

# **LINCOLN HIGH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**LINCOLN STATION GREAT HALL  
LINCOLN TRAIN STATION  
201 N. 7<sup>TH</sup>, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
5:30 p.m. SOCIAL; 6:45 p.m. DINNER**

## **2018 INDUCTEES**

<b>RON BAYLESS</b>	<b>MIKE LITTLE</b>
<b>ALBERT BEAMES</b>	<b>ALAN MUTERSBAUGH</b>
<b>SHELLY CHILES</b>	<b>DICK PIDERIT</b>
<b>BILL EDWARDS</b>	<b>TERRY SAPP</b>
<b>CORA FOX SCOTT</b>	<b>JOHN SCHREIBER</b>
<b>MICHAEL GAITHER</b>	<b>MEL SIMPSON</b>
<b>DAVE HAMERSKY</b>	<b>HENRY SOMMERHOLDER</b>
<b>DAN HARRIS</b>	<b>TAMMIE TROUBA NOONAN</b>
<b>KURT HOLLIDAY</b>	<b>BILL WEBER</b>
<b>KATE HOWARD</b>	<b>NATE WOODS</b>
<b>JIM HUNT</b>	

## **HONOR TEAMS**

**1925 FOOTBALL TEAM  
2002-03 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**T.J. McDOWELL**

This program is dedicated to the memory of Harold Scott,  
our Teacher, our Coach, our Historian and our Friend.

# **LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

With twenty-one athletes inducted in 2018, a total of 564 coaches and athletes have now been recognized for their distinctive contributions that have provided leadership in the various athletic programs at Lincoln High School. This is a very elite group, comprising only about five percent of the total number of letter-winners at Lincoln High.

An enduring competitive spirit through more than a century of athletic participation has led to success on the playing field, of which Lincoln High School graduates proudly boast. This has carried on through the good as well as the lean years and is so enthusiastic that its exuberance sometimes is said to border on arrogance.

To recognize and permanently record some of the exceptional achievements of Red and Black athletes, the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1983. It is estimated that over 11,000 letters have been issued to students who have competed in athletics throughout these 127 years.

The planning committee established the following statement: “The purpose of the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize the athletic accomplishments of Lincoln High students, and others associated with Lincoln High School, whose contributions to athletics are worthy of merit.”

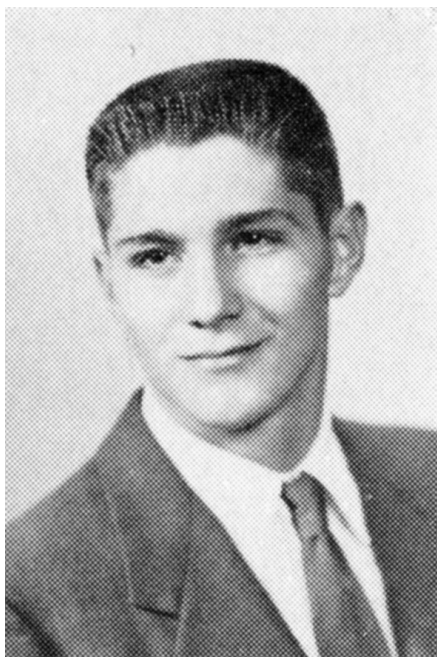
The primary determination for selection to the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame is based upon the accomplishments of the individual during the years at Lincoln High. Beyond this, the Board may consider any other contributions to the field of athletics that might be worthy of consideration.

One important criterion is that 15 years must have passed since graduation before an individual becomes eligible for consideration to the Hall of Fame. Each year a new group of inductees will be selected.

Nominations for coaches and athletes to be included in the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame have been received from former lettermen and others during the past several years. It is hoped that the growth of interest in preserving the rich tradition of Lincoln High, honoring achievement, promoting “a job well done”, and inspiring future generations will cause more nominations to be forthcoming to guide the Board in making the final selections.

Beginning in 1997, the **Honor Team Award** was added, with that particular team also recognized at the induction. Members of these teams with known addresses are invited to attend. In 2002, the **Special Recognition Award** was added to recognize exemplary contributions, either (i) to LHS athletics or (ii) by a member of the LHS family to the athletic community at large. In 2012, the **Family Award** was added to recognize accomplishments of several members of the same family, to include one, two, and even more generations. Emphasis is on the athletics prowess of the family, but can also be tied to coaching, officiating and over-all contributions to Lincoln High School sports.

# RONALD L. (RON) BAYLESS



Champions. During his senior year Ronald was the team catcher and leading hitter with a .610 average and had four homeruns during the regular season games, then had another homerun during the State Championship game. Major league scouts watched with great interest the successes Ronald had on the varsity ball teams. Harold Scott, Ronald's coach, said, "He was the greatest catcher to play at LHS in years—certainly for me, a hustler all the way." In his spare time, Ronald worked in his uncle's car repair shop and enjoyed driving to Waverly.

Ron Bayless is a 1955 graduate of Lincoln High School. Ronald developed a love of baseball when he began playing in the midget leagues as a hitter and a catcher and was named the Most Valuable Player. In the summers while Ronald was in high school, he would play for Legion teams.

Following high school, Ronald was in the spring class D for the St. Louis Cardinals and then played a year as a semi-pro. Following his baseball career, Ronald was a Pressman Supervisor. Besides baseball and his career as a supervisor, Ronald has greatly valued his family.

During his three years at LHS, Ron was a catcher for three baseball teams. In 1953 he played on the LHS reserve team. The following two years he played on the varsity teams. Both teams were State



# ALBERT BEAMES

While at Lincoln High Albert lettered in track and field in 1907-1908.

In 1907 he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at state in the 100 yard dash and was a contributing member of the state runner up track team. In 1908, Albert won the 100 yard

dash at state with a time of 10.4 seconds and was also the 1908 State Champion in the 220 yard dash with a time of 23.4 seconds, making him the State Gold Medal winner in each event, contributing to the 1908 Lincoln High Track team repeating as State runner up.

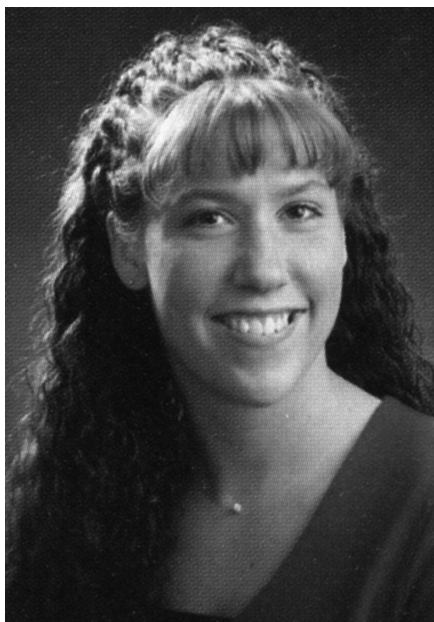
## 1907



*Lloyd Deweese, Albert Beames, Lloyd Fraker, Neil Robeuson, Callahan, C. E. Temple, Roxs, Winther, Williams, Russel Frye, Mac Woodward, McWilliams, Phil Sheldon.*

Coach: C. E. Temple  
Record: 2-3-1  
Ranked: 10th by Jerry Mathers

# SHELLY CHILES



Shelly Chiles was a 2000 graduate of Lincoln High School. She received eight varsity letters, four in volleyball and four in basketball.

In volleyball Shelly led the Links to District Championships in 1998 and 1999. She was selected to the Heartland All-Conference team in 1998 and 1999 and was selected first team All-City in volleyball. She was also selected Academic All-Conference in 1998 and 1999 and received the Lincoln Sertoma Club certificate of achievement following the 98 and 99 seasons.

In basketball Shelly competed in 85 varsity games over four seasons which ranks second in LHS history. She ranks sixth in career points with 684. Her best games were 29 points against Omaha Bryan and 27 points against Hastings. She also ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in points in one season with 267 points her senior year. Shelly ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in career rebounds with 338, sixth in career steals with 181, and fourth in career assists with 202. She holds the LHS record for most 3-point shot attempts in her career with 325. Her 98 3-point shots made in her career ranks second. Shelly holds the LHS record for 3-point shots made in

one game with seven against Omaha Bryan in 2000.

