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COMING EVENTS

The 2023 WALL OF FAME

Monday, April 24, 2023.
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A publication by Mustangs, for Mustangs, about Mustangs

THE CIRCLE KEZAR TENNESSEE GRILL THE SAND PITS PLAYLAND

Lincoln Garner's Third California Championship in Five Years

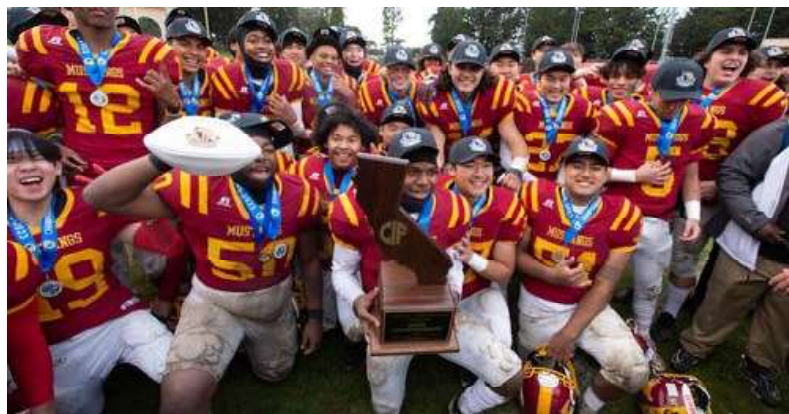
From the WWW by Will Reisman, a freelance writer.

Ricky Underwood and **Jamelle Newman** combined for 337 rushing yards and five touchdowns, leading Lincoln to a 54-6 win over Crenshaw-Los Angeles Saturday at Kezar Stadium for its third state championship in five seasons.

After claiming the CIF Division 7-A crown, Lincoln coach **Phil Ferrigno** offered some advice for the next generation of San Francisco athletes. "If you're a young man who likes running the football, you should think about enrolling in Lincoln High School," said Ferrigno, whose Mustangs previously won back-to-back state titles in 2018-19. "Because that's what we do here."

Aided by the wet and rainy conditions that played perfectly into the Lincoln (10-3) game plan, the Mustangs racked up 437 rushing yards while throwing the ball zero times in taking down the over-matched Cougars, who dressed just 21 players for the game.

Underwood set the tone early with a 37-yard



We Are The Champions

touchdown scamper 2 minutes and 26 seconds into the contest.

Crenshaw (8-7) responded with a long drive that went deep into Lincoln territory, but the Mustangs were able to stop Cougar quarterback Donce Lewis at the 3-yard line on 4th-and-goal.

Lincoln fullback **Diego Cristerna** later plowed
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President's Niche

By Jonathan Woo S02

President's Report

By Jonathan Woo, '03

Happy New Year, Mustangs! Thank you for your continued support of the Alumni Association, and I hope that we're doing our part to keep you connected to Lincoln and I am thrilled to see everyone here still has that connection to Lincoln, and the Mustang Family no matter where you are in the world. Let's take a look around at the past few months and what we have coming up.

Scholarships

This is our big thing. It's why most, if not all, of the people who are involved with the Alumni Association give their time and effort to keep this ship running. I'm happy to report we are now up to 32 scholarships and over \$50,000 in total. Both numbers are all-time highs, and we cannot thank you enough for your support to allow us to continue to give and grow our scholarship program.

Teacher Grants

After a bit of a hiatus, we've restarted our teacher grant program which will allow faculty and staff at ALHS to request up to \$250 for essential classroom items. This continues our theme of doing what we can to continue to give back to the school, and I am very happy that we were able to offer this to the school community and hope to grow it in the future.

Saying Goodbye

You'll read in other parts of this Lincoln Log but in the past months we had to say goodbye to two members of the Mustang Family that were big

supporters of Lincoln and the Alumni Association.

Kenyatta Scott was a teacher, coach, athletic director, and the biggest ALHS fan there could be. He supported the Alumni Association in every event we held and gladly offered his time and voice where we needed it, including at our Annual Crab Feeds. We have worked with the school to start a scholarship fund in his name. The Kenyatta Scott Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student-athlete who best represents the qualities of Coach Kenyatta Scott: dedication, kindness, a positive attitude, respect for all players, and extreme admiration for the game of soccer.

