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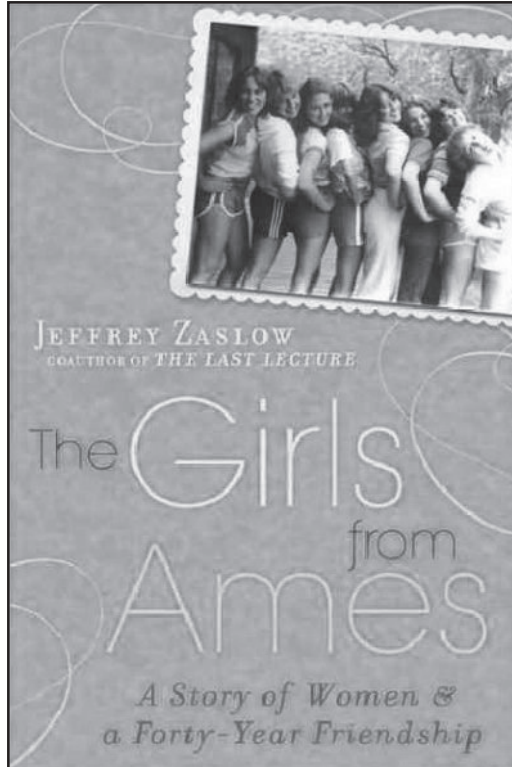
Ames, Iowa

June, 2009

“The Girls from Ames”

Jeffrey Zaslow, Wall Street Journal columnist and coauthor of the No. 1 best selling “The Last Lecture,” has written the book “The Girls from Ames”. It follows the 40+ years of friendship of 11 young girls. The girls all graduated from Ames High School in 1981 and are **Marilyn (McCormack) Johnson, Karla (Derby) Blackwood, Kelly Zwagerman, Jane (Gradwohl) Nash, Diana (Speer) Sarussi, Cathy Highland, Sally (Brown) Hamilton, Karen (Brady) Leininger, Jenny (Benson) Litchman, Angela (Bendorf) Jamison and Sheila Walsh**. It is a moving tribute to the power of female friendship, and is a testament to the enduring deep bonds of women as they experience life’s challenges and the power of friendship to overcome even the most daunting odds.

In 2003, Zaslow wrote a column on why women more than men hold on tightly to old friends. Jennifer (Benson) Litchman responded to that article by email, along with hundreds of others, and received back a thank you from Zaslow. When Zaslow decided in 2006 to write a book which chronicles a group of women through the years and their friendships, he returned to those emails which he had kept in a cabinet. He contacted about a dozen of the letter writers and chose Jennifer, now the assistant dean of public affairs at the University of Maryland. Her enthusiasm told him that the girls from Ames were the ones he wanted to chronicle. Jennifer contacted her friends and they all agreed to do it.



The girls didn’t begin meeting until kindergarten or first grade. Their real bonding came in high school and there after. Today they live in 8 states, none in Ames. Through the years, they have experienced extraordinary friendship as well as unexpected tragedy, and have gone through thick and thin for 40 years.

The group of 11 became 10 when Sheila Walsh, died in Chicago when she was 22. As a tribute to their friendship the girls from Ames have created a scholarship in memory of Sheila. The Sheila M. Walsh Memorial Scholarship will give a female Ames High School student \$1,000 toward her higher education. The focus of the scholarship is on friendships and each applicant must describe the qualities they look for in a best friend and what their best friends mean to them. In the short 22 years of Sheila’s life, she touched everyone she

met with her infectious laugh, her vivacity and her innate sweetness. Sheila’s girlfriends hope her legacy will live on through the young women chosen for this scholarship.

The scholarship fund was begun with a donation from Jeffrey Zaslow. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of this book will also fund the scholarship. If you would like to make a donation please contact the Ames Education Foundation (see page 8).

The book “The Girls from Ames” can be purchased at your local bookstore.

Golf Outing

The annual AHSAA golf outing will NOT be held this year. Thank you to all who have participated in the past and please plan to participate next year. We still need someone to volunteer to organize the popular event. Kerry Ferguson ‘74 organized it for many years and before him, Craig Calhoun ‘76 lead the outing. Please consider helping.

Walker Reunion

The annual Walker reunion will be Sunday, August 2, 2009. Location is the east end of the City Park on the shores of Leech Lake in Walker, Minn. Time will be from 11:30 to 2:00 P.M. It will be potluck. Bring a couple dishes to share. Drinks will be provided.

Jack Smalling ‘58

AHS Alumni Baseball Game Returns

Story by Ben Gouldsmith/The Tribune Pictures by Nirmalendu Majumdar/The Tribune

Wearing his No. 42 throwback white baseball uniform with blue and red trim, **Jack Smalling '58** stepped into the batter's box. Plunk. Smalling was hit by the first pitch. A couple of pitches later, he was hit by another one.

"You OK, Jack?" asked **Dave Posegate '59** from the on-deck circle. "I can call 911."

Twenty-six former Little Cyclone players showed up at Brookside Park's Ray Smalling Field the afternoon of Saturday, May 16 for the Ames High School alumni game, which was being played for the first time in more than 20 years. The score was irrelevant, as were balls and strikes. No umpires were needed.



