



# Ames High School Alumni Newsletter

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## 2016 AHSAA Scholarship Winners

Five Ames High School seniors each received a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship from the Ames High School Alumni Association at the 2016 awards recognition on May 4th. The scholarships were awarded based on scholarship, involvement in school and community activities, volunteerism and financial need. Three of the scholarships were awarded to second-generation Ames High graduates from the AHSAA memorial contributions. The other two scholarships were funded from general AHSAA funds and contributions. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors as well as the entire 2016 graduating class. Since beginning the scholarship program in 1990, thanks to your memberships, contributions and memorials, we have now awarded ninety-one (91) scholarships. You have made a difference in the lives of these Ames High graduates.

**Ashlyn Kay Neppi** is the daughter of Tom and Tricia Makelbust Neppi, '88 and the granddaughter of Michael Makelbust, '67. Ashlyn's activities included: cheerleading, drill team, Senior Senate, Senior Mentors, Mayor's Youth Committee, Key Club, Fellows Elementary School after-school tutoring, Elementary School Quiz Bowl, Feminist Club and the Ames Wulfrath Exchange. She has studied dance with Beth Clarke for many years and has worked at Hickory Park Restaurant. Ashlyn plans to attend the University of Iowa where she will pursue a career in Health Psychology.

**Derek Joseph Thilges** is the son of Joel and Michelle Michaud Thilges, '86 and the grandson of James R. Michaud, '53. Derek's activities included: Freshman Chorus, Bass Choir, Concert Chorale and the Madrigal Singers, State Solo Ensemble, two years in the school

musical productions, Choir Stage Manager, Student Ambassador, Senior Mentor, football, track and the Polar Bear Club. During the summer of 2015, Derek was employed at the Furman Aquatic Center, and he plans to work part-time while he attends Iowa State University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Madison R. Lynch** is the daughter of Tom and Shelly Lynch. Madison's activities included: Student Ambassadors, Senior Senate, Senior Mentors, National Honor Society, Homecoming Parade Chair, Concert Chorale, Spanish Exchange Student host and Youth Leadership Ames. Madison will become a five-year letter winner in softball at the end of this season. She has worked in a Biology Lab at Iowa State for two semesters as an intern, tutored a Spanish II student for a semester and served as a retreat planner/group leader for her church. She has worked about 120 hours at the Hunziker concession stand. She plans to major in Engineering at Iowa State University along with the possibility of continuing her softball career in college.

**Kaleb U. Stevens** is the son of Anthony and Karla Stevens. Kaleb's activities include. 2015-16 Ames High School Student Council Co-President, 1st Team All-Conference in football, National Honor Society, Co-Editor-in-Chief of WEB, the AHS school paper, coordinator of the Elementary School Quiz bowl and Co-Anchor of the AHS Shout News Broadcast. Kaleb has worked in impoverished countries and has volunteered his time, talent and energy on a consistent basis here in Ames. He



L-R: Ashlyn Kay Neppi, Derek Joseph Thilges, Madison R. Lynch, Kaleb U. Stevens and Jami Lynn Eastman.

has had a variety of work experience at Dublin Bay Restaurant, J. C. Penney and Iowa Teams Photography. Kaleb plans to prepare for a career as an International Aid Organizer at Iowa State University

**Jami Lynn Eastman** is the daughter of Larry and Tracy Samson Eastman, '86 and the granddaughter of Douglas Samson, '61. Jami's activities included: winter and fall cheer squad, Homecoming Executive and Wake-Up Committees, Boys' Track Manager, AP European History Trip and tutoring students at Fellows Elementary School. She volunteered her help for the National Junior Disability Championships, and she has also given her time and support to volunteer work for the Hope Run and the City of Ames Annual 4th of July Parade. In addition to her high school and community activities, Jami has had part-time employment with Fareway Stores, Inc. Jami plans to attend the University of Iowa where she will prepare for a career in Journalism.

## Other News About Our Graduates



On May 17, 2016, **Steven I. Netcott, '73** received the Unsung Hero award from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, David Scorton, in Washington, D.C. The award is given every three years to twenty recipients. Steven's wife of 28 years, Diane Willimack, attended the ceremony and reception. Steven has worked at

the Smithsonian for six years as a mason. The Unsung Hero award exemplifies all the Smithsonian strives to be, by one of the finest Institutions in America. Congratulations, Steve, on this outstanding honor and achievement.

**Karin Klocke Chitty, '92**, of Ames, has been named the new executive director of the Campustown Action Association (CAA) and has already begun her work to better the neighborhood. Chitty is a lifelong resident of Ames and lives in Ames with her husband, Patrick, and their two children. "I have great memories of the campus and Campustown growing up," she said. "I like what CAA is doing out there. As the executive director, Chitty's duties will include making Campustown a destination for both the Iowa State community and Ames residents, broadening the diversity of local businesses and creating strong partnerships with Ames stakeholders. "We are thrilled to have Karin in this position for Campustown," said Anne Taylor, CAA past president. "She has valuable experience and a lifelong wealth of knowledge of how our community and Campustown interact. She is well prepared for the duties of executive director and committed to building our Campustown community." (*Ames Tribune, June 15, 2016*)

## We Get Letters...

Editor,  
Loof Lirpa should come clean--with regard to some of the sources named in his (or her) stories. The recent April, 2016 Newsletter is a case in point.

