



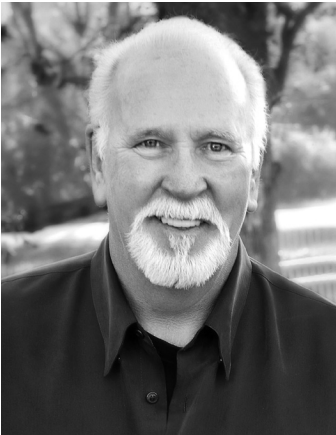
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Gary W. Clem 2016 AHSAA Distinguished Alumnus



Gary W. Clem, '61

Gary W. Clem, AHS Class of 1961, is currently Chairman of ALMACO in Nevada, Iowa. Gary's formal education in Ames included Crawford and Roosevelt Elementary Schools as well as Central Jr. H. S. and Ames Sr. H. S. In high school Gary worked for Allan Machine & Supply Company doing a variety of odd jobs. Following an excursion to California after graduation, he returned to the Midwest and enrolled in an Apprenticeship Tool and Die Maker program in Omaha, Nebraska. Upon his graduation in 1966, Gary

was drafted by the Army and stationed in Germany during the Viet Nam Conflict. Following his military discharge, from 1968-1971 Gary was the Product Manager of the Aluminum Container Division for Revere Copper and Brass in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1972, Gary returned to Ames to become the general manager of Allan Machine & Supply Company which at that time employed 8 people and provided all types of welding, repair and machining services. In the mid-70's Iowa State University and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture approached the business about producing a specialized self-propelled, self-cleaning plot harvester to use in the seed research programs. After building several unsuccessful prototypes, the first Clark-Fehr SPC20 combine was manufactured in 1976, casting the mold for the future of seed research equipment.

In 1978, Gary purchased the manufacturing and machining segments of Allan Machine and Supply Company, along with the research equipment brand name ALMACO. He continued to expand the research equipment product line to include planters, threshers, combines and their electronic data collection and control systems. In 1982, business growth prompted Gary to move ALMACO, along with about 50 employees, to its current location in Nevada, Iowa. Demand for the seed research equipment continued to grow, so in the mid-80's ALMACO shut down its welding and repair services in order to focus entirely on manufacturing seed research technology. Today ALMACO's state-of-the-art design and manufacturing facility occupies 120,000 sq. ft. on a 75 acre campus, at times employing over 200 individuals which includes about 50 mechanical, agricultural and electrical engineers. ALMACO has developed and patented numerous models of specialized agricultural research combines, planters and electronic equipment for planting and harvesting research tests for the improvement of corn, soybeans, wheat, rice and other seeds. ALMACO has placed equipment world-



Picture (l-r): R. J. "Jack" Smalling, AHSAA President, Gary W. Clem, 2016 AHSAA Distinguished Alum, William C. Ripp, AHSAA Director.

wide, and recently they opened a satellite facility in Brazil to accommodate the growth of agricultural research in South America. The ALMACO products that have been developed over the years have helped automate the seed research industry and have contributed significantly to increasing the world food production.

Gary states: "I attribute our success to strong Christian values instilled throughout the business. The relationships developed with customers over many years have allowed us the opportunity to travel extensively to many parts of the world. I would also like to acknowledge several of the teachers that had an impact on my life while attending the Ames schools: Leland Allison, Leonard Bengston, Ingrid Brady, Jerry Gardner, Robert Hamilton, Everett Ritland and Cecil Spatcher."

Gary is also very generous with his time and talent. While living in the Nevada, Iowa community, he has served in the following capacities: 10 years on the Nevada City Council, President of the Nevada Rotary Club and inducted into the Nevada Rotary Hall of Fame, President of the Nevada Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Nevada Economic Development, Mainstream Living Board of Directors, Citizens for Criminal Justice (CCJ) Board member and a member of the Cornerstone Church in Ames. Other businesses include: GWC Real Estate, Ames Executive Rentals, and Iowa Boys Real Estate. He enjoys motor homing, collecting classic cars and vintage Harley Davidsons, fishing and motorcycling throughout the USA. This year marks 24 years of marriage to his wife, Sue, and they are enjoying the blended family of six children and twelve grandchildren. They currently spend six months in Nevada and six months in Gold Canyon, Arizona. It is with great pleasure that we present our 2016 AHSAA Distinguished Alumnus Award to Gary W. Clem, AHS Class of 1961. **Congratulations, Gary!**

2016 AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Recipients

Austen Arnaud, '06 was a four-sport athlete which is a rarity in the nation's larger schools. Contrary to the recent trend, Austen did it all as he established enviable records in Ames High football, basketball and track, and he also lettered in his only year as a varsity baseball player. A starting quarterback for three years on Coach Bruce Vertanen's football team, Arnaud led his teammates to a 20-9 record from 2002-2005. His senior football season proved to be his most successful as the Little Cyclones recorded an 8-2 record with Arnaud compiling 1410 yards passing (13 touchdowns) and 540 yards rushing (10 touchdowns). He completed his prep grid career as a first team all-state selection and a two-time all-conference selection.

