

First Annual Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame

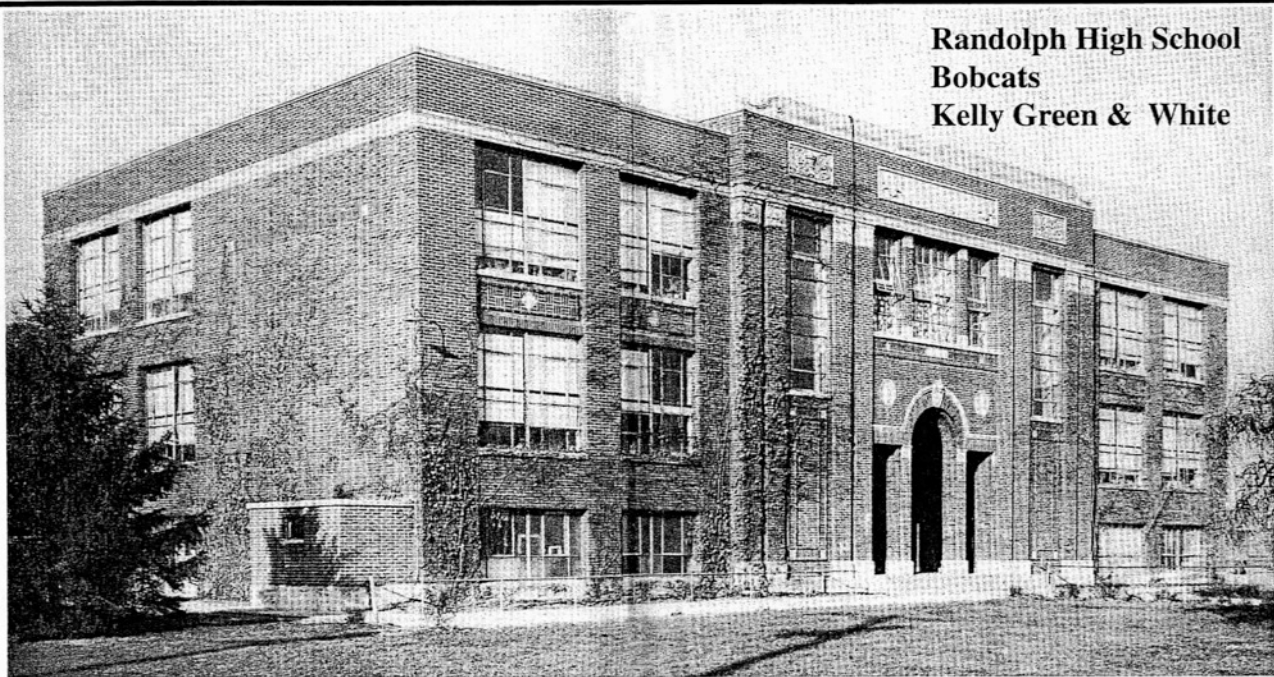


January 30, 2004

“Excellence On And Off The Field!”

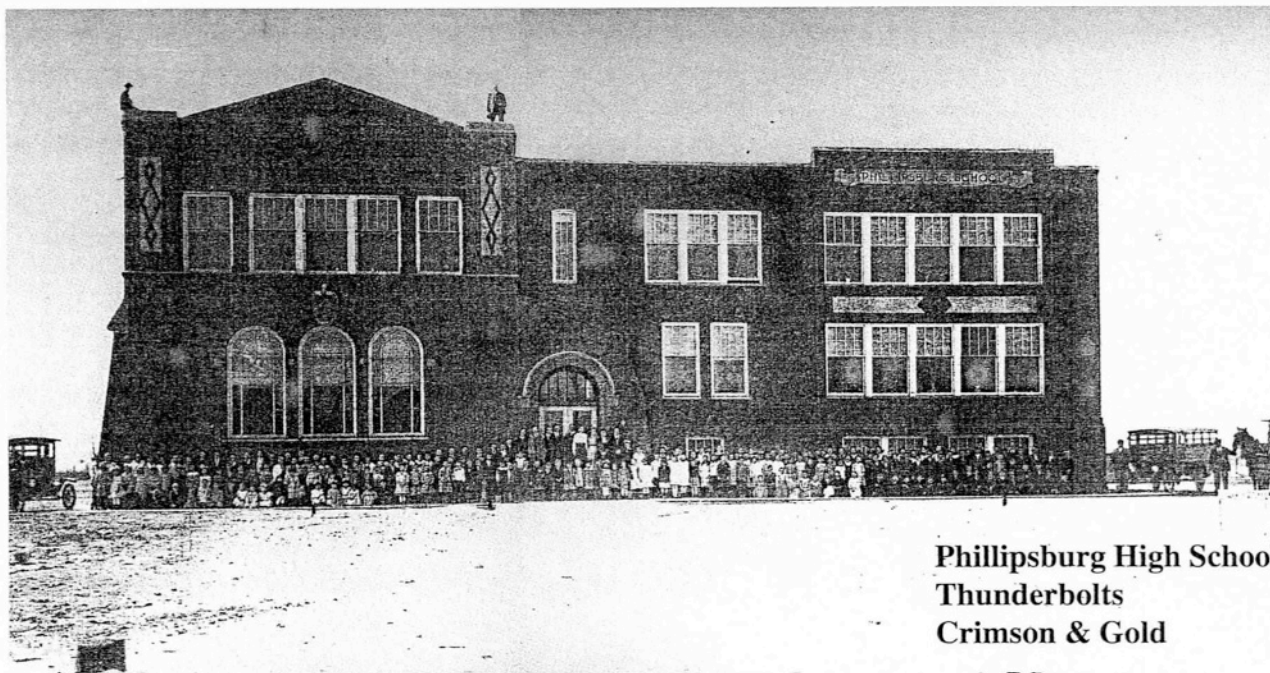


Yesterday



Randolph High School
Bobcats
Kelly Green & White

Randolph High School was granted a charter by the State of Ohio in 1903. The first school building was in what is now known as the Tietzman building. Growth continued for Randolph schools and the Tietzman building could no longer accommodate the growing school population. In 1924 a new Randolph High School building was completed to take care of the growing number of students. The new Northmont High School opened in the fall of 1959, and the old Randolph High School became the new junior high school. The building is now the O.R. Edgington Elementary School.