Jack Smalling '58 bats at the alumni baseball game.

Smalling, the son of the former Ames coach whose name adorns the field, was the oldest to attend. He said he was part of the first Ames team that called Brookside Park home.

"We didn't have any fences; we didn't have lights; we didn't have a scoreboard," Smalling said. "All we had was about 30 percent of the backstop and two benches on either side."

Fifty years younger, **Kyle Tegeler '08**, was quite familiar with the surroundings. Tegeler, a pitcher at Marshalltown Community College, said he had talked to a few of the old-timers including Smalling before the game. "There's going to be a lot of chit-chat and making fun of people," Tegeler said before taking the field. "It's just going to be a lot of fun. They're all pretty good guys."

The list of players in attendance was a who's-who of Ames players who have gone on to bigger things. **Steve Dreyer '87**, is one of only two Ames High graduates who have played in the major leagues. Dreyer pitched for the Texas Rangers from 1990 to 1997 after earning all-conference honors at Northern Iowa. **Dave Posegate '59**, is a former Ames baseball coach and athletic director who led four of his teams to state tournaments. He was later named to the Ames High School Hall of Fame and the Iowa High School Baseball Hall of Fame.

Posegate said he took batting practice with Smalling and **Bob Best '65**, on Thursday to prepare for the alumni game. A couple of days and a couple of aspirin helped them recover, he joked. Best, a longtime softball coach at West Des Moines Valley before coaching the Ames softball team for three years earlier this decade, was an all-conference pick as a high school senior in 1965 after hitting .349. He donned an orange No. 5 Ames jersey for the game while playing catcher. He claims to still own the team record for stealing home base (five times). "We weren't the greatest team Ames High ever put out, but we were pretty competitive," Best said. "We just had good guys on the team who have all gone on and done good things with their lives."

Current Little Cyclones coach **Eric Bappe '90**, said the alumni game showcased the school's baseball history. He even offered a little bit of his own. To illustrate how much the playing surface at Brookside Park has changed since he graduated, Bappe recounted former coach Phil Johnson instructing his players at the end of every practice to pick up a handful of rocks and throw them back into the ditch.

That wasn't necessary for this game and, no, 911 was never dialed.

"This kind of thing makes you realize the program is a lot bigger than any year or any one team," Bappe said. "There's so much put into it, and this park's got such a great history to it."



Left to Right: **Danny Haugo '07, Grant Simpson '07, Ben Dobbs '07, Eric Nau '03, Jeff Houk '07, Jamie Smith '01, Andy Kohler '00, Steve Dreyer '87, Dave Posegate '59, Bret Posegate '85, Kyle Tegeler '08.**

---Alumni Still Aiming High---

Ed Mezvinsky '55, a former two term Congressman from Iowa has agreed to contribute his papers from his days in the House of Representatives to the Iowa State University library. His son, Marc Mezvinsky is engaged to Chelsea Clinton, daughter of the former president and Hillary Clinton. An August wedding on Martha's Vineyard is planned.

Sharon Boylan Hahnlen '63 has earned her Ed. D. degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. She has been a professor of French and English there for nearly 29 years.

Steve Soesbe '63 has closed his popular Ames watering hole, Tradewinds Lounge, after 29 years in business. Friday, May 1, 2009 was his last day in business. Besides the usual fare of a bar, Soesbe was well known for the noon lunches he served Monday through Friday. Meatloaf Friday was probably his most popular meal, as were his giant tenderloins. And Steve did all of his own cooking. There is now a void in the culinary choices in downtown Ames.

Lacy White '05 has a legacy housed in Washington, D.C. White's articles on the 2008 floods and natural disasters in the Midwest, compiled during an internship with the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, were made part of the official record in the U.S. Files of the Hall of Congress in March. Her articles were so influential she earned recognition from Iowa Governor Chet Culver who credited her work with articulating the importance of AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

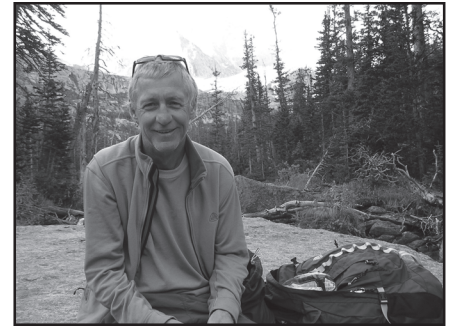
Upcoming AHSAA Reunions

Check www.ahsalum.org for more reunion details.

- 1956** --- September 24-27, 2009
in Bozeman, Montana
contact Don Mathre, upldm@montana.edu
- 1959** --- August 28-29, 2009
contact Dave Posegate,
dsposegate@gmail.com
- 1964** --- October 9-10, 2009
contact Carol (Carmean) Houge
carolhouge@yahoo.com
- 1969** --- July 24-25, 2009
contact Karen Kellogg, specialk077@msn.com
- 1979** --- August 7-9, 2009
contact Kayleen (Coady) Catus
kcatus@american_community.com
- 1984** --- July 24-25, 2009
contact Matt Woodworth, mattkwood@q.com
- 1989** --- July 31-August 2, 2009
contact Tyler Farner, tyler@farner_bocken.com
- 1999** --- August 14-15, 2009
contact Ellen (Haws) Abbott
AmesHigh1999Reunion@gmail.com
- Walker** --- August 2, 2009

Combining Nature and Technology

William (Biff) Baird '69, practices the craft of interpretation. That doesn't mean he translates English to Spanish. The firm that Baird owns and operates, Exhibit Design Associates, designs media that "interpret" natural history and cultural heritage for



visitors to nature centers, zoos, museums and scenic byways.

