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President's Letter

Foundation Contributes to Roosevelt's Excellence

The Roosevelt High School Foundation was established in 1983 to support student and alumni activities at Roosevelt High School. Since that time, the Foundation has contributed to Roosevelt High School in many ways. This year's contributions include:

- Establishing *Dollars for Scholars* at Roosevelt High School with the first awards, along with medallions, given to graduates at this year's graduation ceremony.
- Issuing Powell grants to 19 students to attend student leadership conferences, thespian conferences, and global youth leadership conferences. Four teachers were also awarded grants. Departmental grants in the sum of \$2,800 were awarded to the art department, English department, and to

the library.

- Funding the middle school open house and freshman orientation program put on by the PTA at Roosevelt.
- Sponsoring the 4th Annual Rider Cup golf outing at Waveland Golf Course in May. This event raises over \$10,000 annually.
- Establishing an Outstanding Contributor Award. This year's recipient was Timothy Dunn, Class of 1942.
- Sponsoring several scholarships, including the Herman Kirkpatrick Physics Scholarship, awarded to Ben Karney, the John Hansell Scholarship, awarded to Alex Munns, the Paula

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Principal's Letter

Go Riders! What's Happening at Roosevelt Today

Greetings!

We want you to stay connected to what is happening at Theodore Roosevelt High School today. This letter gives me an opportunity to do just that by sharing some current Roosevelt facts with you:

- Our enrollment for 2003-04 will be approximately 1,600 students.
- About 90% of Roosevelt graduates go on to 2- or 4-year colleges, and about 3% of our students attend business or trade schools or enter an apprentice program after high school.
- The diversity at Roosevelt High School is highly valued by our students, staff and families. We have approximately 24 different cultures represented at Roosevelt today with our most recent enrollees coming from Afghanistan.
- Roosevelt students and staff hold high expectations for academic performance for all students. This past school year we had one Achievement Scholar; fourteen students were named as National Merit Finalists, and ten were named as Commended Students. We consistently have students score above the national and Iowa average on the ACT test.
- The 2003 graduating class had 64 students in the top 3% of the senior class. These students graduated with a 4.0 grade point average or better. Many of these young people leave high school with college credit.
- More than 1,200 students participate in the extensive athletic programs (20) that we now offer at Roosevelt High School. Confer-

ence Championships came to 18 of the 20 sports this year.

- We currently have more than 30 active/staff-sponsored clubs.
- The Fine Arts Department, which includes art, band, orchestra, vocal music and drama, offers outstanding opportunities for student participation, and this year again won numerous individual and group awards for All-State competitions and regional and national competitions.
- Our Site Planning Committee completed the year-long study and development of an Educational Plan to assist with the renovation projects to begin in 2005. Through additional donations and fundraising efforts the plan includes the addition of a new student center, creating more inviting entrances to the north and south, developing more flexible classroom space and the addition of a wing or spaces specifically for fine and performing arts.
- Theodore Roosevelt High School was named to The National Register of Historic Places during the 2002-03 school year.

Roosevelt continues the traditions of excellence that you have led. Thank you for your continued interest and support of Roosevelt High School. I hope to see you when you return for your class reunions or when you are in the neighborhood. Go Riders!



Cordially,
Anita Micich, Principal

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Modersohn Scholarship, awarded to Margaret Malm, and the Andrew Holmes Scholarship, awarded to Jim Schwartz.

- Sponsoring the Hall of Fame ceremony on September 19, 2003. This year's honorees are: Ed Harvey, Class of 1934, Dr. Clark Hoffman, Class of 1946, and Chuck Betts, Class of 1950. The Hall of Fame honorees will be recognized at the fall alumni social and the home football game.
- Helping alumni classes holding reunions this summer with funds for mailings and facility deposits which are later repaid. The Foundation also provides tours of the building to the reunion classes.
- Contributing \$1,000 to the senior party. This event takes place the night of graduation from 10pm until 6am.

- Supporting the Site Planning Committee.

Roosevelt High School is scheduled to undergo major renovations starting in the fall of 2005.

