



Spotlight

**For Alumni
And Friends
Of East High
October 2006**

Library Renaissance Project Complete

East High was opened in 1925 at a cost of \$1.4 million (a princely sum for its time). The school's high quality materials and craftsmanship have stood the test of time over the past 80 years. Over that period of time some changes have been made to accommodate different features and the decision was made to bring the library back to its original beauty. Beginning in 2003, the East Library Renaissance Committee working under the auspices of the East High Angel Foundation began fundraising to return the library to its historic beauty. Funding came from a variety of sources including foundations, parents, sale of plaques, free donations and other sources. The

goal was to raise approximately \$350,000 including a \$143,600 grant from the Colorado Historical Society to accomplish what needed to be done.

The work has been finished and the library is beautiful. Here are the improvements:

- Replacing the floor with rubber tiles that look like the original flooring
- Replacing all of the tables that look like the original tables
- Replacing all of the chairs and stools
- Repairing and refinishing the original bookcases and shelving
- Recreating shelving in oak to replace the current particle board shelving

- Relocation of the circulation desk to its original placement at the Library's entrance
- Reinstalling custom millwork to recreate a study room in the north end of the Library
- Correcting the placement of electrical outlets to align with reinstallation of shelving, bookcases and library desks
- Removing existing fluorescent lighting and replacing with replicas of the original styled lights on the Elizabethan styled plaster ceiling.

Several donors and the East Woodworking Class made this all possible. The flooring was donated by John Larson, Larson Distributing Company. The carpeting was removed and rubber tiles that were identical to the original flooring were installed. The couch and chairs were donated by Bill Cook through Howard Lorton Galleries. The circulation desk, bookshelves and tables were masterminded by Joel Noble, and he and his students spent the past two summers building them.

The library will last another 80 years thanks to all who have contributed!



The new and improved East Library



Old East: The Site Of The First Denver Public Library

Books were a rare commodity in the very early days of Denver. Several civic minded citizens decided that if Denver was going to ever rise above its primitive beginnings and become a place of culture, one of the first actions necessary was to organize a free library.

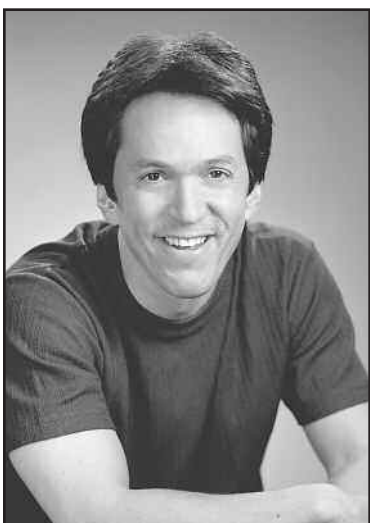
Where to locate such a facility was a problem in the late 1800s, as public buildings were scarce. Old East had opened its magnificent building in 1881 and it was decided that the school would be an appropriate location. In 1889, an addition was added to Old East and Denver's first public library was born. The library served as both a school library and a library open to the public at large.

John Cotton Dana became the school's and the city's first librarian. He was known for his progressive ideas. One was the open shelf

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East High Special Event Monday, October 30, 2006

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People you Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom, will be in the East



Mitch Albom

High School Auditorium Monday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. to present his latest release...for one more day. Tattered Cover bookstore will host a book sale and signing in the East lobby immediately after the presentation.

At 7:30 p.m., immediately following Mitch Albom's book presentation, a ribbon cutting ceremony and dessert reception will be held in the East High Library in celebration of the completed Library Renaissance Project. The library has been restored to its past beauty with the addition of modern technology-wireless Internet for laptop computers. The library dedication is free and open to the public.

The East Tower Museum will also be open and plans for the Heritage Hall will be on display. Hope to see you on the 30th!

East High Heritage Hall Honored Alumni

With the completion of the Library Renaissance Project, returning the library to its historic beauty, it is time to continue our efforts to establish a Heritage Hall on the third floor adjacent to the library.

