

EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The First Twenty Five Years

Vancil Dunahoo

FOREWORD

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History is a chronological record of the occurrences that shape the existence of nations and institutions. A record of a school's history reveals the origin of the school's special "ethos." Ethos is to a school what a personality is to an individual. By knowing the events and the names of people behind the sequence of events, an understanding develops which captures the flavor of a school's traditions, ceremonies, and activities. This record also definitely singles out the uniqueness, which distinguishes Edgewood High School from any other school. We are grateful to Mr. Dunahoo for his efforts in capsulizing the ethos of our school throughout its first 25 years.

Don Banderas/Principal

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A special thank you to Mrs. Marion Peterson for her help in gathering, organizing, and presenting this 25 year history of Edgewood High School.

THE BEGINNING

On October 1, 1958, the Covina Union High School District purchased a 40 acre ranch on the corner of Orange and Merced Avenue from the J.C. Hurst family as the site of a second high school in West Covina for \$378,000. The sale stipulated an "improved" site including streets, sidewalks, curbs, parkway trees, all utilities, as well as 8,000 cubic yards of dirt. The architectural firm of Kistner, Wright, & Wright was hired to adapt the plans used for previous high schools in the district to this particular plot.

The board wished to have a name to use when referring to the project, and Harold Smith suggested the telephone prefix, Edgewood.

Because of crowded conditions in the high school district, all ninth graders from Charter Oak, Covina, and West Covina were housed on the old Covina High School campus for the 1958-59 school year. The school was called Edgewood Freshman High School and existed for just one year until construction at Northview and Edgewood were sufficiently completed to house students.

Mr. Roscoe J. Vaniman was appointed principal, and with the help of assistant principals Phyllis Stronach (Krueger) and Harold Smith, started gathering the three counselors and twenty-eight teachers who would start Edgewood High School the following fall.

In September of 1959, 705 ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students enrolled at the not-quite-finished campus. The cafeteria, gym, girls locker room, library, D-building, and the east half of E-building were still under construction.

The student body selected TROJANS as their mascot, and green, gold, and white as school colors. The newspaper was named the Iliad, after Homer's epic poem, and the yearbook was named the Aurigan, which means "Charioteer."

Student leaders included Jeff Burnett, ASB President; Don Zell, ASB Vice-President; Linda Fox, Iliad Editor; Sue LaFond, Aurigan Editor; Dan Fibiger, Junior Class President; Bob Frost, Sophomore Class President; and Nancy Jo Reddick, Freshman Class President.

A Parent-Teacher Association was organized and Mrs. James McGrath was elected president.

Since the school had no alumni to come home, they elected Linda Williams as the football queen.

The words and original music for the Alma Mater were written by Bob Doyon.

Along with organizing a new student government, the ASB successfully petitioned the city council to name the street on the east side of the campus Trojan Way.

The first dance on campus was the Valentine Ball, which was held in the not yet completed cafeteria.

Clubs organized were the Athenians (girls' service club), Priams (boys' service club), Girls' Athletic Association, Girls' League, Varsity Club, Lettermen's Club, Future Homemakers of America, Nurse's Club, Rickshaws (car club), Future Business Leaders, German Club, Pep Club, Modeling Club, and Latin Club.

The basketball team went to CIF and sophomore Roger Burright was selected as Athlete of the Year.

In November of that first year the voters in the Union High School District voted to dissolve the District and form the Baldwin Park, Charter Oak, Covina-Valley, and West Covina Unified School Districts, effective July 1, 1960.

1960-1961

In September of 1960, 1,007 students enrolled. Edgewood now had all four grades. Student leaders were Student Body President Sam Jones, Vice-President Gary Gebhardt, Senior Class President Ron Sunker, Junior Class President Bob Fast, Sophomore Class President Mike Russell, Freshman Class President Joe Knight, Aurigan Editor Marilyn Clark, and Iliad Editor Linda Fox. Brian Smith was Athlete of the Year.