The 1997-1998 basketball season was an important one for Shelly as she became a varsity starter and led the Links to a final ranking of 10<sup>th</sup> in Class A. Her junior season Lincoln High qualified for the Class A State tournament finishing eighth with a 14-8 record. Her senior year LHS again qualified for the Class A State tournament and finished third with a 19-4 record.

Shelly was selected second team All-City in 1999 and first team All-City in 1998 and 2000. She was selected captain of the Heartland All-Conference team and earned Honorable Mention Class A All-State in 1998, 1999, and 2000. Shelly excelled in the classroom and was a member of the LHS honor roll her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She also received the Lincoln High Scholar Athlete award three times and was selected as a member of the National Honor Society her senior year. She was honored as the Best Female Athlete of the Year by the Girls in Sports and Fitness organization in February 2000. She also received the KFOR Sportscaster Club Scholarship.

After high school Shelly attended Northeast Community College and Missouri Western State University where she participated in volleyball and basketball at both schools. At NECC she was selected All-Conference and Academic All-Conference in volleyball and basketball and was the season most valuable player in volleyball and defensive player of the year in basketball. At MWSU Shelly was an Academic All-American in volleyball, Academic All-Conference in basketball and volleyball and MIAA All-Conference in volleyball.

Shelly received an Associate of Liberal Arts degree from NECC, a Bachelors degree in Exercise Science from MWSU, and a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She spent eight years as a Physical Therapist at Children's Mercy in Kansas City and is currently a Medical Device Clinical Specialist at Abbott Medical.

# JOHN W. (BILL) EDWARDS



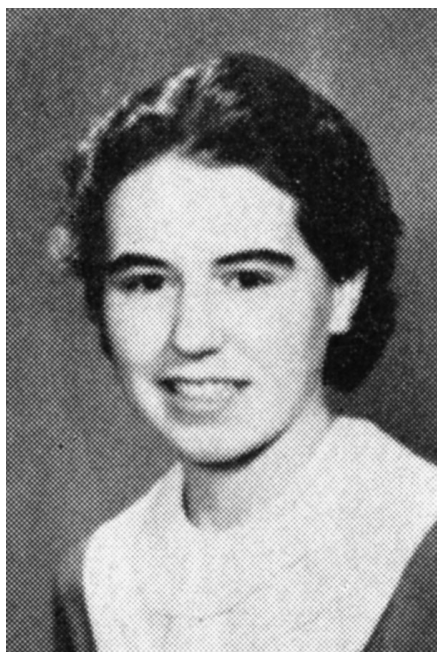
Bill Edwards' swimming accomplishments earned him a spot in the National Athletic Honor Society in Swimming.

While at Lincoln High, Bill was in the Arts & Science curriculum, a member of Chemistry Club, and a member of "L" Club.

Bill Edwards was at the vanguard of the surge in Lincoln High's swimming prominence. A 3-year letterman in swimming (1935-38), he sprinted to a State Championship in the 100 yard Freestyle in 1937-38 with a time of 59.0. He was also a member of the State Champion 150 yard Medley Relay Team, finishing with a time of 1:33.0.

His three years as a Link saw Lincoln High finish as State Runner-up in Swimming. Four years thereafter, in 1942, Lincoln High swimmers captured the crown, winning the State Championship in swimming.

# CORA FOX SCOTT



Cora A. Fox was born on August 6, 1917 in Pulaski, New York. At some point in her childhood, she moved with her family to Lincoln, Nebraska. At age 15, she met the love of her life, Clifford Scott, brother of Harold Scott, at the Lincoln Municipal Swimming Pool (also previously known as "Muny Pool", located just a few blocks north of Lincoln High). They both attended and graduated from Lincoln High School. While at Lincoln, she was the President of the Girls Athletic Association. She participated in swimming, basketball, track and baseball. Cora also earned a State Athletic Award and won the GAA Cup Award. After high school, she attended 2 years at the University of Nebraska where she majored in Physical Education.

On August 28, 1938, Cora and Clifford were married and a year later they moved to the Pacific Northwest, eventually settling

down in Tacoma, Washington where they raised their family of 4 children: Marv, Alice, Beth, and Mary.

Cora and Clifford were very active in their church in Tacoma, which is where the majority of their life-long friendships were made. Cora volunteered for several organizations and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Cora was very musically talented. She played the piano and the organ and sang in the church choir. She was also very artistic. Her water color and her oil paintings proudly hang in the homes of her children. She became very well known for her artistry in stained glass. Her stained glass windows and other items she made, reside in countless homes and in her church. She was also an excellent teacher of stained glass, sharing her knowledge, her time and her talents with many others.

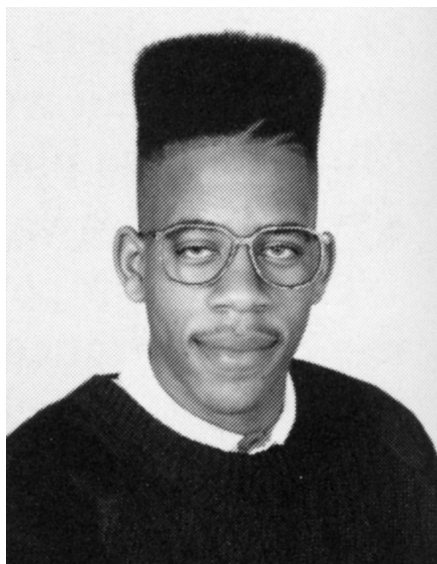
Cora rarely talked about herself, so much so that her children were not aware of her high school accomplishments until recently. She would, however, share with others her husband's and her children's achievements. Cora was always willing to be there for others, never expecting anything in return.

Her children were extremely blessed to have Cora for a mother. She was a wonderful, warm-hearted lady. She never had a mean thing to say about anyone and always looked for the positive in people.

After 54 years of marriage, her husband passed away in 1992 and 8 years later, Cora went to be with her husband on September 24, 2000.



# MICHAEL GAITHER



Michael Gaither attended Lincoln High School for three years, graduating in 1990. He lettered in basketball in '89 and '90. His career basketball record is impressive. He scored 706 points in 1988-89 and 1989-90. His best single game score was 27 points against Kearney in 1988-89, his average points per game was 21.3. Michael was part of the All-City Basketball Championship Team during the 1989-90 season, the All-State Class A Honorable Mention and named to the All-Greater Nebraska Conference, and the All-City First Team. The Lincoln Journal Star named him the Athlete of the Week. Michael fondly recalls that LHS was an unranked team which skillfully defeated the number one ranked team, Lincoln East, in the District semi-finals before becoming State Champions. In 1990 Michael was on the LHS Roll of Honor Athlete

Award for his accomplishments in basketball and track.

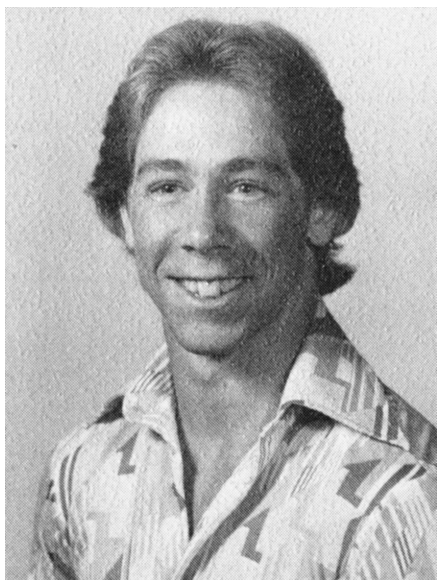
Michael lettered in track in 1989 and '90 when he ran the 400 meter, the 800 meter and the 4 x 400 relay races. In 1990, Michael placed third in the 800 meter run at the State Meet, running 1:58:36. He placed fourth at State in the 3200 meter relay, 8:12:51. Michael was District champion in track in the 3200 meter relay, 8:20:90, in 1990.

Following his LHS career, Michael attended Northeast Community College for the 1990-91 academic year. He played on the basketball team. The following academic year, he attended Central Community College and again played on the basketball team. Both of these teams were All Conference Teams.

Michael completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Nebraska Wesleyan University. He then went on to earn a Masters Degree in School Leadership from Friend University in Wichita, Kansas. Michael has been both an elementary and a middle school principal. Currently, he is the CEO of EdView Consulting.

Michael is very pleased that his love of sports has been passed on to his son, Langston Gaither (18), who is playing basketball this fall for Howard University.

# DAVID (DAVE) HAMERSKY



Following his senior season, Dave was selected first team All-City and second team Super State in football.