Jeff Stahl (S56) was a former member of the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association and participated in the Wall of Fame Committee and our former Bell Game Committee. Jeff continued his support for the Alumni Association after leaving The Board. We have established a scholarship fund in his honor to be awarded to a student who excelled in sports and retained a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Looking Forward

Upcoming is our Wall of Fame Dinner on April 24th. The flier is prominent in this Log and on our website. We'll also roll into the next Car Show on Saturday, September 30th, 2023. For those of you planning reunions, we plan to host the Car Show at Lincoln on the final Saturday in September going forward, and we've already had a few classes pick that date as their reunion date.

We'll continue to move forward with all of our programs at keeping you informed of everything with the Alumni Association and with Lincoln. We're a small group but we pull a lot of weight. If you have interest in seeing how you could help, please feel free to e-mail me directly at jonwoo@lincolnalumni.com

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Maybe I have misphrased that header. We need a “BIG” help here to reach our goal.

The Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Association of San Francisco is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to Abraham Lincoln High School. We provide support for the school community and connect our alumni with each other and the current school. Through memberships, donations and events, we are able to provide support to the Mustang community through teacher grants and student scholarships. In 2022, 30 graduating seniors were awarded a total of just over

40,000 in scholarship money.

We welcome your participation in making Lincoln High foremost in all categories, from sports championships to scholarships.

We humbly thank you, in advance, for your donations.

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Sure, I drink brake fluid. But I can stop anytime!

I bought a boat because it was for sail.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve!

The Abraham Lincoln High School of SF Alumni Association's

Annual Wall of Fame Dinner

At The Family Club, 545 Powell Street (at Bush), San Francisco

Monday, April 24, 2023

6pm: No host cocktails

7pm: Dinner and Induction

PRESENTING THE 2023 WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Winifred Kessler, PhD. Class of Fall 1966. Chair of the Forestry Department at the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada and the Chair of the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

Nancy Hersh, Class of Fall 1963. Attorney and tireless advocate for Women's Health issues and the first woman to be awarded the San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Daniel Kim. Former beloved English teacher at Lincoln. Daniel is now the Development Director at Rise University Preparatory in San Francisco.

In addition, we will also celebrate our Alumni Scholarship recipients from the Class of 2023!

Reservations may be made online at www.lincolnalumni.com/wall-of-fame-2023 or by completing the form below and mailing to Isabel Hogan, ALHSAA, 1116 Fairlawn Court #11, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

All reservations must be made by Monday, April 17th, 2023

Tickets will not be mailed. Your name will be listed at the door. All donations are tax deductible.

For questions, please e-mail lincolnalumni@lincolnalumni.com or leave a voicemail message at 415.779.2162.

Name: _____ Class Of _____

Address (Street/City/Zip) _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Name of Guest(s) and ALHS graduating class (if applicable): _____

Dinner selection: \$90 includes wine with dinner, choice of entree and dessert:

_____ Prime Rib _____ Game Hen _____ Vegetarian

Checks payable to ALHS Alumni Association or via credit card below:

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I cannot attend but wish to make the following contribution: \$ _____

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 Special thanks to Faculty members and parents:
Jorge Goncalves, Sara Saldana, Julie Reis, Michael Topham, Betty Hom, Jim Alexander, Grayson and Nicole

Brand for their donations to the **Kenyatta Scott Scholarship**
Peter Whitehead S56
Jaclyn (Heiser) Jackso S61 For her donation in memory of her her classmate **Valerie (Davis) Grundvig.**

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 Don Oldham
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Doris (Saroyan) Rodrigo
Romulo Marania S82 (upgrade)
Carole (Rosemark) Farrell S 56 (upgrade)
Jeff Felix F57

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in from 6 yards out with 46 seconds left in the first quarter, and the rout was on.

Underwood was dominant through the first two quarters, picking up 158 of his 171 total rushing yards in the half.

Along with his opening drive touchdown, he scored on runs of 47 and 20 yards, often zipping through massive holes created by the Lincoln offensive line.

In the second half, Underwood gave way to his partner in the backfield, as Newman carried the ball eight times for 115 yards, including touchdown runs of one and 47 yards.

Newman said he was inspired in the second half by some fairly basic instructions from his teammates. "They told me to hold on to the ball and run fast," said Newman. "So that's what I did."

