

Ellis Douthit's, Jr. Hosted Foreign Exchange Student

This article is written by the Foreign Exchange Student, Margareta Alm, of Sweden.

When I first heard that I was going to stay in Cedar Rapids, NE, for a year, I was very excited, because I knew absolutely nothing about this state, not even, that it has a great football team. Soon I discovered that everything is very different from my home country. For example, the High School. Instead of taking six classes like you do in Cedar Rapids High, we take about thirteen which make it quite a bit harder. Because of this, nobody has time for much activities outside of school. If you want to go out for Track, or another sport, you have to join an outside organization. The school I go to, at home, has eleven hundred pupils and about 180 seniors. This makes it pretty hard to know everybody in your own school, and when we get an exchange

student, not too many know who it is.

As Sweden is a socialistic country, High School is all paid by the government and we get about \$250.00 a year for going to school. This makes it possible for everybody, who wants to, to go to school.

By going to a foreign school, I now know that there are both advantages and disadvantages in all schools.

My stay in Cedar Rapids was most enjoyable, and I am very thankful to everybody who has been so friendly to me, all through this year -- a year that went too fast. To live in another country, is such a wonderful experience and I know, I will never forget it. As fast as possible, I will come back to see everybody.

NEWS

CEDAR RAPIDS ALUMNI

Number 15

Cedar Rapids, Nebraska

August 2, 1975



ALUMNI OFFICERS: Back row: Left to right: Jim Cox '61, 1974 President; Mary Jane Eltissimmons Demuth, '54, 1974 Secretary; John Vandevogt, '61, 1975 President; Linda Dickey Dobson, '67, 1974 Treasurer. Front row: Linda Bennett Swerczek, '67, 1975 Treasurer; Ed Novacek, '71, 1975 Vice President; Shelly Orshek Towey, '72, 1975 Secretary.

New Additions At School

Make sure your visit back to good 'ol Cedar includes a tour through the new additions at the High School. A new shop, a remodeled science room (in the basement of the Junior High), a remodeled "old gym", a new music room -- all added within the last five years, should prove to be interesting. Make sure you see the mural of a fighting tiger that was painted by the Art II class in 1973 that made news in the World Herald. The Art II class of 1975 has made additional murals for the old gym, where the balcony used to be. A completely new tile floor has replaced the "two by four" floor in the old gym and the dressing rooms have been paneled and tiled. School personnel will be available before and after the program to direct you to the new areas.

End Of The Year Film To Be Shown At Banquet

During the program at the Alumni Banquet, a film will be shown which is the story of the school year 1974-75. This film is the latest in the series of three films which have been put together by the art and photography classes at Cedar Rapids High School under the supervision of Len Homan. The film is a movie taken of activities during the school year and a composite of all the individual pictures taken as the year progressed. It is set to music and should be interesting to all alumni wanting to find out what school is like in 1975. The films for 1972-73 and 1973-74 will be shown by request after the program. Sneak day films of 1972 will also be available for viewing.

1975 HONORED CLASSES

Classes to be honored Saturday, August 2, 1975 will be as follows: 1915, 1925 ('25 is the 50 Year Class), 1935, 1945, 1950 ('50 is the 25 Honor Class), 1955, 1965, and 1975.

Special Invitation

Congratulations to the class of 1975. Each one of you is receiving a copy of the Alumni News, and you are invited to the program to be held Saturday, August 2, 1975, at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

You may wish to complete the invitation form found in this newspaper and attend the banquet also.

Sharmond Afrank
Brad Ahlers
Rita Ahlers
Margareta Alm -- Swedish Exchange Student
Thomas Armatys
Raymond Auten
Louis Bokelman
Rhonda Bridger
Cheryl Cook
Kerry Dobson
Francis Gpelz
Ralph Hunt
Steve Karman
Charles Kleffner
Roxanne McIntyre
John McGuire

Dorthea Massman
Steve Mogensen
David Moore
Robert Moore
Cynthia Osterholt
Terry Penne
Susan Reeder
Virgil Rieck
James Ritzdorf
Martin Robinson
Ronald Ruffen
James Snodgrass
Joan Starkey
Daniel Zentner
Robert Ziemba
Janice Zoucha

History Of The Education System Of Cedar Rapids

The Education System of Cedar Rapids had its birth in a sod school house, in Dayton, with Eulalia Robinson as the teacher in 1873.

