



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## 2012 AHSAA Scholarship Winners



Katelyn Thilges, Michael Vaclav and Stephanie Canon.

**Stephanie Christine Canon** is the daughter of Douglas, '81 and Dawn Canon. Her paternal grandparents, Gary, '55 and Beverly Ellingson Canon, '56 are also Ames High graduates. Stephanie was a letter winner on the Ames High Girls' Cross Country and Track and Field teams. She has excelled in photography where she has received the Scholastic Silver-Key Award and three honorable mentions. Stephanie plans to begin her college studies at the community college level and eventually achieve a Master's Degree in Radiological Sciences.

**Katelyn Christine Thilges** is the daughter of Joel and Michelle Michaud Thilges, '86.

Her paternal grandfather, James Michaud, '53 is also an Ames High graduate. Katelyn was active in the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Senates. She was in band all four years and a squad leader in marching band for two years. She was also active on Prom and Homecoming committees as well as the Fashion Show. She was a member of the Girls' Golf Team all four years and was selected for the National Honor Society. Katelyn plans to attend Iowa State University with a career choice of Occupational Therapy.

**Michael John Vaclav** is the son of Michael J., '76 and Connie Martin Vaclav, '76. Michael was very active, and often in a leadership position, in the Speech Club, the WEB and the Thespian Society. He was on the Tech Crew for four years where he served as stage manager his junior year and Tech Head his senior year. As a two-year member of the Ames High newspaper, he served as the Opinion Editor his junior year and the Editor-in-Chief his senior year. He was a member of the choir all four years and on the golf team his junior year. He was selected for the National Honor Society, was a National Merit Scholar Finalist and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael plans to attend the University of Notre Dame. Eventually, he hopes to earn a PhD and teach at the college level.

## Membership Dues Increase

Membership dues increase. . . It was inevitable! When the AHSAA was founded during the 1989-90 school-year, and the first newsletter (Volume 1, Issue 1) was published in the spring of 1990, first-class postage was twenty-five (25) cents. So for twenty-two years we have stayed the course. We are now at Volume 23, Issue 2 for this current August issue. With the increase in first-class postage and printing costs, we find it necessary to raise the membership dues. As of July 1, 2012, the beginning of our fiscal year, the officers voted unanimously to raise the dues to: \$ 8.00 for one year; \$ 15.00 for two years; and \$ 20.00 for three years. Remember we are an "all volunteer" organization, so our overhead is minimal. We hope you will continue the great support you have given to us in the past.

# The Play that Almost Wasn't

by Richard White, Class of 1958

In the late winter of my senior year at Ames High, I anticipated a carefree spring with an easy class load and no obligations. My high school sweetheart, Prue Campbell, had other plans for me when she coaxed me into trying out for the senior class play. Going with her request, I anticipated at most a small speaking part. When the cast roster was posted, however, Mr. Hamilton, the drama coach, had cast me in the lead male role of Mr. Appopolous. The play was *My Sister Eileen* and I was to play a feisty landlord in New York City with a Greek accent.

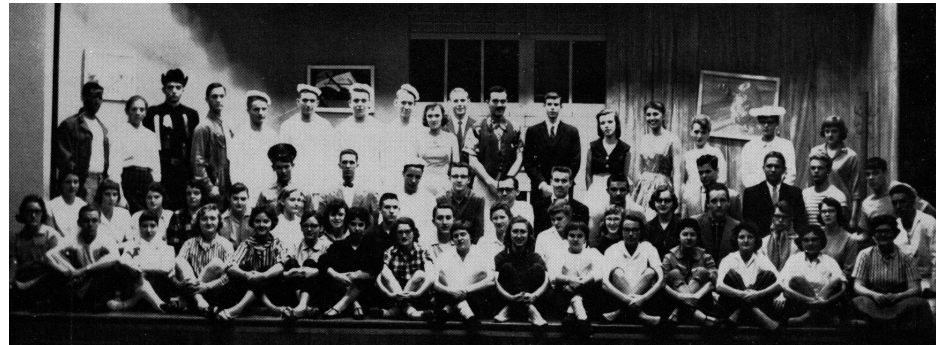
(My acting career at that time had been brief – a junior high play where I bailed when the script called for me to kiss a girl.)

Little did I know that the fun was just beginning.

Rehearsals went fine for weeks until April 14, four days before the play was to open at the Ames High Auditorium. My girlfriend did not even get a role and worked on the crews, but she was proud of me. I was busy memorizing lines and learning acting from Mr. Hamilton. All was going well.

Then, on that fateful day, one of the cast members left a backstage hot plate on after rehearsal. During the night, that hot plate sparked into a fire which burned out the stage area, including all the scenery, props, and even the curtain.

