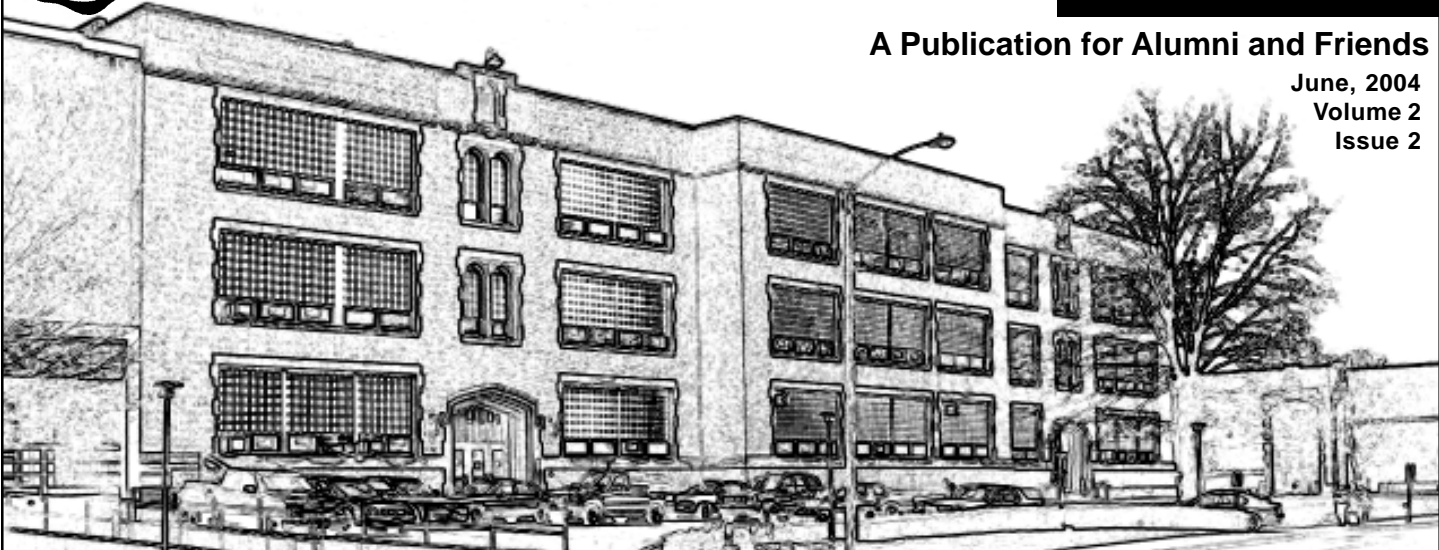




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Danville High School Honors One of Its Own *Dick Van Dyke*



A weekend of memories ...
Left: Dick Van Dyke performing with DHS students. Right: Marty Lindvahl, Jennifer Woodrow, Dick Van Dyke, Mark Lindvahl, and Mark Denman. Below: Dick Van Dyke after arriving at DHS.



Left: Making prints for the celebrity walk at the Fischer Theatre.



Right: Van Dyke autographs the tennis shoe of a DHS student.



A scene from the Dick Van Dyke tribute.



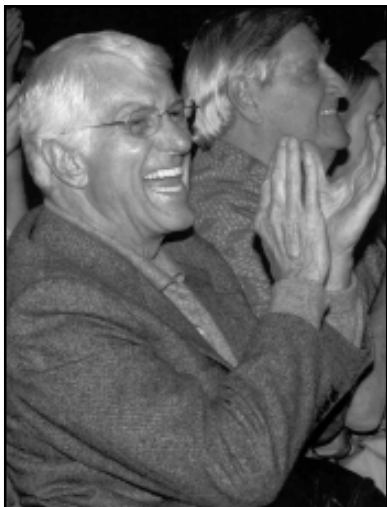
Dick Van Dyke and Marty Lindvahl, choral director.



Dick Van Dyke Comes Home

The weekend of April 29-May 1, 2004, will be one that Danville High School long remembers. After five months of anticipation, excitement, and exhaustive preparation by the students and staff of DHS, Dick Van Dyke drove himself into the school's circle drive at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. Met by Mark Denman, principal, Marty Lindvahl, choral director, and several dozen students and parents, Dick Van Dyke was led to the auditorium where he was greeted by the cast of "Bye, Bye Birdie," many of the students' parents, and members of the DHS faculty. Expected at 7:00 p.m., Dick Van Dyke explained that he always arrived early to all of his appointments – training from his days as a radio announcer at WDAN. Danville High School's comedy star then had a short practice of the production number with the student cast. Dressed casually in cargo pants, Dick Van Dyke's informal and friendly manner immediately impressed the students and all of those present. Making plans for the next day before he returned to his hotel, all present realized that the hope that this accomplished member of the Class of 1944 would return to Danville High School was indeed going to be fulfilled.

Invited back to be honored by Danville High School as a distinguished alumnus, Dick Van Dyke agreed to the homecoming and a packed three-day schedule. Danville High School Music and Drama Departments produced and presented "Bye, Bye Birdie" on both Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1. This was the very vehicle that Dick Van Dyke premiered in as Albert Peterson 44 years ago at the



Dick Van Dyke enjoying a practice session for "Bye, Bye Birdie."

George Beck Theatre on Broadway. This ultimately was the break that led to his astounding television and movie career. After watching the student production on both evenings, Dick Van Dyke was honored by his proud alma mater. Both nights were sold-out, standing room only houses that attested to the love and affection that the community has for the 78 year-old actor.

The tribute began with a video entitled, "Danville



Dick Van Dyke, Class of 1944, being honored by Danville High School

High School Honors Dick Van Dyke, Class of 1944," produced by Craig Lindvahl, an Emmy Award winning filmmaker from Effingham and brother of DHS band director, Mark Lindvahl. The film focused upon Dick Van Dyke's years at Danville High School, his circle of close friends known as the Burfords, and the teachers who influenced him. Since Dick Van Dyke left Danville High School before the end of his senior year to enter the army, Superintendent Gary Tucker, board members David Groves and Leon Parker, and DHS Registrar Nancy Van Vickle presented him with his Class of 1944 diploma. Danville mayor, Scott Eisenhauer, then introduced Dick Van Dyke's friends, the Burfords, to the audience. The three surviving friends, Harold

Brown, Robert Hackman, and Jerry Seawright, who had flown across the country to honor Dick Van Dyke, were interviewed by the mayor and entertained the audience with reminiscences of their famous friend. The 100-member combined show choirs then performed a production number entitled, "Dick Van Dyke – One of Our Own," a medley of songs from Dick Van Dyke's career. Choreographed by Michael Weaver and arranged by Robert Hills, the highlight of the production occurred when Mr. Van Dyke himself came out to perform "Put On a Happy Face" with the cast. Principal Mark Denman then recounted the Dick Van Dyke story and, on behalf of all students of Danville High School, past and present, honored Dick Van Dyke for a lifetime of achievement that made his name and image known across the nation and the world. Noting the repeated references that Dick Van Dyke has made regarding the effect that DHS teachers, Miss Mary Miller and Miss Pansy Legg, had upon his life, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Lindvahl presented the school's gift to Dick Van Dyke, a crystal vase, designed in his honor; it detailed the recognition bestowed by DHS with the following etched on the surface of the glass – the seal of Danville High School, Dick Van Dyke's senior photograph, and images of his two favorite teachers, Miss Miller and Miss Legg. Mr.