Following graduation from Lincoln High, David received a football scholarship to attend Doane College. Later he received an Associate of Automotive Technology degree from Southeast Community College-Milford.

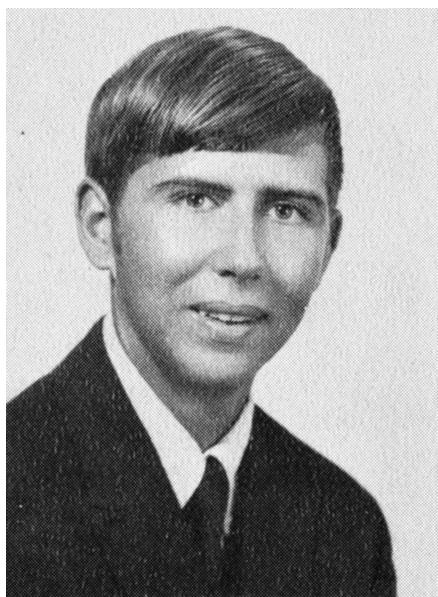
David has been an auto mechanic and high performance engine builder for the past 43 years.

Dave Hamersky received four varsity letters before graduating from Lincoln High School in 1979. He lettered in football in 1977 and 1978, and in baseball in 1978 and 1979.

Dave was selected second team All-City in baseball in 1979 and he received the L-Club Roll of Honor designation in 1978 and 1979.

In football, David led the Links defense from his noseguard position. He was selected the Lincoln Journal Star Athlete of the Week and received the Sertoma Award for football in 1978.

# DAN HARRIS



Dan was a two sport letter winner, lettering in golf in 1969, 1970 and 1971, and basketball in 1970 and 1971.

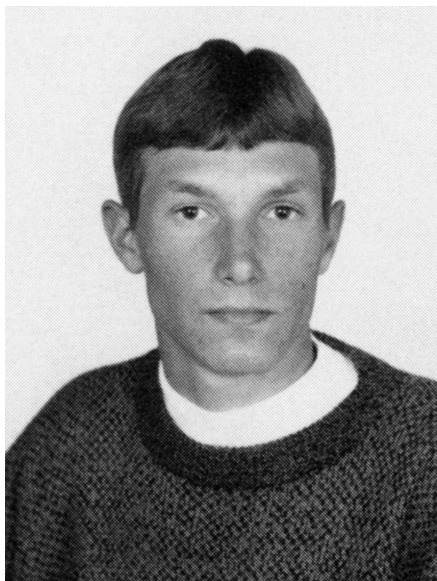
Dan was an outstanding golfer, being named All city in 1970 and 1971. He was the Trans Nebraska Golf Champion in 1969 and 1970, and lost in a playoff in 1971. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the District Golf meet in 1969, and was crowned the District Champion in 1970 and 1971. Dan, was the State Champion for Gold in 1970, and placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectfully, in 1969 and 1971.

After graduation from LHS, Dan attended North Plate Community College where he lettered in Golf in 1971-72, and 1972-73. He was the Region IX Champion in 1972. Qualifying for the National JC tournament. During his collegiate career he had 3 Junior College tournament wins, 3 dual wins and his Golf Team won 14 out of 15 tournaments. His team was also the Region IX back to back Champions. Due to his outstanding career, Dan is already a member of the Central Community College Hall of Fame.

Dan has 3 sons, all of whom graduated from Lincoln High, and has a grandson, who is currently attending Lincoln High. His brother Steve Harris, is a former inductee of the LHS Hall of Fame (basketball and golf).

Dan is the former club manager of the Ashland Country Club, and former manager/Pro for the David City Golf Course.

# KURT HOLLIDAY



A 1991 graduate, Kurt was a two sport athlete during his time at Lincoln High. He lettered in Cross Country in 1988, 1989, and 1990, and Track and Field in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Kurt was a standout in both Cross Country and Track. He was named All District, All Conference and All State in Cross Country in 1989 and 1990, and was All District and All Conference for Track in 1989, 1990 and 1991. His junior year he was named All State in the 1600m event. His senior year he swept All State Track honors in 3 events: 4 x 800 Relay, 1600m and 3200 m.

For his Cross Country career, he had a best time of 16:26 in the 5K. He placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet in 1989, improving to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in 1990.

1991 was his best track season. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place 4 x 800m relay

team at State, with a school record time of 7:57.1, which is still in place today. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600m run at State, with a school record time of 4:22.1, which is also still in place today. In the 3200m run he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at State, with another school record time of 9:31.62, which is also still in place today. Kurt was also a member of the school record 4 x 1600m relay team (18:32.2).

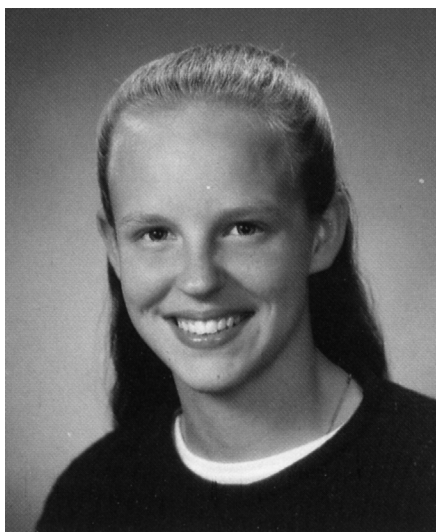
After his outstanding High School career, Kurt took his talents to the University of Nebraska- Kearney. He lettered in Cross Country in 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995 and Track and Field in 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1996. He earned All Conference honors in both Cross Country and Track. He also was an Academic All American. His best collegiate times were 1:55 in the 800m run, 4:13 in the indoor 1600m run, and 3:53 in the outdoor 1500m run. His Cross Country team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1992, 4<sup>th</sup> in 1994 and 7<sup>th</sup> in 1995.

Kurt earned a BS degree in Industrial Technology Education, Driver's Education and Interscholastic Coaching, and went on to get a Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction, with Industrial Technology emphasis.

He is currently a High School and Middle School Industrial Technology teacher in Seward. He is also the cross country and track coach and knows how to coach champions! He has coached 5 State Championship Cross Country and Track teams, and 6 State Runner-up Cross Country and Track teams.



# KATE HOWARD



Kate Howard graduated from Lincoln High in 1997. She lettered three years in basketball and four years in soccer.

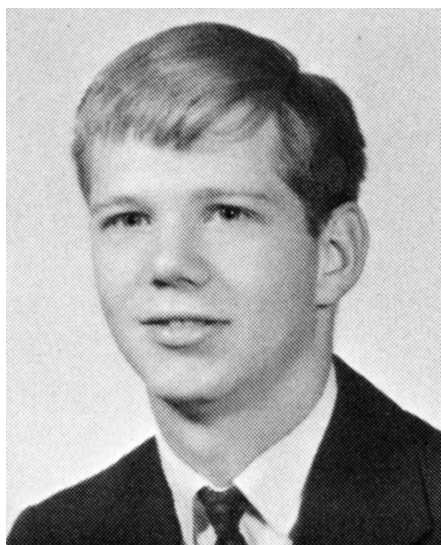
In basketball Kate played the point guard position and was the team leader in 3-point shooting. She holds the Lincoln High records for three-point shot attempts in one season (133) and 3-point shots made in one season (48).

Kate scored 326 career points and had 95 career assists. Her best offensive games were 18 points (six 3-pointers) against Grand Island and 16 against Norfolk. Kate made three or more 3-point shots in 10 games her senior year.

She led the Links in scoring with 212 points, a 10.1 average.

The 94-95 basketball team finished 12-8 and ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in Class A. Kate led the 95-96 Links to the Class A State tournament where they finished fifth with a 15-7 record. She was selected second team All-City and Honorable Mention Class A All-State in basketball. She also received the LHS Scholar Athlete award following her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Kate was also on the Academic All-Conference and Academic All-State teams and the Lincoln High honor roll.

# JAMES W. (JIM) HUNT



The highlight of Jim Hunt's two-year career as a Links letterman in swimming was winning the state championship in Diving in the 1966-67 season, scoring 249.29 points. That same season he was Trans-Nebraska Conference champion in diving, winning with 242.75 points. He was also named National High School All-American in diving for the 1966-67 season.