Still uncertain about my prowess as an actor, I was left with mixed feelings. On one hand, I sensed divine intervention about to save me from being a flop on opening night. On the other hand, the cast



Front row: M. Wolf, Haupt, Campbell, A. Lee, Mary E. Walsh, Mary Judge, Inglis, Davis, Sclarow, C. Kuhl, Joan Bachman, L. Miller, Bloomfield, Gibson, Arrasmith, Timmons. Second row: Linda Martin, S. Porter, Judy Suhr, Elliott, Vogt, R. Larson, Barton, Carter, T. Smith, Steil, K. Peterson, Mathison, Maakestad, L. Akin, Gunn, Tripp, Wagaman. Third row: Harris, Boast, Bud Erickson, Johndreau, Mr. Hamilton, P. Bappe, Milliken, C. Judge, D. Catron, Terry Stine, D. Trump. Back row: D. Porter, M. Easton, Dave Erickson, Smalling, Shaffer, Hildreth, Klein, Smedal, Louise Thompson, D. McFarland, D. White, Nairn, A. Strand, Matterson, D. Erickson, Olsan, Dunlap.

## CAST

Mr. Appopolous .....	Dick White	Mrs. Wade .....	Marj Easton
Ruth Sherwood .....	Judy Matterson	Robert Baker .....	Dave McFarland
Eileen Sherwood .....	Anne Strand	Six Brazilian Sailors .....	Bill Wagaman
Jensen .....	Jack Smalling		Bud Erickson
A Vendor .....	Bill Wagaman		Mike Klein
First Man .....	Bud Erickson		Bruce Hildreth
Second Man .....	Mike Klein		Karsten Smedal
Lonigan .....	Leon Harris		David Shaffer
The Wreck .....	Don Milliken	Walter Sherwood .....	Dwayne Catron
Mr. Fletcher .....	Chuck Judge	A Prospective Tenant .....	Joyce Olsan
Helen .....	Louise Thompson	The Consul .....	Phil Bappe
Frank Lippencott .....	Dick Boast	First Kid .....	Dave Trump
Chic Clark .....	Dave Nairn	Second Kid .....	Terry Stine
Cossack .....	Dave Erickson	Sandhog .....	Denny Porter
Violet Shelton .....	Donna Erickson		

and crew had worked so hard for weeks to create a very good production. Emergency meetings brought the decision by Principal Adams and Mr. Hamilton that “the show must go on!”

But when? And where?

It was decided to keep the original opening night of April 18, 1958 and to hold the performance at the newest school in Ames, Edwards Elementary School. Edwards had a rather small but lovely auditorium with intimate seating. As a cast and crew, we scurried to create new scenery and props and rehearse on the new stage.

Opening night was a big success, I turned out to be a passable

actor, and my sweetheart Prue was pleased and impressed. Fine performances the next two nights led to a wonderful cast party where we all felt special as Ames High students because we had “Aimed High” and overcome trouble together.

The potential disaster of the Senior Class Play of 1958 had an aftermath in that we had no auditorium in which to graduate later that spring. In late May, we graduated outdoors at the football stadium, which is now about where the Hobby Lobby store is located.

Our play has become a cherished memory of dear old Ames High.

## Class of 1992 Reunion

1992 was the year of big bangs, mullets, tight-rolled jeans and Boyz II Men.

A lot has changed in 20 years, which the Ames High Class of 1992 learned while attending a casual gathering at Olde Main Brewing Company on Friday, July 13. There was a little more grey than hairspray, nary a tight roll in the bunch and the conversations drowned out the music. There was, although, a mullet.

The next morning, Bill Ripp greeted alumni, spouses and their children at AHS for a tour of old lockers, classrooms and changes to our beloved high school. It was odd to see the cafeteria as a state of the art weight room, especially considering all of the dances that were held there after athletic events. As the tour wove through the instantly familiar hallways, conversations flowed about homerooms, academic classes and favorite teachers. The new library was impressive, although everyone seemed to miss seeing the monkey mural at the end of the orange hallway. The tour ended with a snack reminiscent of the old "pop and doughnut" days.

While some people were representing our class running in Midnight Madness, others were driving on gravel roads to Farmers Daughters Catering and Venue in Ames. Class of '92 Alumni Andy Hagen was proud to show off his family's business and it provided the perfect backdrop to take photos and spread out. While the greatest hits from 1988-1992 were playing in the background, classmates enjoyed catching up with old friends and even making a few news ones while munching on a midnight snack of s'mores and star gazing.



Alison Sams Casey, Sec., Renee Ripp Engeman, V.P., Sandra DeLuca, Pres.

We ended the weekend with a picnic at Brookside Park that was catered by Hickory Park. The adults enjoyed final moments of togetherness while the kids played on the fire engine and in the sprinkler park. There were many hugs, promises to post pictures on Facebook and quite a bit of excitement about gathering together again in 5 years. Although, perhaps in cooler weather.