Dick Van Dyke leaving the Fischer Theatre with DHS music teachers Marty and Mark Lindvahl.

to Danville High School



Denman related, "Those of us who knew them (Miss Miller and Miss Legg), as well as all of your other teachers, family members, and friends, can sense the pride that they had in you and the sustained belief that you epitomize the best of Danville High School and Danville, Illinois ... we honor you for your singular talent, your lengthy and versatile career, your bravery in facing the challenges of your life, and your loyalty to Danville High School, Danville, and your friends." Honored with the singing of the Danville High School's Fight and Cheer Songs, Mayor Scott Eisenhauer then accorded Dick Van Dyke with a city proclamation, a key to the city, and other honors. The star was surprised when informed that a permanent DHS scholarship was being initiated in his name, the Dick Van Dyke Scholarship for the Performing Arts, but not as surprised as the four seniors who won the \$500 stipends – Emily Hofmann, Rhoda Lewis, Graham Peck, and Scott Turner. After Friday night's show, a private reception for Dick Van Dyke was held in the gymnasium; invited were former classmates (many of the Class of 1944 attended), relatives, and school officials. Originally slated for just an hour, Dick Van Dyke stayed until 12:30 a.m., meeting every individual and signing every last autograph.



Members of the Class of 1944 hold up a banner during the Dick Van Dyke tribute.

to relate, "I don't know why, but the productions are so much better than when I was in school. The girls are prettier, the boys are better looking, and there's so much talent." In accepting his high school's tribute, Dick Van Dyke said, "This is the greatest honor I could get. I'm going to remember it for the rest of my life ... I don't know if any of you saw my show, but I always mentioned I was always very proud of being from Danville." Before and between performances, Dick Van Dyke

walked the halls of Danville High School, met students, signed his autograph on paper, pictures, shirts, and sneakers, practiced his dance routine in the school dance studio, and saw his picture several places on the walls of the school. "A lot of memories are popping in my head. It's just incredible – the sights, the sounds, the smells," he related. Besides visiting DHS, the actor found time to return to WDAN and made a Saturday morning visit to the Fischer Theatre where an imprint was made of his hands and feet for a celebrity walk.



Dick Van Dyke talking to students Whitney and Kaitlyn Dickson.

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Dick Van Dyke left his hometown Sunday morning after a full weekend. Most agreed with Mark Denman that the weekend was "a highlight of the 80 year history of this auditorium and the 134 year history of this school." Emailing Mr. Denman and Mrs. Lindvahl from Malibu on Monday after his return home, Dick Van Dyke expressed, "Still recovering, but filled with a wonderful glow! It's nice to feel appreciated ... (and) overwhelmed to feel the love coming at me. Thanks for a weekend of unforgettable memories."

A big part of the tribute to Dick Van Dyke was the quality of the student performances of "Bye, Bye Birdie." Perfectly practiced by the students and flawlessly produced by Marty Lindvahl, music teacher, the students left no doubt that this production motivated them to do their very best. As Dick Van Dyke put it, "That was absolutely wonderful. Just the best. Aren't they great?" as the audience roared its agreement. He went on



Dick Van Dyke speaking to Charles Dye ('42) and Nancy Blue ('68).



Dick Van Dyke at reception with Lou Ann (Wayland) Young ('42) and Phyllis (Cast) Thalman ('41).



Richard Wayne Van Dyke

As was most common during the dark days of World War II, another Danville High School boy was called up for the service, in this case the Army Air Force, while still enrolled at school. While this was not unusual, it was noteworthy that the school paper, *Maroon & White* noted the young man's departure with an article. Even more significant, this January 31, 1944, feature story predicted the future of this DHS senior; "Danville High School wishes you the best of luck and hopes that your post-war career will see you at the top of the entertainment world."

The *Maroon & White* was most astute in its foretelling of the future of Richard Wayne Van Dyke, Class of 1944. The article



Junior Class Officers, 1943, Seated: Martha Luke, Dick Van Dyke, President, John Strader, Pat Darrough. Standing: Jerry Seawright, Mr. C. O. Johnson, Jack Cummins.

had no byline; perhaps it was written by Dick Houpt, editor-in-chief, or by Nancy Platt, feature editor. Nevertheless, the staff and students at Danville High School knew that Dick Van Dyke was someone special. Well-liked by his

classmates, he was elected president of his junior class. Chairman of the Class of 1944 Motto Committee, Dick Van Dyke shared in the leadership duties of his senior class. The Class of 1944 motto was also quite prescient, especially regarding its member, Dick Van Dyke. Little did the committee realize the significance of its motto at the time of the Class of 1944's commencement, but it does give one pause for thought today as one reflects upon the storied entertainment career of the class' favorite son — "Star in the play of life." Dick Van Dyke's star has shone brightly over the past half-century with his numerous achievements in the entertainment field that have made his name synonymous with success. Tony, Grammy, and multiple Emmy Award winner, Dick Van Dyke is a source of tremendous pride not only of the Class of 1944, but of Danville High School.

Born in West Plains, MO, the elder son of Loren "Cookie" and Hazel McCord Van Dyke, Dick Van Dyke and his parents soon returned to Danville where he and his brother, Jerry, grew up. His father, originally from Greenup, and his mother, a native of East Lynn, were major influences on their sons' lives; while the father has often been referred to by both of his sons as the funniest

one in the family, the mother also possessed a keen sense of humor. Residing in several houses during his childhood in Danville, most were in the Garfield School neighborhood. One of his homes was at 930 Hazel, just one block from Danville High School.



Dick Van Dyke 1944

Entering kindergarten at Edison School in the fall of 1931, Dick Van Dyke attended first grade and part of second grade at Franklin School where one of his teachers was the longtime Franklin School instructor, Miss Nancy Cessna. He then attended Garfield School through sixth grade where his teachers included Miss Georgia Doney and Miss Gertrude Hughbanks. Elementary records indicate that his scholarship was "good" and "very good". Moving to Crawfordsville, IN, for the remainder of his elementary years, the family returned to Danville and Dick Van Dyke enrolled as a freshman at Danville High School on September 3, 1940. At DHS, he excelled in extra-curricular activities, particularly in the DHS Players as well as in chorus. He participated in the Drama Club productions of "Midnight" and "Lease on Liberty" as well as the music department's yearly show, "Moments Musical."

Dick Van Dyke has repeatedly noted the influence and support of both the DHS Drama Club director, Miss Mary Miller, and the DHS choral director, Miss Pansy Legg, as most significant. Miss Miller, Head of the English Department, was a mainstay at DHS for 40 years from 1925-1965. Noted for her demanding standards and emphasis on excellence, she also took a keen interest in the lives of her students, especially those involved in the Drama Club that she advised for so many years. As Dick Van Dyke recalls, "Mary Miller was the one who

encouraged me to try out for the school plays. She told me that she thought that I had real talent. Also, I just happened to be taller than all of the actresses and I had a voice that could be heard in the back row. That was a big advantage." Miss Miller cast a long shadow for several generations at Danville High School.



Dramatic Club Officers. Left seated: Miss Mary Miller, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Frankeberger. Standing: Dick Van Dyke, and Alice Wolff.

