



THE RAM'S HORN

REUNION 2015 EDITION

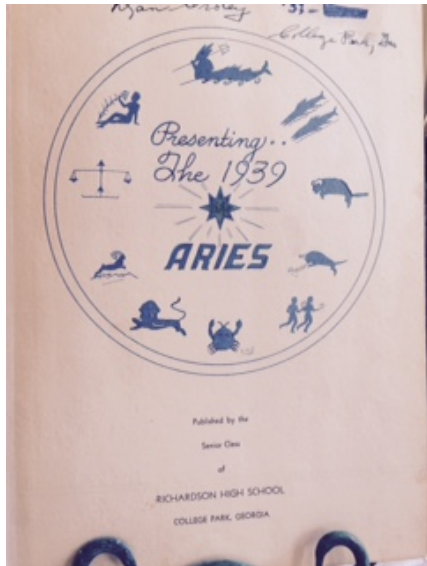
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WHAT MADE US COLLEGE PARK RAMS?

The year was 1943, and a newly-constructed high school was destined to become the catalyst for major changes in burgeoning College Park. Spacious and modern, the two-story brick structure was named, not surprisingly, "College Park High School." Standing impressively on Main Street in the heart of town, CPHS could serve a significantly greater number of students than had its predecessor, Alonzo Richardson High School.

Everything with College Park High School was new: location, building, books, classes, schedules, even some of the administrators and teachers. RHS was to be no more. As Richardson High School faded into College Park High, however, the RHS school mascot charged into the new school along with the students.



In 1939, RHS had published its first yearbook, named, **The ARIES** as a nod to **ARIES the RAM** in the Zodiac; the honor of naming the new yearbook had been given to Richardson's graduating class of 1939.

ARIES the RAM became a link between the two high schools during the transition. Without pause, the CPHS yearbook was published as, **The ARIES** and featured a ram logo. RHS students had published a prize-winning newsletter under the name, "**THE RICHARDSONIAN.**" At CPHS, the student newsletter became, "**The RAM'S HORN.**" **ARIES the RAM** was the school's proud mascot until CPHS closed in 1988.

One more connection between the two schools: The premier edition of **The ARIES** was dedicated to RHS teacher, Miss Sara Swanson. Most **RAMS** will remember this dear lady as the formidable, wise, brilliant, beloved CPHS Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sara Swanson Cochran.

CALLING ALL RAMS!

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2015 IS FAST APPROACHING!
HAVE YOU REGISTERED for the 2015 CPHS Multi-year Reunion?
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.COLLEGEPAKRAMS.ORG
REGISTER VIA U.S. MAIL. REGISTRATION FORM IS AVAILABLE
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FIRST, THE BASICS: *Food, Shelter*

REST EASY, RAMS

One of College Park's finest lodgings could be the ideal place to lay your sleepy head. Marriott's Springfield Suites Atlanta Airport Gateway is offering king and queen suites at a reduced rate to **RAMS** during the 2015 Reunion Weekend. Springfield Suites is a smoke-free facility.

Springhill Suites Atlanta Airport Gateway **SPECIAL CPHS REUNION RATE: \$109+tax**
2091 Convention Center Concourse
College Park, GA 30337 Tel. 770-907-8880; 1-888-287-9400 Toll-free

Simple guidelines **RAMS** must follow to receive the \$109-per-night Special CPHS Reunion Rate: (1) **RAMS** must say they are with the CPHS Reunion at the time reservations are being made and **not wait until arriving** at the Springhill Suites. (2) **RAMS** must secure reservations with a major credit card by **August 31st**. On-site parking, which is \$12-per-day, is **excluded**.

