



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award



### **Kathie Kinrade Obradovich**

Kathie is a 1983 graduate of Ames High School. Although the criteria for selection for this award is based on what a graduate has accomplished after graduation from Ames High, we think it is important to look at what she did in high school and

college. Her main activity in high school was music. She played the flute in the marching, pep, varsity and concert bands. She was a member of the swimming team, and she also played junior varsity basketball and intramural sports. Kathie took advanced English, mathematics and science courses and graduated with honors.

Kathie credits her experience at Ames High for turning her from a good student with strong English skills into a writer with a passion for expression through words. Grace Bauske's class was the catalyst. Her enthusiasm for vivid description was contagious, and it made writing a pleasure rather than a chore.

Kathie then attended Iowa State University from 1983 to 1987 where she majored in journalism/mass communications and completed minors in political science and Spanish. From 1984 to 1987, she was a reporter and the city and state editor for the Iowa State Daily. In 1986, she had an internship with the Oskaloosa Herald, and in 1987 with the Des Moines Register. She was a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, the journalism honor society.

Upon graduation from Iowa State University, Kathie was employed by the Quad-City Times in Davenport, Iowa from 1987 to 1993. Her assignments there included reporter, assistant city editor, and regional editor. From 1993 to 2003, Kathie was the bureau

chief for the Lee Enterprises Des Moines Bureau. She covered state government and politics and supervised the bureau for five daily newspapers. Her weekly column was syndicated through the Iowa Newspaper Association to over 50 Iowa newspapers.

From 2003 to 2009, Kathie was the political editor for the Des Moines Register. She supervised the state and national political report, including award-winning coverage of the 2004 and 2008 Iowa caucuses, and the Register's Iowa Poll. She was named the Register employee of the year for 2007 and received the Gannett newsroom supervisor award in 2004. In 2009, Kathie became the Political columnist for the Des Moines Register, the position she still holds. She serves as a leading voice on Iowa politics through print, online and broadcast media. The print column, "On Politics" appears three times per week, offering fresh insight and reasoned opinion. The daily online coverage through the DesMoinesRegister.com and Twitter reaches a national audience with breaking news and commentary. Kathie is also a frequent guest for political analysis on national radio and television programs ranging from Fox News to National Public Radio.

Kathie's 24 year career as a journalist of news reporting, editing and commentary experience has been interesting as well as exciting to follow. So, it was with great pleasure that the Ames High School Alumni Association presented our 2011 Distinguished Alumna award to Kathie Kinrade Obradovich. Congratulations, Kathie.

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# 2011 Ames High Athletic Department's Hall of Fame Inductees:



Finnegan, Burrow, Garn, Obradovich, Utt

**Don Finnegan, Class of 1974:** Don was the first Ames High School underclassman to win a state wrestling championship and the sixth title winner in the history of the sport at Ames High School. Don went on to win four letters in

wrestling at Iowa State University. He competed on the 1977 Cyclone NCAA championship team and on the 1977 and 1978 runner-up teams. He also won the 1979 Big Eight Conference Championship and earned All-American honors.

After wrestling only two varsity matches as a sophomore, Finnegan became Coach Jack Mendenhall's regular at 98 pounds and compiled a 20-4-1 record as a junior heading into the state competition. At the state meet he won four matches which included an overtime period in the championship match. Moving up to the 112 pound weight class as a senior Finnegan again recorded impressive statistics. A pair of 4-3 losses denied him a return to the state tournament his senior year. He finished his high school wrestling career with a 44-8-1 three year varsity record.

Finnegan graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in business. Today he is vice-president of corporate operations with Enterprise Holding, Inc. Don and his wife, Linabelle, live in St. Louis, Missouri with their four daughters.

**Gregg Garn, Class of 1990:** Setting an all-time state 400 meter low hurdle record, winning an individual state championship, lettering for four years on the Little Cyclone track teams that never lost a meet and playing as a starter on the first Ames football team since 1921 to win nine games highlighted the high school athletic career of Gregg Garn. Gregg followed his high school days with a notable track career at the University of Northern Iowa where he was a nine-time All-Missouri Valley performer.

As a junior, Garn won the 400 meter low hurdles in seven major meets. His state meet time of 54.79 placed him third on Ames High's all-time honor roll.

As a senior team co-captain in 1990, Garn recorded nine hurdle victories in major meets and compiled 134 points during the season. His victory in the low hurdles at the state meet set a new state all-time mark of 52.45 seconds.

Garn's varsity football career was also impressive as in 1988 he and his teammates recorded the best regular season record (8-1) since 1960 and won the conference championship. Garn also lettered on the 1987-88 basketball team that lost only two games during the regular season.

Currently, Dr. Gregg Garn, who earned his doctorate in 1998, serves as the interim dean in the College of Education at the University of Oklahoma. Gregg and his wife Jennifer Burris, AHS Class of 1988, live in Norman, Oklahoma and are the parents of two daughters and a son.