... Class of 1944



Miss Mary Miller



Miss Pansy Legg

Expecting only the best from her students. Miss Miller became a legend long before the end of her 40 year association with DHS. The name of Miss Mary Miller remains well known in Danville today, even 18 years after

her death in 1986. Her name is memorialized at Danville Area Community College on the Mary Miller Gymnasium, the college that she founded inside the halls of Danville High School in 1946. The junior college remained at DHS until 1965 with Miss Miller simultaneously running it as well as performing her DHS English and drama duties. In 1965, the college became independent of Danville District #118, moved to its present campus on East Main Street, and Miss Miller became its first president. Yet, Miss Miller never forgot that tall and slender young man with the voice that carried so well. In a 1971 interview with the *Maroon & White*, Miss Miller relates, "Even as a sophomore, I can recall with what skill Dick could twirl a revolver in either hand, fall up and down stairs with equal grace, chew an imaginary meal so realistically that he made the entire cast hungry." Looking back over her long and distinguished career, Miss Miller was asked to name the highlights in a 1962 *Maroon & White* article. One of the three special moments that she named was the following: "at the DHS Dramatic Club Christmas banquet in 1960, I received a long distance call from Dick Van Dyke who was starring in New York in *"Bye, Bye Birdie."*

Miss Pansy Avis Legg was the choral director at Danville High School from 1929-1958. Miss Legg also demanded the best of students in a no-nonsense manner that belied her great love of students and her unique sense of humor. As Miss Legg often said, "When you go out of this choir, whether you remember anything you've learned or not, you will remember to be courteous!" During her nearly three decades at DHS, Miss Legg was one of the founders of "Moments Musical," the



The Burfords at the April 30 press conference at DHS.

large music department production that occurred at DHS from the late 1930's until 1974. Miss Legg continued the direction of the St. James Church Choir after her retirement. She lived in Danville in a house with treble clefs on the shutters until her death in 1970. As Dick Van Dyke remembers, "I never had much of a natural singing voice, but I wanted to sing and the A Cappella Choir needed basses badly. So Pansy Legg let me in. God bless her. Through her I discovered the joy of singing and it is something that has lasted me all my life to this day." As Dick Van Dyke sums up about Miss Miller and Miss Legg, he states, "Through those two wonderful ladies, I found my calling and I am eternally grateful to them."

Dick Van Dyke's close friends at DHS included Harold Brown, Robert Hackman, Jerry Seawright, and the late Robert Walker. Self-christened as the Burfords by Dick Van Dyke. Their friendship has lasted through the years. It is that friendship that brought the surviving members of the Burfords to Danville High School for the Dick Van Dyke tribute on April 30 and May 1.

Looking back over such an illustrious career in entertainment including Broadway, television, and the movies. Dick Van Dyke's name and face are known by millions across the nation as well as the world. Yet, when asked to reminisce regarding his years at Danville High School, Dick Van Dyke well remembered his time here 60 years later: "I don't know whether high schools have the kind of spirit that Danville High had, but I just remember that we celebrated when our team won, and cried when they lost...I can tell you this. No matter what happens to you in your life, the years at Danville High School will always stay bright and shiny in your heart, so enjoy them."

Editor's Note: We are sad to report the passing of one of the Burfords, Jerry Seawright, who attended the "Bye, Bye Birdie" productions and the Dick Van Dyke tribute. Mr. Seawright had a wonderful visit in Danville with Dick Van Dyke, his friends, and the many DHS students he befriended. He died on May 16 at his home in Penn Valley, CA. He was instrumental in bringing this homecoming to reality.



The Burfords reunited on the DHS stage in April. From left: Jerry Seawright, Dick Van Dyke, Harold Brown, and Robert Hackman



Danville High School News



Gail Garner – Class of 1968
Principal-Elect
Danville High School

New Principal

Danville High School welcomes Mr. Gail Garner, Class of 1968, as the new principal, effective July 1, 2004. An experienced educator, he has served District 118 as both teacher and administrator. DHS will benefit from his broad experiences in education and his strength in research. Currently the first principal of Danville's newest school, Southwest Elementary, Mr. Garner, a former middle school teacher, has also served as Assistant Principal of Danville High School and Principal of Northeast Magnet School.

National Board Certification

Both Mrs. Shelley Barker and Mrs. Rachel Brown have recently finished the rigorous requirements and passed the requisite tests to earn National Board Certification. This is an elite honor bestowed, after hours of intensive work, to teachers nationwide who have demonstrated mastery of the many areas of teaching competence. Shelley (Congleton) Barker currently serves as Head of the DHS Science Department and is a member of the Class of 1971. Rachel (Seibert) Brown is a mathematics instructor at DHS and is a member of the Class of 1994.



Shelley Barker



Rachel Brown

Class of 2004 Excels



Back: Ben Ravaee, Tyler Blue, Phillip Myer, Kenneth Cottle, Anton Henry, Scott Turner, Graham Peck. Front: Emily Hofmann, Chelsea Pruitt, and Abbie Myer.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2004 were held on May 30 at the David Palmer Civic Arena where 298 graduates became DHS alumni. Salutatorian of the class was Anton Henry who will be attending Northern Illinois University in the fall. Seven students tied for valedictorian honors with perfect 5.0, straight-A averages: Tyler Blue (University of Dayton), Kenneth Cottle (University of Evansville), Emily Hofmann (Illinois State University), Abbie Myer (University of Illinois), Phillip Myer (Bradley University), Benjamin Ravaee (University of Illinois), and Scott Turner (Ball State University). Best citizens of 2004 were Chelsea Pruitt (Indiana State University) and Graham Peck (University of Illinois). Congratulations to these honored students and their fellow graduates.

DHS Bids Farewell

Danville High School recognizes and congratulates the following retiring members of its faculty: **Henry Coan** ('65), social studies teacher (1980-2004), and District 118 teacher (1969-2004); **Mercedes Gonzalez-Santoni**, Spanish teacher (1982-2004), and District 118 teacher (1977-2004); **Dr. Ruth Hunt**, mathematics teacher and curriculum coordinator (1995-2004); **Kelsey (Swift) LaMar** ('67), art teacher (1971-2004); **Mary Louise (Mauck) Pate** ('64), Latin teacher (1997-2004); **Joseph Rottmann**, guidance counselor (1977-2004).



Henry Coan



Mercedes Gonzalez-Santoni



Ruth Hunt



Kelsey LaMar



Mary Lou Pate



Joe Rottmann



DHS Athletics

Swimming - A Family Affair

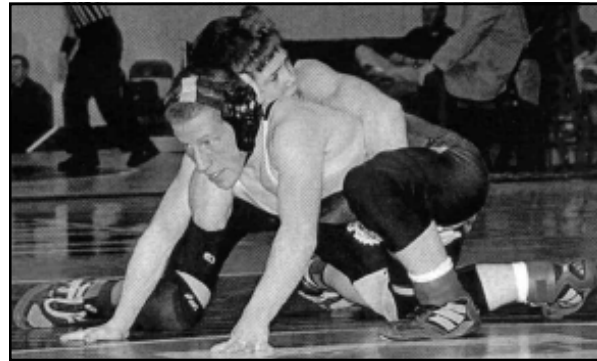


Glen, Joseph, and Marcia (Weishar) Laird

Joseph Laird, coached by Jana Drennan, DHS head coach, as well as his mother, Marcia, and father, Glen, assistant coaches, recently surpassed the mark he coveted most--his mother's 28-year old 11-dive record. The senior earned his second trip to the state finals by finishing a close second behind Champaign Central's Chris Schehlein--the defending state champion. "I'm really ecstatic about breaking my mother's record," Joseph said. Laird started diving just over two years ago, but now has two state final appearances and two school records on his resume. Laird also tipped his mother's six-dive record earlier in the season.