Phillipsburg High School
Thunderbolts
Crimson & Gold

Phillipsburg High School was organized in 1906 with classes held in the township hall. In 1919 land from Montgomery, Darke, and Miami counties became the Phillipsburg Consolidated School District. A new building was built and served Phillipsburg until the new Northmont High School opened in 1959. The existing building is now Phillipsburg Elementary School.



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Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame

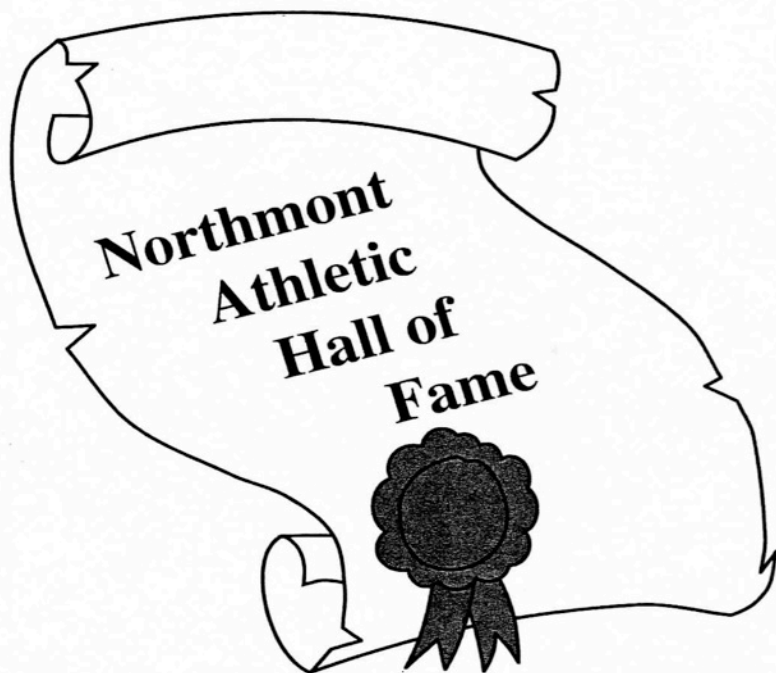
Welcome to our first annual Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame induction. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee has been busy writing the constitution and by-laws and planning for this wonderful event. We have been combing yearbooks, talking with alumni and community members from Phillipsburg, Randolph, and Northmont to help us make this a memorable evening for all involved.

This evening is a time for all of us to be able to share our "Green Pride" and the rich athletic tradition that Northmont carries from Randolph and Phillipsburg High Schools. Whether we are a Thunderbolt or a Bobcat we share a common bond and new Northmont experiences. Tonight's festivities have been made possible by the generous donations and support from Peoples Bank of Clayton, graduates, and Northmont residents.

It is with great Northmont pride that we welcome you to this year's induction, where we honor the past and look to the future. Northmont Athletics, "Excellence On and Off the Field of Play."

Sincerely,

Robin Spiller
Athletic Administrator/Assistant Principal
Northmont High School



Established
August 11, 2002

Being named to the Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be awarded to former athletes, coaches, administrators, or boosters by the Northmont Athletic Department.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have made lasting and significant contributions to the Northmont Athletic Department and perpetuated the spirit of pride and loyalty that is a cornerstone of the Northmont community.

The qualifications of candidates must possess the following criteria: 1) Student/Athletes of Phillipsburg, Randolph, or Northmont High Schools, 2) Nominees must have distinguished themselves as a member of the Northmont coaching staff, 3) nominees must have distinguished themselves in the area of administration, or 4) nominees are a dedicated fan of the Northmont athletic program. All candidates must have been out of school for at least 10 years.

The volunteer selection committee makes nominations and considers those received from alumni and the community. Members can nominate anyone from any era. Nominations must be submitted by March 1 of the preceding year. Nominations are researched and discussed, and a final list of candidates is then presented along with the detailed biography. Post high school athletic achievement, be it college, pro, or amateur, is not a consideration.

The committee sets no quotas by sex, sport, school, or era. Members are unbiased and fair-minded. Also, the committee is sworn to strict confidentiality of all discussions resulting from this process so as to protect the candidates and maintain the highest standard of integrity.

The Hall of Fame Committee accepts nominations at anytime. Nominators should provide as much detail as possible as to why they believe the candidate is worthy of induction. Nomination does not assure induction, only consideration. All nominations are archived and discussed with diligence. It is also recognized that a process such as this is not perfect. Given the number of schools, years, and candidates, it is possible a worthy candidate could be overlooked. This is why community and alumni nominations are highly encouraged.



The Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame would like to thank the many devoted individuals that helped make the Athletic Hall of Fame a reality.

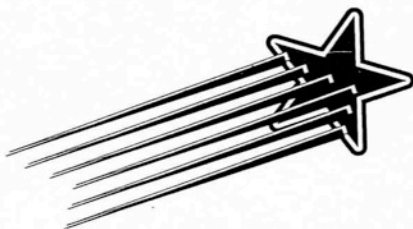
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Northmont Fight Song

Fight on Northmont High let our fight song lead us on.
Win for Northmont High let our echoes fill the air
Thunderbolts on field and court and in the classroom, too
On to win victorious always loyal and true.
Northmont every proud, green and white we'll follow you.



Northmont Alma Mater

Northmont High in days to come
As the years behind us roll;
See our sons have risen from thee
Sturdy heart, pure of soul.
We will pledge our love forever,

The Hall of Fame Committee

Morgan Davis - Class of 1960 - J.S. Davis Company
Karen Emery - Retired Northmont teacher/coach for 30 years-teacher at Hillel Academy-currently
Northmont boys golf coach
Dr. Gale Mabry - former Northmont teacher-high school administrator-currently superintendent of
Northmont City Schools
Patrick Masters - Meadowdale High School Football Coach for 18 years-Northmont administrator ten
years
Sally Murphy - Retired Randolph/Northmont teacher-coach/counselor 42 years-academic counselor at
Sinclair Community College
Robin Spiller - Class of 1973 - former teacher/coach and currently athletic administrator at Northmont
High School



The Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Dinner

January 31, 2004

Welcome. Robin Spiller
Acknowledgements. Robin Spiller
Selection Committee Introduction. Patrick Masters
Invocation. Rev. Ron Hajarian

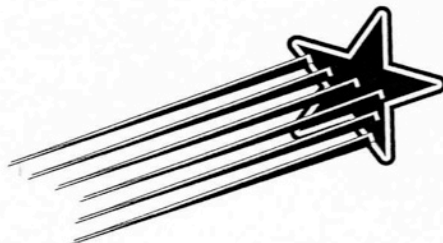
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. High School Commons

Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Gale Mabry

Class of 2004

Ned Booher
David Burrows
Renu Dewan Manni
Karen Emery
Wendy Hacker Stevens
Ron Hawley
Susan Morris Hawley
Donna Knutson
Bill Krintzline
Jack Lintz
Kris Mangen

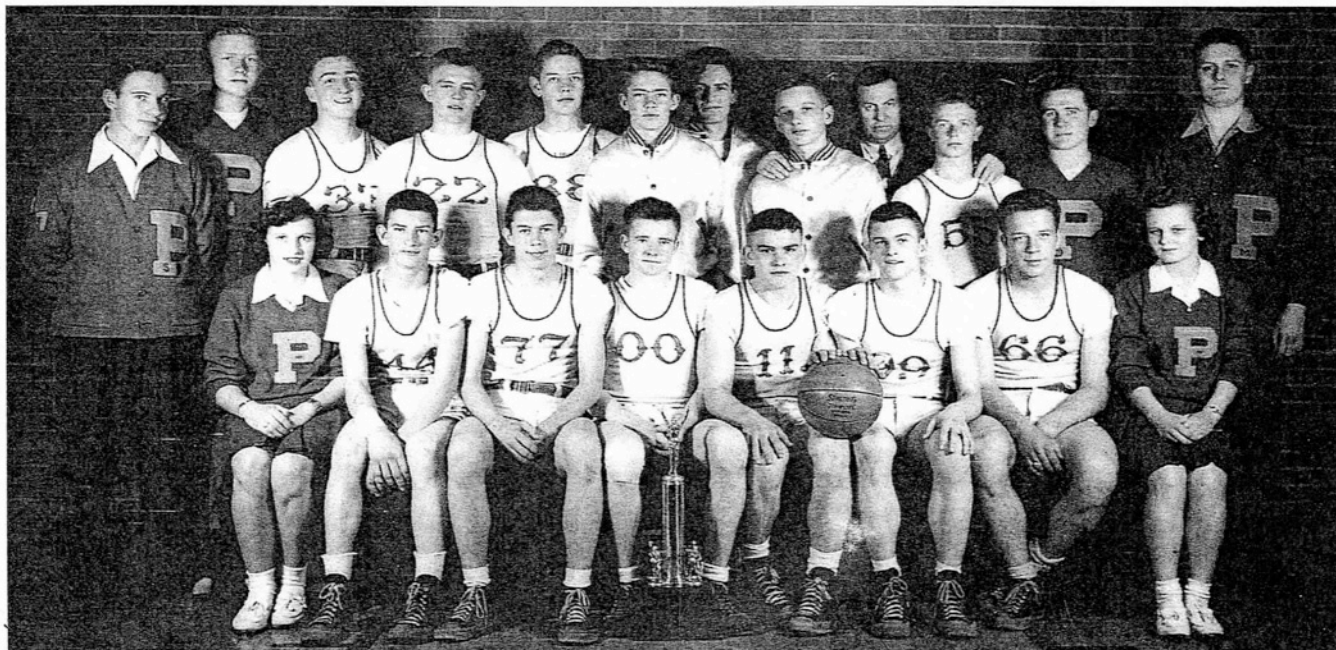
Sally Murphy
Craig Newburg
Gregg Nischwitz
Kristy Orre
"Doc" Pumphrey
Chet Roush
Connie Walton
Mary Alice Wolf Baup
Bill Yensel
Ben Zechar
1947 Phillipsburg
Basketball Team



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

2004 INDUCTEES

PHILLIPSBURG 1947 BASKETBALL TEAM DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AND STATE RUNNER-UP



Standing left to right: Manager Jim Reed, Cheerleader Charles Strain. Players, Ralph Hoke, George Maurer, Dale Falknor, Junior Hartman, Vincent Mitchell, Jim Kroplin, Coach Doc Pumphery, Rusty Wombold, Cheerleader Bob Durst, Manager Jim Yost. Seated, left to right: Cheerleader Norma Myers, Players Vernon Loughman, Sammy Haines, Captain Perry Mayo, Deo Schaurer, Lee Bohlender, Dwight Peffley, Cheerleader, Theola Maurer.



Coach Pumphery



Lee Bohlender



Dale Falknor



Ralph Hoke



Sammy Haines



Vernon Loughman



George Maurer



Perry Mayo



Dwight Peffley



Deo Schaurer



Rusty Wombold

Northmont has always enjoyed a reputation for excellence in education and in athletic endeavors. But long before Northmont existed, the foundation for athletic achievement was being built by the athletes of Randolph and Phillipsburg. Most notable was the 1947 boys basketball team from Phillipsburg. Montgomery County used to have 12 teams competing and the top three would go to the District Tournament at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. In those early years of State tournaments only four teams went to the state finals. In 1947 the Phillipsburg basketball team went to the State Tournament and lost in final play by two points.

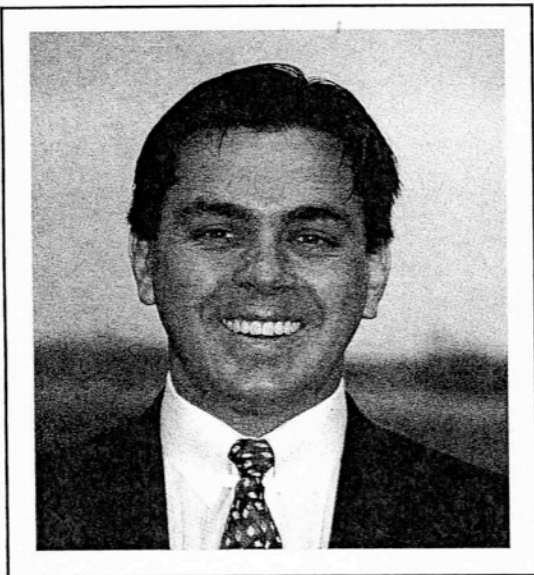
Playing for Phillipsburg on the 1947 team were Ike Loughman, Sammy Haines, Perry Mayo, Deo Schaurer, Lee Bohlender, Dwight Peffley, Ralph Hoke, Dale Falknor, George Maurer, and Rusty Wombold.

