

UHS ALL SCHOOL REUNION
OCTOBER 29, 2005
“Memories”

It is the intention of the committee to have a **Grand Party** as this could be our very last all-school activity. We want everyone who ever attended U School to attend.

Before 1964 we attended at Third and Jordan. Between 1964 and 1972 we attended at Tenth Street at the Bypass. After 1972 we went on to BHS North to graduate, some going first to a middle school or to University Elementary School. We are the University High School Family.

As reunion plans proceeded, we decided that **“Memories”** would be our theme and the emphasis of our plans. Our list of names and addresses grew larger; we found more teachers; and we found more connections to each other through our web page and through our contacts in each class.

Also, we found some current seeds of interest in our existence of years ago. A BHSN parent organization, “Cougars for Better Education” has plans to create a mirrored wall at the new and improved BHS North where they will engrave names of outstanding graduates of North, including University HS and Unionville HS, the schools which blended to become Bloomington North. Names for the wall go through a nominating process. We will have nominating forms at the party, or you can find an application on the BHSN website, which is linked from our UHS website.

A most thrilling connection has been made with Kathy Loser, librarian at North, who is working on organizing a student group to research the history of the school. She wants the students to do oral histories with people like us; she wants video histories, too. She and her group will be at our party taking such histories. She has the enthusiasm and support of the administration. The video that we worked so hard on for the 1998 reunion was an inspiration to her and will be her guide.

Following a suggestion Kathy Loser gave me, I met with Janice Bizzari who is the current principal of University Elementary School. All of this excited her, and she wants to be a part of any further investigation we might do about our wonderful “U” School. Because of all this growing interest in ‘good ole’ UHS, we are expanding the 1998 video tape and doing further study into the changes and history that have evolved since 1972.

Anyone who wants to make a tax deductible donation to BHSN hall of fame or to the history project will be able to do so at the party. Make checks payable to Cougars for Better Education or to the MCCSC Foundation with a notation as to what the money is for. Never before have we had a good purpose to which to direct our offerings.

We will be taping the party itself to add to the research that is taking place right now. On the new tape there will be video histories and memories, facts and pictures of the schools that our original school has touched. Some of the proceeds from this effort will go to the Cougars for Better Education for one or the other project. We hope that everyone will want to purchase one of the new tapes. The address for ordering the VHS tape or DVD is in the registration letter you received, and which can be found on the web page. No one knows if there will ever be more done about our school. This is a great opportunity to relive our memories.

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