**Ashley Grundmann Utt, Class of 1996:** Ashley was a major factor in the successes of the volleyball, basketball and track programs at Ames High from 1993-96. She earned four letters in track, three in volleyball and two in basketball. Although Ashley was Ames top thrower in the shot put and discus during her four years at Ames High, the 1996 season was the highlight of Grundmann's track career. With three indoor shot put victories, she proceeded to win nine more shot put and discus events during the outdoor season. Her state championship throw of 42 feet 4 ¼ inches was also a new school record. Her shot put victory became huge in Ames' come-from-behind state championship win over runner-up Ankeny, 66-62.

As a three-year letter winner in volleyball, Ashley was best known as a blocker and spiker. An all-conference first-team selection in 1995, she consistently led Ames in blocks and kills, and she served the final five points, all aces, in a late season win over Valley. In her three years of varsity volleyball, the Ames teams compiled a 60-32-5 record. In basketball, Ashley broke into the starting line-up as a junior, and as a senior, she teamed with future Hall of Famer, Barb Bennett, to post a 10-10 regular season record.

Ashley competed in both volleyball and track at Iowa State University. She earned her degree with majors in both journalism and mass communications. Since

college, Ashley has been employed as a marketing assistant with Shriver Manufacturing and in layout/design for the Tri County Shopper. Ashley and her husband, Lincoln Utt, live in Milton, Iowa and are the parents of two daughters and a son.

**James “Jamie” Burrow, Class of 1997:** Jamie Burrow, the first AHS football player to compete for a national championship, began his varsity playing career in the fall of 1993 as a freshman. Much of his high school career he played on both offense and defense. Jamie’s senior season was one of the greatest ever for an Ames High football player. He was a pre-season all-state pick, and as a captain, he led the team to an undefeated regular season and a conference championship. As a tight end he had 20 catches for 450 yards and six touchdowns. He keyed a defense that led Class 4A in three categories and finished second in three others. Jamie’s personal honors his senior years were numerous. He was first-team all-conference, Elite Team All-State and the Iowa Football Yearbook Player of the Year.

Jamie also played basketball and competed in track while at Ames High. As a senior he was co-captain of the track team. He won several individual events in meets that year and placed second in the discus with a throw of 163 feet in the state meet.

Following graduation, Jamie went to the University of Nebraska where he had an outstanding career winning four letters. As the starting middle linebacker his senior year, Jamie was selected national defensive player of the week for his play against the University of Oklahoma. He was chosen second team All-Big 12

Conference and played in the National Championship game against the University of Miami in the Rose Bowl. Jamie now lives in Omaha, Nebraska.



## Email Addresses

What do 5,345 Ames High School alumni from the years 1926-2011 have in common. These alums have all entered or updated **their own** email addresses on the alumni website: [www.ahsalum.org](http://www.ahsalum.org) or [www.ameshigh.org](http://www.ameshigh.org). We do not include email addresses in our directory because they change too often. However, we have an easy way for you to find, add and/or update email addresses on the AHS alumni website.

In the footer of each of our web pages you will find links to **update, add, search or view** AHS emails. Click **view**, select your graduation year and click **view year**. If you don't see your name listed, click **add**, fill in the fields, and then click **save**. If your name/email is listed, but is incorrect, click **update**. On the update

page, enter your username and password, click **edit**, modify your listing, and then click **save**.

The **I forgot my password** link will email your password to the listed email address. If that is not accessible, we will update your email address for you if you click contact AHSAA in the footer on any web page. Tell us your name, graduation year, old email address, and new email address. Use this same contact AHSAA link if you have a question or new postal mailing address, or have items to post on the website or in the newsletter, such as photos or an interesting story related to Ames High School

**Ed L. Hendrickson, '74**  
**AHSAA Web Master**

## Nupur Ghoshal, M.D., Ph.D.



After seeing the King Tut exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum when she was three, Nupur wanted to be an archeologist. Next she wanted to be a paleontologist because she was fascinated by dinosaurs. In both cases, the emphasis was on discovering and exploring the unknown. This is echoed in her current research efforts.

Nupur is a 1991 graduate of AHS. The Model U.N., Amnesty International, Quiz Bowl, Mock Trial, Scratch Pad, Concert Chorale, Madrigal Singers and student government are among her many high school activities. She was also an honor graduate. Prior to her senior year, she was in a fellowship program funded by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Energy. During this time she submitted her first research project to the Westinghouse Science Talent Search Competition and was named a top 40 finalist.

Following her graduation from Ames High School she attended Iowa State University where she completed her B.S. in 1995 with majors in Genetics and Zoology and a minor in Biotechnology. While she was at Iowa State, she became a member of five national honor societies including Cardinal Key and Golden Key. She received a number of other awards and scholarships which included the Fung Award for the Outstanding Student in Genetics from Iowa State and the Barry Goldwater Scholar for Excellence in Mathematics, Science and Engineering from the U.S. Congress. During her under-graduate years she also had research internships at Iowa State University, the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Nupur then enrolled in the Northwestern University Medical School Dept. Cell & Molecular Biology--as a NIH-funded M.D.-Ph.D. student. She received her Ph.D. in Cell & Molecular Biology from Northwestern University Graduate School in Evanston in 2001 and her M.D. from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in 2003. Nupur then did a residency in Neurology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO from 2003-2007. Her final year at

Barnes-Jewish Hospital, she was the Chief Resident in the Dept. of Neurology. This residency was followed by a fellowship in Geriatric Neurology at Washington University from 2007-2009.