- With respect to the annual marriage license fee story, I have no complaint as this proposal is not out of character for Ms. Shirty Bilgewater.
- But the three Ames High football players are almost certainly fabrications. Lochie Ness, Jr. too closely resembles a body of water in Scotland. Mr. Pittdown is clearly a decendent of a paleoanthropological hoax perpetrated in England in 1912.
- Sid Finch required more research, but has been identified as a baseball phenom with a 168 mile-per-hour fastball (see Sports Illustrated, April 1985).
- And anyone with a modicum of French need not be told that Ohman Dieu--the so called Ames resident who proposed selling street names--is as plain as Pommes frites without catsup.
- That brings me to former AHS driver's ed instructor Cuthbert Gleep. I only hope he will complete his quest to climb the South Pole and move on to warmer challenges.

**Name withheld Upon Request**

P.S. The editors of the Newsletter also owe Plainfield State Teachers an apology for insinuating that the Lions would recruit fictitious players.

Ames Hi--Classes of 1944-45,  
As some may recall, I was in the class of 1944 until I reached 2nd grade at Roosevelt School where I flunked arithmetic, and was retained for a 2nd year by Ms. Brown, and was graduated in January, 1945--then drafted into the Army. My subsequent career include ISU--Science Journalism--six years in Iran making educational films (16mm) to educate villagers, two years getting an MBA Sloan, eight years as sales manager of the Ealing Corporation, then six years as President of the BOSE Corporation under Dr. Amar Bose. And, finally, since 1969 a founder, president and since 2008 Chairman of Curriculum Associates, Inc., a publisher of classroom materials--reading and math K-8. We are now over 500 employees and having an impact on classrooms nationwide, and some abroad--moving teachers from "sages on stages" toward the 'medical' model of Diagnose & Prescribe--every student getting what that student needs. In January I was diagnosed with small cell bladder cancer and am starting my second 3-day cycle of chemo. Not fun, but I'm an optimist.

**Frank Ferguson, '45**  
(F2@cainc.com) (1-617-719-6423)

Enclosed is my check for a 3-year membership to the AHSAA. I have belonged for many years and somehow allowed my renewal to elude me. Fortunately, my wife, Janet McCoy

Yoder, who graduated from AHS in '52 remembered to renew her dues and thus, enabled me to do likewise. Thanks for all the great articles and for tracking the classmates.

PS: Enclosed is also a memorial gift for Wayne Brown, '49. Wayne was not only my high school classmate, but also my 1955 Veterinary Medicine classmate. He was Senior Class President in 1949 and I was Vice-President.

**James T. Yoder, '49**

Dear Ames High Alumni,  
Thanks so much for the newsletter. I just reached a milestone that I am quite sure no other Alumni have reached. In May, I celebrated my 50th "Kidneyversary". In 1966, both of my kidneys were removed, and I received a kidney from my father, Rev. Bill Henderson. In 1987, I received a kidney from my brother, Bill Henderson, '58. I may be the longest survivor in the U.S., so "Ames High Aims Long", too. Because of this experience, I have met many amazing people and traveled throughout the United States and Canada doing workshops on death and dying. Living with chronic illness, I have been very blessed. I recently moved to Havertown, PA to be near family.

**Steve Henderson, '59**

# Vocational Training Team (VTT) Grant on Teaching Strategies and Conversational English at Secondary Schools in Tanzania, Africa

By Thomas Walsh Jr. (AHS, '75)



Tom Walsh, '75 with the teaching staff at Mandaka Secondary School in Tanzania.

A VTT Rotary grant staff development on effective teaching methodologies and English conversation was provided, by a team of four trainers to teachers at five secondary schools, in the Mwanza District, Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania on January - March 2016. The grant was a partnership between the host Rotary Club of Moshi-Manga, District 9211 in Tanzania, East Africa and the international Rotary Club of Ames District 6000. The host Rotary club selected the schools receiving the training program, with trainer assignments made by the project team leader (Tom Walsh) to Mandaka, Kisangara, Kirya, Ngujini, and Kiriki Secondary Schools. All schools are government schools except Kiriki, which is owned by the Muslim Order of Usange. All trainers provided the seminar at one school with the team leader serving additionally at Kiriki.

The primary goal of the project was to train two faculty or staff at each school site, with an alternative trainer, to learn the program teaching strategies so they could conduct and continue the training in the future. A monetary stipend was budgeted for classroom trainers (i.e., coaches) and included funds to purchase textbooks and print material to support student performance and achievement.

There were three learning skill objectives for the program. One objective was to provide effective teaching strategies on questioning techniques, graphic organizers, cooperative learning, models of teaching and models based on the CRISS (Creating Independence through Student-owned Strategies). A second objective was to improve the teacher's English through discussion and dialogue activities. A third objective was to provide access to technology and e-books (i.e., English and Swahili) through the use of donated Amazon Kindle Fire Readers, including donated solar panels from PowerFilm for charging, at each school. If available, computer training and support would be provided.

