

Longtime Journalism Teacher Elizabeth Burdette Dead at 92

Named one of the top five journalism teachers in the nation on three separate occasions, NWC's Liz Burdette passed away on Sunday, March 20. Her forty-year career included positions at Jackson Junior High, Central High School and Southeast High School.

She mentored many students who went on to pursue careers in journalism, including popular ESPN on-

air personality and author Skip Bayless, The Oklahoman's director of photography Doug Hoke, Vivian Vahlberg, first female president of the Oklahoma Press Club, reporter and editor Janie Fried and dozens of others. Under her supervision, the 1969 Round Table was named the top yearbook in the country.



She was inducted into the National Scholastic Hall of Fame at the University of Oklahoma in 1987.



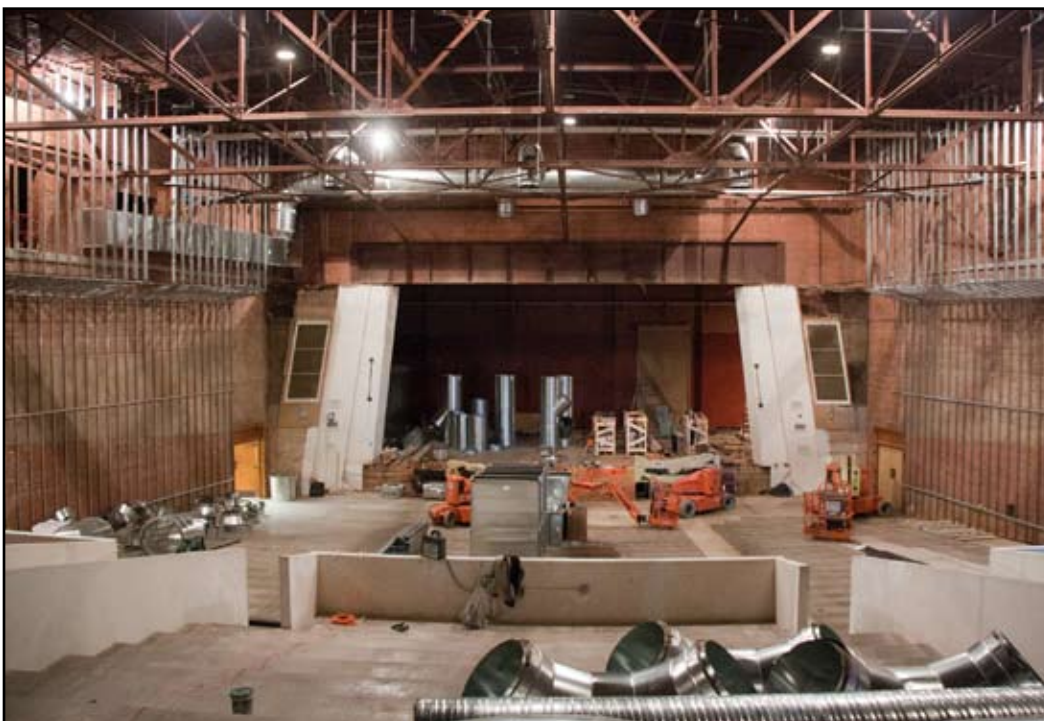
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MAPS For Kids Renovations Start



The auditorium begins its transformation to concert hall.

The long-awaited MAPS For Kids project is finally underway at NWC. One of the last schools in the district to be updated, the work is expected to last well into 2012. Preliminary looks indicate it'll be well worth the wait.

Classrooms will have new tile floors with abstract patterns at the doorways, new walls which include a purple-and-gold ribbon motif, data connections, new doors and, in general, a 21st century look and feel.

The auditorium will be the crown jewel of the new school. (Cont'd on page 2)

From the President

Dear Alumni,

It is already Spring of 2011. Where oh where does the time go? This past year was again spent fulfilling requests for the students and teachers at Northwest Classen High School. This gives us so much pleasure because our efforts are greatly appreciated. This second semester will bring additional needs and requests and we look forward to helping again.

