



Spotlight

For Alumni
And Friends
Of East High
January 2008

East Alumni Heritage Hall Finally A Reality!

After what seems like years of wishing and planning for Alumni and Friends, the Alumni Heritage Hall is near completion. It took the combined efforts of Alumni and Friends of East, the Angel Foundation and the amazing talents of East teacher and grad Joel Noble.

The beautifully built cases can be seen on the third floor on both sides of the library doors. The cases await some additional lighting. The cases will contain photos and bios of some of East's finest from 1881-2007.

The Alumni Heritage Hall is an effort to preserve the history made by interesting and remarkable East students. Plans are to honor outstanding East alums on a yearly basis creating an annual event. The first induction gala will be September 19, 2008. Over 200 names have been listed as possible candidates and that does not include many qualified people.

Research for additional people will be an ongoing process and anyone may send recommenda-



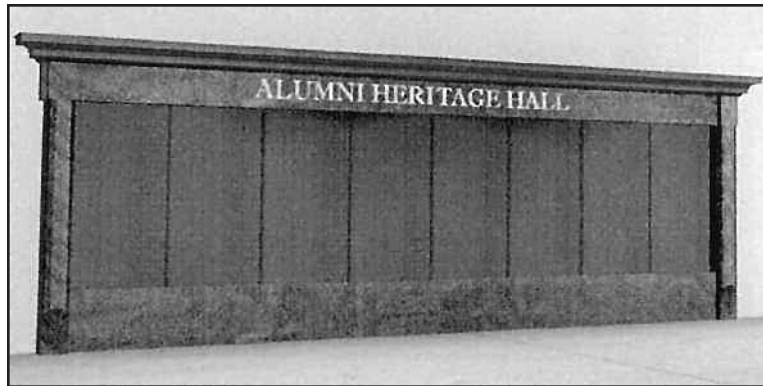
Joel Noble is pictured next to a library project. This is one of many of his projects at East.

tions to Alumni and Friends of East High. A selection committee, chaired by Dr. Marcia Goldstein (see Page 2), has recently completed the list of the first inductees.

East was given Denver Landmark status in 1992 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006, so it is important that additions to the building are made with quality and care. East teacher Joel Noble, class of 1989, is the gifted craftsman and true teacher who was in charge of building the Alumni Heritage Hall.

Joel graduated from a small church college, Sterling College, in Sterling, Kansas, with a degree in philosophy and a minor in music and ancient Greek before working as an electrical wireman for two years. As a former woodshop student of Dennis "Doc" Kos, he was allowed to return to East and work in the "shop" and use the equipment for building guitars occasionally. Each time he returned to East Kos would ask Joel to show the students a thing or two. Eventually, Joel supervised one East student with his senior project — a guitar. The following year, Kos asked Joel if he would consider applying for a job at East to take over for him when he retired. Dennis Kos may never know what a significant gift he left for East in 2001! East has one of the only "shop" programs left in the city, and it has expanded significantly under Joel's talent and leadership. Joel offers classes in wood, musical instrument making, engineering design, civil engineering, and architecture.

The Alumni Heritage Hall is one of several projects Noble and his students have done for East; a set of replica shelf toppers for the library, library tables, library bookcases, a new circulation desk, and an update on the East war memorial. For the Heritage Hall project, Joel organized it like a job, asking interested students to apply with written applications. Students were expected to prepare a res-



John Youngquist Is East's 18th Principal

by Mats Engdahl
and Marissa Latta

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Youngquist and his family moved to Denver when he was young. He went to school in Denver, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1984 and subsequently earning a degree in psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

After college, Youngquist worked for a time as a counselor at a group home for adolescents, and then decided to go into education. He taught social studies for a year at Thomas Jefferson, and later became a dean in the Cherry Creek Public Schools. He returned to DPS to become a principal at Newlon Elementary, then served as an area superintendent for the district. He was most recently a principal at Smedley Elementary in north Denver.

"I work in public schools for a reason," Youngquist explained. "I demand a high rate of excellence for the educational services that are provided to every student. It doesn't matter where you come from, your economic level, race ethnicity, or cultural background. Everyone deserves the best."

Youngquist emphasized a number of things he plans to focus on in the upcoming years. On the subject of test scores, he explained that an initial study of scores and trends is necessary, but the most important thing is to act based on those evaluations. "We have to make sure that each student is challenged in the classroom every day....whether you're in X classes, regular classes or AP classes." He emphasized his commitment to meeting the academic needs of the students at East, stressing how important it is for "every interest that you have, especially academically, to be responded to and supported."

One of the biggest problems Youngquist sees at East is large class sizes. "We have to get past 35 students in a classroom."

But he also expressed optimism about East's future. "East High School, right now, has the money to make it happen in terms of student achievement. We can build on the tradition of excellence that's been here with the resources we've been given."

Youngquist also touched on the cleanliness of the school, and what needs to be done to maintain the building's care. "The first thing that has to happen is I have to be picking up trash," he said. "If you see me picking up trash, it's because I respect what's going on at East High School." He believes this respect must translate to all walks of Angel life.