The Foundation is helping our community at Roosevelt by providing financial support in a time of dwindling resources at both the state and local level. Roosevelt has had a tradition of excellence, and the Foundation is working hard, along with administrators, teachers, and parents, to maintain that excellence. Roosevelt High School has always been a leader in educating students in the Des Moines area. There is truly not a better place to be for a quality high school education than Roosevelt High School.

I encourage parents of students at Roosevelt as well as alumni and friends to join the Roosevelt Foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

~ Patti Graham, President

Roosevelt High School Foundation Presents: Hall of Fame Day September 19, 2003

Induction Ceremony
Noontime Reception
Annual Fall Dinner
Football Game

All friends of Roosevelt and alumni are encouraged to join in this annual get-together!

Annual Fall Dinner
Friday, September 19, 2003
5:30 PM at Sticks
(3531 SW 61st Street)
Roosevelt vs. Indianola
Hutchens Stadium @ 7:30

Please send reservations to:
Laurie Sloterdyk, 5436 Harwood Dr,
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Questions: Call 255-3035

Please make checks payable to:
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Please check our web page
www.trhsalumni.org
for additional information, including
times, locations and costs of the
activities.

Foundation News

Dollars for Scholars Awards First Scholarships

The Roosevelt Dollars for Scholars program awarded its first scholarships at the Roosevelt graduation ceremony held May 31 at the Knapp Center at Drake University. Five scholarships were awarded, and each scholarship was for \$500 for first-year college expenses.

The scholarships were awarded to:

Jason Madison, William Penn University

Lacey Wright, Simpson College

Lisa Weber, University of Northern Iowa

Evan Sharp, Washington University

Matthew Miller, University of Iowa.

Congratulations to these Roosevelt Seniors!

Dollars for Scholars is a nationwide program to encourage high school students to pursue higher education. The Roosevelt Foundation initiated the start of a Roosevelt Dollars for Scholars chapter in the fall of 2002.

This upcoming school year will be the first full year of Dollars for Scholars activities and fund raising. We hope to offer an increasing number of scholarships for Roosevelt seniors. This year's Dollar for Scholar President is Vicki Nail, 279-1084, naill@aol.com.



Bill Lozier, (65), Matthew R. Miller, Jason B. Madison, Lisa A. Weber, Lacey J. Wright, Evan C. Sharp

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Who is Purdykl? *by Marty Miller Kennedy ('74)*

You have seen her name in print every time you read a Roosevelt PTA or Foundation newsletter. Most of the staff and parents at RHS have her e-mail address memorized. Who is she?

Kim (Sawdey) Purdy, ('76), has been active at Roosevelt as a student, a parent volunteer, an alumni and an employee of the Roosevelt Foundation.

While a student at Roosevelt, Kim was in Sharks, Ski Club, French Club, Girls' Club and on the Christmas Dance Committee. Kim lettered on the competitive synchronized team her senior year and ran track for one year.

Kim went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in '81 and a Master of Public Administration in '94 from Drake University. She was also trained in Medical Technology at Mercy Medical Cen-

ter. Kim has held several jobs in the medical field and became an editor at Meredith Corporation in Des Moines.

Kim has volunteered countless hours as she raised her two Roughrider daughters Lindsey, ('04) and Paige, ('05), with her husband, Bill. At Roosevelt, Kim has been active in the PTA and Site Based Council. She is the editor of the Roosevelt Newsletter, keeping her in close touch with administrators, staff and parents.

In 2002 Kim was hired by the Roosevelt Foundation as a part-time administrator, responsible for maintaining the Foundation's database and facilitating alumni and board relations. Her strong educational background and love for Roosevelt makes her a very valuable addition.

REMEMBER TRHS FOREVER

You can help continue Roosevelt traditions by including TRHS in your will or estate plans.

By remembering TRHS in your bequest you can have an impact that will continue beyond your lifetime. You can give to the general Foundation fund or specify where you would like your support to go.