Carpenter Finishes Second in State

Marc Carpenter, DHS senior, completed his wrestling career with a second place finish at the IHSA State Championship in February. The 103-pound wrestler was the first Viking to reach the championship final since Kenny Parsons was the state champion in 1958. In the championship match, Jim Kennedy of Grant Park finished with a narrow win (2-1) over Marc. "I am still trying to find the words to describe how I felt ...," Marc said. Carpenter had a season record of 32 wins and 2 losses. He has won over 100 matches in his DHS career. Carpenter was Big 12 Champion (for the last two years), Regional Champion (two years), Sectional Champion, and State Finalist.



Marc Carpenter
Competing at the State Wrestling Tournament

Harry Reed & Class of 1936 Night

Harry Reed was honored recently, along with the Class of 1936, as one of the four remaining players from the 1936 Silver Streak basketball team. In 1936, both the basketball and football teams finished as Big 12 Conference Champions. The '36 Silver Streaks were one of, if not the best, basketball teams in DHS' history. Celebrating with Mr. Reed are several classmates who still gather on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Pizza Inn for lunch. Others honored at this year's DHS boys' basketball games include:



From left: Leslie Vacketta, Mark Denman, Principal, Dick Reed, Harry Reed, Veda Reed, Dave Reed, Terry Hill, Athletic Director, Margaret Dickson, Esther Miles, Marie Kelly, Iona Placencia, and Frances Hill.

2003 Boys' Tennis Team, 1993 Boys' Basketball Team, Tyler Brandon, Clyde Osborn, the late Adam Wagner, Jason Anderson, Dr. Gary Tucker, 2003 Girls' Tennis Team, McDonald's (sponsor of "Pack the Place"), Glenda Campbell, and Debi Hosch.



DHS Athletics

Longtime Coaches Honored



Glenda Campbell
Class of 1969



Debi Hosch
Class 1974

At halftime of the March 3, 2004, DHS basketball game, Danville High School honored two of its most spirited supporters, DHS teachers Glenda Jones Campbell ('69) and Debi Wayland Hosch ('74). Both longtime DHS P.E. teachers, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hosch have coached the school spirit teams for many years. Mrs. Campbell has advised the Pompettes since 1990 while Mrs. Hosch has worked with the cheer squads since 1993. Both Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hosch show a pride in and love of the students of Danville High School. While both are remaining on the DHS faculty, the school honored these special coaches at a halftime tribute that included a song from the DHS chorus, a picture of each to be hung by the gymnasium, and a standing ovation from the crowd. Mrs. Campbell is a gifted instructor who has collaborated with her peers to demonstrate leadership school-wide for educational excellence. She is a physical educator who teaches dance and fitness and encourages her students to be fit and live a healthy lifestyle. Mrs. Hosch is also a physical education teacher with a very diversified schedule that always includes swimming classes. Mrs. Hosch is always there for her students encouraging school spirit, hardwork, and dedication that have led to tremendous cheer squads. Since her tenure as coach, one squad has grown into three and built a reputation for excellence among Big 12 schools and UCA camps. DHS acknowledges the longtime contributions of Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Hosch – their dedication to our school will not be forgotten.

2003-2004 Cheerleaders



Front: Co-Captains Jill Wolgamot and Sharda Pascal. Row 2: Celia Anderson, Shawna Defebaugh, Cindy Delgado, Jamie Wilson, and Courtney Marshall. Row 3: Nija Givens, Ali Janesky, Lindsay Swafford, Lauren Hein, Kortney Bracken. Row 4: Leslie Vacketta and Cassie Bregenzer. Row 6: Steven Dale, Sara Falk, Mrs. Hosch, Kayla Dillman, Derek Moederndorfer.

2003-2004 Pompettes



Front: co-captains Heather Diveley, Beth Sutton, and Sheena Oatis. Row 2: Dana Lyons, Abbie Myer, Lauren Clayton, Ashley Leverenz, Karen Boyer, Laura Synder, Ashley Wilczynski, Carly Delzell, Amre Carey, and Brandi Brown. Row 3: Gretchen Rolnicki, Sarah Stevenson, Ricki Kaag, Sarah Green, Angela Red, Kara Brown, Everlynn Rangel, Ashlee Graham, Whitney Dickson, and Marlana Cooke. Row 4: Taylor Killough, Natalie Diveley, Emma Wilson, Elizabeth Mellen, Mrs. Campbell, Samantha Hardy, Cabrisha Howard, and Samantha Neil. (Ashley Esmann not pictured)

Danville High School 2004 Homecoming Week - October 4 - 9, 2004



Foundation News

Superintendent Honored



Superintendent Dr. Gary Tucker ('66) and his wife, Shari (Tyler - '67), teacher at Edison Elementary School, both retire at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. Both were honored recently at a DHS boys' basketball game.

Danville Community Public School Foundation, Inc. Officers and Directors, 2003 – 2004

- Ronald Ball, Director
- Dr. Wesley Bieritz
- Maggie Blanden
- Jane Brown, Treasurer/Co-Marketing Director
- Steve Diveley, Class of 1978
- Shanae Dowell, Class of 1972
- Dr. David Fields, Class of 1953
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- Claire Manning
- Carol Olson, Secretary
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- Jackie Brown, DEA Representative
- Pete Krainock, Board of Education, Class of 1948
- Dr. Gary Tucker, Superintendent, Class of 1966

Wall of Fame Nomination Form - 2004

Date _____ Name of Nominee _____

Address and Phone Number of Nominee (if living) _____

Graduate of Danville High School Yes No

Year of Graduation _____ or Number of Years He/She Attended Danville Schools _____

Category of Nomination _____

Lifetime Accomplishments (attach separate sheet if necessary; if achievements not well-known to the average community member, please provide some documentation/information)

Name of Individual Making the Nomination _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Due: **Friday, August 27, 2004**

Mail to: Danville High School, Attention: Mary Shutt
Wall of Fame Committee
202 E. Fairchild
Danville, IL 61832



DHS Yesteryear

Factoids about Danville High School's past . . .

Did You Know . . .