Membership dues are here again. If you have not sent your membership information in with a check, please do so as soon as possible. You do not want to miss out on the upcoming newsletters.

“Oldies” as some might refer to some of us on the Board and the Executive Committee are doing just that — getting older. We are searching for new members and new faces to add to these. We currently are in need of a treasurer. It is very rewarding and really does not take too much time. Please consider becoming an officer or committee chairman. It will make you glad you did.

Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions.

Thank you,

Janese Menn Fair
President

MAPS For Kids (cont'd from page 1)

The scope of work is extensive, including 41 different list items, including (but not limited to):

1. Tree removal
2. Exterior repair and painting
3. Window and door replacement
4. Roof repair
5. Interior paint
5. Floor covering replacement
6. Ceiling tile replacement
7. Restroom renovation
8. Locker replacement
9. Lighting upgrade
10. HVAC upgrade
11. Plumbing upgrade
12. Fencing and landscaping
13. Elevator
14. Security and fire alarm, fire line and hydrants
15. Paving
16. Electrical service upgrade, outlets and lights
17. Computer cabling
18. Kitchen, cafeteria equipment and hood system
19. P.A. system
20. Gym bleachers
21. Sidewalk and paving repairs and replacement

Past President's Note

Hello Folks,

As you know from your last newsletter, we held our Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting on December 7, 2010. Per your votes, all the nominees for Director were elected, and we have all new officers.

I've enjoyed serving as your President, and look forward to working with Janese Menn Fair, our new President. She has served in many capacities in the past, and I'm sure she'll do a wonderful job as President. The other officers elected are:

Operations Vice President	Chris Heldenbrand
Membership Vice President	Ramona Ware
Spirit Vice President	Darlene Bateman
Recording Secretary	Mary Putt St. John
Corresponding Secretary	Lynde Nash

Tom Newsom was elected to the Treasurer's position but has resigned, so we are looking for a replacement.

The need is for someone who has a computer and basic understanding of debits and credits, and a few hours a month to help the Association. All of you, please put on your thinking caps and help us find someone – or how about volunteering yourself? The Association needs you!!!

Ramona Ware

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See the early results on the next page.

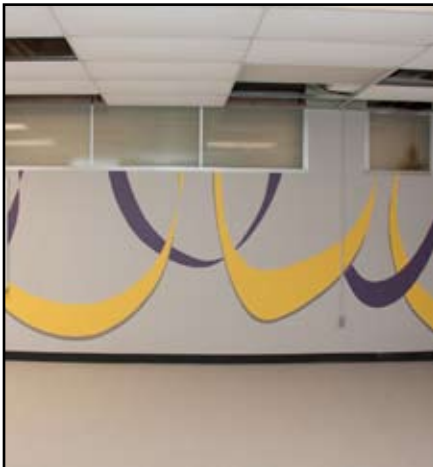
MAPS For Kids (cont'd)



Left: The view of the west hall from the office. The plastic curtain bisects the hall to allow for traffic.



Right: Behind the curtain, the work goes on. The green wall tile will be left in place, but the area above will be painted with ribbons.



Left: The new purple and gold ribbon motif on the walls of the drama room.



Right: The work area on the south hall, first floor.



Left: NWC goes high-tech. Multiple data and power connections in a science lab.



Lower left: The second floor's south hall is almost complete with new lockers, doors, ceilings and painted ribbons on the upper walls.



Right: The new floor tile pattern at the doorways to the classrooms in purple, gold and gray.

Reunions

Information about this year's class reunions has been sparse! If your class is scheduling one, or you know of plans for a reunion of any class year, please contact reunioncoordinator@nwchsa.org. Rumors have been circulating that the classes of '71 and '91 are planning reunions for this year, but no info has been reported to us.

