



Spotlight

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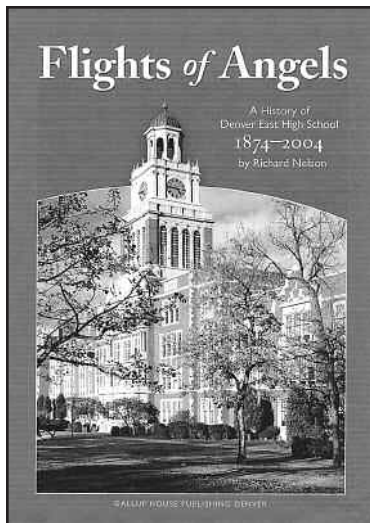
New Book Captures The 130-Year History Of East High School

After four years of research, the Alumni and Friends of East are on the verge of publishing a new history of East High School. *Flights of Angels: A History of East High School 1874-2004* is set to come out as early as the end of October this year. Written by Richard Nelson, a former East teacher (1964-1995), the book provides an overview of each decade of East's history in an attempt to show how the history of East has evolved over the years.

An earlier history was published in 1950 in time to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the school. The alumni association has long had the goal of providing the East community with a new history that includes the later years of East's history.

The title of the book *Flights of Angels* was chosen to honor the thousands of East Angels who left East High School for the larger world. Many of these students who return to the school share the fact that East was a special place in their early years. The book attempts to capture the images, people and programs that made East High School the best school in Denver.

The first official history of East begins in 1874 with the opening of Arapahoe School in downtown Denver. It was the first public high school in the area and thus it



marks the beginning of the history of Denver East. In 1881, Denver East Side High School was opened on 19th and Stout and in 1924 the school was moved to Esplanade and Colfax Ave.

A special alumni open house will be held December 5, in the main lobby of East, from 1-4 p.m. At this time, alums can purchase the book and take a tour of the historical tower museum or a walking tour of the various historical sites within the school. Alums who live out of the area or who cannot attend the open house will be able to purchase the book through the mail.

The chapters of the book will be divided by decades. It was felt

that each decade faced its own unique challenges and problems. For instance, a student of the 1930s faced the depression year, while a student of the '40s had to contend with World War II. Students of the '70s dealt with civil rights, the Viet Nam war and busing to achieve integration, while students of the new century had Columbine and 9/11 etched into his/her memory.

East emerged as a leader among Denver schools each decade. The new book does not picture East High School as a perfect place or a perfect school. It does, however, portray a school populated by special people doing distinctive things with their lives.

Like all public schools, East has evolved over the years. The building that housed the "children of East" has changed and moved its location over the years. The curriculum has changed. The hair styles and clothing have changed. The idioms of language have changed. Social awareness has changed. Teachers and administrators have come and gone. However, the book will stress the fact that the story of East High School is a story of a unique spirit and soul. The purpose of the book is to give meaning to the history that shaped East and to provide a sense of what it has always meant to be an "East High Angel."

Class Of 1964 Proud Of School Achievements

In 1964, *Look* magazine rated East High School as one of the top 10 schools in the country. However, it was more than a rating for academic achievement, which East had established early in its history. East was considered one of the model schools in terms of racial diversity and racial harmony.

When the class of 1964 returned to East High School for their 40th reunion September 17-19, they fondly recalled this special honor for their school. East was naturally evolving into a diverse school of Anglo, African American, Native American, Hispanic and Japanese students. It was also a school with a large population of Greek and

Jewish students. But what seemed most important to the magazine was that East High School was making integration work. Perhaps this is why the school weathered the storm of forced busing to achieve integration in the '70s. This was not true of many of the schools in Denver.

The group met Friday, September 17, at Bogie's On the Park restaurant at City Park Golf Course. On Saturday morning alums were invited to the south courtyard of East to enjoy a picnic and the

chance to catch up on what had happened to each other in the last 40 years.

The banquet on Saturday night carried with it a bit of history. The scene was the former Scottish Rite/El Jebel Temple at 1770 Sherman Street. Interestingly, this was the site of the first proms held outside East High School in the '20s and '30s. Over 300 alums danced to the music of the '60s.

On Sunday morning 150 alums gathered in the auditorium of East. They were told about current happenings at East High. They were also offered the chance to ask about programs and people from the past. Following this session, they toured the building and eventually found themselves in the tower museum.



The original Keystone angel sculpture remains in a garden at East. Ella Catherine Matty Orman, who at age six was the model for the original, with the new bust which was a gift from the graduating Class of 1964. It is on display on the second floor.



Class Of 1954 Celebrates 50th Reunion

When the class of 1954 met in Denver June 11-12, to celebrate its 50th reunion, it was as if a community was being re-established. When these students attended East from 1952-1954, a great deal was made about how cohesive the community had been in those days.

East students spent a great deal of time at school, they walked home together and it wasn't hard for the boys to find a pick-up game of ball somewhere in the neighborhood. On weekends, students would gather at the stadium to cheer on the big red football team and they might get together for a potluck or a trip downtown to the movies on Saturday night. Even on Sunday morning, the community was still in tact as many

War Memorial Update

Statuary is most often identified with the past, but an East High alum is busy creating this unique art form today. Ray Fedde (1954) owns Fedde Bronze Works in east Denver, but it is not a career he envisioned when he left East High School.