The first play, "A Rocket in His Pocket", directed by Mrs. Marion Peterson was presented in March.

Mrs. James McGrath was PTA President, and Mr. G. W. Broomhead was awarded the first Honorary Life Membership.

The first graduation was in the gym. The faculty wanted a way to honor graduating seniors who exemplified EDGEWOOD through scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship, so the Emerald Key Award was created. The first year the faculty selected Gary Gebhardt, Judith Bohlen, and Donald Zell to be awarded Emerald Keys. Mr. Patrick Trudel was Senior Class Advisor.

1961-1962

September of 1961 brought 1,157 students to the Trojan Campus. Meredith Gethes was ASB President, Don Henry was Vice-President, Dallas Johann was Senior Class President, Bob Wertz was Junior President, Joe Knight was Sophomore President, and Mike Olden was Freshman President. Janet Blumenfeld was Iliad Editor and Sue LaFond was Aurigan Editor.

Mike Houlihan was the Athlete of the Year. Mr. Gilbert Lopez was Senior Class Advisor.

The Senior Quad was built during this year, and the tradition that only seniors could be on the Quad was established.

Mrs. George Getches was PTA President, and Mr. David Scully received the Honorary Life Membership.

1962-1963

Enrollment in fall ex 1962 reached 1,394. Among the active student leaders were Greg O'Brien, ASB President, Rich Reitan, ASB Vice-President, Patty Erath, Senior Class President, and Pat Reed, Freshman Class President. The Aurigan Editor was Jan Sornborger, and Nancy Jo Reddick served as Iliad Editor.

Jay Johnstone was named Athlete of the Year. The Cross Country team won the Sierra League, and the football team went to CIF competition. The Stewart Award was established to honor an outstanding senior boy for scholarship, athletics, and leadership. Rich Reitan was chosen as the first recipient.

Emerald Key winners were Nancy Jo Reddick, Roberta Burgess, Richard Reitan, and Jan Sornborger. The first yearbook dedication honored Roscoe J. Vaniman.

Graduation was moved the center Quad; and Ward Wenner was Senior Class Advisor.

The PTA was headed by the President, Mrs. Edward O'Dell. Assistant principal, Mrs. Phyllis Stronach (Krueger); was named Honorary Life Member.

1963-1964

With enrollment at 1,645, the year started out with the cross country team again winning the Sierra League and the football team again going to CIF. The wrestling and baseball teams also won league titles.

A foreign exchange program was begun with ASB and PTA cooperating. Kalpana Gupted from Poona, India, Spent the year as A Trojan.

ASB officers were: Janie Karasek, President; Al Lozano, Vice-President; Senior Class President, Joe Knight; Junior Class President, Mike Olden; Sophomore Class President, Martha Mahoney; and Freshman Class President, Gary Kline. Iliad Editor was Jeffrey Johnston. Emerald keys were awarded to Constance Broomhead. Joseph Knight, Richard Davis, and Jane Karasek. Jack Frazier was named Athlete of the Year, and Edward Terwilliger won the Stewart Award. James Arwood served as Senior Class Advisor.

In the fall, John Hochberger became Assistant Principal, moving from the position of Head Counselor. PTA President was Mrs. Edward O'Dell, and Mrs. Marion Peterson became an Honorary Life Member.

1964-1965

In September, classes were moved into the new N, O, and P buildings, all air-conditioned, and the Trojans moved to the Montview League. Enrollment reached 1,759 and spirit soared with the victory bell and victory flag. Trojans had much to cheer about with cross country, basketball, and wrestling winning league.

Heading ASB were Michael Olden, President, and Patti Dougherty, Vice-President. Class Presidents were John Tucker, Juniors, Gary Kline, Sophomores, and Mike Herman, Freshman. Patti Dougherty and Warren Burgess, Editors, chose Vancil Dunahoo, Aurigan Advisor, for the dedication. Iliad was edited by Greg Welter, Pattie Oswalt, and Richard Loesch. Mr. Robert Loher served as Senior Class Advisor.