Initial efforts in writing the grant began in July of 2014 with support and revision efforts provided from the VTT team, Gerald Klonglan and Mary Wells, members of the Rotary Club of Ames Global Grant Committee. Authorization and support of the

project was then given, after completion of the Rotary online application, to the Rotary Club of Moshi-Manga, the Rotary District 6000 committee members, and the Rotary international review team. The grant was the first VTT project approved for District 6000, based on this thorough review by the Rotary Foundation. The VTT was funded \$15,000 from District 6000 District Designated Funds (DDF) and \$15,000 from the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

Evaluation instruments were developed to measure the impact of the seminar-training program and included the Pre- and Post-Evaluation: Staff Development Implementation Survey. Generally teacher responses to the Pre- and Post-Evaluation: Staff Development Implementation Survey showed a general shift, using a five point rating scale, in comparing current practices and anticipated plans to use the teaching strategies at their school. At all five schools staff reported a decrease in the use of the lecture method from the pre- to post-evaluation.

The secondary teachers at the schools completed an evaluation of the staff development seminar experience, provided by the trainers. Faculty feedback from the Staff Development Seminar Post-Evaluation showed strong support for the seminar-training program. When asked for recommended changes in the seminar teachers most frequently reported the need to provide more staff development and support in learning the strategies. Tusu Tsubira from Uganda visited Kiriki, during service work by the team leader, and the VTT project school sites to evaluate the Rotary grant project. The VTT project was selected as a randomly international grant program for evaluation. Based on interviews from the VTT team at the Rotary Club of Moshi/Mwanza and school sites (i.e., headmasters or headmistresses, coaches, and teachers) Tusu reported strong enthusiasm for the program and "fit" with the national curriculum. According to Tusu, teachers and students want to continue using the strategies and students report having gained more confidence with these approaches.

The Rotary VTT grant project was overall successful in providing training in teaching methodology through English activities and discussion. The success was due to the support from the Rotary Club of Ames and Rotary Club of Moshi VTT team who provided the logistical planning and handling of finances for the training team. The Iowa VTT team (i.e., Hayley Nelson, Gretchen Hanson, and Brian Borer) made the project a success due to their dedication and involvement in preparation meetings before departure for the service work assignment, along with the post follow-up requirements contributing to the grant report.

**Training Program Curriculum:** To access the Trainer's Manual and accompanying Student Activity Guide go to the Home page description of the training program and type the URL @ <https://sites.google.com/site/tzteachstratenglish/>. Then select the title link in the side menu window *Strategies to Promote English Language Conversation in Tanzania, Africa* (Walsh, 2015). You can then proceed to View or Download pdf copies of the text.

# Year of the Monkey

by Allen Jonas, AHS Staff Member, 1964-68

It is my birthday and the "Year of the Monkey" and thought I would possibly write about my seven (7x12=84) twelve year spans as a monkey.

2016--In Bluefield, VA on a rather uneventful birthday, though had a Chinese lunch at a local restaurant: remembering eighteen years of marriage to Dot, travel to family and friends in different parts of the U.S. of A., reasonable health though about to give up on yard work, and what about the next twelve-year span?

2004--Moving back to Mountain Lane and on an extended leave of absence from church and community matters; though some hosting of missionaries and internationals. Had open heart surgery in '07.

1992--I was in China at Hebei Teachers College on a faculty exchange program with two students and remember the birthday party with friends and special violin music by one of the music faculty. There was a small retirement reception at Bluefield State College in the spring of 1994. In 1995, I was back at Hebei with Anne on a teaching assignment. Anne died in 1996, and I was alone for a year before marrying Dot and back to China in 1998--this time at Yantai University. Within a year we were not only building a marriage but a new home on Sedgewren which we moved into the fall of 2000. That was OK for three years when we bought a home on Mountain Lane which was subject to six months of restoration.

1980--I was teaching art at Bluefield State College and do not remember too much except as a kind of

blur of teaching, exhibiting, church and community activities. Mother died in 1982. David and Katherine had graduated from high school and King College in those twelve years.

1956--I was working in Minneapolis and taking courses at the University of Minnesota in Public Administration when I was called for active service to my country. After 18 months at Fort Bliss, Texas, I got an early release to resume my studies at Concordia for teacher education. Father died in 1956. There was a year of drifting, remembering a bus trip to New Mexico, Southern California and one month of Art School in San Francisco when an opportunity to study art at the University of Iowa opened doors for an MA in Art. In August of 1962, I married Anne, and it was the winter of 63-64 that she and I sailed for a six-month self guided tour of art museums and monuments of Central Europe. I did graduate with an MA from Iowa the spring of 1963. Katherine was born in 1965. We were living in Ames, Iowa where I was teaching High School

Art. There was a family camping trip to EXPO 67 in Montreal, Canada. David was born in 1969. I completed my MFA at the University of Cincinnati and we moved to Bluefield, WV

1944--I was in sixth grade in Menaga Elementary School active in sports and swimming at the sandiest beach in Spirit Lake in Minnesota. I remember spending summers on my grandparent's dairy farm. My father returned safely from the war to be a salesman for CO-OP stores in Northern Minnesota. In 1954, I graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN with a BA in Poly Sci/Economics and a minor in Psychology. I studied Norwegian at Concordia.

1932--April 7th I was born in Becker County, MN somewhere between Menaga and Frazee, nearer to Midway than Wolf Lake. Really do not remember too much of those years except I was born and raised in a Finnish culture and could understand and speak the language somewhat.