East has been one of the great landmarks in the history of Denver. East was given Denver Landmark status in 1991 and this year applied to be given a spot on the National Register of Historic Places. The history of East High School is certainly about buildings and programs, but it is mostly about the hundreds of graduates who went on to achieve in business, athletics, acting, law, education, science, music and literature.

In an effort to preserve the history made by interesting and remarkable East students from 1881-2006, the Alumni & Friends of East and the Angel Foundation have launched a campaign to raise funds for the building of a permanent Heritage Hall to honor East alumni. The historical hall will be located on both sides of the library on the third floor and will contain photos and bios. Plans are to honor some of East's finest on a yearly basis creating an annual event. Over 200 names have been listed as possible candidates and that list does not include many qualified people. Research for ad-



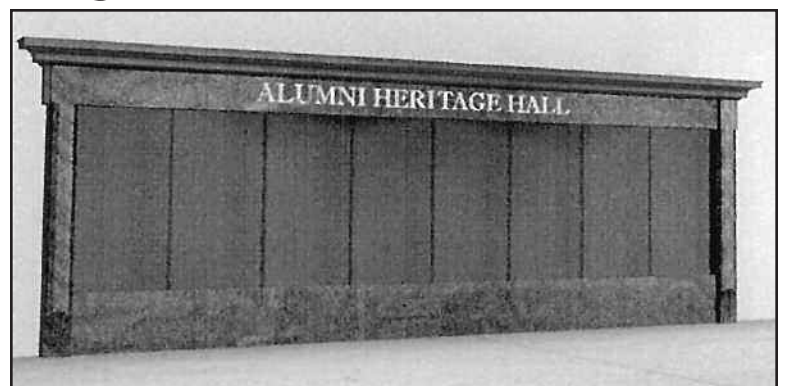
The Renovated Esplanade

Several years ago a group of East parents met to discuss how to renovate the grounds at East High School. Beginning in December 2003, Project Angel Pride held meetings with people who had similar interests and at the first meeting fifty people came. Over the next year, a student made a Vision Plan for East that included the entire area from 17th Avenue to Colfax and from York to Detroit. Using this Vision Plan, a schedule of projects was developed along with a time line. Included in this plan was the renovation of the Esplanade.

The City Park Esplanade was designed in 1905-1906 and first planted in 1907. It provided a formal entry to City Park, connecting 17th Avenue and Colfax Avenue, "the great highway." The esplanade served as both a visual connection to the Thatcher Memorial Foundation in City Park and a physical transition from the busy streets in Denver. Over the years the Esplanade has seen many changes and felt the impact of growth on its bounds and deteriorated greatly. The median no longer reflects the original intent of the designers.

The Esplanade and the front of East have needed a shot in the arm for several years. The drought and budget cutbacks have had a negative effect on maintenance. The Montclair Storm Drainage Project was waiting in the wings to make the necessary improvements along the Esplanade from 17th to Colfax. The area in front of East from the athletic fields and the teacher's parking lot to the steps on the plaza was renovated with the "E" being elevated like it once was. The area around the "E" now has Pennsylvania cobble stones and the area outside of the "E" area is made out of gray concrete. This project also included narrowing the streets to one travel lane, one bicycle lane and one parallel parking lane. The Esplanade and the entire area owned by the City and County of Denver have a new irrigation system and new grass.

The success of this project reflects on the quality of the relationship between the City and County of Denver, Denver Public Schools and Project Angel Pride. The notion of taking pride in a project has been felt by all of these groups and students at East are the principal beneficiaries.



ditional candidates will be an ongoing process and you may send any recommendations to Alumni & Friends of East High.

Organizations and individuals sending tax-deductible contributions for the Heritage Hall should make checks payable to: Alumni & Friends of East and mail to Alumni & Friends of East, 1545 Detroit Street, Denver, CO 80206.