NED BOOHER -- COACH, EDUCATOR

Ned was the head football coach at Northmont from 1962 until his retirement in 1985. In his 24 years at Northmont he built a 182 - 53 - 5 record. He had ten league championships and five undefeated seasons. Under Ned's coaching, Northmont experienced their longest winning streak of 31 games from 1976 to 1979. The "Dayton Daily News" tagged the 1970 - 1979 era as the "Team of the Decade." Ned was twice selected to be a coach of the Ohio North-South All Star game. His dedication to football extended to his involvement with the Miami Valley and Ohio High School Football Coaches Associations. Ned was inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988, the Northmont Football Hall of Fame, and the Northmont Roll of Recognition in 1996.



DAVID BURROWS -- ATHLETE



Dave was an outstanding baseball and soccer player during his years at Northmont High School from 1986 to 1989. His coaches considered him to be one of the finest examples of a student-athlete-citizen in the area and an ultimate team player and competitor. Dave set soccer records at Northmont that will endure for years to come. He was selected to the GMVC second team one year, the first team GMVC another year and then All Area Honorable Mention. He was named to the first team All Miami Valley and All Area North. Dave was a member of the second team All State. His highest selection came when he was selected to the first team All Mideast. Baseball was another sport in which Dave excelled. For three years he made the Honorable Mention GMVC selection.

Dave went on to play baseball in college. He has returned to the area where he remains active in the youth sports programs.



RENU DEWAN MANNI -- ATHLETE

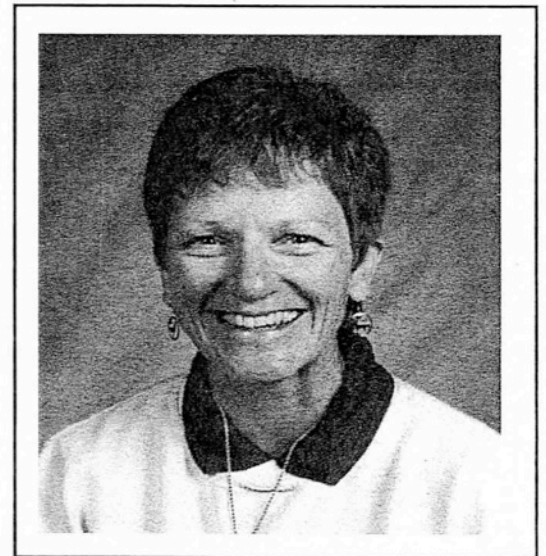


Renu and Jamie, both members of the Northmont class of 1981, were State Doubles Champions in tennis in 1980. With Jamie and Renu spearheading the girl's tennis effort, the Tennis Team won their fourth MCC championship in a row and a third Sectional Championship. At the Troy Sectional Tournament in 1979 for the second consecutive year, Jamie won the sectional championship while Renu won the runner up title. At the Troy Sectional Tournament in 1979 for the second consecutive year Jamie won the sectional championship while Renu won the runner up title. As singles player; Jamie, as first singles player, carried a 15 - 1 record and Renu, as the second singles player, carried a record of 14 - 2. In District play Jamie and Renu combined for doubles play. In 1981 as a doubles team they defeated Princeton 6 - 0 and 6 - 0 and continued onward to defeat Centerville 6 - 1 and 6 - 2.



KAREN EMERY -- COACH, EDUCATOR

Karen was a coach and teacher at Northmont from 1972 to 1999. She brought to Northmont a background of skills that would serve her well over the years. Karen had three areas of coaching in which she excelled; field hockey, fencing, and golf. Karen coached field hockey at Northmont for nine years. During this period she had one league championship, a co-championship, four District Runner Up titles, and came in sixth in the State Field Hockey Tournament in 1977. Karen had 13 field hockey players offered full or partial scholarships to colleges and universities for field hockey. Fencing was another area of expertise for Karen. Interest in fencing began in her physical education classes. She began the Fencing Club in 1975. The first State Tournament in Fencing was held in 1990. The Northmont Boy's Fencing team won that first State Tournament and continued to win the Tournament for the next consecutive ten years. During this span of years, the Girls Fencing Team won the State Tournament four times. Even though retired from her teaching position, Karen continues to coach. She is presently the Boys Varsity Golf team coach. Her golf team qualified for the District Tournament in 1998 and 1999. In 2000 the golf team won the league championship.



WENDY HACKER STEVENS -- ATHLETE

Wendy remains the premier gymnast of Northmont High School. During her years in gymnastics at Northmont, Wendy won two consecutive State All Around Gymnastic Championship titles in 1986 and 1987. To achieve this honor Wendy placed first on the uneven parallel bars, floor exercise, balance beam, and vaulting at the State Gymnastics meet. She was voted the top All State Gymnast by the Ohio Gymnastics Coaches Association in 1987 and one of the top 12 outstanding athletes for all sports. Wendy was an important factor in Northmont's 78 - 2 record for the 1985 - 86 season. After graduating from Northmont in 1987, Wendy accepted an appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy. In her freshman year at the Academy, Wendy qualified for the NCAA Division II gymnastics competition and finished in the top ten.



SUSAN MORRIS HAWLEY -- ATHLETE



Susan attended Randolph and graduated in the first Northmont class of 1960. These were the days before the girls had highly structured leagues, tournaments and all star teams, but sports still existed. During her four years in high school, Susan participated in field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball. Susan was a pivotal player in all four sports. She was a coach's dream; talented, personable, and a good team player who exerted a positive influence on her teammates. It was in softball that Susan really made her mark and here she will always be remembered by her teammates and her opponents alike. She was a fastball pitcher of unequalled excellence. Susan held a perfect pitching record. Northmont never lost a softball game in which Susan was the pitcher. Susan provided leadership both on and off the floor. Her participation, enthusiasm, and willingness to work helped build the foundation of excellence for the girl's programs that now exist at Northmont High School.