## Winter Indoor Tailgate and Mini Class Reunion:

Twenty-two AHS Class of 1974 classmates (fifteen pictured here) joined other AHS alumni on February 13, 2016 for a temperature controlled Iowa State Cyclone "indoor tailgater, mini class reunion." Picture identification--all are 1974 classmates, unless noted otherwise: **Row 1:** Bruce Gartin, Denise (Kepley) Wirth, Ann (Kelso) Culver, William C. "Bill" Ripp (Hon. Alum), Susan Chantland, Kate (Carter) Frederick, '73. **Row 2:** Tanya (Recker) Pietron, '76, Kim (Johnson) Marples, Tracey Stoll, Betty (Thompson) Grinde, Craig Stephenson, '72, Jack Petersen. **Row 3:** Sarvinder (Bal) Naberhaus, '79, Kirk Farrar, Kevin McRoberts, Linda Welch, Ed Hendrickson, Jr., Andy Abrahamson, Catherine (Grant) Malliett, Brian Stoll, '80. (Picture courtesy of Ed Hendrickson, Jr.)

AHS Classmates Feb 13 2016

# How the Forward Pass Once Saved Football in America

Football today is facing some serious questions with respect to concussions and memory loss. But it isn't the first time the sport's existence has been threatened. "School boy" and college football were so violent by the turn of the 20th century that it would have been abolished had it not been for a major rules change in 1906. What saved football 110 years ago in America was the forward pass.

Before then, teams at all levels formed a human battering ram (known as the flying wedge) in front of the ball carrier and trampled opponents. "Mayhem" and "bloodbath" were words used by critics of the game – including President Theodore Roosevelt. He loved physical combat, fisticuffs and even a few broken bones. But this brand of smash-mouth football was a derivative of both rugby and mob rule and the resulting injuries – and fatalities – were enough to cause Roosevelt to threaten abolition of the sport.

That occurred after the 1905 season spawned 159 serious injuries and 18 fatalities in the USA. As a result, Columbia, Northwestern and Duke dropped football, while Stanford and California switched to rugby. The president of Harvard denounced the game as "more brutalizing than [bareknuckle] prizefighting, cockfighting or bullfighting." That's when Roosevelt summoned presidents and coaches of Harvard, Yale and Princeton to the White House in October and read them the riot act: Make football safer – but "not too ladylike" -- or else. As a result, several changes were made that equally affected collegiate and "school-boy" football (including Ames high school).

Four main rules were: First, the flying wedge was abolished. Second, a neutral zone (a.k.a. line of scrimmage) was created between teams. Third, the distance required to earn a first down was doubled – from five to 10 yards. In those days, teams were allowed only three tries to make a first down. Fourth was legalization of the forward pass. Interestingly, no one seems to have suggested that players be obliged to

wear protective headgear (i.e., leather helmets). That didn't happen until 1930.

Reaction was predictable: howls of protest were heard over what was seen as emasculation of the offense while the defense went untouched. Coaches and sports writers predicted "a chaos," according to the New York Times of 30 Sept. 1906. It was widely agreed in this story that the 10-yard rule would make carrying the ball "impossible" and this would degenerate to a game of "interchanged kicks."

As for the forward pass option, the Times reported that "not one of many players and coaches . . . can positively say that [it] will be successful." The Times writer also declared that there "has been no team that has proved that the forward pass is anything but a doubtful, dangerous play to be used only in the last extremity." [You, readers probably have paused here for a great horselaugh. But read on.]

It took a while for players and coaches to figure out how to throw the ball, which, back then, more, resembled a rugby ball than today's pigskin -- properly inflated, of course. (Think small watermelon with about 6 laces -- only so light it could be affected by wind currents.) Since it was "bloated," the ball was not easy to throw. At first players tried to toss the ball underhanded, but this was too easy for opponents to knock down. They also tried a two-handed chest or over-the-head pass, but it lacked velocity and gave opponents an equal opportunity to knock-down or intercept the ball.

Beyond that, the initial plan for receivers was to run down the field – sometimes as far as 30 yards -- and then to stand and wait for the ball to arrive – or not. The "eastern" approach to passing also involved having teammates surround the intended receiver as a form of protection. Out "west," on the other hand, coaches and

players more quickly realized they could make the pass an offensive weapon with a one-handed spiral. The absolute first master of the forward pass was coach Eddie Cochem of St. Louis University. He squirreled his team away in a Jesuit monastery and practiced, practiced, practiced.

That season of 1906 they demolished opponents, compiling an 11-0 record – including a 31-0 rout of Iowa (completing 8 of 10 passes). In fact, the pass-oriented St. Louis team outscored its opponents 407 to 11.

Back in Ames, the high school team wasn't quite so quick on the draw with respect to the new rules in 1906. But they were fast learners.

The local boys won their opener, 2-0, on a safety over Des Moines North. Two weeks later, away against West Des Moines, the locals got clobbered, 45-0.

The game story appearing in the Ames Times (18 Oct. 1906) provided no details beyond the score, which, it said, was largely attained because the Des Moines boys "were much heavier than the locals." Repercussions from this slaughter were described in the Ames high yearbook – known back then as the Meteor. It reported that Ames High had employed "nothing but straight football," but after that game "every effort was made to study and take advantage of the possibilities of the new rules."