- The boiler for DHS was housed in the former Industrial Education/Manual Arts Building. Why? When the school was built, it was heated by coal. The coal would be delivered from coal cars on the tracks just south of campus.
- Terry Anderson was the Spirit Viking in 1966-1967. Jim Wilson was the Spirit Viking in 1973-1974. The first Spirit Viking was Wayne Smith in 1960.
- Rick Chase ('67) was elected Governor of Boys State in 1966.
- Due to overcrowding, DHS classes were held in two houses west of the Industrial Education Building and north of the railroad tracks. The "White House" and the "Green House" were used for overflow in the late 1960's, and the early 1970's when enrollment reached 2,500 students.
- DHS used to have a greenhouse off the biology room on the first floor. The greenhouse was removed in the 1980's and the new natatorium is now in that location.
- Don Longer was chosen to be captain of the 1945 football team.
- The first DHS librarian, Miss Bertam French, served from 1925-1944. She retired after she fell coming up the steps from the cafeteria on May 26, 1944.
- Mr. Wilbert Mingee, manual arts teacher, retired in 1945 after 23 years at DHS. His son Mr. Russell Mingee, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Connie Townsley Armstrong, also retired after long careers at DHS.
- On October 14, 1944, Miss Gertrude Payne, math department head, reported that almost half of the student body was enrolled in a math class. For the fall semester of 2003, Mrs. Sue Millikin, present math department head, reports that out of 1550 students, 1305 math classes have been requested.
- Returning lettermen for the 1973-1974 wrestling season were Brian Dudley, Eric Hunter, Kelly Freed, Mike Mullins, John Milewski, Jeff Bowman, Anvil Nelson, Ron Brownfield, and John Harris. Mr. Mark Sothman was the coach.
- Julie Warren and Chris Hosch were the best citizens of the Class of 1974.
- The musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," was presented in February, 1975. Actors included Steve Thomas, Kathleen Walker, Richard Dahl, Vicki Taylor, Eric Ferris, Kathy Lavery, Sam Farren, and Suzie Hutton.
- The original stage curtain installed in the auditorium soon after the building opened in 1924 was in use until 1964 when it was replaced.
- Best citizens of the Class of 1965 were Nancy Jewell and John Muirhead.
- School opened with an enrollment of 1796 in 1954. The current enrollment at DHS for the 2003-2004 school year is 1550.
- Paula Harris won the Homecoming crown in 1954; her attendants were Judy Jennings, Mary Lynn Collings, Lela Shull, and Linda Mae Miller.
- Students of the Month in October, 1954, were Charles Zanin and Sue Bandy. Charles' favorite dish was rib roast and he proclaimed a partiality to brunettes. He planned to major in engineering at Purdue. Sue Bandy was a member of Wranglers, Girls Club, Dramatic Club, and Student Council. She hoped to attend the U of I and major in speech correction.
- Fred Carter, DHS art student, had his multi-media compositions featured in *The American Farm Youth*, a national magazine, in May 1956.
- Colby Carter, Class of 1942, is the father of actress Lynda Carter. She has starred as Wonder Woman among many other roles.



New banners displayed in DHS gymnasium.



DHS Alumni Voices

Our Readers' Thoughts . . .

Great job! **Nancy (Leverenz) Knapp**, Class of 1944

You are doing a great job with the *Extra*. It is great to read the Alumni Voices. The comments reinforce personal memories. Aside from Coach Burow, probably the finest man I ever met, Miss Cowan gave me the greatest boost. My peers scared me out of such horror courses as math and Latin. So I opted for commercial courses. It certainly came in handy later in life; I typed my own dissertation and I picked up a lot of Latin in quasi-judicial work. However, somehow I stumbled into algebra, etc., and found it as easy as short division. Having no thought of "career" short of a job, and no one for guidance, Miss Cowan said, "You should be an engineer." That sure beat flipping a coin, but required a full-load, four-year vacation for WWII. It was the start of my "jack-of-all-trades" life. ONE TEACHER CAN SET THE COURSE OF HISTORY! DHS was the best of times. I am finally retired from my last activity and those before: soldier, engineer, factory manager, and professor. **Dr. Leo S. Rayl**, Class of 1940

I really enjoyed reading the newsletter!! Great Job! **Jackie (Pearson) Shunick**, Class of 1977

My first encounter with DHS was running the office switchboard before my freshman year and instead of study hall during school. My best teacher and class was Mrs. Dorothy Sturm, Spanish I, II, and III. She taught me more than Espanol - "Adios, Amigo." Good times ... working at the Fischer with school chums, Louise (Wodetzki) Cochran, Harold Duncan, Jerry Jefferies, and especially Gene Hackman, who told me he would be a movie star one day and how I would laugh! Guess that laugh was on me! **Sallie (Wilson) Blue**, Class of 1954

I have enjoyed the past alumni newsletters. Other alumni newsletters tend to report lofty achievements of alumni which may be interesting to read. but do not really spark a commonality with the majority of alumni. Our newsletter is full of chatty letters from other alumni sharing high school memories. It is fun to look for a letter by someone that we know or to read about a memory of a teacher that we also had in school. Thank you for providing a fun-to-read and well-written newsletter. **Debbie (Romack) Huber**, Class of 1970

Keep up the good work. **Bill Baker**, Class of 1957

I have really enjoyed the *Maroon and White Extra!* paper and to see some of the students I met and knew my four years (1952-1955) at DHS. I also remember my first day as a freshman and being scared thinking I would stick out like a sore thumb since I was so tall ... but what a surprise when I saw how tall some of the other girls were (Karen Orr, Sue Brady) ... Thanks for four great years at Danville High School. I was always proud that I went to school there and still enjoy reading about the school. Thanks to all my teachers. Best wishes. **Lulu B. (Crane) Kardos**, Class of 1955



1940 Big 12 Championship Swimming Team
(photo provided by Dr. Leo S. Rayl, Class of 1940)

Row 1: Bob Birch, Clarence Burkett, Dick Lewis, Wib Diechman, Claude McWhorter, Bob Deeken, Paul Sheehan. Row 2: Bill Wayland, Glen Schultz, Ted Debenham, Wayne Endicott, Bob Cowan (Captain), Leo Rayl, Keith Kerr, Bill Barker, Jack Westwater. Row 3: Ted Gilliland, Allen Armstrong, Dick Carr, Herb Starns, Joe Muser, Coach George Burow, John Osborn, Jack McGrath, Pete Trenary, Bill English, and Carl Deeken.



DHS Alumni Voices

I really enjoy reading the alumni voices. I retired after 40 years on the railroad (P&E). I started as a telegrapher in 1947 and ended as an agent and train dispatcher. **Eugene Defenbaugh**, Class of 1946

Mike and I have enjoyed the great newsletters. It really brings back many memories ... the clubs after school, the practices for fall concerts, Moments Musicals, and the senior class play. In 1961, Mickey Harby and Melinda Brown were the hosts for the senior class play. We were all in Dramatic Club together, but each had other interests--Projecter Club and Medical Careers Club. Getting to drive a car to school was wonderful! ... Going to the Steak 'N' Shake for lunch was fun then, too, as was Carson's after school. Thanks for letting me remember those good times. **Angela, known as Sheri (Brown) Knaebel**, Class of 1961

Thank you for my winter edition of the *Maroon & White Extra!* I am looking forward to my Memory Walk brick being added. When I attended last year's joint reunion of the Classes of 1942, 1943, and 1944, I had my first look at the very attractive Memory Walk installation. It is a wonderful project! You are doing an inspired job of rekindling our loyalty and pride in our DHS roots. **Lee Adams**, Class of 1943



Bobby Short, Class of 1942, celebrates following a performance in San Diego with Mattie Confort and Lee Adams, Class of 1943. Photo provided by Lee Adams

Keep up the good work! **Mary Lou (Bender) Gammon**, Class of 1960

I really enjoyed the last issue ... One memory from the Class of 1938 ... the program for the senior class assembly was called "Snow White and the Big Dwarfs." That same year "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was a big hit so we did a spoof on that for the senior class. Fifty years later, Donald K. Stevens and I were asked to be Co-emcees for the 50th class reunion.