For more information about how you can keep the Roosevelt spirit going, contact:
Patti Graham
(255-6792)

Student News

Senior Party Celebrates 15 Years *by Marty Miller Kennedy ('74)*

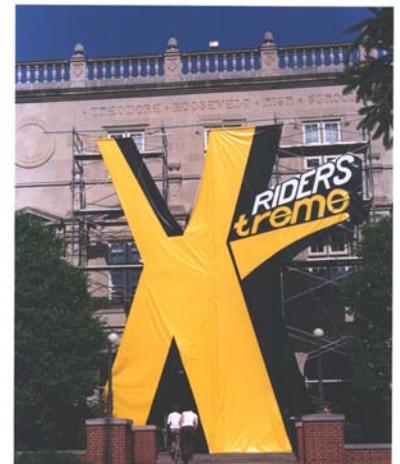
For the past 15 years Roosevelt parents have transformed the hallways of Roosevelt into something close to a Disney creation for their students to celebrate high school graduation.

Each year, starting in 1989, parents have held monthly meetings to plan for this all-night celebration. A theme is chosen, committees are formed and area assignments are given. Themes are carried throughout each area of the school, in the front hall, upper and lower hallways, the cafeteria, both gyms, the pool, the courtyard and the auditorium.

In 1989, the first theme, "Premier '89", took on a Hollywood-like flair. This year's class of

2003 celebrated all night to "Extreme Riders." The hallways and classrooms were decorated completely in black and white. Everything was made in exaggerated proportions: 8' flowers, 3' balloons and a huge dinosaur, for example. As one graduate explains, "you don't know which part of the school you are in. The hallways are so completely decorated."

This celebration is free to all graduating seniors and is alcohol-free. With support from parents, the community, local businesses and the Roosevelt Foundation, this all-night party provides our graduates a safe celebration that they will always remember.



Senior Party 2003

Current Events

Fourth Annual Rough Rider Cup Golf Tournament *by Jack Hilmes, ('72)*

Our "home course," Waveland, provided the venue for this year's fundraising event held on May 19, 2003. The weather was damp, but it had no effect on the spirits of our field of 90 golfers. The course was in magnificent shape thanks to excellent rainfall in May and provided plenty of challenge for golfers of all abilities. The four person best-shot event ended in a tie at 11 strokes under par. A team of past champions, Tom Child, Jamie Blackburn, Rick Adrianse and Jim Adrianse, were defeated by this year's champions, in a tie-breaker. The 2003 champions will have their names added to the coveted Roughrider Cup trophy. Congratulations to the 2003 victors: Roger Grefe, Laura Leonard, Denny Donnelly and Tom Halterman.

In addition to providing a forum for fun and sport, the tournament sponsor, Roosevelt High School Foundation, successfully raised money for the endowment fund of the Foundation. The focus of the endowment fund is providing college scholarship money to graduating TRHS seniors. As this article goes to press, deposits of more than \$10,000 have been made from proceeds of the golf tournament.

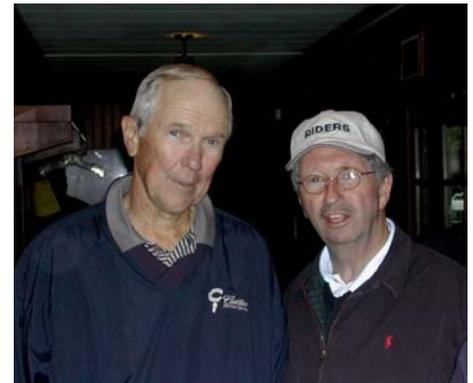
Many thank yous are in order. Tom Child, the Foundation's "director of golf op-

erations," devoted countless hours and energy to making this event a success. More than 30 individuals and businesses sponsored the tournament and are listed below. Finally, thanks to the players, friends and alumni who braved some moderately inclement weather and less than ideal golf conditions in the quest for the Roughrider Cup. Thanks to all!