Junior quarterback **Michael Simmons** also chipped in for the Mustangs, adding touchdown scores from 49 and 5 yards in the second half.

Crenshaw entered on a seven-game winning streak that saw them average nearly 50 points a contest, but they could never get settled against a stout Lincoln defense.

Lewis threw two interceptions and fumbled once. The Mustangs also blocked a punt that set up Newman's 1-yard touchdown run.

Crenshaw was unable to get on the scoreboard until 7:21 was left in the fourth quarter, when Roberto Salazar hauled in a highlight-reel, juggling 36-yard touchdown reception from Lewis.

Just incidentally, Jamelle Newman, the 5'8", 142-pound running back was chosen All-State Second Team, an honor that only a handful of players earn each year



For Your Enjoyment

Are you a reader? We enjoy reading and commenting on Mustang authors.

This particular writer is terrifically prolific in exercising poetic license in novel after novel, which makes him...I guess... very novel.

Unlike one particular newsletter I won't mention, John takes you on trips to places you've never THOUGHT of, and leaves you with exclamation points suspended over your head.

John Jackson's new book, *The Lobbyist -- The Sultan of Spin*, is now available at Amazon and other fine book stores.

And now it's on to his next novel, *Death in the Berkshires*.

One of the powerful running backs of Lincoln High continues to roll up the yardage in the first California Championship game during which one team did not throw a single pass, Lincoln.

* Time flies like an arrow.
Fruit flies like a banana.

* To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.

* I had a crazy dream last night! I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. Turns out it was just a Fanta sea.

* Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango.

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Class of '73 Reunion

Save the Date: September 30, 2023

The class of 1973: 50th reunion is planned for Saturday, September 30, 2023.

To receive reunion details, such as events on the days before and/or after the main reunion event, please update your email information with the Abraham Lincoln SF 1973 Reunion Committee [@alincolnsf1973@gmail.com](mailto:alincolnsf1973@gmail.com) or keep checking the Abraham Lincoln SF Class of '73 Facebook Group for the latest information.

Barbara Hughes S73 sends this:

Class of 1973 50th Reunion weekend celebration begins at 5:00 on Friday, Sept. 29th, at Karl's Beacon (1355 Taraval Street at 24th Ave). Reunion Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, September 30th, in The San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in the Grand Ballroom (1630 Stockton St.). For more information contact the Abraham Lincoln SF 1973 Reunion Committee at alincolnsf1973@gmail.com or the Abraham Lincoln SF Class of 1973 Facebook Group.

*The past, the present,
and the future walk into
a bar. It was tense!*

WHAT? Lincoln Impersonators?

Alum **Helen Jean Bowie S58** sent in this tidbit for you history buffs to contemplate: Written by Hicks Wogan, here's the article;

THE BACKSTORY

As Lincoln reenactors, these Americans dress in the past to convey values for today.

Why Lincoln? That's the question Greta Pratt asked the costumed men before her camera, all of whom committed a portion of their lives to a president now gone for more than 140 years.

For these fans, Pratt learned, Abraham Lincoln "embodies one of America's most cherished tenets: that the common man, through sheer hard work and determination, can elevate his status in society."

At four annual conventions of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, Pratt met men and women who perform as the president and first lady at schools, senior centers, and other venues. For the portraits in her project, she framed the men in softly focused, pastoral backgrounds reminiscent of historical paintings, and she challenged them to "summon up your inner Lincoln."

They did so gladly. "Lincoln brings out the best in me," says Illinois reenactor Randy Duncan. "He probes the patriotism of each of us."

Though her subjects began portraying Lincoln for varied personal reasons, Pratt says, they continue because he helps them feel part of something larger than a nation.

Class of 1982 Did it Right

By: **Grace (Calucin) Barraza**

Hello Mustangs,

Just a quick note with a few pictures to let you know the Class of 1982 did it right.

Grace and her team somehow put this reunion together in 2 months and it was REALLY well done and REALLY fun.

A group of us were texting a few of these pictures around earlier, and I felt bad for **Ramon Martinez**, as he wasn't in any of them.

If you like what you see please think about getting involved with the Alumni Association and helping with a reunion or any other Lincoln celebration.

Speaking of Lincoln celebrations, Lincoln will be battling the Balboa Bucs TOMORROW in the Turkey Day All City Football Championship. (They won...Ed.)

