



ROUGH RIDER

Recall

Fall 2004

From the President

Foundation Programs Continue to Support Students and Teachers

I would like to thank the Roosevelt volunteers who took the time and made a commitment to start the Roosevelt High School Alumni Foundation 20 years ago. Because of their vision and careful planning, the Roosevelt High School Foundation continues to support students, teachers and alumni.

The Foundation demonstrates its support of students and teachers through a variety of programs. A few of those include the Powell and departmental grants; Dollars for Scholars scholarships; contribution to the Senior Party; and assistance with funding for the middle school open house and freshman orientation.

Many of you have participated in our alumni activities. The 2004 Rider Cup Golf event raised over \$14,000. Several reunions took advantage of meeting at the school to reminisce and catch up with classmates. Each year we host the Hall of Fame to honor select alumni. Please consider coming to next year's Hall of Fame and Annual Fall Social and Dinner.

The Roosevelt Site Team continues to work toward a building plan that will maintain Theodore Roosevelt High School's proud history and tradition of excellence. I invite you to join the Foundation as we provide learning and educational opportunities to students and teachers at a time when district dollars for education have diminished. Your support and interest in the Roosevelt Foundation is much appreciated.

Laurie Betts Sloterdijk, ('75)
President, Roosevelt Foundation

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Principal's Letter

Roosevelt Students Continue to Excel!

Dear Roosevelt Friends and Alums,
"Everyone has a purpose in life. Very few people know what theirs is. A purpose can be summed up in just a few words. It usually begins: "I am . . ." It's a simple but powerful statement about why you're here and what you are here to do. A purpose is fulfilled, continuously, in every moment . . . A purpose is not something you create; it's something you discover." (Life 101 Series: You Can't Afford the Luxury of a Negative Thought. p. 214-215.)

Everyday at Roosevelt I have the privilege of watching young people discover and create their purpose in life. The Roosevelt faculty and staff have committed themselves to creating an environment where our students can learn about who they are from some of the very best role models. Roosevelt High School is a GREAT school and one you can be proud of.

The beginning of each school year is so exciting! This year will be no exception! Approximately 1600 students came through the doors on August 30th as we started the new school year. We have added some new staff members and some excellent program changes for the 2004-05 school year.

2004 marks 80 years of Theodore Roosevelt High School history. Roosevelt continues to be a place where students excel in academics, the arts and athletics. Let me share some of the exciting things from this past year:

Academics

- 428 Academic Letter Winners (3.5 GPA or better)

- 14 National Merit Scholarship Finalists & Commended
- 83 Students earned Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards
- Quiz Bowl Champions
- 4 students selected for the All Academic Team at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville math competition
- Students competed in Spanish Quiz Bowl
- 8 French students ranked 1st and within the top 10 on the National French Exam
- Mock Trial State Competitors

Athletics

- 10 Conference Champions in 2003-04
- State Champions in Boys Cross-Country for 3rd year in a row! Ranked 4th Nationally!
- Girls Cross Country were 6th at State
- Girls Swimming Regional Runners-up
- Girls Basketball Regional Champions and State Tournament Qualifiers
- Boys Track and Field 3rd in State
- Girls Track and Field 5th at State
- Boys Tennis District Champions
- Boys Soccer Sub-state Champions and State Tournament Qualifiers
- Several individual athletes in various sports were named as all-conference or participated in regional and state competitions

Arts

- 20 All-State Musicians selected for Band, Orchestra and Choir
- 3 students selected as Alternates for All State Orchestra
- 2 Art Students awarded top in category at Art Directions Competition at Grand View College

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- Visual Art students created original art for presentation at the Annual Philanthropy Awards
- 3 visual artists received awards at the 9th Annual Chrysalis Show and Workshop at Simpson College
- Roosevelt Jazz Band and Jazz Combo took First Place in both categories at Hoover Jazz Festival and qualified for the Jazz Championships
- Roosevelt Orchestra and Band received a Superior I rating at State Large Group Contest
- The Drama Department produced a fall musical that involved more than 100 Roosevelt students.

