Revving up for The Big Reunion

Have you made your reservations yet for the super festivities of the all-school sesquicentennial reunion?

Do you know whom to contact to make reservations or get more information?

Tho' the City of Grinnell kicked off its sesquicentennial year this November, one of the big weekends of the year will be our All School GHS Alumni Reunion. The designated alumni day will be JULY 3, 2004.

However, the entire weekend will include many events that may involve alumni. For more complete information regarding the weekend please take note of the following updates in this newsletter.

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Decade Chairs and Class Agents

Decade chairs will work with 10 class agents of their decade to relay information, assist with planning, and coordinate class needs for July 3, 2004. Class Agents will be responsible for contacting class members by letter, phone or e-mail when possible. They will keep class members informed of special happenings such as group meals, parade float options, and other events of the weekend unique to the class. If you have an e-mail address, send that ASAP so you will receive all updates. If you cannot contact your class agent, please contact the Decade Chair or Patti Marsho at the GHS Alumni Office. See page 2 for list of Decade Chairs and Class Agents.

Registration and Class Table Info

On Saturday, July 3, Central Park, the Veterans Memorial Building, the Community Center and Fourth Ave. between Park St. and Broad St. will be the sites of all class reunion tables and registration tables. Joanne Renaud Wells ’54 will chair registration.

Reunion tables will be set up according to prior requests from class agents, according to the anticipated number of alumni. Therefore, it is important to let your class agent know if you are expecting to be in attendance for any part of the day. Tables may be for individual classes, cluster years or a decade. Classes may use tables for display of annuals, pictures or other memorabilia or simply a place to sit and visit. Most tables will be set up in the park unless a class specifies the desire to be in the Memorial Building. The gazebo may have ongoing entertainment by former high school band groups. Class agents are encouraged to let the Alumni Council know of possible groups who might be invited to perform.

Registration tables will be operating on Friday 4-7pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. They will be located near the north entrance to the Veterans Memorial Building at the corner of Fourth Ave. and Broad St.

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DECADE CHAIRS AND CLASS AGENTS

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Hall of Fame
Nominations Due June 1
New nominations for the Grinnell High School Hall of Fame are due June 1 to nominating committee Rick Ramsey ’56, Dick Ritter ’52, or Jerry Hagen ’51. Final decisions for new Hall of Fame members will be determined by the Alumni Board of Directors at the June meeting. New members will be announced at the July 3 All Alumni Day business meeting scheduled at 11am in the old high school auditorium.
Criteria for selection: 1) attended Grinnell High School, 2) made significant contributions to society, and 3) is deceased.
Names of the first GHS Hall of Fame honorees were presented at the July 2000 reunion. They are William “Billy” Robinson, Charles Hink, Harry Hopkins, Charles Manly, Ruth Suckow, Cornelia Clarke, Fannie Buchanan, Hallie Ferguson-Flanagan Davis, Arthur Radford, John Talbot, M.D., Julia Wheeler, Helen Renfrow Lemme and Robert Noyce.
Send nominations c/o GHS Alumni Association, 927 Fourth Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112-2055, Attn: Patti Marso or alumnidBF@grinnell.k12.ia.us

Registration and Class Table Info
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A registration fee of $5 per alumni will be charged to cover basic costs. If possible, this should be mailed in to the registration address prior to the day. However, registrations will be accepted at the table as well. Preregistration and payment will save time by making it possible for you to just pick up your official name badge, Alumni Showcase tickets and packet of information regarding your class.

Alumni Breakfast
On Saturday 7-10am the Grinnell Elks Lodge will be serving a breakfast for GHS Alumni. There will be a $5 charge payable at the door. No reservations will be taken, but they will be able to serve approximately 500 during the three hours.

(More reunion info on next page)
Alumni Showcase

A major event of the weekend will be the Alumni Showcase which will feature alumni from every decade. This event will be held at the Community Theater and Art Gallery. It will include many GHS alumni who are professionals in the performing arts or visual arts. Planning committee for the Alumni Showcase includes Esther Bethel, Debby Pohlson and Frank Shults.