If you have not been to a game in a while, this is a great way to catch up with fellow Mustangs and start your Thanksgiving off right.

We have heard that this year tickets will not be sold at the door and will need to be purchased through the Go Fan app., but unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful finding the game on the app.



Committee Members aka "The Dream Team"

Grace (Calucin) Barraza,
Coordinator
Celi (Mendoza) Bonifacio
Nora (Mosley) Foster
Myra (Calica) Hurley
Sandi Johnson
Lucretia (Robertson) King
Anna (Salcedo) Lopez
Marietta (Ibalio) Natuzzi
Jim Nguyen
Nenita (Villena) Nguyen
Stacey Salinas

Photo with ALL members:
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Standing Back Row (l-r):



Class of 1982



A Part of Lincoln

By Carl Nolte, SF Chron

There are places for all seasons in San Francisco, but not where you might think. They are ordinary places that make the city out of the ordinary.

One of them is the **Tennessee Grill**, on Taraval Street and 21st Avenue in the Parkside. "This place really is so San Francisco," said Ken Sproul, a pal who collects old-time restaurants. "But it's not the San Francisco people think of."

The place is plain but honest, serving big portions of American food. "An American diner," owner Kyaw Soe called it. The grill, named by a former owner from Tennessee, has been in the same spot for 70 years. "I haven't changed it a bit," Soe said. "It's just the way it was." But nothing is really what it was, especially the Parkside, which used to be the old-time Irish and Italian heart of the west side of the city, the classic "out in the avenues" section of San Francisco. Now it's mostly Asian with a mix of other folks.

Soe himself came to San Francisco from Burma, and he got a job at the Tennessee Grill in 1998 as a dishwasher. "My first and last job," he said. He saved his money and bought out the place in 2017.

"I do everything," he said. "I wait on tables, I cook, I'm the cashier. Everybody knows me, and I know all the customers."

He's open from 8 a.m. to 7 at night, seven days a week. There are 50 items on the menu, breakfast, lunch and dinner, two cooks and two grills, one broiler, breakfast all day. You can sit at the counter and watch the show. "Try the pot roast," Soe says, "I have ox tails on Friday, and that's pretty good."

Two air conditioning workers were in for lunch. "We come when we are in the neighborhood," said Kashmi Nabil, one of the AC guys. He offered the simplest of food reviews. "It's friendly here, the service is good, and we like the food."

Micro-Reunions



Lincoln S81, Mustangs Lawrence Peltier, H Keeling, Troy Morrell, Jimmy Taylor, Dougie Byrd having a Good time in Atlanta..they have known each other 50 years! Happy Holidays



A recurrence of the attitude of students of years gone by, this modern-day Mustang humbly executes the initiative of an entrepreneur, as he puts it on the line, so to speak, to gather monetary recompense for his efforts.

*Stolen from the WWW, this ad was pinned by **Eli Chin S22**. Eli says, "Hi everyone, my name is Eli, and I'm a senior at Lincoln High School. I can help you with your part-time needs like babysitting, gardening, and pet sitting. I'm the captain of the varsity volleyball team. I've been a gardener for SF Park and Rec and a SFUSD summer camp counselor. I have played baseball, soccer, and track. I've had two cats and walked dogs. I look forward to helping your family.*

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Unisex Jersey Tee
\$28 - \$32



Clear Cases \$17.00

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A Zazzi Experience

In the 40s, life was simpler but troublesome at times. Travel was reduced to trains. After graduation, the Zazzis headed for Arkansas to further their education. But, you never really know what will happen on long train rides. Jane relates the coinkydinkie encounter on that train ride.

My sister, Dorothy, and I at least had seats on Western Pacific Railway for our sophomore year in the Fall of 1945. We would pass through Reno, Salt Lake City and St. Louis. Then South to Bald Knob, Arkansas, where personnel from Harding College would meet us and drive the short distance to Searcy, Arkansas.

In our freshman year, the Fall of 1944, it was wartime. The trip was a mess, we went the southern route. When we transferred trains in Los Angeles the conductor informed us we did not have seats, but we should before too long. We could sit on the long wooden bench in the caboose until we did. We were able to get off the train with him to stretch our legs. It was interesting in the night to watch him swing his lantern back and forth to tell the engineer, "all clear."