- For three years in a row, the drama department has returned from the International Competitions with honors.

This is just a brief listing of the honors our students have received this past year. With more than 35 active student clubs, Roosevelt continues to be a place that welcomes all and where all can find connections. We hope you will stay connected to Roosevelt past, present and future.

Cordially,

Anita Micich



Buy a seat in the Roosevelt Auditorium and help raise money for the TRHS Foundation.

You can buy a seat for \$500.00

Plaques with your name and class will be on a wall inside the auditorium honoring your contribution.

Contact Kim Purdy (515-279-5647) for more information.

Current Events

Roosevelt Master Plan Nears Completion *by Ed Conlow*

After two years of meetings, forums, site visits, workshops, focus groups, and mock-ups, the master plan to renovate Roosevelt High School is nearing completion. The plan envisions protecting the general historical look and feel of the school's exterior, adding new entrances and commons areas on the northeast and southeast (near the gymnasium and pool), reconfiguring the corridors to unify the academic wings with the sports facilities (*no more skywalks!*), remodeling and expanding the third floor arts classrooms, and bringing all the administrative offices into one area on the southwest.

A new curved façade on the south – a modern flourish blending seamlessly into the original structure – is intended to accommodate some of the planned expansions and will include a circle driveway and drop-off location. Other additions could include a small performance

space adjacent to the new south entrance, to provide a venue for arts and cultural events or student activities that don't require the main auditorium. The locker rooms and dining areas will be redone and new space will be added for the band and vocal music programs.

This lengthy planning process, intended to collect ideas and impressions from all segments of the Roosevelt community, has been overseen by a site team chaired by Laurie Sloterdijk ('75), a Roosevelt parent and alumna, with membership including parents, alumni, faculty, administration, students and others from the community. From the outset, the team has emphasized that any renovations must maintain the historical integrity of the building, particularly the main (west) entrance, and must maintain the front lawn facing Polk Boulevard.

The site team has insisted that renovations must accommodate the full range of facility uses, including academics, student activities, and a host of community activities. The site team has been assisted in this process by a professional design team of Architects Wells, Kastner & Schipper, a local firm with ties to Roosevelt, along with the educational consulting firm of Gould Evans Goodman and Associates of Kansas City.

Principal Anita Micich notes, "It is tremendously exciting to actually see the educational planning process become real spaces for students and programming. The architect firms of Wells, Kastner & Shipper and Gould Evans have been terrific to work with. They have Roosevelt's future in their hands and hearts. The Roosevelt Foundation will be working on a fundraising campaign to turn our dreams into reality."

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The school district estimates that just under \$17 million will be available for renovations at Roosevelt, raised through the penny local-option sales tax. But this amount will only pay for basic upgrades to the aging facility, including new electrical wiring to accommodate computers and current technologies, new windows, life and safety improvements, new kitchen equipment, as well as air conditioning

throughout. Most of the proposed design improvements will need to be financed through other funding sources, and the Roosevelt Foundation is gearing up to launch a major fundraising campaign to complete as much of the plan as possible. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2005 and last for several years, in the hope that classes will not have to move to another school.

Athletic News

Rough Rider Activities: Moving Forward While Reflecting Back *by Keith Ellingson*

The 2004-05 school year has begun and the excitement is building for another great year. With the completion of summer sports, it gives us our first chance to reflect back on the entire 03-04 school year and the many outstanding achievements of Roosevelt High School. This past school year saw the Roughriders capture CIML Metro Championships in the following sports:

Boys Cross Country	Girls Cross Country
Girls Swimming	Volleyball
Boys Track and Field	Girls Track and Field
Boys Soccer	Girls Soccer
Girls Golf	Boys Tennis

Several Roosevelt teams competed beyond the conference level and did very well in state competition. The boys cross country squad captured the Iowa High School State Cross Country Championships for the 3rd year in a row, while girls cross country, as well as boys and girls track all placed in the top 10 of their respective state championships. The Rider girls basketball team competed in the Iowa High School Girls Basketball Championships for the first time since 1989, and the boys soccer team again qualified to compete in the state soccer tournament. On an individual basis, numerous Rider athletes qualified to compete in their respective state championships, and individual state championships were captured in boys cross country and boys track and field. The many fine arts programs here at TRHS have also enjoyed great success. In all of our fine arts programs we had students receive all state honors, division I ratings and awards of excellence. All of these accomplishments reflect very positively on Roosevelt High School, and Roughrider activities are well respected around the state.