RON HAWLEY -- ATHLETE



Ron was a member of the graduating class of 1960. During his four years at Randolph and Northmont he was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and track. He set many records in all three sports. He broke many of his own records as he continued to improve upon his own personal best. In football he was selected to the All State First Team in 1960. He was also selected as a starter in the Ohio North-South All Star football game. The honors in basketball equaled his football achievements. In 1960 he was selected to the All State Basketball squad. Track honors also accumulated as he was a competitor in two events at the State track meet. Ron continued his basketball at the University of Louisville. He was inducted into the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame for

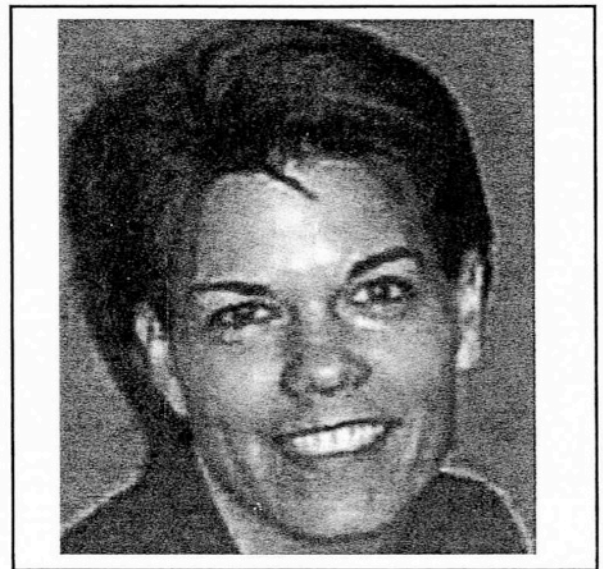
Basketball in 1993. Ron has also been inducted into the Northmont Football Hall of Fame and, in 2001 he was selected as a recipient for the Northmont Roll of Recognition.



DONNA KNUTSON -- ATHLETE

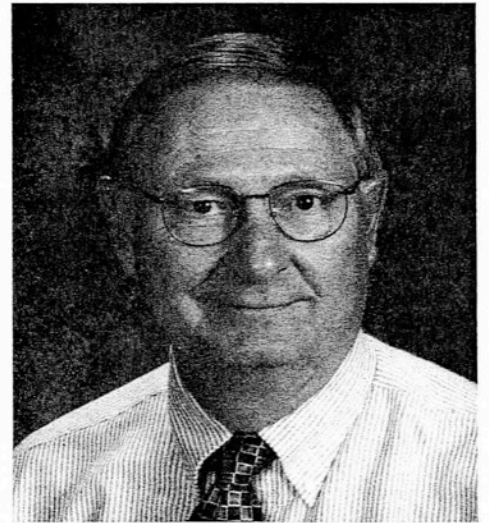
Donna was a member of Northmont's class of 1979 that set the athletic tone and pace for so many female athletes to follow. Donna participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball earning 11 athletic letters during her high school years. In basketball Donna was All Conference Honorable Mention in 1977 and 1978. She was First Team All Conference in 1979. Donna led the basketball team in rebounds her junior and senior year. Donna played first base on the softball team. She was a team co-captain her sophomore year. She was All Conference Honorable Mention in 1978 and all Conference First Team in 1977 and 1979. She was the Most Valuable Player in 1977.

Volleyball was her strong sport. She was an effective server and a feared spiker. She was extremely strong offensively and defensively. She was All Conference Honorable Mention in 1976, and All Conference First Team in 1977 and 1978. Donna was the first volleyball player to receive an athletic scholarship to college. She accepted the scholarship offer and played at Ohio University.



BILL KRINTZLINE -- COACH, EDUCATOR

For six years, 1984 to 1989, Bill coached the Northmont High School Girl's Soccer team. His teams won six GMVC league titles, six sectional and six district titles. His team won the first State Soccer Championship in 1985. His teams also had State Championships in 1987, 1988, and again in 1989. Bill's 1986 team made it to the State semifinal game. During that time he won 44 games in a row, had two undefeated seasons and won four State Championships. His teams compiled a record of 122 - 15 - 5. Bill received many awards for his excellence in soccer. These include Ohio Coach of the Year, Dayton Area Soccer Coach of the Year, and GMVC Coach of the Year. He has also received regional and national recognition as the Metropolitan Life Central Region Soccer Coach of the Year, the National High School Coach's Award and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Coaching Award. Bill began as a SAY coach and moved to the high school level. He remains active in the Northmont District as an administrator.



JACK LINTZ -- COACH, EDUCATOR



Jack has been a physical education teacher at Northmont High School since 1983. In 1977 he began his long, very successful run as a cross country head coach and a track coach. He continues with his successful coaching career today. During the past 26 years in which Jack has coached, he has had 48 individual state qualifiers in cross country and 50 qualifiers for the State Track meets. He has had 23 runners named All Ohio in Cross Country and has 13 named All Ohio Performers in Track. He has had nine teams qualify for the State Cross Country meet and both the 1995 and 1996 teams were the Division I Champions. Jack's excellence extends beyond his achievements listed above. He was named the Fred Dafler "Career State Coach of the Year" for cross country in 1995. In 1996 he was inducted into the Dayton Running Hall of Fame. He was also a torch

bearer for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay. In 2002 Jack was inducted into the Ohio Association of Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame.



SPORTS

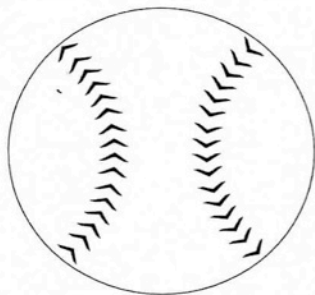


KRIS MANGEN-- ATHLETE



Kris was a 1989 graduate of Northmont. During her high school years she was an outstanding three sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and fast pitch softball. She lettered in each sport all four years earning 12 athletic letters. In volleyball Kris was First Team All League her junior and senior year. She also made the All District First Team in her senior year. In basketball she still holds a school record for most points scored in one season, 404. She also holds the record for the most career points scored, 1057. Kris made the Second Team All League in her sophomore year and First Team All League in her junior and senior year. She also made the Second Team All State Basketball team in her senior year. Kris was a very strong softball player. She was a Second Team All League in her freshman year and on the First Team All League the other

three years. She was selected for the All State Team in her junior and senior year. Kris still holds the record for the highest batting average of .606.