Youngquist plans to "walk the grounds once a week to pick out

hotspots and make sure those get cleaned up."

"When you're going to school in a place that looks good, you feel better about being here, he said. You're going to work harder because you're here."

There was an egalitarian tone to some of Youngquist's comments. "I'm not going to ask the students to do anything I'm not willing to do," he promised.

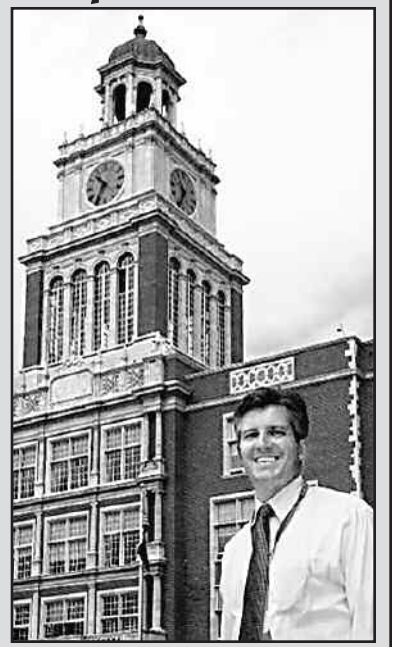
Asked about safety in the stu-

dent parking lot, he offered to park his own car there with all the students, in hopes that his presence would discourage them from breaking any rules. (And he is!)

Youngquist wants to be at East for the long haul. "I love elementary school," said Youngquist, referencing his previous principal jobs, "but to be here where ideas are constantly being challenged is really exciting."

From The Principal...

During my first semester I have learned a great deal about the students, parents, community and alumni of East High School. Our students are incredible. We have 2,060 Angels that grace our hallways each day and I'm impressed with the kindness, the spirit and focus on academics they demonstrate. What is the greatest surprise to me, however, is the investment our parents and alumni make in time, effort and financial contributions to sustain the greatness of our school. This is truly unique. From mentoring to fundraising, the contributions made by our groups of volunteers is beyond belief. THANK YOU for your commitment to our school and thank you for helping us to provide a world class school experience for our Angels.



#1 In The Nation — 2007 East High Constitutional Scholars

East's Constitutional Scholars team won first place in the national *We The People: the Citizen and the Constitution* competition in Washington, D.C. The East team of juniors and seniors edged out high schools from California and Oregon in April 2007 to become national champs. The class of 28 students underwent rigorous preparation with their coach and teacher Susan McHugh, who is a lawyer, and other attorneys donating time to help them.

The competition consisted of three days of simulated congressional hearings in which the students were grilled on issues such as judicial review and constitutional principles. The demanding judges are college professors, government policy makers, justices and judges from state and federal judicial offices. Historical knowledge combined with understanding, supportive evidence, and the ability to make application to modern day situations, events and issues are the norm.

East has represented the Denver Public Schools and the State of Colorado well in this 20-year-old competition. Eighteen times East has represented Colorado as the

State Champion, placing 14 times in the top 10 and taking the National Championship two times! (previously in 1992)

We are proud of all the East participants for their work and all those adults who encourage and help make this level of thinking and learning possible! And we are most grateful to all those who provide the financial assistance to make this national competition a reality for East!

2008 Constitutional Scholars Update

The East team won the State Championship again!

The 27 member team leaves May 1, 2008 to defend their national title.

If you wish to help the Constitutional Scholars Team travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Competition please make your tax-deductible donation payable to: East High School — Constitutional Scholars.

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EAST HIGH HERITAGE HALL CLASS OF 2008 INDUCTEES

1877	Horace Irving Hale	1933	Ethel Magafan
1877	Robert Steele, Sr.	1933	Jenne Magafan
1879	Alice Eastwood	1934	Sidney Sheldon
1893	George Williamson	1934	Miriam Goldberg
1901	Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.	1939	Elvin Caldwell
1906	Antoinette Perry	1949	Jack Swigert
1911	Maurice Pate	1953	Norman Augustine
1911	Harold Lloyd	1955	Marilyn Van Derbur
1914	Thomas Hornsby Ferril	1957	Judy Collins
1915	Gen. Maurice Rose	1960	Barry Hirschfeld
1915	Hattie McDaniel	1967	Pam Grier
1918	George Gaylord Simpson	1969	Phillip Bailey
1929	Jean Yancey	1971	Allegra Haynes
1931	Hannah Wormington	1976	Anthony Ortega
1931	Dr. Abraham Kauvar	1982	Don Cheadle

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Reunions Held In The Summer Of 2007

The Class of 1957 returned to the scenes of their youth as they celebrated their 50th class reunion August 3 and 4, 2007.

The festivities started with a kick off party Friday night at the Aurora Summit Steak House. On Saturday, a large contingent returned to their alma mater to take a tour of the tower and the school. That evening the group finished their weekend with a dinner at the Pinehurst Country Club.