A special "thank you" to those who helped with the weekend events: Sandra DeLuca, Renee (Ripp) Engeman, Alison (Sams) Casey, Matthew Haubrich, Keri Daddow, Paul Boyd, Troy Rutter, Andrew Hagen, Mr. "Bill" Ripp, Kori Heuss and Heuss Printing.

You can check out our photos on the Ames High Class of 1992 Facebook page.

-Written by Meghan Sweet, AHS Class of 1992

## The Swingsters



In recognition of the fortieth anniversary of TITLE IX, we selected two winners--one female and one male--in our Swingsters identification contest. They are Patricia "Patsy" Yates McCauley, '51 of Atlantic, Iowa and William "Bill" LaGrange, '49 of Ames. (For those who really want to know--Bill's hand-delivered entry was first. Patsy's followed by snail mail! Thanks and congratulations to the both of you.)

**Picture identification:** John Brayton on the piano, Dick Schory on the drums, Dick Day on the string bass. Row 1 on the reed instruments: Betty Lou Jones, John "Jack" Adams, Irwin "Red" Milliken, James "Jim" Anderson and Bud Howell. Row 2 on the trumpets: Robert "Bob" Bourne, Lawrence "Larry" Bork and Jack Peters. Row 3 on the trombones: John "Frank" Vance, John Midgorden and John Ferguson.



## We Get Letters...

Enclosed you will find my renewal for the newsletter and a copy of the new directory. Thanks for all who put this newsletter together. It is always interesting and informative. Thanks to Tom for the article on Cliff Cushman. I had the opportunity to see Cliff run at the KU Relays several times. It was particularly fun to see him get the silver in Rome. I was a friend of his brother, Cedric, so I saw Cliff as a younger brother running around.

**Richard D. "Dick" Green, '53**

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AHSAA,  
Please find enclosed a check in memory of Gene A. Lackore, '51. Gene served in various churches for 60 years, starting in youth ministry with Mary Harper Lackore, '51, there in Ames at the First Methodist Church, just across the street from his home church, First Congregational. We were freshmen at Iowa State, and that year was 1951. We retired to a lake home in Wisconsin in 1998. We sought and moved to a continuing care retirement community in Middlebury, Indiana in 2006. Gene did not recover from shoulder surgery at Goshen Hospital on January 14, 2012

**Mary Harper Lackore, '51**

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Gentlemen,  
Here is my renewal check for my membership. You finally shamed me into it. As a matter of fact, Merle J. Arnold, AHS Class of 1953, also shamed me into it. I really enjoy the AHS Alumni Newsletter. Although I am an ISC graduate, I still fondly remember my days at AHS. My mentors: Mr. Wells, Mr. Covey, Mr. Norman, Mr. Smalling and Mr. Ritland served me as role models

through my years in the army. The "A" I earned in football at AHS is treasured, as are the Parachute Badge, the 2 Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) which I won later. After all those years on active duty, I finally have time to read for pleasure. Kindest regards,

**Rodney E. "Rod" Dodge, '54**

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Enclosed is a check in memory of Janis Marvin, AHS Class of 1949. Janis was a dear friend. I did not know that she had passed. I am sure that we in the Class of '49 will miss her as she was an instigator and worker for our class reunions. Will there be another?

I have been living well for the past 20 years in Hendersonville, N.C. in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, the past 15 years without my beloved husband. I am enjoying the friendship of LoAnn Campbell, a retired Ames High teacher, who moved here a few years ago. LoAnn is a real booster of Ames High and I am grateful that I had my schooling in Ames. I am sure it changed my life.

**Phyllis Mathews Rothrock, '49**

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Dear Mr. Ripp,  
I was going through some old mail and came across this postcard. I want to thank you, Mr. Smalling and everyone else for your efforts in keeping the AHS Alumni Association going. I was back to visit in Ames last fall and was really impressed with what has been done to improve the school property. Unless I miss my guess a lot of the funding for many of the improvements are a result of your efforts. Enclosed is a check to purchase a membership in the association for as long as it is

allowed and consider the balance a donation to your efforts. I have enjoyed the newsletters in the past and hope to receive them again in the future. An e-mail version works out as well as print for me if you are moving in that direction. Thanks again for your efforts.

**Christopher B. Ford, '83**

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Bill and Jack,  
Please find enclosed a check for the 2011 Alumni Directory. Thank you for the hours of devoted work on behalf of the AHSAA. Our friendships are lasting; our memories are enduring. Why? It is because of you and others like you who take responsibility and perpetuate excellence. Ames was/is a unique place in which to live and be educated. For decades we have been a family. Those who are gone live on in our hearts. We appreciate all that you bring to us. Sincerely,

**Barb Heywood Finley, '50**

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Ames High Alumni,  
Letters in this newsletter from alums remind me of all my family members who have graduated from Ames High. The first Arnold family member at AHS was my aunt, Maude Arnold. She graduated in 1906. She and her family lived on a farm on Dayton Road east of town. From there to the high school on Sixth and Clark was a little far to walk. So, she drove a horse and buggy to school each day. In rain, cold, snow, sleet or heat she hitched her horse to the open buggy for the four-mile round trip. School lunch programs didn't exist then, so she brought her lunch with her. During the lunch hour she usually had time to walk the half block to where her horse was stabled to be sure the horse was well fed

## We Get Letters...*cont.*

too. After graduation, she enrolled at Iowa State College where she majored in math and science. Coeds were in the minority then; she was one of only 200 women students in a 1,000 man student body.

