



ROUGH RIDER

# Recall

Spring 2006

## From the President

### Foundation, What Do You Do?

In my fall 2005 article, I offered a light-hearted biographical discussion on how, just like a little brush, we can all make a difference. My goal was to encourage support for the Foundation through donations of time, money and talent. However, before anyone should just hand us money, it is reasonable for one to ask "Foundation, what do you do?"

To answer that question, I will briefly detail everything the Foundation does to enrich the entire Roosevelt community. I must admit this is rather difficult to accomplish in the limited space provided by the editor. Anyway here goes . . .

#### RENOVATION CAMPAIGN DRIVE

As many of you know, this is a very exciting time for the Roosevelt community. Soon the Foundation will embark upon an ambitious capital campaign to raise funds to supplement the building's renovation. The feasibility study is complete; the site renovation plan is almost finalized; and a fundraising committee co-chaired by TRHS Hall of Fame members Chuck Betts and Marvin Pomerantz is in place. Soon you will all be asked to support this historic campaign. Be ready, this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

#### COMMITTEE WORK

The Foundation has several very active committees. All of the Foundation's 24 volunteer Directors serve on at least one committee (some many). Here's just a taste of what these committees do:

#### Dollars for Scholars

The Roosevelt High School Foundation's Dollars for Scholars ("RDFS") program provides Roosevelt students with financial support to pursue higher levels of academic achievement. Scholarship funds are provided through fundraising and donations from the entire Roosevelt community. In June of 2005 RDFS awarded twenty-nine scholarships totaling \$11,800. We expect to greatly surpass this figure in 2006.

#### Endowment

The Foundation Endowment committee concentrates on investment oversight, endowment growth and making financially sound distributions.

#### Hall of Fame & Other Awards

On April 7, 2006 the Foundation will induct three new members to the Roosevelt Hall of Fame: Marguerite E. Cothorn (TRHS 1926); Donald L. Arends (TRHS 1946) and Janice Lutjen Kreamer (TRHS 1965). There will be a full day of activities at the school along with an evening social event. This committee also selects recipients

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*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 endeavor 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 Heather Soener, Hall of Fame Chair, for a nomination form. Phone (515) 276-5471 or email: soener1@mchsi.com or write to: Roosevelt High School Foundation, c/o Roosevelt High School, 4419 Center St, Des Moines, IA 50312, Attn: Heather Soener, Hall of Fame Chair.

Please visit the Foundation website to view our Hall of Fame Honorees or to send nominee information: [www.TRHSAlumni.org](http://www.TRHSAlumni.org)

### *From the President continued*

for the annual "Roosevelt Community Service Award" and will be sponsoring a "Roosevelt Teacher of the Year Award" later this year.

#### Membership

The Foundation has initiated a new membership program. Many of you received information in the year-end mailing. If you haven't done so already, please consider becoming a member. We are also exploring creating a corporate membership program.

#### Reunions

The Foundation continues to support class reunions by providing start up money, class lists and coordinating school tours.

#### Scholarships & Grants

The Foundation administers several named scholarships for qualified students including: The John J. Hansell Memorial Scholarship; The Herman Kirkpatrick Physics Scholarship; The Paula Modersohn Memorial Scholarship; The Andrew S. Holmes Memorial Scholarship; the Pick Wilson Memorial Soccer Scholarship and the Vern Weidmaier Memorial Scholarship. The Foundation welcomes any new scholarship opportunities.

Each year the Foundation's budget includes several significant grants: \$12,000 to Roosevelt students and

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Kim Sawdey Purdy (1976),  
Administrative Director



teachers to enrich the overall education experience; \$5,000 to the school for needed materials such as books, audio-visual equipment and recently helped Roosevelt become part of a new cultural district; and \$1,000 to the annual senior party.

### Social

This is the “fun” committee. By the way, mark your calendars for November 11, 2006 for the First Annual Roosevelt Fall Gala. The Gala will be a celebration for the entire Roosevelt community.