The reunion booklet provided for alums captured what they believed to be a halcyon time, when the fruits of the American dream were coming together to produce a time of prosperity and blessings.

They recalled being taught by some of the finest teachers ever to grace a classroom. These were educators who unselfishly gave of their time and talents to give them the foundation to prepare for the remarkable events to come.

The challenge to those gathered was to gain a sense of satisfaction in what they as a group have achieved over the past 50 years. "We have been productive in raising and educating our children, building our cities, protecting our nation, spreading culture and the arts and managing commerce."

The Class of 1967 lived on the very edge of some significant change in America and at East. In many ways, the class of '67 mirrored the traditional strengths of those classes who came before it. They were large in number and

talented in academics, music and athletics. They worked hard and many found themselves in top level universities and colleges. However, they were at the verge of the civil rights movement, busing to achieve integration in Denver's schools and the Viet Nam War.

The class met to enjoy their 40th class reunion on August 3 and 4. They opened their weekend with an icebreaker at Cadillac Jack's on Friday night. Saturday the group visited the school and toured the tower museum. Also on Saturday, a four-person golf scramble was held at Park Hill Golf Course. That night the group dined and danced at the Park Hill Golf Club.

The group reminisced about all of the excitement that went along with being a student at East in the mid '60s. They recalled Red and White Day, the Tower of Strength Assembly, the all-school show "Camelot," the many dances, involvement in the many club offerings. They also recalled some teachers who made impacts on their lives. They remembered the leadership provided by Principal Robert Colwell and by teachers such as Price Smith, Irwin Keinon, Marian Padboy, Art Bragg, Jerome Biffle, Dominic Zarlengo, Ray Schwartz, Margaret Smith, and Thelma Hill.

When the Class of 1947 returned to East to celebrate their 60th reunion in August, they had found many of their favorite haunts as young people had changed. For

one thing, the Reese House, a favorite hamburger place at Colfax and Harrison was now a Good Times. The Auditorium Arena, which was the site of graduation on June 10, 1947, and the site of many an exciting basketball contest, has been demolished and became part of the new Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Baur's restaurant is gone and the Bluebird Theater has changed from a movie house to a music venue. The Lowenstein Theater is now the Tattered Cover Bookstore and Joslins on 16th Street is now a Marriot Courtyard Hotel.

The Denver Country Club was the venue for the main function, a luncheon on Sunday, August 26. One hundred eighty people gathered for this event and reminisced about a time when Elitch Gardens, the Tracadero and the Rainbow Hall were favorite places to dance the night away. The war was over and things were slowly returning to normal. Dancing and going to the movies were their favorite pastimes. In their junior year East High School made the front page of *Life Magazine*. They recalled the many victories won by Angel teams and the diversity of clubs available at East.

The group came to East Saturday, August 25, where they visited the newly established Athletic Hall of Fame, the East High War Memorial, the newly renovated East High Library and the Tower Museum.

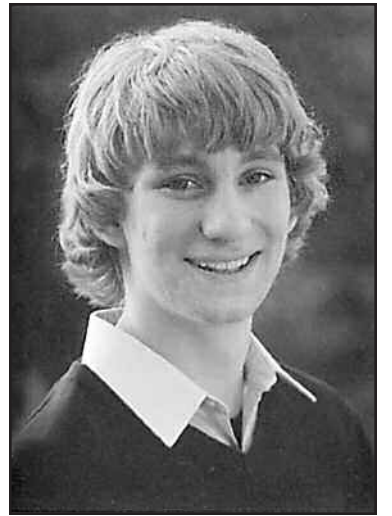
Alumni Scholarship Awards 2007

One of the most rewarding programs sponsored by the Alumni and Friends of East is the annual awarding of scholarships to deserving East seniors. Although alumni associations are thought of mostly as preservation and restoration conscious, the East Alumni Association is also interested in the future of East. For the 13th consecutive year the Alumni and Friends of East awarded scholarship dollars to outstanding graduating seniors.

This year we had an exceptionally long list of scholarship recipients due to the generosity of Principal Kathy Callum and the Angel Foundation, Thomas W. Bean Foundation, The Ted Epstein Family, Class of 1955 and the Class of 1954.

William David VanTreuren received the renewable \$1,000 scholarship for 2007. William is truly a gifted young man. He achieved great success in all subjects while at East.

Teachers repeatedly referred to William's passion for learning, creative approaches and exhilarating wit. Specific areas of interest include debate, math, science and the Constitutional Scholars. He has a room full of debate trophies, including a fourth place finish at the 2006 National competition. He was a member of the 2006 Constitutional Scholars team that placed third in the nation. In all of Willi-



William VanTreuren

am's activities and classes he provided extraordinary leadership and help to others.

When asked to comment on what East gave to him, William replied, "It provided a receptive community, it challenged me, taught me organization and was truly my social norming."

Sarah June McNaughton was awarded a one time only \$2,000 scholarship for outstanding academic achievement in honor of Emily L. Saslow. Sarah was a remarkable contributor to East. She was a determined, focused achiever interested in journalism. She was editor of the *East Spotlight* and a member of the 2006 Constitutional Scholars team. Sarah saw the diversity of East as an opportunity to learn from others, an opportunity for value building.