**Richard L. Arnold, '46**

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AHS Class of 1955,  
The 75th Birthday Bash for the Class with Class, AHS '55, is scheduled for September 27-30, 2012. We've all been invited to Lake Tahoe by residents Dick and Marcia (Wilsie) Campbell, (both '55) for a celebration of our 75th birthdays. They have planned a series of events that we are all looking forward to sharing

with old and dear friends. If you are a member of the class of '55 and haven't signed up yet for the party contact Marcia at [mkcampbell1684@aol.com](mailto:mkcampbell1684@aol.com) or call 650-961-3415 and plan to come.

**Leah Bowman, '55**

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## Other News About Our Graduates

**Donald Finnegan, '74** won a state wrestling championship at Ames High and had a standout career as an Iowa State wrestler. These days, he is watching his four daughters in a sport that requires the same determination. Now living in St. Louis, he watched his 15-year old daughter, Sarah, qualify for the U.S. Olympic gymnastics trials in mid-June. The Finnegans plan their summers around gymnastics, and now will be heading to San Jose, California for the Trials on June 29 and July 1, 2012.

**Steven Herrnstadt, '71** was one of five Iowa State faculty members that were awarded the title of Distinguished University Professor in the Spring of 2012. They will be honored at a university awards ceremony on September 21, 2012. Distinguished Professor awards are given to full professors whose contributions to their academic disciplines are recognized nationally or internationally. The awards are bestowed for exceptional contributions to the university.

Herrnstadt, a professor of art and design, has used his expertise to integrate art and design with digital technology, creating ever-changing opportunities for faculty, students

and staff in the College of Design and beyond. For example, he and an undergraduate student created the first computer animation at Iowa State University in the 1980s. He is a founding faculty member of the interdisciplinary graduate program in human computer interaction. He helped the biology faculty create Meta!Blast, the educational video game with accurate 3D representations of cell parts, and he has an ongoing role in the biological and premedical illustration program to keep its digital illustration techniques up to date.

**Mark H. Hamilton, '67**, a 1971 graduate of Grinnell College, was one of ten alumni recognized for professional accomplishment and service contribution during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Alumni Award winners are members of reunion classes who have distinguished themselves in their careers and communities and embody Grinnell's mission of lifelong learning and service. Hamilton received an award for advancing community journalism.

**Ethan Dunham, '98** participated in an alumni book signing at his 10-year class reunion at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

His book, "Burn Your Resume," co-written with Paul Frankenberg, is focused on helping college students and recent college graduates maximize their career potential through practical, how-to strategies and tactics for igniting their careers. Dunham is also a graduate of Harvard University and the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He is the son of Warren and Connie Dunham of Ames.

**Jessica Miller Clem, '90** spoke at the Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation's Annual Benefit about her experiences at the William R. Bliss Cancer Center where she had been an oncology patient for nearly twelve years fighting two bouts with cancer. She had ended her treatments and was receiving HOMEWARD Hospice care. She's put herself in God's hands and focused on spending as much time as she could with her husband, Patrick, and her son, Carson. Her entire speech is available at her public Facebook page, "We Love Jessica Miller Clem." (Jessica died in Ames on June 26, 2012.)

# You're Invited to... TASTE for Education

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Gateway Hotel – Ames

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This fundraising event will benefit all of Ames Community Schools. Funds are being raised to support student achievement through upgrading technology in all classrooms at Ames High School. Funds will also be raised for surveillance equipment at the Ames Middle School and High School. There will be a raffle that evening as well for the Leveled Readers needed at the K-5 level.

**Plan to join us for  
this action packed evening.  
We are Ames!**

## 5:00 pm

- Local Restaurants and Food Providers will provide tasting of their cuisine
- Master of Ceremonies  
– **Kevin Buck, AHS '76**
- Entertainment – AHS Alumni Jazz Quartet
- Silent Auction
- Proceeds benefit all Ames Community Schools
- Adult only evening, business casual attire

## 7:00 pm

- Unveiling of the Dessert
- Program and Live Auction
- Tickets are \$50 - available online at [www.ameseducationfoundation.org](http://www.ameseducationfoundation.org)
- Tickets also available at AHS main office, or
- Chocolaterie Stam in Ames, 230 Main St.