In 2009, Nupur became an Instructor in Neurology, Division of Aging, at the Washington University Medical School. She currently is an Assistant Professor in Neurology, Division of Aging, and Assistant Director in the Memory Diagnostic Center, Dept. of Neurology at the Washington University Medical School. During the past two years she has been both an Investigator and Sub-Investigator in studies dealing with Cognitive Impairment, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. She has been teaching, training and mentoring medical students and residents since 2003, and in 2010 she became a Clinic Mentor for the Geriatric Psychiatry Resident rotation at Washington University. In 2008 Nupur was the Richard & Mildred Poletsky recipient for contributions to dementia care and research. This award was followed in 2009 by the Alene & Meyer Kopolow award for achievement in direct patient care and aging research.

Today, at Washington University School of Medicine, Nupur also studies frontotemporal dementia (FTD). She is developing a model of inherited FTD in the test tube and a mouse model, which she hopes will help researchers understand the disease and test future therapies. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the visual arts. She has a particular interest in Renaissance and Early Baroque Art. She has a background in the performing arts having studied ballet and pointe for 12 years and Indian regional dances for 13 years. She is a pianist and a vocalist, although she rarely has time for personal performances. After singing competitively in high school, she continued singing at Iowa State with the Iowa State Singers and on through medical school with the Hamstrings, who produced their own annual show with the proceeds going to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. She is also a linguist and speaks Hindi, Bengali, French and, of course, English. She dabbles in other languages in her travels.

Congratulations on your amazing accomplishments, "Dr.-Dr." Ghoshal, and thanks for sharing your post Ames High life with us. "Ames Hi" graduates do continue to "Aim High"!

W.C. Ripp

# Memorials

- In memory of: **Keith Soesbe, '54**  
By: Jerrold Soesbe, '56
- In memory of: **Gay A. Starrak, '35**  
By: Ruth Kunerth Bock, '35
- In memory of: **Nancy Houge Haines, '68**  
By: Karen Haines, '58
- In memory of: **Mary McNally Paulson, Staff**  
By: Phyllis M. Heffron, '59
- In memory of: **David A. Taft, '52**  
By: Sharon Gore Moya, '52
- In memory of: **Robert M. Horner, '54**  
By: Dennis B. Morton, '54
- In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58**  
By: John L. Timmons, '64
- In memory of: **William E. Houk, '53**  
By: William J. Duffy, '53
- In memory of: **James A. Doggett, '55**  
By: Leah Bowman, '55
- In memory of: **James A. Doggett, '55**  
By: AHS Class of 1955
- In memory of: **William E. Houk, '53**  
By: James ('52) & Carole Sue Triplett
- In memory of: **Kathryn J. Obrecht, '80**  
By: Dean ('50) & Diane Obrecht
- In memory of: **Mary Lou Dorchester Lynch Patton, '40**  
By: Veronica Lynch Lim, '62
- In memory of: **Barbara Moore Hoff, '54**  
**John Maney, '51**  
By: Connie Moore Betten, '51
- In memory of: **Marvin S. Munson, Jr., '48**  
By: Robert D. Munson, '51
- In memory of: **Max W. Sowers, '47**  
By: Nancy Neff Clark, '48
- In memory of: **Luella Hanson Ernst, '47**  
By: Robert E. Ernst, '47
- In memory of: **Ivabelle Dixson Mendon, '24**  
**Eva Dixson Coon, '30**  
**Donald L. Dixson, '44**  
**Jane Mendon Bauerle, '50**  
By: Sue Mendon Powley, '60
- In memory of: **William E. Houk, '53**  
By: Charles ('53) & Neala Benson
- In memory of: **Karen K. Bath, '70**  
By: Sheila Glenn-Whitford, '73
- In memory of: **Janice Alfred Barnard, '58**  
By: Lowell ('49) & Marcia Barnard Harper, '51
- In memory of: **Ruth Eloise McDonald Lamoureaux, '43**  
**Gertrude Fjare Wierson, '43**  
**Virginia Blythe Vance Merrill, '43**  
**Bettejean McCoy Barnhouse, '43**  
By: Dorothy P. Vance, '43
- In memory of: **Max W. Sowers, '47**  
By: Marilyn Sowers
- In memory of: **Jerome E. Finnegan, '68**  
**Donna J. Finnegan, '75**  
By: Kathleen Finnegan Moller, '66

# 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 may be incomplete. If you have any more information or unreported deaths, please advise the AHSAA.