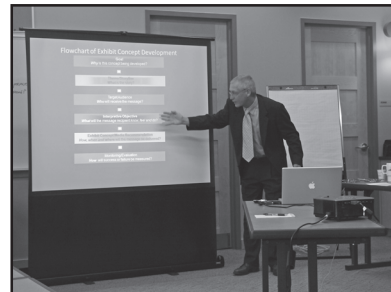
The company has thus far weathered the recent economic downturn. "We're in a niche market," Baird said, "and the competition has always been tough, but we've established a good reputation. Our strategy of staying small, choosing projects carefully and focusing on what we do best seems to be working."

Baird earned a B.A. in English from the University of Kansas, and worked on a trail crew in Rocky Mountain National Park in the summer. That experience led to a lifelong love of mountain sports, winter employment as a professional ski patroller, and summer work as a landscape designer. He gives much of the credit for winning a position on the Vail Ski Patrol to his high school football coach, the late Jack Mendenhall. "Jack taught us physical and mental toughness. He made me believe that you could accomplish just about anything if you worked harder than the next guy and didn't put limits on yourself."

Baird returned to college in the early nineties ("my knees started telling me that I couldn't earn a living on skis forever, and my bank account was telling me to grow up and get a real job..."). He earned an M.S. from Colorado State University in Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism, began working for Exhibit Design Associates in 1993 and bought the company in 2002. The sort of work they do involves multidisciplinary

teams with specialists from architects and engineers to artists and writers. That is what he enjoys most about his job. "It's creative, and you get to work with smart, talented people. We're helping our audiences understand and appreciate nature and culture, and that feels good. We're not gonna save the world, but it beats working for Exxon." The company's recent projects include designing exhibits for a museum in Breckenridge, a visitor center at a New Mexico state park and a scenic byway in North Dakota.

Baird lives in Estes Park, Colorado, with two teenage sons. He coaches a youth basketball team and is an avid skier, hiker, cyclist and scuba diver. "I'm glad I like my job," he said, "because my retirement account just got clobbered like a lot of folks' did, and it looks like I'll be doing it for a few more years." Baird's mother is Marie (Anderson) Baird '39 and continues to lead an active life in Ames.



Some Have Left Us

The following alumni are known to have died in recent years. Those listed in previous newsletters are omitted here. Some information is incomplete. If you have more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA.

A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at www.ahsalum.org.

Class	Name	Date of Death	Place of Death
1928	Gibson, Mary Lucille (Beard)	4-11-2009	Trinity, Texas
1931	Lehmann, Margaret (Johnson)	11-22-2008	Portland, Ore.
1934	Akin, Donald Ray	1-30-2009	Madison, Wisc.
1934	Paschal, Beth (Cummings)	2-28-2009	Raleigh, N. C.
1935	Benson, Ellen Gay (Pickett)	3-10-2008	Jamestown, N. Y.
1935	Carlson, Harlan R.	2-19-2009	Ames, Iowa
1937	Watts, Bonita M. (Thompson)	4-6-2009	Eldora, Iowa
1938	Neff, Jeanne Marie (Van Scoy)	11-26-2008	Littleton, Colo.
1939	Atkinson, Rose Marie (Bates)	2-2-2009	Norwalk, Iowa
1940	Butler, Dean	1-25-2009	Whitney, Texas
1940	Larson, Robert Edwin	4-25-2009	Ames, Iowa
1941	Cushing, William Ira	5-1-2009	Tucson, Ariz.
1943	Sheffels, Mary (Rothacker)	12-4-2008	Wilbur, Wash.
1945	Sevey, Robert Warren	2-20-2009	Lacey, Wash.
1946	Andrus, Raymond Lew	5-24-2009	Bainbridge Island, WA
1946	Harrison, Charles Frederick	11-18-2008	Newton, Iowa
1946	Olson, Ronald Dean	4-16-2009	Ames, Iowa
1948	Garfield, John Clement	12-6-2008	Des Moines, Iowa
1948	Prather, John W.	1-16-2009	Sun City, Ariz.
1949	Irving, Marian Delores (Dryer)	1-24-2009	San Jose, Calif.
1949	Pegram, Nancy Lee (Butler)	1-17-2009	Hinsdale, Ill.
1949	Winfrey, James King	2-4-2009	Atlantic Ocean
1950	Wyatt, George Roscoe	12-1-2007	Marietta, Ga.
1951	Sheffels, Eleanor (Rothacker)	2-28-2008	Wilbur, Wash.
1953	Smith, Carleton Wallace	4-6-2009	Toledo, Ohio
1958	Harris, Leon Prise	1-30-2009	Santa Barbara, Calif.
1961	Johnson, Toni Mae (Lyttle)	4-8-2009	Surprise, Ariz.
1963	DeMoss, Gary W.	3-27-2009	Des Moines, Iowa
1965	Uthe, Anita Marie	2-13-2009	Nevada, Iowa
1966	Doran, Robert Forbes	2-17-2009	Ames, Iowa
1966	McKenna, Christine (Latta)	5-15-2009	Ottumwa, Iowa
1967	Linder, Dan Stephen	4-14-2009	College Station, Texas
1971	Corbett, John Scott	5-21-2009	Ames, Iowa
1976	Kauffman, Chris Jason	1-23-2009	Loveland, Colo.
1977	Conard, Charles	5-6-2009	Des Moines, Iowa
1978	Jones, Bradley Forrest	2-2-2009	Junction City, Ore.
1982	Davis-Rutter, Karyn (Sullivan)	3-7-2009	Nevada, Iowa
1987	Tanner, Thomas Cole	4-25-2009	Athens, Ga.
1999	Stotts, Craig William	1-24-2009	Ames, Iowa
2001	Beavers, Chelsey (Chittenden)	3-25-2009	Osceola, Iowa