## How the Forward Pass Once Saved Football in America *cont.*

And so it came to pass, that in their next game on Oct. 13, 1906 at Boone, Ames High threw the ball forward for the first time. No one knows whether that epoch-making toss was caught, dropped or even intercepted, but Ames went on to whip Boone, 16-0. The Ames Times (25 Oct. 1906) provided a clue when it reported that "The boys are playing very natty ball this year."

For its part, the Meteor said that "long before the end of the season it was evident to all that Ames High could play up-to-date football." At season's end (2 more wins and 2 ties) the Meteor declared that it was "quite frequently stated among football men that none of the State High Schools showed a better knowledge of the new rules or executed them to better advantage." And more to the point, several times in a single game "they handled with wonderful speed and accurate skill the difficult forward-pass." In all likelihood, Ames High passed only a handful of times in the remaining four games of the 1906 season.

Based on somewhat incomplete records, it appears that in the decade 1950-59, the Little Cyclones attempted about 9-10 passes a game and completed about 4-4.5 of them. In the past six seasons, Ames High has thrown the ball 1,939 times and completed 1,108 times, or 57.1 percent of the time. Over the 66 games played from 2010-2015, the Little Cyclones have averaged 29.4 attempts and 16.8 completions per contest.

Today passing is pretty much the big name in the game. But has it also contributed to the health and safety issues that football faces today? Stay tuned.

Tom Emmerson, '55

## From the Archives



L-R: Gary Ellis ('58), Jack Smalling ('58), Donald Milliken ('58) and Robert "Bob" Ellis ('56).

Coaches have to plan their strategy, too, and here the coaches of the summer Cubs League for the "young'uns" get theirs mapped out. Little League practice sessions were scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. League games were played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Director Bob Ellis said the 8-11 league will be composed of eight teams and the 12-15 league will have four teams. League play will be on the Ames High School fieldhouse diamond. (*Ames Tribune June 14, 1956*)

## PEANUTS FOOTBALL TRIVIA:

You won't find this in Guinness's Book of World Records, but...  
The worst ever holder for football kicks was?

Lucy van Pelt, of course. According to Wikipedia, she whipped that ball away from charging Charlie Brown no fewer than 45 times between 1952 and 2000. (It didn't happen in 1984, 1985 or 1990.) Not surprisingly all of her 'betrayals' in Peanuts occurred during football season – mostly in October. (T.E.)



## Reconnected After 24 years *by Spenser Villwock, '92*

Pain. I feel a sharp acting pain in my stomach. I am afraid that I may have herniated something from laughing uproariously for roughly 96 hours straight. Why was I laughing so violently? I was laughing because I was surrounded by love, by trust and by friendship that runs so deep into the root of my soul and entire being. Eight friends, all that grew up in the same small town of Ames, coming together after nearly 25 years in a small Colorado mountain town can do that to you. And, it was the best kind of pain one could ever ask for. We came from all across the United States to embark upon the weekend of skiing and sharing; learning and joking; dining and crying; remembering and feeling; and most of all, laughing. We came from New York, Iowa, California, Oregon, Minnesota, Colorado and Maryland to be together. We came with no pretension, no judgment and no expectation for what a long weekend together might hold, as the sole purpose was simply to reunite this group of high school classmates. As organically as we had shuffled into a classroom together at the age of 14, we now shuffled into a beautiful mountain respite overlooking the majestic Rocky Mountains.

These eight men, whom I last knew as just boys, warmly embraced each other in welcome and immediately picked up where we last left off over two decades ago. There is something haunting, yet something comforting about that fact. The faces, so familiar, yet with creases to remind us that the bitch called time had passed. These faces walked in, just as they had done in a gym class in 10th grade and across the graduation stage in 1992. The voices, only slightly more worn than our last conversation when we were freshly post-puberty. Today, these voices were like a brilliant symphony melodically comforting and lifting an epic weight off of your mind, body and soul. These were faces and voices that have echoed in my mind and in my dreams since we were just children. Am I dreaming now? If so, I don't want to wake up yet.

We talked about old times together, growing up in Ames, Iowa, and the



L to R: Jon Dale, Scott Whiteford, Eric Warme, Scott Belzer, Michael Pollmann, Seth Anderson Spenser Villwock and Bryce Freeman.

memories were so vivid and so real that it most certainly was only last week that they took place. At one point, I worried for a brief moment as to who would buy us the beer, as I completely forgot that we were all actually well over 21 years old. The potency of coming together after all these years to share space, to share stories and to embrace each other will transport you back instantly. I now believe in time travel, and it has nothing to do with Flux Capacitor--it has to do with reconnecting with the "Brotherhood" of your youth. We talked about all the fill-in blanks since we last knew what each other wore to school on a daily basis. There have been adventures, there have been challenges--each one of us has lived and loved, and each one of us has lost. I am proud to know these men who carried on the shadows of who they were in their youth to become great men, great human beings. We helped each other this weekend. We helped each other validate our lives, our guesses and our choices. We learned that we are not alone in this flight through the beautiful landscape of life. We learned that we can count on each other. After a 24-year gap, we can laugh, we can cry and we can count on each other no matter what. Boys, you know who you are, thank you. Thank you for the gifts that you gave me then and the gifts that you gave me now. I

love and respect each one of you more than you will ever know. Nursing this pulled muscle from so much laughter the past few days, I am forever humbled and forever grateful. Miles may separate each one of us, yet we will always only be heartstrings apart.