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# TASTE for Education

Sunday, September 30, 2012  
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center  
5:00 pm

TICKETS: \$50 @

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- Chocolaterie Stam in Ames, 230 Main St.
- Ames High School, Main Office

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**If you would like to volunteer at the event, or you have something for our silent/live auction please contact Ann Arbuckle, at the Ames Education Foundation office, 515/268-6630, [ann@ameseducationfoundation.org](mailto:ann@ameseducationfoundation.org).**

**Thanks! If you didn't have a reunion this year... this is a great event to attend!**

## Memorials

- In memory of: **Gene A. Lackore, '51**  
By: Mary Harper Lakore, '51
- In memory of: **Joyce Gray McManus, 50**  
**G. Harold Newell, '49**  
By: Kelley Gray McMurchie, '77
- In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58**  
By: John L. Timmons, '64
- In memory of: **Thomas L. Anderson, '59**  
By: Darvin D. Pierce, '59
- In memory of: **Chris Allen Knutson, '80**  
By: Olivia Wentworth, '76
- In memory of: **David Burton Stone, '61**  
By: William G. Bishop, '60
- In memory of: **Martha Ann Elder, '55**  
By: Charles L. "Chuck" Elder, '57
- In memory of: **Members of Class of 1952**  
By: Elizabeth Toresdahl Siemers, '52
- In memory of: **Eva Mae Bates, '43**  
By: Janice Kay Brady, '62
- In memory of: **Richard J. Reynolds, '46**  
**Joyce Anderson Reynolds, '46**  
By: Phyllis Anderson Rademacher, '42
- In memory of: **Janis E. Marvin, '49**  
By: Phyllis Mathews Rothrock, '49
- In memory of: **John O. Erickson, '41**  
By: George B. Peterson, '48
- In memory of: **John Stephens Rice, '42**  
By: Mary Jane Rice Leland, '41
- Friends from the AHS Class of 1956**  
By: Friends--AHS Class of 1956
- In memory of: **Ellen Marie Lindquist Bender, '38**  
By: Richard E. Bender, '63
- In memory of: **Dorothea Hibbs Lowman, '35**  
By: Sherry Lowman Kantzler, '55
- In memory of: **Ray Kincheloe, '45**  
By: Mary Jean Bond Tilden, '45
- In memory of: **David Alan Frahm, '79**  
By: Janis R. Frahm, '76
- In memory of: **Dorothy Stuve Fennen, '72**  
By: Sheila Glenn-Whitford, '73
- In memory of: **Maude Kirby Arnold, 1906**  
**Roy Allen Arnold, 1909**  
**Mary Julia Arnold, 1910**  
**Richard L. Arnold, '13**  
**John J. Arnold, '41**  
By: Richard L. Arnold, '46
- In memory of: **R. K. "Dick" Richards, '39**  
By: Betty Grant Dixson, '43
- In honor of: **Ruby Skartvedt**  
By: Gretchen Wildman Finn, '60  
Janet Wildman Andre, '63  
John Wildman, '64

