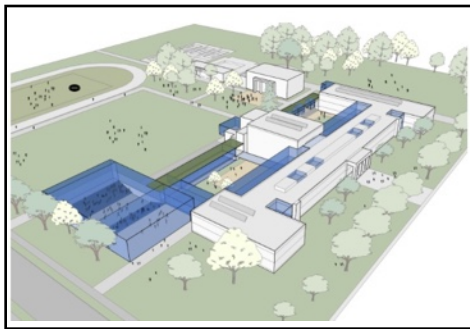
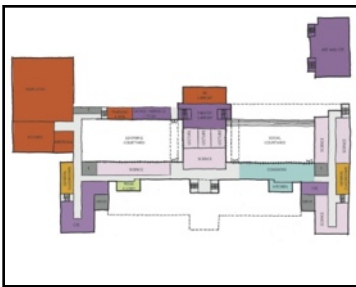
The Grant Design Advisory Group, formed in the summer 2015, includes alums **Doug Capps '61** and **Scott Bailey '71**. The design group met through last fall to develop a Master Plan that was approved by the Portland School Board in December. You are encouraged to visit the Grant remodel website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/bond/grant.htm> where you will find current information for future DAG meetings as well as background resources and the minutes of meetings already held. All of the DAG meetings are open to the public. Master Plan Concept images below are also available on the website so you can begin to see how the Grant we know will morph into the Grant of the future. A couple of key features: the old gym will become an Arts Center, the main gym moves to the South end of the campus while the Auditorium remains in the same place. It appears that the main entrance will remain substantially the same.

Full modernizations retain the historic character of the school while bringing those buildings up to code and concurrently creating a more modern learning environment. This is considered the most cost-effective, sustainable way to improve Grant, due to age, condition and historic significance.

PPS staff has confirmed that Grant High School classes, programs and activities will move to the Marshall campus in Southeast Portland during the modernization work at Grant starting in summer 2017 through summer 2019.

In the fall of 2015 a series of Public Design Workshops were held to provide the Grant community a voice in the design process. The second Schematic Design workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th from 9a.m. - Noon in the GHS Library.

The Alumni Assn. has spoken to GHS staff, support groups and boosters about plans for organizing a closing celebration in the spring of 2017. There will be more information in the next newsletter as well as on the alumni website.



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**From the President
Bob Stayton, '61**



The GHS redesign is progressing well. You can find an update included in this newsletter along with the link to the design website.

Website: As noted last summer, we have regained access to the Alumni Website www.grantalumni.org. **Judi Taylor McGarvey '61** has volunteered to be the webmaster and is in the process of updating the site. Judi found this to be a way for her to support Grant even from her home in Alexandria VA. Thanks, Judi!

2016 Board: The Board Officers for 2016 will carry over from 2015.

Scholarship: We will be awarding a \$2500.00 Alumni Scholarship again this Spring. We would like to increase the amount to \$5000 but we need more funds to sustain that level of gift. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues and/or make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. I am confident that from among the thousands of Grant Alums dues and donations will add up to enable support of a larger scholarship award.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual ALL ALUMNI PICNIC will be on the fourth Sunday in July – July 24, 2016 at Wilshire Park. It is always fun to see friends and recall memories of our days at Grant. If you have some time to volunteer to help with the picnic please contact us by email or on the membership form included in this issue.

2016 Events

CLASS OF 1961 – 55TH REUNION

Friday, July 22, 2016

McMenamins Kennedy School 5736 NE 33rd Ave
Details to follow by email, mail and on facebook
Grant Class of 1961

CLASS OF 1976 – 40TH REUNION

Saturday, July 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Portland Yacht Club 1241 NE Marine Drive
Contact: Stan Tonneson, stan@rpmarina.com
Facebook: Grant High School Class of '76

CLASS OF 1986 – 30TH REUNION

Saturday, July 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

German American Society (formerly Masonic Lodge)
57th & Sandy Blvd

\$35 before July 1...more expensive after

All details: www.granthighschool1986.com

Grant Booster Auction

Saturday, February 20, 2016

The Exchange Building 123 NE 3rd
Party-Cocktails-Music-Auction-Buffer
Buy raffle tickets. www.Grantboosters.com