Roosevelt athletes excel in the classroom as well as the athletic arena. Numerous individuals qualified for academic honors in their sport. The

girls cross country team received the highest academic honor from the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union this past year. The combined team GPA for the girls cross country squad was over a 3.6, which earned them the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award. Roosevelt coaches continue to stress academic development within their respective programs as well as life long learning. Many of the top students at TRHS make significant contributions to the music, drama, debate and journalism programs as well.

Throughout the past year TRHS has continually worked to improve and update the athletic and recreation facilities. The gymnasium has undergone the biggest change with the new bleachers and gym floor. In addition we have updated the sports banners in the gym and improved the lighting. Additional gym projects are being scheduled as well. Outside we have repaired the track and made some changes to our softball field dugout and warm-up areas. Excitement builds as we plan for the potential renovation of Roosevelt High School and what that means for the many extra-curricular activities found here.

Over the past school year Roosevelt High School athletics, music, drama and many other activities have enjoyed great success. These groups have continued to represent Roosevelt High School with high honor throughout the city of Des Moines, the state of Iowa and Midwest. The tradition of excellence that has grown at Roosevelt over the years is alive and well. Each school year brings new challenges, opportunities and excitement to Roosevelt High School. One of the major elements that allows Roosevelt students to move forward with success is the tradition of excellence that has been fostered each and every year here at Roosevelt High School by the parents, alumni, faculty, staff and students. This may be Roosevelt's greatest resource and is certainly a key component of the future.

Keith Ellingson, Activities Director

Foundation News

Hall of Fame Day and Annual Fall Dinner *by John F. McKinney III, ('90)*

This year's Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame Day was Friday, September 17, 2004. The Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Roosevelt Foundation, honors outstanding alumni who are role models for the Roosevelt community. This year's inductees are: Roger Stetson (Class of 1948) a successful local businessman and longtime friend of the Roosevelt community; Dr. Patricia Warrington Langenberg (Class of 1949) a Professor and Vice-Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine who is also an

expert in women's health research; and Jon Pickard (Class of 1972) who is internationally recognized for his achievements in architecture, designing some of the world's most recognized buildings.

Activities during the day included: the induction ceremony during a late morning assembly at the school; a noon hour reception in the library; and the inductees graciously agreed to spend time in the afternoon with students in areas of interest and expertise. Later that evening, the inductees were further recognized at the Annual Fall Alumni Dinner -

an informal dinner at Stick's here in Des Moines. The day was capped off with a home football game at Hutchins Stadium.

We thank all alumni and friends who attended the daytime activities, the fall dinner, and football game.

Please watch our web page www.trhsalumni.org for information on next year's event along with a full listing of all past Hall of Fame members.

Do You Know Someone Who Should be Nominated for the Roosevelt Hall of Fame?

Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame Nomination

Purpose:

- 1 To honor outstanding alumni.
- 2 To provide role models in various fields of endeavors for the student body
- 3 To allow for the student body to meet and hear outstanding alumni who will provide inspiration and pride in Roosevelt High School.

Criteria

- 1 Must have graduated from Roosevelt at least 10 years prior to receiving the award. Not available to those who attended but did not graduate.
- 2 Must be outstanding in their chosen field of work or community service and must have received some type of recognition.
- 3 Must be of good character and serve as a role model for the student body.
- 4 Must be available to participate in a full day's activities at the school and an evening reception with alumni. The day will be selected mutually by the candidate and the school.