But Jim's impact in sports was only just beginning when he graduated from Lincoln High in 1967. He went on to win the National Championship in 1993 as a Roller Figure Skater in the adult division. He willingly

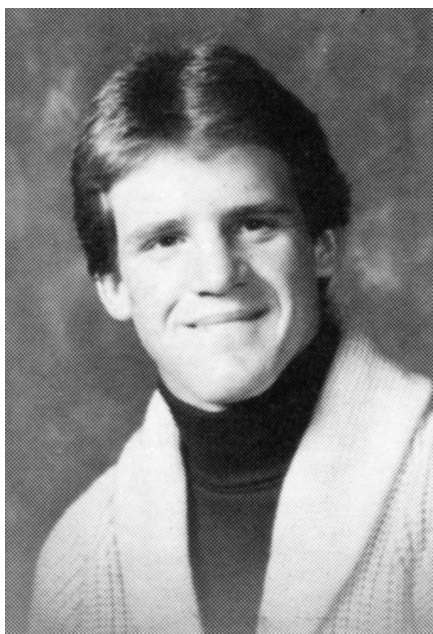
shared those skills with others, teaching skating for both roller and ice. Currently he works for the Dallas Stars Hockey Club as an off ice official and announcer for youth, high school and adult events, including National and International championships.

Following his graduation from Lincoln High, Jim obtained an Associates Degree in Business Administration. He served his country in Vietnam in the U.S. Army 1971 to 1972. He was awarded a Bronze Star.

Jim worked 40 years in the general aviation industry in the Dallas, Texas area, retiring in December, 2017.

He is married to his wife of 49 years named Johnnie, from Dallas. They have 3 children (April, Jenifer and Daniel), 5 grandchildren and 8½ great grandchildren.

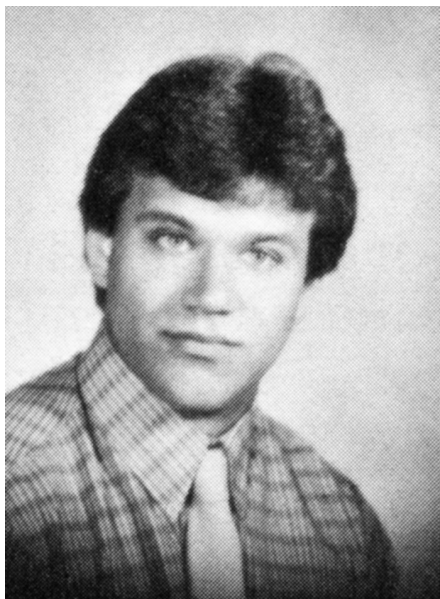
# MIKE LITTLE



Mike was honored as an All-City baseball player in 1982 and 1983 – in 1982 as All-City infielder and in 1983 as All-City Outfielder. He was also selected to the All-Conference Trans-Nebraska baseball team as a baseball catcher in 1983 after finishing the season with a .410 batting average. He was also selected an LHS Roll of Honor Athlete in 1983.

Mike Little graduated from Lincoln High in 1983. He received three varsity letters in baseball from 1981-1983.

# ALAN MUTHERSBAUGH



1983 was the year Alan Muthersbaugh completed his requirements and graduated from Lincoln High School. He received four varsity letters while competing for the Links, two in football and two in track.

In track Alan participated in the shot put and discus events. His best effort in the shot put was 48' 2 1/2" and his best discus throw was 126'.

Alan was an important part of Lincoln High's 1981 and 1982 football teams. He anchored the offensive line from his left guard position and took great pride in his blocking abilities. As the 1982 season ended, Alan Muthersbaugh was considered one of the top offensive linemen in the state. He received many honors including first team All City, first team All Trans-Nebraska

Conference, first team Class A All State, and first team Super State. Alan received the Dennis Meyer Football Scholarship award in 1982. His leadership skills transferred from the gridiron to student organizations as he was elected vice-president of Boy's "L" Club.

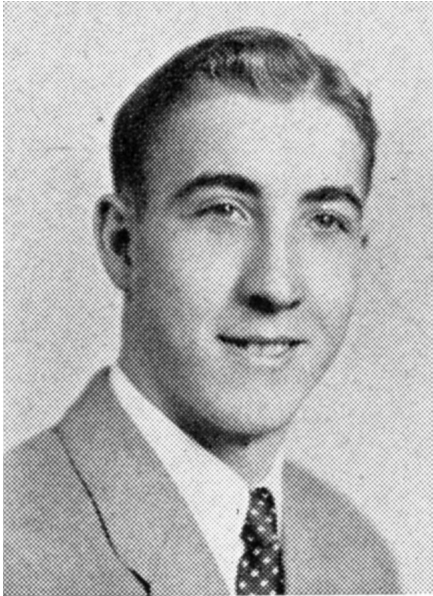
After high school, Alan played football for Doane College. In 1986 he graduated from Southeast Community College-Milford completing the Heating and Air Conditioning Technology program.

Alan has spent many years giving back to the Lincoln community serving as a youth coach for the Lincoln Midget Football program including Moose, Firefighters, Leon's, and Executive Club, leading several teams to championships. He also served as a soccer coach for the YMCA and a baseball coach for the Lincoln Dodgers.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were important organizations for Alan to become involved with as he served as Den Leader and Scout Master for Pack #8. He currently volunteers with Lincoln East athletics and enjoys watching his sons compete in football and wrestling.

Alan is a Supervisor with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and lives in Lincoln with his wife Kelly and two sons, Matt and AJ.

# DICK PIDERIT



Dick Piderit graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945 after enjoying a wide range of extracurricular activities. Dick was an “L” Club member lettering in football (one year) and track (two years).

In 1943 LHS was one of the state’s most powerful teams. The team won the third straight Missouri Valley Title, won its third straight city crown, and placed second in the state rankings behind the powerful Kearney Bearcats. In 1944 the team had eleven returning lettermen, and Coach Beechner was forced to build an attack around speed and deception, rather than the powerhouse plays historically associated with Lincoln High. Dick Piderit was a member of this team.

Playing in adverse weather conditions, the team dropped the opening encounter to an alert Kearney, 7-6. This one point defeat was later to be the slim margin by

which the Bearcats slipped by the Links to become the mythical state champs. Early in the second quarter the Red and Black caught the line of fire as Dick’s teammate, Alex Fink, broke loose on the T-formation and, with excellent broken field running, scored a TD. The Links, however, failed in the try for the extra point. Kearney came back in the half with a pass and quick attack to drive fifty-five yards for a TD. A pass interference play set up the Bearcat scores. They then booted the extra point on a perfect placement to ice the game.

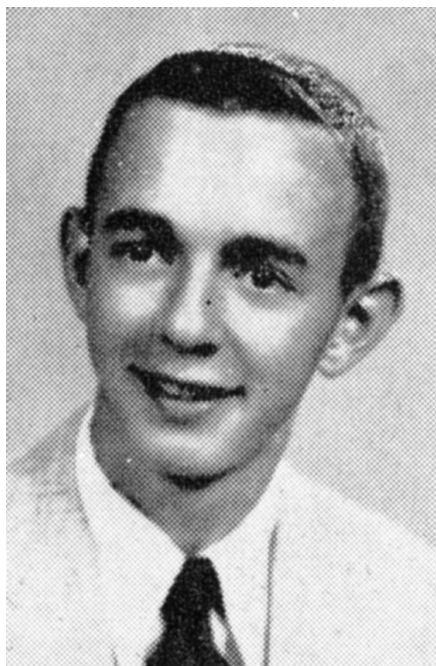
Smarting from the Kearney defeat, the Links ran roughshod over St. Joseph, Missouri, 54-0. Piderit made a conversion for a 20-0 half time score. The next opponent, Sioux City East, held the Links to a 6-6 stalemate the following Friday. The Links ended the exciting ’43 season as Co-State Champions.

During the spring track season, the Links won their own Invitational Meet, which had seven teams competing, by a 30 point margin. In addition, the Links earned 7 blue ribbons. Piderit’s broad jump push of 49’ 2” was an even four feet better than the previous record. In the following Columbus meet, Lincoln High was once again the best team with members placing in twelve events. These two meets allowed twelve Links to qualify for the state meet. Piderit was one of two shot put contestants. He went on to become that Shot Put State Champion and a member of the 1944 State Championship Track Team.

In addition to football and track, Dick Piderit was the senior class treasurer and a participant in Joy Night.



