

# REALS

March 2006

Reach-out Encourage And Love/Support

## The Alumni Association President Speaks Out...



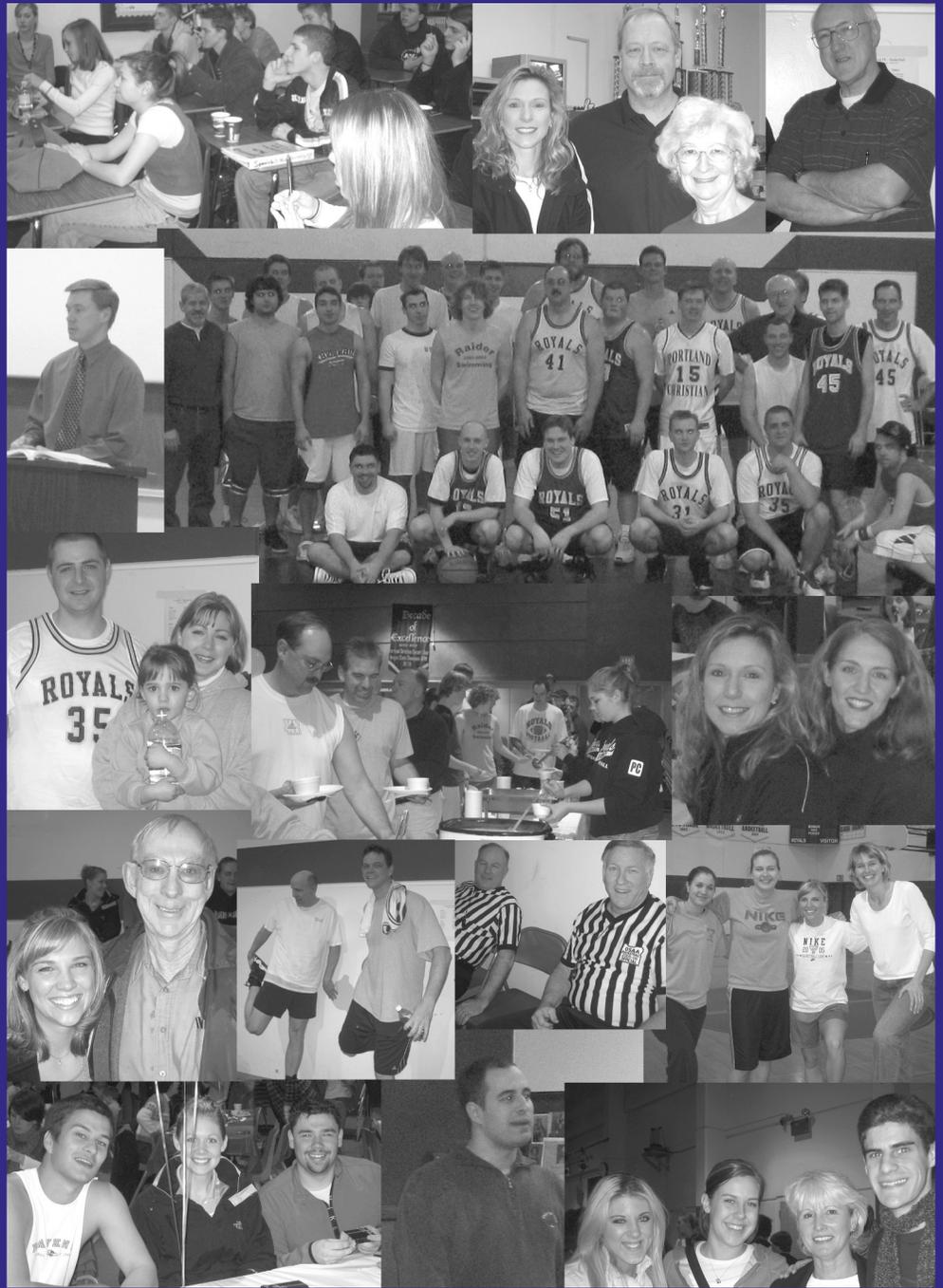
**Alumni  
Appreciation  
Week** was held