## 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>
1928	Brooks, Ione Luverne (Rapp)	d. 3-26-2012	Fillmore, Calif.
1931	Fite, Millie D. (Martin)	d. 5-10-2012	Atlanta, Ga.
1931	Wise, Neva I. (Carey)	d. 10-12-2011	Des Moines, Iowa
1932	Briggs, Clarice Evelyn (Fowler)	d. 7-9-2011	Grass Valley, Calif.
1935	Lowman, Dorothea Katherine (Hibbs)	d. 4-4-2012	Ames, Iowa
1935	Miller, John B.	d. 4-7-2012	Jacksonville, N.C.
1936	Rod, Pauline (Wheeler)	d. 6-4-2012	Des Moines, Iowa
1937	Elding, Albert Laverne	d. 2-28-2012	Corpus Christi, Texas
1937	Jennings, Mable Mae (Taylor)	d. 7-1-2011	Blytheville, Ark.
1937	Layman, Roy W.	d. 1-9-2011	Des Plaines, Ill.
1937	McAlpin, Betty Priscilla (Jones)	d. 6-11-2012	San Carlos, Calif.
1938	Marzicola, Evelyn Mae (Harvey)	d. 2-4-2012	Baltimore, Md.
1939	Richards, Richard Kohler "R. K."	d. 6-26-2012	Ames, Iowa
1940	Myers, Marjory (Taff)	d. 5-16-2012	Freeport, Ill.
1940	Slavens, Helen Lucille (McDowell)	d. 2-28-2012	Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.
1941	Ames, Dorothy Jeanne (Spratt)	d. 5-10-2010	Watsonville, Calif.
1941	Fjare, Milford Ardell	d. 4-3-2012	Papillion, Neb.
1941	Riggs, Doris (Griffith)	d. 3-6-2012	Story City, Iowa
1941	Woodward Romaine M.	d. 11-22-2011	Chico, Calif.
1942	Boyd, Lila Mae (Hummel)	d. 7-7-2012	Fort Collins, Colo.
1942	Rice, John Stephens	d. 11-20-2011	Des Moines, Iowa
1943	Hoppins, Harold R.	d. 5-24-2012	San Bernardino, Calif.
1943	Smith, Gertrude Ione "Toni" (Knuths)	d. 3-14-2012	Anderson, S.C.
1944	Fisher, Elsie Marie (Anfenson)	d. 5-11-2012	Huntington Beach, Calif.
1946	Clark, Ruth Marie (Kilborn)	d. 3-7-2002	Westminster, Colo.
1947	Hines, Max George	d. 3-30-2012	Clinton, Iowa
1947	Taylor, Raymond Ellory	d. 7-7-2011	West Lafayette, Ind.
1948	Beam, Donald S.	d. 2-8-2012	Fort Myers, Fla.
1952	Barta, Lillian Viola (Johnson)	d. 8-6-2011	Tampa, Fla.
1953	Baedke, Mary Jane (Musser)	d. 10-7-2010	Marshalltown, Iowa
1953	Spillane, Marjorie Joan (McPherson)	d. 3-11-2012	Aurora, Colo.
1954	Stephens, Donald Theodore	d. 10-8-2007	Atlanta, Ga.
1955	Mark, Lennadore "Sugar" (Schilletter)	d. 10-3-2011	Iowa City, Iowa
1958	Burrell, Joan Irene (Bachman)	d. 5-23-2012	Ames, Iowa
1958	Halvorson, Karen Joyce (Cameron)	d. 7-12-2012	Richmond, Va.
1960	McLaud, Bonnie Jean (Nelson)	d. 2-15-2012	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1968	Armstrong, Sandra Suzanne (Smith)	d. 5-25-2012	Morgantown, West Va.
1969	McCullar, Katherine Louise (Coon)	d. 3-22-2012	Longmont, Colo.
1970	Dodd, James Buchanan	d. 9-8-2010	Bellefonte, Pa.
1971	Ebert, George Meyer	d. 7-14-2012	Ames, Iowa
1971	Schlunz, Suzanne	d. 6-15-2012	Des Moines, Iowa
1973	Jeska, Theodore Edward	d. 7-23-2011	Springfield, Ky.
1973	Seibert, Catherine Jane	d. 6-16-1992	Martinez, Calif.
1978	Sutter, Steven P.	d. 7-17-2012	Overland Park, Kans.
1979	Holter, Nelson James	d. 6-8-2012	Bismarck, N.D.
1979	Larson, Jayne Louise	d. 6-17-2012	Ames, Iowa
1980	Knutson, Chris Allen	d. 4-4-2012	Iowa City, Iowa
1987	Strong, Susanne	d. 3-22-2011	Orem, Utah
1990	Clem, Jessica Colene (Miller)	d. 6-26-2012	Ames, Iowa
1999	LeBrun, James Edward	d. 7-8-2012	Colorado
Staff	Bloom, Charlotte E.	d. 1-4-2000	Hawarden, Iowa



# DISCOVERING AN AMES ICON

Max Stover '56

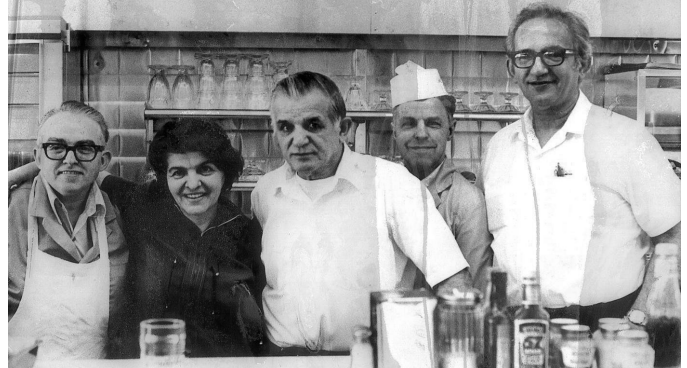
During a recent visit to the Polk City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, I discovered a real and very much alive Ames icon of the 1940s and '50s.

Now wearing a bright red shirt and baseball cap, his attire for the day back then might have been a black cowboy hat, black pants, black cowboy boots, and twin holsters containing shiny six shooters reminiscent of Gene Autry. Remember him? He is Martin Pappadolos, affectionately known at the time as "Spiget."

At 89 years of age, his dark eyes still sparkle and his grin is as broad as the Main Street he remembers in much detail and talks about freely.

Martin grew to love Ames while working as a team member at Frangos Restaurant and living above the downtown cafe.

Pappadolos recalls the main street of his home town with much accuracy: The Collegian Theater (THE most beautiful), The Capitol Theater (10 cent tickets, 5 cent candy machine and his favorite Gene Autry show), Carr Hardware, Stover's Lounge, The Overland Café and Bus Depot (at the west end of Main Street where recruits and the drafted reported at 5 a.m. for transport to boot camp) and the Sportsman's Lounge (intact today and seemingly unchanged).