Our train trip in the Fall of 1945 on August 26th, after General MacArthur signed the peace treaty with Japan was different; at Salt Lake City an announcement was made, we would stop longer than planned to add more passenger cars. This was accomplished, and we traveled the rest of the night through the Rocky Mountains.

The next morning a conductor stopped by our seat and asked if we had any interest in

a passenger car all to ourselves. He suggested we just walk forward and pick one.

We did that and found the first empty car but continued to the fourth car. The entire rest of the day no one else came through our car.

The railroad company must have taken old, old, old cars out of the barn because they were relics, but at least we had head comfy seats and seat backs.

The train stopped and we read a sign that said, "Fort Leavenworth," about one thousand American soldiers neatly dressed in uniforms with brimmed hats were standing, eight to a row, as far as we could see. We understood why it took so long to load additional cars.

Our railroad car was parked



front and center on the platform at a little after 6:00 p.m. Our car door opened and a few soldiers boarded.

Two came right to us. One of them asked Dorothy if she would mind moving to the seat behind us so both of them could talk to a pretty girl. Sis moved.

Soldiers kept boarding but not everyone sat down. Maybe three stood up beside the soldier who sat next to me.

The soldier next to me began singing as did the standing soldiers. The train started and I joined the singing. The soldier had a very well-rounded voice. Being unafraid to sing, because I sang out loud all the time at home, I sang

songs with him. Besides, I had had some voice lessons.

We talked more, and he informed me very firmly he was going to the Julliard School of Music in New York on the G.I. Bill! He would study hard and be as famous as Frank Sinatra. He also told me his buddy, sitting with Dorothy, would be his manager. He wanted very much to get his mother out of the garment district in New York where she only earned one cent a dress.

I gave him a lot of information about San Francisco, as I was a second-generation San Franciscan.

We continued singing great songs. Somewhere along the way he began putting his arm around me and giving me little kisses on my cheek. This was such a fine time, one was grateful so many made it home from the war in Europe.

During a conversation break, I suggested he give me his name so I would know him when he became famous. He answered, "my name is Anthony D. Bennetto." I wrote it down in a small black address book which has since disappeared.

The train stopped in St. Louis in the middle of the platform where the clock read 9:00 p.m.

The soldiers lept out of their seats and into the lobby without even a wave to us.

The train then continued to Bald Knob, Arkansas where we were met by Harding College personnel.

Later, I found out, my soldier friend had met his goals as he became quite popular. I never tried to contact him until two years ago. He was also 94

years old and still entertaining with his daughter at Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. When my son, Richard, contacted the manager in charge of acts he revealed Tony Bennett had been diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease in 2020.

Kenyatta Scott, beloved S.F. Lincoln High School teacher, dies at 53 By Sam Whiting SFChronicle

Kenyatta Scott (in neon green tracksuit in photo page 17) with fellow Lincoln High School teachers before their performance at the annual Bell Game Rally before the varsity football team played rival Washington.

Courtesy Susan Kelley-Degrado

Any extracurricular activity at Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco needed one essential element to get the spirit going, and that was **Kenyatta Scott**.

Scott taught math and computer science, coached both boys and girls soccer, and served a long stretch as athletic director. But his main job in all of this was to be the school's chief enthusiast. He would get out on the football field in a neon green Adidas track-suit and lead a lip sync Gangnam Style at a pep rally for the annual Bell Game between the Washington Eagles in the Richmond District and the Lincoln Mustangs across the park in the Sunset.

Scott was the life of the teachers' lounge and the Friday happy hour. The alumni association could count on him to emcee the annual alumni crab feed. Scott did it all for 22 years without letup even after being diagnosed with colon cancer in 2021.

He worked through the punishing chemo treatments before finally calling in sick on Nov. 14. When he was still absent two days later, his best friends on the faculty went to his Sunset District apartment to check on him during their lunch break. Scott could barely make it to the door so they called an ambulance. He died in hospice on Nov. 19, said his sister LaDana Scott, of Austin, Texas. He was 53.

"Kenyatta would call himself 'Brutha



Luv,' just because he wanted to spread positivity," said Lincoln principal Shari Balisi, who worked with Scott since 2004. "He always made sure the kids came first so that when students leave Lincoln, they have that Lincoln pride, that community feeling."