Emerald Keys were awarded to Warren Burgess, Gary Baxter, Patti Dougherty, John Diezsi, Patricia Elley, Larry Fritz, Cynthia Primeau, Ricky Romero, and Wesley Sagawa. Gary Baxter was Athlete of the Year, and he also received the Stewart Award.

Honorary Life members were Mr. Roscoe Vaniman and Mrs. Rosemary Scott, Mrs. John MacKay was PTA President.

In June, Howard Kunitz had the honor of being the first graduate with all A's. The first 4.0!

Also, in June, Operation 2000 was culminated with the burying of a time capsule in the Quad area. The capsule contains memorabilia of 1965, and is to be dug up in June of the year 2000.

1965-1966

Enrollment was at 1,802 in the fall and an exchange student from Italy, Daniela Malberti, was on campus. Mrs. Esther Owers was senior class advisor. The class president was Charles Sicotti. Other class presidents were: Alice Bremer (juniors), Susie Naylor (sophomore), and Greg Foster (freshmen). ASB was headed by Linda Reitan (President), and Jim Hay (Vice-President).

Stephen Fountain received the yearbook dedication. The Aurigan editor was Arthur Wiley, who also became Athlete of the Year and Stewart Award winner. Richard Loesch was Iliad editor.

In January, Mary Nichols was appointed Vice Principal, replacing Phyllis Stronach who became director of the District's Instructional Materials Center.

Emerald Keys went to Patti Erwin, Larry Lear, Linda Reitan, and Arthur Wiley.

Mrs. John MacKay again served as PTA President. The Honorary Life Awards went to Mrs. Paul Kolbe, Mrs. Grace Todd, and Mrs. Ruth Mason.

1966-1967

Enrollment continued to grow and reached 1,876 in 1966. The exchange students were Johanna Weber from Austria and Daniel Milanezi from Brazil. The football team won the league. ASB President Alice Bremer and Vice-President Dan Salles were assisted by Senior Class President, Bruce Wodhams; Junior Class President, Susie Naylor; Sophomore Class President, Greg Foster; and Freshmen Class President, Bob Ashley.

Sue Burns and Barbara Gunn served as co-editors of the Aurigan, which was dedicated to John Hochberger. Iliad editor was Tim Rutten. Mr. Gilbert Lopez became Senior Class Advisor. The Stewart Award went to Spencer Metz, and David McHenry was Athlete of the Year.

Emerald Key recipients were Alice Bremer, Jonathan Davis, Susan Harmon, and Christine Mallon. Mr. John Hochberger and Mr. Ernest Ek received PTA Honorary Life Memberships and PTA President was Mrs. William Stephens.

1967-1968

Still growing, enrollment reached 1,888 in 1967. Exchange student, Bengt Andres Davidson, came from Sweden to spend the year. Susie Naylor became ASB President with Bill Havard as Vice-President. Class presidents were: Tom Gustafson (Seniors), Greg Foster (Juniors), Marvin Gross (Sophomores), and Marsha Pecaut (Freshmen).

The Aurigan was dedicated to Mr. James Arwood. The editor was Bob Isaac. Iliad was headed by Tim Rutten, editor. Mr. John Haymond served as Advisor of the Senior Class.

The wrestling team won league, Richard Parker was named Athlete of the Year, and the Stewart Award was given to Richard Godderz. Emerald Keys went to Richard Godderz, William Havard Jr., Susie Nailor, Alicia Weingold, and Stephen Metz.

PTA, under President Mrs. James Jackson, and Mrs. Frank Maloney, pro-tem, gave an Honorary Life Membership to Mr. John Teresa.