The following classes have submitted their information; check the website for others as they report:

Class of 1956 – 55th Reunion

June 3-5, 2011

Martha and Jon Bedingfield, Chairs

Contact: jbedingfield@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1961 – 50th Reunion

June 10-11, 2011

Contact: George McDowell

gm@mcdowell-incentives.com

www.nwc61.com

Class of 1970 – 40th Reunion – August 27-28, 2010

Venues: Friday – Oklahoma History Center

Saturday – Clarion Airport Hotel & Conference Center



Baseball Homecoming Celebrated

The Northwest Classen State Champion baseball team of 1957 played host to fans and alumni who attended this year's baseball homecoming as Northwest played Millwood on Tuesday, April 5. The invitation to attend was especially extended to all former ballplayers at NWC.

Festivities began with a "sneak peek" of the MAPS

renovations in the school and continued with opening ceremonies on the recently upgraded field.

After the game, a meet-and-greet gave everyone a chance to mingle and see a lot of familiar faces.

Among the many improvements a new, large scoreboard has been installed. Plans call for a new wooden fence for the improved diamond.

In Memoriam

Jerry Allen '57

August 26, 1938 – February 7, 2011

Andy Beach '69

December 15, 1960 – February 26, 2011

Clyde Edward "Eddie" Bodenheimer '57

December 2, 1938 – November 1, 2010

Mark Brink '70

April 18, 1952 – August 22, 2011

James Edward Britton '64

June 9, 1946 – March 23, 2011

Virgil Hudson Butler '56

March 12, 1938 – February 14, 2011

Mary Allison Kearney Dunford '57

April 28, 1939 - November 9, 2010

Judith Johnston Frisbie '57

December 22, 1938 – March 21, 2011

Craig Howard Hicks '68

May 6, 1950 – December 3, 2010

Robert Alan "Bob" Howard '63

December 18, 1944 – August 15, 2008

Dorothy Butler Jones '56

July 13, 1938 – December 13, 2010

Ronald Lee Maxey '67

July 23, 1949 – April 20, 2010

Michael McCreary '67

April 8, 1949 – March 22, 2011

Donald L. Murphy '62

May 26, 1944 – February 14, 2011

Charles Eugene Ogden '66

July 28, 1948 – February 8, 2011

Janice Bettis Jones Roberts '62

April 8, 1944 – November 19, 2010

Diane Mitchell Rogers '70

June 7, 1952 – June 10, 2010

Patrick Harold Sigmon '62

November 12, 1944 – December 17, 2010

James Daniel "Jim" Sjodin '64

December 27, 1945 – January 23, 2011

Nancy Wright Talley '56

Died October 15, 2010

Lela Fowler Townsend '57

Died December 9, 2010

James "Buddy" Wade '67

January 24, 1949 – February 7, 2011

Carole Jean Walker-Strong '56

July 6, 1938 – November 26, 2010

Kenneth Wertz '64

July 14, 1946 – March 5, 2011

ROTC Award Given

The Cadet of the Year award has been given to junior Spencer Marotte. Traditionally, the award has been financed by the Northwest Classen High School Alumni Association, but this time the NWC Class of 1957 gave it in the name of their classmate, USAF Col. Ed Bodenheimer, who passed away last November 1.

Marotte received \$250 from the class of '57, \$50 from advisor Col. Green and \$100 from another source.

Attending the award ceremony and making the presentation was the Alumni Association's Museum Chairman, Bill Whetstone.

Association Awards Laptops

The Northwest Classen High School Alumni Association will award its annual scholarship grant, in the form of laptop computers, to two of the school's top graduating students.

This year's recipients are seniors Binh Vo Thai and Vu Nguyen.

The application process involves statements from the students about their future academic and career goals, submission of a transcript and three letters of recommendation.

It was not an easy competition to judge. NWC has many outstanding students deserving of the honor.

Dues Due

Dues for 2011 are now due – even past due. Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form. Please fill it out and send with your check at your earliest convenience. As always, donations would be accepted with thanks. Following is the list of members who have already paid their dues. If your name is not on here, please send as soon as possible to continue your membership.