Thomas Tanner '87

The life of Thomas Cole Tanner '87 was tragically taken on April 25, 2009. He and two others were killed by a University of Georgia professor in an Athens, Georgia theater. One of the victims was the professor's wife. Tanner graduated from Iowa State University with a Master of Science in Economics degree in 1994. At the time of his death he was an economist at Clemson University.

Daisy Flack

Daisy Iola Wymore Flack died April 8, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Brainerd, Minnesota of pneumonia at the age of 99. From 1952 to 1974 she worked as the secretary to Ames High principals Herbert Adams and Ralph Farrar. Following her retirement in 1974, Daisy enjoyed many good trips with friends. She was also an enthusiastic sports fan. She lived a healthy lifestyle, walking extensively all her life. She had a quick wit, a fun sense of humor and enjoyed reading. She was a friend to many.

Memorials

The Ames High School Alumni Association has received the following memorials since the last newsletter. Memorial funds go into the Memorial Scholarship Fund for AHS seniors.

In memory of

Ned O. Vifquain '47

Robert B. McFarland '47

by Phyllis (Eschbach) Schulz '47

In memory of

Eric T. Sjolander '45

by Frank E. Ferguson '45

In memory of

Floyd Sturtevant, Staff

Raymond Smalling, Staff

by James R. Curtis '60

In memory of

Diane Daine Cooper '54

by John '47 & Patricia Daine

In memory of

Dorothy L. Timmons '58

by John L. Timmons '64

In memory of

Diane Daine Cooper '54

by Daniel & Tracy Sharp

In memory of

Helen Zimmerman Rauch '35

Norman Dunlap '35

Charles Durham '35

by John P. Dodds '35

In memory of

John M. Dickinson '48

by William S. LaGrange '49

In memory of

Diane Daine Cooper '54

by Lu Schell

In memory of

Eric Wayne Server '76

by Jeffrey A. Server '77

In memory of

Robert B. McFarland '47

by Lee (McFarland) Murray '48

In memory of

Helen Martin McAlister '34
by John E. Martin '41

In memory of

Wilma Frangos '46
Louise Burnham '50
by Shirley (Burnham)
Kubiskey '51

In memory of

Mary Rothacker Sheffels '43
by Ann (Vernon) Corey '43

In memory of

Jan P. Severson '59
Robert S. McCullough '33
by James E. McCullough '59

In memory of

Judy (Matterson) McLeran '58
by Caroline M. Matterson '61

In memory of

Austen & Hazel Pike
by Thomas J. Brindley '67

In memory of

Diane (Daine) Cooper '54
by Richard Lord

In memory of

Bruce M. Adams '51
Stanley B. Adams '80
by Nancy (Getz) Adams '51

In memory of

Paul C. Vance '43
Mary (Rothacker) Sheffels '43
by Mary (Dodds) Schlick '43

In memory of

Charles R. Stenshoel '53
by Richard O. Stenerson '53

In memory of

Joe F. Fellows '56
by Sally Fellows '53
Ben Fellows '58
Jean (Fellows) Welling '62

In memory of

William J. Buchholtz '57
by Thomas W. Buchholtz '61

In memory of

John A. Amme '52
by Marjorie (Amme) Neeper '45

In memory of

Michael J. Klein '58
by Alvin "Bud" Erickson '58

In memory of

Bruce M. Adams '51
Stanley B. Adams '80
by John F. Adams '49
Barbara (Teig) Adams '54

In memory of

Chris J. Kauffman '76
by Stephanie Waggoner-
Kroeker '77
Julia (Waggoner)
Trojanowski '77

In memory of

Diane (Daine) Cooper '54
by Malinda (Hawkins)
Wiesner '59

In memory of

Shirley Norton '72
by Karen (Burke) Burianek '72

In memory of

Jeffrey L. Brown '74
by Donald W. Brown '64

In memory of

Barbara (Nelson) Eddy '35
Mary Ellen (Lynch) Brown '35
by John "Parry" Dodds '35

In memory of

Grace R. Bauske, Staff
by Bill Kunerth '72

In memory of

Beth (Cummings) Paschal '34
by Janet (Melhus) Wallin '35

In memory of

Grace Bauske, Staff
by Mary (Hazen) Frank '69

In memory of

Jerome E. Finnegan '68
Donna J. Finnegan '75
by Kathleen (Finnegan)
Moller '66

Graduation Trivia!