As a three-year starter on Coach Vance Downs' Ames basketball teams, Arnaud and his teammates best season came in 2004-2005 as the Little Cyclones secured an 18-4 record and a conference championship. As a senior Arnaud averaged 16 points and 7 rebounds per game and was selected on the INA all-state team and repeated as a first team all-conference selection. Competing on Coach John Sletten's track team for the first time in 2005, Arnaud lettered, and in 2006 he finished fourth in team scoring, placed first in the high jump in two major meets and second in three others and anchored the 4 x 100 relay team to a district championship. The highlight of his short track career came as he placed fourth in the state high jump completion.

Arnaud went on to play football for Iowa state where he was a three-year starting quarterback and a two-time captain. He ranks second in career passing yardage at ISU with 6777 yards and first in single game passing with 440 yards. Arnaud led the Cyclones to an Insight Bowl victory over Minnesota in 2009. He graduated from Iowa State in 2010 and is currently employed as a medical device sales representative.

Jessica Keefe Knadle, '04, the epitome of the scholar-athlete, holds the distinction of playing on Ames High volleyball teams that in her three varsity years compiled a record of 117-16-7 and won consecutive conference and regional championships. In 2001 under Coach James Brockway's leadership, the Little Cyclones with Keefe the team leader in blocks and kills, had a 34-5-3 regular season record and, after winning a regional title, defeated Davenport Central 3-0 in Ames' first ever win in state competition. The 2002 the Ames team once again won conference and regional titles. Ames lost to Ankeny in state tournament play in spite of Keefe's 16 kills to finish the season 41-3-2. In the 2003 regional semi-finals, Keefe tallied nine serving aces and served nine straight points. In the first round of the 2003 state tournament against Iowa City High, Keefe recorded 24 kills, and Ames ended the season with a 38-7 record. She ended her volleyball career with selection to the all-conference first team for the second year and to the elite all-state team.

As a three-year letter-winner on Coach Joel Sullivan's basketball team, Keefe also compiled impressive statistics. She scored 116 points her sophomore year and 183 points



Picture: A.D. Judge Johnston (representing Austen Arnaud, '06), Nathan Terry, '96, Jessica Keefe, '04, Coach Diane Wilson, AHSAA Distinguished Alum, Gary Clem, '61,

her junior year. As a senior, Keefe scored 217 points and again was the leader in rebounding with 58 offensive and 93 defensive rebounds. Her 64 blocked shots rank fifth highest in Ames High basketball. Keefe was selected all-conference, IGCA all district and third-team all-state. Keefe had just one season of track participation as a freshman, but made the most of it. She ran on the shuttle hurdle relay team that set a new school record and qualified for both the Drake Relays and the state meet.

Jessica graduated from Ames High with a 3.90 GPA which earned her numerous academic honors including the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. She went on to the University of Hawaii where she earned four volleyball letters, was the top scholar athlete for five years and graduated with academic distinction in Business Management. She is married to Brian Knadle, and they are the parents of 2-year old Grayson.

Nathan Terry, '96 was a standout swimmer on Coach Mike Wittmer's teams that went undefeated in dual, conference and district meets for four consecutive seasons. Terry was a member of two state championship relay teams as well as an all-state and All-American selection. Terry graduated holding four school records and five district and conference championships. In state meet competition, Ames finished second, fourth twice and fifth during his tenure. He was honored on the IHSSCA all-state team in 1995 and 1996 and received the IHSAA Excellence in Academic Achievement Award three years.

Terry also lettered twice in football, and he played an integral role on Coach Kirk Daddow's successful 1995 team which finished with a 9-3 record. Lettering in football in 1994, Terry moved to the fullback position midway through the 1995 season. For the season, he gained 485 yards on 90 carries which ranked him second on the team in rushing yardage.

