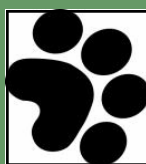
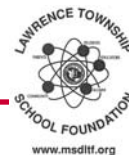




The Paw Print



Greetings, Alumni!



I recently held one of the Alumni Bricks, turning it over in my hands as I read the engraved inscription that commemorates the old three-story building that housed Lawrence Central High School starting in 1941 and later Belzer Middle School, ending in 2008. As with a lot of things, the building is now gone.

Experiences like that tend to put things into perspective.

I wonder where in the building that brick in my hands once added its strength? Could I have leaned against that very brick while waiting impatiently for my friends to appear after school? Could I have pressed a wad of chewing gum into the space between that brick and one of its nearly identical neighbors? Perhaps that is the brick that I kicked with my toe to express my anger over some now forgotten misunderstanding.

An architect once told me that school buildings exist for the purpose of teaching things to people. Students gather in classrooms to learn their own or another's language, or unravel the mysteries of chemistry or quadratic equations. They gather in the hallways and common areas to exchange opinions and compare schedules. They bare their souls on the stage. The most valuable lesson of all, however, is discovering the process of learning itself which, when mastered, unlocks the universe. As with bricks, the lessons we learn in life should be interwoven, building one upon the other to create strength and longevity.

Take a few minutes to examine the pattern of the bricks that you have used to build your life. Do your bricks encourage those around you? Have your bricks built a hostile and impenetrable barrier? Bricks may be used to build a wall, or they may be used to build a bridge. I really hope everyone likes the way you have arranged them.

Frank Merrill

LC Class of 1966

Lawrence Township Alumni Counsel President
(Email: Merrill.Frank@gmail.com)

ALUMNI COUNCIL: The Lawrence Township School Foundation is organizing an Alumni Council. Each graduating class will have a **Class Agent/Representative**, who keeps the communication contact for their class. This will be handled primarily through e-mail. The Alumni Council representative will meet on a quarterly or semi-annual basis to plan activities and communication for our LT Alumni.

Did you know...?

On Friday, April 17, 2009, the Lawrence Township School Foundation will host its 9th annual **"Light Their Future" Gala** at the Marriott Downtown. At last year's Gala, over 500 guests enjoyed socializing, dinner and dancing. Ticket sales, bids on the silent and live auctions, along with the raffle raised a record \$100,000! If you would like to attend, please check out www.msdtf.org for more information. You can also support LT students by purchasing a cash raffle ticket . . . And you could win \$10,000!

LTSF will host its annual **"Fore the Kids"** golf tournament June 4, 2009 at Old Oakland Country Club. Along with the Gala, all proceeds will help fund the Foundation's initiatives for the next school year, such as in-school tutoring, mentoring programs and classroom grants. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. We hope to see you there!

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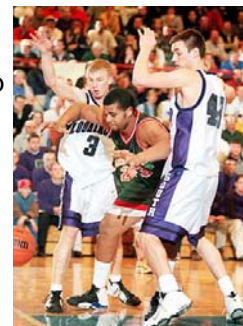
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You can help Lawrence Township students in more ways than you might realize. This issue will let you know how!



Recently...at Lawrence North High School

- Sophomore Julie Ogden represented LN swimming in the United States Junior National Championships in Austin, Texas in December. She finished a second under her school record time in the 100M butterfly at :57.27. Ogden was the first Wildcat to qualify since Megan Davenport in 2001.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Contribution– After organizing several events, LN Spirit Committee members Megan Anderson, Catrina Cranfill and Emily Massel presented a \$5,000 check to the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Indianapolis.
- LN was recently recognized as one of seven Indiana high schools with one or more graduating students of 2008 who earned top composite score of 36 on the ACT college admissions and placement exam.
- LN Spanish teachers Manuel Vega-Hernandez and Kelly Ploch each recently received an \$8,000 Teacher Creativity Fellowship grant. Each teacher's grant will take him/her on a trip overseas this summer, to gain both experience and practicality to bring back to their classrooms in Fall 2009. Congratulations to each teacher on your accomplishments!
- Rest in Peace "Big John" Stewart, who passed away ten years ago, March 12, 1999. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks for the memories, and for your legacy that lives on through the John Stewart Foundation.



Up and Coming LN Events!

- Lawrence North High School proudly presents the Pulitzer prize winning play, Our Town. It is one of the best-known American plays of the 20th century telling the story of life in America. Performances are at 7pm on Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th at the school. Memorable, this is a family event and tickets are on sale for \$5 at the door on the day of the show.
- **Class of 1979 REUNION** is scheduled for July 11, 2009 at River Glen Country Club in Fishers, IN. Email Betsy Field at betsy.field@ameritech.net .
- **Class of 1988 REUNION**
Go to www.msdltf.org to update your information!
- **Class of 1999 REUNION** is scheduled for July 25th, 2009. Email Jen Jansen at jjansen@jansenchiropractic.net for more information.