Ray's post-secondary career took many turns over the years. After graduation, he entered St. Olaf's College in Minnesota. He came back to Denver one year later and enrolled in Colorado School of Mines. Before he could complete a degree he entered the United States Navy and was stationed in Hawaii as an electrical technician.

He returned to enroll in the University of Denver Business School. To this day he remains four hours short of a degree. He inherited his family Oil Supply Business. During the gasoline crunch of the '70s the gas business hit bottom and once again, Ray was in search of his destiny.

He entered the University of Colorado at Denver, where he took up art classes. Once again, no degree. While he was on the Auraria campus, he noticed that they were tearing down a foundry. He bought the equipment and thus his career in creating bronze works began.

NEW OR CORRECTED NAMES:

WORLD WAR II

Richard Ames
Les Andrews
Morton P. Gross
Paul V. Hansen
James R. Howell
Carl Lindblad
Robert A. Mariam
Francis J. Morse
Norman R. Morse
Bryan Wayne Meyers
Charles I. Parsons Jr.
George Schmidt
Elvis N. Spotts
Otto Richard Thiede
Everett L. Walling
Leonard Wolff

KOREA

Wilson Bingaman
Raymond E. Hobbs
Ronald G. Payne
Kenneth Riley
Karle Seydel

VIET NAM

Charles Hackett
Edward R. Naylor
Frank Ralston Jr.



The 9/11 Display was placed near the War Memorial on the second floor. See box on page 2.

Ray has entered into contract with the Alumni and Friends of East Association on two projects. The first is the updating of the War Memorial at East. This memorial was erected by the classes of 1945 and '46 and paid tribute to those who fell in World War I and II. Since then, the association has asked for information on servicemen who died in the Korean and Viet Nam wars.

The project will be completed late this fall. The original names were cut into faux bronze name plates. The Korean and Viet Nam casualties are so noted on the name plate in a similar but reduced font.

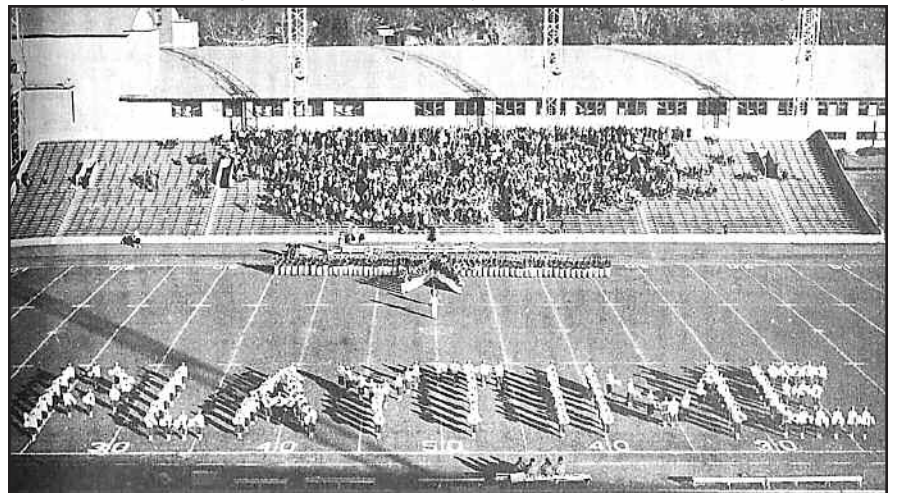
He is also recasting the original Woodbury Declamation Medal and the Wolcott Sight Reading Medal. The alumni association will provide the winner of each contest a medal for winning the contest. These medals go back more than 125 years.

Ray's son, Matthew Fedde graduated in 2002.

students saw their friends at church. There is truth in the saying that high school was not just a time, it was a place and that special place was East High School.

The group gathered Friday, June 11, at Glenmoor Country Club in Englewood. On Saturday,

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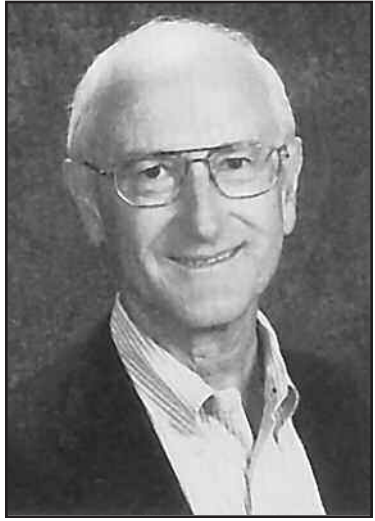


White Jackets and Marching Band perform in 1954.

Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2004
10 a.m.
East High Social Room

Owen Hahn Leaves DPS After 42 Years Of Service

Owen Hahn represents the best of East High. He spent the past 42 years serving the youth of Denver both as a teacher and as a counselor. His 42-year career is second only to the legendary 47-year record set by Malcolm Pitts. His experience is not completely unusual, as many teachers have given a lifetime of service to East High School. He was an East Angel from 1955-1958.



Owen Hahn

Owen is one of many East High alums who eventually found their way back to East. Owen started his educational career at Byers Junior High School, where he spent 20 years. He returned to East High School in 1982 when the freshmen were added to the high schools and middle schools were created in the DPS. Owen retired from East the summer of 2004.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Denver. He also earned a master's degree in education with a specialization in counseling. At East, he was a general counselor and a college counselor. For years college counseling was assigned to a particular counselor. When Jim Tracy came to East as principal he changed the system and made every counselor a college counselor as well as a general counselor.