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Following high school graduation, Terry became a member of the Iowa State swim team in the fall of 1996. He graduated from ISU in 2000 with a degree in sports management. He has been employed since graduation as Associate Director of Marketing in the ISU Athletic Department. Terry is married to Julie Ollila, '97, a 2010 Ames High Athletic Hall of Fame inductee. They are the parents of four children: Justin (12), Dylan (10), Brandon (8) and Kaitlyn (6). Terry related, "Throughout my four years of competing at Ames High I was lucky to have many great coaches who made an impact on my high school athletic career and my development as an adult. My only regret.....We were unable to win a state championship for Coach Wittmer."

Coach Diane Wilson is the twenty-fourth Ames High coach to be inducted into the Ames High Athletic Hall of Fame and the very first cheerleading coach to receive this honor. During her 15-year coaching career (1987-2002), she completely transformed the sport of cheerleading at Ames High School. Taking the cheer squad from sideline entertainment to a fully competitive program, she was the first to organize a competition cheerleading squad at Ames High. Her squads were respected among all cheer programs in the state and were regular contenders of first place. Wilson coached five State Championship teams in co-ed and all-girl divisions, four of which were back-to-back titles. Wilson's squads ended with 9 finishes in the top 3 during her fifteen-year tenure

Wilson was selected by the Iowa Cheerleading Coaches Association to serve as the head coach for the "All Star" (now known as All-State) cheerleading squad that performed at the Iowa State Football Tournament in 1990. Not only were Coach Wilson's squads talented, they focused on increasing school spirit, and they regularly hosted school-wide pep rallies with exciting themes, costumes and musical numbers. Crowd involvement was a priority, and Coach Wilson emphasized that "the fans were who the cheerleaders were really there for."

Wilson is a native of Des Moines and a graduate of D. M. North High School. Following graduation, she went on to study communications at Iowa State University. In 1996, she married Denny Wilson and they have two children, Danny and Debi, and five grandchildren. Wilson says her fondest memory from coaching is, "Simply having a relationship with the kids. I loved being a part of their lives!" Diane remains active in Ames High Athletics as a Booster Club Sponsor, as an avid Little Cyclone fan in the football stadium and as a guest judge at AHS cheerleading tryouts.

TRIVIA

Ames High Football Trivia:

Ames High played its first night football game in 1937. Lights for the field were a gift from the Ames Jaycees. That same year, Ames High hosted the state football championships.

AHS Athletics Distinguished Service Award

Ames High Athletics honored **Ron "Bear" Green, '66** and **Mary Eileen Buck, '69** as the first two AHS Athletics Distinguished Service Award recipients at the 2016 AHS Athletics Hall of Fame banquet on September 29, 2016. Both individuals have provided invaluable support of the Athletics program over the years. Mary Buck has been helping since 1975 with her support for volleyball, track and field, basketball and other recognition events during her many years. Ron Green has helped on the athletic training front, managerial front and most recently running the number one football equipment room in the state of Iowa. Athletic Director Judge Johnston commented, "These two individuals make Ames High Athletics even better. I am so thankful of their efforts and for our athletes and coaches. Congratulations Ron and Mary."

TRIVIA

Ames High Football Trivia:

The most points scored by an AHS football team occurred in a 75-13 win over Newton in 1967. This was Coach Phil Johnson's first season as head coach. The team was 7-2 that year.



Mary Eileen Buck, '69 and Ron "Bear" Green, '66

Other News About our Graduates

Michelle Hoover, '90 is the Fannie Hurst Writer-in-Residence at Brandeis University and teaches at GrubStreet, where she leads the Novel Incubator program. She is a 2014 NEA Fellow and has been a Writer-in-Residence at Bucknell University, a MacDowell Fellow, and a winner of the PEN/New England Discovery Award. Her debut, *The Quickening*, was a 2010 Massachusetts Book Award "Must Read." Her second novel, *Bottomland*, was published by Grove/Atlantic in March of 2016. At once intimate and sweeping, *Bottomland*--the anticipated novel from Hoover--follows the Hess family in the years after World War I as they attempt to rid themselves of the Anti-German sentiment that left a stain on their name. But when the younger two daughters vanish in the middle of the night, the family must piece together what happened while struggling to maintain their life on the unforgiving Iowa plains. Michelle lives in Boston.

Dennis Wendell, '59 garnered several well-deserved recognitions during the month of October. Although not a Rotarian himself, he was named a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow at the

October 3rd meeting of the Rotary Club of Ames. Long-time member Warren B. Kuhn, Dean emeritus of ISU's Parks Library submitted the nomination for Dennis, who served the library as a faculty member for 30 years, retiring with emeritus status in 1999. The Paul Harris Fellow is awarded in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furthermore of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. A certificate and gold pin accompanied the award presentation. Kuhn stressed the importance of the awardee's advising and mentoring of international student organizations and the study abroad group he led to Hong Kong in 1980.