# TERRY SAPP



Terry lettered in Cross Country in 1955 and 1956 and Track in 1955, 1956 and 1957 during his time at Lincoln High. Terry also lettered as a sophomore on the 1955 football team.

During the 1957 season, Terry placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the State Cross Country Championship meet with a time of 10:18. He was a member of the 1956 Cross Country team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at State.

During his time on the track team, he was a member of the District Champion 2-mile relay team, 8:50.0, with his split time

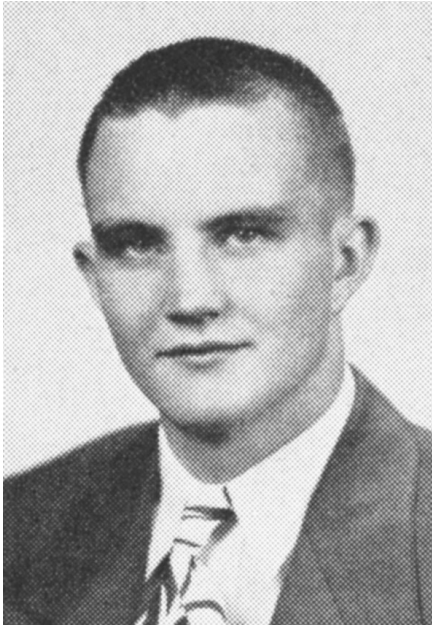
of 2:18.5, and LPS 2-mile relay championship team (9:03.3). He clocked his best mile time of 4:48 in 1957, resulting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the City meet.

After graduating from LHS, Terry attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he lettered in cross country in 1957 and 1958, and track in 1958 and 1959. He graduated with a BA in education. He continued his education at Colorado State University earning a MA in vocational education.

1960-1962, Terry was active duty for the U.S Navy. He served in the Naval Reserve for 14 years, achieving the rank of Pattern Maker Chief. He was also a member of the Air Force Reserve for 20 years, retiring as a Combat Engineer.

Terry spent 26 years as a teacher of industrial arts, vocational education. He's also a First Responder with the Salvation Army Emergency Services, the Citizen Emergency Response Team, Pike's Peak Fire Fighter Association, and the Woodmen Valley Chapel Disaster Response Team.

# JOHN M. SCHREIBER



“John is a hard-tackling and vicious blocking center who is fast becoming known as one of the outstanding linebackers in the state. Standing 5 feet 9 inches and weighing 147 pounds, John makes up for his size with power and pep.” *LHS Advocate, December 1950.* A 1951 Lincoln High graduate, John lettered in football his senior year (1950), garnering multiple honors that season including Associated Press All State Team, the Lincoln newspapers (The Journal and Star) All State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Omaha World Herald Athletic Roll of Honor and Star of the Week 10/31/50, and membership in the National Athletic Scholarship Society of Secondary Schools.

Following high school, he played as first team center for the 1951 Nebraska

freshman team, which had 4 freshman intercollegiate games and which served as the scout team. Playing in the rain on an already rain-soaked field at Missouri, here’s how the Lincoln Journal described the Husker 13-0 victory over the Tigers: “John Schreiber handled the wet soggy ball with confidence as he passed from his center position to the kicker or quarterback. There was not a fumble between Schreiber or the Husker quarterbacks on the exchange during the game. Most teams have at least two or three on a dry day.”

John retired from football in the spring of 1952 to concentrate on his studies. He went on to use his brains and his steady hands, graduating from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry with a BS and DDS in 1957. After serving as a dentist in the US Air force for 3 years, he enjoyed a 33-year career from 1960 - 1992 as a dentist in private practice in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John’s community service included past president of East Colorado Springs Rotary Club, volunteer at the US Olympics Training Center in Colorado Springs, and serving on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, Community Advisory Committee.

John is represented at this banquet by his nephew Scott Svoboda, who lives in Lincoln.

# MELVIN (MEL) SIMPSON



Melvin Simpson was born in a small town in northwestern Kansas in 1924. In high school he played football, wrestled and ran track. In his senior year Mel was a State Champion wrestler.

After serving in the military in WWII, Mel began his teaching and coaching career in Mead, Nebraska in 1954. He coached boys' basketball, girls' volleyball and helped to start a six-man football team.

In 1956 Mel moved to his hometown, Oberlin, Kansas, where he became the head wrestling coach. He also started a city summer baseball program. The Oberlin wrestling team won a State Championship in 1957 with two individual champions on the team.

Mel started teaching and coaching at Lincoln High School in the fall of 1962. Early on he taught general science, and later in his career he taught aero

science and biology. Although he was an assistant football coach for the freshman and sophomore teams, his true love was wrestling. He was the head wrestling coach from 1962 until 1976, and he continued to teach until 1986.

Mel's Lincoln High wrestling teams were very successful. In 1963, they were the State Runner-up. In 1969, they were the State Champions. This team had one state champion and five second place finishers, bringing home the trophy after the semi-final round, leaving the final round a mere formality.

Mel had a profound impact on both his students and his wrestlers. One former student, Tino Orta said, "Melvin was one of a kind. He was an inspiration and he will always be remembered." Ron Bousquet, a wrestler, said, "Mr. Simpson was a man that had so much influence in the lives of so many people. For me, it was not only what he said, but what he did for me. My life had changed and I'll always be grateful." Finally, Matt Halsted, also a wrestler, described Mel's influence as, "Melvin was a special person to me and was my inspiration and the start of my wrestling path. He was a kind, considerate and understanding person, truly an asset to our society."

During the course of his career as a teacher and coach, Mel married and raised three children; two of them attended Lincoln High School. In his retirement years Mel wrote an autobiography entitled "Wrestling With Life." Melvin lost his final match on December 14, 2008.



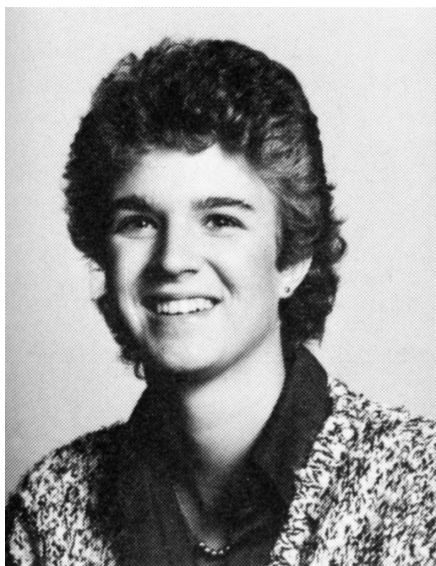
# HENRY SOMMERHOLDER

Chances are, if you're a Nebraskan, you love football; and if you're a Link, you love football. We can thank Henry Sommerholder for being one of the first Links to excel in the sport and capture our admiration. According to Harold Scott's meticulous records, Henry was one of the early outstanding Lincoln High football players, playing in 1904 and 1905 even before All-State teams were awarded. Henry was a member of the Lincoln High State Championship football team in 1904 and the State Runner-up football team in 1905. Our Lincoln High Athletic Hall of Fame programs show 9 Links state championship football teams from 1935 through 1968.

Henry also excelled in track. In 1905, he was the Missouri Valley champion in track discus throw, hurling 110' (college weight), and the Missouri Valley champion in track shot put.

In 1906 Henry won the State Gold Medal in track hammer throw with a heave of 149'6" (a LHS record). That same year he was Missouri Valley runner up in track hammer throw (130'5"), took third place in Missouri Valley track shot put (40'1") and third place in Missouri Valley track discus throw (college weight, throwing 94'4"). His best shot put was 43'7" in 1906.

# TAMMIE TROUBA NOONAN



Tammie Trouba Noonan graduated in 1987 after competing in 44 varsity basketball games while attending Lincoln High School. She played in the 1985 and 1986 Class A State Basketball tournaments. The 1985 team finished 20-3 and was awarded the Class A State Runner-Up trophy. The 1986 team reached the Class A State semi-finals and was ranked number four in Class A with a 15-6 record.

Tammie led the Links in scoring her senior year with 216 points, a 10.8 average. Her best games were 18 points against Beatrice, 19 points against Lincoln East and Hastings, and 23 points against Omaha Northwest. She led the team in rebounding, averaging seven per game and had 245 career rebounds which ranks 24<sup>th</sup> in LHS history. For her efforts, Tammie was selected Honorable Mention Class A

All-State, second team All-City and first team All-Conference following the 1987 season.