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From left to right: Chuck Betts ('50) and Larry Martindale, former TRHS Principal

Roosevelt Hall of Fame Day in September *by John McKinney, ('90)*

Mark your calendars! This year's Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame Day will be Friday September 19, 2003. The Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Roosevelt Foundation, honors outstanding alumni that provide role models for the Roosevelt community. This year's inductees are: Ed Harvey (Class of 1934) a broadcast radio pioneer; Dr. H. Clark Hoffman (Class of 1946) a world-renown surgeon and missionary; and Chuck Betts (Class of 1950) a local businessman and community leader.

Activities during the day include: the induction ceremony during a late morning assembly at the school and a noon hour reception in the library. The inductees have all graciously agreed to spend time in the afternoon with students in their areas of interest and expertise. Later that evening, the inductees will be further recognized at the Annual Fall Social - an informal dinner at Sticks. The day will be capped off with a football game.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to at-

tend the daytime activities, the alumni dinner and the football game.

Please check our web page www.trhsalumni.org for additional information including times, locations and costs of the activities along with a full listing of past Hall of Fame members.

John F. McKinney III, ('90).
 Hall of Fame Chair

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Current Events *continued from page 5*

Roosevelt Site Team Completes

Building Plan *by Ed Conlow*

A 35-person committee of Roosevelt High School parents, students, community members, faculty, staff and alumni, meeting for a year, recently completed a plan to renovate the high school using revenue from the *Schools First* penny sales tax. The plan provides a general guide to be used by whichever architect is selected to design the renovation. The plan includes broad goals augmented by several appendices with specific lists of needs. While the school district expects to be able to finance substantial renovations at Roosevelt, with construction beginning in 2005 and ending in 2008, plans may need to be scaled back due to a decline in expected sales tax revenue because of the general downturn in the economy. For example, the committee's hope of establishing a fully equipped fine arts facility and of providing accommodations to host a full range of athletic events may not be fully realized without additional sources of revenue. Key concepts highlighted in the building plan include:

O **The arts:** There should be a facility devoted to the arts, including visual arts, vocal arts, musical instrumentation, and dramatic arts. The facility (which could be either a part of the existing school or a separate structure), should accommodate practice rooms, storage, an additional small performing space, and a community entrance. The existing auditorium should be improved for more efficient use.

O **Athletics:** Update the existing athletic facilities and incorporate a long-range plan that could accommodate new and expanded athletic facilities.

O **Student areas:** Roosevelt should provide a campus-like setting for students to gather and socialize, incorporating an adequate cafeteria and accommodating the needs of students who spend long hours at school. Internal spaces should connect in a way that provides a better flow of people and events. Other areas of emphasis: better organization of administration and support services; maintain the front lawn, green space, and the architectural elements of the building; be accessible for community events; be a safe and inviting place for gatherings.

O **Entrances:** Entrances need to be improved to provide welcoming and clearly defined methods to enter the building. A new entrance should be designed for athletic, fine arts and community events. This new entrance should provide a way to restrict access to academic areas during scheduled events.

O **Flexible classrooms:** Classroom space and technology must be designed to be flexible enough to accommodate changing curricula as well as fluctuating numbers of students and staff. Considerations include adequate lighting, ample storage space, technology needs, and temperature control.

Rider Merchandise

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XXL (\$30)	_____	_____
XXXL (\$30)	_____	_____
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medium (\$25)	_____	_____
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XL (\$25)	_____	_____
XXL (\$30)	_____	_____
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Athletics News

The Tradition Continues *by Dennis Johnson*

It is certainly a great time to be part of the Roosevelt High School family. Outstanding achievements include academics, activities and athletics. Academically, 14 students recently received recognition as National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists. This is the second highest total of any high school in the entire state. The 2002 ITED tests found each Roosevelt class placing above the 90th percentile. The journalism and yearbook programs have received national recognition for their publications and the music department is producing great results with their programs. The vocal, instrumental, and orchestra programs each received top marks with twenty students receiving all-state recognition. In science, several Roosevelt students were part of a team that placed first in the nation in chemistry challenges this past year.