**A complete listing of all known deceased alumni is available at [www.ahsalum.org](http://www.ahsalum.org).**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>City, State</u>
1933	Roberts, Mary Ferne (Karns)	d. 2-17-2011	San Diego, Calif.
1934	Kraft, James Dawain	d. 8-13-2011	Fort Dodge, Iowa
1937	Feldman, Louis W.	d. 9-8-2011	Story City, Iowa
1938	Willcox, Milton J.	d. 10-16-2011	East Moline, Ill.
1940	Patton, Mary Louise (Dorchester)	d. 9-22-2011	Fort Collins, Colo.
1941	Barnett, Elaine Claire (Barnett)	d. 7-21-2011	Linden, Iowa
1941	Holt, Evelyn Vera (Anderson)	d. 7-14-2011	Marietta, Ga.
1941	Sailsbury, Robert Earl	d. 9-5-2011	Rockford, Ill.
1942	Wolfe, Marjorie Jean (Smith)	d. 10-6-2011	Ashland, Ohio
1943	Barnhouse, Bettejean (McCoy)	d. 8-24-2011	Ames, Iowa
1943	Wierson, Gertrude Jean (Fjare)	d. 8-1-2011	Ames, Iowa
1945	Kincheloe, Raymond Delbert	d. 9-9-2011	Marion, Iowa
1947	Sowers, Max William	d. 8-7-2011	Cedar Falls, Iowa
1947	Stoops, Lyle Edward	d. 10-16-2011	Marshalltown, Iowa
1947	Terrones, John J.	d. 8-26-2011	Cedar Falls, Iowa
1949	Thomas, Harriss Barry	d. 9-24-2011	Ames, Iowa
1950	Bauerle, Mary Jane (Mendon)	d. 9-2-2011	Scottsdale, Ariz.
1951	Blanshan, Anita Elaine (Teagarden)	d. 11-14-2010	Yakima, Wash.
1953	Houk, William J.	d. 9-1-2011	Ames, Iowa
1954	Berhow, Ronald Lewis	d. 8-20-2011	Knoxville, Iowa
1955	Doggett, James Anthony	d. 9-4-2011	Ames, Iowa
1960	Evans, Phillips Glen	d. 10-7-2011	Ames, Iowa
1968	Carbrey, Anna Marie	d. 10-1-2011	Kansas City, Kan.
1969	Waggoner, John Scott	d. 3-21-2011	Urbandale, Iowa
1972	Fennen, Dorothy Ellen (Stuve)	d. 11-27-2011	Omaha, Neb.
1972	Gerber, William Reed	d. 8-21-2011	Ames, Iowa
1975	Robertson, William Paul	d. 7-20-2011	Jasper County, Iowa
1973	Seibert, Catherine Jane	d. 6-16-1992	Contra Costa, Calif.
1984	Merrill, Allison Ann	d. 10-15-2011	Johnston, Iowa
1990	Angus, Scot Alan	d. 12-6-2011	Ankeny, Iowa
Staff	Iverson, Caroline Ann	d. 1-21-2008	Missoula, Mont.

## In Memoriam

Ten years ago, on 9-11-01, Timothy A. Haviland, AHS Class of 1978, lost his life in New York City. He was working as a software developer and computer programmer for Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc. on the 96th floor of one of the World Trade Center towers.

# The Foundation Has Five Seasons

The Ames Education Foundation (AEF) has five seasons; Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer, and ALUMNI!

## Fall, winter, spring, and summer are familiar to all of us! What about Alumni season?

I'd like to share something about each season. The Alumni season is interesting – Wow! Alumni season is year round. Once you are an Ames High Alumni, you are always an alumni. The busy alumni season seemed to be at peak during June through September. I'll share the rest of my alumni season comments for later, as I want to save the best for last!

Spring is a great place to start, as it often represents “new”. In the spring AEF had a campaign called SOS (Support Our Students). This campaign was to raise funds for supplies for students in need. The school counselors worked to identify students who needed assistance with purchasing supplies. The counselors in the Ames Community Schools are very good at what they do. The school district is fortunate to have their knowledge, compassion, expertise, and most important their insight. This program helps families who might be struggling financially. With the help of families, alumni, individuals, the community, and businesses, \$12,000 was raised.

The bulk of this money was spent on supplies for students. The counselors work to coordinate this. The money is raised every spring and then used in late summer and fall for these “back to school” supplies. When I had one counselor ask if they could buy a pair of socks for a child, this was the season, which put a tear in my eye.

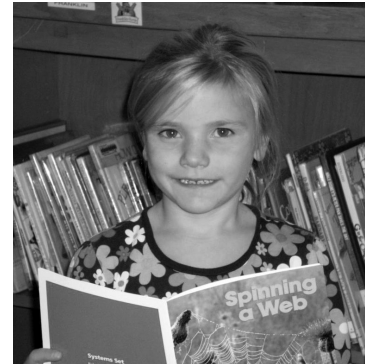
The summer season at AEF involved a lot of planning and coordinating for the seasons to come!

The fall season involves a campaign called Mini-Grant (MG). This particular campaign raises funds for the needs a teacher may have in their classroom. The teachers fill out a MG application, and then a committee will meet in December to select grant recipients. The goal of course, is to fund as many needs as possible for these teachers. One example of something that was funded last year was a specialized microscope for the high school science department. The microscope came with a camera capable of producing live images.