During the ISU Homecoming Weekend, October 27-28, Dennis (ISU '67) was honored with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Arts and Humanities Award. This is given to alumni and friends of the College who have enhanced appreciation of the arts and humanities at a local, state, national or international level. Two award ceremonies and receptions were held, the first at the college level, with the actual plaque being

presented the following day during the 85th annual All-University Honors and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the ISU Alumni Association. Dean Beate Schmittmann emphasized Wendell's support of the Music Department, especially through his service on the Music Advisory Committee and hosting the annual fundraising Scholarship Musicale at his home recital hall for the past 20 years. Also cited were the internships he provided, exceptional championing of piano and organ faculty and students, and maintaining contacts with alumni.

These recent awards join earlier ones given for his distinguished service advising students (1989), continuous support and encouragement of organ studio activities and mentoring organ students (2000), Ames Tribune *Unsung Hero* (2008), and exceptional support of the Music Department (2010). With his second retirement, for the Ames Historical Society, and presentation of the Farwell T. Brown Award for exceptional service (2015), Curator Emeritus Wendell may be ready for a change of pace and a chance to start addressing his bucket list which includes documenting family genealogy.

We Get Letters...

Friends: I look forward to receiving my Alumni Newsletter very much and never tire of learning about what's going on in my "hometown". . . I'm remembering our Maid-Rite Shops on either end of Main Street, both owned by my family and my husband, Tom, and me for 40 years. My family moved to Ames in 1934 when my Dad bought the original Maid-Rite on the east end across the street from Munn Lumber and the railroad switch yards. My husband and I bought it from my Mother when she died, and Tom built the building on Main and Clark. Of course, I attended Beardshear grade school, Central Junior High and we were the first freshman class in the "new" Ames Senior High. Tom and I formed a committee in later years that saved the school for the Ames City Hall, and we even took the Mayor to court over it. . . look in the archives!!! I graduated in 1942 and attended college for two years in Illinois, then served two years at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii as a civilian and met my husband there at Pearl Harbor. We were married 56 years before he passed on. All three of our sons graduated

from high school in Ames and went on to serve in the U. S. Navy as did their father. I have great memories of Ames and the many years spent there. I would love to hear from any classmates from 1942. . . don't know how many of us are left. Keep up the good work you have been doing all these years. . . believe me, we appreciate it.
Delores (Dee Knight) Oates, '42
120 Forest View Circle, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913

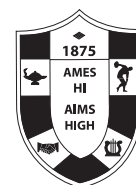
I am enclosing a check for the newsletter. My name is Anna Marie Peterson, nee (Nosback), Class of 1935. I will be 100 in December and am healthy, happy and busy. I have many Face book friends, write my own blog and show my art work in a number of galleries. I make needle felted portraits of birds, animals and landscapes. Many of them have been juried into several art galleries in the Phoenix area. One is in the Sky Harbor Airport Museum. My blog is www.grammaannsfelting.blogspot.com. You can see some of my work there.

Also, I have a profile article in the TEXTILE FORUM MAGAZINE published in Australia. To date I have had 11,150 hits on my blog. I am blessed to have a wonderful family, good health and a great deal of enjoyment in my life.

Anna Marie Nosback Peterson, '35
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I am enclosing a gift in memory of Sally Schaefer Miller, '57. I remember that one summer--1956, maybe--I played a lot of bridge with Sally, Liz Spedding and Bill Stoever. Sally had planned to come to our 50th reunion, driving to save money, but she hurt her foot so she didn't attend.

Edith Lillie Bartley, '57



Class of 66 50th Reunion – “An Event of a Lifetime”

By Kathy Svec, Reunion Committee Co-Chair

Mixers and ice breakers, a DJ dance featuring our favorite high school-era songs, an Ames bus tour that included the site of the infamous “skip day” and an ingenious Creativity Expo - among other events - made the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1966 a very memorable occasion – or as one classmate termed it, “an event of a lifetime”!

From September 15-18, 134 classmates, and 62 spouses/friends gathered and the schedule provided many opportunities to visit and catch up with old friends and get to know classmates we did not know well in high school. After 50 years, there wasn't anyone that lacked interesting stories!