Owen admits that upon his return to East, he was amazed by how much had changed in the building itself. "The lunchroom was no longer on the fourth floor, the statues were gone from the front hall and the newly installed fire walls on the staircases had robbed East High of much of its natural beauty. It is funny how small memories came back. We were taken on a tour of the building on my first day at East. It should have been a familiar trip down memory lane. It wasn't. I found very little that I remembered other than the library. But as we went from the boys' locker room down to the old gym I remembered vividly those metal stairs. Why, I have no idea."

While a student, Owen remembers being in contemporary literature with Judy Collins who went on to carve out a significant career as a singer. He also remembers having Principal Bob Colwell's daughter, Penny, in one of his classes.

"I wasn't that involved as a student at East. It was a large school and it wasn't always easy to find a niche. I do have fond memories of the bowling club, which is about all I listed on my senior resume in the *Angelus*. I do remember some remarkable teachers however. Of course, math was my favorite and I was glad to have Harry W. Charlesworth as my math teacher. I also remember taking Latin from Margaret Smith and I was especially fond of Mike Mahonchak who taught American history.

The Hahn family has been in Denver since 1908. He had an aunt who went to Old East downtown and a sister, Eleanor, and a brother, Roger, who also attended East in the 1950s.

The Alumni and Friends of East salute Owen Hahn for his devotion and dedication to East and most importantly for his knowledgeable care and concern for East High students.

9/11 Display Erected At East

The faculty of East High School commissioned a special display to commemorate the terrible tragedy of 9/11. A large flag, framed in oak and covered by glass has been mounted on the landing on the second floor at East.

Additionally, the names of two East High alums are placed on the frame of the flag. Leslie Whittington (1973) and Charles Falkenberg (1974) were killed when their plane was hijacked and went down in Pennsylvania on 9/11.

Two East High Organizations Providing Support And Help

Alumni & Friends Of East The Angel Foundation

The Alumni & Friends of East Association was reactivated under the leadership of James Tracy (1950 alum and former East principal) in 1989. The Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization. The Alumni & Friends was founded by a group of alumni from many generations, as well as teachers, principals, par-

ents and community members.

The Alumni Association seeks to preserve and promote East High's past, present and future. Association members value the architectural and historical heritage of East, as well as its social and educational role in today's challenging world. Historical preservation projects, communication with alumni (including assisting reunion groups), student scholarships

for post graduate education and projects mutually beneficial to current East students and alumni are major goals for the alumni association. Contributions support all alumni efforts.

Preservation projects have included: Denver Landmark status for East in 1991; East High Tower Museum, restoration of the social room, restoration of the front entry way and doors. Additional support has been given to the restoration of the auditorium and landscaping activities. Financial support has been provided for the Alumni Scholarship program, Constitutional Scholars, After Prom, Heritage Hall and the War Memorial.

The Alumni & Friends is a membership organization. Anyone can join the association. Annual membership dues are \$10.00 and all donations are fully tax-deductible. If you have a specific area of interest, please indicate when making contributions.

The Angel Foundation was formed in 2003 by a group of pres-

COLLEEN CARMEN EITEMILLER — Born Dec. 3, 1927. Died August 12, 2003. She attended Blessed Sacrament and Smiley Junior High School and she graduated from East High School in 1945. She was an accomplished pianist and was well known around Denver.

DIANE GORSUCH KEPNER — Died June 22, 2004. Diane graduated from East in 1955. She was head girl. She graduated from the University of Colorado in 1959. She was a missionary, Christian educator and a spiritual counselor. She is survived by her husband Hal, three children and 18 grandchildren.

VIRGINIA RUTH DARNELL KLODT — Age 92, passed away December 22, 2003. She lived much of her life in Denver where she graduated from East High School in 1929. She attended her 50th and 52nd class reunions and kept a proud allegiance to East High School throughout her lifetime. Two daughters also graduated from East: Jean Koldt Hejde (1951) and Joan Klodt Malouff (1953). She is interred in Newcastle, Wyoming.

PHIL NEUHAFEN — Long time audio-visual aids coordinator at East High School. Phil was well known for his love of music and the number of friends he gained in the East High Community. He was an active member of the "Don Bobb" field trips to Copper Canyon, Mexico. He leaves two sons David (1986) and John (1990).

BRUCE ROCKWELL — The East High community lost one of its distinguished alumni and the city of Denver lost one of its most successful business and civic leaders. Bruce Rockwell (1944), died on July 13, 2004 at the age of 81.

Just last year, Ginny Rockwell died at the age of 79. The two had



Elvin Caldwell

ELVIN CALDWELL — Died April 30, 2004. Elvin served for 25 years as Denver's first African-American member of the City Council. He represented Denver's District 8 with passion, developing a community center and being an advocate for black businesses.

In 2003, Elvin was honored, along with Omar Blair. The Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library was dedicated in Five Points on April 26, 2003. He helped establish the Eastside Neighborhood Health Center and Five Points Community Center. In 1990, the Denver City Council created the Elvin R. Caldwell Community Service Plaza. Mr. Caldwell also served as the city's safety manager and three terms as a Colorado legislator in the House.