CLASS OF 1966 – 50TH REUNION

Friday, July 22, 2016

McMenamins Edgefield 2126 SW Halsey St Troutdale
Block of guest rooms available or Troutdale Best Western
1:00 p.m. Golf ~ 9 hole scramble, 50 slots, prizes
6:00 p.m. Buffet dinner ~ Blackberry Hall
Prepay for golf, dinner \$66 by June 22, \$75 if later
Email photos to randiblack37@gmail.com for the class video. Send asap. ID with school and current name
Send \$: Grant 1966 PO Box 69544 Portland OR 97239
Contact: Randi Black, Granth1966@comcast.net

25th MacMillan Jones Golf Tournament

Friday, June 10, 2016; 8am shotgun at Rock Creek Golf

Questions: Steve MacMillan:
stevemacmillan@comcast.net

8th Pete Moore Memorial Scramble

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 8am shotgun at Eastmoreland

Questions: Gerry Spencer: spencerworld@comcast.net

THE 7TH ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 24, 2016 1:00 p.m. Wilshire Park

Bring your lunch ~ dessert is provided

Memoirs for Sale

All old Memoirs must be removed from the Grant library prior to the remodel. The library staff has inventoried the available books and is offering them to us for a nominal fee. Books can be purchased in the library or mailed to you for \$5.00 per book. All sales benefit the Grant Library program. Contact librarian Paige Battle: pbattle@pps.net or 503.916.5160 xt 75674 Inventory: <https://sites.google.com/site/granthlibrary/memoirs---grant-s-official-yearbook>

Memorabilia

Ready to donate your GHS treasures? Contact **Janet Godey Eddy '54** at grantalumni@aol.com.

Hanging My Hat On Shakespeare by Ian Doescher '95



When I was fourteen years old, in 1991, I sat in **Jane Lodmell Bidwell's '62** Freshman English class on the southeast corner of Grant's second floor, overlooking the lawn and U.S. Grant Place. It was in that classroom that two things happened: Mrs. Bidwell taught us the poetic feet—iamb, trochee, dactyl and anapest that appeared in dimeter, trimeter, tetrameter, pentameter and hexameter—and introduced us to Shakespeare, specifically *Othello*. Side note: Mrs. Bidwell didn't allow hats in her class, so each day as I entered I would hang my baseball cap on the small bust of Shakespeare at the front of the room.

I don't know why the poetic feet fascinated me, or why they made intuitive sense. My love of Shakespeare, though, is easier to understand: I was a theater nerd, and suddenly we were reading a play in English class. What could be better? And not just a play, but a play with a fantastic story and a deliciously evil villain. For villains, no one in Shakespeare rivals Iago, and I was simultaneously repulsed and attracted to his terrible schemes. (To this day, I would still love the chance to play Iago—I'm not sure what that says about my personality!)

Grant gave me four years of English classes, which meant four years of Shakespeare: *Julius Caesar* in my sophomore year with Charlene Rogers, *Macbeth* my junior year with Jane Bidwell again, and *Hamlet* my senior year with Doug Winn. (It was in Mr. Winn's class that we had to write ten lines of iambic pentameter—my first attempt at writing in strict meter.) The summer after my sophomore year, Kenneth Branagh's film version of *Much Ado About Nothing* came to theaters, and Portland's Tygres Heart Shakespeare Company offered several plays each year. It was a good time to be a high schooler falling in love with Shakespeare.

I graduated, went to college, majored in music instead of theater, then went on to study religion in graduate school. Eventually, I worked for a marketing agency. Every now and then I'd write a sonnet or see a Shakespeare play—these were still passions, but very much at the margins of my life.

Old interests have a way of showing up again, though, and in 2012 I had the idea to rewrite *Star Wars* as though it were a play by Shakespeare. I reached back through more than twenty years studying Shakespeare and the poetic feet, all the way back to Mrs. Bidwell's Freshman English class. Drawing on what I had learned there and in the intervening years, I wrote *William Shakespeare's Star Wars*, published by Quirk Books in 2013. Seven books later (the six *Star Wars* movies plus a Shakespearean adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*)—and with more on the way—I look back with immense gratitude at what I learned at Grant. In many ways, I'm still hanging my hat on Shakespeare, with Grant to thank for a strong love of language and the arts.



Ian Doescher, Grant class of 1995, is the New York Times bestselling author of the William Shakespeare Star Wars series. He, his wife Jennifer Creswell Doescher 1997, and their family live in the Grant neighborhood.

Grant Constitution Team

Once again, Grant's Constitution Team is on a winning path. The team's first place at the district level qualified them to participate in the January 16th State Competition at the Mark O. Hatfield Court House where they won second place. They will defend their national title April 24-26 in Washington D.C.

