

# CHS Bio



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**Annette Engh – Journalist  
Artist, Actress, Early Computer Expert**

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Being on the *School Life* Staff was the best of my time at CHS. I ran around with my friends, **Paul Moore** and **Bob Kendall** who were Tom Tom photographers and they took the sports pictures for *School Life* and the activities pictures in the Tom Toms. They also taught me how to master the many uses a 4x5 camera.

I could probably out-nerd **Fred Benford**. I was in Civil Air Patrol and Ham Operators Club (dated **Barre McGowan**). I went on to become a typesetter, operating various typesetting machines, then computers. I bought my first computer in Jan. 1979 - a Tandy Radio Shack TRS-80, not-so-fondly called "Trash-80." It ran off of a tape cassette. Very nerdy.

Wordsmith, my computer services business has offered pre-press, editing, writing and other computer services for the last 16 years. I have written 9 years of columns and articles for various publications. I'm currently webmaster for a couple of web sites and looking for more. I'm fast, cheap and out of control.

Met my first husband at TU, where I enjoyed a freshman year on newspaper staff before going off to live in New Mexico for the rest of my life. (A mildly interesting side note: **Nancy Wilson** was a senior and majoring in dramatic arts at TU - she went on to become **Rue McClannahan** of the TV show *Golden Girls*.)

I have three children, 1 boy, 2 girls, 2 grandkids by marriage. I am currently enjoying living in a seniors only apartment building (11 floors, 155 residents). I keep a cat and have lots of friends. I'm president of the Resident Council board of directors this year (treasurer last year). This just means I get to cook for 75+ people the 4th of July.

At CHS, I took art class from **Miss Treva Mills**. *She sent one of my paintings off to the National Scholastic contest and it won a Key.* With such inspiration, I have oil painted, and used pastels; I also sculpt in terra cotta clay and sell most everything I create. However, I have not been able to sell my Next Great American Novel, yet. Maybe I should keep my day job.

Although I didn't take any drama classes in school, I did participate in the annual three-school Easter pageants for two years. Since then, I have acted in 6 plays put on by the several local theaters (moderate to rave reviews).

This year, besides my part-time Wordsmithing, I am a part-time tutor in remedial English and math for YDI (Youth Development Inc.) in the "No Child Left Behind" program (which is underfunded and poorly organized. . . well, just don't get me started on that).

Reunion Sept. 06? I'd say yes, qualified by my financial situation, that I'm still here, breathing and moving, and the creek don't rise, I'll plan on it.

Here's a CHS trivia Question: Who remembers being in **Mrs. Powell's** history class just before lunch? Why was our class behind all the other classes, and/or why did Mrs. Powell never know for sure what time it was?

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