Fall has also been busy with 100's Club. This club is still in the process of building more members. This is about 100 women coming together to raise \$100k for Leveled Readers. Leveled Readers is a top funding priority in our school district. This is a specialty library of books used in the elementary classrooms which

provides a math, science, or history book – at “just the right level” for individual students. See photo.

Next fall in September AEF will host a “Taste For Education” in Ames. This will be a fundraising event for supporters to attend – September 30, 2012.



This winter season I look forward to working with businesses. AEF will host “Principal For A Day.” We hope to partner with a manager or CEO of a business and have them be Principal at a school for (actually) ½ of a day. This partnering activity is to help raise awareness regarding the needs a Principal may have at their school.

Now for Alumni Season!! I attended many alumni events and tours this last year. I went on most of your high school tours with Bill Ripp. On one tour I almost felt like an alumni when someone wanted to know if I was in math class with them.

What I liked most about Alumni Season was You! I enjoyed meeting all of you and I really enjoyed your stories. I remember some alumni telling me where P.E. class was held, or how they had to swim and retrieve a coin from the bottom of the swimming pool as a graduation requirement.

Thank you for including me on many of your events. Thanks for your special stories you shared about your class, yourself, and your family.

Alumni Season! What a wonderful season!

Thanks to many of you for your continued support of the Ames Education Foundation which helps the Ames Community School District!

Thank you for being one of the Five Seasons of the Ames Education Foundation!

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## Ames High Class of 1976



Ames High class of 76 reunion held July 29-30 in Ames was wildly successful. The festivities began Friday night at DG's Tap on Main Street. Well over 100 people attended this very informal gathering with 25 or more folks closing the joint down at 2:00 a.m.

A smaller, though no less enthusiastic, group met at Ames High School the next morning at 11:00 as Bill Ripp from the Alumni Association and Ann Arbuckle, Executive Director of the Ames Education Foundation, lead us on a tour of our alma mater. Though the rail in the main lobby was still there it sure did not feel as comfortable to sit on as it did 35 years ago.

Everyone was impressed with the facility and could not believe how much it had changed and grown over the years. Mr. Ripp's memory was razor sharp as he updated us on old homeroom teachers and funny stories he had gathered over the years.

We held an afternoon picnic at Brookside Park for graduates and their families. We served hamburgers and all the fixin's with a variety of games and activities for everyone to play. Jeff Cardella brought his stereo so we could have 70's music playing in the background.

The highlight of the weekend was our dinner/program on Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn. The place was packed as everyone enjoyed a social hour before sitting down to a delicious meal. Before all the "old folks" could retire after dinner, the committee pulled out all the stops for an outstanding program that included a presentation by Kathy Svec (class of 66) and the Ames Historical Society that generated a lot of audience participation. The group howled with laughter at pictures of Ames in the 70's including Bee Vees, Kings Food Host, Sambos, Dog and Suds and the A&W Root Beer stands. Kathy could barely be heard over the laughter and comments the slide show provoked.

Next Jamie Simons and Ed Beaudry entertained the group with a hilarious skit entitled the Love of Chocolate. Next it was John Crawford and Barb Ellis-Holm's turn

to entertain us with a 70's music trivia contest that got several classmates singing and dancing as they answered questions for lottery ticket prizes. A special thanks goes out to John who's local printing company Alpha Copies supplied all our printer and banner needs.

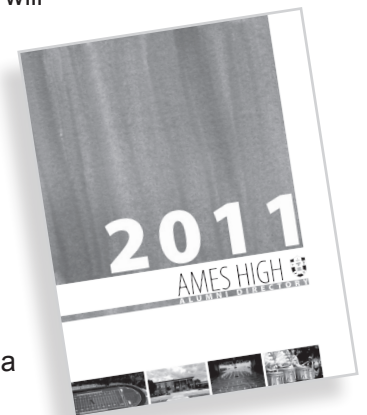
Marsha Read-Olinghouse kept the fun going as she recited a poem about How I Don't Look Good Naked Anymore. It was pointed out that in high school we used to "skinny dip" and now we "chunky dunk."

Kevin Buck finished the evening's program with a monologue recapping 35 years and how we have grown and matured to become comfortable with who we are and with each other. Kevin had observed during the reunion how little conversation revolved around work and instead focused on what made us happy outside our careers. Just like in high school, before the days of Facebook, Twitter, smart phones and video streaming, all we had was each other. And that was good enough on cold winter nights or a warm summer evening in Ames, Iowa 35 years later.

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## 2011 AHSAA Directory

In 1994, four years after the birth of AHSAA, the first Ames High School Directory was published. It contained the three following listings: (1) alphabetical listing--all graduates, (2) listing by graduation class and (3) geographical listing. Seven years later in 2001, a second directory was published. It contained the same listing categories, plus many pictures from 1920-2001 yearbooks, athletic pictures and a variety of informative items were added. It was our intent to publish a new directory in 2008, but no one came forward to head up the project. So, now as the 2011 calendar year comes to an end, Bill and Jack, have taken on the project themselves. It is currently at the printer and will be available in January. Again it will be rather basic with no pictures, but will include a number of interesting items. It is available on the order form in this December Newsletter. Since we are an "all volunteer" organization, we are hoping several local graduates will come forward and help with the processing of directory orders. It can be a fun social opportunity!