Please contact John McKinney, Hall of Fame Chair, for a nomination form. Phone: (515) 279-6489 or email: jmckinney3@msn.com or write to:
Roosevelt High School Foundation, 4419 Center Street, Des Moines, IA 50312, Attn: John McKinney, Hall of Fame Chair.

Please visit the Foundation website to send nominee information @ www.trhsalumni.org

Meet our New Board Members *by Kim Purdy, (76)*

Every Spring the Foundation Executive Board and the Nomination

Committee is charged with selecting new board members to fill vacant seats. The members serve three year terms. This year

five new members join the board, Kip Albertson, ('74), Marcia Denny Freese, ('69), Adam Claypool, ('90), Janie Sullivan Wine, (74), and Charlie Lozier, ('76).

Kip Albertson graduated from Roosevelt in 1974 and continued his education at the University of Iowa. There he met Debbie, his wife of 26 years. Debbie is a fourth-grade teacher in the Johnston School District. Kip and Debbie have two children, daughter, Ashley, a graduate of the University of Iowa, and son Kurt, currently attending the U of I. Kip is Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer and

Senior Trust Officer at Bankers Trust Company here in Des Moines. Kip enjoys spending as much time with his family as

possible, snow skiing, golf, traveling, and reading.

Marcia Denny Freese is a 1969 graduate of Roosevelt. She notes, "I come from a Roosevelt family, with my mother, aunt, brother and two daughters all graduates of Roosevelt in the respective years of 1939, 1943, 1967, 1996, and 1997." After Roosevelt she attended Iowa State University where she acquired a degree in Applied Art Education and a future husband, Harvey Freese. She taught school in Des Moines for 5 years before becoming a full time stay-at-home mother to daughters, Christina and Karen. When her youngest left for college, she returned to Roosevelt part-time. Marcia says, "I am currently the bookkeeper at Roosevelt, replacing the living legend Shirley Robinette."

In 1990 Adam Claypool graduated from Roosevelt and went on to the University of Iowa with fellow classmate and future wife Megan Templeton Claypool. As Adam puts it, "You could say we've known each other awhile." Adam is currently Vice President of Investment Banking for Broker Dealer Financial Services Corporation. Adam and Megan have two up and coming Rough Riders (and Hawkeyes) five-year-old daughter, Kate and two-year-old son, Finn. When asked what his interests are, Adam said, "You mean other than family and working?" Time permitting, he enjoys playing music (piano and guitar),

attending live music events, walks through his Beaverdale neighborhood, golfing and out-of-town trips to visit friends and family.

Janie Sullivan Wine graduated from Roosevelt in 1974. She is married to Jim Wine, ('75) also a Roosevelt graduate and a past Foundation Board Member. Janie and Jim have three Rough Rider daughters, Carolyn (20), Sarah (17) and Mary (14). When describing Janie's family and interests she says, "We are pretty much blue and white through and through." Janie has served on many Roosevelt committees, including PTA, Riders Club and the Welcome Center. She and Jim are currently co-chairing the Roosevelt Senior Party. Janie says, "I enjoy being active at Roosevelt. It brings back many great memories of high school." In her spare time Janie owns and operates "Pretty Papers," a small personalized stationery business.

New Board Member Charlie Lozier is a 1976 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He and wife Breaca Susanin Lozier, also a graduate of Roosevelt High School, have three children. Charlie is a practicing physician in the area of Internal Medicine. He is active in the community and a committed Rider serving on Roosevelt's Renovation Site Team for the past two years. Charlie also served as Co-chair of the Greenwood Elementary Site Planning Team.

Roosevelt Foundation Would Love to Put You to Work!

Retired or just have a few spare moments for volunteering? We have a number of opportunities for you from serving on a committee or just helping at a one time event

The Roosevelt High School Foundation needs your help with many programs and activities, including, writing articles for the newsletter, help with the Fall Dinner, or helping with the newly formed Dollars for Scholars program.