Classmates Wanted “Face Time”

The Reunion Committee learned from past gatherings that what classmates most wanted was “face time” – uninterrupted opportunities to mingle in a variety of settings. With this in mind, a golf outing and bike excursion was planned, two restaurants were designated as the drop-in place for a cocktail hour and three lunches, and Bill Ripp lead a tour of the high school. The “formal” reunion events were a gathering at Gateway Hotel Friday night and a dinner/dance at the Memorial Union on Saturday.

All together, if classmates had dropped in on every informal and formal event, there would have been 11 times and places to mingle during the course of the reunion.

Creativity Expo

Undoubtedly the most unique event was the Creativity Expo that took place at the Public Library Saturday afternoon. The talents and passions of our classmates who are artists, writers, musicians, collectors and skilled hobbyists were showcased. One classmate termed the Expo “inspiring” – which it truly was! There were visual displays and a narrated slide show of artworks followed by readings and musical and vocal performances.

At the Expo, one classmate, a professional flutist, invented a unique tune, blending *Auld Lang Syne* and the *Ames High Loyalty Song* into one composition. It has been recorded and will be available for listening at www.ahs66.org.

Booklet Preserves Life Stories

The committee assembled a booklet featuring the life stories of classmates, memorials for classmates who have passed, and reminiscences of our high school days

and noteworthy teachers. An additional section collected the responses to two fill-in-the-blank statements, “I've learned that...” and “I didn't know when I graduate from high school that...” The answers were both wise and witty! Copies of the booklet are available by sending \$5 to Class of 1966, 1919 Polk, Ames, IA 50010.

Class Gift: Ripp Scholarship

The 50th Reunion Class Gift is a collaboration with one of our most memorable teachers, Bill Ripp. The class is seeking donations for the newly established Bill Ripp & Ripp Family Scholarship. When a sufficient amount is raised, a scholarship will be awarded annually to a second generation Ames High student who intends to pursue studies in health care or education in an Iowa college. Donations in Bill Ripp's honor will happily be accepted from 1966 classmates and anyone who would like to contribute. Information and a donation form may be found on the Class of 1966 website, www.ahs66.org.

Questions and comments about the Class of 66 50th Reunion may directed to class@ahs66.org.

Letter from Superintendent Tim Taylor



Superintendent Tim Taylor

Dear Ames High Alumni, While many of you may not know me, I have worked for the Ames Schools for the past 25 years, first as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and now nearly seven years as Superintendent. One thing I can attest to is that your legacy of excellence lives on in the character and achievements of Ames kids, which manifests itself in Ames High Pride each year. While I hope I can occasionally contribute to this newsletter to keep you up-to-date on things happening in what will always be your town and your school, I want to highlight two things that may be of interest.

Three years ago, the Iowa Governor's Office inquired if we would be interested in participating in a little test. Would a cross-section of Ames High School freshman and sophomores (15 year olds) take the OECD test, an international test of science, mathematics and reading skills? This test, referred to as the PISA test, is often referenced as evidence that public education in the United States is failing in math, science, and reading as national scores have fallen compared to other nations. Our kids debunked the notion that all American students lag behind their international peers in terms of academic prowess. Sixty-eight randomly selected 15-year-olds from Ames High scored second in the world to only Singapore out of 80 nations that participated. The grade point average of the Ames High School students who voluntarily participated was 3.14. Six Iowa high

schools, Adel-DeSoto-Minburn (ADM), Ames, Decorah, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, Cedar Rapids Washington and Pella, were invited to participate in the OECD Test based on their average ACT test scores, size and geography. I would invite you to visit the District website at www.ames.k12.ia.us and click on the picture box in the upper right hand corner titled, “Ames Students Shine on International Test.”

Another item of interest involves the Ames High School building. We are now prepared for the \$55 million general obligation bonds levied in 2012 used to build and renovate our elementary buildings to be paid off by the summer of 2020, and that would be right on schedule to build a new high school or renovate the existing structure. The school district understands the need to update the existing high school building in order to serve the current and future needs of Ames High School students; update mechanical equipment and update electrical systems to meet current codes and standards. In order to prepare for future opportunities and needs, these improvements are necessary to enhance support for our 1:1 technology initiative which has placed a laptop in the hands of every student in grades 6-12.

The Board is currently engaged in development of a plan to utilize the existing Ames High site. The task now is to study, analyze, and communicate options to address the future high school building and campus in order to achieve a successful vote for a general obligation bond within the next 18 months. The first question is the most important: Build new or Renovate? We are moving rapidly, but intentionally and intelligently, toward the answer.