### The AHS 76 Reunion Committee

Barb Ellis-Holm

George Toth

Karen Allen Kerper

John Crawford

Dave Jamison

Jeff Cardella

Marsha Read-Olinghouse

## We Get Letters...

Fellow Alumni,  
I would like to have our class of 1943 have a 69<sup>th</sup> reunion while there are still some of us able to attend. I am Milt Potee from Rogers, Arkansas, and I would be interested in our class having a reunion in Ames in 2012. (Yes, Milt, the AHSAA will provide you with a list of members and their addresses.)

[Mpotee1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mpotee1@sbcglobal.net)

Dear AHSAA,  
Now, some 66 years after leaving the halls of Ames High for the U.S. Army on a snowy day in January, 1945, on a bus headed for Ft. Snelling, MN, with David Puffett, '44, I greet each new issue of the AHS Alumni Newsletter with anticipation and a deep warmth for the institution that prepared me far better than I then knew for a rewarding and exciting life that ensued.

Today I am Chairman of the Board of Curriculum Associates, a publisher of materials for assessment and instruction in K-8 classrooms, worldwide. Although I have turned operations over to a younger CEO, I'm still contributing, making classrooms better for teachers and learners. For me, that is a meaningful life and I can't wait to get to work each day.

On the side I'm mentoring a few local startups, one, REAL KEYS MUSIC, as yet in stealth mode, soon may appear as a music game on your iPad. I'm also mentoring [www.Playrific.com](http://www.Playrific.com), an online safe harbor for tots. And, [www.FinnAndEmma.com](http://www.FinnAndEmma.com)--recommended if you're buying gifts for youngsters. And, [www.ZSGenetics.com](http://www.ZSGenetics.com) that soon may be in the news with a breakthrough in DNA sequencing technology. And, finally, I'm offering my meager editing skills to a friend, Art Bardige, who is now writing ELEGANTLY SIMPLE, a breathtaking theory of knowledge that unites the arts and sciences as C. P. Snow would have wanted. If you're coming through Boston, please ring our chimes.

**Frank E. Ferguson, '45**  
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### Question:

I just returned to Maryland from Ames and my 35<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Such fun to see friends and family, and visit Ames. On a quick trip to Clear Lake last week, my family enjoyed a meal at The Barrel. Their homemade (and secret) salad dressing tasted just like the type (sort of a sweet French/Western style) that was

offered in the AHS cafeteria to go with our salads in 1976. **Does anyone have the recipe?)**

**Annette Raper Hoffman, '76**  
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Dear Mr. Ripp,  
We missed seeing you at the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion tour. That is always one of the highlights for me when we comeback for the get-together. But I also want to say that in spite of missing your wit and insight, it was a delight to have the principal give the tour.

I have been in education for most of my life and have spent the last 9 years as a counselor at Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming. You have a gem in the new principal. He knew his students, the issues surrounding the school, and what the possible solutions might be--including the political realities of a school board and the state of Iowa (not to mention things like "No Child Left Behind"). To top it off, he was inspirational. I wanted to clone him and take him back with me. Please pass these good words on to him. It is always nice to get a few kudos in education. And it looks like I let my membership in the alumni association lapse, so I am including a check for the next three years. I hope I get to see you next time. Take care!

Sincerely,  
**Alan Vandeventer, '71**

In filling out the dues form, I became aware that it has been nearly seventy years since I graduated from Ames High in 1942. Despite not being a star athlete or scholar, I enjoyed my time there and felt reasonably confident to enter the world of work. I spent 27 years in the service, and I am now living with my wife in an upscale retirement home and am still reasonably healthy. I wish those surviving members of my class the very best.

**Edward R. "Dick" Fye, '42**  
**Colonel, U.S. Army**

Dear Alumni Association,  
My brother, David A. Taft, AHS '52, passed away on March 10, 2011 at the age of 78 after an extraordinary career serving as a surgeon in the U. S. Navy and at Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle, WA. David received his BS degree from Iowa State, an MD degree from the University of Iowa and took his general

surgical residency at Ohio State. He then spent one year at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1967, David volunteered for active duty in the Navy and quickly found himself in the Republic of South Vietnam as Chief of Surgery. He received a Navy Cross for certain heroic actions during that time. He left the Navy in late 1968 and in early 1969 entered private practice as a general surgeon with the Mason Clinic in Seattle. Twenty years later in 1989, David re-entered the Navy and was stationed at Naval Hospital Bremerton until 1994. He deployed in August of 1990 to Kuwait as part of Desert Shield/Desert Storm and to Somalia in 1992 serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. In July of 1994 he was assigned to Camp Pendleton where he held the titles of Group Surgeon and Division Surgeon. He retired to Seattle in 2000 with his wife Sheila and black lab, Mac.

Sincerely,  
**Michael E. Taft, '59**

Dear AHSAA  
I, like someone else, whose note you printed recently, enjoy so much all the news from Ames and am being optimistic and am sending my check for another three years. I particularly enjoy hearing about those of my generation. I am sure there are three more generations since I graduated in 1942.