The Roosevelt athletic programs continue to excel on the state and conference level. On the state level, the boys cross country team captured their second consecutive team championship and finished the year with a top ten national ranking. Additional state success includes boys soccer and track finish-

ing third at state, girls track finishing eighth at state, and individual state champions in girls swimming, boys tennis, girls track, and boys track. To date, the Roughriders have accumulated 11 conference championships and placed 2nd in five additional sports. The fans have certainly returned with large followings at football and overflowing basketball crowds.

There have been several noticeable changes in the campus area. One very noticeable change is a new indoor pitching facility. This state of the art building was designed, funded, and built using community resources. Another improvement involves the installation of new bleachers in the gymnasium, adding color and comfort to an arena filled with great memories.

High school years are some of the most formative and important times of our lives. We can all be proud of Roosevelt High School. Its academic programs and faculty are second to none. It offers cultural diversity that teaches students tolerance and acceptance. In addition, it offers an athletic program that encourages physical fitness, team-

work, and valuable lessons in learning to win and lose gracefully. We not only take pride in their athletic accomplishments, but also their positive contributions to our community. We will continue our efforts to teach respect, responsibility, and citizenship to these future leaders. It has been many years since Roosevelt so lived up to its athletic department's motto, "Pursuing Victory with Honor."

One of the great strengths of the Roosevelt community is their tremendous support. Financial support is important, but just as important is the never-ending pride in their school. I assure you – the students still RESPECT the tradition and significance of Roosevelt High School. It's something special to be a Roughrider and a part of the Roosevelt family. As the school song begins... "Stand up and cheer for dear old Roosevelt" It certainly is a great school!



Sincerely,
Dennis V. Johnson, Athletic Director

(Dennis will end his position at Roosevelt by becoming the Central Academy Coordinator of the Des Moines Public Schools this fall.—See article page 9 entitled Athletic Director Accepts New Challenge.)

Teacher Profiles

The Craft of Teaching *by Kathy Collins Reilly ('68)*

Under a receding hairline, over a slight chin cleft, and behind trademark horn-rimmed glasses, Everett Craft's 78-year-old eyes still twinkle. In a somewhat raspy voice, perhaps worn from nearly 40 years of teaching, he recalls what he terms his "Golden Years" from 1954 to 1979 when he was chair of the English department at Roosevelt High School.

"I taught with a faculty that was dedicated. The athletic teams coached by Prior, Comito,

and Munger were incredibly good. Roger Anderson's production of 'My Fair Lady' was amazing. We had more Merit Scholars than any school in the state in '65, the same year we won the state [basketball] championship." He can still name a host of students he taught over the years.

Mr. Craft's students recall him, too. Some are still in touch. Some became English teachers because of him. Others just smile at the

memory of diagramming sentences involving the antics of Craft-ed characters such as Barfalina Retch, Tignore Sigafos, and Comfort Goodpasture. Or of their first exposure to Mark Twain. Or of acting out Wilder's "Our Town" in class. Tittering over the subliminal sexuality in "The Scarlet Letter." And of course, there was "Julius Caesar."

In the spring of 1965, senior **Tom Gerdes**, whose father was a teacher elsewhere in the

The Craft of Teaching *by Kathy Collins Reilly ('68) continued from page 7.*

Des Moines school system, nailed Mr. Craft in the face with a cream pie as his teacher stood, clad in a white sheet-cum-toga, delivering a Shakespearean oration as Caesar. "Beware the Ides of March!" followed by a pie in the face became a March 15 tradition that carried over into Craft's years at Hoover High School, 1979 to 1989, when he finally laid down his chalk.

Everett Craft taught with one foot in the "old school." Students were required to memorize poems and soliloquies. Grammar was at the core of writing. One learned from Mr. Craft that it is not possible for something to "center around." Rather, it must "center on." One also learned to not split infinitives. Correction: not to split infinitives. "Avoid clichés like the plague." Above all, remember that "a preposition is a word not to end a sentence with."