Pictured from left are Carl "Tadpole" Pappadolos, Mary Frangos, Angelo Frangos, Martin "Spiget" Pappadolos and Steve Frangos

Martin is so well known for his self-created personas, all with a happy-go-lucky manner coupled with an unequaled ability to enact the most surprising practical jokes, ever.

He has spent many of his past years in the care of his sister Thelma and also in rehabilitation since suffering serious injuries received while crossing a very busy Ames Main Street about 35 years ago.

Today there is still that twinkle, wide grin and unmistakable laugh.

If you happen to see Pappadolos as I recently did, do not ask him "What's up?" He just might be saving that for your next surprise.

## Ames High and the NBA Draft

Harrison Barnes '10 was destined to be in the NBA. After all, even before he was born, his mother, Shirley, videotaped Chicago Bulls games so a son she one day hoped to have would be able to watch Michael Jordan and try to emulate his style of play. And when he was born, one of the names she gave Harrison was Jordan.

So, when the Golden State Warriors selected Barnes with the seventh pick in the 2012 NBA Draft on June 28, 2012, the choice was only a fulfillment of a destiny as well as a dream.

Barnes had dreamed of playing in the NBA since he was young, inspired by those videos of a soaring Jordan leading the Bulls to six

NBA championships. That's why Barnes worked on his game almost constantly, developing a work ethic that was second to none.

Barnes, who led Ames High to back-to-back undefeated state championships in 2009 and 2010, is the first Little Cyclone drafted by the NBA since Fred Hoiberg '91 was a second-round pick in 1995. Before that, Dick Gibbs '67 had been a third-round pick by the Bulls in 1971.

Barnes, who, by the way, is a former Tribune carrier, can only hope his NBA career takes him as far as Gibbs' did. Gibbs was a member of the Washington Bullets team that played in the NBA Finals but lost ... to the Golden State Warriors, which now is Barnes' team. Coincidence?

The first Ames High graduate in the NBA draft was Gene West '61. Drafted in the 7th round, 71st pick by the Philadelphia 76ers. He opted to play for the Phillips 66 Oilers, coached by Gary Thompson.

Gene West played college basketball for Drake, Dick Gibbs for Texas Western, Fred Hoiberg for Iowa State and Harrison Barnes for North Carolina.

Congratulations, Harrison, on achieving your dream. You have earned it

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# Lunch with Serena – In My Dreams

Tom Emmerson

I once met Nikita Khrushchev and interviewed Wilt-the-Stilt Chamberlain in Ames.

But I would rather have lunch in London with Serena Williams during the Olympics.

And not just because she has a serve and ground strokes to die for. Nor is it because she is about as fiercely competitive as they come.

It's partly because she has other interests beyond tennis – and she seems intelligent and nice.

But it's mainly (not really) because we have one big thing in common: We both nearly died from pulmonary embolisms -- blood clots on the lungs -- in early 2011.

She got all of the headlines, but I got VIP treatment by the medical staff and nurses in Ames.

We're both still on blood thinners (originally developed to kill rats) and we're both in London as I write. And, obviously, we are both survivors.

She is preparing for the Olympics with sister Venus and the rest of the USA team.

We are preparing for a 9-day Olympics visit by our 18-year-old grandson Ryan and his friend, Tyler.

Serena's fifth singles title was cheered enthusiastically. But it wasn't always that way.

We were around when, as teenagers, Venus and Serena first played at Wimbledon (1998-2002) under the watchful eye of their father, Richard.

Watchful eye doesn't come close to describing his presence. Better to say Richard was a protective bully with chips on both shoulders. He saw discrimination or non-appreciation around almost every corner.

The English press responded in kind. Some of this might have been because the girls were Black, but a good deal had to do with Richard's blustering complaints.

I can recall one columnist asserting that the girls were unfairly intimidating their opponents by exposing their massively muscled shoulders at a time when proper tennis players did not go to the gym.

It took a couple of years before Richard eventually shut his gob and Wimbledon fans recognized the talent, excitement – and personality -- that Venus and Serena brought to the game.

From then on, the Williams sisters became starlets and then stars.

At age 30, Serena has a real challenge if she hopes to equal Martina Navratilova's nine singles championships at Wimbledon.

But you can bet that the fans on Centre Court will be rooting for her all the way.

P.S. If I could make it lunch for four, I would add my wife (of course) and Billie Jean King. Another great competitor and champion.



## NEW Ames High Alumni Directory

The new directory consists of three alumni listings: (1) an alphabetical listing of all AHS graduates, (2) a listing by graduation classes, and (3) a geographical listing by city and state. It also contains a section of information about the Ames High School Alumni Association and a collection of information and trivia about Ames High School. We think you will find it useful and interesting. So, we suggest you order yours today. And while you are doing that--you may want to order one for a child, sibling or friend. They make a great gift!