Elvin was born in Denver in 1919. He graduated from East High School in 1937, and went on to the University of Colorado on a track scholarship. Caldwell's long-time friend, Omar Blair preceded him in death on March 25, 2004. Omar served on the school board and was a life-time advocate of educational equity and opportunity. Both men's children attended East.

Elvin was a champion for the rights of African-American and served on the board of directors of the NAACP. His leadership resulted in the state's first Fair Employment Practices Act. Mayor Hickel, upon hearing of the passing of Elvin Caldwell said:

"He was one of the true icons of Denver, a leader of his generation and those that followed. Dr. Bernard Gipson, another East graduate, worked with Elvin on many community projects. "I found him to be a wonderful elder and a fellow who could communicate well with all of Denver's citizens.



Bruce Rockwell

been married for 52 years and together they touched many civic and community institutions and programs.

In March of 1985, Bruce Rockwell's picture appeared on the cover of *Colorado Business* magazine. Bruce was serving as the chief executive officer of the Colorado National Bank and he was recognized by the business community as their "Man of the Year." He was described as a "servant of the city."

Writing in *The Denver Post*, columnist Susan Barnes-Gelt wrote: "The Rockwells set the standard for civic engagement. They embraced the responsibilities of leadership and service and lived their lives according to their strong convictions.

Ginny served on the Denver School board from 1975-1982, during the tumultuous years of the city busing program. The controversial program resulted in massive white flight from the city. Bruce and Ginny refused to abandon the city schools and sent their three children, David (1969), Jane (1973) and Sarah (1976) to East High School.

Bruce believed in a vital downtown Denver. He spearheaded the creation of Downtown Denver, Inc. (Downtown Denver Partnership). He also played a role in the development of the 16th Street Mall and the Auraria campus. He chaired Denver Urban Renewal Authority from 1954-1968. He also worked with others for the preservation of the D&F tower and he worked to keep Larimer Street vital.

Interestingly, the two grew up on Marion Street, Bruce at 1018 Marion and Ginny at 600 Marion. Both attended public schools. Bruce graduated from East High School in 1941. He was an active Angel. He served on the student council and was president of the pre-law club. He also served as president of Hi-Y and was the vice president of the National Honor Society. He was in the Red Jackets and he played baseball and was in the "D" club.

The Rockwells lived their lives in service to the city of Denver, its people and its institutions. They left huge footprints.

VERNON SCOTT — Died June 25, 2004. He graduated from East High School in 1937. He graduated from the University of Denver. During WWII, Scotty was a ski instructor for the 10th Mountain Division. He opened the first ski shop in Denver in 1946, and in 1968 he built the first indoor tennis facility in the state, the Colorado Racquet Club.

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East High Alum Voted Into Colorado Women's Hall Of Fame

Antoinette Perry-Frueauff, a 1906 graduate of East High School was recently elected to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. The honor was presented at the hall's ceremony on March 11, 2004.

Antoinette (Tony) made her mark in the theater as a leading actress and director. More importantly, she opened doors for other women directors. She was known as an activist and great humanitarian. Broadway's most distinguished honor for excellence in the theater, the Tony Award (officially the Antoinette Perry Award), was established in 1947 by the American Theatre. Tony co-founded this organization in order to encourage young talent.

During World War II, Tony formed the American Theater Wing War Service. This organiza-

tion raised money through benefits. All profits went toward the war effort. She also coordinated 6,700 hospital ward entertainment units at home and abroad.

Teaming up with Brock Pemberton, she produced and directed a great run of Broadway hits, including Harvey, the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, written by Mary Chase, a West High School alum.

Her family's ranch, Salt Works Ranch, in South Park is the oldest ranch in Colorado and is a historical landmark.

The Women's Hall of Fame was opened in 1985 to recognize the value of women's civic and professional accomplishments. Several East graduates have been honored with induction in the past: Marilyn Van Derbur Atler



Antoinette Perry-Frueuff

(1955), children's rights advocate; Joan Packard Birkland (1946) athlete; Miriam Harris Goldberg (1934) publisher; Jane Silverstein Ries (1927), landscape architect; Edwina Hume Fallis (1895) educator; Marie Wormington Volk (1931) anthropologist/archaeologist; and Jean Yancey, (1943) entrepreneur.

Tribute To Active Alum Ned Nicholls

In 1939, East High School was a special place. The country had just recently stepped out of the depression years and high school was still considered a place of special innocence. It would take only a few months for that sense of innocence to change.

When the alumni association was established in 1989, Ned Nicholls became one of its most active members. He was the first vice-president of the association. He was vital in the establishment of the history museum in the tower and has worked diligently in maintaining the museum. Ned has been a regular figure at East High alumni reunions, sharing his knowledge and pride for East High School. He remains on the

board and continues to provide a unique perspective about East.

