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Bill Coxtton documents the history of a community centered high school with “Print-on-Demand” availability of “*Garden High School: History... to 1967*” at Lulu.com

ABINGDON, VA - AUGUST 11, 2006—Origins of Garden High School , Oakwood, VA, has its roots based in the 1920s when Triangular Mountain Mission (TMI) was established by the Methodist Church at the forks of Garden Creek. TMI operated from 1920 to 1936 as a private high school by the Methodist Church. As a result of the depression, the Methodist Church asked the county to take over operations, and Garden High School was established as a public high school in 1936.

Bill Coxtton records the memories and history with the publication of “*Garden High School: History... to 1967.*” Bill authored the book by way of a PC desktop publishing system and it is being marketed by Lulu (www.lulu.com), an Internet provider of “print-on-demand” books. “*Garden High School: History.. to 1967*” documents a high school history whose identity and name disappeared in a Buchanan County school consolidation plan in 2001. The history of a high school is contained in the memories of the Alumni and documented in yearly annuals. If these annuals are not centrally collected and preserved, then when the Alumni are gone, the high school history vanishes with them. The publication is sponsored by the Garden High School Alumni Association and it is the first attempt to formally document and preserve the school’s history.

Bill came to Lulu.com because he wanted to be in control of the publishing process and found Lulu’s print-on-demand process to easily complement his computer skills. “*Garden High School: History... to 1967*” is available for purchase at www.lulu.com and an electronic book copy can also be downloaded.

“Independent publishing and print-on-demand is the wave of the future for authors and writers” said Bill Coxtton. “The Lulu process allows me to cut out the middle man (i.e. a separate publisher/printer) and gets my work out there the way I want it without making a significant up-front printing investment and having to manage a book inventory. My book is only printed when someone orders it on the Internet and Lulu.com manages all the marketing and accounting process. My futures plans are to follow-up with another GHS book covering 1968 to 2001 history and also use Lulu.com.”

Internet Link to Publication: <http://www.lulu.com/content/372286>. Also, a link to the book can be found on the Garden High School Alumni web site (<http://www.GardenAlumni.org>).

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ABOUT LULU


Founded in 2002, Lulu is based in Morrisville, NC and is a growing “print-on-demand” marketplace for digital do-it-yourselfers, authors and writers. See www.lulu.com for more information.

TWO (2) RECENT REVIEW COMMENTS:

1. **"Garden High School: History...to 1967"** by [Janie Owens](#) , Oakwood, VA as reflected on the Lulu Internet Storefront:

Thanks to Bill Coxtton much of Garden High School's history will forever be preserved. While the book is not complete, it is an expansive compilation of photos and text which will bring back wonderful memories of this very special place. It is a publication that anyone who was ever associated with GHS will want to have. I hope there will be a volume 2....J.O.

2. **"Garden High School: History...to 1967"** by Brenda Whitley Klassen, Placentia, CA via an email below:

Date: Sun, 6 Aug 2006 21:37:23 -0700 (PDT)
From: [Brenda Klassen <vbklass@yahoo.com>](mailto:vbklass@yahoo.com)
To: Bill Coxtton <bill@coxtton.net>
Subject: Publication of GHS Book 

I have been going through the various pages of your publication and mainly I just have to say... WOW!! What memories and a wonderful job you have done. I will definitely purchase the book and treasure it.

I can only imagine the countless hours you have spent on this project and I am sure it is a work from the heart. You have done a wonderful job laying this out to make the history of this school flow from the beginning to the end. Reading this has been a true education for me....I was not aware of the history of the early beginnings of the school. What a great read. I loved the pictures, even though the quality was a little shakey on some of them. It is hard to make quality reproductions when the originals were not of the best quality.

I am amazed at how you were able to compile such a complete collection of pictures and some of the early "newsletters". They were a hoot to read. It sure is a good example of how things change over time.

I think we should all be proud of our roots and where the foundation gained at Garden has taken us. The camaraderie developed at the various Garden schools, churches and the community is unparalleled to any other that I know of.

Thanks for the thorough collection of memories to remind me how important each person and every day is in making us who we are today!

Brenda