From time to time, I hear graduates say: "I think our class was the largest to graduate from Ames High School." In some cases, that was true at the time of their graduation, but it may have been short-lived. So, after spending several hours in the graduation archives, I have the following "official" graduation information.

The first class to graduate from Ames High School was the Class of **1878**. There were four members—3 males and 1 female. There were no graduating classes in **1879, 1882 and 1891**. The graduating classes of **1880** (5), **1881** (6) and **1890** (9) were all females. The class of **1927** was the first class to reach the 100 graduate mark. There were 53 males and 59 females for a total of 112.

The class of **1941** was the first graduating class to reach 200 graduates. There were 97 males and 109 females for a total of 206. There was not another 200 member class until nineteen years later. The class of **1960** totaled 221—117 males and 104 females. (The "Big War" years did take their toll!)

The class of **1964** was the first class to reach 300—153 males and 151 females for a total of 304.

Two classes were equally divided gender-wise. The class of **1932** totaled 132—66 each, and the class of **1939** totaled 196—98 each.

The class of **1970** with 411 graduates was the first Class to reach 400.

In case any of you watch David Letterman, the top ten classes size-wise to graduate from Ames High School are:

10. 411 (Tie) Class of **1970**
9. 411 (Tie) Class of **1974**
8. 420 Class of **1973**
7. 424 Class of **1981**
6. 425 Class of **1977**
5. 437 Class of **1982**
4. 442 Class of **1978**
3. 444 Class of **1979**
2. 450 Class of **1972**
1. 452 Class of **1980** (The winner!)

The AHS Class of **2009**, the most recent, had a total of 348 graduates.

And, just in case you are interested—there have been 24,404 Ames High School Graduates.

"Ames Hi, Aims High!" **Bill Ripp**

--- AHSAA thanks you for financial support ---

The Ames High School Alumni Association has received donations or memorials from the following supporters during the 2008 calendar year. Thank you to all alumni and friends who have generously sent contributions to the AHSAA. All contributions are greatly appreciated and make it possible to provide support to many varied projects. Memorial donations go entirely into the "Second-Generation Scholarship Program.". (* = memorial contribution) (Our apologies for any omissions.)

Gold Club

(\$1,000.00+)

*Louis E. Ross, Jr. '38

Silver Club

(\$500.00 - \$999.99)

AHS Class of 1972

*James S. Balloun '56

Michael E. Cox '61

Connie Campbell

McGrath '62

Bronze Club

(\$100.00 - \$499.99)

*Jack '49 & Barbara Teig '54

Adams

*AHS Class of 1953

AHS Class of 1958

*Scott '83 & Patricia

Bunting '84 Angelici

Jean Willson Bailey '37

Carol Imsande Batastini '77

*Robert C. Callahan '57

*Barbara A. Davey '43

*Bryce Dreeszen '75

Warren C. Friest '38

Barbara Hart Lehman '76

*Roberta G. McRoberts '50

*Sherri Wierson Morrison '59

*Robert D. Munson '51

*Phyllis Porter Noble '45

*Jacqueline Andre

Schmeal '56

*Timothy M. Stine '59

*John L. Timmons '64

*Juliana Rozeboom

Wermimont '79

Orange and Black Club

(Up through \$99.99)