My husband, Joe, and I celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this April. We still live in the house we built when we moved to Connecticut in 1956. We still travel as much as we can. We have been fortunate enough to be able to go to Hawaii for November each year--then three months in Florida, February through April--and go to the "Final Four" every year. Actually, it doesn't leave much time to live in Connecticut. I am sure this is more than you ever wanted to know, but would love to hear from anyone in our class, or who remembers me. Good work with the newsletter.

**Elizabeth Butler Vancisin, '42**

Dear Mr. Ripp,  
I wanted to pass along my appreciation for the article re: Jim Ingvaldstad. It was just wonderful to read about a very heroic member of our class. Jim is the only person I ever had a date with in high school (other than the one I married). He asked me to go to our junior prom after we got him elected student body president, as mentioned in your article.



## We Get Letters...cont.

I was grateful for that, because I never would have been able to go to any prom with Bruce being 2 years older and out of AHS by the time I got there.

As an interesting sidelight regarding our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion coming up in a couple of years....Several people in my AHS class were also grads from the very first kindergarten class at Warren H. Meeker School. Everything was new....books, desks, classrooms, teachers, etc. Those that I can think of just offhand are Norman Penny, Carol Ustrud Watson, Jonathan Ruhe, Tom Ukena and Danny Sherrick.

It's a lovely time of year to be in Colorado and I'm enjoying it. Connie (Bailey) and Lance Wright visited me a few weeks ago as they have family in a Denver suburb. The University of Colorado is no longer part of the old Big Eight Conference, having joined the PAC 12 (soon to be 16?). I'm wondering if they can win in THAT conference. Thanks for your great input to the newsletter. I think it is getting better.

My best,  
**Cathy Carlson (formerly Bergland)**  
**Boulder, CO**

To Whom it May Concern:

A letter came to Milt about your Hall of Fame Dinner on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Milt was in the Nursing Home at that time--just out of the hospital. A week later he fell and broke his hip. After another week back in the hospital he returned to the Nursing Home, and then he passed away Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. He was 92.

Milt had all his school years in Ames. He was a 1938 graduate of Ames High, and he finished at Iowa State in 1948. After two years in college, he volunteered for W. W. II, went to Officer's School and then off to the South Pacific. He was in the service for five years, and then he returned and graduated from Iowa State. He went to work with the Link Belt Company in Chicago and later became their area manager in the Quad-Cities area. He retired in 1982 after 35 years with the company.

In his retirement he worked for many years with the Cancer Association as a volunteer arranging and driving patients for treatment. I thought this may be of interest to your alumni readers. At our age (I'm 91), many of our classmates have now passed away. However, I talked recently by phone to George Underwood. He was honored by the Hall of Fame in 2008, the same year as Milt.

I enjoy reading your paper very much. I lived in Boone and taught school in that area. We will miss Milt very much, and wanted to let you know he lived many enjoyable years there in Ames.

Sincerely,  
**Maxyne Willcox, Wife of Milton Willcox**

Alumni Association,  
Cincinnati used to be call "Porkopolis" and we have flying pig sculptures here and there. I think it is safe for me to join for three years. I retired at 55 and am aiming for 110. When Iowa State President Geoffrey visited Cincy last year, he presented me with a Beardshear Award. I've left my estate to ISU. Much of it will endow a chair in foods and the rest will go for scholarships. Also, last year I was named one of 10 "Citizens of the Year" in my Cincinnati suburb city of Wyoming, population 8,400.

**Doris A. Adams, '44**

Thank you for the publication. I do look forward to receiving it--believe it or not. An Ames High graduate, Ed Beaty, '40 lives across the street from me.

**Oryth Dillavou, '33**

Hi Jack,  
Years have passed. I'm sending a check for 3 years more. We just had the Class of 1960 reunion in May. I said hello to David Page and note he has since passed away. Wonder what is ahead for the Harding Avenue game players? If it weren't for the AHSAA newsletter, I'd not know of their passing. He looked fine to me at the reunion. We did have fun in those summer games we played.

**Mary Garner Metzger, '60**

I arrived home to Oregon a few days ago after attending my Ames High Class of 1961 50-year reunion. It was an awesome weekend. Beginning with running into old friends and classmates in the hallways as we arrived, to the Friday and Saturday night get-togethers at the Gateway, and with the weekend ending at Sue and Gary's home on Sunday, it was a nostalgic and fun filled time.

I visited with classmates I had not seen in five or ten years and also saw some I had not seen in 50 years. I want to express a huge thank you to the committee for all their hard work that made this memorable

weekend possible.

**Bonnie Hoover Carter, '61**

A Special Thanks to Some Great Coaches!