1968-1969

1968 was an infamous year as the Administration building burned, destroying over half of the building and all of the roof. The school vault, with the permanent records of the students and school, did not burn. The fire, at the end of August, was the result of arson. A temporary building housed the counselors, and other offices were set up in the "E" building. In spite of the disaster, school opened on time with 1,953 students.

Officers were: Donna Embree, ASB President; Dwight Ek ASB Vice-President; John Monahan, Senior President; Marvin Gross, Junior President; Marsha Miller, Sophomore President; Joe Gonzales, Freshman President. Helene Goodman was Senior Class Advisor.

The Aurigan, edited by John Monahan, was dedicated to Mr. Ken Wells. The Iliad's editor was Jerri Gaines. Raul Alcalay from Spain was the exchange student. Taking Athlete of the Year honors was Mike Hill. The Stewart Award was given to Alan Tussy. The swimming team won league.

Mrs. Frank Maloney was PTA President, and Honorary Life Memberships went to Mrs. June Cook and Mr. Arthur Wilson.

Emerald Key recipients were Dwight Ek, John Monahan, Elona Pecaut, and Patricia Shaylor.

1969-1970

With a restored Administration building, school opened with an enrollment of 2,084, and still growing. Robert Ashley and Brent Flotron were ASB President and Vice President. The Senior Class, with Mr. Norman Silvey as Advisor, was presided over by Greg Carter. Other class presidents were Tom McCoy (Juniors), Will Gustafson (Sophomores), and Judy Nelson (Freshmen).

The yearbook dedication was to Mr. Marvin Metz with co-editors Randy Moersch and Kathy Monahan giving the presentation. Greg Carter and George Merten headed the Iliad.

Bob Harmon was chosen Athlete of the Year; Randy Moersch earned the Stewart Award. And the wrestlers again won the league. Emerald Keys were awarded to Karen Cadra, Beverly Hall, Charlotte Kiyan and Peggy Reed.

PTA Honorary Life Memberships went to Mrs. Jean Embree, Mrs. Dwayne Pecaut, and Mrs. Jean Myers. PTA co-presidents were Mrs. Joy Faulkner and Mrs. Dee Burnett.

1970-1971

This year saw a number of changes. Mervin Metz became Vice Principal, PTA became PTSA with students added, and graduation was held at the West Covina Mustang Field because we had outgrown the Quad. With 2,156 students, there was plenty of action. Tom McCoy was ASB President; Jean Geis, Vice-President; Richard Burgess, Senior Class President; Julie Speer, Junior Class President; Pat Gates, Sophomore Class President; Sam Johnson, Freshman Class President. Mr. Phil Norton was Senior Class Advisor. Mr. Don Cawthon received the yearbook dedication. Editors were Tom Glassen and Steve Wallace. Iliad editors were Pam Marx and Dan McMeekin.

Christopher Moersch became Athlete of the Year, and Richard Burgess was winner of the Stewart Award. Emerald Keys were awarded to Marsha Pecaut, Pamela Marx, Ralph Maeda, Carol Kiyan, and Scott Danforth.

PTSA President was Mr. Louis Sorge; Honorary Life recipient was Mrs. Marge Schneider.

1971-1972

Enrollment reached it's highest point in 1971 when 2,172 students attended Edgewood. Another disaster occurred when the library was destroyed by arson, but a new Media Center, under the direction of Vancil Dunahoo, rose from the ashes. The cross country team, football team, and wrestlers all won league. ASB President was Rod Hutchinson, Vice-President was Lynnea Buchanan. John Skovmand was Senior President; Pat Gates, Junior; Bonnie Gaines, Sophomore; and Becky Arvidson, Freshman. Senior Advisor was Helene Goodman. Editors were Gerald "Geb" Church, Aurigan, Linda Bosserman, Iliad; The yearbook dedication was to Mr. John Haymond and Mr. Gilbert Lopez. Other awards were: Athlete of the Year, Gerald Church; Stewart Award, Craig Puz; and Emerald Key, Craig Puz.

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For the first time, graduation was held at the District Field.