*Deborah Huntress

Adams '59

Judson S. Alford '79

Michae D. Alfred '62

*Mary Rierson Amick '50

*Robert C. Amme '48

*Donald K. Anderson '52

Michael J. Anderson '70

*Richard H. Anderson '47

*John R. Angle '48

Mary K. Armstrong '61

*Gloria Hatasaki

Bachmann '63

*Keith Bailey, Staff

*Deb Lenning Ballard '72

Dale E. Bappe '49

R. Dean Barnes, Jr. '65

William C. Barnett '80

Diane Knutson Blair '75

Mark E. Boden '67

Kathryn A. Bough '58

*Sylvia Day Brattebo '48

Robert P. Brunkow '66

*Mark R. Bunker '75

Robert L. Byrus '50

*Bonny K. Callahan '51

Robert E. Campbell '44

Robert '73 & Kayleen

Coady '79 Catus

*Betty A. Chase '44

*Patricia Catron

Christenson '59

*J. Paul Clark '61

*Nancy Neff Clark '48

*Jean Drake Cleverley '65

James T. Cornette '81

Randall L. Crom '74

Carol Cummings '57

Katie Barnhart

Dauphinis '92

*Jan Jordan Dickens '67

*William R. Donels '59

*Leisa H. Doran '71

Jody Dunlap '76

Sonja Accola Ehrenreich '65

*Charles R. Elder '57

Thomas C. Ellett '66

*Jean Jones Engle '47

*Larry E. Erickson '59

*Stephen Phillip Erickson

Joni Brown Ervin '65

David C. Fitz '73

*Jacqueline Schulz

Francis '49

*Nancy Francis '51

Edward R. Fye '42

*Tedford A. Grinstead '47

*Robert B. Hamilton '68

*Karen Houge Haines '58

*Mary S. Hanger '43

Rodney S. Harl '89

Phyllis B. Heffron '59

Cindy Johnson Horn '69

Eleanor M. Johns '47

*Terri Ellis Johnson '76

Margaret Mary Kinsella

Kilpatrick '34

Raymond E. Kooser '47

Kelly Alford Kultala '76

David Kylo '78

Barbara Friederick

Lambert '76

*Mary Francis Larson '45

Jeff '74 & Julie '74

Larson-Keller

*Lenore Hawk Lemon '62

*Dennis P. Little '77

Lois Knutson Lynch '61

Keith E. Magoon '57

James '62 & Linda '63

Marken

*Terry Moore '57

Tillman M. Moore '44

Elizabeth Dinsmore

Morden '91

John D. Morrison '44

Sharon Gore Moya '52

*Gary M. Mulhall '63

*Kathryn "Kay" Mulhall '75

*Levon A. Neff

*Janet Skeie Nesbit '54

Lori Michaud O'Connor '77

*Shirley Kooser Regalia '56

Jane Richards '84

Herbert D. Robbins '46

*Dale C. Rouze '60

Jolene Satre '72

Steven J. Savage '71

*Kathryn "Kate" Schultz '78

Lynne Seymour '56

Dorothy J. Shadle '46

*Ann M. Singer '53

*Shirley J. Smith '44

*Jerrold Soesbe '56

*Marilyn Knutson Squires '51

John W. Standley '49

Tamara Sondrol Stein '72

Paul M. Swenson '72

*Fareed '82 & Cara

Bredeson

'82 Tabatabai

*Julia Waggoner

Trojanowski '79

*Donald L. Ullestad '46

Spenser Villwock '92

*Mary Jo Vivian '54

*Richard '49 & Mary Lou

Wilson '52 Ullestad

Mary Ellen Bragonier Vogt '63

*Stephanie Waggoner-

Krocker '79

*Anita J. Ohlsen

Wald-Tuttle '45

Carol Ustrud Watson '64

*Steven A. Wearth '68

*Ann Wessman '81

Patricia Huss Whelan '85

Douglas W. Wolf '78

Bruce D. Woods '61

Dale B. Woodward '70

*Delores F. Wunder '51

Nancy M. Yang '66

*Ronald W. Young '61

During 2008, the AHSAA made contributions to benefit Ames High School students in the following ways:

\$5,000 to fund five \$1,000 scholarships
\$2,000 to the Field Turf Project
\$2,000 to the Let the Band Play On Project
\$100 to the Ames High School Post Prom

Thank you to all who support the AHSAA and make these contributions possible.

2008-2009 a banner school year for AHS

The 2008-2009 school year for Ames High School will be one to remember. The Athletic Department produced three state champions, three runners up, and a third place finish. Add to that a Presidential Scholar, band honors and art honors, and you have a lot of proud AHS supporters. Congratulations to all Ames High students who continue to Aim High!

Boys Basketball - State Champion

The Ames High boys basketball team was rated #1 all season long and finished with a perfect 26-0 record and a state title, the first since 1991. The Little Cyclones, who defeated Linn-Marr 55-45 for the championship, were led by juniors Harrison Barnes and Doug McDermott, both named to the all-tournament team. Barnes, a 6-6 shooting guard, is now listed as the #1 high school recruit in the country by the 2010 ESPNU 100. McDermott is the son of the Iowa State head basketball coach, Greg McDermott, and the only non-starter ever to be named to the all-tournament team.

Girls Basketball - State Runner Up

The Ames girls basketball team came close to a state title. They lost in the finals to Sioux City North 51-45. In the semifinals they defeated #1 Linn-Mar in overtime. Linn-Mar had been undefeated until then. Trisha Nesbitt, senior point guard, was their leader and first team all stater. Her parents are Troy '81 and Pam (Brackelsberg) '83 Nesbitt. Trisha has a scholarship to play at the University of Iowa.

Boys swimming - State Runner Up

The Ames High boys swimming team was ranked #1 all season. They are the 2009 Conference Champion and District Champion. The team barely lost the state title to Dubuque Senior.

Girls Golf - State Champion

The Ames High girls golf team won the state championship, their first since 1989, by 43 strokes over runner-up Marshalltown. Junior Katie Purcell lead her team and became the first Ames High girls golfer to win an individual state championship.

Boys Track - 3rd at State

AHS boys track team scored 50 points to place third in the state meet. Senior Nic Toben set a school record in the shot put at 58-4 to place first.

Girls Tennis - State Champion

After finishing runner up in 2008, the Ames High girls tennis team captured its first ever state championship topping Bentendorf 5-2. Ames also claimed the state doubles championship.

Boys Soccer - State Runner Up

The AHS boys soccer team entered the season unranked and won the CIML Iowa Conference title outright for the first time in school history. After achieving upsets in the state tournament against West Des Moines Dowling and Ankeny, they reached their first ever state title game. The No. 8 Little Cyclones then lost to No. 2 Iowa City West 3-2.