Following is a partial list of potential candidates: Gen. Irving Hale, Robert Steele, Edwina Hume Fallis, Hannah Marie Worthington, Seraphine Pisco Epstein, Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Hattie McDaniel, Harold Lloyd, Ward Bond, Antoinette Perry, Thomas Hornsby Ferrill, Elias Ammons, Steve McNichols, Wil-

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Alumni And Friends Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2006

10:30 a.m. • East High Social Room

Everyone Welcome

Reunions Held In The Summer Of 2006

Seven different East classes held their reunions in Denver this past summer: 1941, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1981, 1986, and 1996. The class of 1946 celebrated their 60th reunion and the class of 1956 celebrated their 50th.

CLASS OF 1956

The class of 1956 had a busy three-day schedule for their 50th reunion. The group met for a buffet at the Museum of Nature and Science on Friday, August 4. 300 people were on hand for this event.

On Saturday morning 150 met at East High School. The group gathered in the auditorium where they reminisced about events that had taken place in the auditorium. They were given the opportunity to ask questions about the East they remembered and given an update about East in 2006.

Sunday morning the group concluded their time together at a brunch at the Glenmoor Country Club. 200 people attended.

This class was part of a decade at East that has been referred to as the "Golden Age of East." Few of the class of 56 would argue with this as they recalled an outstanding curriculum, taught by caring, effective educators and mentors. They remembered an outstanding senior year on the athletic field as the football (tie), baseball, swimming, golf, tennis and gymnastics

teams all captured city titles.

Teachers whose names were mentioned throughout the three day affair included: Helen Arnold, Jean Aschberger, Justin Brierly, Harry Charlesworth, Dudley Enos, Lawrence Garrett, Kenneth Gorsline, Genevieve Kreiner, Michael Mahonchak, Oscar Marinoff, Jack McIntosh, Fareeda Moorhead, Roland Roberts, Virginia Stearns, Fred Ticen, and Roliff Wright.

Special recognition went to Jack Sheff for his effective and tireless efforts to find the whereabouts of the class of 1956. Anyone needing further information about the reunion can contact Rod Roesch at Natalie.Rod@Juno.com or call 303-663-2219).

CLASS OF 1946

Sixty years is quite a milestone. One hundred alums and spouses gathered in Denver on Saturday noon on August 19, at the Lakewood Country Club to recall the memories of attending a special school in a very unique time in American history.

This class was the end of the "war year classes" of East. One of the activities that students in 1946 took up to divert the thoughts of war was dancing. This was the age of the big band. Bebop, rhythm and blues and the jitterbug were all the craze at East.

It was an age in which much of a teenager's social life was East

High School. They danced a lot, attended sporting events, joined clubs, went out for sports, gathered for sodas after school and attended any of the many movie theaters downtown. It was a great age for movies and movie stars.

The Class of '46 remembered paper drives, scrap drives, war bonds, and rationing as the war in Europe and the Pacific waged on. It was a great time for forming friendships and many an "East High romance" flared up on campus. Saddle shoes and corduroys were the favorite fashions.

It was a successful year for sports at East, with the Angels winning city titles in football, swimming, and golf and earning ties for the city title in basketball and baseball.

The football team was led by Dick Schrepferman, Carl Sundgren, John Strobel and John Spratlen (something about the letter S). John Jeffries would earn an all-state honor in basketball. Jerome Biffle would bring a certain glory to his class by being an All-State track star at East, an All American track star at the University of Denver and a Gold Medal winner at the 1952 summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland.

One special attraction at the luncheon was the running of a video of film taken by Joe Fehrenbach's father of events happening during the 1945-46 school year.

Alumni Scholarship Awards 2006

For the 12th consecutive year the Alumni & Friends of East awarded scholarship dollars to outstanding graduation seniors. This year eight deserving seniors received awards totaling \$9,000.

Paula Davis received the renewable \$1,000 scholarship for 2006. Paula was truly a well rounded East student. She excelled academically, participated in a variety of academic programs that demanded time far beyond the school day, team sports, and found time to be a volunteer tutor and soccer coach.