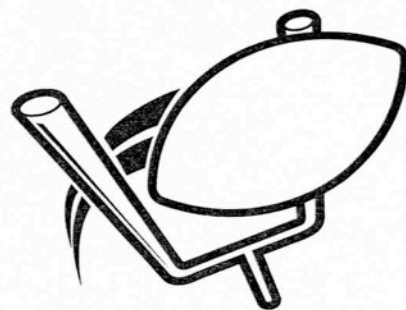
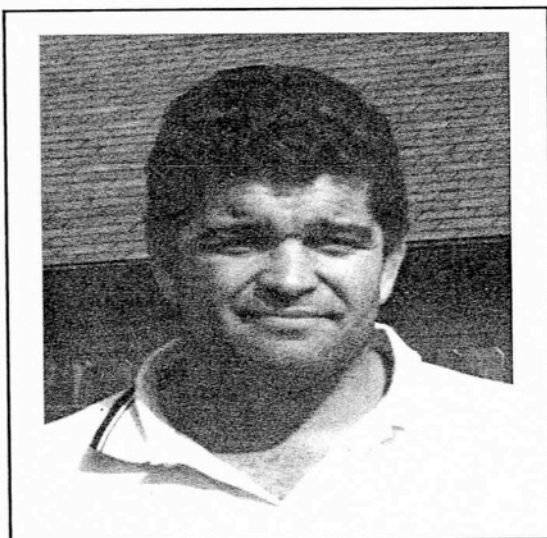
SALLY MURPHY -- COACH, EDUCATOR

Sally began her teaching and coaching career at Randolph High School in 1956. At this time there were no interscholastic leagues, no athletic letters to win, no MVP awards, no scholarships, and no funds for programs. The girls had to raise all the funds to meet their needs and often a tee shirt with a number in tape on the back sufficed for a uniform. To meet the need for competition, the teachers and coaches from area schools would gather once a year and put together a yearly "interscholastic competition schedule" for volleyball, basketball, and softball. Soon field hockey was added to the schedule and periodically a tennis or golf match was added. Sally coached all the sports. Usually when a season concluded, practice for the next sport would begin the next day. Sally was very active in the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Through this organization Sally was in Washington, D.C. for the Title IX hearings on the proposed implementation procedures. Sally has received numerous awards for her work in athletics and the development of physical education curriculum. She was selected as one of the Top Ten Women in Dayton in 1991 and inducted into the Northmont Roll of Recognition in 1999.

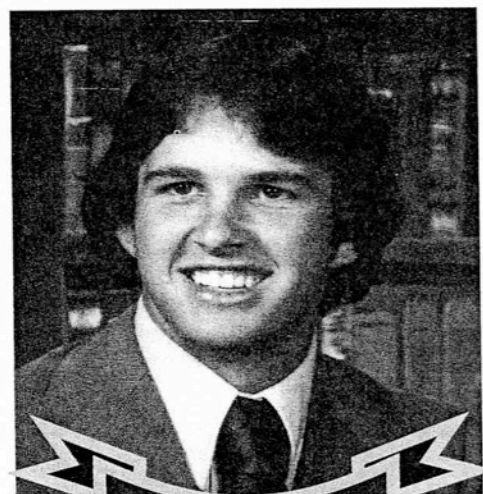


CRAIG NEWBURG -- ATHLETE, COACH, EDUCATOR

Craig graduated from Northmont in 1978 where he is remembered as an outstanding player in football and as an exceptional wrestler. In the three years he wrestled he compiled a 74 - 8 record. He made the 1978 All Area Wrestling Team in the 175# class. He was the MCC, Wayne AAA Sectional, Dayton AAA District and the Greater Miami Valley Holiday Champion in the 175# class. In his senior year Craig won first place in his weight class at the State Wrestling Meet and capped his year with a 29 - 0 record. Craig was a captain of the Football team. He received many honors for his football abilities. He was First Team All Conference MCC, First Team All District First Team All Area and was chosen the Most Valuable Player. Craig earned an athletic scholarship to play football and to wrestle at Ball State University.



GREGG NISCHWITZ -- ATHLETE



Gregg was a 1979 graduate of Northmont High School. During his years at Northmont he was a stellar baseball player. He had the qualities that make a good athlete an outstanding athlete. He was a leader on and off the field, had excellent team building skills, and was a great role model for all athletes. Gregg was a pitcher who was respected by his teammates and feared by his opponents. During his senior year he was 8 - 0, had a 1.09 ERA. During 54 innings he pitched 109 strikeouts. He was also formidable at the plate with a batting average of .356. Gregg was selected to the First Team Miami Valley Conference and to the Miami Valley Coaches Association First Team. He was also selected to the "Dayton Daily News" All Area First Team and the All Ohio First Team.



KRISTY ORRE -- ATHLETE

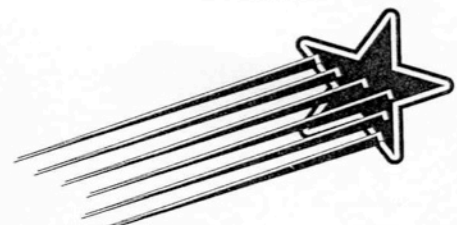
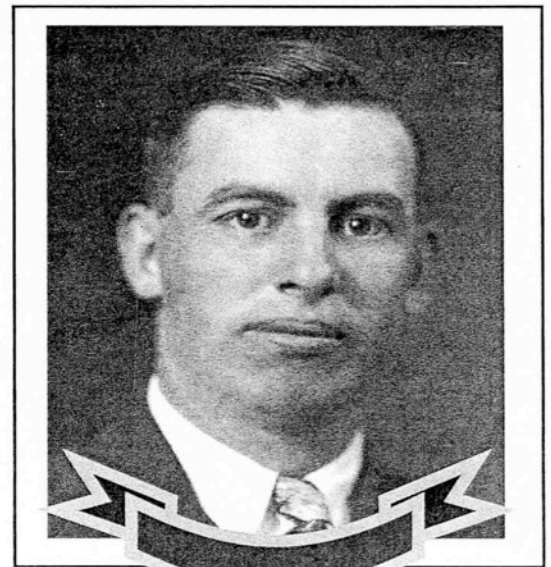


Kristy, a 1985 Northmont graduate, was an outstanding runner. She excelled in cross country competition and was a distance runner on the track team. In 1982 and 1984 Kristy was the Division I Individual Champion at the State Cross Country meet. In 1983 she came in second at the State Cross Country meet. She set a state meet record of 17:15. She also set a still standing record for the 5000 meters Cross Country with a time of 16:51. As a member of the track team, Kristy was a two-time State Champion in both the 1600 meters and 3200 meters. In 1985 Kristy was a member of the U.S. Junior National Track Team. She was a four-time High School All American while at Northmont, twice in Cross Country and twice in track. In 1988 Kristy was a NCAA All American as a member of the Championship Kentucky Wildcats Cross Country Team.