The Alumni Showcase will be the only fundraising event for the entire reunion. You are encouraged to attend and be entertained as well as proud of the many talents developed by your former classmates. The show will include performances in the theater (formerly the GHS auditorium), an art show being held in the new Community Art Center adjacent to the theater lobby, and a reception after the show at which time all performing and visual artists will be available to greet old friends.

Tickets may be purchased exclusively by Alumni and their guests until May 31, 2004. At that time, tickets will go on sale locally for the general public. Tickets will be $10 each or $12 at the door. The price includes a wine and cheese reception, stage performance and gallery show.

Showcase times: Sat. July 3, 7:30pm and Sun., July 4, 1:30pm

To order tickets, contact Esther Bethel 236-4780 or Debby Pohlson, 236-4581. Make checks payable to GHS Alumni Association. Be sure to specify which Alumni Showcase date on your check.

Alumni Art Gallery Exhibit

Open to GHS Alumni who are media/professional artists. For information, contact your class agent or decade chair.

Alumni Business Meeting and Hall of Fame awards

The Alumni Business Meeting and Hall of Fame awards will take place in the Community Center Theatre at 11am on Saturday morning, July 3. Hall of Fame nominations are due by June 1, 2004. See Hall of Fame details on Page 2.

Central Park Gazebo Entertainment

During the day on July 3, the Central Park gazebo will be the location for various groups from the past to gather and resurrect some of the music they played in their high school days. Whether your group has played since high school or not, this will be great fun. Jon Baumgartner ’72, 236-5237, zege@iowatelecom.net, is chair for this event. He needs to hear from alumni groups interested in participating. We will have a schedule of all the groups and individuals who will be playing and the time they will appear. This info sheet will be included in the alumni packets.

Parades, Street Dance & Beer Garden

The Summer of 2004 will open with a bang! Aside from fireworks, there are many events that you can attend as you return to Grinnell. On Friday, July 2, there will be Grinnell’s first electric light parade, beginning at dusk. The route will resemble the usual Homecoming Parade route in the Central Business district. Each parade entry will have as many lights as it can hold.

Saturday evening, July 3, the city has planned an all-city dance. There will be a beer garden with musical entertainment for all.

Then on the Fourth of July, the City of Grinnell concludes its spectacular weekend with the traditional parade, food, live entertainment, and fireworks. This national holiday has grown to be one of the biggest and best events for our town.

If you have questions, contact Rick Jacoby ’89, at 236-4941 or at jacob@pepnet.com. You may also check the city’s website at http://www.grinnellia.org and click on the sesquicentennial link.

Former Grinnell Teachers Recognition

All former Grinnell-Newburg teachers and administrators are invited to participate. There will be a special table in the park during registration where alumni may meet their teachers. Co-chairs: Betty and Leroy Schneider, 236-3386, blschn@pepnet.com.

What About Housing?

The Grinnell High School Alumni Association is working with Grinnell College to accommodate alumni who need housing over the July 4 weekend. Their dining and dormitory facilities will be available if there is a need. The Grinnell Alumni Association will provide dormitory housing at the rates/prices (per person, per day) as follows: multiple occupancy, w/AC: $30; single occupancy, w/AC: $35; multiple occupancy no AC: $20; single occupancy, no AC: $25.

Breakfast daily plan, served approx 7:15–8:15am, $6; Lunch daily plan, 12–1pm, $7; Dinner daily plan, 5:15–6:15pm, $10.

Multiple occupancy: twin beds, a desk, a chair, and an in-room telephone (local calls). Also provided: two sheets, one towel, and one pillowcase. Restroom facilities are down the hall. A room and building key will be provided.