in January and from all the reports I've heard it was a great success. Because it was immediately after the Christmas break, some adjustments had to be made but all in all 18 Alumni spoke in a total of 68 classes. Here are some of the comments related to me from teachers. "My students learned a lot from the speakers in my classes." "I wish there were more time, she was so interesting." "It's inspiring to me and I trust to the kids as well, to hear how God has kept and worked in lives since leaving PCH." "What an encouragement to know that my work here is not in vain and even though I don't see immediate results, I know the Lord is using me to influence lives of young people. Thanks for coming."

**All of the Alumni** spoke of their positive experiences visiting classes and speaking with students. Comments from Alums like Evvie Boys (1953) were the norm. "It was a heartwarming experience to be in 3 classes at PCH last Friday. The two ESL classes represent a forward thinking world view for the school. The AP History class was polite, cordial and responsive. I would love to visit again and share more about Islam in the history of Europe as well as

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## Alumni Appreciation Week



# PHCS ALUMNI calendar

## April

3 Alumni Bd. Mtg. 7pm  
Faculty lounge. All welcome  
8 Annual Banquet, at the  
Vancouver Hilton, 7pm  
featuring Cal Thomas

## May

1 Alumni Bd. Mtg. 7pm  
15 Choir Spa-get-together  
26-29 DECADE of the  
SEVENTIES  
28 LARRY ZIMMERMAN  
Retirement, 2:00 to 5:00pm

## June

4 Class of 2006, Graduation  
Baccalaureate Combined  
ceremonies. 3:00 pm,  
Mountainview Church,  
Gresham  
5 Alumni Bd. Mtg. 7pm  
12 June REALS mailed out  
  
WATCH THE REALS and  
WEB SITE for ALUMNI  
MUSIC FEST INFO (August  
5th, 2006)

The 1996 reunion  
will be held on  
July 21st and  
July 22nd.

¥ Cost per person: \$40.00

¥ Friday July 21st:  
Hilton Garden Inn @ 6pm  
12048 NE Airport Way,  
Portland, OR 97220

¥ Saturday July 22nd:  
Oxbow Park (Beaver Area)  
10am-Sunset

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...continued from page one the Middle East.  
Thanks for making the schedule work  
so efficiently.Ö

The week was filled with events for  
all. One major highlight was the High  
School chapel. Jan Hornshuh Kent  
(1964), spoke of the work the Lord had  
called her to do following the tragic  
shootings that occurred  
at SpringBeld High School when her  
husband was Superintendent of the  
Thurston County School District. Her  
message impacted quite a number of  
the student body especially since the  
high school drama students had just  
produced the play, Ö Bang, Bang, YouÖre  
Dead Ö which was based on this incident.

The boys and girls home  
basketball games on Friday and  
Saturday nights were well attended  
and gave the Alumni a real chance to  
see that our teams are ÖState  
ChampionshipÖ material. The Alumni  
basketball tournament was also a  
smashing success. Boy Oh boy, could  
some of those ÖolderÖ guys play with

the best of them: 30 in all. After the  
game we had a great meal provided  
free of charge by a generous donor. All  
125 of us agreed that Denise Gardiner,  
school cook, is an excellent chef.

A BIG THANKS to all who so  
generously contributed to the  
production of the REALS. We were able  
to cover the costs of the December  
edition and part of the March one. We  
will need everyoneÖs ongoing help,  
however, so IÖve asked Jeanne Lampi to  
continue to have our printer add the  
donation card and return envelope in  
each edition of our Alumni Publication.  
The school will send gift receipts.

There is a lot of information in  
this March REALS. Thanks for  
reading it and do not forget to check  
the web site at [www.pcschools.org](http://www.pcschools.org) and  
click on the Alumni link. Jeanne keeps  
it updated as she receives new news  
and makes changes and deletions. If  
there is news youÖd like to add just  
contact her and she will add it.