When S.S. Hadley arrived in town as representative for the Cedar Rapids Improvement Co., he saw the need for a school, and trusting the local people, he loaned most of the money, without security, for the erection of a school house. This school was built on the southeast corner of the present school campus. This wooden structure became the janitors house and is now used for storage, was moved to make room for the brick building which was completed in 1887. Bricks for this building were made in the local Brick Yard.

The first school session was taught by Miss Volla Case of St. Edward. In 1890 the first class was graduated from High School with three members in the class, Clara Brown, Mabel Burnston and Clarence Miller.

The class of 1891 has seven members among them were Will and Estella Sunderland (Miller), Will Baker and Laura Morton. There were but three grades in high school at this time. In 1906 the High School had four grades and the school became accredited by the University of Nebraska.

Increased enrollment necessitated in the building, of what was called the north wing in 1914.

In 1911 St. Anthony's Catholic School was opened, having cost \$18,000. Ten grades and 125 pupils were housed in this four room school. After the new church was built in 1919, the old church was converted into a high school, which then expanded to a four grade high school.

An addition was added to the school in 1927. This addition consisted of five class rooms, a large assembly hall, the present lunch room, a gymnasium and living quarters for the Dominican Nuns who staffed the school for 55 years.

In 1927, the new Public High School was completed and the old building was then used for a grade school. This building burned in 1938 and was replaced in 1941 with the building which is now the Junior High Building.

In 1933, due to lack of funds, the last class was graduated from St. Anthony's High School. Members of this class were Art Sausser, Leonard VanAckeran, Leona Schmidt Gordon, Helen Homan Waschin, Evelyn Homan Kopecky, Cecile Killeen Hoppe and Anita Hughes Budler who was from Blue Hill and stayed at St. Anthony's Dormitory. In May of 1970 the Catholic Grade School closed. The shortage of teachers in the Dominican Order was the primary reason for the closing of the school.

The Catholic School building was purchased by Dist. No. 6 for \$65,000.00 and is now used as the Elementary School. Hot lunches are served in this building for the entire school system.

Alumni Officers

PRESIDENT John Vandevogt '61
VICE PRESIDENT Ed Novacek '71
SECRETARY Shelly Orshek Towey '72
TREASURER Linda Bennett Swerczek '67
PUBLICITY Emma Waschin Loeffler '69

Election Of Officers

The 1976 officers will be elected by ballot during the registration. They will be for Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Vice-President will automatically become President the following year.

1975 REUNION Will Be Held
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

REMEMBER ... Alumni Is Always The First Saturday In August.

BANQUET MENU

When you send in your reservations for the banquet, you will be reserving a meal consisting of the following: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, jello salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee and iced tea.

This Is Your Invitation

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 24, 1975

Reunion Date: Saturday, August 2, 1975

Use this form to make your reservation and pay your dues. (Pay your dues and you will receive a copy of The Alumni News).

Check and circle accordingly:

- Yes, I-we plan to come and meet friends and classmates
- Sorry, can't come this year
- Dues enclosed: (\$1.25) (\$2.50)
- Dinner reservation money enclosed: \$3.50 per plate (\$3.50) (\$7.00)
- My address has changed. Please note the change below.
- My address is correct as you have it.

Name _____ Class of _____
Address _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

REMEMBERALUMNI IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST.

Please fill out the form and return to:

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
CEDAR RAPIDS, NE. 68627**

Include \$3.50 for your spouse when you send in for dinner reservations. They are invited to attend the banquet and program even though they are not alumni.

An Extra Charge of \$1.00 will be made for those attending the banquet without reservations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 24, 1975



Mrs. Mary Halpin Matthiessen, oldest honor class member. She graduated in the year of 1918. Linda Dobson, '74 treasurer is pinning a corsage on Mrs. Matthiessen. Looking on is '74 Vice-President, John Vandevgt.



HONOR CLASS OF 1924 - 60 YEARS: Back row: left to right - Don Bealer, Joe Flinn, Leo Ripp, Ken Vocum; 2nd Row: left to right - Josephine Mahoney Wetovak, Elizabeth Rupprecht Lippold, Vera Hoppe Dyke; 2nd Row: left to right - Elsie Hoppe Carter, Ruth Sebastian Cornwell, Clara Vandewalle Zafra; 1st Row: left to right - Esther Gilsdorf McCone and Gladys Casper Lundeen.



CLASS OF 1934 - 40 YEAR HONOR CLASS: Back row: left to right - Jim Randles, Ruby Jennings Cox, Leona Vandewalle Duhon. Middle row: left to right - Paul Hunt, Dorothy Torson Rutten. Front row: left to right - Francis Green, Maxine Thomas Miller, Thelma Theewen Dobson, Gertrude Henry Harnapp.