1972-1973

For the first time, enrollment took a drop to 2,066 in 1972. Linda Bosserman headed ASB as President and Sally Hicks Vice-President. Class Presidents were: Tom Rutten, Seniors; Pat Mears, Juniors; Paul Reed, Sophomores; Pam Wallace, Freshmen. Aurigan Editors, Terry Stewart and Gail Goldstein honored Kathryn Zahrt and Norman Silvey with the dedication. The Iliad Editor was Linda Bosserman.

Gary Roenicke was awarded Athlete of the Year, and Morgan Davies Was chosen for the Stewart Award. Sam Hardwick was Senior Class Advisor. The wrestlers again won league and the Varsity baseball team went to CIF as league champs for the first time in Edgewood's history. The Gold Key for outstanding service to the school by a senior was established. Those receiving it were: Genene Arvidson. Elizabeth Chavez. Marc Clemmens, Sandel Gamer, Gordon Hamachi, Andre Jackson, Jeff Maeda, and Elena Qualls. Emerald Keys were awarded to Sally Hicks, Tiona Pecaut, Casey Rasmussen, Linda Bosserman, and Gail Goldstein.

Mrs. Frank Nixon again served as PTSA President and again no Honorary Life Membership was given.

1973-1974

Enrollment was 1,983 in 1973 when Ray Stewart was ASB President with Shelly Krueger serving as Vice-President. Senior class Advisor Mr. Peter Aranda was assisted by Class President Laurie Harrison. Brenda Knox was Junior President, Leslie Norman was Sophomore President, and Sue Bosserman, was Freshman President. Mindie Mueller headed the Aurigan as editor while Shelly Kunitz headed the Iliad staff. The yearbook dedication was to Mr. Roger Mays and Mr. Rudy Meoli.

Ron Roenicke took Athlete of the Year, cross country won league, the Varsity basketball team made it to CIF, and Jeff Cook received the Stewart Award.

PTSA honored Mrs. Letha Blake with the Honorary Service Award, and Mr. Arthur

Blake was their President.

Gold Key recipients were Renee Futter, Shelly Kunitz, and Jeffrey Moore. Emerald Key recipients were Douglas Hopkinson, Shelly Krueger, Deborah Michel, Mindie Mueller and Margaret Weimer.

1974-1975

With the start of the school year in 1974, the position of Dean of Student Services was established. Louis Sergio was Edgewood's first Dean. Enrollment was 1,983.

ASB President was Charles Rossman, Jamie Salchow was Vice-President. Mrs. Peggy Ozanich was Senior Class Advisor, Larry Talkington was Senior Class President. Others elected as Class Presidents were: Juniors-Eileen Galloway, Sophomores-Sue Nelson, Freshman-Belinda Euell.

Mr. Richard Kinzler, Mr. Gary Kretz, and Mr. Arthur Wilson were honored by the yearbook dedication. Editor was Steve Bogan. Iliad editor, Denise D'Amico, had an exciting year with the wrestling and baseball team winning league.

Dave Daniels was chosen Athlete of the Year and Steve Bogan received the Stewart Award. Gold Keys went to Denise D'Amico, Rebecca Drooks, Lori Lewis, Lorene Peterson, Jamie Salchow, and Heidi Vogel. Emerald Keys were awarded to Steve Bogan, Janet Embree, Mark Garrabrant, Desiree Gonzales, and Gail Sorokawski.

PTSA President was Mr. Edward Wells and the Honorary Service Award was given to Mrs. Frank Nixon.

1975-1976

This year promised to be eventful with the Bi-Centennial celebration of our nation. Edgewood's 1,944 students applied to become a Bi-Centennial High School. Not only was Edgewood selected, but was given the honor of being "the first high school so designated".

There were several other "firsts" this year. Denise Hawkins was the first girl Athlete of the Year, and Eileen Galloway received the first Wilson Award. The Wilson Award was established to honor Mr. Art Wilson, Head Counselor, who retired at the end of this year. This award is the female counterpart to the Stewart Award that had been established in 1963.