P.S. Oh, and one last BTW: the Ames High Girls Swimmers collected yet another state swimming championship this past weekend. Their sixth in the last seven years. Ames High Pride!

Superintendent Tim Taylor
Ames Community School District

Ames High Class of 1961 55th Reunion

The Ames High School Class of 1961 held its 55th Reunion on September 16-18, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Ames. Fifty-three class members plus spouses attended the weekend of activities. We enjoyed a casual meet and greet, plus lots of hugs, on Friday night. Saturday was a bus tour of Ames. On Saturday evening we gathered for dinner, trivia and more catching up. The reunion ended with a Sunday morning brunch at Gateway. We missed everyone who was not able to attend, but very much appreciated the fellowship with all who were there. We are already looking forward to our 60th in 2021. (Shirley Busch Tice, '61)



1961 Reunion Attendees in Picture (l-r):

Row 1 – Sitting on Floor (L to R) Denny Salisbury, Jerry Jones, Gary Clem, Paul Clark, Vaughn Welling, Mike Cadman, Aaron King, Doug Samson, Darrell Spear, Louis Williams, Ron Gammell **Row 2 – Sitting (L to R)** Mike Nickey, Sue Rice, Claudette Villwock, Marge Handeland, Pat Clayberg, Karen Vold, Karen Skarshaug, Julie Blaess, Karen Erickson, Karen Coletti, Barb Ferguson, Becky Simmering, Nancy Smalling, Judy Warren **Row 3 – Standing (L to R)** Tom Pumroy, Linda Hockman, Jackie Matuseski, Margy Hillyard, Darla Hanlin, Bonnie Hoover, Margo Dunlap, Marla Larson, Peggy Billings, Shirley Busch, Joyce Herrick, Mark Watson, Bob Pasley, Bill McGowan, Mike Moore **Row 4 – Standing (L to R)** Kent Cooper, Jim Bates, Doug Olson, Tom Buchholtz, Dave Childs, Curt Houge, Mike Cox (with hat), Bruce Bappe, Mike Van Scoy, Don Barber

From the AHS Spirit archives. . .

55 years ago. . . 1961 was the beginning of a new era, a new decade, a new presidential administration; all needing transition from the old to the new. This was also a year of transition at Ames High. In the future, Ames High students will be spending their three years of high school in new and modern units which will replace the familiar halls of the old building. The Class of 1961 experienced transition from the old to the new. New honors were started and new traditions set during this transitional period. We have had precedents of the past to look back on, and the challenge of new to inspire us.

As fall approached, Ames High students looked forward to the coming school year with more than just the usual apprehension. The prospective picture showed something new. Along with the new building, there was to be the experience of a half day in the old school and a half day in the new, and a shuttle bus trip between the two. Students entered the area of the new school in the fall to be met by the roar and commotion of modern earth-moving equipment, dust

from the acres of newly plowed land and the torrid heat of the memorable first week. Drove of students poured out of the shuttle buses. Students also drove new cars and old ones, and they walked—discovering anew this mode of transportation as a matter of necessity.

The curiosity of students as they entered the new building was only appeased after a group tour with their friends. The curious eagerly looked into the shops, discovering new equipment and machines. They were equally amazed by the foreign language laboratory with its modern technique of utilizing individual booths. The new science rooms kept pace with the advances in modern technology, and it was easily seen that they were designed with an eye to the future. What will the future bring to Ames High and its students? The new school will someday be complete with new facilities, honors and traditions, able to proudly take its place beside the old school. This transition has made it possible for the AHS Class of 1961 to have a hand in completing the old and starting the new.

Ames High Class of 1976 40th Reunion



1976 AHS 40th Reunion photo taken on the steps at the ISU Memorial Union.
(Photo by Jason Sturges, '94)

1976 State Basketball Champions

The picture below of the starting five on the 1976 State Championship Basketball Team was taken at the Class of 1976 40th class reunion Friday night event on July 15, 2016 at the Ames Elks Club. It is the first time all five of them have been together during the last forty years. Joel Morton traveled all the way from Germany, and Chuck Harmison came from Australia. Coach Arnie Zediker was also at the reunion, but unfortunately he had left before the picture was taken. Picture (l-r): Joel Morton, Sam Fouad, Rob Klingseis, Chuck Harmison and Matt Burgason.

(Photo by Ed Hendrickson, Jr., '74.)



