

EDISON ALUMNI NEWS

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WINTER 2009

A PHOTO CLASS AT EDISON HIGH SCHOOL TAKES AN ENTREPRENEURIAL TURN AND PROVIDES AN AFFORDABLE SERVICE.

The entrepreneurial spirit is expanding in the art department at Minneapolis Edison High School.

Some bright students and their art and graphic-arts teacher Mark Rizzardi have expanded Edison's homemade-yearbook business to include a student-run photo lab that provides a yearbook photo for only \$10 at the northeast Minneapolis school.

The school is disproportionately populated by low-income immigrant kids. Last year, only half of 200-plus Edison seniors sat for professionally taken yearbook pictures. The rest just used their student-identification photo. Rizzardi, who is also the yearbook adviser, saw an opportunity to engage kids from his art classes in hands-on learning through an endeavor that also would teach them about the trade by producing an economical product for which several dozen kids already have put money down.

"I've already orchestrated about eight photo shoots," said freshman Malaysia Barnes, 14, who was helping Bontu Abdissa, 18, before her portrait last week in a storage space converted to a no-frills photo studio. "I try to make the photo subjects feel and pose comfortably, so they look good. "I also enforce the '10 Things to Know' about preparing for a studio portrait. I'm really learning about photography from Mr. Rizzardi."

As Barnes helped Abdissa prepare for her shoot, seventh-hour class photographers Awil Mohamed, 15, and Jibril Nur, 18, checked out their cameras.

Both plan to study engineering at

four-year colleges. They also are exploring art at the intersection of portraits and computer science.

For \$10, Edison seniors will get the yearbook shot of their choice produced by the students on classroom equipment. Each kid gets a photo-laden CD to take to a commercial printer. The local Walgreen's on Central Avenue NE. makes various-size prints for as little as \$10 for Edison kids.

The photos look great," said senior Chris Kukowski, 18. Rizzardi said some students will continue to go to professional photographers and that's great.

But the new student-operated photo lab provides a learning opportunity and an attractive product for students who otherwise wouldn't have any pictures shot.

"I was once a starving artist," Rizzardi said. "I have a history of innovation and saving money."

"A typical studio bargain price would be about \$50 for a basic sitting, and it can go well over \$200. The 'eStudio,' now part of my photo curriculum, allows students in any photo class to take part, as model and photographer. No charge for students in a photo class. Ten bucks for everybody else. For that price they will receive 30 high-resolution images, using a Canon SLR digital camera, which we burn to a CD. Walgreens, for \$9.99, they will print an assortment of 46 photographs."

Rizzardi and his students took the plunge into in-house production with community partners after Edison's yearbook publisher started demanding deadlines as early as the fall before graduation and the price for even a basic book shot over \$50. Fewer than half the seniors were buying yearbooks. Rizzardi sells the yearbooks for \$25 to \$45, depending on how early students sign up. He and the 20-student yearbook staff plunged into their photography, design and layout, using the same Adobe Creative Suite online tools used by professionals.

Frank Miske Jr., the owner of nearby Custom Business Forms, prints the 144-page yearbooks, including color senior pictures, at cost in the spring under the watchful eye of the student editors, who complete the process with his pressmen. "This is great for the kids," Miske told me a few years ago as we watched pages come off the press. "This is a tough business and we need good workers."

Other business partners who collaborate on Edison's student-operated photo-and-yearbook business include Di's Print Shop, owned by Edison grad Diane Halvorson; the Northeast Newspaper, and West Photo, all neighborhood businesses.

This article was written by Neal St. Anthony Published November 3, 2009 in the Minneapolis Star & Tribune

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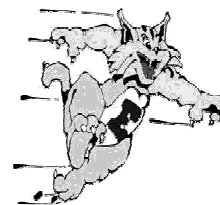
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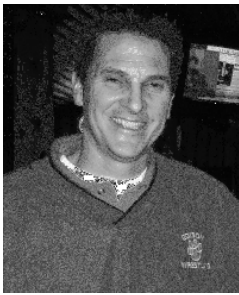
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ALUMNI NEWS

Class of '48

62nd Class Reunion on Friday Sept 15th, 2010 at the Midland Hills Country Club.

Class of '55

55/55-The class of 1955 will hold its 55th year class reunion at Columbia Golf Manor on Thursday, September 16, 2010, from 4pm to 9pm. Contact Art & Grace Maxwell, P.O. Box 1384 Red Lodge, MT 59068. Home # 406-446-1634, Cell # 406-671-8108.