### Rider Cup

The Seventh Annual Roughrider Cup is May 15, 2006 at Waveland. Through individual participants and hole sponsorships, last year’s event raised more than \$13,500. This continues to be our most important fundraising event of the year. The goals for this year’s event: 1) raise more money and 2) fill the entire 144 golfing spots.

### Website

Look for many exciting changes to [www.trhsalumni.org](http://www.trhsalumni.org) in the next few months. We plan to establish safeguarded online payments capabilities along with upgrades to our reunion links - possibly even adding reunion chat rooms.

### PLEASE HELP US DO WHAT WE DO!

As you can see, we do a lot but with your support we could do even more! Please help us do what we do by donating your time, money and talent.

John F. McKinney III  
(TRHS 1990) President

## From the Principal

### Dear Roughrider Alumni,

We have had a great year at Roosevelt with significant honors and accomplishments by our students and staff. There are so many things to celebrate and be thankful for at Roosevelt High School and in our community. Last fall’s recognition of four former Roosevelt musicians demonstrates the powerful connection that Roosevelt High School has made in the lives of so many people in our community.

### Roosevelt Musicians Recognized

On October 23, 2005, the Des Moines jazz community gathered to induct four area musicians into the Community Jazz Center’s Hall of Fame — pianist/vocalist Scott Smith; guitarist Ben Harrison; trumpeter Jerry Stenstrom; and trombonist Steve “Toad” Stewart (deceased). All four of these award winners are Roosevelt High School Alumni. I was so very proud to be present at this event. Bill Stewart who is also Roosevelt grad and nationally recognized drummer was on hand to receive the award for his dad, Steve Stewart.

#### 🎵 Scott Smith

Scott Smith’s first public singing appearance was at Hoyt Sherman Place when he was 2 ½ years-old and he hasn’t stopped performing since! He was involved with both vocal and instrumental groups during his school years in Des Moines.

Scott launched his professional career in 1959 at The Sands on Rush Street in Chicago. This was where he began the first of his many performances with entertainer/actress Ann Margaret. He eventually made his way to the West

Coast where he performed with George Burns, Jack Benny and Jerry Lewis. Scott’s group was often the opening act for such names as Sarah Vaughan, Lionel Hampton, Vic Damone, and Shecky Green.



After ten years of the Vegas, Reno and Tahoe circuit Scott found himself returning to Des Moines where he

quickly became a sought after pianist/singer at the city’s most popular night spots including Captain’s Cabin, Adventureland Inn, Eddie Websters, Diamond Lil’s, The Rusty Scupper, Hotel Fort Des Moines and Hyatt House.

In 1980, Scott left Des Moines for the casinos of Atlantic City, returning five years later to reclaim his position as one of the area’s most sought after entertainers. For the past 20 years, Scott has entertained thousands of Iowans in variety of groups and venues. His performances with the Des Moines Big Band are always a treat and his musical contributions to the annual Variety Club Telethon are greatly appreciated.

#### 🎵 Ben Harrison

Ben Harrison began playing a four-string guitar in 1932 when he was just eight-years-old. He has that guitar today and is still playing professionally at age 81!

In 1938, Ben got his first electric guitar and began playing with musicians around his hometown of Des Moines while attending Roosevelt High School. Upon graduation, he joined the service where he played with the Navy Cadet Big Band under the direction of another CJC Hall of Fame member, Don East. After the service, Ben attended Drake University where he obtained his B.A. degree.

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## From the Principal *continued*

### *Dear Roughrider Alumni, continued*

All told, Ben has played the guitar in central Iowa for nearly 70 years, including performances with hundreds of notable musicians and in just about every type of gig imaginable — radio shows, television programs, hotel lounges, nightclubs, KRNT Theatre, casinos and private parties. For several years, Ben was a fixture at both Younkers Tea Room and the Greenbrier Restaurant.

### 🎵 Steve “Toad” Stewart

Trombonist Steve Stewart was born to musical parents and attended Roosevelt High School before obtaining music degrees from both Drake University and North Texas State University. He taught instrumental music (including jazz band) at Carlisle Schools from 1969 to 1994.