Andy Grinstead as President, and Pam Wallace as Vice-President, led the ASB. Senior President was Debbie Roenicke; Doug McEachren served as Junior President, Sophomore Laurie Irving led her class, and Andy Arriola was Freshman President

The baseball team won CIF with an exciting 2-0 win over West Torrance at Angel Stadium. Jerry Mendoza was the other Athlete of the Year, and the Stewart Award was given to Andrew Grinstead.

The Aurigan was edited by Linda Arriola and the Iliad by Shelly Hunter. Mr. Gilbert Lopez was the Senior Class Advisor, and the Aurigan was dedicated to Mr. Paul Breit and Mrs. Marion Peterson. Mrs. Edward Wells was the PTSA President, and Mr. Richard Kinzler received an Honorary Service Award.

Emerald Keys were awarded to Linda Arriola, Mary Andre, Callye Clemens, Margaret Galloway, and Effi Martinez. Gold Key recipients were Susan Ahrens, Jill Ewert, Christopher Fredericks, Andrew Grinstead, Robert Hynes, Grace Moreno, Debra Nickerson, Paul O'Brien, Sandra Rickaby, Debra Roenicke, Cynthia Romo, Mark Teichrow, Pamela Wallace, and David Zylsta.

In June of this school year Mr. Roscoe Vaniman, who had been principal since the school started, retired.

1976-1977

In September of 1976, 1,944 students welcomed James Thynne as the new principal, while Marion Peterson took over the duties of head counselor.

Royce Blake served as ASB President with Tammy McGuire as Vice-President. The Aurigan which was dedicated to Mr. Philip Gary, was edited by Jeff Naslund. Debbie Fleming served as Iliad editor.

Class presidents were Stacy Freeberg, Seniors; Sue Corey, Juniors; Cindy Holous, Sophomores; and Kathy Brundage, Freshmen. Mr. Jean Kilmer was Senior Class Advisor.

Salvatore (Sam) Favata and Deborah Centeno were selected as Athletes of the Year and James Carroll and Joan Canterino received the Stewart and Wilson Awards.

The baseball team again won CIF at Angel Stadium with a 3-1 victory over Magnolia High School. PTSA President was Mrs. Sam Nanfity. Honorary Service Awards went to Mrs. Cliff Dickenson and Mrs. Ada Campbell.

1977-1978

Another drop in enrollment to 1,916 came in 1977. New administrators were Vice-Principal Gary Kretz and Dean Paul Brett.

Tom Grinstead was ASB President, and Sue Corey served as Vice-President. Ralph Gonzales was Senior Class President; Michelle Buchman, Junior President; Luara Rodriguez, Sophomore President; and Randy Luna, Freshman President.

James Gustafson and Scott Boyer edited the Aurigan and Iliad. The yearbook was dedicated to Dr. Louis Sergio, and Mr. Peter Aranda was Senior Class Advisor.

Athlete of the Year Award winners were Mark Adamiak and Cecilia Andrade. Wilson Award winner was Margaret Hamachi and Stewart Award winner was Loring Davies. Emerald Keys were awarded to Royce Blake, Roseann Champion, Tamorah McGuire, Jeff Naslund, Carolyn Russo, and Tom Wallace. Gregory Arndt, Cheryl Barnes, Craig Brewer, Debra Fleming, Patrick Jacobo, Jeffrey Johnson, Susan Juarez, Cheryl Rupp, Barbara Stever, and Barbara Wallace received Gold Keys.

Mrs. Frank Rudy served as PTSA President. An Honorary Service Award was given to Mr. Doug Miller.

1978-1979

This school year was the largest decline in enrollment up to that point. Edgewood had dropped to 1,808 students.