Yet he was also more engaging than other educators. He taught with a sense of humor, making learning fun. Laughter was commonplace in Room 110. Craft recalled a day in 1959 or '60. He was reading Poe's "The Tell-tale Heart," complete with a student (probably **Dick Shaw**, in this case) under the desk with a pillow and a drumstick, directed to provide the muffled heartbeat at the appropriate times. As the plot progresses, the narrator (Craft) goes mad. "My collar was open, tie askew, and I was screaming" for effect when Mr. Battrick burst into Craft's classroom. "Are you all right, Mr. Craft???" asked the shaken principal. "I told him I had been reading 'The Telltale Heart,' with some degree of vigor, but that the moment was now spoiled."

On another occasion, Craft read the poem "Birches" from a lofty perch on the west campus, only to disappoint a well-intentioned school liaison officer who thought surely his

students had "treed" him.

Married for 54 years this summer to Eunice, his best friend, the retired teacher travels a bit and reads -- mostly non-fiction, with a definite preference for biographies. "My reading taste now is probably a reaction to all of the fiction I taught," said Craft. He recited recently read memoirs: "Seabiscuit, Sandy Koufax's biography, and those of John Adams and Lily Burana." Lily who? "She was a stripper. Worked all over the country. I found the book fascinating."

Everett and Eunice are the parents of two sons: David, who lives in Ames, works for the state, and who has authored five books; and Doug, an officer in the Merchant Marines with a home in Tampa, Florida. The Crafts typically get to St. Louis once a year to see his beloved Cardinals, and visit Doug to see him, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Devil Rays.

"I've been a lucky guy, I really have. I taught during an exciting time -- the 60s and 70s -- when there was a lot of upheaval." To prove his point, Mr. Craft shared two memories that now appear to be politically discordant, revolving around the war in Viet Nam.

"In my early career, I taught at Rockwell City. One of my students became a POW in Viet Nam. I tried to correspond with him, but to no avail. When he was released, there was a big ceremony in Rockwell City, and he invited me to be there. The young man delivered a speech describing his experience and how he kept his mind active. He and the other POWs couldn't speak to one another, but they used signals. 'When we did speak, we had contests where we recited memorized poems,'



Everett Craft

the student said, 'and I won because of The Cremation of Sam McGhee. I want to thank the man who helped keep my mind alive.' And then he introduced me."

His former student asked Everett E. Craft to stand and be recognized. "My knees were shaking like a pair of dice on Army pay day," recalled Craft. "I was so nervous," and yet so touched.

The other end of the political spectrum that was the Viet Nam era involved the sophomore students he supported in the fall of 1965 who were suspended for protesting the war by wearing black armbands to school. The kids sued the district and its administrators, losing all the way until the United States Supreme Court reversed the lower courts and established that "students and teachers in the public schools do not shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gate." The landmark case of *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District* arose in the halls of Roosevelt High School under the watchful eye of Everett Craft, who "may have had a slightly different view of the students" than did some of his colleagues.

"I did tell [a school board member] that if I couldn't handle a student with a black armband, I'm not much of a teacher. And I think I heard later that the Court used that in part as justification for their decision" that there was little disruption caused by the students' protest.

Near the end of his teaching career, Mr. Craft was a Top Five Finalist for Iowa Teacher of the Year. "That was a good experience," he said modestly. To many of his former students, however, he was "Teacher of a Lifetime," not easily forgotten.

Teacher Profiles *continued from page 8.*

Athletic Director Accepts New Challenge *by Marty Kennedy, (74)*

Dennis Johnson has been walking the halls of Roosevelt for the past 28 years. Students, parents, alumni and staff know him as a teacher, a coach, an administrator and a friend. In his most recent position at Roosevelt of Athletic Director, Dennis has attracted outstanding coaches, has seen student participation triple in numbers and has been instrumental in building a booster club (Rider's Club) to support our school's athletes.

Dennis will end his position at Roosevelt by becoming the Central Academy Coordinator of the Des Moines Public Schools this fall.

"I've had one of the greatest jobs I can ever imagine and have the opportunity to move into another great situation," Johnson said. "Leaving Roosevelt is one of the toughest deci-

sions I have ever made, but I look forward to the new challenge."

Roosevelt has enjoyed recent success in athletics having taken many conference titles. (See letter from the Athletic Director)

"There are outstanding coaches in place and there couldn't be a more supportive community to keep the programs improving." Johnson said.