As such, Scott wore a coat and tie in the classroom and conveyed Southern charm and gentlemanly courtesy. He was that way online, too. Fellow staffers would return from vacation or a long weekend to find an inspirational email in their inboxes, signed "Brutha Luv" with a link to a music video to get them pumped up.

"At the end of each staff meeting he would say 'more love, more love,' as a reminder to the teachers to be kind to each other and kind to the students because it could be rough out there," said Jorge Goncalves, who teaches digital media design at Lincoln. With 2,000 students and a faculty of 120, Lincoln can be a big and impersonal place — less so when Scott was there.

"He was bigger than life," said Balisi, the principal. "That was part of his personality as well." Kenyatta Octavius Scott was born Aug. 30, 1969, in Milwau-

kee, Wis., the fourth of five children raised by their mother, Ethel Scott. He was 8 when he was put up for adoption and moved to Richland, Miss. by his adopted family. He graduated from Richland High School, where he played football, and earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg.

"He always wanted to give back to the community," said his sister. "He wasn't only a teacher. He was a counselor, a listener, and a confidante. He was patient and gave sound advice."

After teaching in Mississippi for two years, Scott came to California and was hired at Lincoln in 2002.

Elaine Walenta had one year in at Lincoln, teaching English and running the drama department when Scott was hired.

Walenta, Goncalves, and Scott took a six-month sabbatical at the same time so they could meet in Australia and travel to New Zealand. Even in a different hemisphere, Scott was the same person. He'd greet people in the streets of Melbourne exactly the way he did it in the hallways at Lincoln.

"It was who he was," said Walenta. "The love for his fellow man was at his inner core."

As Lincoln's athletic director, he held coaches and players to a high standard. He once forfeited a JV football game that Lincoln had won 52-0 because he learned after the game that a player had suited-up who was not on the

eligibility list.

"I was pissed off but it was the best lesson I have learned," said the coach, Kevin Doherty. "He could have swept it under the rug but integrity for him was the most important thing."

Last May, when Scott was deep into cancer treatments and also dealing with Type 2 diabetes, he organized a faculty happy hour at the Sunset Reservoir Brewing Co. Normally, the teachers pitch into an ongoing fund that covers the tab and everyone assumed this was the case. But Scott paid for the food and two rounds of drinks and did not want anyone to know it. He also supplied much of the entertainment.

"He was in hyperdrive in terms of wanting to connect people more," said Goncalves. "When you get a diagnosis like that you want to appreciate every moment."

Scott worked weekends as a soccer official in various leagues in San Francisco, and was a referee at the Gay Games, both in the city and abroad.

When school started this August, Scott was in his usual role of campus cheerleader, as if nothing were wrong.

"You could see him in the hallway not moving as fast," said Goncalves. "He wanted the kids to have one full semester with him." But he came up a month short.

The day after he was hospitalized, in November, Lincoln played Lowell in the AAA varsity football playoffs. Scott was named honorary captain, and Doherty presented him with a vintage Bell Game jersey and instructions to deliver it to Scott at the hospital, which she did along with the news

that Lincoln had won, 27-8. The jersey — red and gold, No. 74, size XXL — was still at the foot of the bed when Scott died on a Saturday morning with Walenta holding his hand.

Allan Burkett 2013 grad, Added this thought;

I may not remember what's been said, but I do remember how I felt. Kenyatta was a friend, teacher, coach, and a wonderful human being that brought warmth with him wherever he went.

I'm grateful for all the walks we went on during season one of the pandemic. I cherish the conversations and laughs we had over some good food and games. I'm so glad I came out to celebrate his birthday in August. What a wonderful experience it was to gather around with so many different back-

grounds and opinions, yet have the common ground be the friendship we have built with Kenyatta.

Grieving for two days, I could only sleep to stop crying. The memories I have of him I shall keep fresh in my mind, a reminder to keep trying. And in a world where one can be anything, I'll choose to be kind. Much love to Chocolate Buddha. Rest in Peace, Mr. Scott. Your absence is immensely felt but your vibe is certainly not forgotten.

A non-alum, Sara, a S90 Washington High alum wrote this poignant remembrance; "*I worked on a teaching project with Kenyatta and in just a few brief meetings he touched my heart and soul.*" As did almost everyone who came in contact with Kenyatta.