Since the Alumni Association needs an early response from persons who have an interest in dormitory housing and/or meals provided by the college during the Alumni Day weekend, a special Post Office Box is now available for this purpose. Send your name and the type of accommodation you would like BY MARCH 1, with (Continued inside back cover)
Class of 1953
50th Reunion • Sept. 5-6

“50 short years/ Gone by so fast/ Here we are/ Together at last!” read the ‘Burma Shave’ signs that greeted members of the class of ’53 to their reunion picnic. At right, Larry King wears his “Class Rooster” cap as he greets Bob and Nancy Abel Wagner.

The picnic was hosted by Carol Emmert Peters Friday. Pete Pedersen, pictured with a leg brace, explains his injury to Virginia Turner Ahrens and Bob Molison. Five former football players, including Pete, later attended the Grinnell-Boone game, cheering Grinnell to victory. Bob Molison opened the game by singing “The Star Spangled Banner.”

A Saturday morning school bus ride included stops at the high school and Davis Elementary, and showed how Grinnell is growing in residential and industrial areas. Enjoying the ride are, from left, Virginia Turner Ahrens, Jack and Kathleen Ross, Dolores Weaver Harrison and Garnel Rehberg Gertsma. Shirley Van Draska Frazier and husband Loy, Nancy Abel Wagner, Ed and Gail Jantz, Kay Schallau Walker and Gerry Adkins Gaskill, and Bill Graham, husband of Millie Stoker Graham.

A Saturday night dinner at the Country Club was followed by a musical skit titled “Goin’ to a Dance at GHS: a ’50s Recollection in Music.” Bob Molison wrote the script (read by Larry King and Virginia Turner Ahrens) and played piano. Pictured above, Phil Queen, Jack Ross, and Jon Curtis sing “Stranger in Paradise.” Phil’s “Your Cheatin’ Heart” and “Blueberry Hill” solos were audience favorites.

One of the songs the girls’ quartet sang was the Andrews Sisters’ “I Wanna Be Loved.” Getting serious about the “with inspiration” part are Anita Walter Conway, Betty Broyles Gerber, Shirley Van Draska Frazier, and Pat Overhuizer Rohovit. Forty-one members attended their 50th from the original 76-member class.

Class of 1963
40th Reunion • June 20-21

The 40th reunion of the GHS Class of 1963 was held in Grinnell June 20-21. Bill Lannom hosted a Friday evening barbecue. Finding some time to talk are reunion members Karlene DeBonitz Gregory, Linda Edgington Ketelsen, and Ann Ahrens Allen.

Saturday night the group gathered for a catered meal and party at State Street Station. From the left are Warren Taylor, Larry “Ted” Long, Bob Bevins, John Craig, Bill Lannom, and Larry Barnes.

Among those dancing “The Stroll” at the State Street Station Saturday night are, from left, Cindy Keeney Cronn, Sonja Sorensen Craig, Dorothy Hoefer Lumsden, Carol Allgood Jordan, Judy Estal Vosepka, Carol Lauber, and Janet Foster Barnes.
Class of 1968
35th Reunion • July 5

The class of ’68 held a one-night informal gathering on July 5 at State Street Station to mark their 35th year reunion. Checking the yearbook for names is Tom Pefferman.

Smiles abound as Linda Clark, left, greets former classmates Larry Billman and Roberta Collins.

Bill Wiley and Debbie Ahrens Walker pause for a photo during social hour.

Martha Craig Devine has a hug for old friend Jim King. Classmates came from both coasts and Anchorage, Alaska, to attend the event.

Class of 1978
25th Reunion • July 25-26

The Class of 1978 held their 25th reunion July 25-26. Activities included a catered family picnic Friday evening at Ahrens Park, a golf outing, and a dinner-dance Saturday at the Grinnell Country Club. Janet Lindblom Adams is pictured checking in with Wendy Gerrish, Mary Beth Yount Muller, and Dean Hull.

Fifty classmates plus their spouses and families attended reunion activities. Catching up before dinner, from left, are Linda Gray, Becky Foege Eggen with her husband John, and Gerald Haines.