Sally Ashby	Paul Duncan	Tom Knot	Fred Ringwald
Drew Ackerman	Steven Everett	Tanny Koeppel	J.W. Robertson
Alice Adwan	Janese Fair	Nick Kyle	Anna Bess Robinson
Sandra Ayres	Robert L. Finch	William Lee	Jim Robinson
Bill Bass	Jack Flemming	Pamela Lingle	Teresa Roewe
Ron Blalock	Dennis Fowler	Roy Love	Linda Rosser
Ken Bolt, Jr.	David Gibson	Dan Loving	Ron Rosson
Robert Bond	Gail Griffin	Col. Russell Mank	Charles Ryland
Jerry Booth	Carolyn Grubb	Bill Mapes	James Schantz
Tom Britton	Carolyn Hall	Gary Marrs	Robert Shick, Jr.
Vicky Brown	Dr. James Hammack	Judy Marrs	David Showbotham
Louise Burris	Olivia Hardin	Virginia McCombs	Tracy Silvester
J.Bruce Campbell	Carolyn Hays	Carol McCroskey	John Sorenson
Karen Campbell	Jon Hays	Nancy McGalliard	Mike Spear
Sarah Chastain	Chris Heldenbrand	Gay McMillan	Mary St. John
Martha Ann Clark	Ann Helton	Ann McPhail	Jaime Stefan
Marilyn Conley	Travis Henderson	Marilyn Mendenhall	Marian Stephenson
Carol Corgan	Barbara Hensley	Kent Miller	Joe Stettheimer
Harriett Coussons	Don Hensley	Ruthanne Miller	Jay Suggs
Timothy Cox	Bryan Hill	David Morris	Emily Talmadge
Terri Culwell	Marci Hitt	Janyce Myers	Gloria Tate
Terry L. Curtis	Kaye Horne	Arthur Pansze	Sandra Tillman
Wanda Dale	Kay Howell	Edna Mae Paulson	Ramah Viera
Cindy Daviee	Nancy Hudson	Allen Pease	William Waggoner
Stanley M. Davis	Ronald Hudson	Cathrine Pendley	Ramona Ware
Victoria Dearing	Kirk Humphreys	David Pendley	Susan Watson
Mary Denman	Linda Hunt	Eric Percival	Charles Webster
Robert Denton	Ginger Johnson	Julie Percival	Stella Wikstrom
JoAnn Dick	Amy Kelley	Bill Pitts	Karen Williams
Jane Dodd	Lenita Keys	Jerlyn Priest	Mason Williams
Jerry Dodd	Pam Kinnan	Gloria Pugh	Barbara Winder
Linda Duncan	Dr. Wilson Knight	Gordon Pugh	David Woodward

Oops!

You may have recently received a mailing from us with a return envelope enclosed for payment of dues. If you used it, chances are good it was returned to you.

In an effort to be good stewards of the Alumni Association's dollars, we sent out some envelopes that we have had on hand for some time. Unfortunately,

they had the Association's old P.O. box number and we didn't catch it. They cannot be forwarded.

If your dues payment was returned to you by the Post Office, please try again. Use the form on the opposite page and drop it in the mail to the address at the top. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail application and check to:
PO Box 12657, Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2657

Name _____ Year Graduated _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Spouse's Name _____ Year Graduated _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Spouse's School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Maiden Name, if Married _____

Residence Phone (____) _____ Business Phone Husband (____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Business Phone Wife: (____) _____

Any interested person is welcome to membership, whether or not he/she attended Northwest Classen.
Current dues for membership are \$15.00 per person, per year.

Make your check for annual dues payable to NWC Alumni Association, and enclose it with this completed form.

- () \$_____ 15.00 per membership, per year
- () \$_____ Extra donation to help with operating expenses
- () \$_____ Special donation i.e. Museum, Scholarships, Direct Mailing, Sports, and other.

PLEASE SPECIFY _____

\$_____ TOTAL

CIRCLE ONE: NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

**Interested in working on a committee? CHECK as many as you wish.
Your help is needed!!!**

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- *Support your Alma Mater
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**Get your reunion information to us now for
publication on the website!**

**If you haven't paid your 2011 dues yet,
please mail your check today!**