The following seniors received one time only awards of \$1,000 for outstanding academic achievement from Alumni and Friends: Adrienne Patricia Deshaies, Stevie Lyn Flanery, Marlis Veronica Hager, Paige Alexandria Jimenez, Katrina Marie Laniohan, Elise V. Mann and Tahijsha S. Moore.

Cally Cole Dalton, Amy Lauren Faliano and Cara Antoinette Faliano received \$1,000 grants from the Class of 1954 for outstanding academic achievement.

Emma Afton Byers received a \$1,000 grant from the Class of 1955 for outstanding academic achievement.

The Thomas W. Bean Foundation awarded \$1,000 to Devin Pitts-Rogers and Thomas Samuel Richardson.

The following East seniors received an Alumni Book Award of \$500 for scholarship and contributions made to East: Emma Grace Anderson, Kerry P. Fessenden, Amie S. Fontenot, Sarah Rose Goode, Molly Marie Hartman, Victoria Elizabeth Jones, Jonathan Paul Smith, Lea Ann White and Gillian Wells Winbourn.

The Angel Foundation granted the following \$1,000 awards: Alura Dannon Baxter, Janese Lynnette Boyd, Dianna L. Butler and Jessica Lyn Richardson.

Dyrell Marscius received a \$1,000 award from the Ted Epstein Family.

The following East seniors received an Angel Foundation Book Award of \$500 for scholarship and contributions to East: Kiara N. Calbart, Brooke C. Durant, Ashley Denee Filer, Kahlie T. McPeck and Tyshel Brenea McPherson.

All of the students interviewed talked about the diversity of East, meaning not only the people, but choices of classes, activities, opportunities and the care and quality of teaching they experienced. These recipients will represent East and themselves well.

With Alumni and Friends dollars and generous contributors, 125 students have received a total of \$118,000 as of 2007! We are looking for scholarship dollars every year! All donations are tax-deductible!

2008 Reunions

1953 (55th Year)

Saturday August 9, 2008
Cherry Hills Country Club
6 p.m.

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1958 (50th)

July 25-27, 2008
July 25
Colorado History Museum
July 26

Tour of East High School
Visit to Tower Museum
July 26
Dinner at Denver Museum
of Nature and Science

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These are the only reunions reported to date.

Former Yearbook Editor Continues To Be Involved With Historical Preservation Of East

History has long been the passion of Marcia Goldstein. Marcia Trammel graduated from East in 1969 and she found herself in the midst of great social change.

It was an age of assassinations of American leaders: Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert Kennedy and Malcolm X. American soldiers were fighting in Viet Nam and integration was the number one topic of school debate. It was in such a setting that Marcia began her fascination with public history and her passion for diversity.

Marcia entered Metropolitan State College and earned a degree in American history and computer science. She earned a masters degree from the University of Colorado at Denver in American History and Public History in 1995. In 2007 she earned her Ph.D from the



Marcia Goldstein

University of Colorado. Her doctoral thesis was entitled: "Women's Innovations in Partisan Electoral Politics in Post Suffrage Colorado 1893-1898."

One of the most influential professors in her college career was Thomas Noel, a leading Colorado historian. He also served as her mentor in college and the two have combined forces in various historical and education endeavors.

This interest in history led Marcia to return to East in 1987 and join East High Alumni and Friends Association. She was involved in the establishment of the East High history museum and a project to gain Denver Landmark status for the historic building.

Currently she is heading up a committee that is selecting inductees to go into the newly constructed East High Heritage Hall, set to open in the fall of 2008. She has applied for a staff position as a historian with the Colorado Historical Society.

Marcia often reflects on those exciting and sometimes turbulent years at East when the school and society was on the cusp of radical change. "My time at East permanently imprinted on my consciousness the necessity for diversity in a very segregated society. We believed that change was healthy and possible. There was a great deal of youthful idealism."

She remembers the time when the Black Panthers were in the school trying to urge African American students to demand more from the school system than they were used to getting. "My senior year was the first time we had Black American History in the curriculum. Regis Groff was brought in to teach the course along with former East High graduate Jerome Biffle (1946). The class was very integrated and some serious debates took place in that atmosphere."

"I remember the speak outs,

East High Angel Alliance

For information on the several nonprofit organizations that comprise the East Angel Alliance, visit www.eastangelalliance.org. The Alliance's member groups include those that are for parents of current East students, alumni, and others. (Alumni and Friends of East, East High Angel Foundation, Project Angel Pride, East High PTSA) The Alliance Web site includes information on the many programs and projects they sponsor that benefit East students.

For example, Alumni and Friends of East, a founding member of the Angel Alliance, provides annual grants for college tuition assistance for deserving graduation seniors with their Scholarship Program, maintains historical archives in the Tower Museum, and is currently working on the Heri-

tage Hall located outside the library which will feature outstanding East graduates.