A fun lunchtime with Mert & Shirlee Daulton yesterday in Chandler, AZ started my reminiscing of Ames High Days and AHS classmates. Nearly everyone we talked about had health issues, some were in care centers and many were not able to do much except limited walking in the mall. It occurred to me that maybe I was blessed by not making the basketball, football or track squads. I can still run! My legs, knees and hips have been somewhat preserved, allowing me to enter tennis tournaments in the 80's age division. Playing singles or doubles or both, I have found success this year with a second place at the TharM in North Dallas; first place at the Colorado State Senior Open in Denver; first in doubles and second in singles at the Huntsman World Senior Games in Utah; and first in doubles at the Bradshaw in Sun Lakes, AZ. I have one more chance to compete my 2011 "bucket list" in singles and doubles at the Fiesta Bowl Tourney in Scottsdale and then start over in 2012. Thanks to those great AHS coaches for wisely sparing me my poor body! I feel at least double blessed for also surviving open heart surgery and two pacemakers.

**Len Paulson, '49**

Dear AHSAA

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the three remaining starters on the 1945 State Championship basketball team were joined by George Turner, '47 in an outing in Des Moines. Rollie Knight, Jim Buck and George Duvall started the day by playing nine holes of golf at Sugar Creek Golf Course in Waukee. They had lunch at the Iowa Cub ballpark and finished the day with a trip to the Iowa Hall of Pride, where the following picture was taken.



George Turner, Rollie Knight, Jim Buck and George Duvall

## Other News About Our Graduates

**Robert Duaine Peterson, '43**, had his name added to the wall in the Gold Star Hall in the Memorial Union at Iowa State University on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Second-Lieutenant Peterson, a Bombardier on a B-29 Bomber, was killed in Korea on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1951. Gold Star Hall embodies the memoriam that the entire Memorial Union building represents. In World War I, when a family had a son or daughter in the service, they displayed a card with a simple blue star in their window. When a life was lost, the card with the blue star was changed to one with a gold star--hence the name, Gold Star Hall. The ceremony held in the Memorial Union's Great Hall profiled servicemen from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the recent wars against Terrorism. Peterson was one of three Korean War servicemen honored this year. Each year more than a million people pass through this memorial. Students understand its purpose and many pause on the benches during the course of their busy daily lives. The following quotation is inscribed in the vestibule:

*A memorial to the six thousand  
Iowa State College men and women  
who offered their lives  
during the World War in the cause of  
human liberty and free government.*

**Chad E. Bouton, '89**, already a member of an exclusive "Battelle Club-Inventor of the year," has joined a group that is even more elite. Bouton was one of only 100 engineers worldwide younger than 45 selected by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) to attend the prestigious Frontiers in Engineering Symposium Sept. 19-21 in Mountain View, CA at Google's headquarters. Headquartered in Columbus, OH, Battelle oversees 22,000 employees in more than 130 locations worldwide. Bouton is Research Leader in the Center for Advanced Engineering and Statistics for Battelle's Health and Life Science Global Business. A staff member for nearly 15 years, Bouton has been the primary innovator, inventor and principal investigator for dozen of medical device projects. His work has enabled paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts and provided surgeons with tools to enable minimally invasive surgical procedures. He has expertise in control systems, automated and robotics systems, sensor development and signal processing

of electrophysiological parameters, including neurological types. He also has extensive experience in electrical and electromechanical device design methodologies and techniques and holds 17 patents with six others pending. He has been the recipient of two R&D awards and has published more than nine works in scholarly journals.

**Elizabeth K. Andre, '95**, was honored with a "Distinguished Alumni Award" at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University at their awards ceremony on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Andre received her B.A. in Spanish and International Studies in 1998. She is an assistant professor of Outdoor and Environmental Education at Northland College, an environmental liberal arts college in Ashland, WI. She received the Northland College Student Association Sustainability Award in 2010. Andre serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education. She also instructs and course directs for Outward Bound Wilderness. Her academic and professional interests focus on designing outdoor experiences to enhance environmental outcomes. Andre developed environmental education materials for the Will Steger Foundation's Global Warming 101 Arctic Expeditions and for National Geographic explorer Jon Bowermaster's Oceans 8: Antarctica expedition. She also participated as a team member in the Will Steger Foundation's 2007 Baffin Island dogsled expedition.

**Mark Bokhoven, '01**, played on the U.S. Men's Rugby Team that won the bronze medal on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, with a 21-17 win against Uruguay.

**Ellen (Molleston) Walvoord, '57**, and her husband, Tom Walvoord, have established a Professorship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University. Both are ISU graduates. Jill Poretz, an associate professor in anthropology, is the first winner of the Walvoord professorship.



## **AHSAA Calendar**

### **- 2011 -**

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> All-AHS Holiday Gathering  
(Olde Main on Main St. in Ames)

### **- 2012 -**

January 17<sup>th</sup> AHSAA Monthly Meeting  
 February 21<sup>st</sup> AHSAA Monthly Meeting  
 March 20<sup>th</sup> AHSAA Monthly Meeting  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> AHSAA Monthly Meeting  
 July 13-15 Class of 1992 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
 July 27-29 Class of 1972 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
 Aug. 3-4 Class of 2002 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
 Sept. 14-15 Class of 1962 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
 Sept. 21-23 Class of 1954 58<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
 Dec. 28 18<sup>th</sup> All-AHS Holiday Gathering  
(Olde Main on Main St. in Ames)  
 Sometime Class of 1987 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion

### **- 2013 -**

Sept. 27-29 Class of 1963 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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