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Athletic director part of Moeller's first class

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Barry Borman considers Moeller High School his second home.

The athletic director was one of the students in the first class to go through Moeller High School when it opened in 1960. After Borman graduated in 1964, he attended the University of Cincinnati. He wasn't away from Moeller for long.

Borman returned as a science teacher and coach in 1969 and has been at the Kenwood school since.

"This school is a part of me," Borman said.

"I don't see myself not being here."

Borman said even on his off days or when school is not in session, he sometimes finds himself in his office in the athletic department.

As the Moeller community prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary during the 2010-2011 school year, Borman said the first year at the school was very different from the current students' experience.

The first year, only freshmen attended classes.

"We were like four-year seniors," Borman said.

The school building wasn't complete when the school opened, with an unfinished gym and library. Students ate lunch in the third floor hallway because there was no cafeteria.

Borman said in the first year the school was open, the Dad's Club finished the gym, the physical education classes planted much of the landscape around the building and the library was stocked through a book drive held around the neighborhood.

"Each year we continued to improve," Borman said.

Borman has become a part of the Moeller tradition as a teacher, coach and athletic director and even earned a spot in the Athletic Hall of Fame. Borman also had four sons graduate from Moeller.

Borman attributed the tradition of the school to involving students, parents and the community in keeping the education innovative and the athletics competitive. He said the faculty, with roughly one-third of them Moeller graduates, also creates friendships and camaraderie among themselves and with the students.

"They had a great experience and they want to make sure the kids have the same great experience to keep them coming back," Borman said.

Additional Facts

Moeller turns 50

As Moeller High School prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, Suburban Life will do periodic features on the people, traditions and history of the school.

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Moeller athletic director Barry Borman was one of the students in the first class at Moeller High School to start in 1960 and graduate in 1964. Borman came back as a teacher and coach in 1969 and is also in the Moeller athletic Hall of Fame.