The title was "Snow White and the Old Dwarfs." Lots of fun. **Connie (Shell) Guy**, Class of 1938

I never dreamed my work on the *Maroon & White* would lead to 39 years as a reporter and editor for Gannett Newspapers, including *The Commercial-News*. **Frank M. Williams**, Class of 1945

I want to personally thank everyone for developing the idea to create a *Maroon & White Extra!* The newsletters have been very interesting and great! It is very obvious that diligent work has been put forth to make the newsletter a success. I have tons of wonderful memories during my days at DHS as a student and athlete. As an athlete in basketball my senior year, I fondly remember KNOWING that we had one of the best basketball teams ever assembled under Coach Gene Gourley and were beaten during the sectional tournament by a Quincy squad that was inferior to us. I still have nightmares to this day of what we could have accomplished. I want to thank all of the teachers and staff for the years I spent at DHS and for the wonderful education I received. I especially want to thank Jan Reynolds (business) and Marjorie Tunnell (biology) for the impact they made upon me. I currently use a few of their teaching methods as a corporate banker. **Ed Smith**, Class of 1980

Just a note to say how much I enjoy reading about old friends, teachers, etc. I have been living in Vero Beach, Florida, for the past 22 years... Keep up the good work. **Thelma (Collings) Bremer**, Class of 1935

After reading Mr. Robbins' account of high school days, I seriously considered a retort on behalf of the female students in those happy days, but I am slowing down a bit regarding my compulsion to express myself. Love all those memories from all. Miss Miller was a terrific teacher and have special memories of Miss Mielke who knew how to make frightened freshmen feel more secure. **Wilma J. (Neff) Keeler**, Class of 1946

Congratulations on a very attractive, informative, and interesting *Maroon & White Extra!* **Ken Blue**, Class of 1957

Best wishes to all of our DHS friends. **Bill Shepard**, Class of 1944



DHS Alumni Voices

Grand Dame of Danville Dance Teachers



Celebrating Catherine Cromwell's 90th birthday in Lafayette, Louisiana, are (from left) Helen (Taylor) Vandevor ('48), Faye (Norbut) Flynn Willett ('51), Catherine (Osborn) Cromwell ('31), Glenda (Jones) Campbell ('69), and Maru (Ollis) Nolan ('50).
Photo by Glenda Campbell

Dance students of Catherine (Osborn) Cromwell, Class of 1931, recently attended the 90th birthday party of their former dance teacher in Lafayette, Louisiana. Attending the gala affair were Helen Vandevor of Orlando, Florida, Faye Willett, Glenda Campbell, and Maru Nolan, all from Danville, who performed a tap routine in her honor. Helen, Faye, Glenda, and Maru have all continued to teach dance because of Catherine's influence and have maintained a close relationship with each other and their former dance teacher. Catherine began teaching in 1929 and because of her love and dedication to dance has mentored and influenced generations of young people, touching the lives of thousands of dance students of all ages. Through the years Catherine met and worked with famous people such as Gene Kelly, Dick Van Dyke, and Gene Hackman, who assisted with their weekly television show at WDAN. Catherine not only choreographed many years for the DHS Moments Musicals, but did the choreography for the Elks and Kiwanis Minstrels that were performed on stage at DHS.



Catherine Cromwell
Photo provided by
Maru Nolan

Catherine's love of dance legacy has carried on to include children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, many who have graduated and some who are presently attending DHS. Danville remains home in her heart.

Maru Nolan, Class of 1950



Captain Jack Connor ('44) and Coach Whitesell

In a recent *Maroon & White Extra!*, I was so pleased to read that the DHS football field was named Whitesell Field. He was a fine coach, a great person, and someone I can, even 60 years later, think of in no terms but "Mr. Whitesell." Did anyone ever call him "Ned"? I recall one day seeing him and age-equal Dean of Boys Donald Schoolcraft (no slouch at discipline himself) pass in the hallway. Their exchange went something like this. "Hi there, Don." "How's it going?" "Just fine, Mr. Whitesell." I played basketball for Coach Whitesell at DHS, in the Army for a coach who was also my commanding officer (try that for intimidation), and in college for a coach who had learned his basketball under Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of the game. Neither came close to equaling the famous Whitesell stare, a look that could wither grass at 50 feet! Coach Whitesell would sit in the south stands (if I have my directions right), watch the scrimmage way on the other side of the floor, and catch the slightest infraction of his instructions. "Do it again boys. You might finally get it right!" When one lives to 78, there are bound to be individuals with greater mark on the psyche than others. I count many of my teachers among that group, and many of that group were encountered at DHS, but nobody ever "rubbed off" on me like "Ned" Whitesell. There ... I finally did it ... to "Ned" Whitesell (with the greatest respect)! **Nade Peters**, Class of 1944



Nade Peters
Varsity Basketball,
1943



Danville High School



Joint 60th-Year Reunion Committee

Classes of 1942, 1943, and 1944

Front: Marjorie (North) Maden, Rosemary (Burns) Hembrey, Jean (Clem) Bailey, Irene (Miller) Sheehan, Laura (Tracy) Roth; Back: Paul Weese, Bob Warburton, Lee Adams, Lois (Connor) Shouse, Jack Shouse, and John Eckert.

Photo provided by Lee Adams

Graduates Return To DHS As Mentors in Career Academies



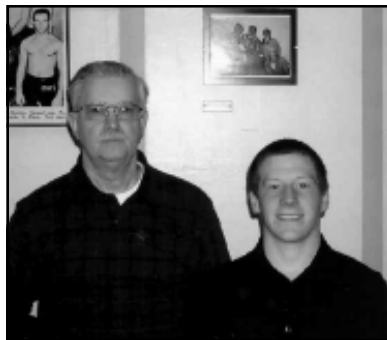
From left: **Jeff Marble** ('84) four-year mentor for the Academy of MERIT (manufacturing/engineering), **Melody (Maley) Erlich** ('72) two-year mentor for AIMS (the Academy In Medical Sciences), **Rich Colby** ('89) one-year mentor for AIMS, and **Norman Walla** ('71) one-year mentor for MERIT.

Thank you for ... the article and pictures of our 50th reunion of the Class of 1953 and also the article about my son, Scott C. Dudley. My husband and I enjoy the issues and appreciate all of your hard work! **Norma D. (Root) Burch**, Class of 1953

Thank you for your assistance in purchasing a brick in remembrance of my parents, Cloyd M. George, who passed away in May of 2002, and Marilyn Jean (Elliott) George, who passed away in April of 2003. My parents lived in Danville raising four children (Sandy, Mike, Ray, and Greg). Since my annual visits to Danville have been curtailed (sadly for me), I appreciate being able to inform our Danville friends. **Sandy Dunbar**, Class of 1964.

On March 22, senior wrestler Marc Carpenter met Kenny Parsons ('58) at the winter sports convocation. Parsons was the last DHS wrestler to compete for a state championship until Marc Carpenter placed second in the state this year.

Carpenter closed out one of the most successful wrestling careers in DHS history. He is one of the very few DHS wrestlers to win over 100 matches in his four years of competition on the varsity level.