## From the Editors Desk

I extend a "BIG heartfelt THANK YOU" to all the Ames High graduates and staff members who acknowledged my becoming an "Octogenarian" on May 24th! (Special recognition is due to the AHS Class of 1962, who as sophomores broke me in as a new teacher in the fall of 1959, for their initiative in enhancing my birthday celebration.) I was not only over-whelmed, but also humbled, by your out-pouring of

good wishes and the 262 cards I received. "Ames Hi certainly Aims High!"

We continually solicit nominations for our annual "Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award".

Nominations, with supporting criteria, should be sent to: Ames High School Alumni Association, 1921 Ames High Drive, Ames, Iowa 50014.

Finally, I know that many of you most likely have news that would be of interest to your classmates as well as others. Please send your submissions to the above address. Digital photographs are preferred, and we do require that all graduates pictured are identified by name and year of graduation. (We do reserve the right to edit!)

### IOWA CHILD

I am an Iowa child  
Part and product of the land on which I grew  
Flat and open and straight, like  
the farm roads that bordered the corn  
Friendly and receptive, like the rich,  
black soil that grows the corn  
Simple, and plain, but productive,  
like the fields of soy beans and hay

Yes, I am an Iowa child  
There have been times when  
I have kept it hidden  
Pretending somewhere, something, someone else  
But today I stand with it  
Drawing upon the strength of it--  
Acknowledging the unique gifts  
I share with it

Of course, an Iowa child has not many  
deep, intriguing forests within--  
Not many clear, refreshing lakes to draw upon  
No lofty, grand mountains peaks to soar from  
No yawning canyons to descend--

And I know my Iowa child must live  
And come to terms with the part of me  
That is controlled, precise, yearning  
to be perfect--  
Like the squared-off, ruler-straight rows  
of hybrid seed corn

Perhaps I will never be  
as exciting, as spontaneous,  
as a tumbling Colorado mountain stream  
As magnificent as a  
crashing California ocean wave  
As serene and stately as a Minnesota pine tree

But no matter  
I am who I am  
An Iowa child  
And that is enough

*Sarah Hall Maney, '53*

## Memorials

- In memory of: **Dale Hiedeman, Staff**  
By: William & Jane Ripp, Staff
- In memory of: **Rosemary Ritland Low, '55**  
By: AHS Class of 1955
- In memory of: **Rosemary Ritland Low, '55**  
By: Mary Kay Abbott, '55
- In memory of: **John E. McCaffrey, '53**  
By: Janet Crouse, '55
- In memory of: **Lawrence "Larry" Alderman, '68**  
**Ronald W. Tesdall, '68**  
By: Jerry D. McCoy, '68
- In memory of: David P. Coe, '60  
By: **Sheila Porter Schreiber, '60**
- In memory of: **Charles C. Proffitt, '64**  
By: Ann M. Proffitt, '65
- In memory of: **Robert R. Donels, '56**  
By: Donald E. Mathre, '56
- In memory of: **Wayne W. Brown, '49**  
By: Lawrence W. Thorpe, '49
- In memory of: **Patricia K. Lariviere, '73**  
By: Lynne Brady Scribbins, '73
- In memory of: **Steven R. Crawford, '70**  
By: James L. Bartruff, '70
- In memory of: **Dale M. Hiedeman, Staff**  
By: AHS Class of 1955
- In memory of: **Louis M. Thompson, '56**  
By: Jacqueline Andre Schmeal, '56
- In memory of: **Thomas W. King, '47**  
By: Kenneth J. King, '48
- In memory of: **Karl E. Aldinger, '47**  
By: Carol Aldinger, Spouse
- In memory of: **Wayne W. Brown, '49**  
By: James T. Yoder, '49
- In memory of: **G. Harold. Newell, '40**  
**James E. Triplett, '52**  
By: Peggy Newell Ganske, '77
- In memory of: **Eileen Walsh Born, '62**  
By: Stephen J. Walsh, '56
- In memory of: Nathan L. Prindle, '05
- By: Anonymous Donor
- In memory of: **The Gibbs Kids: Earl, '44;**  
**Bud, '45; Pauline, '46;**  
**Paul, '47; Myrus, '54**  
By: Margie Gibbs Glover, '59
- In memory of: **Eileen Walsh Born, '63**  
By: Mary E. Walsh Neitge, '58
- In memory of: **Louis M. Thompson, '56**  
By: James S. Balloun, '56
- In memory of: **Sharon Wierson Morrison, '59**  
By: Margaret "Peggy" Lee Koch, '59
- In memory of: **David Alan Frahm, '70**  
By: Janis R. Frahm, '76
- In memory of: **Harold W. Olson, '50**  
By: Norma Roelofsen Bappe, '50
- In memory of: **Catherine Schanche Sanders, '51**  
By: Roger A. Deal, '51
- In memory of: **Karen Wall Nielson, '56**  
**Louis M. Thompson, '56**  
By: George L. Nielsen, '56
- In memory of: **Catherine Schanche Sanders, '51**  
By: Patricia Yates McCauley, '51
- In honor of: **John T. Forssman, Staff**  
By: David T. Fenton, '79
- In memory of: **Dorothy J. Timmons, '58**  
By: John L. Timmons, '64
- In memory of: **Catherine Schanche Sanders, '51**  
By: Arthur F. Schanche, '50
- In memory of: **Trudy Becker Sample, '44**  
By: Ann Vernon Corey, '43
- In memory of: **Larry C. Wearth, '73**  
By: Vincent C. Simon, Staff
- In memory of: **1956 AHS Deceased Classmates**  
By: AHS Class of 1956
- In memory of: **Louis M. Thompson, Jr. '56**  
By: Margaret Ann Thompson Trail, '59