Presidential Scholar

The highest and most prestigious honor earned by a high school student, the Presidential Scholar award, has been bestowed on Ames High School senior Sandy Huang. Huang is one of only two students in Iowa to achieve the honor and she joins 12 previous Ames High Presidential Scholars.

Huang achieved a perfect score on the ACT last year. She has been part of a number of clubs and organizations at Ames High, including the Science Olympiad, Student Council, band and Math Club. She also is staff editor of The Web, a member of the tennis team and active in SHEPH. She plans to attend Stanford University and is considering a double major in computer science and another area of study yet to be determined.

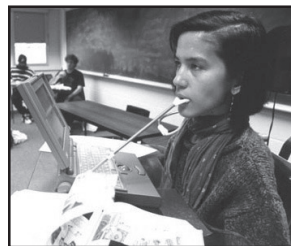
Iowa Bandmasters

The Ames High School symphonic band was selected, through a challenging audition process, to represent the Class 4A schools at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference in Des Moines. This is highly competitive at the high school level and marks only the second time in the band's 90-year history that it has been chosen for this honor. The honor can be compared it to an athletic team winning the state championship.

Best Young Artist

AHS senior Sarah Loucks was chosen one of America's best young artists by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts. She was one of 140 chosen from more than 6,000 applicants and attended youngARTS Week, a prestigious competition held in Miami.

Movie Honors Miya's Life



A documentary, "Miya of the Quiet Strength," was shown in the Ames High Auditorium on April 13, 2009. This one hour documentary is about the life of **Miya Rodolfo-Sioson '86**, the lone survivor of the November 1, 1991 shooting on the University of Iowa campus.

Following her injury, Miya was paralyzed from the neck down, but her disability did not prevent her from helping others. The film portrays Miya's life as an activist, following her as she overcomes challenges and fights for the rights of others she sees as less fortunate than her. Miya died of breast cancer on December 3, 2008 in Oakland, California. For more information, visit: www.miyafilm.com.

Ames Education Foundation (AEF) News

Phantom Class Reunion

Each year the Foundation raises money through a phantom nonevent for the Support Our Students (SOS) program, which helps children who are not able to afford all the school supplies necessary to attend classes. We hope you will join us in supporting our students!

Carolyn and Chuck Jons
invite you to join them for the
Ames Education Foundation's
Annual Event – *Phantom Class Reunion*.

*This class reunion will be the best,
We get to stay home and catch up on our rest.*

*We won't have to diet or purchase new clothes,
Or try to remember our classmate's old beaus.*

*Our yearbooks can stay boxed up in stacks,
No need to dig out the old polyester slacks.*

*Our class presidents, Chuck and Carolyn Jons,
Will help us remember the Ames High School fight song.*

*This is one reunion you won't ever attend,
It's about helping give kids their pencils and pens.*

*Students today are still trying to do their best,
They just need a little help from you who've taken life's test*

*Please join with your friends, both far and near,
And help our students have a great school year!*

Make Donations Online

Donors can securely make donations on the Foundation's Web site with an e-check or credit card, through Give2Schools, provided by the National School Foundation Association (NSFA) and Information Services USA. To make a donation online simple go to www.ames.k12.ia.us/AEF/Foundation and click on "how to give" to connect to the on-line giving option.

Building the Future

Do you have a passion for reading?
Provide funds in your estate plan to create an endowment that will purchase books for use in the classroom or media centers.

Did you really enjoy participating in sports when you were in school?

Create an endowment that will provide funding for athletic programs.

Does science excite you?

Create an endowment that will provide funding for lab equipment.

In addition to the broad-based endowments established by the Ames Education Foundation, there are also opportunities for individual donors (or groups of donors) to establish donor-specific endowments.

Through a major gift, an endowment can be created to support an area of education that meets the needs of the district and the passions of the donor.

The opportunities to create excellence within the district through endowments can be as limitless as the interests of the Foundation's supporters.

Campaign Updates

The campaign for installing **Field Turf** at the Ames High School stadium has only \$25,000 left to raise! Our goal is to raise a total of \$600,000 and we still need your support! The Board of Education approved the construction contract and construction began in May. The target completion date is August 1, 2009, a few weeks before the Ames football team opens its fall schedule.

Let the Band Play On has raised \$279,248 toward the instrument replacement and endowment fund. Please consider making a gift to help us reach our goal of \$500,000 (\$250,000 for immediate replacement needs and \$250,000 for the band endowment).

Contact the Ames Education Foundation

Please remember us in your will.

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We Get Letters . . .

Jack:

I enjoyed your note in the September 2008 (page 5) issue in which you mention an Ames High grad who participated in the Olympics and questioned whether there were others.