Paula Davis

Soccer, cross country, debate, National Honor Society, Constitutional Scholars Team, and a long list of academic achievements are part of the Paula Davis resume. She says East, with all of its programs and opportunities, helped her with her time management skills and balancing life. Paula more than balanced her full high school schedule. East teachers repeatedly referred to her as a respectful, mature, considerate young adult with character and standards. To this deep thinker and life-long learner, we say congratulations and good luck at Washington University!

Nielah S. Burnett was awarded a one-time only \$2000 scholarship for outstanding academic achievement for 2006. Another amazing and remarkable East senior. Nielah is described as hard working, motivated, efficient and with unparalleled leadership skills. She maintained her high academic standing while participating in track, the Black Student Alliance club, the newspaper staff, tutoring, church work and holding a job! Nielah feels writing is her strength and so does everyone else. Clark is lucky to have her joining their student body.

Edward R. Battle Jr. received a \$1000 award in honor of Thomas W. Bean. The Thomas W. Bean Foundation was created in 1987 at the request of Thomas Bean on his death at age 101. He was a resident of Denver for 76 years and was the builder of homes, apartments, hope and achievement, especially for those in need. He wished to provide scholarships for deserving youth in order to assist them in attending educational institutions. He was interested in the moral, mental and intellectual development of young people.

Enthusiasm, dedication and passion are characteristics of this outstanding young man. In addition to his rigorous course load at East, he demonstrated an ability to balance his involvement with extra-curricular activities and athletics. Eddie sets high standards for himself and continually demonstrated leadership skills while at East. Eddie's people skills and his sensitivity and respect for other people along with his work ethic will do him well as he heads off to Temple University.

Matthew Baiyee-Cady received a \$1,000 award for outstanding academic achievement. His teachers say he, "always goes the extra step and has proven his potential and capacity for hard work." Matthew is a motivated young man who understands the importance of community and giving back. In addition to his successful East High activities he has been involved in both mentoring and tutoring elementary and middle school students. Matthew has also been involved with Denver Kids, Inc. for numerous years. His tenacity and work ethic will continue to play an important role in his success at the University of Northern Colorado.

Anais M. Gude received a \$1,000 award for outstanding aca-

ademic achievement in honor of the Class of 1955. Anais brings energy and dedication to everything she does. Her teachers characterize her as always having high standards, integrity, self-assuredness, compassion, spirit and a sense of humor. She applied these characteristics to field hockey, the newspaper, rigorous course work, mentoring and tutoring. In her interview she indicated that one of the most important lessons learned at East was learning about "change"...and when you need to take responsibility for changing on your own. Anais will be a contributor to Colorado College.

Jeffrey B. Steed II received a \$1000 award in honor of Thomas W. Bean. Another outstanding East senior. Jeffrey focused on his goals, able to stand up for himself and always respectful. In addition to his academic record Jeffrey exhibits strong leadership skills and is a great role model. His many activities include six years as part of the City Wild Project. As a member, he taught inner city youth about the great outdoors-hiking, camping, and skiing. School activities included basketball, rugby and a significant interest in art, film and medicine. Jeffrey's philosophy keep a sound mind, respect others, learn keep growing and never give-up. Chapman College is lucky!

Amy C. Steinhoff received a \$1,000 award in honor of Emily L. Saslow. Amy was a member of the 2005-2006 Constitutional Scholars Team, which placed third in the nation. Her award is in honor of Emily L. Saslow who was a member of the 1996-1997 team and another very accomplished East grad. As captain of the speech/debate team, Amy demonstrated her leadership skills by instigating a mentoring program for the novice students on the team. She has a spunky wit and sparkle she added to her focused academic work. Her East activities included speech, debate, mentoring, NHS, DI, swim team and cross county. Congratulations to Colorado College.