Kenneth Parsons ('58), left, and Marc Carpenter ('04), right.

Spring Sports Updates

The boys' tennis team, under the direction of coaches Ted Houpt, Mark Bacys, and Dane Kurth, won the sectional title and the Big 12 Championship. Advancing to state was the doubles team of Sean Bush ('04) and Chad Simpson ('06).



Front: Ben Ravae, Sean Bush, Chad Simpson. Middle: Brian LeCleir, Sajhe Kahlon, Cameron Blaylock, Dane Kurth. Back: Ted Houpt, Mark Bacys.

Brian LeCleir ('05) and Cameron Blaylock ('07) competed in the singles competition. Sean Bush and Chad Simpson finished sixth at state. It was the second-highest finish for a Danville doubles team in the last 35 years. Last year the tennis team placed 3rd in the state championship.

The girls' track team also closed out an outstanding season at the IHSA State Championship. The team placed second in the Big 12 and qualified three relays and an individual to the state meet. The 800 Medley Relay broke a 21-year old school record and qualified second going into the finals. In the state, the following day, the relay placed 4th. In the state, the relay team consisted of Jaya Nelson ('04), Zarra Laws ('05), Ashley Lilliard ('05), and Autymne Savage ('06). The Lady Vikings are coached by Wesley Brown and Terrance Tetter.



How *THE* Visit Came To Be



As a DHS freshman.



As a DHS sophomore

After Danville High School decided to present "Bye, Bye Birdie" last fall, Mark Denman, principal, and Martha Lindvahl, choral and drama director, were remarking how wonderful it would be if the Class of 1944 graduate, Dick Van Dyke, would return for the performance. After several discussions, Mr. Denman and Mrs. Lindvahl decided to invite Dick Van Dyke to return to DHS to be honored for his many accomplishments on April 30, and May 1, 2004, at the conclusion of the school's presentations of "Bye, Bye Birdie." On November 18, 2003, the following invitation was mailed to Dick Van Dyke from Danville High School:

"The school that you were familiar with is still here and, with a few additions and updates, basically remains the same as when you were a DHS student. Yet, Danville, DHS, and the world have changed in many ways as time has marched on. Danville High School's pride in you, your talent, and your body of work has remained strong since the days you walked our halls. You are a daily reminder to our students of what hard work, persistence, and talent can do to help one achieve great success in life...the appeal of your talent and incredible career are such a source of great pride for the school and community.

"In your honor, the DHS Dramatics and Music Departments will present "Bye, Bye Birdie" on April 30 and May 1. During the two presentations of the musical, Danville High School will honor you for your outstanding contributions to the arts. We know that with your busy commitments that your presence may be impossible, but we like to dream big and encourage our students to do the same. Mr. Van Dyke, if you had not dreamed big, you would not be the success you are today. All of us at DHS are so glad that you left a rich legacy for others to follow."



Practicing for the 1942 Moments Musical with Billie (Carter) Wahlfeldt.

Mr. Denman and Mrs. Lindvahl mailed the invitation on Tuesday, November 18. That following Saturday, November 22, both were at

school working. Mrs. Lindvahl was practicing with one of her show choirs while Mr. Denman was in his office doing paperwork. That afternoon while Mr. Denman was checking his emails, he saw that he had received one from Dick Van Dyke. After reading it quickly, he went down to the practice room to get Mrs. Lindvahl who immediately suspected why she was being called to the office. Dick Van Dyke's email response read:

*"Dear Mr. Denman,
What a wonderful feeling to be so well remembered by my alma mater! It caused a flash from the past I'd forgotten. An issue of the Maroon & White once predicted that I'd see my name in lights one day. I remember thinking, "Where in the world did they get an idea like that?" They must have had higher hopes for me than I had for myself. Thank God! As a student who is proud to say he was only called to the Dean's Office once for a minor infraction, I'm not daunted by facing the present generation. Given my age and present status, it's hard to make a commitment so far in advance. I don't buy green bananas anymore. Let me promise that I will plan to be there and make every effort to keep it. Thanks for the pictures! It brought a flood of precious memories."
Best regards,
Dick Van Dyke*

Needless to say, since November 22, DHS was abuzz with plans for this most special musical in the auditorium. A once in a lifetime experience was provided to our students who had the chance to interact with Dick Van Dyke, especially those in the musical who shared the stage with Mr. Van Dyke in a production number. A proud high school had the opportunity to honor one of its most successful graduates on the very stage on which he started his stellar entertainment career.



Dick Van Dyke performing a magic trick in 1942



Reunion Updates

Class of 1944

Classmates of the 1944 graduating class are asked to contact Paul Weese at 217-443-4220 if they would like to help plan a 60th-class reunion later in the year.

Class of 1946

A reunion is planned for October 8 and 9 at Days Inn in Danville. For more information, contact Neicy (Hoshauer) Hreha at (217) 443-1644.

Class of 1954

The Class of 1954 will celebrate their 50th-class reunion on September 17 - 19. Latecomer registration will be held on Friday with a general get together from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. in the hospitality room at the Days Inn. Tours of the Fischer Theatre, Danville High School, and the War Museum will be taken on Saturday. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dancing begins at 8:00 p.m. featuring the Dick Blair's Band. Cost is \$60 per couple or \$30 per person (includes reunion book). For information on lost classmates, please contact Connie (Hofman) Anderson at 217-443-0205 or email Connie1243@insightbb.com.

Class of 1957

Bill Baker asks ... would you be willing to attend or help organize a class reunion? Please call (217) 443-2405.



1963-1964 Reunion Committee

Back: Jerry Ingram, John Mauck, Ellen (Vrentas) Walker, Judy (Williams) Farnsworth, Sandy (Conron) Golseth, Ruth (Shurr) Pancoast, Dianne Seibert, Marcia (Rodman) Schmink, Donna (Marsh) Toms, Pat (Freeman) Mielke. Front: Leah (Tolle) Brennan and Linda (Engelman) Hoult.

1963 and 1964

The Classes of 1963 and 1964 will hold a reunion on July 16 and 17, 2004. Activities are planned at 6:30 p.m. on July 16 at Snapper's Bar & Grill at Turtle Run Golf Club and Banquet Center, 322 E. Liberty Lane, and at 6:00 p.m. on July 17, at the Beef House Restaurant near Covington, Indiana. The cost for Friday is \$10 per person and the cost for Saturday is \$30 per

person. There are former classmates registered to attend from all areas of the U.S. and abroad, including Baghdad. Those who did not receive a notice should contact Marcia (Rodman) Schmink, P.O. Box 505, Catlin, IL, 61817, phone 217-427-5935, or email Gramarcia8@aol.com.

Classes of 1966 - 1970

The Class of 1969 will hold a 35th reunion on July 24 at the Turtle Run Golf Club and Banquet Center inviting the classes of 1966 through 1970. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with golf, cards, and swimming. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with dancing until midnight. The dress is casual. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make checks payable to the Class of 1969 and mail to Bill Lucas, 1911 Meridian Street, Danville, IL, by July 1. For more information, logon to www.classmates.com for a full list of contacts or email Janice Mitchell Young at Janicerocky@aol.com or Bill Lucas at Bill8006@aol.com or call Don Rokosch at (217) 474-1254.