Another Alliance member, the East Angel Foundation (EHAF), runs the Student Assistance Fund, which helps students in need with textbook and other expenses. The EHAF also started the A+ Angels Mentoring Program providing adult mentors to at risk students.

Together, the groups that make up the East Angel Alliance constitute a vibrant body of volunteers dedicated to materially improving student life, academic success, strengthening the alumni community, and furthering East's traditions of cultural and historical distinction. To learn more, to volunteer, or to donate, visit www.eastangelalliance.org.

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2007 EAST OBITUARIES

Barry Appel (1935) 9/8/07
 William Beattie (1947) 5/11/07
 Arthur Bragg (educator) 2007
 Greg Browning (coach/educator) 2/1/07
 Gloria Cummings (1943) 3/19/07
 Leslie Friedman Davis (1940) 11/10/07
 Faith Engle (1943) 6/3/07
 Delbert Evans (1936) 8/1/07
 Kenneth Groves (1954) 2/18/07
 Andrew Gunning (1939) 9/14/07
 Arthur Levy (1965) 9/4/2007
 Virginia Liese (1939) 8/29/07
 Robert Linger (1939) 8/11/07
 Beverly Miller (1954) 4/28/07
 Archibald Morris (1954) 7/3/07
 Winfield Niblo (educator) 2007
 Elaine Schauer (1949) 1/26/07
 Sidney Smith (1952) 8/21/07
 Nicholas Tacinas (1939) 8/23/07
 Paul Vaughn (coach/educator) 2007
 Edna Ruth Veterling (1941) 2/19/07

track teams won several state titles. He joined the staff at George Washington High School when it opened in 1960. He will be inducted into the East High Coaches Hall of Fame April 12, 2008.

LESLIE FRIEDMAN DAVIS (1940) Died Nov. 10, 2007. State ping pong champ in the '30s. She was a leader in numerous civic and charitable organizations in Denver. She served as chair of the Women's Division of National Jewish Hospital and president of Children's Hospital as well as chair of the Anti-defamation League. She helped found the Women's Bank of Denver in 1976.



Winfield Niblo

WINFIELD NIBLO. Winfield was born in Rivera, Texas, in 1912 and moved to Denver when he was a child. He graduated from West High School in 1930 and earned a bachelors and a master's degree from the University of Denver. He taught social studies at East High before serving in the military in WW II. He earned a doctorate from Columbia University and began work with the government, serving as chief education officer for the U.S. Occupational Authorities in Japan. Jean Hall (1941) remembers Winfield as a teacher who taught students about the importance of a sense of humor and treating people as individuals.



Gregg Browning

GREGG BROWNING. Gregg was an educator, athlete and coach and was described by his former players as a man of honesty and uprightness. He died Feb. 1, 2007. Gregg was born in Trinidad, Colo. He was an outstanding athlete in high school and at the University of Denver. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers to play professional football. He was inducted into the DU Sports Hall of Fame. He served in the Navy in WWII.

He taught at East in the '50s and coached football and track. His

East Earns Significant Listing On National Register Of Historic Places

While East High School has enjoyed local Denver Landmark status since the 1980s, the school only recently earned a coveted listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Project Angel Pride and the Alumni and Friends of East spearheaded the nomination effort, in cooperation with Historic Denver, Inc., which generously provided the pro-bono services of historic preservationist Ira Selkowitz. Compiling an extensive report of architectural and historical evidence, Selkowitz argued that East was a significant landmark, both for its architectural features, as well as its historical place in the Denver community.

East High opened in 1925 as an important part of a city-wide campaign to modernize, beautify, and promote aesthetic planning and design in schools, in keeping with the "City Beautiful" movement. The nomination argued that the building's finely executed English Jacobean Revival design "epitomizes the City Beautiful ethic." Noted Denver architect and East High graduate George Williamson designed the school. He chose the open and accessible Jacobean

style, which allowed the use of large state-of-the-art window treatments, and highlighted the soaring clock tower, visible for miles around. The interior design, including the auditorium and library, reflected Williamson's open, light, and airy aesthetic. Depression-era artist Hugh Weller painted the recently-restored 1934 mural of Marco Polo's journeys in the library as part of the federal Public Works Art Project program — another example of the school's rich interior architectural and historical significance.

Another category of significance for which East was nominated to the National Register was for its historical importance in the educational and social community of Denver and the nation. From 1925 to 1975, the school evolved from serving primarily middle and upper class Anglo students to a school at the vanguard of race relations and school integration. Prior to and during the controversial landmark Keyes case, a U. S. Supreme Court desegregation case which mandated school busing to end de facto segregation in Denver schools, East stood as a leader and model among Denver schools in

establishing formal and informal avenues for students and the community to explore issues related to racial and ethnic diversity.

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, part of the Colorado Historical Society.

The entire nomination report for East High School is available at the Colorado Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation's Web site, at www.coloradohistory_oahp.org/programareas/register/directory.htm.