As a senior in 1939 Ned would don his "red jacket" and join with the community of Angels in rooting on the "big red" teams. He sang in the a cappella and glee choirs led by Violette McCarthy and Fareeda Moorhead and he would be part of the Christmas pageant under the direction of Genevieve Kreiner. East students had a multitude of clubs to join in 1939. Ned chose to be part of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ned had the good fortune of taking classes under some of the legends of East: Justin Brierly, H. W. Charlesworth, Dorothy Dunn, Kenneth Gorsline, Katherine Hoffman, Helen Hunter, Mary Lowe, Oscar Marinoff, Milton Molién, Winfield Niblo, Ralph Pitts, Ralph Putnam, Elizabeth Sparhawk, Virginia Stearns, Fred Ticen and George Wagner, to name a few.

Ned and his brothers helped support their mother after their father died in the flu epidemic following World War I. When the second war broke out, Ned enlisted in the Army Air Force. He flew 25 successful missions as part of a B-17 crew. However, on his 25th mission, a daylight bombing raid of Berlin, his plane was shot down. He survived the crash and after six weeks in a hospital he was transferred to Stalag Luft One where he was held prisoner until the Germans surrendered. Ned was awarded the Purple Heart, the



Ned Nicholls

Class Of 1954 Reunion

(Continued from Page 1) the auditorium the gathering of the community. How appropriate. Saturday night they met at the Cherry Hills Country Club for their banquet.

When this group entered East High as sophomores, they were 886 strong. They immediately embraced East's traditions. Andrea Jane Jelstrup Corley, a 1954 alum shared her thoughts in the alumni reunion book. These were her observations:

Howdy Day tags were signed, continuing a tradition that began in 1930. *The Spotlight* kept us informed at 15 cents a copy; today it is free. Dance bids and theatre tickets were sold from the front hall box office nearly "under the clock." (At Old East, students met at the radiator. Today, they get on their cell phones and call their friends to set up a meeting time and place.)

Assemblies, contests, plays and the All School Show (started in 1912) were interesting and challenging. Athletic events were hotly contested and widely supported by the community. The marching band and the white jackets often performed. Class work was

challenging and ROTC was growing. We planted trees on Arbor Day (begun in 1886); Red and White Day (1927) provided a fun-filled break from classes with costumes, floats, skits and the city track meet and dance. The yearbook, *Angelus*, (1909), recorded and bound the memories at a cost of \$4. Today the cost is \$45. The student government included a Head Boy and a Head Girl (1909), student council (1920) and delegate assembly (1941).

Echoing an 1878 event back at Arapahoe School, teacher Genevieve Kreiner (whose career began in 1921), produced memorable Christmas Pageants and Graduations.

We graduated 718 seniors from the student body of 2,458. Beginning with the senior prom (1913) held at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel, through Class day at Elitch Gardens and finally graduation exercises at City Auditorium Arena, June 10, 1954, we separated from each other to find our futures.

As the class celebrated their 50th reunion, they fondly remembered the special people and the cherished traditions and activities that made attending East High School a wonderful experience.



Ned and Harryette Nicholls

POW medal, the air medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following the war, Ned vowed to return to Denver and never leave again.

The Alumni and Friends of East salute the work and dedication of one of East's great alums.

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2004

For the 10th consecutive year the Alumni & Friends of East awarded scholarship dollars to outstanding graduating seniors. This year eight deserving seniors received awards totaling \$6,000.00

Alyssa Teves received the renewable \$1,000 scholarship for 2004. Alyssa was an outstanding student at East. In addition to her academic achievements she participated in three sports, band, and four years of theatre production.

The East theatre director describes Alyssa as having, "an artist's eye for the stage and an instinctive grasp of the demands of a script — as well as bright, enthusiastic and dependable. The best techie ever!" Alyssa is currently attending Notre Dame, where she plans to earn a degree in engineering.

Three additional seniors were awarded one-time \$1,000 scholarships for 2004.

Ian Campbell is a well-rounded young man with a serious interest in science and math. His intellectual curiosity and wish to "make a difference in the lives of many people" led him to envisioning artificial alternatives for organ transplants. Ian is currently attending Colorado School of Mines pursuing a degree in chemical engineering with a minor in bioengineering.

Chris Healy also received a \$1,000 award for outstanding achievement. At East he was a serious academic student who managed full participation in extra curricular activities. In addition

Happy Haynes Ends 12-Year Run On City Council

When Allegra "Happy" Haynes came to East High School as a sophomore in 1969, she immediately embarked on a social/political activist career. Eventually she would opt for a political career in her hometown of Denver.

After graduating in 1971, Happy attended Barnard College in New York, where she earned a B.A. degree in political science. "My goal was to go on to Barnard Teachers' College and earn a masters and then teach. In fact, I did some student teaching in the New York city school system." Her career soon returned to politics. She served under Lt. Gov. George Brown during his four-year term. Later on she worked for Mayor Federico Peña and Councilman Bill Roberts.

Allegra was elected to the city council from District 11 in 1990. She served a one-year term which was created by Councilman Roberts stepping down early. The next year she ran on her own campaign and served three four-year terms as a councilwoman. She stepped down from that position in 2003. Today, she is a special liaison between Mayor John Hickenlooper and the City Council.

The Haynes family has deep roots in East High School. Her father, Leroy Haynes, graduated in 1950 and all of his children graduated from East: Khadija in 1976, Michael in 1978, Mary in 1979 and LeAnn in 1980. Her mother was a strong civil rights advocate and thus Allegra was surrounded by political discussions from a very early age.