Carmine S. Tabano received a \$1,000 award from the East High Angel Foundation. Carmine is described by his teachers as a team player with a kind and gentle nature, an ability to work with others in a spirit of acceptance and encouragement while striving to achieve excellence for himself. Carmine's school interests included AP art, drama, swim team, Constitutional Scholars, and a rigorous academic schedule. He also worked at the Glenarm Rec center for three years as a life-guard. He is a well-rounded representative of East High. Carmine will be sharing his talents with the University of Colorado at Denver.

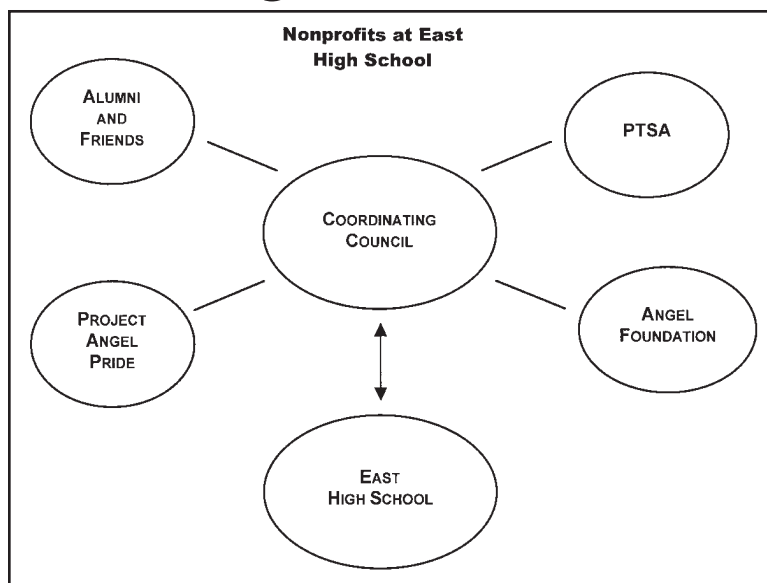
The Alumni scholarship program has awarded over \$79,000 since 1995 when we reactivated the original scholarship trust started in 1925. We always need contributions for our scholarship fund!! All donations are tax-deductible

East High Coordinating Council Created

As a large, diverse, urban high school, EHS has successfully attracted a high level of volunteer and fundraising involvement from parents, alumni and community members. Individual nonprofit organizations at East (Alumni and Friends; Angel Foundation; Angel Pride; PTSA) have brought significant assets to EHS resulting in support for student achievement, alumni engagement and communication, preservation of the building and grounds, and support for special student trips and academic programs. As each organization works to advance its goals it has become increasingly important to streamline communications, coordinate fundraising and community messaging.

With the cooperation of all East nonprofits and the enthusiastic support of the East administrative staff we are proud to announce the creation of a "Coordinating Council." Although each organization has unique and specific goals they were all founded with the purpose of providing support for East High. Given this, the nonprofits and EHS benefit from and are expected to have a close working relationship.

The "Coordinating Council" is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that EHS nonprofit activities support the mission, vision



and goals of the school and are successfully coordinated to transmit a consistent message to the community. It is comprised of the principal of EHS, an assistant principal of EHS, a board member of each nonprofit at East, and three at-large members. The "Council" will meet quarterly, review and approve EHS nonprofit organizations' work plans, communicate all council decisions in writing to nonprofit organizations and coordinate the development and maintenance of a shared database.

The development of a shared database for East High is a critical

and significant step in uniting the East organizations and enabling more efficient management of communications with all of the East communities.

Alumni & Friends Of East And Ancient Angels Strengthen Ties

Many of you are already registered on ancientangels.com, East's online alumni community. Ancient Angels has become a focal point in cyberspace for school and reunion news, as well as a forum for alums from all classes to reconnect and share information.

Alumni & Friends will be working more closely with Ancient Angels to communicate with registered alums via e-mail with reunion information as well as posting general information electronically. Don't worry — we will continue to send our usual correspondence as well as the Alumni Spotlight through regular mail. Ancient Angels represents an opportunity to reach an additional audience, and to fortify the alumni community in general.

Visit ancientangels.com and register yourself as an "Ancient Angel" today.