CLASS OF 1944 - 30 Years HONOR CLASS: Back row: left to right - Dick Jackson, Norman Smith, Leonard Torson, Robert Orshek. Front row: left to right - Donna Cox Bennett, Armella Dokman Hinterscheit, Carolyn Fitzsimmons Casper.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Cedar Rapids ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Balance on hand September 18, 1973	\$702.41
Receipts	
Dance	975.15
Dues and Dinner Reservations	1,317.00
	\$2,594.56
Expenses	
Postage	34.30
Albion News - 9 picture reprints	27.68
Cedar Press (1 ad)	5.00
Albion News (425 newspapers - 1 ad)	246.08
Return tickets - 2	12.00
Bank (change for dinner and dance)	70.00
Roger Pape's Playboys (dance band)	200.00
John Vandevgt (phone calls)	7.34
St. Anthony's Altar Society (317 dinners)	951.00
Wilma Ewers (2 corsages - 2 pins)	4.05
Betty Cox (program supplies)	5.00
James Cox (photo album)	5.13
Paul Lansing	5.00
Jerry Kraus	5.00
Alfred Schuele	5.00
Leonard Jarosz	5.00
Mary Jane Demuth (supplies)	12.00
Salaries	
Jim Cox (President)	25.00
John Vandevgt (Vice President)	25.00
Dick Jackson (Publicity Chairman)	25.00
Mary Jane Demuth (Secretary)	35.00
Linda Dobson (Treasurer)	25.00
	\$1,734.58
Balance on hand February 14, 1975	859.98

**SEE YOU AUGUST 2ND.
COME JOIN US**

ATTENDED THE 1974 ALUMNI

The following is a list of those who registered during the 1974 reunion:

1915-
Mary Halpin Matthiesen

1918-
George Orshek

1919-
Lewis Wilson

1920-
Rose Ripp Pflaum
Anna Walla Mahoney
Eleanor McDonald Orshek

1921-
Ann Ripp Loomis
Fred Cornwell

1922-
Fred Sebastian

1924-
Josephine Mahoney Wetovick
Clara VanDeWalle Zaruba
Kenneth Yocum
Elizabeth Rupprecht Lippold
Ruth Sebastian Cornwell
Versa Hoppe Dyke
Elsie Hoppe Carter
Esther Gilsdorf McComb
Joseph A. Flakus
Gladys Casper Lundeen
Leo J. Ripp
Don Bealer

1925-
Francis Theewen Mahoney

1928-
Pearl Fitzsimmons Martinsen

1927-
Nellie Cornwell Sebastian
Cleda Randles

1928-
Ted Scronce
Rose Kleffner Buechter
Dorothy Carlson Cox

1929-
Lucille Gilsdorf Cruise
Loretta Rupprecht Danley
Kenneth Randles

1930-
Theresa Homan Goering
Myrtle Bourn Koeppen
Ellen Cox Anderson
Ruby Hale Carlson

1931-
Phebe Randles
James Gordon

1932-
Catherine McCurdy Gordon

1933-
Ray Gordon
Leona Schmid Gordon

1934-
Leona Vandewalle Duhon
Thelma Theewen Dobson
Gertrude Henry Harnapp
Ruby Jennings Cox
Maxine Thomas Miller
Jim Randles
Francis Green
Dorothy Torson Rutten
Paul Hunt

1935-
Francis "Bud" Towey
Mary Homan Primrose
Neal Cruise

1936-
Margorie Thomas Silheth

1937-
Marjorie Robinson Cox
Margorie Ritzdorf Fenton

1938-
Betty Ryan Gordon

1939-
Anita Hert Carlson

1940-
Dillard "Pic" Farmer

1941-
Eileen Kunzman Towey
Jim Vanderloop
Pauline McGuire Braun
Lester Robinson

1942-
Rob Jackson
Evelyn Tschudin Farmer
Mary Ann Ritzdorf Micek
Jane Dohman Schmitz

1943-
Bob McGuire

1944-
Robert Orshek
Norman Smith
Donna Cox Bennett
Leonard Torson
Armella Dohman Hinderscheit
Dick Jackson
Carolyn Fitzsimmons Casper

1945-
Robert Kayton
Jerry Towey
Dick Batenhorst
Mary Ellen Buechter Hutchison

1946-
Philamae Boesch Towey
Maxine Kennedy Robinson
Lorene Homan
Eileen Matya Batenhorst