- Bill and Jack

# Ames High Athletics 1965 – 1970

The period of Ames High athletics from 1965 to 1970 saw the retirement of two long time coaches. Hi Covey retired from coaching after the 1970 season having won 8 outdoor state track championships and 9 state indoor championships. Ray Smalling retired after the 1968 baseball season. He started the program in 1955, won one state championship and five CIC championships. In fourteen years he had only one losing season. Four Hall of Famers emerged from this era, 1966 – Richard Agard, Ed Huffman, 1968 – Rick Engel and 1970 – Karl Schloerke.

**1965-1966** Heavyweight Ed Huffman was our first state champion in wrestling for new coach Jack Mendenhall. Other champions included the State Mile Race Team in the fall and the CIC Track champions in the spring. The football team, under coach Cecil Spatcher, compiled a 5-2-2 record while playing two home games at Iowa State's Clyde Williams Field. They finished the home season at their new Ames High Stadium field. Coach George Duvall's basketball team finished the regular season at 13-5. Rich Agard set a CIC scoring record with a 26.5 average. Lyle Fitzgerald started the swimming program with a 1-7 record. Baseball experienced its first losing record at 8-10.

**1966-1967** The Duvall led basketball team nearly brought home a state championship, losing to Cedar Rapids Jefferson 72-71. They were led by Ron Watson and Dick Gibbs. Gibbs played several years in the NBA. The football team had All-CIC Ron Watson. They finished 2-6-1. New coach

Harlan Milliken led the cross country and track teams. Cross Country finished second at State. Lyle Fitzgerald's swimmers had a much improved 8-3 dual meet record. Jim Friest was named the new tennis coach. Mike Beman and Bill Good made All-CIC on an 11-8 baseball team.

**1967-1968** Harlan Millikin's track team won the State Outdoor Championship. Two relays were won at state, Harry Hannusch, Steve Lovely, Greg Mulhall Owen Austrheim in the 440 Relay and Lovely, Megregian, Dave Bliss and Austrheim in the 880 Relay. They also took second in the State Indoor where Greg Dengler won the Mile. Cross Country brought another state championship, led by Greg Dengler and Dave Powell. The tennis team (9-2), coached by Dale Tramp, featured Dave Hammer who was 9-0 in dual competition. Phil Johnson's first year as football saw a 7-2 record led by second team all-state Chris Haugen. George Duvall's golf team won the state championship. In wrestling Owen Austrheim was state champ at 127 and posted a 22-0 record. The swimming team was the CIC champion while baseball was 12-11 led by Hall of Famer Rick Engel. Engel and Dave Bliss were the leaders on the basketball team. It was a great year.

**1968-1969** The State championship Cross Country was led all season by Dave Powell and Tom Montag. They followed that up by winning the Indoor title at state. Football was 5-3-1 in their first Big 8 year. QB Dan Craig was second team All-State. Senior Jim Ryan led the 12-11 basketball team. The

swimmers had a 12-2 dual meet record and won the Big 8 title. Coach Duvall's golf team was 6-2-1. In baseball Scott Milliken threw a no-hitter in Arnie Zediker's first year. Their record was 14-12.

**1969-1970** LB Doug Fosberg was a 3rd team All-Stater for the 4-5 AHS football team. This was John Sletten's first year as cross country and track coach. The cross country was third and the track team 6th in state competition. Gerry Seifert was a state champ in wrestling. Coach Mendenhall's grapplers had a 5-6-1 dual meet record. First year swim coach Mike Wittmer won a Big 8 title. Basketball won the Big 8 title. Gene Larson was 3rd All-State. He and Scott Burgason were the leading scorers on a 20-5 team. Coach Duvall's golfers finished fourth at State. The tennis team was led by Jim Dickson and Al Vandeventer. Scott Milliken and Scott Burgason were a righty lefty combination as pitchers for a 16-15 baseball team. Hi Covey finished out his Ames coaching career as an assistant in track.

Jack Smalling '58



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**Meetings:**

August 21 <sup>st</sup>	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	AHSAA Monthly Meeting

**Reunions:**

Aug. 24-25	Class of 1967 45 <sup>th</sup> Reunion
Sept. 12-13	Class of 1952 60 <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
Sept. 27-30	Class of 1955 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthdays Bash
Oct. 18-20	Class of 1957 55 <sup>th</sup> Reunion
Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> All-AHS Holiday Gathering (Olde Main on Main St. in Ames)
Date Pending?	Class of 1987 25 <sup>th</sup> Reunion

**- 2013 -**

Sept. 20-21	Class of 1958 55 <sup>th</sup> Reunion
Sept. 21	Class of 1948 65 <sup>th</sup> Reunion
Sept. 27-29	Class of 1963 50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion

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**The AHSAA meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Please email or call (515-232-0230) for the exact time and location of the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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