Grant Magazine

Now in its fifth year, the Grant Magazine continues to earn honors. The American Scholastic Press Assn. named the magazine the 2015 Most Outstanding High School Magazine. It is also one of five finalists for the Crown Award given by the Columbia Scholastic Press Assn. for a high school hybrid magazine. Fund raising activities are being held so the staff can attend the March award ceremony in New York. The 36 page monthly magazine is run by a student staff and is available either at Grant, with a \$42.00 subscription, or online at www.grantmagazine.com.

SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSN. BY PAYING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Alumni Assn. Scholarship Fund

Although the Alumni Assn. is proud to be able to award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior, we wish we could give more. The assn's goal is to establish an endowment fund. Can you help with any size tax-deductible gift?

All Alumni Picnic

The 6th annual all-alumni picnic went off without a hitch despite the threat of a cool rainy forecast. There was a good crowd and as it turned out, no rain!

The Class of '52, always a large fun group, once again joined in and the Class of '56 held their annual picnic with us for the first time. The Class of '75 was present after celebrating their 40th the night before.

Our "official" photographer **Tracie Marrs Lynch, '73**, took decade photos around the two o'clock hour. It is always a hectic time but one that brings together old classmates that may have been missed in the park full of people. Our thanks to **Shirley Leon Goemmel, '53**, for again volunteering to help get people signed in.

We hope to see you at the 7th annual all-alumni picnic, Sunday, July 24, 2016 (always the fourth Sunday in July) starting at 1:00 p.m. Four classes have planned their reunions over the picnic weekend so Wilshire Park will be a very busy place!



Rodger Eddy '47



Don Stoffer '52 Karen Johnson LaFranchise '54
Terry Tindle '52 Iris Beaudoin Stoffer '52



Rupert Fixott '39



Colleen White Scholz '63 Valerie Robbins Steen '63
Thor Steen Carolyn Smith Clark '63



Ned Long '64 Art Nelson '64
Dick Wilkinson '65 Mike Fraser '64



Dorothy Nash Tunstall '39



The 70's



Tracie Marrs Lynch '73

SHARING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SAVES \$ THAT COULD BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Grant Hall of Fame Ceremony

The Grant auditorium was crowded for the annual athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony September 21, 2015. Committee chair **Gerry F. Spencer, '59**, was the evening's MC with presenters and speakers Grant principal Dr. Carol Campbell, Grant athletic director Brian Samore, and GHOF committee members **Christi Knutson, '64**, **Laura Westwood, '02** and **Scott Jackson, '71**. The Grant cheerleaders assisted with ushering, with program and certificate handouts as well as leading the crowd in a rousing rendition of the Grant fight song.

2015 GHOF inductees included Sue Davis (community service award), **Pete Charlston, '54**; **John Mears, '70**; **Don Johnson, '70**; **Steve Hopkins, '70**; **Carolyn Lumber, '71**; **Gary Kath, '75**; **Robert "Pickle" Lewis, '77**; **Robert Cooper, '84**; **Marty Williams Jr., '88**; **Dr. Joe Campbell, '94**; **Ngum Suh, '01**; **Paul Raglione, '05**; **Sara Wild, '07**; **Kenneth Acker, '10** and Coach Tony Broadous 2002-10. Two great Grant teams were also inducted: the 1969 Women's city and state championship tennis team and the 1970 Men's state championship track and field team. It was a great evening! Please join us in September for the 2016 induction ceremony.



Wilson Walker '71 Scott Jackson '71



Pete Charlston '54 John Keller '52
Denny Haaland '59



Coach Gary Noble
1965-1997



Rolf '49 and Pete '54 Charlston



Onia Bates '67 John White '70 Robert Bates '70 Scott Jackson '71
Steve Hopkins '70 Mark Powell '70 Coach Mark Cotton



Nancy West Pascual '78 Steve Hopkins '70
Joan West Hopkins '70 Patti West Wiemer '68



Judi Taylor McGarvey '61 Mary Moody Cain '62
Mal Irvine '57 Jack Cain '61 Karyl Loback Whelan '61

A Celebration of Grant Women's Athletics

Grant's greatest female athletes will be saluted 7:00 pm, Monday, March 14, 2016 in the Grant auditorium. Included will be an introduction of the 2016 roster of freshman, JV and varsity players and coaches and a special winning guest speaker. Questions? Contact Hall of Fame chair **Gerry Spencer** at spencerworld@comcast.net.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Fred Meyer continues to offer \$2 million that they will be sharing with nonprofits in AK, ID, OR and WA and we would love to receive some of those dollars! All you have to do is register your personal reward card number to the Alumni Assn's number (**91610**) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. This connection in no way affects the personal rewards you are already receiving or are earning for other nonprofits.