Please call or email Kim with your interest and questions.
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2004 Rough Rider Cup Raised \$10,000! *by Jack Hilmes, ('72) and Tom Child, ('73)*

One hundred alumni and friends assembled at the "Home Course", Waveland, to vie for the coveted Roughrider Cup, on May 17, 2004. The four-person, best-shot format provided great fun and team building opportunities. Exemplary golf skills were noted in each group, but only one group combined their skills effectively enough to win the coveted prize.

Arnie Engman, Jim Russell, Corky Hubbell and John Eldridge were the 2004 Champions, finishing with a score of 14 under par, two strokes ahead of the closest contenders.

In addition to providing fun and competition, the golfers and sponsors raised about \$10,000 for the Foundation and its continuing college

scholarship efforts. This tournament remains the largest single fundraising event sponsored by the Foundation.

A heartfelt "thanks" goes to all who supported the effort.

Thank You Rider Cup Sponsors!

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Rider Cup Participants

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Dollars for Scholars Reaches Goal by Awarding 15 Scholarships *by Vicki Nail*

Here's your opportunity to help keep Dollars for Scholars successful.

Roosevelt Foundation's Dollars for Scholars program completed a successful second year. Luck was not a factor.

Through hard work by the Dollars for Scholars committee, volunteer support from Roosevelt students, and donations from the community, fifteen deserving Roosevelt seniors were awarded \$400 scholarships.

We reached our goal last year. Let's double it for the upcoming school year!

As a local Roosevelt Foundation scholarship program, Dollars for Scholars offers scholarship consideration to all Roosevelt High School seniors. Because of this responsibility and the many qualified students at Roosevelt, it is the goal of the committee to increase the number of scholarships offered each year. Thirty scholarships will be this year's minimum goal, and we hope the awards can be increased to \$500. That will put our minimum financial goal at \$15,000, which will not be easy to reach.

How do we plan to reach our goals.

More and more students need financial assistance for their continuing education. We have more students apply for Dollars for Scholars scholarships than we can help.

Fundraising from the community is our only source of financial support. Every dollar adds up to helping one more student.

This year we plan to continue with our We Got Game football and basketball fundraiser, which coordinates support with the Athletic Department, the Band, and the local business and family community.

A Barnes and Noble coupon day will be sponsored on November 13 at the West Des Moines location. If anyone makes a purchase using a Dollars for Scholars coupon, our Foundation program receives 15% of the purchase price.

The successful Phone-A-Thon will be in full force again in February. This has been our most successful fundraiser based on the fact if everyone gives a little, it can make a big difference.

We have the opportunity to participate in a national Walk-A-Thon organized in Des Moines for October as well as other fundraisers, but we need to increase our committee membership in order to organize these events successfully.

Opportunities to help.

As you can guess, we need your help as Friends of Roosevelt, Alumni, as community members, as concerned citizens. All donations are welcome, but we also need your time and talents. Please join this rewarding committee and we'll find just the right spot for you to get involved. Whether volunteering with a fundraiser or helping to organize our scholarship opportunities, public relations and more. We can promise a rewarding volunteer experience.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee or if you have any questions, please contact Vicki Nail at 279-1084 or Naill@aol.com.

2004 Dollars for Scholars Recipients

Anna Gajdel
University of St. Thomas

Kathryn Spitler
Drake University

Joshua Anderson
University of Iowa

Wanakee Carr
University of Iowa

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Iowa State University

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Dionne Trumbo
Iowa State University



ROOSEVELT FOUNDATION
DOLLARS *for*
SCHOLARS

Roosevelt Foundation *by Liz Neumann*

The Roosevelt High School Foundation is the caretaker and conduit for a number of worthy Scholarship Awards for graduating Roosevelt seniors, including The Kirkpatrick Physics Scholarship and Grant, The John J. Hansell Memorial Scholarship, The Paula Modersohn Memorial Scholarship, The Andrew Holmes Memorial Scholarship, The Vern Weidmaier Memorial Scholarship, and the Pick Wilson Memorial Soccer Scholarship.