The Lincoln High National Honor Society selected Tammie as a member in 1987 after she earned honor roll status in 1985, 1986, and 1987. She was also a member of Girl's "L" Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Missouri Western was Tammie's choice to continue her education and play basketball from 1987-1991 after graduation from Lincoln High School. The 1988-89 team was the Central States Intercollegiate Conference champion and advanced to the regional playoffs.

Tammie received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and works as an account manager for VWR International covering Nebraska. She has many fond memories of her Lincoln High teammates, coaches, and classmates. Tammie appreciated all that her parents and family did for her while she competed as a Link and is proud to be a second generation Lincoln High graduate.

After college Tammie continued to play basketball on city recreation teams and played in the Whoopers and Hoopers tournament in Hastings. She enjoys watching her children play basketball and has helped coach their teams. Tammie lives in Lincoln with husband Kevin and three children, Catherine, Josh, and Ryan.

# WILLIAM (BILL) WEBER



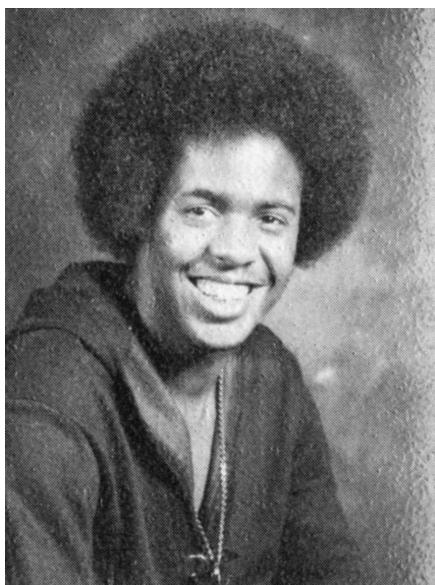
Bill saved his best for last, becoming the State Champion in the 880 yard run with a time of 2:02 in 1925. He also ran the mile, with his best time clocking in at 5:09.2.

In addition to track, Bill played reserve football his senior year. He was in general education and a member of "L" Club.

Bill lettered in track for Lincoln High all three years, in 1923-1925. The 1925 Lincoln High track team, 30-members strong, had only 3 returning lettermen, one of them being Bill Weber, who was elected Captain of the team.

Bill was an excellent middle distance runner for the Links. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the State meet in the 880 yard run in both 1923 and 1924. He was a member of the 1923 State Championship Track Team.

# NATHAN T. (NATE) WOODS



Nate Woods graduated from Lincoln High School in 1978. He received three varsity letters in basketball while competing for the Links from 1975-1978.

Playing the post position, Nate was a vital part of the Links journey to the Class A State Finals in 1977. Entering the district tournament, Lincoln High had lost as many games as they had won. They proceeded to upset rated teams in winning a district championship and then knocked off heavyweights Grand Island and Omaha Benson before losing to Omaha Burke in the finals and settling for the 1977 Class A State Runner-Up trophy. The 1977 team was city champion and Nate

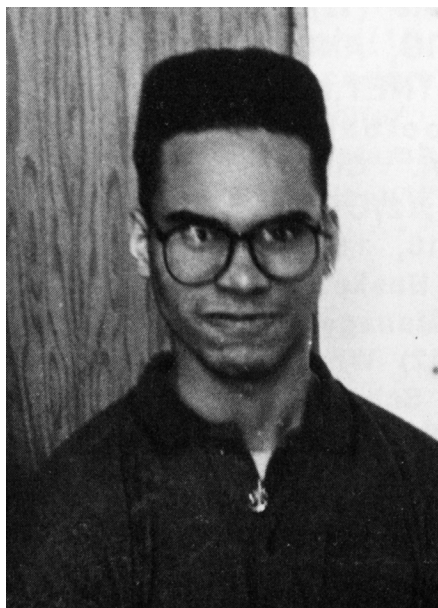
Woods received Honorable Mention Class A All-State honors.

During Nate's senior season he had many outstanding performances, but he especially remembers the Omaha Tech game when he scored 18 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Because of his efforts, Nate was selected to the All-City first team and the 1978 All-State Super State third team. He was also selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Basketball game. Nate scored 425 career points and averaged 11.4 points and 10.2 rebounds his senior year. He made 55% of his field goal attempts (61-111) in 1976-77 and 48% (96-200) in 1977-78.

After graduation from Lincoln High, Nate played semi-professional basketball in Kronberg, Germany in 1981 and 1982. In Frankfurt, Germany in 1981 he played against George Bell, a 7' 8" player for the Harlem Wizards.

Nate Woods received a degree in Human Relations from Doane University (formerly Doane College). He currently works for National Able Network and helps people 55 years and older get back into the work force.

# TYRE J. (T.J.) MCDOWELL, JR.



T.J. McDowell is known for his giving and outreach. Reminiscent of Shel Silverstein's 1964 children's book, *The Giving Tree*, T.J. has touched the lives of many families through the years, both in his career and in his volunteer activities.

T.J. graduated from Lincoln High in 1990. During his time at Lincoln High he lettered in football in 1988 and 1989. He was an All City Honorable Mention for defensive back in 1989 and also Academic All Conference in 1989.

Since graduating from Lincoln High, T.J. has served his community in numerous ways. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan University, earning a degree in Sociology. He then went on to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

T.J. continues to give back to the Lincoln community. Since 2007 he has been a Teammates Mentor and a member of the Child Advocacy Center Board. He is on the boards of Nebraskans for Civic Reform, NAACP- Lincoln Branch, the Food Bank and the United Way.

He has worked for the Lincoln Public Schools, Malone Community Center, Community Health Endowment, The Lighthouse and Lincoln Action Program. Until recently he served as the Vice President for Campus Community at Nebraska Wesleyan. On August 27, 2018 he started as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

# HONOR TEAM

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1925 FOOTBALL

The 1925 team, one of the most powerful aggregation in Red and Black history, swept through all opposition as 10 teams fell before the onslaught. Claiming its second State grid crown of the decade, the “Brownemen” (so-named after their head coach) became the second highest team in scoring to this point in Red and Black history with 377 points and ran over St. Joe Central 71-0. At the same time, the opposition was limited to 19 points. The Links defeated North Platte 47-7 at the University of Nebraska Memorial Stadium in the last official State Championship game sponsored by the State High School Athletic Association until the championship playoffs were inaugurated in 1975.

The 1925 LHS team dominated the All-State first team which included: Ernie Tindall, tackle; George Koster, guard; Harvey Bauer, center; and Bud McBride and Willard Witte, backs. Receiving recognition were six other LHS gridders.

McBride set an individual scoring record for the Links that has never been equaled. That year he scored 18 touchdowns, 32 extra points and 5 field goals. Witte, with 100 points, still ranks in a tie for fifth on the all-time scoring chart at Lincoln High.

1925 10-0-0 State Champion – Season Record:

Lincoln High	42	0	Creighton Prep
Lincoln High	53	0	Hastings
Lincoln High	10	6	York
Lincoln High	16	6	Omaha Tech
Lincoln High	47	0	Beatrice
Lincoln High	21	0	Omaha Central
Lincoln High	71	0	St. Joe Central, MO
Lincoln High	17	0	Grand Island
Lincoln High**	53	0	Havelock**
Lincoln High**	47	7	North Platte**
	377	19	

\*\*State play-off: The Nebraska Schools Activities Association’s Board of Control decided that to determine a State Champion, the two leading teams in eastern Nebraska should play each other and the same should occur in western Nebraska. The winners of each section would play each other for the title at the University of Nebraska’s Memorial Stadium.





**RICHARD SKOLD, TACKLE**

Dick played his first season with the first team. He was a good defensive player. He will play again in the fall.

**RICHARD STILL, HALFBACK**

Because of injuries Dick was out a greater part of the season, but while playing he was a good interference runner. He will go out in June.

**ADOLPHE STROH**

Lefty proved a good reserve signal-shooter, and displayed fine headwork on the field. He will be graduated.

**ERNEST TINDALL, TACKLE**

Ernie was another Links player of all-state caliber. He was a perpetual stumbling-block to back-field men. He will return.

**RALPH TOWNSEND**

Ralph was reserve center, and was called upon to play in many games.

**WILLARD WITTE, QUARTERBACK**

Dutch was considered by many to be Nebraska's best quarterback. Running ends was his specialty, and his passing and field generalship were superb. He was a good punter, and was easily elected as all-state quarterback. He will go out.