At East Happy was into politics. She was in on the creation of the Black Students Alliance in 1969 and stayed with the organization until graduation. "I remember the strong leadership provided by Judy Benton (1970). Happy also served as president of the Delegate Assembly in her senior year. "We made a lot of fuss about the exclusion of Afro-American history in the curriculum and the lack



Allegra "Happy" Haynes

of African-American teachers in the classroom. I give principal Bob Colwell a great deal of credit for listening to us and for doing what was necessary to provide these things for us.

I remember that our first sponsor was Linda Matarese. In January of 1969, Regis Groff was brought in from Smiley Junior High to teach the Black history courses. "One of the crazy things about that class was that I was good on the tests and homework and had high marks, but because it was the first class after lunch, I didn't always make it back. My friend Regis gave me a "C" for not showing up regularly. One class I did not miss was Price Smith's. I had him at every level and I think he was about as good a teacher as I have ever seen."

The '70s were a tumultuous time everywhere in America. East had slowly evolved into a diverse student population. "It was not perfect racial understanding, but the faculty, students and administration seemed dedicated to making it work as best as possible. I give credit to Bob Colwell.

I had become discouraged with school in my senior year. I was highly charged by political and social events and I was disturbed by the number of students who were apathetic. Mr. Colwell steered me in the direction of the senior seminar. What a marvelous experience that was. The program took students from all social and economic levels and put them together in a real community of learners. I remember that Craig Spillman was the director. We learned about grass-roots learning. I still drive by the children's playground we built together in northeast Denver."

Allegra spoke about the uniqueness of the newly established delegate assembly. "Student Council was into old, traditional programs of dances, color day floats and the like. I wanted to talk about other issues. Usually the kids who were on council were the popular students. DA representatives came out of each homeroom. It was a real democracy where the elite and the masses came together to talk. It was a way for the council to get back in touch with its base.

"We didn't want to just deal with high school issues. We took our lead from the anti-war movement in colleges. We wanted to be like them while still in high school. It was a time of rebellion and a lot of traditional things at East were either questioned or died for lack of interest. Black Students Alliance would meet with Afro-American students at CU to help design a high school program."

Happy Haynes joins the long list of East High alums who have served in political office on either a national, state or local level. The alumni association applauds Happy for her long and distinguished service to the city of Denver.



Alyssa Teves

to his soccer field time, Chris was an invaluable math tutor. Interested in the sciences, Chris is currently studying at the University of Vermont.

Described as "deeply curious, inquisitive and amazingly positive," Jazmyn Singleton received a \$1,000 scholarship for outstanding achievement. Her leadership in Student Council, Octagon Club, the PANDA team and as captain of the soccer team complemented her academic accomplishments at East. Jazmyn is currently working toward a degree in public relations at Duke University.

Four remarkable East seniors were granted \$500 Book Awards: Whitney Chapman, Joyce Joseph, Morgan McKay, and Marie Louise Vaughn.

The Alumni scholarship program has awarded over \$60,000 since 1995 when we reactivated the original scholarship trust started in 1925.

East Athletic Titles And Coach Carey

State championships in athletics have been hard to come by in the Denver Public Schools in the past two decades. As the power-base shifted to the ever-growing suburban schools and the private school sector.

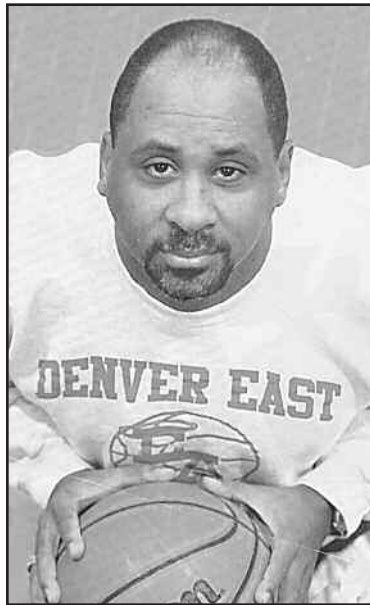
Since 1970, East has managed to win only four state championship titles. The Angels captured the state baseball title in 1994 and basketball titles in 1996, 1999 and 2004.

Coach Rudy Carey has six state titles under his belt, three at Manual and three at his alma mater, East. Even when his team's are not champions, they are usually in the thick of every year's race.

In 2004, Rudy reached a pinnacle that few even dream about. His Angels went undefeated in capturing the state title and in the process, he earned his 500th victory as a DPS basketball coach.

He has coached some of the best basketball players in the state of Colorado, from Chuck Sproling and Johnnie Reece at Manual to J.B. Bickerstaff, Stan King, Sadat Montgomery, Chad Edwards, Stan King, Ross Schraeder, Antonio Porch, Charlie Mays and Sean Ogirri at East.

Rudy graduated from East in 1970. He played guard and was named to all-city and all-state squads. "I played with some of



Rudy Carey

the best basketball players in Colorado. We just couldn't win the big title. His teammates included Dale Hooks, Marvin "Skipper" Smith and Chuck Flowers. Later Rudy entered Colorado State University where he earned all-league honors.

He started coaching at Manual and won three state titles. Pia Smith, an East graduate and friend of coach Carey, was principal at East and talked Rudy into returning to his alma mater. The move was great for East. Bas-

ketball returned to the respectability it had achieved in the 1950s and 1960s.