The Kirkpatrick Physics Scholarship was created by Roosevelt's highly regarded physics teacher of 45 years, Mr. Herman Kirkpatrick. His enthusiasm for and devotion to physics as a profession is the driving force behind this scholarship's success.

The memory of John J. Hansell lives on in the John J. Hansell Memorial Scholarship. John, a 1982 Roosevelt graduate, was an exceptional scholar and athlete who went on to graduate with honors from Colorado College and Columbia Law School.

The Paula Modersohn Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Paula, mother of two Roosevelt graduates, Seth, ('94) and Mark, ('97) who later went to colleges where they excelled in soccer. Paula was deeply involved in the soccer community, coaching boys and girls teams and helping with administrative work for the clubs as they developed in the Des Moines area.

Andrew Holmes was an outgoing, energetic junior at Roosevelt High School when he passed away. He was an active student and athlete, participating in soccer and cross-country. Andrew's family and friends remember his unique spirit by giving this scholarship in his name while providing an opportunity for a graduating Roosevelt senior.

The Vern Weidmaier Memorial Scholarship is offered in Coach Weidmaier's memory by his son, Bill Weidmaier. Vern was a popular mathematics teacher, line coach and top football assistant at Roosevelt from 1957-

1964. He died suddenly in March of 1964 at the age of 40.

Coach Weidmaier was also an inventor of athletic equipment, holding 17 U.S. patents.

The Pick Wilson Memorial Soccer

Scholarship will be awarded to a senior student and soccer athlete. Pick, father of four Roosevelt graduates, passed away unexpectedly early in the summer and will be greatly missed by members of this community.

Pick's family and friends honor his memory with the creation of this scholarship.

2004 Scholarship Recipients

The John J. Hansell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jamie Nelson. Jamie is attending the University of Iowa.

The Andrew Holmes Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Waters. Thom is attending the University of Iowa.

The Paula Modersohn Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kirk Ryan. Kirk is attending Indian Hills Community College.

The Vern Weidmaier Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jason Reynolds. Jason is attending Simpson College.

Thank You Dollars for Scholars Contributors!

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Teacher Profiles

Ronald Adcock: Five-Job Alum by Kathy Collins Reilly, ('68)

You've heard of three-sport athletes. Ron Adcock is one of them. He played baseball, basketball and football at TRHS from 1953 to 1956. But he is also a Five-Role Man, maybe the only one in the history of Roosevelt: student, coach, teacher, parent, and administrator. His time at TRHS spans from 1953 to today, school year 2004-05, a mere 51 years; but who's counting?

In the role of student-athlete, Ron (a punter and back-up defensive cornerback) was on the 1954 football team that took the "Mythical" state championship. Some of his teammates were Randy Duncan, Joe Bognanno (the team MVP), Jerry Johnson, Bud Engelbrecht, Bob Risser, John Sherbo, Jim Bellamy, Ron Spillers, and Tom Kern. Members of that team are reuniting the weekend of October 1-2 this fall, and will be in attendance on Friday night when Roosevelt takes on East at 7:30 PM at Williams Stadium.

While at TRHS, some of Ron's favorite teachers were Herman Kirkpatrick (Physics), Everett Craft (English), and Helen MacEachron (English and Journalism). Ron credits Mrs. MacEachron with getting him through senior English "back when you had to memorize 200 lines of poetry to pass. She helped me with *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and . . . uh, something else." Guess despite what they told us, it doesn't always stick with you forever.

He also credits Herb Hans, his home room teacher, with teaching him a valuable lesson. Ron and some of his buddies were the Kings of intramural basketball and were ready to play for the school championship when they goofed off somehow and got caught. "Mr. Hans made five starters, including me, stay in" as punishment, missing the Big Game. Mr. Hans' action impressed upon young Adcock the "student" in "student-athlete."