Michelle Gropper Reitzler and Becky Doane Morgan reminisce at the 25-year reunion of the Class of ’78.

Seated together at the social hour before dinner Saturday night, from left, are Marina Hueffner, Eric and Lorri Beyer Gettes, Rhonda Thompson Bjelland with husband Tim, and Tracy Jensen. Tracy and Vicki Jensen hosted the group Friday evening.
Class of 1983
20th Reunion • July 4–5

Forty-two members of the Class of ’83 paused for a photo in Central park before an evening of Fourth of July fireworks and a late get-together at State Street Station.

Class of 1988
15th Reunion • June 27–28

Seventy-four members of the GHS Class of 1988 attended their June 27–28 reunion. From left, are Nikki Seaba Rubino, Laura Kolpin Flowers, Meg Lannom Carr, Kama Larson Small, Mindy Schmidt, Deb Collum-Caldewood, Lisa Haworth, and Jessica Sherman.

Classmates traveled from both coasts to be in Grinnell for the reunion. From left are Tracy Gorsch Chaska, Tom Helmke, Tammy Benson, all from Iowa, and Rob Cushing from Watertown, Mass.

Old friends, from left, are Todd Sisson, Ruben Moffett, John Mohan, and Scott Hendrickson. Scott Hendrickson has created a web page for the class at http://artscl.wustl.edu/~sahendri/ghs/index.html.

Reunion activities included family swimming at the city pool, a golf tournament at Oakland Acres, a tour of the high school, dinner and dancing at the Country Club Saturday night, and a picnic on Sunday. From left: Matt Doty, Dan Toney, Steve Sherman, David Harris, and Derek Walton share some beverages and conversation.

Thanks to Bob ‘53 Molison for the good old Tiger Fight Song!

Is your class ready to make tracks to the All-School Reunion in 2004?

A dance DJ’d by Dave Gallagher completed the reunion events. Pictured on the dance floor are, from left, Marcia Parker Thompson, Lori Sears, Tim Bush, and Cindy Anderson Wagner.
SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE
from Dr. Dave Stoakes

The fall of 2003 has been an exciting
time for the entire Grinnell-Newburg
Community. A successful bond election
was held on September 9 which was the
final piece of the funding puzzle which
will result in a $10.9 million project at
Grinnell High School. The other two
pieces include the use of $2.9 million
dollars from the one-cent Local Option
Sales Service Tax, and a phenomenal
private fundraising campaign co-chaired
by Tim Marsho and Dr. Dave Smith
which raised a total of $3.8 million.

Construction will begin in late spring
or early summer of 2004 with an antic-
pated completion in late fall of 2005. De-
sign teams will begin to work immediately
with Steve Knerim of O.P.N. Architects.
Steve is an alumnus of G.H.S. graduating
in 1981, and his father Bob retired at the
end of the 2000-2001 school year after
teaching math for 37 years at G.H.S.

The completed project will include a
new auditorium with 700 seats and a fly
system, a 1695-seat gymnasium, and
almost $1 million in renovations to ex-
tisting classrooms.

This project would not have been pos-
sible without the very generous support
of local G.H.S. alumni living in the area
and those living throughout the country.
On behalf of the thousands of future
G.H.S. graduates who will benefit from
what will be a “state-of-the-art” facili-
ty, I want to express our sincere thanks
and appreciation. After the completion
of the project, it will be our pleasure to
provide you with a tour when you gather
for your class reunions.

GHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Join Today

AND WAIVE

YOUR ALUMNI REUNION
$5 REGISTRATION FEE!

Just come to the registration table July 3 & pick up your reunion packet!

$25 Five-year membership
$50 Lifetime membership

Write checks to: GHS Alumni Assoc., 927 Fourth Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112-2055. Attn: Patti Marsho

What About Housing?
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the dates and payment, to Robert T.
Kalupek, Alumni Association, P.O. Box
363, Grinnell, IA 50112. Checks should
be made out to the GHS Alumni Asso-
ciation. Class reps may also contact Bob
with housing requests, either by phone
641-236-6475, 1620 Broad Street in
Grinnell, or the Box 363 address.