PLANNING A REUNION?

Want to get the word out?

Call Mary Ann Pennington at
(317) 423-8300 to have it listed here
and on the Foundation website.



Recently...at Lawrence Central High School

- LC's "A" Class Winter Guard captured first place in a competition at Pike High School recently in Terre Haute.
- Sophomore Greg Prince will represent LC at the state Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar in June at Butler.
- Central Sound, LC's mixed show choir, was named Grand Champion at Center Grove's "Best of the Midwest" competition on February 21, 2009
- LC Junior Chris Taylor was named to the Indiana All State Honors Band and performed with the band March 15, 2009. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments Chris!
- Juniors Scott Borer and Sean Jordan will represent LC at the annual Boys' State Conference at Trine University in Angola June 13-20, 2009. Juniors Camille Hayes and Margo Tucker will represent LC at the Girls State Conference.



Up and Coming LC Events!

- **Class of 1974 and Class of 1973 Reunion -**
Mark your calendars for the weekend of **June 27th, 2009!**
Saturday night gathering will be at Hillcrest Country Club.
Contact Susy Komenda-Myers at LCHSClassof74@aol.com!
- **Class of 1979 Reunion**—Sat. **August 1, 2009.**
Contact Nancy at NancyKomendaRapp@msdlf.k12.in.us.
- **Class of 1989 20th Reunion**— **August 8, 2009** at *fortyfive*^o 765 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202 · 317.634.4545, 7:00pm – 12:00pm. Visit fortyfiveindy.com for the menu, attire and general info about the venue. RSVP to fortyfive by July 8, 2009. Contact Diana Romeril Neal 317-752-8553 or Jody Rust 317-373-0225, jodyrust@yahoo.com.

YOU CAN STILL GET A PIECE OF HISTORY!

The old Belzer building (which was the original Lawrence Central High School) has been demolished.

Engraved bricks are available for \$25 each, with proceeds benefiting the Lawrence Township School Foundation & The Lawrence Township Alumni Council.

Order form is available on the alumni tab of www.msdlf.org.



But enough about us ...

Let's Talk About YOU!

We want the 411 on all our fabulous Lawrence Township Alumni! Let us know what's going on in your life. Fill out this bio page and send it back to us. We'll include your news in the next issue of The Paw Print or on our website so our alumni can reconnect! Enjoy!

You may print this portion of the newsletter and mail to 5626 Lawton Loop E. Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46216 or email us your responses (preferred). You may also wish to include a photo of yourself (old or recent)! Please be sure it is a duplicate photo, as we will not be able to return photographs.

Name: _____

High School: _____ Class of _____

College: _____

Occupation:

Residence:

Family Info:

Hobbies:

Check it out! ~ Visit atGeist.com to read more great articles about Lawrence Township!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LN CLASS OF 89

Dawn (Haas) Knight, Lawrence North Class of 1989
College: BS Indiana University; MA Ball State
Occupation: English teacher at Westfield High School/Writer
Residence: Westfield, IN
Family: husband- Jon Knight
 son- AJ Knight
 daughters- Taylor and Mackenzie
Email: knightd@wws.k12.in.us
Proudest moments: My kids, My marriage

Fun facts: I wrote a book which came out in Sept. 2007-Taliaferro:Breaking Barriers. It's about the first black man drafted by the NFL and the first black QB. He led Indiana University to its only undefeated season in 1945, but he had to live off campus because Bloomington was segregated.

Tony Dungy wrote the foreword for the book, and it won Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award 2007 for sports. It's available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and others and on my website: booksbydawnknight.com.

LC CLASS OF 79

Marianne Mulherin, Lawrence Central Class of 1979

Email: mdollarr61@comcast.net,

Residence: Anderson, Indiana

College: Indiana University (Indianapolis campus)

Occupation: Human Resources with Navy Recruiting;

Married to Martin L. Dollar for 18 years (Dec. 22, 1990), who is retired from Navy, now with Nestle.
Three Children: Richard (25), Daniel (23), Christin (16). Grandparents of Eileen (4) and Peyton (1).

Hobbies: Walking & working out, cross-stitch, taking care of 3 Jack Russell Terriers & cat, reading;
Also, volunteer for my church, Countryside Animal Rescue and National Veteran's Historical Archive, Inc.



Click it!

Be sure to visit the Alumni page on the Foundation's website at www.msdltf.org. Make sure your information is listed and correct in the Alumni Directory.

You can also chat with old friends and find the latest info on class reunions.