The Special CPHS Reunion Rate is available **only** on the two nights of Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th. This rate includes complimentary full breakfast, in-room high-speed Internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron; and on-site fitness center, pool and business center. ATL SkyTrain connects the hotel directly to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and MARTA Trains. For complete details, visit: <http://www.springhillsuitesatlantaairportgateway.com>

DON'T GO AROUND HUNGRY

A FEW FAV COLLEGE PARK RESTAURANTS:

The BRAKE PAD (L, D & late)
 3403 Main Street at Rugby Avenue
 Tel. 404-766-1515 - Open 7 days
www.brakepadatlanta.com

The CORNER GRILLE (B, L & D)
 3823 Main Street at John Wesley Avenue
 Tel. 404-767-1135 - Closed Mondays
www.thecornergrillecollegepark.com

The MANCHESTER ARMS (L, D & late)
 1705 Virginia Avenue at Lee Street
 Tel. 404-763-9980 - Closed Sundays
www.themanchesterarms.com

NOODLE (L & D)
 3693 Main Street at Princeton Avenue
 Tel. 404-767-5154 - Closed Sundays
www.noodlehouse.net

The PIG and The PINT (L, D & late)
 1583 Virginia Avenue at Myrtle Street
 Tel. 404-549-2416 - Open 7 days
www.thepigandthepintatl.com

SIMON'S STEAK & SEAFOOD (L & D)
 3529 Main Street at Virginia Avenue
 Tel. 404-768-0143 - Open 7 days
www.simonsss.com

These eateries offer full menus and bars. "Late" indicates extended bar service hours, with reduced or no food service available. These restaurants offer al fresco, some more limited than others. Casual attire is standard. Info is current at print in July; wise **RAMS** might call ahead to ensure info remains accurate by CPHS Reunion Weekend.

RAMS BRING CLUBS, EYEBALL CARPET

Thanks go out to Tommy Fields, Class of '60

Not satisfied with merely invading their old stomping grounds, maverick **RAMS** are urging alums to pack clubs for the 2015 CPHS Reunion September 19th.



Will the big dogs be teed off? Will they end up in the cabbage?

Not to worry. The first official **CPHS Alumni Golf Tournament** appears headed for the dance floor, thanks to the efforts of Tommy Fields ('60) and Jim Webb ('64).

"We are exploring the possibilities of having a golf outing" in conjunction with the September 19th Reunion, Tommy said. "If you are interested in this outing, please reply to the **Alumni Golf Tournament Survey**."

Participation is key, however; **RAMS** (M and F) interested in the potential tournament are encouraged-*beseached*-to respond to the survey, **seen below**. This simple survey, designed to ace the event, is being sent to alums via email and the CPHS website. Surveying will remain active for the next several weeks. If survey responses indicate sufficient interest, alums will be notified of all details for the Tourney.

Golfers experienced and novice are asked to choose one of the three survey options and email that choice to Tommy or Jim. There will be no mulligan for this survey.

If you would enjoy a few rounds of golf with longtime friends, you have to make it happen! Respond to the survey with your choice of dates, then email Tommy/Jim ASAP.

"We are excited about the possibilities of an Alumni Golf Tournament," Tommy said. "If there are enough interested participants, we will send another email with details."

-1st CPHS ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT SURVEY-

Option 1: Yes, I would be interested in playing in the Tournament on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th** at approximately 9:30 am.

Option 2: Yes, I would be interested in playing in the Tournament on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th** at approximately 9:30 am.

Option 3: Yes, I would be interested in playing in the Tournament on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th** at approximately 9:30 am.

Golf course availability will determine the exact tee time, Tommy said, noting the preference is for a tee time prior to noon. **RAMS** are asked to email their survey choices and questions to:

Tommy Fields: Tfields3@numail.org

Jim Webb: Jwebb@Webb-firm.com

RAMS TRAVELED to EUROPE for 'STUDY'

CPHS was out for the summer. It was 1967, and fun was uppermost in the minds of RAMS. It happened that a small but clever group of RAMS convinced their parents to send them for six weeks of "study" in Europe. Hmmmmmm....

RAMS were photographed by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* prior to departure. The photo was printed in The AJC's June 28th, 1967 edition.