LOCAL MOTELS/BEDS &
BREAKFAST AND CAMPING:
Alumni will make their own reservations
for motels and B&Bs. Special rates may
be available to senior citizens upon re-
quest. A local listing is provided here
with phone numbers for your consider-

Cafe Phoenix Inn, site of Phoenix
Restaurant, 834 Park St., 236-3657; Car-
rriage House B&B, 1133 Broad St., 236-
7520; Clayton Farms B&B, 621 New-
burg Rd., 236-3011; Country Inn,
1710 West St., 236-9600; Days Inn, I-
80 & 146, 236-6710; Econo Lodge,
2210 West St., 236-6116; Four Winds,
Hwy. 6 West, 236-3125; Marsh House
B&B, 833 East St., 236-0132; Super 8,
Hwy., 146 & I-80, 236-9600.

ALUMNI WITH CAMPERS:
please contact Rick Jacoby '89 regard-
ing $20/night rates; 236-4941, jacyby@
pccpartner.net.

The Grinnell Chamber of Commerce
is located at 833 Fourth Ave., phone 236-
6555.

UPCOMING REUNIONS 2004

ATTENTION ’41 – Dinner cost on July 2, $12/ person, at 7pm, Lang’s
Barn. Reservations due June 1 to Lucille Anderson for caterer’s numbers.

CLASS OF ’42 – Meet at 6:30pm July 2 at Carmen Center, Mayflower.
Buffet $8. Reservations by June 15 to Elaine Heishman, 914 Orchard Drive,
Grinnell.

CLASS OF ’43, ’44, & ’45 – July 2 ‘Get-Together’ 1–5pm, snacks and
cash bar, $3; July 3 brunch Saturday, 8–11 am, $9. Both at Grinnell Golf
and Country Club.

CLASS OF ’44 – 60th Reunion, Contact Bob Smith, 236-3522

CLASS OF ’47 – 57th Reunion, dinner Friday, July 2, at 6pm at
Seeland Park Social Center. Contact Maynard Raffety, 236-7613.

CLASS OF ’49 – 55th Reunion, Friday night, July 2, Grinnell Coffee
Company, 7pm; Saturday, July 3, reunion dinner, Eagles Lodge, 6pm.
Contact Mike Hotchkiss, 236-6460.

CLASS OF ’54 – 50th Reunion, July 9–11, Contact Hugh & Jan
Wichman German, 236-4092

CLASS OF ’64 – 40th Reunion, dinner at The Depot Friday, July 2,
before joining Alumni Day activities. Contact Mary Martindale Doty, 236-
4711.

CLASS OF ’69 – 35th Reunion, July 3–4, Contact Janna Lang Stoker,
236-5531, jannaypi@netins.net or Clark Jensen, 236-6380,
cjensen@pccpartner.net

CLASS OF ’74 – 30th Reunion, July 3–4. Dinner, Depot Crossing
Saturday, July 3, at 5pm. Scheduled Alumni Day events plus optional bike
ride, golf, tour of new high school addition. Contact Anne Standerwick,
236-7632.

CLASS OF ’79 – 25th Reunion, Summer 2004, Contact Vickie Harris
Rutherford, 236-8403

CLASS OF ’84 – 20th Reunion, Friday, July 2 at 7pm in newly redecor-
ated Eagles meeting room, $10 per person. Classes ’82 & ’86 are invited to
join in. Send money to Jerry Axmear, 1065 Old 6 Road, Malcom, 50157.
Want to help? Call Jane Overturf Axmear, 641-528-3010,
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So what’s more fun than a class reunion?
No arguments here:
just ask members of the Class of ‘53!
(*** more reunion photos inside!)

Tiger spirit will march on!