Excuses For Not Attending Your Class Reunion

Complete list provided by Bobra Crockett-Doiron and the Class of 1984

- People won't recognize me (We'll have nametags.).
- I'm in denial about being out of DHS for 20 years (We'll tell everyone you haven't graduated yet if you prefer.).
- I already keep in touch with people I want from DHS (They'll be at the reunion; so even more reason to come.).
- Only the jocks and cheerleaders go anyway (Not true ... the band and pompettes will be there, too.).
- I prefer to remember our class the way we were (We haven't changed a bit.).
- I've gained weight (Statistics say 85% of Americans are overweight. The odds are good you aren't the only one.).
- I've been married five times (Okay, so you won't get the 'been-married-the-longest-to-one-person' award.).
- I have no hair (We have "Bald is Beautiful" buttons for you to wear.).
- I was at my peak in high school (Come relive your glory days.).
- I was a loser in high school (Then nobody remembers. Here's your second chance to make a first impression.).

And the #1 excuse is for not attending your class reunion is ...

- I have not lived up to my potential (WHATEVER!!!).



Reunion Updates

Class of 1974

The Class of 1974 will be having a reunion the weekend of July 2-4. Friday night's gathering will be at the Palace Park located by the Fischer Theatre. Saturday's Dinner/Dance will be at the Turtle Run Golf Club & Banquet Center. Also on the agenda will be canoeing down the Middlefork, golf, and a tour of Danville High School. Please contact Guy Patterson at 217-446-7130 or email him at gpatter@aol for more information. You can also check out the official website of the class of 1974 at www.1974dhs.com and help locate classmates.



Class of 1984

The Class of 1984 will be having their 20th-class reunion on the weekend of August 13 - 15 at the Turtle Run Golf Club and Banquet Center. Anyone with new addresses of classmates can contact Merrit Earl Spicer at 217-446-8758 or email her at Merrit@insightbb.com.

Class of 1985

The Class of 1985 is seeking class members to help plan the 20th-year reunion. Anyone with address information for class members or anyone interested in being part of the committee should call Lori Noyer at (217) 431-1129 or email noyer05@insightbb.com.

Reunion News

Class of 1994

The 10-year reunion was well attended during Memorial Day weekend. Activities began with a social hour on Friday evening. Saturday activities included golfing, swimming, a tour of DHS, and dinner/dancing. A big thank you goes to the planning committee-- Amber (Grimes) Tutwiler, Chad Hawkins, Scott McLaughlin, and Stacey (Voorhees) Lomax.

Edison School's 75th Anniversary
Sunday, October 17, 2004
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Call Paula Hart, (217) 446-8980 for more details.

FYI - Directory information collected in the Alumni Office for the DHS Alumni Association will be shared only for the purposes of reunion planning unless you notify us not to share your information.

Milestones . . . In Memoriam

The Alumni Office has received notice of the following deaths of Danville High School graduates and staff.

- Margaret (Groen) Marion**, Class of 1939, retired as head nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital.
- George A. Tomlinson**, Class of 1951, retired pilot and construction worker.
- Melvin Guymon**, Class of 1943, retired from Meadow Gold Dairy, traveled extensively working with dogs for the deaf.
- Mildred Hawkins Mills**, Class of 1934, retired secretary and daughter of longtime DHS Industrial education department head, James Hawkins.
- Helen M. McDuffee**, Class of 1932, longtime teacher at Franklin and Garfield schools.
- Clayton "Sandy" Sanford**, Class of 1942.
- Virginia Mathisen**, wife of longtime principal Arthur Mathisen.
- Richie Roberts**, Class of 1967.
- Joanne North Shepard**, Class of 1944, homemaker/retired.
- Adrian D. (Dean) Cunningham**, Class of 1942, aviation trainer and consultant/business owner.
- Cloyd M. George**, Class of 1941, retired from the U. S. Postal Service in 1978.
- Marilyn Jean (Elliott) George**, Class of 1944, retired from Bohn Aluminum.
- Jerry Seawright**, Class of 1943, founder of the Blue Devils Marching Band and retired Vice-President, Dean Witter, Inc.



Alumni Donations

Memorial Gifts

Wayne Denman Scholarship (\$500) - Mark Denman, Class of 1971.

Memory Walk

In Memory of Harlan R. Hosch (Richard Kurth Family)
Angelita Robinson - 1926 (Jake Bleveans)
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Debby, Denny, and Conny Gruelle
In Appreciation of Mark Denman (DHS Faculty & Staff)
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First Recipient of the Robert and Sue Zimmerman Scholarship



Rhoda Lewis

Rhoda Lewis has won the first Robert and Sue Zimmerman Scholarship. Focused upon supporting studies in the practical arts, the Zimmerman Scholarship will assist Rhoda as she begins her studies at Millikin University in music business.

Wayne Denman Scholarship

Richard and Patricia Lewis

Adam Wagner Scholarship

In memory of Donald Walker
(Drs. William and Megan Tanner)

Editor's Note: Bricks will be laid again the end of June.

... from the Alumni Office

Please contact us with alumni news and information or with any questions or concerns regarding errors or omissions.

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DHS Alumni Association

Join the DHS Alumni Association

If you would like to be a member of the Danville High School Alumni Association and have not already joined, please complete the form below and send it with the \$10 yearly dues to the Alumni Office. Yearly dues will provide for the expense of preparing and mailing three issues of the **Maroon & White Extra!** to your home for a year's membership as well as providing the opportunity to support worthy projects at the school. To make our publication a success, we need input from DHS alumni regarding upcoming reunions, special memories, or other items that would be of interest to approximately 40,000 DHS graduates.

Name(s) _____ (Maiden) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Graduation Year _____ or Years Attended _____

If interested, please mark any of the following items, enclose your check for the appropriate amount made payable to Danville Community Schools Foundation (tax deductible), and mail to:

DHS Alumni Association, Danville High School, 202 E. Fairchild Street, Danville, IL 61832

Join the DHS Alumni Association (three newsletters a year) \$ 10/Year

Help Preserve DHS' History Campaign \$ 150

Includes photo/document that will be enlarged to 36" X 24" and framed with a descriptive label; please indicate photograph clipping you would like enlarged (yearbook page, event, date, etc.) or attach desired photo: _____

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Basic Donation

Memory Walk - Building Education . . . Brick by Brick Campaign

Brick Paver Name as you wish it to be engraved on the brick :
(Tree or bench also available) (Limit of 2 lines/14 characters each line) \$100

Please tear off this page, fill in the information and mail back to DHS.

Wall of Fame Banners Decorate Halls of DHS

Pictured at right is one of the DHS Wall of Fame banners. Each living member of the DHS Wall of Fame has been asked to write a sentence regarding his/her years at DHS and/or education. These banners, including the Wall of Fame's senior picture, the school seal, and a Viking, are hung throughout the building. In addition, the walls on the first floor are now full of representative pictures of the rich and proud past of this wonderful high school that serve as role models for our upcoming graduates. Danville High School staff and students are very proud of our current student body's accomplishments as well as earned by those who have come before. Please feel free to stop by, tour the school, and visit the campus. Share in the pride of Danville High School!



Joe Tanner banner displayed in a first floor hall of DHS.

DHS Memories . . .

Do you have any special memories, alumni announcements, or class reunion plans to share? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please record and mail to Danville High School (use additional pages, if necessary).



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