1947-
Teresa Nebel Heithoff
John Reeder

1948-
Betty Zentner Schuele
Leo Homan
Velma Tschudin Krings

1949-
Harry Rutten
Anna Marie Lemke Miller
Ves Miller
Joan Kennedy Batenhorst
Bob Zoucha
Ila Tschudin Bulow
Theresa Mahoney Chapman
Joan DeWulf Kayton
James "Bud" Boesch

1950-
Fritz Miller

1951-
Elizabeth Vandewalle Carder

1952-
Tom Mahoney

1953-
Francis Krings
Tom Batenhorst
Bob Gordon

1954-
Mary Jane Fitzsimmons Demuth
Vonda Boyd Conant
Kenneth Smiley
Mary Alice McPhillips Raitt
Richard Bourn
Jerome Cox
Jackie Koeppen Leimers
Harold Ogden
Jerry Scronce
Jackie Hellbusch Lassek

1955-
Dick Homan
Carroll (Butch) Miller

1957-
Paul Vandewalle

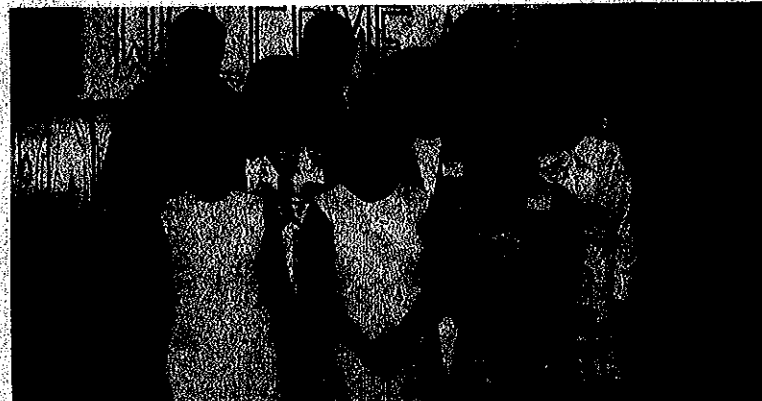
1958-
Gerald Hellbusch
Lois Fitzsimmons Olson
JoAnn Langan Miller
Noreen Lowe Bourn

1959-
Carol Tomandl Paulsen

1960-
Mick Gordon
Mary Jane Langan Gilroy



CLASS OF 1949 - 25 YEAR HONOR CLASS: Back row; left to right - Bob Zoscha, Harry Rutten, Ves Miller, James "Bud" Boesch. Middle row; left to right - Joan Kennedy Batenhorst, Anna Marie Lemke Miller, Ila Mae Tschudin Bulow. Front row; left to right - Theresa Mahoney Chapman, Joan DeWulf Kayton.



1954 - 20 YEAR HONOR CLASS: Back row; left to right - Jerry Scronce, Kenneth Smiley, Jerome Cox, Dick Bourn. Middle row; left to right - Marie Jaross Schaecker, Jackie Koeppen Leimer, Mary Alice McPhillips Raitt. Front row; left to right - Mary Jane Fitzsimmons Demuth, Jackie Hellbusch Lassek, Vonda Boyd Conant.



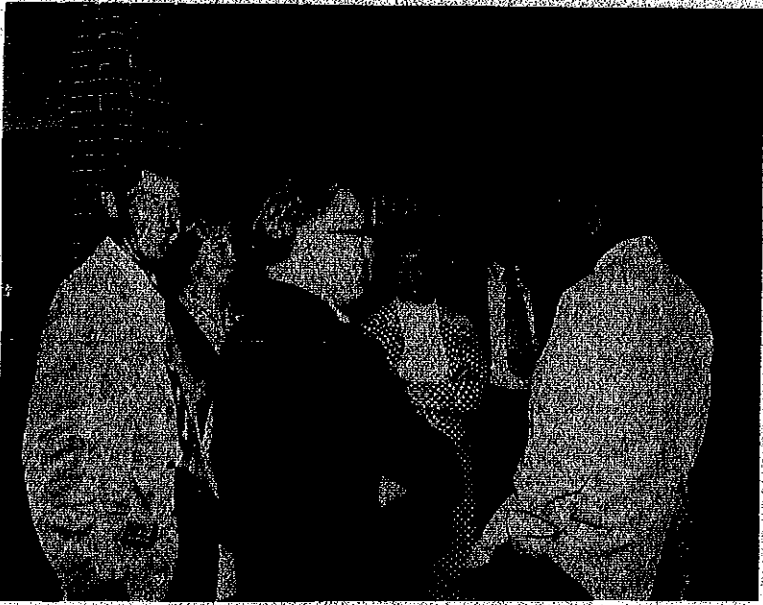
CLASS OF 1964 - 10 YEAR HONOR CLASS: Back row; left to right - Jerry Mahoney, Dave Massman, Mick Towey, Ed (Butch) Holy, Jr., Don Primrose. 2nd row; left to right - Tony Zoucha, Judy Bogner Pfeifer, Donna Boyd Fleck, Pat Scott, Ed Waschn. Bottom row; left to right - Mary Ann Batenhorst Steinbruck, Dianne Krings Osantowski, Pat Gordon Johnson, Alberta Haschke Niekolite, Ardith Swerczek Young.