Susie Petra's Jaguar XKE

by Emily Schaack

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Back in college many years ago, Susie Petra accompanied her brother to look at cars. When she laid eyes on a Jaguar XKE, she told him, "I will own one of those someday. In 1985, while interviewing for a job, Petra told the interviewer that it was her heart's desire to someday own a Jaguar XKE convertible. It just so happened that the interviewer knew of one for sale. "On a whim, I drove to Okoboji and bought it," Petra says of her 1969 Jaguar XKE Series II Roadster convertible.

Peters, an art teacher, loves anything with a beautiful design. This particular English car happens to fall into that category. Petra isn't the only one who believes this. The XKE can be found in the Museum of Modern Art. Additionally, Petra has won multiple awards for her beautiful car. "It is gratifying to hear other people admire the design of my car," Petra says. Petra has taken her Jaguar to many car shows. One that particularly stands out in her mind is the Concours d'Elegance, held annually at the Salisbury House in Des Moines. This event is one of prestige, where a car owner must be invited to show his or her car. The event is a celebration of the art and design of the automobile. "My car made the cut for the foreign car show," she recalls.

In addition to being stunning to look at, Petra says the vehicle is also very fast. It boasts a 265 horsepower, 6 cylinder, 4.2 litre engine. Petra says she has tested the speed of her XKE and it does not disappoint. Per Petra, the XKE was based on a race car design, and the monocoque structure is part of motor racing technology. Petra's Jaguar, with roughly 75,000 miles, is in nearly original condition. Petra has redone the ragtop as well as the interior carpet and leather. She didn't choose just any upholstery material, though. Instead, she had carpet and leather imported from England. "I wanted it to be as close to original as possible," she says.

Best Friends



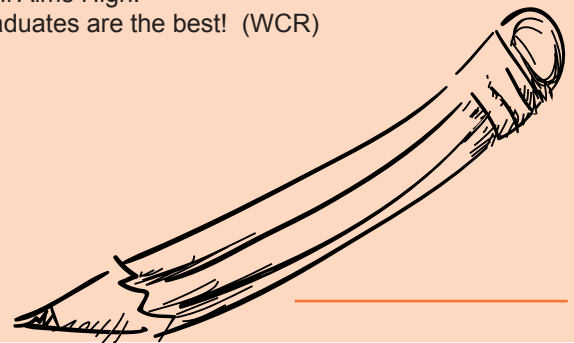
Best friends in high school from the AHS Class of 1963, Annie Toms-Hull and Margo Chalmers-Piercy, finally reunited after losing track of each other for forty years.

From the Desk of the Editor

"Tempus fugit!" It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of our 27th year as an alumni association. This is our 80th issue of our newsletter. A "BIG THANK YOU" to all of our loyal supporters. Many of you have not missed an issue. Thank you also for your contributions to our newsletter, and we encourage all of you to share some news with our readers. We also solicit your nominations, with supporting criteria, for our annual Distinguished Alum Award.

Thank you to Superintendent Dr Tim Taylor for his letter to you in this edition. The Ames Community School District is in good hands under his watch. Finally, thank

you to the AHS Class of 1966 for their class gift of a scholarship in my and my family's name. I am deeply humbled and most appreciative for their generosity and the many other kindnesses they have extended to me. "Ames Hi Aims High!"
AHS graduates are the best! (WCR)