During his musical career, Steve played with most of the better known musicians in the Des Moines area in styles ranging for dixieland to swing and bebop to rhythm and blues. He is most noted for his 30 year career as lead trombonist for the Des Moines Big Band.

In 1960, Steve played and toured with the Buddy Morrow Orchestra and performed in England with as part of the Friendship Force exchange programs in 1980.

Though Steve had offers to join the Woody Herman Band (one of his favorites), he opted to remain in his hometown of Des Moines with his family. Steve passed away in early 2004.

### 🎵 Jerry Stenstrom

Jerry Stenstrom has been one of the busiest musicians in Des Moines, performing in everything from orchestras to dance and circuses to sport show since he was in the tenth grade. As a student at Roosevelt High School, Jerry led an all city high school dance band in his junior

and senior years. He also played with CJC Hall of Fame recipient Speck Redd during those formative years.

After graduation, Jerry was a regular with the Ralph Zarnow and Keith Killinger Orchestras. He studied music art Drake in 1949 before joining the Iowa Air National Guard. He led a band at the NCO club in Bangor, Maine, and played and wrote Music for the SAC Jazz Band at Offut Air Force Base in Omaha.

Following the service, Jerry attended Westlake College of Music (the country's only jazz school at the time), in California. He worked regularly on the West Coast throughout the early 1950s, which included a recording with the Claude Gordon Band, the “Downbeat Band of the Year” at the time.

Returning to Drake in 1957, Jerry went on to teach in the Des Moines public schools for 28 years. He continues to play Iowa ballrooms with the Everett Boyer Band and Tom Steinkoenig's “Sentimental Swing.” Jerry has also been an important fixture in the trumpet section of the Des Moines Big Band. For Jerry, one of the greatest musical moments in his life came in 1972 when he had the opportunity to play with the Count Basie Orchestra at the Savery Hotel.

Anita Micich, Principal

## Current Events

### Honoring Years of Service to Roosevelt and the Des Moines Schools

Sixteen Roosevelt teachers and staff members will retire in June of this year after a cumulative 455 years of service to the Des Moines Public Schools. It is a bitter-sweet time for the retiring teachers, counselors, administrator, and librarian, who have guided thousands of Roosevelt students. They will be missed!

Retirees include:

Ron Adcock	Ron McHone
Sharon Clarke	Marilyn Miller
Jane Cook	Roger Miller
Vicki Goldsmith	Cheryl Pate
Tom Gruening	Rick Pfander
Barb Havighurst	John Piffer
Mark Havighurst	Bette Reeves
Dick Hewins	Lyn Shiffler

A reception is planned to honor retirees on Wednesday, May 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Roosevelt Library. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to drop retirees a card, or letter with your regards and memories. Send them to Roosevelt High School, 4419 Center Street, Des Moines, IA 50312.

Being a teacher is an act of stewardship and represents a life of commitment to the welfare and development of young minds and hearts. We honor these educators and thank them for their efforts.

Anita Micich, Principal



## SAVE THE DATE

You won't want to miss the first annual

## **Rough Rider Gala**

Mark your calendars for

**Saturday, November 11, 2006**

Watch you next Rider Recall for further details.

## From Keith Ellingson, Activities Director Coming Home to Drake

The following is from a December press release:

*Des Moines Roosevelt High School's football team will finally have a home field advantage.*

*In a pact between neighborhood schools, Roosevelt will play its home games at the newly renovated Drake Stadium next fall. The move gives the Roughriders a home stadium in their own neighborhood for the first time since 1966 and continues Drake University's commitment to giving back to its neighbors and advancing a lifelong partnership with Des Moines public schools.*

*"Roosevelt is our neighborhood high school and Drake University values its neighbors," said Drake President David Maxwell. "This is an example of two great institutions working together to benefit their community. We couldn't be more pleased to have the Roosevelt football team make its home at Drake Stadium."*

*Roosevelt played its home football games at Drake Stadium in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, before Drake took down its stadium lights in 1967. As part of the ongoing renovation of the stadium, lights have returned the sports facility at 2719 Forest Ave.*