Class of 1947 Luncheon

The class of 1947 gathered in July at Riverside Golf & Country Club to enjoy each other! Annual celebration luncheons have replaced reunions. Their committee met recently to discuss participating in the "homecoming" in the spring of 2017 prior to the school remodel. These photos were taken at their July gathering.



Dolores Fuge Dunn
Pat Rohe Bushway



Jerry Barde
Ruth Corbett Hinson

Ruth Corbett Hinson was the organizer and **Rodger Eddy** was the master of ceremony.

Class of 1980 Reunion

The class of 1980 celebrated their 35th reunion at the Green Dragon in August. Almost one hundred classmates enjoyed a casual evening with lots of laughter, hugs, and phone numbers exchanged. It was so nice to see everyone and we missed those who were not able to join the festivities but many who were unable to attend Saturday night joined in at the picnic at Grant.

We had so much that our 40th is already scheduled for July 31, Aug 1-2, 2020. Look for details on our class page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GrantHighClassof1980/> where you can also find information about impromptu gatherings. To add your info contact **Ann Nelson Kruger**: annkruger@yahoo.com (Please reference "Grant Class of 1980 update" in the Subject: line).



Class of 1965 Reunion

The class of '65, which started with 902 students, welcomed 300 classmates, guests and former teachers to their 50th reunion celebration at Riverside Golf and Country Club on Saturday, August 22. Friday night saw grade school gatherings all up and down Fremont, and on Sunday the school was opened for the class to take one last stroll through the halls before the renovation begins. They plan to reconvene for a 55th to see the final results!



Ann Herzog **Linda Coble**
Sue Hilley



Jim Taggard **Bob Jackson**
Karl Walker



Doug Cormack **Sally Struthers**
Art Parker **John Arnsberg**

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your GRANT HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is moving ahead with activities, but where are all of our members? Yes, we are all members of the Grant Alumni, but are you a **paid** member?

Membership for one year is only \$20 and brings you two Alumni Newsletters to keep you informed on class reunions, alum gatherings, important school events, athletic achievements of alums, honored status at our annual picnic, a membership card, and your knowledge that you are an important part of an active group.

We give an annual scholarship, partly paid by dues and partly by special donations. **Eddie Tellez**, an outstanding, talented young man was awarded the 2015 scholarship that he will use to help with expenses while attending Lewis & Clark.

Fourteen Grant athletes, one coach, a community member as well as two state championship teams were featured at the annual Grant Athletic Hall of Fame program in September. The organizing committee, chaired by **Gerry Spencer '59**, includes eleven other alums.

The 2016 All Alumni picnic is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of July at Wilshire Park on NE 33rd Avenue. See you there July 24th!

A celebration remembering Grant as we know it is being planned for Spring, 2017 before the school is closed for its two year remodel.

We appreciate the several generous gifts of funds for the scholarship as well as the volunteer work by many generous alums. Your board of directors meets monthly and devotes much volunteer time to keep things moving. We work with the Athlete Hall of Fame committee and sponsor our own Hall of Achievement to recognize our heroes and to inspire today's students.

We would like to book more projects but we need your participation. Maintaining our goal of a modest annual dues is based on large membership which we don't yet have. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$20 dues and enlisting in Grant's Army. Dues can be paid by mail or on the assn. website www.grantalumni.org at the dues and donations page. We are a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization so your dues and donations are tax deductible. The association also offers a Lifetime membership for \$250.00 that you might consider.

**Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to:
US Grant Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213-0291**

Name(s)_____Maiden name_____Grad Year_____

Address_____

Email_____Phone(s)_____

Enclosed Dues: \$20 Annual dues _____\$30 per couple annual dues _____\$250 Lifetime Membership_____

Enclosed Donation: Scholarship Fund_____Hall of Fame_____Other_____Newsletter_____

Enlist in Grant's Army by volunteering to help with the following:

Picnic_____Pre-remodel Event_____Publicity_____

Newsletter_____Other Interests_____