In the fall of 1956, Ron left for Grinnell College. He concluded his post-secondary education at the University of Northern Colorado with a Master's degree in Education in 1965. When he began his teaching career at Franklin Junior High in the fall of '63 teaching biology, Ron

had already been assistant baseball and assistant basketball coach at TRHS for two years. Over the next 33 years, Mr. Adcock continued to teach sciences. In 1996, he became an administrator, assuming the role of Vice-Principal, a position he holds today.

When asked about his favorite memories over all his years at Roosevelt, Ron quickly responded that coaching provided his fondest recollections. "I enjoyed working with [head football coach] Don Prior, but basketball provided the most exciting moments for me," reflected Adcock. Ron was fortunate to have been Assistant Coach under Al Comito for a number of years before being named Head Basketball Coach. He shared his memories of the '95 team that went 14-0 in the Conference, the 1983 team that won the Conference and went to state. And "of course, the 1978 team that won the State Championship. That was my favorite memory." Coach Adcock described how that team had to overcome a number of adversities during the season. Thankfully, all of the kids were healthy at tournament time. Dennis Oakley scored 30 points in the final game. Standout brothers Gaylord and Garner Houston were on that team. Mark Radosovich was an "outstanding athlete." Kevin Wilson was also a huge factor.

The '78 team and coaches had a 25-year reunion in 2003 and had a great time, although unfortunately a couple of key players got snowed in and weren't able to attend.

Ron and his wife, Dona, have been married for 23 years. Mr. Adcock has also seen all six of his children attend Roosevelt. He was a teacher when the first four went through and vice-principal when the last two were "Roosies." Did he have any problems in that role? Ron could only recall one instance: a son broke the rules. Nothing major, Ron assured. Maybe truancy from a class. His son was assigned to another vice-principal, but Ron asked that administrator to send Ron's son to him when she was through talking to him. Ron confessed, "I chewed him out so loud they could hear me clear down the hall."

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Many of us remember Mr. Adcock's biology class where we dissected frogs for the first time, or giggled over pictures of the human body with *real names* of body parts in print. He was an exceptional science teacher. But in the 80s, Adcock and Jim Treadway, journalism teacher and yearbook/newspaper advisor, decided that the school should offer a course in photojournalism. It would help the school's publications, and it would be a totally hands-on class for kids who responded better to active than to passive learning. Kids would take pictures and learn to develop and print them as well. That class was a source of much teaching satisfaction for Ron.

He declined to mention any favorite students. "There were too many that I liked, more than the ones I didn't, by far." Ron added that after winning the state basketball championship, his favorite memory is "my associations with students and their parents. People I have gotten to know and become friends with. Staff, parents, students. Particularly the staff." Adcock has seen seven principals pass through TRHS, maybe more. He recalled that Emmett Hasty was principal when Ron was in tenth grade. Delmer Battrick was principal when Ron left for college and was still there when he returned. Dr. Charles Rowley and Bruce Gardner finished up the 60s. Jerry Conley was followed by Dr. Larry Martindale, who was succeeded by the current principal, Dr. Anita Micich.

When asked how TRHS changed in the 51 years since he first walked through the door, Ron replied, "It's definitely a different school. When I was a student at Roosevelt, there were three minority students. Today we have huge diversity. Kids from the Sudan and other places in Africa. Students from Brazil. Asians. Bosnians. Some 17-25 different cultures are represented here. I don't know how many languages."

But despite being inhabited by generations of angst-filled teenagers, the building itself has retained its integrity. Roosevelt High School is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Even though slated for a "facelift" and air conditioning in 2005, the structure itself won't be visibly different. One internal change will be to connect two of the three third floors. "If you'll remember," Adcock began, "Roosevelt has three third floors, but they are all separate."

I remembered all right; my home room was in the giant music room up there, and I had friends who hung out in the art room. Was the little theatre the other third floor classroom? I forgot to ask.

Clearly Ronald Adcock has given -and enjoyed-the best years of his life in the hallowed halls of Roosevelt High School. He was "Welcome Back, Kotter" before Kotter. And he's still there, with no immediate plans for retirement. Thank you, Ron; keep up the good work!