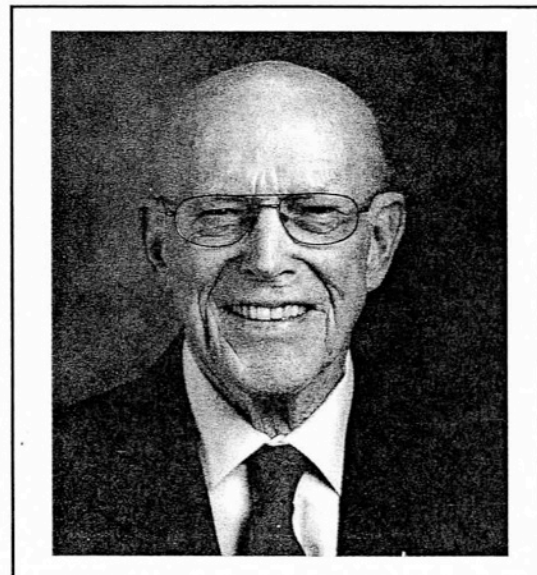
RAYMOND "DOC" W. PUMPHREY SR. -- COACH, EDUCATOR

Doc was a graduate of Brookville High School. After high school he attended Ohio State University with the intention of becoming a doctor but transferred to the Illinois School of Coaching. In the early 30s he began his teaching and coaching career at Fairview High School in Dayton. While at Fairview he pioneered the fast break offense and zone defense in the Dayton City Basketball League. "Doc" volunteered his time at Clayton teaching the fundamentals of basketball to elementary school students. He believed in strong fundamentals and academics. After leaving Fairview in the mid 40s Doc went to Phillipsburg High School where he was the head coach for four years. His 1947 basketball team went to the state tournament losing in the semifinal game. One of his Phillipsburg players went on to play professional football and coach at Indiana University. Two of his other players went to the Naval Academy.

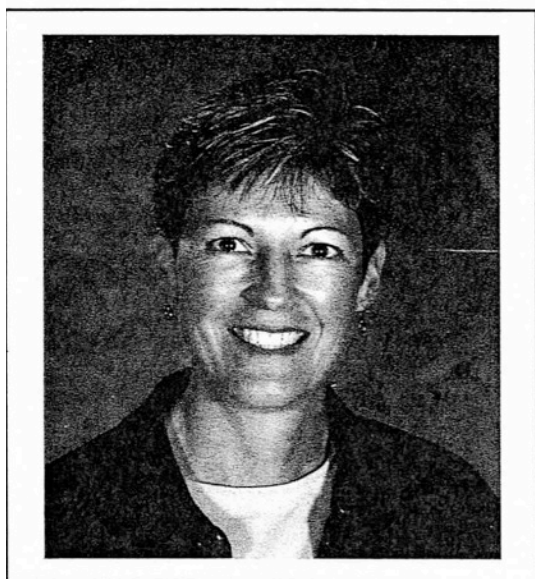


CHESTER A. (CHET) ROUSH -- COACH, EDUCATOR

Chet was the Athletic Director and a coach at Randolph from 1946 to 1948. During that time he coached football, basketball, baseball and track. In 1946 his football team was the Montgomery County League Champion with one loss and Chet was named "Coach of the Year." In 1947 his team again won the County Championship with an undefeated season and Chet was again "Coach of the Year." In 1948 his basketball team was the Montgomery County Consolation Champions and the District semi-finalists. In 1952 Chet returned to Randolph for a two-year stay as the High School Principal. After an additional year as the Assistant Superintendent he left the Randolph School District. Chet retired in 1975 after serving 17 years as the Superintendent of the Kettering Schools. He has served as an adjunct professor at Miami University and the University of Dayton. He served on the State Board of Education from 1980-1992, serving as President in 1990-1992. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education in 1995. He was honored by the Ohio Athletic Association for outstanding ethics and integrity in education.

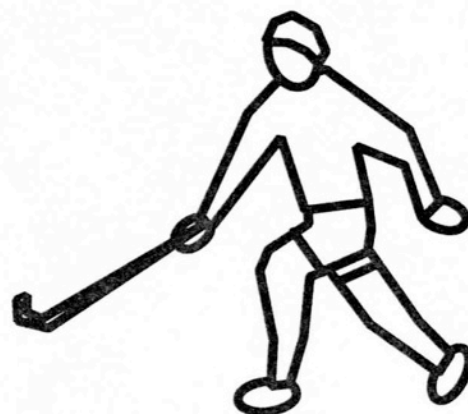


CONNIE WALTON -- ATHLETE



Connie graduated from Northmont High School in 1979. During her four years here she shattered old records and set new ones. She was a four-year participant in field hockey and basketball, three years in track, and one year in softball. She lettered in every sport each year, accumulating 12 athletic letters and added two more for being a trainer. Fourteen letters in all, a record that still stands. Connie excelled in field hockey. She was MCC Player of the Year in field hockey her sophomore, junior, and senior year. She was on the MCC First Team in field hockey for four years. Basketball was not far behind. She was on the MCC First Team in basketball for three years. To all of this she added MCC First Team in track for two years. During her four years of participating she accrued six Most Valuable Player Awards, two in each sport. A keen competitor, Connie set track records in the shot, discus, and 880. In

her senior year she earned a trip to the State Track Meet and came in fifth in the shot put and ninth in the discus. Connie made Northmont history in field hockey. She was the first female athlete to receive a full athletic scholarship which she used to attend Indiana University to play field hockey. She has continued her involvement with field hockey and has been a successful coach at Hudson where her field hockey team has twice won the State Field Hockey Tournament.



MARY ALICE WOLF BAUP -- ATHLETE



Mary was a member of the Northmont graduating class of 1984. She put all her energies and efforts into track and field and became an outstanding high jumper. She earned four varsity letters in track and field and went to the State Track and Field Championships in her junior and senior years. Mary was the first female athlete from Northmont to place first in an event at a State Track and Field Championship. In 1983 she was the First Place State AAA High Jump Champion. In 1984 Mary came in third place at the State AAA High Jump event. These accomplishments also earned her a place on the "Dayton Daily News" All Star Track and Field first place team in 1983 and 1984. A Track and Field Scholarship to Miami University enabled her to win additional honors in track and field in the Mid American conference where she added the

heptathlon and triple jump to her events.



BILL YENSEL -- ATHLETE, COACH, EDUCATOR

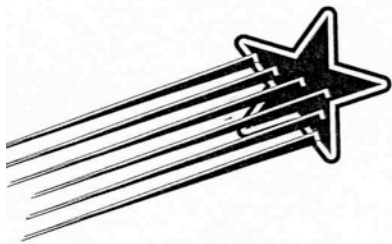
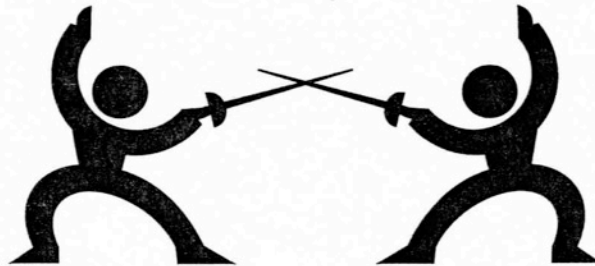
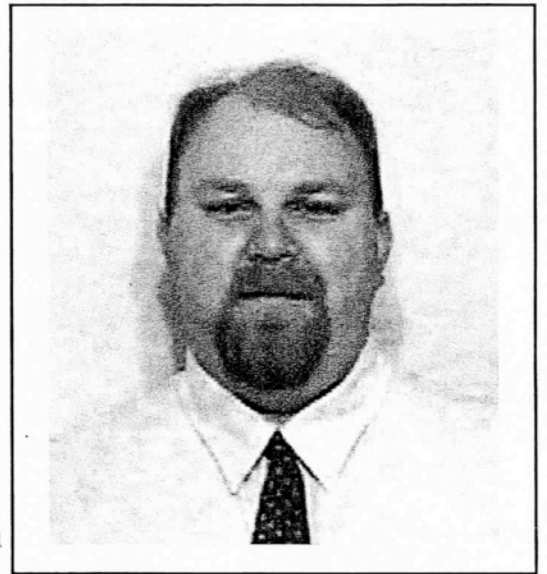
While a student at Randolph High School from 1942 to 1946, Bill participated in basketball and baseball. He was also a member of an All Area All Star baseball team. After attending Miami University and playing baseball for a farm team system, Bill began his coaching and teaching career at Randolph High School in 1951. In 1952, his first year as head basketball coach, the team won the Montgomery County League championship, Montgomery County Tournament championship, Southwest District Tournament championship, and played in the regional finals. Bill continued coaching at Randolph and Northmont in the SWBL compiling a 61 - 2 record from 1957 to 1963. For six of those seven years his teams were undefeated, winning six league championships, one district championship, two additional district final appearances and one regional final appearance.

Bill is remembered for his contributions to the game of basketball and his dedication to building character in his players.



BEN ZECHAR -- ATHLETE

Ben was a 1992 graduate of Northmont. He was instrumental in the development and growth of the highly successful fencing team at Northmont. The Fencing Team was organized first as a Club. Ben was President of the Club for two years. In his role as Club President he pushed for a State Tournament and through his efforts did the organizational work that resulted in the first State Fencing Tournament which was held at Northmont. The Northmont Fencing team captured the Men's Team State Championship in 1990 and continued to do so for the next 10 years. In 1991 Ben won the State Tournament Epee Division. Ben was a two-weapon competitor in both the epee and foil. Ben went on to compete in the Junior Olympics in Kansas City where he placed 59th in epee. Ben's enthusiasm for fencing prompted him to develop community programs for fencing for community people and youngsters not of high school age.



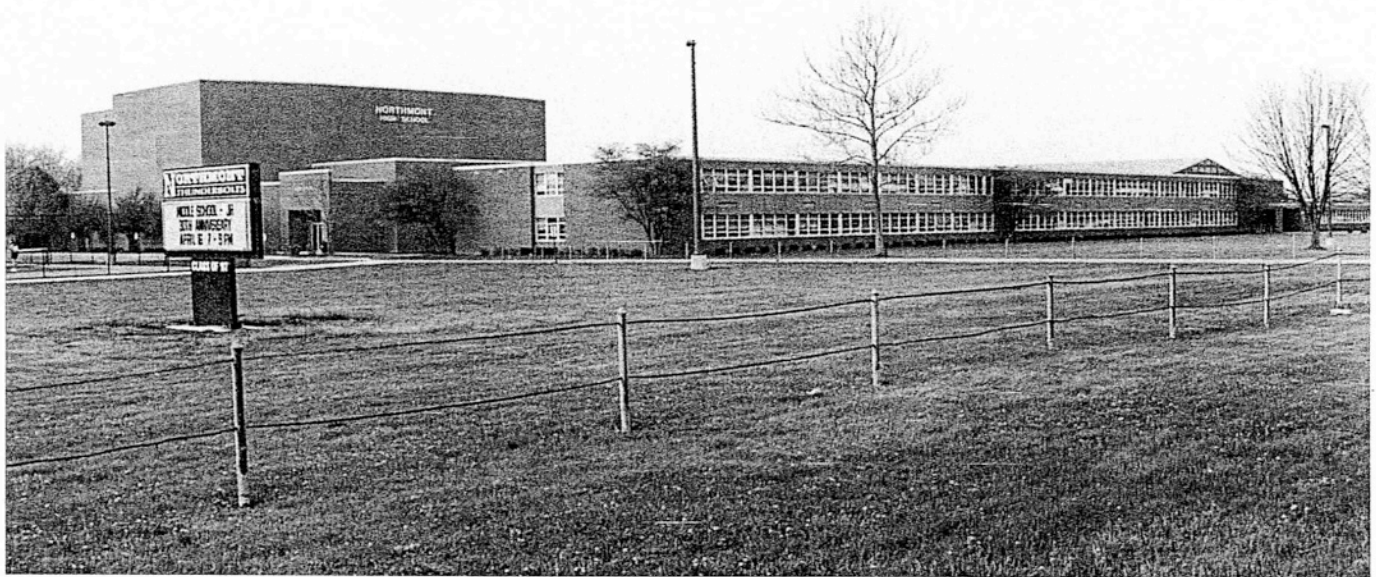
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In 1944 talk began about additional consolidation of schools. A plan was suggested for the school districts of Randolph, Clayton, Phillipsburg, and Brookville to join into one large district with a new complex of buildings to be constructed in a central location. Brookville voters rejected the consolidation concept. The voters of Phillipsburg, Clayton, and Randolph Districts approved the consolidation. The consolidation became a reality in 1957. The new Board of Education purchased a 55-acre farm at the corner of Crestway and National Road. A contest was held among all the school children to choose the new name of the consolidation. Patty Bowser won the contest with the name Northmont, a contraction of North Montgomery County. The students from each high school wanted to keep something from their schools in the process of consolidation. It was decided to use the Phillipsburg mascot of the Thunderbolts and the school colors of Randolph, kelly green and white. The transition was completed and Northmont High School opened in the school year 1959-1960.

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