## 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>				
1932	Beresford, Robert	d.1-12-2009	Pasadena, Calif.	1949	Cook, Herbert Claire Jr.	d.11-2-2015	Solon, Iowa
1932	Wierson, Grayce Evelyn (Severson)	d.7-1-2015	Story City, Iowa	1949	Lidell, George Harold 'Perky'	d.11-15-2005	Alpharetta, Ga.
1935	Kearns, Mary Ann (McNabb)	d.5-8-2016	Ames, Iowa	1950	Olson, Harold Wilmar	d.5-24-2016	Burnsville, Minn.
1936	Keefe, Ruth E. (Codlin)	d.12-25-2014	Hamilton, Ohio	1950	Shipp, Grantland Valner	d.4-28-2016	Silver Spring, Md.
1937	Cutter, Jeanne (Taff)	d.8-26-2015	Naperville, Ill.	1950	Swift, Betty Adrienne	d.1-30-2015	Gladstone, Mo.
1938	Hauptman, Margaret Lillian (Morgan)	d.3-3-2016	Salem, Ohio	1951	Lilly, John Stanley	d.5-1-2015	Norman, Okla.
1938	Kester, Alfred Dwight	d.12-8-2015	Edmonds, Wash.	1951	Sanders, Catherine Lenore (Schanche)	d.5-26-2016	Little Rock, Ark.
1938	McNutt, Jessie Lorine (Wallace)	d.8-8-2015	Nashville, Tenn.	1952	Mohler, Janet Marie (McElyea)	d.3-27-2016	Tipton, Ind.
1938	Reese, Dorothy M. (Young)	d.6-22-2016	Ames, Iowa	1953	McCaffrey, John	d.3-1-2016	Las Vegas, Nev.
1938	Rice, Charles Fount	d.4-1-2016	Solomons, Md.	1954	Hagge, David Arlo	d.12-1-2015	Port Charlotte, Fla.
1939	Baird, M. Marie (Anderson)	d.4-14-2016	Des Moines, Iowa	1954	Killam, Shirley (Hicks)	d.6-16-2016	Story City, Iowa
1939	Quinn, Thomas Barton	d.1-18-2016	Raleigh, N.C.	1955	Low, Rosemary (Ritland)	d.3-9-2016	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1941	Golike, Marilee E.	d.10-10-2015	Golden, Colo.	1956	Salveson, Irene Janice (Jackson)	d.5-3-2016	Buffalo, Minn.
1941	Mumm, David Lee	d.2-16-2016	Richland, Wash.	1956	Thompson, Louis Milton	d.3-25-2016	Orange, Va.
1941	Wearth, Harriet Rose (Steel)	d.3-28-2016	Wichita Falls, Texas	1957	Judge, Mary Kathryn	d.4-27-2016	Adel, Iowa
1941	Williams, Roger Hercules	d.8-11-2015	Chicago, Ill.	1957	Miller, Sally Lou (Schaefer)	d.4-9-2016	Stewartville, N.J.
1941	Young, Marjorie A (Mettone)	d.2-23-2016	Fountain Valley, Calif.	1958	Buck, Eugene Peter	d.12-31-2015	Colfax, Wisc.
1942	Maroney, Dorothy (Quail)	d.4-7-2016	Story City, Iowa	1959	Carr, Stephen Bruce	d.4-14-2016	McAllen, Texas
1942	Wierson, Myron Bruce	d.7-28-2014	Fort Worth, Texas	1960	Coe, David Paul	d.3-11-2016	Ames, Iowa
1943	Consruck, Betty (Byrnes)	d.12-14-2015	Sarasota, Fla.	1961	Ovderland, Richard L.	d.6-17-2016	Boone, Iowa
1943	Lamb, Jean Clare (McDonald)	d.4-29-2016	Centerville, Ohio	1962	Craig, Gary	d.3-30-2016	Ames, Iowa
1943	Lincoln, Bernadine A. (Hoon)	d.4-29-2016	Morris, Ill.	1963	Bonanante, Giovanni	d.10-12-2012	Italy
1943	Mathson, Darlene Ann (Roberg)	d.3-8-2011	Kirkland, Wash.	1963	Litchfield, Donald Lambert	d.12-29-2015	Fountain Valley, Calif.
1943	Ronningen, Thoralf I.	d.2-8-2015	Sacramento, Calif.	1963	Mithelman, Pamela Kay (Routh)	d.3-5-2016	Des Moines, Iowa
1944	Ritts, William John	d.3-21-2016	Fort Worth, Texas	1963	Powell, Sandra E. (Thogerson)	d.6-5-2016	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
1944	Scheer, Marcella (Caltvedt)	d.1-7-2016	Bozeman, Mont.	1963	Temple, Patricia Ann (Weiss)	d.5-29-2012	Ridgeville, S.C.
1944	Yancey, Dorothy Ann (Cody)	d.5-18-2016	Ames, Iowa	1964	Proffitt, Charles Carrington	d.3-30-2016	Frederick, Md.
1945	Johnson, Ruth Elizabeth 'Betty' (Beam)	d.2-8-2016	Davenport, Iowa	1967	Clark, Deborah Gay	d.3-23-2016	Story City, Iowa
1946	Brown, Imogene	d.3-23-2016	Salt Lake City, Utah	1967	McCullough, Donald Ray	d.4-16-2014	Marshfield, Mo.
1946	Leverett, Margaret Ann (Wallace)	d.1-21-2016		1968	Beard, Robert B.	d.6-17-2016	Iowa City, Iowa
1946	Morris, Elizabeth Ann (Smith)	d.6-24-2016	Sioux City, Iowa	1968	Lukas, Peggy Ann (Israel)	d.6-22-2016	Tampa, Fla.
1947	Aldinger, Karl Ernst	d.1-19-2016	Appleton, Wisc.	1969	Burns, Rita Ann	d.12-10-2014	Farmington, Mich.
1947	Bowers, Dorothy Lee (Litchfield)	d.6-13-2016	Berryville, Ark.	1969	Wynne, Wayne Carlton	d.10-10-2014	San Diego, Calif.
1947	Egemo, Robert Julian	d.6-19-2016	Ames, Iowa	1973	Gilchrist, Donna Ann	d.4-23-2016	Des Moines, Iowa
1947	Engle, Jean Etta	d.2-4-2016	Mesa, Ariz.	1973	Lariviere, Patricia Kay	d.2-19-2016	Aurora, Ill.
1947	Geiger, June Beverly (Donaldson)	d.4-28-2016		1973	Nichols, Scott Harry	d.5-12-2016	Ames, Iowa
1947	Hegland, Richard Lee	d.12-28-2015	Ames, Iowa	1975	Grant, Denise Melvina (Wasel)	d.2-12-2016	Simpsonville, S.C.
1947	Jensen, Phyllis Colleen (Alexander)	d.3-30-2016	DeKalb, Ill.	1976	Cooper, Cynthia Ann	d.4-30-2015	Bondurant, Iowa
1948	Carter, George Leverne 'Bud'	d.3-6-2016	Ames, Iowa	1976	Fuller, Douglas Wayne	d.6-24-2016	Ames, Iowa
1948	Grassley, Margaret Ann (Merrill)	d.2-25-2016	Boone, Iowa	1980	Brewer, Jeb Ewell	d.2-26-2016	Des Moines, Iowa
				Staff	Rowley, Annette (McArthur)	d.3-20-2016	Scarborough, Maine