**CLARKE MCBRIDE, FULLBACK**

Bud was the only player in the state to be unanimously elected to an all-state berth. His driving line plunges were not easily stopped, and few were the times that Bud did not come through when called on. He will be badly missed in the fall line-up.

**LAWRENCE MCCARTHY, END**

Mac was a good dependable end. This was his last year.



**BERNE PACKER, HALFBACK**

Red, Lincoln's Grange, was a constant ground-gainer, and a good running mate for McBride and Witte. He will return.

**HARRY PLOCK, FULLBACK**

Harry played his first year with the first string. He will be missed in the fall line-up.



**ROBERT RAUGH, HALFBACK**

Bob, although considerably bothered by eligibility rules, was a fine punter, and specialized on sweeping end runs. Bob's presence will be appreciated next season.

**WILLIAM ROSENBERG, END**

Billy was used as reserve end most of the season, but showed up especially well in the North Platte encounter. He was graduated with the winter class.







**WILLIAM FOLGER, GUARD AND  
CAPTAIN-ELECT**

Bill's fighting spirit was strong throughout the season. He was an earnest player, and allowed few gains to be made through his position.

**HAROLD HUSSEY, END**

Huss proved a good alternate end, and was a pass hound. He will be graduated.



**DALE KIMMEL, HALFBACK**

Dale got into many games in the backfield of the Links. Unfortunately he turned his ankle at the beginning of the North Platte battle, and was forced to retire. He will play next season.

**HOWARD KITCHEN, HALFBACK**

Howie, though small of stature, was a good interference runner and ground-gainer, and displayed plenty of fight. He will return.



**GEORGE KOSTER, GUARD**

Dutch, with his "can't-be-beat" spirit, won all-state mention. He will be guarding again next fall.

**PHILIP MASER, GUARD**

Phil broke a wrist in the York game, but showed real stuff while in condition. He will be playing again next season.





WAYNE ALVORD, TACKLE

Curly, on account of his bulk and vim, proved to be a strong pillar in the impenetrable line of the Links. He went out at mid-year.

CLAUDE AUSTIN, TACKLE

Austy was a dependable linesman, and played a good steady game. He will return.



HARVEY BAUER, CENTER AND CAPTAIN

Harve proved a fine captain. His steady and brilliant playing won him a name as all-state center. He will be here next fall.



GLEN BROWN, TACKLE

Glen was named as all-state. He was a hard tackler, and opposing backs found it unwise to try Glen's side of the line. He will not return.



DALE EATON, GUARD

Doc was a lively player and a fine guard. He was graduated at mid-year.



MORRIS FISHER, END

Morrie was one of the best and steadiest players in the state. He was in the widely known Witte-to-Fisher combination. He will play again in the fall.



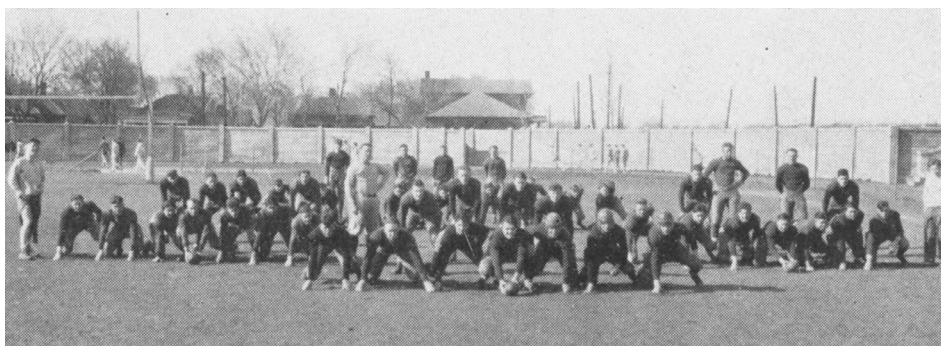
In these 2 championship games, Lincoln High scored an even 100 points to her opponents' 7. The Links won the 1925 championship by a larger margin than ever registered in Nebraska. This was the last State High School Athletic Association sponsored football championship playoff until 1975.

Head Coach: William "W.H." Browne

Lettermen: Wayne Alvord, Claude Austin, Dale Austin, Harvey Bauer (Captain), Glen Brown, Dale Eaton, Morris Fisher, Bill Folger, Harold Hussey, Dale Kimmel, Howard Kitchen, George "Dutch" Koster, Phil Maser, Clark "Bud" McBride, Lawrence McCarthy, Berne Packer, Harry Plock, Bob Raugh, Bill Rosenberg, Richard Skoid, Dick Still, Adolph Stroh, Ernie Tindall, Ralph Townsend, Willard "Dutch" Witte

All-State Recognition:

Harvey Bauer	First team center
George "Dutch" Koster	First team guard
Clark "Bud" McBride	First team fullback
Ernie Tindall	First team tackle
Willard "Dutch" Witte	First team quarterback
Glen Brown	Second team tackle
Morris Fisher	Second team end
Bill Folger	Second team guard
Bill Rosenberg	Third team end
Lawrence McCarthy	Honorable mention end
Berne Packer	Honorable mention halfback



# HONOR TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2002-2003 BOYS BASKETBALL



The 2002-03 Lincoln High Boys Basketball Team entered the season with high expectations having finished the previous season with a semi-final appearance in the state tournament and a #4 ranking in the Lincoln Journal Star. The Links returned three starters, key reserves, and a talented group of players moving up from a successful junior varsity team and began the season ranked second.

Lincoln High started the season strong by going 4-0 in the pre-holiday schedule. The team was then faced with their first major obstacle which tested their resolve and provided them with a season long lesson of sticking together and never giving up. After a 70-63 loss to Lincoln East in their only holiday tournament appearance, the Links traveled to face #6 North Platte. After struggling and being down by 11 at the half, they rallied from



a 13 point deficit with 5 minutes left outscoring North Platte 30-13 in the fourth quarter and winning by 6.

The team continued to improve and brought a 11-1 record and #2 rating to the early February matchup with #1 Lincoln Southeast in front of a packed Prasch Activities Center crowd. The Links lost the game 51-38 but used the lessons from this game to finish the regular season undefeated including wins against the last 5 opponents who were all ranked in the top ten in Class A.

The 16-3 Links entered the state tournament on a wild-card after losing 67-48 to Omaha Westside in the district final and faced Omaha Central in the first round. Lincoln High rallied from being 9 points down in the final two minutes of regulation to win 68-61. The semi-final game was a rematch of the district final game against Omaha Westside. For the second day in a row the Links, after being down by 5 points with 32 seconds remaining, won in dramatic fashion 45-44 setting up a championship game against cross-town rival Lincoln Southeast. After going scoreless for more than 10 minutes to start the game and being down 13-0, Lincoln High rallied to win their first state championship in 44 years beating the Knights 43-38.

Courage, determination, perseverance, and chemistry were words used to describe this team and provide one of the most memorable seasons in the long and storied history of Lincoln High athletics. Members of the team included:

Players: *Seniors*-Jake Brestel, Tyron Canby, Collin Hute, David Crabtree, Nolan Day

Matt Kirkland, Nick Madsen, Guy Perkins

*Juniors*-Marcus Minzel, Seth Sharpe

*Sophomores*: Bandak Chei, Preston Peterson

Managers: Liz Higgins and Emily Pederson

Video: Gabino Renteria-Leon

Statistics/Support: Eric Currin

Trainer: Jerel Welker

Coaches: Russ Uhing, Sam Sharpe, Gary Nunnally, Richard Jackson, David Dyson, Brett Schnabel, Bob Mersed, Matt Zajicek

# Lincoln High celebrates 100 years of tradition at 22nd and J

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A century ago, Lincoln High students dubbed their new school building “The Palace of Learning,” marveling at its marble floors and 100 rooms, its swimming pool and magnificent theater.

The new building at 22nd and J streets in 1915 -- a neo-classic edifice on the edge of town -- was a testament to a fledgling city’s commitment to education, a \$750,000 answer of what to do with the students who had outgrown the original school built where Pershing Center now stands.

Lincoln High School, which dates to 1871, already had its school newspaper, “The Advocate,” a band and orchestra, basketball and football teams. What students and staff needed in the early 1900s was a building sufficient to house them all.

In 1915, they got it, and the school built to house 1,200 students seemed like a veritable mansion.