Coach Carey has been successful in spite of an eroding talent base in Denver. Many of Denver's best athletes eventually find their way into the suburban programs. How has East remained successful in basketball? Some would say it is because Rudy is one of the most effective recruiters in a state where such things are supposed to be against the rules. Others, however, point out that all schools recruit and that the reason East is successful is because young people don't need to be invited to come to East. They flock to a program that will give them state exposure and a chance to play for the legendary Rudy Carey.

Graduation has taken its toll on East this year. But this does not bother coach Carey. "It is part of the game to rebuild every so often. I am not worried about our chances this year. We will be competitive as always. Will we win another state title?"

"I don't know, but I am never shocked when it happens."

There is little middle ground on coach Carey. People either love him or they don't. There is no denying that he has made his mark in Colorado basketball and brought glory to his alma mater.

Dave Sidwell Returns To Alma Mater To Lead Football Team

Dave Sidwell graduated from East High School in 1964 and was a member of the last state championship football team from East. He would like nothing better than to restore a winning tradition at his alma mater.

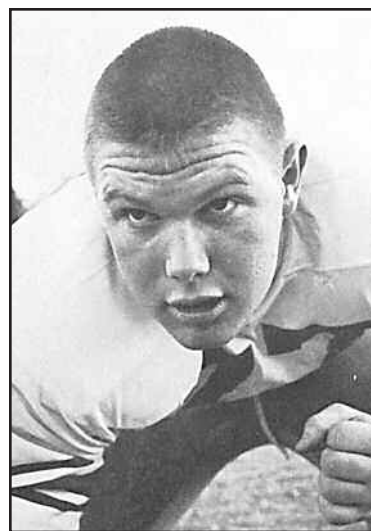
Dave played on the state champion team in 1962 along side some of East's best football talent in its long history: Jim Blaschke, Alan Dertinger, William Bayers, Ron Sheppard, Ad Lopez, Skip Hilton, and Al Oliver, to name a few. In his senior year, the East team lost to Pueblo Centennial in the semifinals of the state championship. Dave was forced to sit out that game because of injuries.

After playing at the University of Colorado, Dave has coached in several school programs including: Mullen, Manual, Machebeuf

and South. He was also once on the coaching staff of the University of Colorado when they won a national championship. He has also had experience in coaching Arena football.

Sidwell will undoubtedly find things a bit different than when he attended East and played for the legendary Pat Panek. He will not have the fortune of large numbers as did coach Panek, and he will have to instill a sense of dedication and pride in winning.

In a recent interview in the student newspaper (*Spotlight*) coach Sidwell was asked what his team should focus on this year. "I just want them to show up. If every capable kid showed up we would have a great team. If we could get the lacrosse and rugby players all to come out we could have a great



Dave Sidwell

team. I want them to understand that playing football well requires two things: the ability to run and the courage to play the game.

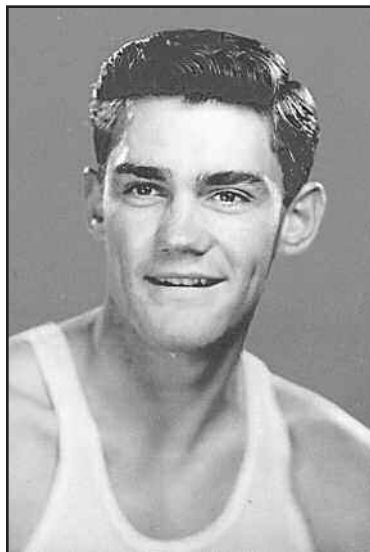
The alumni association wishes coach Sidwell success in his new venture.

Ron Shavlik's Roots Continued At Duke

One of the great sports legends at East High School is being remembered through a grandchild making his own mark on the hardwood.

Shavlik Randolph is entering his junior year as a forward on the Duke University basketball team. His grandfather, the late Ronnie Shavlik graduated from East in 1952 and was one of the first great basketball players produced in Colorado.

Ron's teams at East captured the state title in 1951 and 1952 under coach Bill Weimar. He went to North Carolina State in Raleigh, North Carolina and played basketball, earning All-American honors. At 6'8", the center still ranks as the ACC's second leading career rebounder. He starred at State from 1953-1956 and averaged 18.5 points and 16.8 rebounds over a three-year season. He was noted for his tenacious rebounding and his "sweet hook shot." As an Angel he was the Denver Prep League's all-time leading scorer with 764 points.



Ron Shavlik

His grandson, Shavlik Randolph, played at Broughton High in Raleigh and was named to the McDonald's and Parade All-American High School teams. He did not follow in his grandfather's footsteps. He chose Duke over North Carolina State.

The grandson has seen video of

his grandfather playing in college. "We're both skinny white guys. I would like to think I am as good at rebounding as my grandfather, but I know he has it over me on shooting the hook shot. I know he was a great player, but from what I heard he was also a great person."

Some great basketball players have followed Ron Shavlik at East. But he was the first "great" East player to generate any media hype. He was the first to be named college All-American (Joe Barry Carroll would be named All-American later) and the first Angel to play pro ball (Knicks).

Ron Shavlik was posthumously inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Fate Of The Lowenstein (Continued from Page 2)
the Bonfils Theater was renamed the Lowenstein after longtime artistic director Henry Lowenstein.