Appearing ready to embark for serious "studying," these **RAMS** are (Seated, l-r): Margaret Smith ('68); Nancy McNiel ('69); Missie Hydrick ('69); Sandy Hill ('67); Sandy Stone ('69). (Standing, l-r): Connie Chapman ('67); Cay Matthews ('67); Patti Samoden ('67).

Upon their return home, **RAMS** claimed to have learned a great deal in Europe. No report can be found documenting just what they "studied."

Fast-forward forty-eight years, and we find Cay again in Europe and accompanied by a gentleman: hubby James Ellis.



Switzerland's famed Castle de Chillon was one site Cay and James enjoyed, touring Europe in June 2015 as participants in Georgia Power's Ambassadors Program.

*Editor's Note: **The RAM'S HORN** is grateful to the AJC for capturing RAMS in this 1967 photo and to Connie and Cay for hacking their memorabilia to share.*

Johnny D: Making Music All His Life

Thanks go out to L.E. "Eddie" Patmore, Class of '63

"Johnny made his living in music for many years," Eddie Patmore said. "His main instrument was the drums, although he played other instruments and sang, as well. At one time, he owned a recording studio in downtown College Park." Johnny D picked up drumsticks as a youngster and had a natural talent. Both he and his wife, Toni Thompson Duncan, are 1963 alum. Most of Johnny D's career was with the local band, *Randy and the Holidays*. "They were very popular during the '60s and '70s," Eddie said. Eddie has shared a link presenting the musical life and career of CPHS's Johnny D.

The video was produced by Bonnie Duncan Brown (1959), Johnny D's sister.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=combKBuSSyA>

Educator, Family Man, Renaissance Man, Raconteur: Remembering Mr. Kimes

He joined us as the 1961 academic year began. He brought with him three years of teaching in a small north Georgia town, a newly-earned Master's Degree in Business Education and a hunger for knowledge. He was Mr. Kimes.



College Park High School was a massive, multi-storied place bustling with energy in 1961. Here, professional educators instilled in their students facts, formulas, ideas, discipline and the ability to think for themselves. The school motto, "Virtue, Honor and Knowledge," was alive in the classrooms. It was into this atmosphere newly-hired CPHS teacher Bill Kimes arrived and immediately flourished. Blessed with a bright mind, quick wit and innate curiosity, Bill made friends easily and never met a stranger. He seemed interested in everything, such was his zest for life. Yet it is his kindness and understanding that are recalled by those who knew him.

A few of his former CPHS students offered to share their memories: "My first memory of Mr. Kimes was his first lesson. He taught us a lesson on how to write numbers 0-9 in a way that would be easy to

read. He stressed that many math mistakes are caused by misreading numbers."

- Cay Matthews Ellis, Class of '67

"I took Typing under Mr. Kimes at CPHS. I did not realize how valuable that would become until years later, as I entered the work force. Also, I had Business Law under his direction. He was a man with a unique sense of humor and was a **great teacher**. The world was just a little bit better when he was here." - Mike Hudson, Class of '69.

"I had him for ninth grade Math. After about a week, he started calling me, 'Loretta;' even though I constantly corrected him," Mr. Kimes persisted. "After several weeks, I stayed after class, went up to him and said, 'Mr. Kimes, why do you insist on calling me, "Loretta?" My name is, "Alicia!"' Without pause, he smiled at frustrated student and said, "I call you Loretta, after Loretta Young, because you are the most *dramatic* child I have ever known." And so Alicia became Loretta in Mr. Kimes' ninth grade Math. - Alicia Gazaway Rainwater, Class of '67

His wide cadre of loving family and friends are grateful they knew Bill Kimes, but none more than the pretty little blonde English teacher from Mississippi, who joined the CPHS Faculty in 1961 also. The memory of Mr. Bill Kimes and Miss Martha Sanders, whose romance blossomed before our eyes in the halls of our alma mater, remains a love story **RAMS** cherish. Bill and Martha became Mr. and Mrs. in 1963, continued teaching at CPHS and shared more than five decades of marriage. Bill left us in the spring-May 24th; he would have been 80 years old August 14th.