'The Most Effective Human Angel I Know'

Maurice Pate earned the title "Angel" long after he graduated from East High School in 1911. Maurice was a humanitarian and businessman and along with Herbert Hoover, he co-founded the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 1947 and served as its first executive director from 1947 until his death, January 19, 1965. Hoover, who would eventually become president of the United States, said that Maurice was "the most effective human angel I know."

Born in Pender, Nebraska, he moved with his family to Denver when he was three. He graduated from East Denver High School in 1911 and moved on to Princeton University where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics in 1915, with high honors.

During World War I, Maurice worked for Herbert Hoover's Commission for Relief in Belgium. He helped organize and direct efforts by the American Relief Administration to feed more than one million Polish children after the war.

Upon the outbreak of World War II, Pate led the Commission



Maurice Pate graduated from East in 1911.

for Polish Relief and later joined the American Red Cross as director of relief supplies for POW's in Asia and Europe. UNICEF was formed in 1947 to combat the threats posed to children in Europe from disease and famine. He was executive director from 1947 until 1953. He was awarded the Albert Lasker Public Service Award in 1959.

His greatest award came in the

form of a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1960. He felt the contributions of the entire UNICEF organization should be recognized instead of one individual's contribution. Nine months after Maurice died, UNICEF was awarded the 1965 Nobel Peace Prize. Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary General of the United Nations said, "The work of UNICEF is at the heart of the matter — and — at the heart of UNICEF is Maurice Pate."

When Maurice Pate died, UNICEF had more than 550 long-term programs and helped over 55 million children in 116 countries. The UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award was established in his honor after his death in 1965. It reads: "This award is given for extraordinary example and exemplary innovation and inspirational leadership in contributing to the advancement of the UNICEF mandate for children."

The Alumni and Friends salutes the work and the memory of Maurice Pate, for he lived out the East High Creed when he served himself, his school and his nation by devoting his life to serving others.

Alumni Faculty Honored At Breakfast

Honoring the East High faculty and staff and their contributions to the tradition of academic excellence and proud history of East High, the Alumni and Friends of East and the Angel Foundation sponsored a catered breakfast in East's entryway January, 7, 2008. It was an opportunity to start the new year with a short time for camaraderie and sharing with past East contributors.

Five former East principals (Jim Tracy, Rick Arthur, Jerry Anderson, Beth Celva, Kathy Callum) attended along with alumni representatives from a variety of classes. Jack Smith, class of 1937, was proudly the oldest alum in attendance. Other alums included, Chris Babbs, Sue Edwards, Marcia Goldstein, Peter Groff, Owen Hahn, Happy Haynes, Jay Lutz, George Mansfield, Nick Nuanes and Gloria Olivier. Additional guests in attendance were Super-



Left to right, East alum Peter Groff, Board member Kevin Patterson and Superintendent Michael Bennet.

intendent Michael Bennet and Board members, Jeanne Kaplan and Kevin Patterson. For added fun, there was a drawing for over \$600 worth of gift certificates. It was a special "first day back" for all involved.



Membership Dues Increase

Cost Of Communication Goes Up In 2009!

When the East High Alumni Association was reactivated in 1989, under the name of Alumni and Friends of East, one of the goals was to be in regular contact with the various graduating classes

Since 1989 we have gathered close to 8,000 alumni names. We are thrilled with the yearly increase in our data base. This increase has created additional publication and mailing costs. In past years we have published the *Alumni Spotlight* in October and mailed a one page update in January that included a membership form/reminder. The *Alumni Spotlight* was not mailed this past October (2007). We plan for you to receive this all inclusive mailing in January.

Some alumni associations mail only to those who pay membership dues or make donations to alumni causes. We think it is important to communicate with as many alumni as possible and with as many graduating classes as possible. We mail to all graduates whose addresses we have located. We hope to keep you informed about East and that you maintain an interest in the programs and opportunities we help provide.

We are trying a different mailing procedure with this *Spotlight*. The previous membership/donation slip is no longer included in the mailing. Instead, we have provided an envelope with the instructions printed on the flap. As always, you will be able to designate where you would like donations to be spent. We hope this is convenient for you and will be a reminder your donations support all alumni programs and projects.

For the past 19 years alumni dues have been \$10. Starting in 2009 the dues will be \$20. We hope this slightly overdue "cost of living increase," will help us provide quality communications with you and meet the increased costs of preservations efforts.

The Alumni and Friends of East thanks you for your generous contributions. If you are not a member of the organization, please consider joining and helping keep East and its significant historical traditions alive and prospering.