Cliff Cushman, who grew up in Ames and attended Welch (K-9) and AHS through his sophomore year and would have been in our class of 1956, won a silver medal in the 400 m hurdles in the 1960 Rome Olympics. As a sophomore he won the state mile run championship and set a record (4:27). His father took a job at U of North Dakota before our junior year so he finished high school there and set all kinds of records. He went to Kansas University and ran track there. In the US trials for the 1964 Olympics, he hit a hurdle and didn't finish so was not on that team. Some place I still have a copy of an open letter he wrote saying not to feel sorry for him after this happened. He later died while flying a military plane over North Vietnam and is still listed as MIA as his body has never been recovered. He was stationed at Offutt Air Base in Omaha prior to his death in Vietnam so there were occasional stories about him in Nebraska papers.

Best wishes,
Jim Carr '56

AHSAA,

I was impressed with the ancient copy of the Ames High Booster Club Membership Card in the December 2008 issue. While the price (ten cents) was quite reasonable, I was surprised to find that there was a FEDERAL TAX of 2 cents! That was a 20% FEDERAL tax on the ticket for entry to an athletic event!

Bill Soultz '53

Hi Alumni Team,

I recently moved to Prague, Czech Republic. My blog about life as an English teacher here was recently chosen as "Blog of the Month" by Expat Blog Directory. The interview and link to my blog may be of interest to Ames High friends. The web address is: <http://www.expat-blog.com/newsletter/top/december-2008.html>.

Thanks,
Karen Van Drie '77

Dear Bill,

My AHS Class of 1954 has contributed the balance of our bank account (\$1040.46) to the Ames Historical Society for the legacy Ames campaign to establish a permanent Ames history center and museum. This will acquire and renovate space at 410/416 Douglas in downtown Ames and provide for the continued operation of the facility. Thank you for aiding us in this way to advise classmates and others of our action.

Sincerely,
Sharon Krieger '54

Dear AHSAA,

I wish I didn't have to report another death from 1978, but Brad Jones died 2/2/2009. I was so surprised when I read it in the paper. I didn't realize we had such a gifted, talented, famous guitarist in our class!

Beth Staggs Fawkes '78

Hi Connie and Everybody,

Here is a photo of our mini-reunion in New York City. Brian Smith '77 was also in town but couldn't join us that evening. Pictured are Mark Ellson '76, Lisa (Abian) Magner '77, Murray Sweitzer '76, Jami Simon '76, Rich Sandve '76.

Take Care,
Jami Simon '76



AHSAA,

After years of enjoying the AHS alumni newsletter, I failed to send in money to renew my copy. Madeline Dowell lives in the same retirement center as I do and she shared her's with me. Small World! Enclosed is \$11 for 2 years.

Sandra K. Roach '55

Birthday Card Request for 90th Birthday

Popular Physical Education teacher who served Ames Schools from 1946 to 1951, **Opal (Robinson) Wilson**, turns 90 years old on July 28, 2009. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 7901 South 96th Avenue West, Prairie City, Iowa 50228.

Besides teaching at Ames High, she visited Roosevelt, Beardshear, Lincoln and Whittier elementary schools on a regular basis. She was well known to many Ames students. Opal is still in her same house she has resided in for over 50 years. She still drives her car and spends her winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Jack Smalling '58

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Please circle membership dues enclosed:	1 year - \$6.00	2 years - \$11.00	3 years - \$15.00
Foreign Country:	1 year - \$12.00	2 years - \$22.00	3 years - \$30.00
Additional Donation enclosed: \$ _____	Memorial enclosed: \$ _____		
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First and last name of spouse (maiden name of wife): _____

Your father's first and last name: _____

Your mother's first and maiden name: _____

Names and addresses of brothers and sisters who graduated from AHS: _____

Names of other relatives who graduated from AHS: _____

Name and address of someone who will always know your address: _____

Suggestions / comments for the AHAA (special events, newsletter ideas, anything): _____

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The Mailing List

Did you ever wonder how we have your new address without your ever telling us? We have resources. All of the mail we send has the inscription "Return Service Requested" below our return address. This means our mail will not be forwarded. If there is a new address, mail will be returned to us with a yellow strip and the new address. The down side to this is that if your mail is being held for you, the post office will send it back telling us that you are temporarily away.

Our other resource is Lorton Data, a company in Minneapolis that does mailing list cleansing for a nominal fee. We did this last in April. Our cost was \$110 for checking 19,500 names. The net result was approximately 850 new addresses for our alumni. If you maintain a mailing list and want to know more, please contact me. There are almost 5000 addresses in our data that are in care of (%) someone else. Most are in care of parents. Please contact us with your current address.

And remember to check your newsletter label below to see if your AHSAA membership is about to expire. Memberships expire December 31 of the year indicated on the label.

Jack Smalling '58, President AHSAA

AHSAA Calendar

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July 21	AHSAA monthly meeting
July 24-25	Class of 1969 Reunion Class of 1984 Reunion
July 31- Aug 2	Class of 1989 Reunion Walker Reunion
Aug 2	Walker Reunion
Aug. 7-9	Class of 1979 Reunion
Aug. 14-16	Class of 1999 Reunion
Aug. 18	AHSAA monthly meeting
Aug. 28-29	Class of 1959 Reunion
Sep. 15	AHSAA monthly meeting
Sep. 24-25	Class of 1956 Reunion
Oct. 9-10	Class of 1964 Reunion
Oct. 20	AHSAA monthly meeting

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The Ames High School Alumni Association can be contacted as follows:

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