ASB was led by Simone Lagomarsino as president and Paula Vento as Vice-President. Class presidents included Mark Bertone, Seniors; Lori Leibengood, Juniors; Sandy Lee, Sophomores; and Bruce McKillop, Freshmen. Mr. Phillip Norton was senior class advisor.

Andrew Arriola edited the Aurigan which was dedicated James Thynne, and Kim Irwin was editor of the Iliad.

Top athletes for the year were Michael Barnett and Laurie Neilan. Stewart/Wilson recipients were Andrew Arriola and Melinda Wallace. Andrew Arriola, Michelle Buckman, Simone Lagomarsino, and Melinda Wallace received Emerald Keys. Gold Keys were awarded to Lori Chong, Olivia Cuevas, Marquesita Gutierrez, Kimberly Irwin, Cheryl Jackson, Jerry Smith, and Paul Vento.

Mrs. Keith Doverspike, Mr. James Thynne, received Continuing Service Awards and Mr. Karl Major received an Honorary Service Award. Mrs. Ted Grinstead was PTSA President.

1979-1980

School opened with 1,700 students. Bill Webb and Tina Miller served as President and Vice-President of the student body. Class Presidents were Jane Warren, Seniors; Jo Russo, Juniors; Diane Gutierrez, Sophomores; and Cindy Estrada, Freshmen.

James Wesley was Aurigan editor while Anna Rivera edited the Iliad.

Mr. Paul Breit became the Vice-Principal, and Mr. Jim Black became the Dean. The yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Mary Herbener, and Mr. Jean Kilmer was Senior Class Advisor.

Mr. Steve Fountain was awarded Continuing Service Award by the PTSA under the leadership of Mrs. Ted Grinstead.

The soccer team was league champs. Athletes of the Year were Ana Sam and Mark Horine. Stewart/Wilson winners were Michael Fox and Ana Rivera. Emerald Keys were awarded to Tina Miller, Laura Rodriguez, Sandra Sakatani, Jane Warren, and William Webb. Gold Keys were awarded to Lisa Applebaum, Diane Campbell, Lia De Benedet, Lori Leibengood, Anna Rivera, Leanne Savoi, Philip Vasai, and Angelica Vargas.

During this year there was much concern as the Board of Education had appointed a Restructuring Task Force to study the feasibility of closing one of the high schools because of declining enrollment. Would Edgewood be closed, leaving West Covina as the only High School?

In July of 1980 the Task Force recommended to the board that neither high school be closed.

1980-1981

Enrollment was now at 1,549 students. Craig Reimers was ASB President and Frank Martinez was Vice-President. Luis Escobar was 12th grade President. Joe Vieyra served the 11th grade, Doreen Silva the 10th grade, and Yvonne Flores the 9th grade.

Anthony Anton and James Hedges edited the yearbook which was dedicated to Mr. Jean Kilmer and Mr. Ronald Spence. Linda Littman was Iliad editor.

PTSA, under the leadership of Mrs. George Arndt, honored Mrs. Olivia Chavez with an Honorary Service Award.

Mr. Ken Penner was Senior Class Advisor. Graduation was moved back to the gymnasium.

Athlete of the Year Awards were given to Michael Powell and Julie Smith. Craig Reimers received the Stewart Award and the Wilson Award was given to Virginia Nance.

Gayle Freeberg and Craig Reimers were awarded Emerald Keys, while Gold Keys were given to Alyson Beatse, Luis Escobar, Carla Garnett, Jane Iacono, Sandra Lee, Virginia Nance, Cheryl Parks, Renee Rossney, Joe Rosso, and Gina Sicurango.

In the spring, Edgewood was given a six year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

1981-1982

The big change for the 1,464 students who enrolled was a new principal, Don Banderas, and a new Assistant Principal, Doug Koel.

Frank Martinez and Gigi Smith led ASB, and Joe Vieyra was Senior Class President. Miss Sandra McAninch was Senior Class Advisor. Leading the other classes were Cynthia Estrada, Juniors; Cheryl Lee, Sophomores; and Kim Baker, Freshmen.