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East Sports Hall Opens Doors In 2007

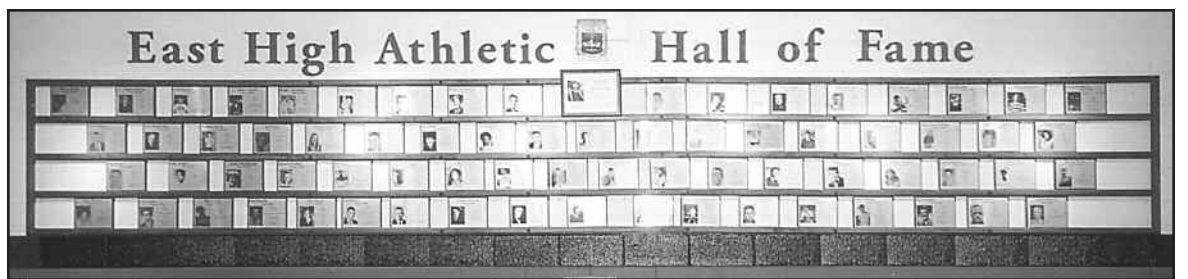
For over 110 years, East High School athletic teams have captured many city and state titles. These honors were made possible by the many outstanding athletes. The school has never recognized these individuals over the years.

The dream of an East High Hall of Fame was finally realized on February 10, 2007, when the first class of athletes was inducted into the hall. Because of the long period of inactivity, the hall of fame committee decided to use the first two years to select a large number

of athletes.

The committee tried to select honorees who represented the various sports, the various decades and one that would also represent both male and female athletes. It was decided that coaches would also be inducted.

The first class selected numbered 93, which included 53 male athletes, 20 female athletes and 20 coaches. The inductees have been honored with a plaque which hangs in the Hall of Fame in the lobby of the Pat Panek Gym.



The East Athletic Hall of Fame was opened in February 2007 with 93 inductees.

An award ceremony was held in the historic old gym at East with over 550 people in attendance. The expense of the hall and the ceremony was made possible by the generous donations of East alums and by two organizations: Alumni and Friends of East and the East High Foundation.

Athletic Hall Inducts Second Class

Fifty-three athletes were recently voted into the East High Athletic Hall of Fame. A ceremony will be held April 12, 2008, to honor this second class. Once again, a diversity of sports, genders, and decades was repre-

sented.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Hall can send a check made out to East High Athletic Hall of Fame and send to Richard Nelson, 112 South Eaton Court, Lakewood, Colorado 80226.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

When East High School opened its doors for the first time in a new building in 1925, a host of clubs and activities were initiated. They quickly became favorite traditions. As is true of many traditions, time has a way of making many traditions distant memories.

These traditions became popular with students from the mid '20s until most of them disappeared somewhere in the 1970s, when change seemed to be the constant reality. Whether these changes have been for the good of East or not, can be debated.

When athletics began in DPS in 1895, East chose the Angel as its mascot and carmine red and white as its school colors.



White Jackets served as the "Pep Club" at games.



Red Jackets provided spirit at the pep rallies.

the spirit leaders of the school. Dressed in their white jackets, red skirts, red and white beanies and black and white saddle shoes, these girls would become the pep club.

Not to be outdone, a Red Jackets organization was created in 1935. These boys were spirit leaders in the school and along with the White Jackets would organize the rousing pep assemblies in the auditorium.

Of course no athletic event would be complete without the hard work of cheerleaders. In 1933 the first cheerleaders were selected in Denver schools. At first only boys could be cheerleaders, as it was considered improper for young girls to frolic about on the sidelines in most unladylike manners.

The Seraph Sisters were created in 1938. Only girls with high grade point averages and high standards could belong. These girls became indispensable to East with their pledge to assist in the every day run-

ning of the school. Many Seraph Sisters were assigned to individual teachers for assistants.

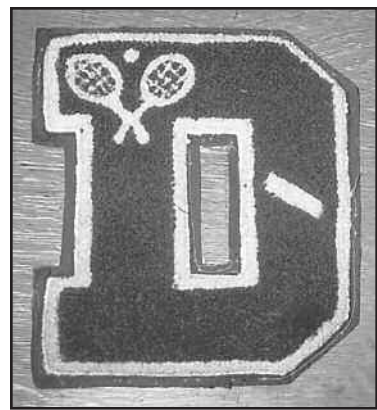
Speech has always been a powerful presence at East. The old Congress and Minerva speech societies are gone, but debate and speech are still going strong at East. The Woodbury Declamation (1874) and the Wolcott Sight Reading (1879) and the Shafroth Extemporaneous (1923) contests are still being held.

Most of these traditions are gone. Some have been replaced by a tradition of a different name. Red Jackets and White Jackets

have disappeared. Red and White day has been replaced with spirit days which happen throughout the year. Seraph Sisters have been replaced by the National Honor Society. There are no marching bands at any of the 10 Denver high schools. There is a city-wide marching band which is comprised of students from all of the Denver high schools.



Seraph Sisters were a service organization at East.



The "D" Club was made up of athletes who lettered.