*"When we started working on the stadium project more than five years ago, it was always our intent that the stadium serves the community as well as Drake," said Drake Athletic Director Dave Blank. "Roosevelt just makes sense because of their history playing here and the fact that they don't have a home stadium."*

*Of the five Des Moines city high schools, only Roosevelt does not have a neighborhood stadium at which to play home games. Roosevelt shared Williams Stadium, near East High School, and*

*Hutchens Stadium, near Lincoln High School. Next fall, the Roughriders will play on a state-of-the-art Field Turf artificial surface inside a Division I football stadium.*

*"This will be a homecoming for Roosevelt," said Roosevelt Principal Anita Micich, who holds two degrees from Drake. "It will mean so much to our students and fans to have our home field at Drake Stadium again. We're very excited about this renewed partnership with Drake. It's a terrific way to reconnect our neighborhood and our community."*



*Roosevelt plans to host a major track meet at Drake Stadium and play home soccer games at Drake in the future. In addition, the softball team will play at Drake when the current softball field at Roosevelt is removed during the school's renovation.*

*Drake and Des Moines' schools connections run deeper than athletics. Roosevelt's orchestra, for example, performs on the Jordan Stage at Sheslow Auditorium on Drake's campus.*

*Des Moines schools and Drake partner on dozens of academic programs for all levels, including Head Start, college prep programs and other outreach.*

*"This is another example of the exciting partnership between Des Moines schools and Drake University," said Eric Witherspoon, Des Moines schools superintendent. "The relationship between these two educational institutions has long-term benefits for students, faculty, staff and the community as a whole and will continue to do so for years to come."*

As part of their commitment to community outreach, Dr. David Maxwell, President of Drake University invited Roosevelt to return to the Drake Stadium beginning in the fall, 2006. Thanks to the significant efforts of the Riders Club President, Jeff Aden and Past-presidents, Bill Bartine and Liz Neumann, we will be able to realize this renewed partnership with Drake. This is truly a "dream come true".

Roosevelt will have their home field at the newly renovated Drake stadium and all of the teams in Des Moines and the CIML (Central Iowa Metro League) who meet Roosevelt in competition will have an opportunity to play "under the lights" at Drake. A special thank you goes to Dr. Witherspoon and members of the Des Moines School Board for supporting this effort on behalf of Roosevelt and the Des Moines Public Schools.

The last time the Rough riders played under the lights at Drake in 1966 they competed against Ames High School. It is only fitting Roosevelt opens the new "season" in 2006 against Ames. Watch for details about the fall opener against Ames High School. We would love to have our alumni in the stands for this historic event. Save the date!

## Student News

### Roosevelt Senior, Hannah Roeder Wins Award!

Roosevelt High School senior Hannah Roeder has been chosen as the recipient of the female Wendy's High School Heisman award for the State of Iowa. Each high school in the State of Iowa and the United States may nominate an outstanding male and female student athlete for this award. The award recognizes outstanding high school student athletes who have excelled in the classroom, athletics and in citizenship. The selection process starts with 10 male and female finalists selected from each state. Each of the state finalists receives a bronze medallion and is invited to a formal program where the state finalist is selected. Each of the state finalists is a candidate for the national award and invited to a formal ceremony in New York City.

Hannah has excelled in all three areas and always represented Roosevelt High School, the Des Moines Public Schools and the City of Des Moines with great dignity. She has been a conference champion, state champion and has competed at a very high level in athletic events around the Midwest. As a scholar, Hannah has won the prestigious Siemans Award, been recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar and next year will be attending UCLA. As an athlete, Hannah has won state championships in cross country as well as track and field and been a participant in four different Iowa High School Girls' State Championships (cross country, track and field, basketball, soccer).



## Athletic News

### Rider Athletics: A Tradition of Excellence

Keith Ellingson Activities Director

At the time of this writing we are nearing the completion of the 2005-2006 winter sports season. Throughout the school year the Rider athletic squads have reached new heights. The school year started off with the volleyball squad capturing the regional championship and qualifying for a first ever trip to the Iowa High School Girls' State Volleyball Championship in Cedar Rapids. The Riders lost a tough match to eventual state runner-up Bettendorf but represented TRHS very well in a losing cause.