Dennis Johnson will leave Roosevelt this fall as Athletic Director, but not without having left a strong legacy. Roosevelt has greatly benefited from a man of his caliber and integrity with a love for athletics and strong commitment to education.

(See letter form Dennis Johnson, Athletic Director on page 7.)

Alumni Notes

- New job?
- Moved to a new city?
- Recently married?
- Earned a degree?
- Welcomed a new member to the family?

We want to hear your news and share it with your fellow TRHS alums!

Please contact:
 Kim Purdy
 720 56th St.
 Des Moines, IA 50312
 or send us an email at:
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2003-2004

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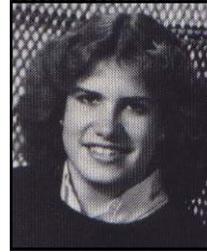


Alumni News

Do You Recognize Your Classmates?

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

If you recognize these people, send your answer to: Kim Purdy, 720-56th Street, Des Moines, IA 50312. First postmarked or date-stamped correct answers win. In case you were wondering, first respondents are determined by postmark if the answer is sent by mail, or date stamp if by e-mail. So, if you use USPS, you're not at a disadvantage.



Take Time Out, Suggests TRHS Grad by *Marion Elmquist, ('68)*

John Bridgman ('55) has recently published a book that suggests people take a "time out" from the daily grind and adopt 15 principles to guide them through their business and personal lives.

"Time out... It's Your Call, 15 Principles of Success for Business and Life" is based on John's experiences as a student athlete and successful businessman.

At Roosevelt, John played football, baseball, was a swimmer and diver, and was president of the student council. He graduated from Iowa State with a BS in Industrial Engi-

neering and has been in sales and sales management ever since. His work has taken him from Milwaukee to Boston, Pennsylvania, Detroit, New York State, and to his current home, Wichita Falls, Texas. Job titles have ranged from sales engineer, branch sales manager, regional sales manager, marketing manager, president, and group vice president.

Along with his active business life, John has been very active in his church and community. He and his wife (his childhood sweetheart, **Gretchen (Green) Bridgman ('55)** have three children and six grandchildren.

Class Reunion Extraordinaire by *John Murphy, ('53)*

The Class of 1953 celebrated their 50th reunion at the Savery Hotel on June 13, 14, and 15. With 150 classmates attending, a three hour dinner buffet was ideal for visiting and viewing memorabilia. Stover photography was taking snapshots as people conversed. Don Cole, from New Zealand, and his guitar treated us to a couple of songs. A special jazz session was performed by the Frank Perosky Trio.

Saturday morning included a golf outing and a bus tour of Des Moines and Roosevelt High School. After that the classmates enjoyed a box lunch at Nollen Plaza.

Saturday evening class pictures were taken before the dinner and dance. Emcee **Mary Brubaker, ('53)** introduced The Greg Spevak Orchestra. Memorabilia and class and small group pictures were on display and enjoyed by many until early Sunday morning.

A farewell brunch was hosted by **Sue and Larry Engman, ('53)** at their beautiful home which was decorated in blue and white.

All attending class members received a sweatshirt with the class logo and all 398 classmates names, a bio book, and a clock with

Last Recall's Winners!

Jacqueline (Wagoner) Griffiths, ('55), Weldon, Iowa and **Robert Lehman, (53)**, Merritt Island, Florida were winners of our last "Do You Recognize Your Classmates?" contest. They were the first correct respondents to the contest.

Jacqueline correctly identified **Russ Thureau ('53)** and Robert identified **Lisa Anderson Seidenkranz ('78)**. The winners will received a TRHS Christmas ornament.

Honorable mention for correctly identifying Russ also goes to **Marilyn (Lawson) Nicholson ('53)** and **Al Cavey ('33)**.



From left to right: Nick Dascalos, Terry Tone, Jim Standefer, Jerry Bellmer, Frank Perosky, and John Elman.

the 50th TRHS class logo inscribed on the case.

Responses have indicated that the 1953, 50th class reunion was the most successful ever!

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