The Delphi Club and friends of Patti (Durand) Larson Class of '53 made a donation to be given to the Alumni Band in Honor of all they Do!

Some great things have been stirring at Edison these days. The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) courses, College in the Schools (CIS) and Career Technical Education (CTE) are all being offered as part of next year's class offerings. Edison had to go through a rigorous approval process to become an IB school. The IB contingent, who was part of the approval process, appreciated how well the school presented itself and how dedicated the staff was to providing the best possible education for their students. With its highly qualified and passionate staff Edison is now on par with every school in the area. If you get a chance to stop by the school feel free to see the changes yourself.

Edison is also connecting with the visual and performing arts community. There have been

added advanced arts classes and a connection has been made with the National Arts Society. A theater class and drama club has been established and will be performing next semester. The graphics art department has started its own photo studio and will be taking photos of seniors for their senior yearbook pictures. The student run studio not only allows students to learn how to run a studio, but allows many students to be able to afford the pictures. The band and choir programs have had increasing numbers and a drum line has been already performing for assemblies.

This year's Homecoming/Oktoberfest was a great success. Our turnout was tremendous, especially when you consider how bad the weather was that night. The big tent offered a great invit-

ing shelter for the night and Popbang (the band) was inspiring everyone to get off their feet and enjoy a truly Northeast event. Put September 24th in your calendars for next year's Homecoming/Oktoberfest extravaganza. It has been my pleasure to play in the alumni band for more than 30 years. This year the band has been especially inspiring. Within a three week span the band attended eight reunions and one event. It was tremendous seeing all that Tommie pride from the classes and their committees. However, it was a big commitment for all the members of the band to be a big part of each of those events. Thank you alumni band members for all you do for Edison and the community.

Go Tommies!!!

EDISON HALL OF FAME

Back in 1984 the foundation elected and inducted Pete Guzy as the charter member into the Edison Community Sports Foundation's Hall of Fame. Each of the 25 years since, the Board has elected meritorious candidates to join Pete in being inducted in the Hall of Fame. Each inductee is honored at an annual HOF Program, presented with a plaque, and a duplicate is hung in the Edison High School Gymnasium's lobby.

Entrance into the HOF is difficult. Each candidate's credentials are thoroughly examined and discussed. To be successfully elected a candidate must receive the votes of 70% of the Board members present and voting.

To see the list of inductees over the past 25 years or to nominate someone in to the 2010 Edison Hall Of Fame please go to our website at www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org or you may request an application by mail.

EDISON GETS NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Thanks to the support of the NE community, including the Edison Community Sports Foundation who gifted Edison High School with an updated sound system. The previous system was very old and was no longer effective.

Edison is one of the few schools in the cities who hosts region sports tournaments. This new addition will make Edison shine even brighter!

Special thanks to our alumni, and foundation contributors for helping to make this gift possible.

In the next issue.....

Three years ago, after years of budget cuts and declining resources, Edison High School had no band. In the 2008-2009 school year the band returns and today...

Annual Alumni May Dinner Fundraiser details.

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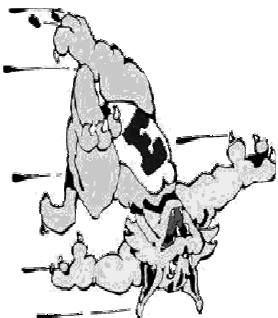
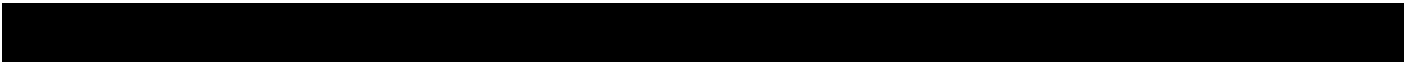
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The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is made up of 30 Board Directors who volunteer their time and efforts to support Edison High School students and organizations with scholarships and other charitable commitments. It started as a way to honor former teacher/coach and great athlete — Pete Guzy. And has become a lasting tribute to his spirit and Edison's alumni's dedication to the school and Northeast Minneapolis. You can participate with the Foundation at the annual Hall of Fame Night, May Dinner, or Art Solz Memorial Golf Tournament or with a contribution directly to the scholarship funds.

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