The winter sports season has also brought outstanding performances and accomplishments. Throughout the winter season both the wrestling team (as high as 4<sup>th</sup>) and the girls' basketball squad (as high as 1<sup>st</sup>) have been ranked in the top 10 of their respective sport. This appears to be the first and only time two TRHS teams have been ranked in the top 10 of the Iowa High School state rankings for their respective sport during the same season.

A major emphasis for all of the athletic teams is to compete well at the conference level. The Central Iowa Metropolitan League (CIML) Metro Conference includes the Des Moines city schools as well as Ottumwa. So far during the 2005-2006 school year the Riders have captured CIML Metro Championships in boys' cross country, boys' golf, volleyball, boys' swimming and wrestling. The Riders have captured 66 Metro Conference championships since the Metro Conference was formed during the 2000-2001 school year.

Seventh Annual

### Rough Rider Cup

Monday, May 15, 2006!

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Mark your calendars to join Roosevelt friends and alumni at the "home course," Waveland Golf Course, for another great year of golfing and fun.

Tickets for this 4 person, best-shot event are \$125 which includes 18 holes, golf cart, tee prize and dinner. Guaranteed fun is thrown in free of charge.

Last year's golfers and sponsors raised approximately \$10,000 for the Foundation and its scholarship efforts, grant programs, and alumni events.

Contact: Adam Claypool  
(515) 286-4342 or email: [AClaypool@BDFS.com](mailto:AClaypool@BDFS.com)  
for more information.

You may send your reservation and check payable to the Roosevelt Foundation to: Rough Rider Cup, Roosevelt Foundation, 4419 Center Street, Des Moines, IA 50312

Be sure to visit our website at:  
[www.TRHSAlumni.org](http://www.TRHSAlumni.org) for view this and other upcoming events.

Foundation News

Roosevelt Foundation Launches New Membership Program

Members of the Roosevelt Foundation Membership and Marketing Committee began meeting last fall to bring alumni a new membership program. Your tax-deductible gifts given to the membership program will continue to celebrate academic and athletic achievement through support for student programs and scholarships. Thank you to all of our new members and to those who renewed membership to the Roosevelt Foundation during our year-end membership campaign. For more information on membership to the Roosevelt Foundation, please call Kim Purdy at (515) 279-5647 or email [klpurdy@msn.com](mailto:klpurdy@msn.com).

Donation Levels

**\$10,000 Big Stick Level Contributors Receive:**

- Two Riders Club Blue/White season passes to all home athletic events
- Reserved table at First Annual Roosevelt Gala, Nov. 11, 2006
- Golf for four at the Annual Rough Rider Cup Golf Tournament, May 15, 2006
- Roosevelt Jazz Combo or String Quartet free performance at your private party
- 20% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop
- Two season passes to all Roosevelt drama performances
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$5,000 Foundation Level Contributors Receive:**

- Two Riders Club Blue/White season passes to all home athletic events
- Eight tickets to the First Annual Roosevelt Gala, Nov. 11, 2006
- Golf for two at the Annual Rough Rider Cup Golf Tournament, May 15, 2006
- Roosevelt Jazz Combo or String Quartet free performance at your private party
- 20% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop
- Two season passes to all Roosevelt drama performances
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$2,500 Championship Level Contributors Receive:**

- Two Riders Club Blue/White season passes to 8 home athletic events
- Six tickets to the First Annual Roosevelt Gala, Nov. 11, 2006
- Golf for one at the Annual Rough Rider Cup Golf Tournament, May 15, 2006
- Roosevelt Jazz Combo or String Quartet free performance at your private party
- 20% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop

- Two season passes to all Roosevelt drama performances
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$1,000 Rough Rider Level Contributors Receive:**

- Four tickets to the First Annual Roosevelt Gala, Nov. 11, 2006
- 20% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop
- Two season passes to all Roosevelt drama performances
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$500 Roosevelt Level Contributors Receive:**

- Two tickets to the First Annual Roosevelt Gala, Nov. 11, 2006
- 15% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$250 Teddy Level Contributors Receive:**

