Class ring collection is growing

Our collection of class rings is growing! Since the article appeared in the Spring/Summer '02 newsletter, we have had some wonderful additions to the collection. They include a 1928 ring, which, together with the 1929 ring we had, are unique in their appearance. We also have another very special ring: the 1916 class ring of Ella Thea Smith Cox, who later taught biology at SHS and wrote the biology book, Exploring Biology, which became the standard of its time. This ring has the Quaker Lady head on it, our now-classic image that was modeled by Ella Thea Smith's mother. These early rings are beautiful and easy to think of as representative because there was just one style available for the whole class. The later rings are typically one of a kind because the students personalized them with their individual interests and symbols. At the moment we have rings from 1916, '28, '29, '32, '38, '39, '41, '43, '44, '45, '52, '55, '58, '69, '70, '72, '73, '74, '79, and '90. We are looking forward to showing off our collection in the display case that a SHS grad has offered to build. Many thanks to the SHS grads who have mailed their rings in, or climbed our "mountain of stairs" to donate a ring.

Another "collection" has been growing in the high school office these past years, but also needs alumni help. Darlene Keller Heineman, '68, the registrar and secretary to the principal, has been collecting the Commencement booklets from the very beginning of Salem High School to the present time. We had a few here at the office, and were able to complete some very early years, but the following years are still missing: 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1997, 1994, 1996, and 1997. Any help in completing this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Sebo Scholarship Applicants sought

The Salem High School Alumni Association is looking for applicants for the Sebo College Scholarship which will be awarded at the 122nd Annual Reunion and Banquet on May 31, 2003. The deadline for the application will be April 30th, 2003. Candidates eligible must be previous alumni scholarship winners, whether they were awarded an Academic Scholarship, a Max Fisher Athletic Scholarship, a Vocational Scholarship, a Sebo Achievement or Sebo Bowling Green Scholarship. Applicants must be entering their second, third or fourth year of college. If you or someone you know is eligible and interested, pick up an application at the alumni office or call 330-332-1427.

Fox Scholarship winners are selected

The scholarship committee of the Salem High School Alumni Association has awarded 12 scholarships of $1,000 each to graduates of Salem High School who are pursuing careers in the health field. The awards are made available from the Charles Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Recipients are Joseph Bestic, '95, medicine, Ohio State University College of Medicine; Zachary Buchmann, '95, exercise physiology, Youngstown State University; Shawn Catlos, '95, dentistry, OSU College of Dentistry; Nicole Chengelis, '96, medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Ryan S. Drake, '95, medicine, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Melanie Drake, '95, medicine, NEUCOM; Christine Tschach Lucas, nursing, Kent State University; Sean T. McGrath, '95, medicine, NEUCOM; Cacy Capel Miranda, '76, psychology, University of Minnesota; Chad Paxson, '96, medicine, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Chad Shultz, '98, optometry, Ohio State University College of Optometry; Dustin Ziegler, '97, pharmacy University of Toledo.

Fox was born in Lisbon in 1903, and attended Lisbon public schools and East Liverpool Business School. He was employed by the Salem China Co. from 1925 to 1950. He began working at the Salem Label Co. in 1950 and retired from the firm as secretary-treasurer in 1969. He was a founder and charter member of the Community Concert Association.

Openly enthusiastic about supporting talented youth, Charles Fox designated, at his death in 1972, the income from his estate to support the Community Concert Association and the Scholarship Fund of the Salem High Alumni Association.