



Sports Report

Rich Klier, '58

Castlemonst's football team nearly had a storybook ending for Coach Amin Denny, but lost in an exciting semifinal game to Skyline High. A greater loss was beloved Coach Amin Denny, who died of cancer.

James Barnes, Coach Denny's defensive coordinator, takes over as the coach. With only five seniors returning this year, it will be a building year; one player to watch is Christopher Little.

Boys and girls basketball is looking strong, with seniors Chrystal Whittington and Ebony Richardson anchoring Coach Matthew Lane's Lady Knights. New coach Hodari Mcgavoch will coach seniors Victor Sandifer, Cory Douglas, and Lamnt Horsten and a strong varsity team.

Wrestling was revived by coach Ben Derientos last year, and he brought a second place OAL finish to Castlemonst; this year's team will be much younger, but we wish them well!

Soccer (John Alexander, Coach) and Cross Country (Nola Turnage, Coach) teams are training with great enthusiasm; last year was the first for Cross Country in quite a while! Castlemonst is still looking for a Girls' Tennis coach.

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Math Club Starts at Castlemonst

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The Math Department at Castlemonst, held its first club event last willyear, on May 29, 2007. Our guest speaker, Brian, Gin, described how viruses take shape, how they mutate to neutralize the effect of medicines, and how medical science changes to regain the upper hand. But the best part of the event was the student presentations by Castlemonst students Leonor Ramirez, Erika Oseguera, Lina Chhim, Mai Trinh, Mechan Earls, Blanca De Haro, Hazel Gimutao, Huong Vuong, and Madina Gbotoe.

This year, we are planning to host a Math Night on February 27, 2008 Contact me if you are interested in participating! These are great, smart, and motivated kids. rfklier@comcast.net

Check out the CHSAA Webstie

If you are a member of CHSAA, you know that we try to give you news about Castlemonst today, and to maintain contact with Knights of Olde. **castlemonstalumni.org** is a great place to keep up to date on all the alumni related events, as well as news from the Castle. Thanks again to Kim Dung Nguyen, '99, and her husband, Todd Mills, for keeping it up. You can even reenew your membership there, or if you aren't yet a member, join! If you are a member, and haven't received your Knights pin, please let us know!

Reunion News

Greg Hickey, '56

Over the years, I have organized an alum picnic every two years, and this year's was great as usual, with nearly 500 Knights and friends attending to remininsce, catch up, and just enjoy the Bay Area summer. Millie Abbott Burns, '33, drove down from Quincy to attend! One alum came all the way from Pennsylvania. It was great to see so many folks there who had been out of school for many years, having such a great time!! What we found out this year, was that several alums found out about the event from our website, and from others such as classmate.com.

Some of the highlights this year included the table of memorabilia, photos with a "real" Knight, and the sale of purple and white Castlemonst tee shirts (there are a few left; contact me if you are interested in one) Evelyn Edwards Olson, '60, called to let us know that



they are planning the 50th class reunion. Angie Knox Burch is spearheading the plans (email: mrsburch@hotmail.com)

Those from the class of 1957 had their reunion on September 7. If you would like to contact others from that class, call or email Georgia Wisner Couch (925 939-9768; rgcouch@aol.com) or Jeanette Trew hitt Kruger (925 846-4970; r-kruger@sbcglobal.net)

Finally, Roxana Larson reports that fifteen Knights from the fifties partied together on a cruise to _____

If you know of any reunion events, or if you have events that you would like to announce, please contact me via email, and I will be happy to include them in our files. My email is: whizman@prodigy.net

Hey: Want a Cool Knight tee-shirt? Become a life member and Greg will send you one FREE!!!

Castlemonst Alumni Career Day

This year's Alumni Day will be held on December 17, 2007, from 9-12 noon The event will be held for the Castlemonst Business and Information Technology Small School (CBIT). It's always a great way to see old friends as well as to meet the next generation of Castlemonst graduates. This year, Diana Becton Smith will be the chair. Contact her (ds4dreams@aol.com) if you want to come or you want to speak.



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Time to Renew your Membership?

If you are a current member, please do renew now! It's only \$25 a year, and you will receive in the mail a token of our appreciation, a brand new, CHSAA pin (new members only).

Better yet! Become a life member! Get a Free tee shirt from Greg! Get a membership form from the website!

The President's Report

Toni McElroy, '69

I am honored to have been elected President of the CHSAA, by the Board, and this is my first President's Report. We have a new vice president, Pat Preyer, '82, and a great board to continue the work of the Association. We are truly grateful for Thuy's ('93) leadership since the founding of CHSAA and glad that she will remain active!

This fall, the board held an all-day retreat to make the transition and plan upcoming CHSAA events. First, the board voted to retain an attorney to complete the legal process to obtain 501c-3 status.

We decided to resume Career Day, working with one of the three Castlemont Small Schools at a time. This year, we will work with the Business and Information Technology High School (CBIT). Diana Becton Smith, '69, will be the Chairperson for the event, scheduled for December 17 (see pg 2).

Rich Klier, who taught and coached in the sixties, is also the coordinator for the upcoming Alumni-Student basketball game, to be held at Castlemont in January (contact him at rfklier@comcast.net)

The Board also will sponsor a CHSAA logo contest; we will ask students at the Castle to design a logo for us. The board will post the three finalists on our website (www.castlemontalumni.org) and ask CHSAA membership to cast a vote for the winning submission.

The Board also voted to work with the District to install an Alumni Hall of Fame in the Auditorium. This long term project will remind students on a daily basis of the incredible legacy that they share with Knights of Olde.

The board reviewed membership; while we have 199 members who have paid dues at least once, only 66 have paid dues this year. The annual dues remain the same (\$25 per year, \$225 lifetime). The Board voted to give recent graduates a reduced rate and an honorary membership to seniors. Rich Klier, '58, is the CHSAA Membership Chair; contact him with any membership questions.

We hope that these activities will help to promote future membership in CHSAA, and active participation of CHSAA members in the school today. Let me know if you have any ideas that you would like to see happen this year.

Meet the CHSAA Leadership

President Toni McElroy, '69, received her B.A. (with honors) from Mills College, a Teaching Credential and Masters in Teaching from J.F. Kennedy University, and an MA in Educational Leadership from Mills.

Currently Toni serves as an English Language Arts Coordinator and Coach in the Oakland Public Schools. Before that, she taught English at Elmhurst Middle School for 9 years.

In addition, Toni has held professional positions in the music industry and the State Legislature. She is the mother of two adult children, and has two grandchildren

Patricia Preyer, '82, joined the CHSAA at the 2006 luncheon, and she been involved in Alum events ever since. With over 20 years experience as a nurse, Patricia hopes to begin work as the Nurse Practitioner at Youth Uprising, next to Castlemont, having completed her M.S.N at Holy Names University..

Patricia's two sons attend East Oakland School of the Arts (EOSA), on the Castlemont campus. She serves on the School Site Council, an advisory group. Being on the SSC and working at Youth Uprising allows her to continue working with the young people in and around Castlemont. We are lucky to have Patricia working with us!



CHSAA Board members at the fall retreat