East High Heritage Hall Honored Alumni

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liam McNichols, Tom Currigan, Allegra "Happy" Haynes, Edward Costigan, Gen. Maurice Rose, Ari Zavaris, Harlon Dalton, Marilyn VanDerbur, Judy Collins, Paul Whiteman, Robert Sterns, Robert Chase, William Robinson,

Edward Robinson, Barry Hirschfeld, Joseph Blake, Dr. George Gaylord Simpson, Norman Augustine, Peter Teets, Jack Swigert, Sidney Sheldon, Jerome Biffle, Ron Shavlik, Jean Yancey, Louisa May Ward Arps, Frances Melrose, and Don Cheadle.

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Alumni Association Membership Renewals To Be Mailed In January 2007.

2006 EAST OBITUARIES



MONTE PASCOE (1953) — Prominent Denver lawyer, political activist and member of former Gov. Richard Lamm's cabinet, died March 2, 2006. He was 71. He spent his career at the downtown law firm of Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor and Pascoe. He served as chairman of the Colorado Democratic Party from 1973-1977. He was executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources from 1980-1983, a commissioner on the Denver Water Board from 1983-1995 and chairman of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission from 1980-1981.

Monte and his wife Pat, a former state senator, lived for 39 years in the same house near Cheesman Park where they raised three children, Sarah, Ted and Will, all who graduated from East High School.

While at East, Monte was an All State football player. He was all conference at Dartmouth College and he graduated from Stanford Law School. He was a trustee for the Colorado School of Mines and president of the Iliff School of Theology Board of Trustees.

Former Gov. Richard Lamm said of Monte Pascoe: "If you searched the world's literature for the perfect citizen, it would be Monte Pascoe. He worked hard and successfully, and he was always there for good civic causes. He just kept giving."

DR. FRANK McGLONE (1931) — Renowned geriatrician and gerontologist, died April 1, 2006. He was 92. Co-founder of the National Stroke Association. Received the Jefferson Award, a national award given for outstanding public service. He also received the Florence Rena Sabin Award. He served in the Army Medical Corps 1941-1946.

JÉAN OMOHUNDRO McLAUGHLIN (1933) — A school reformer and a DPS teacher, died

June 13, 2006. She was 90. Her work influenced many, including former student Peter Teets (1950) who became undersecretary of the U.S. Air Force. She taught in several Denver elementary schools from 1944-1977.

PETER HOLM (1945) — A corporate president, died June 20, 2006. After graduating from East, Peter earned a law degree at Yale and eventually became CEO of Sandusky Foundry and Machine Co. He was an avid outdoorsman. Fly-fishing and trekking Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains were his passion.

DR. KARL ARNDT (1926) — Born Dec. 1908 and died in 2006. He was 97.

CHARLES SAUER (1942) — Worked for Colorado Ski Patrol. He was 68.

GEORGE ROCK III (1956) — President of the Bank of Denver. He was 68.

JOYCE WALTERS WELDON (1932) — Died July 5, 2006.

DONALD WOODS (1952) — Died July 22, 2006.

BARBARA EUGENIA PACKER (1935) — Died June 2, 2006.

BETTY LEE PELS HAHN (1950) — Died May 17, 2006.

LEONARD CAMPBELL (1936) — Died July 16, 2006.

RUTH KIRKPATRICK (1932) — Died May 10, 2006.

PEARL HAYUTIN WOLFSON (1936) — Died June 11, 2006.

CAROL MOORE-EVANS (1967) — Died March 8, 2006.

STEVE HELLER (1968) — Died July 14, 2006.

ALICE GRILLS WILSON (1942) — Died June 27, 2006.

JOAN HEIDENHEIMER TRAVIS (1941) — Died June 11, 2006.

PAUL MAYBURY (1940) — Died March 9, 2006.

STODDARD WHITE (1941) — Died February 8, 2006.

JOHN GRIFFITH (1942) — Died July 8, 2006.

MILTON GRAY (1943) — