



# Rim of the World High School Bagpipe Quarterly October-December 2009

## The Other Side of the '53 Rose Bowl

“If only Allan had followed my block,” which was followed by a thunderous laugh. –  
Jerry Witt – March, 1994.

Hello, my name is Jim Vaughan and I am the new Athletic Director at Rim of the World High School. This statement was made by Jerry Witt, a University of Wisconsin graduate (class of '54), who played fullback in that infamous '53 Rose Bowl game. Who was Allan? That was Allan 'the Horse' Ameche, the 1954 Heisman Trophy Winner, but most people remember him for scoring the winning touchdown for the Baltimore Colts in the “Greatest Game Ever Played.” That 1958 NFL Title Game between the New York Football Giants and the Baltimore Colts, interestingly enough, is credited for putting the NFL on the television landscape and no American Sunday would ever be the same.

Why am I writing about this? To set this stage properly, I must mention that this statement was overheard at a retirement party for Jerry Witt, where his daughters and son had gained ownership of the newsreel from that game. The people gathered at that event were shown the highlights or lowlights if you were a Wisconsin fan, of that interesting '53 Rose Bowl to commiserate Jerry retiring at age 63. The play in question was a sweep around the right side of the Wisconsin line on or around the USC 35 yard line. Allen Ameche had the ball, Jerry Witt his lead blocker, had just crushed his defender, but instead of following his blocker and a sure Wisconsin touchdown, Allan cut back to the middle, where he was cut down for a modest gain. Wisconsin had several opportunities that day, and if they had only scored on one of those possessions, no one would have had to remember USC's Al 'Hoagy' Carmichael and everyone might be remembering Jerry Witt (who had fantastic statistics on that infamous day in Pasadena).

That is the beauty of sports, one inch either way, and the whole thing would have changed. A new hero or a new goat would have been born. This story also shows you the drama and passion that can come with sports. You never forget those moments, even in your later years. You never forget the smell of the grass, the feeling you get when you connect cleanly with a fastball and the sound the net makes when you make a shot, the noise of the crowd cheering for a spectacular play. These stories and memories are being made every day on a field, in a gym or on a track near you. If you listen close enough, you can hear it.

I would like to point out that Jerry's retirement party is a true story and Jerry Witt was my father-in-law. He was a wonderful man who had a passion for high school sports (as do I), even though he played on the biggest stage and had an opportunity to play in the NFL, he said that his high school experience held a special place in his heart. There is something to playing for your hometown and having your family and friends in the stands cheering you on. That small town feel is rare in this day and age, but we have it here at Rim High and I hope that this story

reminds you to take advantage of this opportunity to come and see a game, watch a match, or support a race during the upcoming sports year.

Rim High School has a wide range of sports that you can support, ranging from football, volleyball, cross country, tennis in the fall, to basketball, soccer, wrestling, and ski in the winter, to baseball, track, golf and softball in the spring. We encourage everyone to come by and see the wonderful things we are doing up here! We have some fantastic coaches and amazing athletes that you will be reading about in the near future. We, the Rim of the World High School Administration and staff are excited about the upcoming sports calendar and we hope that you are too. It is going to be a great year! Please come by and support those future sports stars while they are still here, wearing the Navy and Silver of the Fighting Scots!

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### Seniors

Any student currently deficient in the number of credits and/or subjects required to graduate should have already met with your counselor to formulate a plan. Keep in mind that ALL requirements for graduation must be completed by the end of senior finals in order to be eligible for the graduation ceremony and many senior activities. Counselors are available at nutrition and lunch or by appointment to discuss this with you. If you need to repeat a failed course required for graduation, you may sign up for Alpine Adult Education courses. See your counselor for a referral, as soon as possible. A minimum of 60 hours is required to earn 5 credits and must be completed within the semester so do not delay action.

If you are college-bound you are undoubtedly very busy at this point in time. Deadlines for college applications are right around the corner (November 30<sup>th</sup> for California State University and University of California. Private and independent deadlines vary). Don't procrastinate with time sensitive requirements that could determine eligibility for admission. If you are applying to private or independent universities, you will most likely need recommendation letters. Pick up a résumé packet in the counseling office so you can provide information about yourself to assist a counselor, teacher or administrator in developing a strong letter. Remember to give ample time prior to deadlines. CSU and UC do not accept letters of recommendation when determining admission.

To assist you with college searches, applications, scholarships and financial aid concerns please visit the following websites:

[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) information and on-line applications for Cal State Universities

[www.ucop.edu](http://www.ucop.edu) information and on-line applications for University of California

[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) information about all California colleges including community colleges

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) information about financial aid, scholarships and scholarship *scams*

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) information on college admissions tests

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (free application for federal student aid) It is strongly recommended that

**ALL** students applying to college complete and submit a FAFSA **regardless of financial need**.

Even if you feel you would not qualify for financial assistance, the information you provide may open doors to scholarship opportunities or low interest student loans and grants

[www.campusafety.org](http://www.campusafety.org) information regarding crime rates at or near specific campuses

## **Seniors and Juniors**

If you have not yet passed both sections of the California High School Exit Exam, the next testing opportunity will be October 6 and 7, 2009. It is extremely important that you are present and on time those days. Get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast those days.

### **Juniors**

The Junior year is the time to plan for college admission testing. In order to be eligible for admission to a 4 year college (California State University, University of California and private or independent Universities) students must take the SAT Reasoning test **or** the ACT. Students who are considering applying to a UC school will also need to take SAT subject tests (formerly called SAT II). See your counselor for more information and a timeline for testing.

If you are deficient in credits and/or subject area requirements for graduation, keep in mind there is only one summer school opportunity left before your senior year for you to repair the damage. If you are more than 10 credits deficient, see your counselor immediately for other alternatives.

### **Sophomores and Freshmen**

Get involved with school activities. Co-curricular participation, athletics, student government and clubs provide a connection to your school community that make high school life more fun. College bound students should consider participating in community service activities as admissions committees look for things in addition to transcripts and grade point averages. Get involved with a few things you can put your heart into rather than a lot of “empty calorie” activities.

Grades are important! Your current successes determine future possibilities. Don't close any doors, and keep options open.

### **Academic Awards Night**

The fall academic awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center. Students, who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, for two consecutive semesters last year, will receive an academic letter. Students meeting the criteria, who have already earned their letter, will receive a “gold” bar to attach to the letter. Invitations will be sent out for these deserving students and we hope to see you at this exciting evening.

## RIM BAND

The Rim Strings has started their 2nd year and has doubled in size. A special thanks to the Lake Arrowhead Sunrise Rotary for their generous grant to help purchase instruments for this class. Performances will be scheduled as development dictates, with a holiday concert combined with the bands for their first performance.

Any student that has had string experience (violin, viola, cello, double bass), are welcome to enroll into the period 2 strings class.

Please see Mr. Lees ASAP to consider enrollment opportunities.

Beginning students will also be considered. Visit [www.rimstrings.com](http://www.rimstrings.com) for more information.

The Rim Bands as usual has a very active fall season with 5 games, four parades, a trip to the UCLA Band Day at the Rose Bowl, a guest college band concert with the Rim High Jazz and Wind Ensembles, a parade down Main Street at Disneyland, and their traditional Holiday Gala featuring all the bands plus the Contemporary Strings. For more information and their schedule, please see [www.rimband.com](http://www.rimband.com)

## College and Career Bagpipe Quarterly Information

Attention Seniors – Be aware of the following dates.

**October 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Cal State Applications can be submitted online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

**November 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>** – UC Applications can be submitted online at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – A representative from California Baptist University from Riverside will be in the College and Career Center during 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – A representative from Point Loma Nazarene University will in the College and Career Center during 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** - A representative from Azusa Pacific University will be in the College and Career Center during 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

Look online for application deadlines for private colleges. Many private colleges have a December deadline.

**SAT Testing Dates** – October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Go online to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register for these tests. Rim High will have the November 7<sup>th</sup> test date here on campus.

**ASVAB date is October 13, 2009.** This is a free career assessment sponsored by the armed forces to assist our students in making a career choice based on their skill set.

**ACT Testing** – October 24<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Go online to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register for these tests.

Start investigating financial aid information by going online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) . FAFSA form cannot be submitted until January 1<sup>st</sup> but you can go online and get a pin number.

ROP is proud to announce a new Customer Service class. The goal of this class is to develop outstanding employees. The students will be learning how to interact with customers and how to improve their job skills.

## **ROP News**

A new ROP Customer Service class has begun this year. We will actually be starting a new business on campus and will be setting it up and running the business as part of the class. Real life application is the best way to learn how to be the best employee we can be. We are real excited to see this all come about.

Last April, the 2009 3D Animation Class at Rim High School entered their 3D Film titled, "Welcome to Wonderland" in the student festival located in San Francisco, CA. Two weeks later, the class was notified that their film had been selected as one of the 3 finalists in the animation category and "Welcome to Wonderland" would be shown at the festival.

Ultimately, Rim's film did not take first place but was give the designation of "Official Jury Selection" and was greatly received by the audience members. Marsha Halquist, 3D Animation Teacher, is very proud of the commitment it took her students to create their film and to place so high in the student film festival. The 3D Class of 2010 is already planning a film to enter next spring.

## **THE 2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The principal, Dr. Steve Byerly, of Rim of the World High School announced today that Austen Blair has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."