- 10% discount in the "Rider Shoppe" Gift Shop
- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$100 TRHS Level Contributors Receive:**

- Roosevelt Foundation membership gift
- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

**\$50 Pep Level Contributors Receive:**

- Roosevelt Foundation Rider Recall Newsletter
- Recognition in the Rider Recall with readership of 10,500

*Rough Rider Annual Membership*

Donor Name(s) as you wish to be acknowledged

Address

City

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Levels (please check one)

- \$10,000 Big Stick       \$250 Teddy  
 \$5,000 Foundation       \$100 TRHS  
 \$2,500 Championship       \$50 Pep  
 \$1,000 Rough Rider       \$ \_\_\_ Other  
 \$500 Roosevelt

- Check enclosed (payable to Roosevelt Foundation)  
 Charge my account     MasterCard     Visa

Card Number      Expiration Date

Signature (if you are donating by credit card)

- Auto deduct from:     MasterCard     Visa  
                                   Now     Monthly     Quarterly     Other

Beginning Date

This gift is: \_\_\_ in honor of/or \_\_\_ in memory of (mark one)  
 \_\_\_ Please contact me about a planned gift.

*Thank You!*

**Foundation News** *continued***Two New Named Scholarships for Roosevelt Students**

Roosevelt Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new named scholarships, the Galen Gustafson Memorial Scholarship and the Hewins-Seaman Science Scholarship.

Roosevelt student, Galen Gustafson died of a brain tumor February 10, 1967 during his senior year. He graduated with honors having spent most of his senior year in the hospital. Galen had a great sense of humor, loved old cars, and had an interest in journalism, having worked on the Roosevelt Round-up. Galen's sister, Greta Hayward is creating the Galen Gustafson Memorial Scholarship that will emphasize academics, especially English and Journalism.

Mary Seaman Baker, class of 1981, credits Roosevelt teacher Dick Hewins for her interest in the sciences. Mary shared, "What I recall strongly is the important role that Dick Hewins played in my life at that time. He was my Biology teacher and he supported my interest in the sciences. When I was bored with the curriculum at TRHS, he challenged me and pushed me to a higher level. When I graduated and went to college, I enrolled as a Biology major."

For more information on forming a named scholarship, please contact: Marcia Freese, Scholarship Committee Chair at (515) 242-7272 or Kim Purdy at (515) 279-5647.

**Teacher Profile****Who, What, Where, When, and How is Don Haley?**

by Kathy Lee Collins Reilly ('68)

You want a tough interview? Try interviewing the guy who taught you how to interview!

Donald Haley taught journalism (and some English) at Roosevelt High School from 1949 until his retirement in 1981. That's 31 years of The Five Ws: "Who? What? Where? When? Why?" (and How?) Thirty-one years of urging: "Don't bury the lead!" (followed by the inevitable sarcastic student asking, "What's a 'lead'?" ) And 31 years of hiking upstairs to the 3rd floor, west end, where the journalism classroom was housed. That's a long career by any standard, but particularly for teaching one challenging subject to high school students.

Don Haley is still in Des Moines, living at Heather Manor, helping take care of his wife who is in the full-care wing there. He's a little hard of hearing, but my conversations with him confirmed he hasn't lost a beat.

He enjoys reading and daily walks between meal times when he helps his wife, Lucille. Together they raised four children and have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren scattered about.

He taught through such significant journalistic times as the McCarthy hearings and Watergate, but when asked about his fondest memories, he recalled night football games at Drake Stadium, the big pep rallies of the 50s and 60s, and the incident giving rise to the landmark case, *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District*, decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1969.

"Velma Cross, the Girls Advisor, told the Tinker boy to remove his armband. Orders from downtown [the superintendent's office]," recalled Haley. "He refused, but he was very polite about it." Mr. Haley also remembered some of the

**Favorite Rider Shoppe Apparel**

Listed below are a few of the top selling Rough Rider items. Many more items are available. Currently, the shop is open on Thursdays during the lunch hour. Please stop in and take home some great Rider gear.