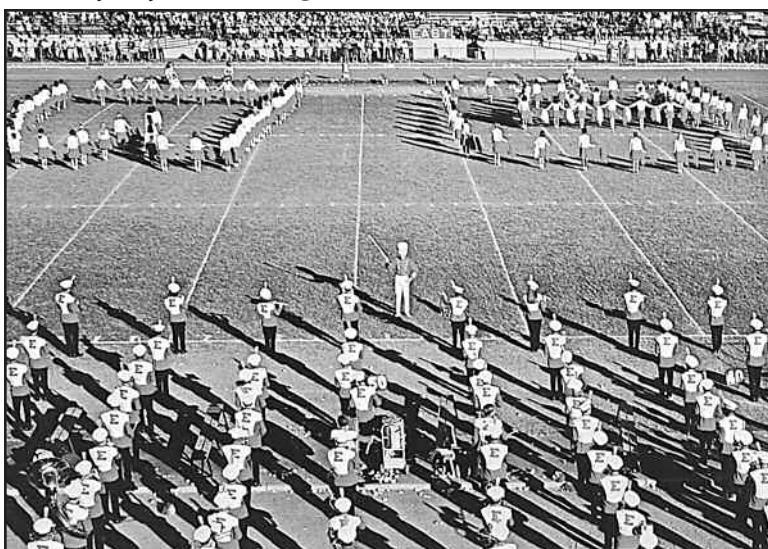
"D" Clubs were organized in 1922, when East was downtown at 19th and Welton. A lad had to have lettered in at least one sport to qualify for membership. Boys wore the letter "D" on their sweaters and jackets to symbolize that they were Denver athletes first. School recognition was made by noticing the color of the sweater.

In 1930 "Howdy Day" was created to welcome into the Angel fold the incoming sophomore class each year. This program was the responsibility of student council.

Red and White Day was established in 1930. This spring ritual would become one of East's most popular events. The event included more than a dozen floats constructed by the various clubs. These floats would parade around the Esplanade and were judged for their creativity and construction. A spring queen would be elected and skits would be performed by each of the classes and the faculty. In the afternoon, the entire school would be released to attend the City track meet, first held at the University of Denver track and later at All City Field.

From the middle of 1930 until the middle of 1960, football was King at East, and East was usually King of the Denver league. These games were made special by the participation of much of the student body. The large marching band would perform at half-time and provide rousing fight songs during the game. The original marching band was called the Cadet band and was organized in 1936.

In 1930 the White Jackets were formed. This club was made up of a large number of girls who were



White Jackets and Marching Band perform at Homecoming in the '50s.

Coaches Hall of Fame



The East High Coaches Hall of Fame had 19 inductees in 2007; six more will be added in 2008.

HALL OF FAME: CLASS OF 2008

Year	Athlete	Year	Athlete
1970	Rudy Carey	1984	Patricia Pyles
1972	V.E. Boatner	1984	Goldie Sellers
1973	Phil Chambers	1984	Dana Coutts
1984	Brian Beckler	1986	Shawn Taylor
1985	Joe Egloff	1988	Katherine Fedde
1987	Dewitt Dominick	1990	Callan Miller
1990	Marty Harrison	1991	Kate Palcanis
1994	Andre Champagne	1994	Margot Quandt
1995	John Akolt	1999	Kate Ling
2001	Ross Schraeder	2004	Lauren Johnston
2002	Spencer Stenmark		
		Girls	
		1984	Patricia Pyles
		1984	Goldie Sellers
		1984	Dana Coutts
		1986	Shawn Taylor
		1988	Katherine Fedde
		1990	Callan Miller
		1991	Kate Palcanis
		1994	Margot Quandt
		1999	Kate Ling
		2004	Lauren Johnston
		Coaches	
			Clarence Whipple
			Gregg Browning
			Phil Serafini
			Scott Mendelsberg
			Andy Mendelsberg

Letter To The Editor

Today, I read in the paper that there is an upcoming 40-year reunion of the class of 1967. To some that might seem a long time ago, but it doesn't seem to long ago when I remember my class of 1938 at good old East High!

Our generation has been named "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. Our class lived through the "Great Depression," the "Dust Bowl," WWII, the Korean War, the Viet Name War and of course, the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Little did we know when we were at East what a pivotal part our class would play on the world stage, or how our lives would change. I've heard some say that they thought that most students, especially women, "way back in 1938," didn't attend college. That wasn't true at East. Our graduating class of about 1,000 seemed to move "en masse" to the University of Colorado.

The attack on Pearl Harbor came in the middle of our senior year in college. Our initial response was where is Pearl Harbor? On December 8, 1941, we heard President Franklin Roosevelt give his famous speech on the radio, declaring war on the empire of Japan. Some of our classes at East and at CU were of Japanese descent and many of them went on to serve in the 442 Regimental Combat Team where they proved, once and for all, that they were, and always had been loyal citizens

of the United States.

Our generation went on to life this country to a never-before-known level of peace and prosperity. We, who are left, feel that we've lived through perhaps the greatest and most momentous changes in our country's history.

It would be wonderful if our group could meet and celebrate our 70th reunion.

Grace Cook Bond (1938)

Roscoe Hill, East's long time principal in both old and new East, would offer a parting shot of advice as every



Roscoe Hill

year a new class graduated from the building.

"I hope that there may live with each member of the class of 1931, strong courage to do the right thing under all circumstances. With high ideals of your school in mind, may you the class of 1932 go boldly forth and take an honored place with other grads of East in the community, the state and the nation."

— Roscoe Hill