“Each student will have his own private locker and there is room enough in each to stuff in a couple of Freshman,” the Advocate reporters wrote. “There’s also a couple of lunch rooms so that those who cannot go home and get their lunch in twenty minutes will have a convenient place for eating it at school.”

It was a grand beginning, the future laid out before them in brick and limestone, terra cotta and marble, and the students sensed it.

“All the classes will join in making the interior of Lincoln High School as good as the exterior, and the opening of the new school will mark the opening of a new era of history of our School,” they wrote.

Lincoln High’s new building, as it turns out, would stand the test of time, expanding to the south over the next 100 years, growing as the city grew, through the Depression and two world wars, through the civil-rights movement and a city that blew past the 250,000-population mark some years ago.

One hundred years, eight principals and more than 45,000 graduates later, the school’s pride remains intact, its history an integral part of being a Link.

Lincoln High students have been the Links almost as long as they’ve been at 22nd and J streets, since a student came up with the name for the yearbook in 1917. School officials said her winning contest entry was a symbol of the city and school unity they hoped would stick.

It did.

Fifty-four years later, the class of 1970 gave the school a Links sculpture mounted on the northeast lawn.

“The four links out in front stand for tradition, excellence, unity and diversity,” said John Heineman, who has taught at Lincoln High for three decades. “I love the tradition ... and a real commitment to

excellence. We've always been a school that's adapted to the needs of students."

As the city grew and LPS built new high schools, Lincoln High became more diverse, the oldest school in the city and now in the middle, not the outskirts, of town.

"We embraced that rather than fighting it," Heineman said.

Enrollment at Lincoln High was 1,426 the year after it opened, and it kept growing, ballooning to 2,756 in 1938, then tapering off with the addition of Lincoln's other high schools. Today, 1,746 students attend Lincoln High -- one of six high schools that house 10,800 LPS high school students.

Some of those students are second- or third-generation.

Sharon Anderson-Towery's family ties with Lincoln High date back nearly to the beginning: her aunt graduated from Lincoln High 80 years ago, her mom in 1949.

This May, her youngest son will graduate. When she was planning her older son's graduation party two years ago, she had to arrange it around her 40-year Lincoln High reunion.

In the 1970s, she was the third black cheerleader, and a member of the first organized girl's volleyball team.

Race, she said, wasn't an issue then, she just felt a part of the school. That holds true today.

"Because there's so much diversity, you're just accepted," she said.

Alums are proud, she said, and there's an ongoing connection with classmates.

"That's what the Links mean, we're the only ones (with that mascot) in the United States. And we're linked together for life. Period. That's what it means to me."

Those alums have seen numerous additions to the building over the years, the school's footprint expanding southward since 1928.

"Almost every 10 years there's been a major update, which is really kind of neat," said Principal Mike Wortman. "Most high schools built in 1915 have been abandoned as districts grow and the city moves outward. Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools didn't let that happen."

The first major addition occurred in 1928, followed by the Johnson Gym in 1955. In the 1990s, Lincoln High took over the district administration building and later added a link connecting the two buildings.

The original swimming pool was a mark of distinction in 1915 but was covered by a floor years later. The area had multiple uses -- a small theater, a place for team-teaching -- until the 1970s when a new state-of-the-art media center took over the space.

Students helped pay for the Oval, a sports field ringed by an eight-foot concrete wall that stood from the 1920s.

The school additions illustrated the changes in education: New science and foreign language labs, driver's education rooms and computer classes. A much-heralded industrial arts wing added in 1928 was changed and modified and remains a strong program today.

Additions over the years have done away with some beloved parts of the school: graffiti on an old theater wall, the "senior

dip” where the upperclassmen had their lockers, an outside courtyard.

The school already celebrated one centennial -- in 1971 hundreds gathered at Pershing to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of its beginnings. This year, they’re celebrating the 100 years at 22nd and J streets with an open house on March 29.

Wortman has rummaged through the stacks and stacks of old photos, creating a timeline outside the media center.

There are pictures of famous alumni: Actors Dick Cavett and Sandy Dennis on the Lincoln High stage; Ted Sorensen on the debate team, years before he knew JFK; Mike Fultz throwing a shot put before he went to the NFL, then came back to his alma mater to coach.

Teachers who helped define the school are there: coaches Bill Pfeiff and Harold Scott; Paul Adams, a former Tuskagee Airman in WWII who spent 18 years at Lincoln High; Charles Jones, a beloved assistant principal and teacher in the 70s and 80s.

Dying of cancer, Jones asked his wife to drive him down J Street once more on his way home from the hospital in the 1980s, Wortman recalls, and students lined the streets to honor him.

But the history of the place is everywhere. The front hall is lined with pictures of distinguished alumni -- scientists and journalists and race car enthusiasts and politicians. Other schools have started traditions similar to the distinguished alumni wall begun by former Principal Sanford Nelson, Wortman said.

In the front hallway is the “sacred L,” a round glass piece with an L behind it. Its story goes back at least to the 1950s, when it was on the floor of a student

lounge, surrounded by chains so people wouldn’t walk on it -- the consequences for ignoring the rule became the stories of many reunions.

“It was a symbol of Lincoln High spirit,” Wortman said. “You don’t step on it.”

It disappeared for some years, he said, until the class of 1986 unearthed it and displayed it in the cafeteria. Today it is mounted in the front hallway, next to the newly renovated theater named for Sorensen.

Bill Zuspan, who coached and taught social studies for 37 years before retiring in 2010, said one of the school’s biggest strengths is its diversity.

Today, Lincoln High remains the most diverse high school in the city: Just 46 percent of its students are white, they come from more than 50 countries and speak 35 languages.

“Bill Pfeiff and I used to stand and watch the passing of classes,” Zuspan said. “He’d say ‘Mr. Zuspan, look at this, it’s the crossroads of life.’”

Ed Zimmer, a school board member and the city’s historic preservation planner, said Lincoln High’s terra cotta lions, limestone, brick and marble were built to be adaptable to the unknowns of the future.

“I really enjoy how durable it’s been,” he said. “They built it to last and it has lasted and fulfilled its promise.”



# **LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY INDUCTED**

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ED ALBRECHT SR.  
FRANCIS ALLEN  
RICHARD "DICK" ALLEN  
PAUL AMEN  
JOHN "BURT" AMGWERT  
LEE ANDERSON  
HENRY ANDREWS  
HARRY ANKENY  
JOE ARENAS  
ALDIS AUGSTUMS  
SONJA AUPPERLE RISING  
CLAUDE AUSTIN  
JIM AUSTIN  
FRANCIS AYRES  
LINDA BADE SPANEL  
CHARLES BALDWIN  
STUART BALLER  
BOB BARNETT  
SHANNON BARRATT POPPE  
JEFF BARRON  
LEONARD BARWICK  
CHARLES "CHUCK" BATTEY  
HARVEY BAUER  
HENRY BAUER  
JOHN BEAVER  
PAUL BECK  
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HAROLD BECKER  
RHONDA BECKER LASWELL  
DICK BEECHNER  
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HARRY BRIAN  
RON BRIDEGAM  
FRANK BRILL  
JOHN "JUG" BROWN  
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<b>Aldis Augstums</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>Shannon Barratt Poppe</b>	<b>1991</b>
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<b>Alan Vivier</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>Rick Wade</b>	<b>1971</b>

# PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1908 Boys Basketball	1954-55 Boys Basketball
1909 Boys Basketball	1955 Boys Gymnastics
1914 -15 Boys Basketball	1955 Baseball
1914 Football	1956 Baseball
1935 Football	1956 Boys Gymnastics
1938 Football	1958 Boys Basketball
1941 Football	1959 Boys Basketball
1941 Boys Golf	1961 Boys Gymnastics
1942 Boys Basketball	1963 Baseball
1942 Football	1963-64 Boys Gymnastics
1942 Boys Golf	1964 Boys Golf
1942 Boys Swimming	1967 Boys Golf
1942 Boys Track	1968 Boys Gymnastics
1943 Football	1968 Football
1943 Boys Golf	1969 Wrestling
1951 Football	1975 Volleyball
1951 Boys Track	1980 Girls Basketball
1952 Foot Ball	1982 Girls Track
1953 Boys Gymnastics	1985 Girls Cross Country
1954 Football	1986 Girls Cross Country
1954 Boys Gymnastics	1987 Girls Cross Country
1954 Baseball	1987 Boys Cross Country

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