1974 CLASS: Back row; left to right - Paul Haschke, Steve Kayton, Kris Orshek. Middle row; left to right - Jim Langan, Eileen Sauser, Pat Doughty, Connie Holy. Bottom row; left to right - Donna Kennedy, Marg Swerczek, Teresa Batenhorst.



Elizabeth and Gale Carder, St. Edward and Lilla and Ken Randall, Ames, Iowa.



A group of friends gathering after the Alumni program refreshing their memories of the "old school days".

(Attending 1974 Alumni Continued)

- 1961- David Swerczek
John Vandevagt
Joe Haschke
Cookie Kjeffner Gilroy
- 1962- Mary Lou Ritzdorf Pribnow
- 1964- Donna Boyd Fleck
Mary Ann Batenhorst Steinbruck
Don Primrose
Ed Waschin
Tony Zoucha
Patricia Scott
Mick Towey
Diane Krings Osantowski
Alberta Haschke Nickolite
Dave Massman
Ed (Butch) Holy, Jr.
Ardith Swerczek Young
Judy Bogner Pfeifer
Jerry Mahoney
Pat Gordon Johnson
- 1965- Leo Vandewalle
Diane Fenton Massman
Leonard Vandewalle
- 1966- Bob Casper
Doug Gordon
Bill Loeffler
Marlene Bennett Guithard
Dan Matya, Jr.
Felix Kraus
- 1967- Kay Bethschelder Swerczek
Bill Dobson
Linda Dickey Dobson
Jim Webster
Ron Martinsen
Mary Mahoney
Dan Gordon
Dorothy Tomandl McIntyre
Bernard Auten
Steve Swerczek
Linda Bennett Swerczek
Jim Goering
- 1968- Janet Towey Goering
- 1969- Linda Woeppel
Mary Jane Demuth
Mary Kraus Gordon
Emma Waschin Loeffler
Russell Boyd
- 1970- Sue Bethscheider Cox
Evelyn Guthard Gadeken
Bill Zoucha
Mary Ellen Matya
Ray Bennett
Don Batenhorst
- 1971- Gloria Bennett Zoucha
Jim Towey
Ed Novacek
Sue Primrose McIntyre
Bill Primrose
- 1972- Dan Dobson
Theresa Loeffler Farmer
Brad Farmer
Shelley Orshek Towey
Lois McIntyre
Joan Heithoff
Cathy Zoucha
Dave Casper
- 1973- Angela Batenhorst
Renée Hutchison
Connie Penne Dobson
Barb Loeffler
- 1974- Patty Doughty
Jim Matya
Steve Kaylon
Kris Orshek
Paul Haschke
Teresa Batenhorst
Marge Swerczek
Connie Holy
Jim Langan
Donna Kennedy

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HONOR YEARS

SEE YOU AT ALUMNI

- 1915
- 1920
- 1925
- 1935
- 1945
- 1950
- 1955
- 1965
- 1975

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday at the St. Anthony Parish Center Hall and will continue until 6:30 when the dinner-banquet will be served. The program is held immediately after the dinner, followed later by the dance at the park pavillion. The dance music this year is provided by the Swing Kings and will start at 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. (In case of rain, the dance will be in the Rural Fire Hall).

It is not required of you to attend the banquet in order to be at the program following the banquet. We will try to have extra seating for those who, for some reason cannot attend the banquet, but wish to see the program. (Approximately 7:30 p.m.)

Any person who has completed an authorized correspondence course and has received their high school diploma in this manner, is also considered to be a CRHS alumnus. We welcome these people to attend the banquet and the program.

COME MEET YOUR SCHOOLMATES AND FRIENDS

REMEMBER ..

1975 ALUMNI REUNION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1975.

SEE YOU THEN

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
CEDAR RAPIDS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ALUMNI POST OFFICE BOX
CEDAR RAPIDS, NEBRASKA 68627

FIRST CLASS