Carol Boigon, city councilwoman, has been one of many leading the fight to preserve the theater. Carol's children graduated from East High and she is quite interested in seeing the theater remain a vital piece in the architecture of the area. Originally known as Bonfils Theater, the 650 seat theater was designed as part of the entrance to the Esplanade, which is the gateway to City Park and includes East High School.

Carol would like to see some public-private partnership among the city, Denver Public Schools and private investors. The scenario continues. Will the theater be preserved or it will be another grand old building torn down for development? "It is my dream that the Lowenstein will be part of the revitalization project currently under way for East Colfax."

A spokesman for St. Charles, one of the largest renovators of historic commercial property in Denver, said that, "if St. Charles cannot bring its plan to fruition, we will walk away from the project before we tear down the building."

— A LOOK BACK —

- 130 Years Ago** — First High School (Arapahoe School) established in Denver. (1874)
- 120 Years Ago** — Music officially added to East High curriculum. (1884)
- 110 Years Ago** — Manual Training School opens. (1894)
- 100 Years Ago** — Congress set up as East's first club. (1904)
- 90 Years Ago** — Boys and Girls Welfare Organizations set up to assist students in need. (1914)
- 80 Years Ago** — First city wide standard testing program established. (1924)
- 80 Years Ago** — Boys Tennis becomes official sport at East. (1924)
- 70 Years Ago** — Hugh Weller unveils "Marco Polo" mural in East library. (1934)
- 60 Years Ago** — Coordinator of instruction established. Chandos Reid the 1st. (1944)
- 50 Years Ago** — Brown versus Board of Education desegregates public schools. (1954)
- 40 Years Ago** — Civil Rights Act passed. (1964)
- 30 Years Ago** — Pondstone Amendment limits Denver growth. (1974)
- 30 Years Ago** — Busing begins in Denver to achieve integration. (1974)
- 30 Years Ago** — Title IX gives girls equal status to boys in sports and activities. (1974)
- 30 Years Ago** — Judge Doyle sets up East/Manual Complex. (1974)
- 20 Years Ago** — The year of the yuppie arrives. (1984)
- 10 Years Ago** — Collaborative Decision Making Committee established. (1994)
- 10 Years Ago** — Busing stops in Denver. (1994)
- 10 Years Ago** — Second teacher strike in Denver history. (1994)
- 2004** — East basketball team earns state title with perfect 23-0 record.

East Today . . .

Current Facts About East High School

In an age which often seems careless with tradition, East prides itself on its long-standing educational heritage in the Denver community. The striking East building, located in the City Park setting, offers beautiful landscaping and renders an aesthetic experience for East students. East is patterned after Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

East remains a model of a highly mobile but integrated community which allows its students to experience people of different races, cultures and economic backgrounds. In this way, East High prepares young people to live in a pluralistic world.

Since 1925, when the "New East" first opened, East has fared well in academic and athletic competition. Numerous athletic trophies for league championships and state titles grace the trophy cases at East. Its theatre program, music performance, both vocal and instrumental, student publications, ROTC unit, speech, United Nations and Constitutional Scholars teams bring a feeling of pride to the East community.

East is blessed with well prepared, dedicated teachers who through their humanizing style of teaching, provide an outstanding total educational experience. In 1957 and 1965 East was honored as one of the countries top high schools. Later in 1968, East was selected as one of America's top 10 schools. In 2000, *Newsweek* magazine recognized East as one of America's top 100 public schools.

Although there has been a great deal of change since East first opened its doors, it remains a place where the total education of the student is held foremost.

FACULTY and STAFF

4	Administrators
98	Teachers
5	Counselors
1	Library media specialist
1	Technology specialist
1	Nurse
1	Social worker
10	Full time secretaries
19	Paraprofessional/Aides

ENROLLMENT

1932	Students
398	Senior Class

ETHNICITY

Anglo	46%
African American	37%
Hispanic	12%
Asian	3%
Native American	2%
Students on free & reduced lunch	26%

SENIOR CLASS STATS

Top%	Rank	GPA
10	36 & above	4.566
15	54 & above	4.336
20	72 & above	4.119
33	119 & above	3.561
50	180 & above	3.012
67	242 & above	2.539
75	271 & above	2.293

GRADUATES CLASS OF 2004	
4-Year Institutions	66%
2-Year Institutions	14%
Vocational Schools	3%
Full Time Employment	11%
Armed Services	4%
Apprentice Programs	1%

NATIONAL MERIT NOMINEES

Semi-Finalists	3
Finalists	2
Boettcher Scholarships	2

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 hours
Science	30 hours
Math	30 hours
Social Studies	25 hours
P.E.	10 hours
Electives	85 hours
Total	220 hours

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

English Lit.
American History
English Comp.
European History
Calculus
Government US
Chemistry
Micro/Macro Economics
Biology
French Language
Physics
Spanish Language
Music Theory
Statistics
Psychology
Human Geography
Studio Art

East Players Have Roots In Past

Xavier Nady, Jr., is currently the starting right fielder for the San Diego Padres in the National League West. His father X, as he was known, was a starter for the East Angels and graduated in 1964.

Evan Hornsby, currently starting on the East High baseball team comes from the stock of a legend. His great, great grandfather, Rogers Hornsby was clearly one of the greatest hitters in the professional game.