**Favorite Items:**

- Grey or Navy Hooded Sweat Shirt - \$30.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- Grey or Navy Crewneck Sweat Shirt - \$25.00 (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- Grey or Navy Sweat Pants - \$20.00 "Riders" on bottom (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- Navy wool Baseball Cap - \$20.00 (S, M, L)
- Tan cotton Baseball Cap - \$16.00 Adjustable
- Key chains, mugs, lanyards, t-shirts, car stickers, back packs, kid's clothes and much more!

Please add \$5.00 per item for shipping and handling.

Send order to: Rider Shoppe  
%Roosevelt High School  
4419 Center Street  
Des Moines IA 50312

Make check payable to: Rider Shoppe

Call or email Jo Scholl (515-277-2580; jbscholl@mchsi.com) for hours or more information.



We're on the Web  
Visit us at: [www.TRHSAlumni.org](http://www.TRHSAlumni.org)



## Alumni News

football players giving “unscheduled haircuts” to some of the young men who wore long hair in protest of the Viet Nam war.

Other memories: Some students in his class did a wonderful job of researching the issue of marijuana use and wrote an article about it for The Roundup. The principal reviewed the article and contacted the police, who “interviewed” the student who wrote it. The kid refused to identify his sources, having learned his First Amendment journalistic freedom lessons from Don Haley.

Another issue that caused a stir involved a student who wrote about sexually transmitted diseases. He created a chart showing stick figures with arrows running from one person to another. Some of the arrows went from male stick figures to other male stick figures. Apparently the folks “in charge” were not terribly comfortable with that depiction.

Don Haley’s decision -- made during the end of the Depression -- to get a teaching certificate rather than pursue a journalism career himself benefited students such as Al Cabbage, now Vice President of Communications at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.; Lucia Herndon, who recently retired from her career as a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer; Molly Smith Cooney and Connie McBurney, long-time television journalists here in Des Moines; and Pete Taylor, who was the voice of the Iowa State Cyclones for years and years until his untimely death in 2003.

Those of us who learned from Mr. Haley remember him fondly and wish him well. There’s no [30] under his story yet!

Ed. Note: Mr. Haley would love to hear from folks by mail. If you wish to write, here’s his address: Don Haley, Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. He’d prefer not to receive phone calls.

This group of jolly fellows meets for lunch once a month--the first Wednesday--at Zimm’s, where the bartender remembers what they order to eat and drink. There are usually 15 or 16, and they’ve been getting together since 1992.

There are a few rules they follow, including no dues, no officers, no discussion of religion or politics, and no women!

They have all had to have celebrated their 50th TRHS reunion, and most graduated in ‘39, ‘40 or ‘41.



The 11 who made it for lunch in December are: Back Row (from left to right): Keith Merrill (1941), Paul Bryant (1941), George Wilson (1942), Bill Crispin (1945) James (Bud) McCoy (1941), Frank Burns (1939), and Dave Barnes (1941). Front Row (from left to right): Bob Inhofe (1942 January), Bill O’Neill (1942), Wes Thorpe (1941) and Bob Hermann (1939).



Back row, from left to right are: Kay (Bryant) Heilman, Marsha (Jennings) Peterson, Judy (Jager) Hand, and Kathy (Augustine) Oplt. Front Row, from left to right are: Kathy (Collins) Reilly, Julie (Synhorst) Linn, Mindy (Gallagher) Neumann, and Marion Elmquist

This group of gals from the class of ‘68 gathers the last Wednesday of every month for dinner, drinks and laughs, usually at Christopher’s, where they’re hosted by Renee Giudicessi ‘69.

Here, the eight are celebrating their annual While Elephant Christmas gift exchange and dinner at Judy Hand’s home.



OK, so the Des Moines Register reported it first! Many of you may have noticed this picture in the “Where in the World is the Register?” a few months back. Seven classmates took their mini-reunion to Depoe Bay on the Oregon Coast. Chuck Nicholson’s wife, Linda graciously served as photographer since she was the only one present who was not a Roosevelt grad. Pictured from left to right, is Clair Fisher (1960), Sally Taylor Fisher (1960), Bob Chrisjohn (1960), Janet Brown Chrisjohn (1961), Charlie Miller (1959), Annette LeCoq Miller (1960) and Chuck Nicholson (1960).