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Kenyatta Scott, Second from left in this faculty photo

Lincoln High Alumni Association Board Loses One of its Own

Contributed by Rita (Liva) Currivan S1956

Jeff Stahl S56 entered my life when I was 14 and both of us were freshmen at Lincoln High School. We were friendly for the 4 years we attended, and I always liked and admired him. He played on the football team and my Father was a Lincoln football team fan and attended many games, including every Thanksgiving Day championship game at Kezar! My parents had an annual Christmas Eve evening Open House, and a couple of years he invited many of the football team to this event, including Jeff. They all respected and admired my Dad.

When the time for our 10-year class reunion was imminent, I was invited to join the planning committee, and Jeff was also on the committee. Lots of planning, then the event and always the post-meeting party. The same happened with the 20, 30, 40, and 50 year reunions. Jeff's wife, Irene, was a lovely, patient, fun woman and I always enjoyed her company. Ironically, in later years I worked with a woman, whom we discovered, was Irene's cousin and we then had a wonderful connection because since they were both only children growing up in Sacramento; they were close.

When I was looking for property in Rossmoor, I discovered my realtor was married to a close friend of Jeff's from Lincoln. They went off to college together and traveled Europe. Small world, all the time!

When Irene died, I was saddened for Jeff. I stayed in touch with him by phone with annual calls

and chats. He seemed to be doing well, but I could sense he felt the loss of his lovely wife.

The shock I experienced when I heard of his death was real and I was saddened. His presence on the Alumni Board and in life was big and all who knew him will know the loss.



The following was contributed by **Carole (Rosemark) Farrell S56, Classmate and Friend of Jeff Stahl S56.**

I was 80 years old when Jeff entered my life.

Well, actually, I was 13. But back at Aptos Jr. High and Lincoln Big School, I didn't know Jeff very well. We were on Student Council together at Aptos, and we had some friends in common, but mostly we ran with different crowds at Lincoln.

I thought of Jeff as BMOC, a football player, and very social. He was always at the podium during reunions introducing people and thanking classmates.

A couple of months after my husband of 60 years died, Jeff entered my life. I received a sympathy card saying my husband,

who had died a year prior, died on his wife's birthday. They had been married 54 years. He thought this was a sign that we should be friends. That card was the start of a lovely friendship between us, exchanging phone calls, cards, lunches, and traveling. Luckily, we developed a friendship before the pandemic, and his positive, outgoing attitude helped make the lockdown more bearable.

In 2019 we attended the Lincoln High Championship Football game at City College together, where I experienced Jeff's impressive ability to connect and bring people together. His friendly social skills and gentlemanly manners came into play. He wanted to introduce me to some lady friends in the stands, Gwen Chan, a former principal, and Rosemary Kamkar, a teacher and Student Activities Director at Lincoln. As it turns out, Rosemary and I are long-lost "cousins" with relatives in Pennsylvania. With Jeff's timely introduction, I found a "cousin" I never knew I had. Jeff had an amazing memory of players and stats and trivia things. It was fun watching sports of all kinds with him.

A caring friend, Jeff would always send cards and letters to all his friends for birthdays, holidays or just to say hello. I was often the recipient of these cards; he had a big heart. I will really miss him and his 6:15 phone calls.

He loved living, his family, music, and a martini.

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REUNIONS

***Class of S68 & Friends.** Class of '68 & Friends: We are in the planning stages for mid October 2023, 55th Year Reunion. The location is set for the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. The committee, (Linda Jensen, Nancy McMichael, Bob Palu & Ford Long) need your help reaching out to classmates. Please send email addresses to fordlong2@gmail.com. Go Mustangs!

***Class of S73,** In planning stage. See article page 7.

***Class of 1980:** 40th reunion is in the planning stage. Information: **Shari (Chadwick) Morgan**, shari.chadwick1@gmail.com or **Dan Slane**, dslane@bbnca.com. Volunteer to help, a committee can be more fun than the reunion.

*** Class of 1983:** 40th reunion planned for Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Pomeroy Center in San Francisco. Please refer to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lincoln83/>. Email: Classof83@gomustangs.org, and include all of your contact information, including complete full name in high school. Social media contact information is also requested.

***Class of 1995:** 25th reunion is in the planning stage. For information; **Connie Chiu**, constance522@yahoo.com

Do you have a reunion that is not listed? Please let us know so we can list it and possibly increase the participation.

If it is to be, it is up to me!