The Some Have Left Us has 81 names listed this issue. This is the most we've had. Many of these have been reported to us by the alums who read this newsletter and family members. We really appreciate getting this information. Without your help many of these would go unreported. One of those who caught my attention was Perky Lidell '49. His date of death was 2005, eleven years ago. He was a member of that record setting 440 yard relay team in 1949. Mert Daulton, Perky Lidell, Ramon Runkel and Page Arnold won the state title as well.

So, please keep this information coming. If you hear of a classmate who passes away, be sure to let us know. The date

of death and place of death is what we need. Also, let us know when you change address or last name. Keep us informed. If your children are Ames High grads let us know when they change address or last names. I can be reached by email at [jack@baseballaddresses.com](mailto:jack@baseballaddresses.com).

We've been using a new internet service for finding addresses. It's called People Finders. We've had great success with it.

**Jack Smalling '58**



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### TASTE for Education – could you join us?

Make plans to be in Ames and celebrate great education in Ames! TASTE for Education is Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm, at the Gateway Hotel. More details are online. Tickets are now available online at [ameseducationfoundation.org](http://ameseducationfoundation.org).

### Do You Remember Tinikling? You May Have Done This In Your Elementary PE Class?

They still do this folk dance in physical education class. It teaches and benefits: movement, counting, timing, rhythm, coordination, exercise, teamwork, and following directions. Never underestimate the value of physical education for our children in the community. Exercise is for life. What a fun way to exercise with classmates!

*Tinikling means "bamboo dance" in English. This is a traditional folk dance of the Philippines, and uses two bamboo poles. In the photo elementary students dance between the poles. Dancers must be quick to not get their foot caught.*



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## AHSAA Calendar

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**Meetings:**

September 13th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
October 11th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
November 8th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
December 13th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting

**- 2016 -**

**Reunions:**

August 5-6	Class of 1986 30th Reunion
Sept. 16-17	Class of 1961 55th Reunion
Sept. 15-18	Class of 1966 50th Reunion
Sept. 18-20	Class of 1956 60th Reunion
Dec. 30th	AHS All Classes 22nd Reunion <i>(Olde Main Brewing Company)</i>

**Other Events:**

Sept. 29th	AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction AHSAA Distinguished Alum Award
Sept. 30th	AHS 1986 Football players, coaches, cheerleaders and classmates -AHS versus Sioux City West

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