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.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>City, State</u>
1935	Green, Evelyn Rosella (Deal)	d. 7-23-2016	Ames, Iowa
1939	Johnston, Theodore Leigh	d.12-19-2015	Loveland, Colo.
1941	Fachman, Mary Margaret (Cook)	d.8-21-2014	Sioux City, Iowa
1941	Shore, Joseph Chester	d.6-13-2016	West Des Moines, Iowa
1943	Bell, Joseph Kenyon	d.8-6-2016	Ames, Iowa
1943	Ray, Dorothy Jean (Martin)	d.4-26-2015	Ames, Iowa
1944	Christensen, Nancy (Clapp)	d.6-25-2016	Jacksonville, Fla.
1944	Newhouse, Virgil Luther	d.9-24-2016	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1945	Malone, Evayleen I. (Reichardt)	d.1-31-2013	Oceanside, Calif.
1946	Reichardt, Robert W.	d.8-12-2016	Story City, Iowa
1946	Bergeson, Richard Paul	d.8-18-2016	Newton, Iowa
1946	Maney, David Samuel	d.8-30-2016	Augusta, Ga.
1946	Shoirten, Harriet Almendo 'Betty' (Finch)	d.10-1-2016	Ames, Iowa
1948	McMahon, Betty Jean (Freel)	d.5-31-2014	Medford, Ore.
1948	Seaman, Helmut	d.6-21-2016	Madison, Wisc.
1950	Wicklund, Martha (Judge)	d.7-4-2016	Golden Valley, Minn.
1957	Smith, Dwight William	d.6-2-2016	Jefferson, Iowa
1959	Bork, David Paul	d.8-28-2016	Des Moines, Iowa
1961	Brown, Pamela Joyce (Eckhoff)	d.8-9-2016	Overland Park, Kans
1962	Lyttle, James David	d.10-8-2016	Prairie City, Iowa
1965	McIntosh, Thomas Grant	d.10-14-2016	Ames, Iowa
1967	Mathison, John Martin	d.10-24-2016	Ames, Iowa
1968	Core, Merl Robert	d.8-19-2016	Omaha, Neb.
1970	Sayre, Eric Jay	d.10-31-2016	Boone, Iowa
1973	Amemiya, Robert Kevin	d.7-13-2016	Long Beach, Calif.
1974	Braymen, Brian Scott	d.8-22-2016	Ames, Iowa
1977	Groshek, Robin Lynne (Nissen)	d.8-24-2016	Neenah, Wisc.
1982	Binkley, John Walter	d.9-8-2016	Hollywood, Calif.
1993	Okiishi, Mark William	d.7-16-2016	Herndon, Va.
2005	Thomas, Johnon Hopkins	d.8-17-2016	Ames, Iowa

Memorials

In memory of: **Steven Hyer, Class of '76**

By: Michael, '76
& Connie Martin Vaclav, '76

In memory of: **Nancy Houge Hadaway, '68**

By: Karen Houge Haines, '58

In memory of: **Robert R. Donels, '56**

James E. Triplett, '52
By: David L. Everds, '54

In memory of: **Richard L. Overland, '61**

By: J. Paul Clark, '61

In memory of: **Lisa Diane Carney, '83**

Christine Allen Baxter, '83
By: Kelly Burrell Multach, '83

In memory of: **George "Perky" Lidell, '49**

By: Larry D. Thorpe, '49

In memory of: **Imogene Brown, '46**

Margaret Wallace Leverett, '46
Elizabeth Smith Morris, '46
By: Barbara W. Roeger, '46

In memory of: **Rosemary Ritland Low, '55**

Karen Wall Nielson, '56
Joe W. Williams, '55
Louis M. Thompson, '56
By: Marcia Wilsie Campbell, '55

In memory of: **Donna Ann Gilchrist, '73**

By: Janet Dowell Lott, '73

In memory of: **Sally Schaefer Sanders, '51**

By: Edith Lillie Bartley, '57

In memory of: **Catherine Schanche Sanders, '51**

By: Beverly Ott Guyan, '55

In memory of: **Everett G. Ritland, Staff**

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Patricia Ritland, '59
By: Michael ('53) & Dori Ritland

In memory of: **John M. Fenley, '46**

By: The John M. Fenley Family

In memory of: **Pamela Eckhoff Brown, '61**

By: Margaret Hillyard Ericson, '61

In memory of: **Deborah G. Clark, '67**

By: Paul M. Clark, '71

In memory of: **Scott H. Nichols, '79**

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Attire The Choir – Thank you Ellen “Molleston” Walvoord Class of 1957 – We are grateful!



1957 yearbook – Ellen is in the 2nd row, 3rd from the left.

Singing their way through the school year the “elite” of the Ames High vocal musical groups performed on many different occasions. The yearbook from 1957, further states, “the choir presented the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, to name a few.



Ellen Molleston Walvoord enjoyed choir days at Ames High. The Ames Education Foundation thanks Ellen for her matching leadership gift, which helped the AHS choir to purchase new robes. The current choir robes are red and 30 years old. We will now be able to attire our choir with choir robes in our school colors. We will also have enough robes for all of the choir.

Ellen Molleston Walvoord states, “Music and especially accompanying the choirs & other groups at Ames High is something I loved.”

Upcoming Choir Performances at AHS: Feb. 20, 2017, & May 1, 2017.

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AHSAA Calendar

- 2016/2017 -

Meetings:

December 20th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
January 17th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
February 21st	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
March 21st	AHSAA Monthly Meeting
April 18th	AHSAA Monthly Meeting

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Reunions:

July 21-23	Class of 1972 45th Reunion
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Other Events:

December 30th	AHS All Classes Reunion
(7:00 P.M. - Closing)	<i>(Olde Main Brewing Company)</i>

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