Blessings to all. ÆErnie, 1953

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# In Memoriam

## Dr. John Flint Blanchard, Jr. Superintendent Emeritus • Portland Christian Schools

A graduate of Wheaton College, Harvard University and Azusa Pacific College, Dr. Blanchard was one of America's pioneers in promoting the cause of Christian Education. Having left the world of business, he became the headmaster of a number of schools around the country. Following his time as Director of the National Association of Christian Schools (a precursor to the Association of Christian Schools, International), Dr. Blanchard joined the staff at Portland Christian Schools as Superintendent in 1972.

Near and dear to Dr. "B's" heart was the child who learned differently. He instituted programs at the elementary school designed to reach out and meet the needs of these special young people. After leaving Portland Christian in 1980, Dr. Blanchard became an associate professor at Judson Baptist College where he retired in 1983. In 1985, John lost his wife Anne to cancer. The Lord



graciously sent another to help fill the great void left by the loss of Anne. His new soul mate, Lois, was also very involved with teaching students who had various learning difficulties.

Moving to Seattle, Dr. Blanchard founded The Wayside Learning Centers. This work, along with his passion for writing and reading, his involvement with ACSI and continued interest in the Christian School movement, more than filled his retirement days.

In 1992, when the Parkrose Heights School, housing PCS grades 7-12 came officially under the ownership of Portland Christian Schools, **Dr. Blanchard was named as Superintendent Emeritus.** A joyous

dedication was held giving all glory to God for His faithfulness in providing for our needs. Once again we were reminded the we are "to forget not all His benefits".

## MUSIC FEST 2006

August 5, 2006

Plan now to attend the PCH Alumni Association's 2nd Annual Music Fest under the direction of Choir Directors, Daniel Burnett (99), Bob Barber and Dr. Nancy Parker. Rehearsals will take place in the high school cafeteria and the Concert will take place at 7:30 at the Korean SDA Church next to the school. Lunch and a light supper may be purchased at the school for a nominal charge. THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD will meet during the day when the choir is not in practice.

Contact Daniel Burnett at 503-256-3960, ext. 211 or [daniel.burnett@pcschools.org](mailto:daniel.burnett@pcschools.org) with questions and your intent to participate. ALL are invited to the concert free of charge. An offering will be taken to help defray costs.

Respect/Honor/  
Celebrate...

### PORTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association and Family and Friends

Cordially invite you to attend a

### Retirement Celebration in Honor of

**LARRY ZIMMERMAN**

SUNDAY - MAY 28, 2006

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Larry requests no gifts ~ but your presence.  
There will be memory books available for notes of love and thanks.  
Personal cards and notes would also be an encouragement to Larry.

To be held at:  
Portland Christian School  
Jr./Sr High School Campus  
12425 NE San Rafael St.  
Portland, OR 97230-1818  
503-256-3960 for information

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Dan (71) and Jan Beaumont in honor of their children: Steven (04) and Amy (99) and husband, John Felton.

Judy McClain Lageschulte (57) in honor of my parents, Barney and Esther McClain who volunteered many hours of service to Portland Christian Schools and sacrificially gave each of their five daughters a Christ-centered education at PCS.

Bob and Grace Boersma in honor of our children and their wonderful teachers who helped plant the Word of God firmly in their hearts.

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Shan and Karen O'Gieblyn (69) Esson with thanksgiving for Mary and Ernie O'Gieblyn and the teachers at PCS who so greatly influenced the lives of myself, my siblings and our son, Alex.

Brad (81) and Wendy Hamsik (80) Fenison with thanksgiving for PCS and the education our children, Chris (01), Ashley (03), and we, ourselves, received at this school.

*These gifts, along with several from anonymous donors, are received with great Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Goodness to the Alumni Association of Portland Christian High School. May the Lord bless each and every one.*