Alumni News *continued*

Joy Rabinowitz Argaman (right) and sister, Elyse last summer at an international tennis tournament played every 4 years in Israel. Joy wants us to know, "it's not exactly like playing at Waveland or Birdland as kids!"

## Do You Recognize Your Classmate?

If you recognize these people, send your answer by postal mail to Kim Purdy, 720 56th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312 or by e-mail to Kim at [klpurdy@msn.com](mailto:klpurdy@msn.com). First postmarked or date-stamped correct answers win (so, you're not at a disadvantage of you use USPS).



## LAST RECALL'S WINNER

Wow! There were 18 correct responses to the gal in our last contest. The first to correctly identify Joy Rabinowitz ('76) was Barb Betts Nish ('78), who says that "Joy looks just like her sister, Elyse, who was in my class."

Runners up were: Julie Stone McGarvey ('76), Laura Leonard ('79), Linda (Blight) Nesbit ('76), Dana Mintzer ('80), Ann Frahm Irvine, Denise (Foster) Holck ('76), Barbara Lutz ('76), Elyse Rabinowitz ('78), Holly Hull Craiger ('76), Shelly Stetson Cook ('77), Trudy Tappen Collar ('76), Gretchen Moranville Steichen ('76), Mary Seaman Baker, Jeff Book, Judy Rabinowitz ('81), Jerry Leener ('66), Linda Bear Carpenter ('75), and Sheri Hoffman Cohen ('76). Of course, sister Elyse and cousin Judy may have had an unfair advantage.

Jim Vickery ('49) correctly identified William (Bill) Hornaday ('49).

*Congratulations to all of you and thanks for participating in our contest. Each winner will receive a special TRHS memento.*

## Reunion Listing

- **WWII Era (1940-1945 Grads) Reunion**  
Date: 2006-04-26  
May 26-27, 2006  
Friday, May 26th - Isaac Walton Lodge  
Saturday, May 27th - Cocktails at the Marriott  
All 1940-1945 TRHS graduates are welcome!  
Tim Dunn, (407) 884-0052  
[timothydunn@earthlink.net](mailto:timothydunn@earthlink.net)
- **1966 - 40th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-06-16  
Please join the fun June 16-18, 2006.  
Sue Clark  
[msclark1@qwest.net](mailto:msclark1@qwest.net)
- **1981 - 25th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-06-17  
We're planning a 25th reunion!  
Saturday, June 17th from 5pm-midnight  
Hawaiian Themed Pig Roast  
Live music 8pm-midnight  
We need people to contact us ASAP so that we get an approximate count. THANKS!  
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- **1986 - 20th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-06-23 - Visit the Website  
Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24, 2006  
Take a look at the website!  
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- **1951 - 55th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-06-23 - Visit the Website  
Friday-Sunday, June 23-25, 2006  
Two very special reunion events are being planned during this exciting weekend when the nationally acclaimed Des Moines Arts Festival also takes place.  
Join us to share in the fun of seeing old friends in a dynamic new Des Moines!  
Visit our website for more details and to communicate with committee members.  
<http://www.trhs1951.org/>  
TRHS 55th Reunion  
P.O. Box 8429, Des Moines, IA 50301
- **1976 - 30th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-06-23 - Visit the Website  
Friday - Sunday, June 23-25, 2006  
Friday, June 23rd - Iowa Cubs Game  
Saturday, June 24th - evening event TBA  
Sunday, June 25th - TBA  
Visit our website to register and learn more or share your ideas. (Looking for reunion committee members.)  
Anne Koch Gaer, 515-274-6750  
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- **1956 - 50th Reunion**  
Date: 2006-09-08  
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Mark Reno (Class of 82)  
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**Annual Hall of Fame Day**  
 April 7, 2006

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 May 15, 2006

**Roosevelt Football Season Opener**  
 at Drake Stadium TRHS vs. Ames  
 September 1, 2006

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 November 11, 2006