Lynne Staley was Aurigan editor, while Tracy Amsden led the Iliad staff. The yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Edward Del Castillo.

Kenneth Gacevich and Debbie Takaki were chosen for the Stewart and Wilson Awards. Frank Bellino and Nikki Pride were Athletes of the Year. Emerald Keys were given to Eugene Hayes, Gigi Smith, and Debra Takaki. Gold Keys were given to Karen Kozloff, Frank Martinez, Sharon Monahan, Sandra Pill, and Joe Vieyra.

PTSA President was Mrs. Richard Welts. Honorary Service Awards were given to Mrs. Martha Packard and Mrs. Mary Nichols.

1982-1983

1,428 students enrolled to begin this year. John Bowers was ASB President and Elisa Monteilh was Vice-President. Mrs. Jean Myers advised the Senior Class led by Cynthia Estrada. Cheryl Lee was Junior Class President, while Jim Hellmold led the Sophomores and Brian Spilman led the Freshmen.

Chris Allen edited the Iliad, and Richard Marascola was Aurigan editor. The yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Michael Lassalette and Miss Geri Williams.

Athletes of the Year were Eric Myers and Ana Garcia, while John Bowers and Doreen Silva received the Stewart and Wilson Awards. The baseball team won league and the wrestling squad won C.I.F.

The PTSA, under the leadership of Mrs. Richard Welts, awarded a Continuing Service Award to Mrs. Sharon Hummell.

Emerald Keys were awarded to John Bowers, Tamblyn Merriweather, and Brendan Morley. Gold Key recipients were Cynthia Estrada, Patrick Flannery, David Hedges, Rick Hernandez, Richard Marascola, Shirley Sakatani, Doreen Silva, and Winslow Yee.

1983-1984

Edgewood's 25th year!

The computer age is here. All scheduling, attendance, etc., etc., is now handled by terminals in "A" building.

Mrs. Karen Dunn became Vice-Principal and Mrs. Mary Herbener became Head Counselor.

Michael Spence as ASB President, and Jim Hellmold is Vice-President.

Sean Clark is Senior Class President; Cheryl Hedrick is Junior President; Brian Spilman is Sophomore President; and Eric Nelson is Freshman President. Mr. Phil Norton is Senior Class Advisor. Erlinda Bernardo is Aurigan editor and Page Myers is Iliad editor.

It seems fitting that Mrs. Mike Negrete (nee Sandy Connaster), an Edgewood graduate, should serve as the 25th PTSA President. Mr. Leonard Michel received a Continuing Service Award from the PTSA.

The big event this year was the 25th birthday party on February 29. Lunch was extended to one hour for an on-campus picnic. There was dancing, body painting, free popcorn, and cokes, and various food and game booths sponsored by campus organizations.

The soccer team had the distinction of being the first Edgewood sport to be a league champion in the new Valle Vista League. The tennis team was also league champs.

Although they were not league champs, the badminton, softball, and baseball teams played in CIF play-offs.

The twenty-fifth Aurigan is dedicated to Mr. James Monroe.

This years Athletes of the Year are Todd Beatse and Melissa Strobe. The Stewart and Wilson Award recipients are Ed Hays and Kim Blessing.

Emerald Key winners are Bernard Buchanan, Barbara Pill, and Michael Spence, while Gold Keys are awarded to Chelin Flores, Ed Hays, Cheryl Lee, Maria Lea Magpoc, Mary Schmidt, Andrea Smith, Carol Watanabe, and Jason Zahariades.

As this 25th year draws to a close, the Edgewood community – students, staff and parents – look forward to the next twenty-five years and continued successes for Edgewood High School.

Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater
To Edgewood sing our praise
To ever-faithful sons and daughters
Eager voices raise
Loyal always to green and white
And gold of promise true
With victory won by TROJAN MIGHT
We place our trust in you.