(Photo: The ARIES, 1966)

Education Comes Alive in TEACHING MUSEUM SOUTH

A little-known education venue sits near the old Hapeville High School, just waiting to be discovered. The Teaching Museum South is one of two such ventures operated by the Fulton County Board of Education. Its mission: "To provide authentic experiences and innovative instruction that support student critical thinking." The Museum provides hands-on educational exhibits and arts-based programming that engage students (k-12) in the Humanities, Language Arts, Mathematics, Sciences, and Fine Arts, with the goal of improving student achievement. Said by visitors to be very impressive, the Teaching Museum South is open to the public.

HENDRY EXECUTES REUNION PRACTICE: FRIENDS, FOOD, FUN, FOOTBALL!



Preparation for the 2015 Reunion seemed a good idea to Mike Hendry (1966), so he hosted a practice party at his home. Hendry pulled **RAMS** from his CPHS Class of '66, plus some pals schooled at Newton Estates Elementary. Now, these **RAMS** are ready to rock! (Seated, l-r): Nancy Garrison Turner; Jackie Cronier Reynolds; Linda Glosson Monroe; Judy Betts Martin; Lorene Lewis Avery; Connie Pierce; Betty Bearden Dulinawka; Peggy Hill Zierer; Janet Montesinos Kerr; Susan Cooke Webb; Jane Nunn Williams; Nancy Ross. (Standing, l-r): Mike Hendry; Chuck Sandusky; Darrell Turner; Bobby Rone; Jack Sauls; Marshall Avery; Sam Giles; Roger Cox; Wayne Webb.

Thanks go out to Mike for both the photo & correct IDs!

Oldest Church Invites RAMS to Homecoming

Thanks go out to Garland W. Watkins III, Class of '68

Back in the day, not a CPHS graduation went by that wasn't preceded by baccalaureate, either at the First Baptist Church (now Providence Baptist) or First (United) Methodist Church. Knowing **RAMS** will be in town for the 2015 Reunion, CP First UMC invites all alums to Homecoming Service Sunday, September 20th and covered dish luncheon immediately after in the Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish-casserole, dessert, or snack-and come hungry. This Church is known to have a lot of good cooks! CP First still stands on the corner of Harvard Avenue and East Main Street, behind the historic CP Train Depot and adjacent the CP MARTA Station. www.cpfirstumc.org



Editor's Note: College Park First UMC is the city's oldest church, chartered in 1894. Many **RAMS** know CP First as, "the church with the beautiful stained glass windows." Last year, these unique windows were detailed and published by the Church as a

photographic history book entitled, **Telling the Stories.**

**COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-YEAR REUNION 2015
REGISTRATION FORM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2015

Event Venue:

GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER

2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337 www.gicc.com

Reunion Check-in & Cash Bar: Open 4 pm

Buffet Dinner: 6 to 8 pm – Socializing: 'til Midnight!

Please mail completed form with **REGISTRATION FEE of \$65 per person** to:

College Park High School Reunion 2015 Committee

PO Box 1074, Fairburn, GA 30213.

Please make checks payable to CPHS REUNION 2015.

To register online with PayPal or credit card: WWW.COLLEGE PARK RAMS.ORG.

All CPHS Faculty Are Invited as Our Honored Guests at No Cost.

NAME _____ CLASS of _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

SPOUSE'S NAME, if attending _____ CPHS? CLASS of _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Tel _____

Email _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Although CPHS Reunion 2015 is sponsored by alumni of Classes 1943-74,
ALL CPHS ALUMNI ARE WELCOME! Advance registration is requested for CPHS Reunion 2015.*

**OFFICERS, CLASSES 1943-1974
CPHS MULTI-YEAR REUNION 2015 COMMITTEE**

*President: John Masters, 1963
Vice President: Brooker Wolfe, 1971
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