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Alumni News

Class of '74 Parties Every 5 Years *by Chris Demarce Sidwell, ('74)*

TRHS class of 1974 held their 30 year reunion on June 25th & 26th at Willow Creek Club House and Prairie Meadows. Vice Principal Ron Adcock led a tour of the school on Saturday morning, giving the alumni a last chance to view the inside of the school as they knew it before renovation begins next summer. It was a wonderful weekend and a fun time was had by all. The classmates agreed with Mark Kennedy who said that "once every 5 years is not too often for this group to get together and party!" The class will hold their next reunion in 2009.



1974 Alums (from left) Jim Denman, Don Laster Bill Harned, and Bennett Ely take time out for a picture at the Class of 1974 Reunion.

40th Reunion a Hit for '64 Grads *by Bill Weidmaier, ('64)*

The Roosevelt Class of 1964 held its 40th Class Reunion the Weekend of June 4th. It was our best attended reunion with 165 Classmates returning, and 225 attendees on Saturday night. A golf outing on the hills of Waveland Golf Course started the activities. The Friday and Saturday events were held in two different venues at the Stoneycreek Hotel

and Conference Center. A tour of Roosevelt High School was conducted Saturday with many participants making souvenir purchases from the Rider Shoppe. Many participants stated it was the most enjoyable and relaxed reunion we've had. Could our "maturity" be disposing of our high school hangups??

Class of '55 Gears Up for Their 50th Reunion

The TRHS '55 Reunion Committee is very busy planning what will be a memorable 50th Reunion Celebration. Bill Meek, ('55) asks members of the Class of 1955 to please mark their calendars for **September 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2005**. Detailed information on specific events will be available soon. Preliminary planning suggestions include a Friday welcome event, Saturday tours of the city and

Roosevelt, a golf outing, Saturday night banquet, departure day picnic and a "bio" book.

Bill feels the reunion "will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and see what 50 years of change looks like in your old hometown and your old classmates! GO RIDERS!"

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Do You Recognize Your Classmates?

You can win a special Rider prize. Be the first to identify your fellow alums.

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LAST RECALL'S WINNERS!

Roger C. Anderson was the first postmarked correct respondent to recognize **Rosalie Samberg Goldberg, ('54)**. R.C. Anderson was a teacher at Roosevelt High School during the years Rosalie was there as a student. Mr. Anderson shares, "Rosalie was an excellent drama student and was the lead in the 1953 Fall play, "The Man Who came to Dinner." Congratulations Mr. Anderson! Honorable mentions go to: **Mike Benson, ('55)**, **Jerene Hopkins McClain, ('54)**, **Judith Harper Sumerbell, ('54)**, and **Kay McCaffrey Krafka, ('54)**.

And, **Ellen Peverill Burnquist, ('80)** was the first postmarked correctly identifying **Tad Hutchison, ('79)**. Honorable mentions go to: **Jeff Brooks, ('79)**, **Glenn Lemons, ('79)**, **Laura Reese Garvey, ('78)**, **Sarah Betts Susanin, ('79)**, and, **Lee Clayton, ('79)**.

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Class Notes

- 1991 Roosevelt High School Hall of Famer Eleanora E. Tate took a moment to write in to say, "I have always been proud to have been a student at Roosevelt. I am another example of *where there is a will, there is a way*. Roosevelt, you're still the best high school in Iowa!" Eleanora will be honored in October by the Des Moines Library Foundation. She will be given an Iowa Author Award.

- Joan Hays Charysyn, Class of 1964 asks, "If anyone out there remembers the Hays Twins? We now live on opposite corners of the United States." Joan is in the Catskill Mountains and sister Jean is in Washington state.

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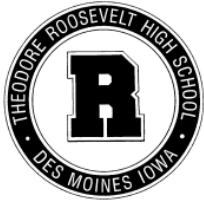
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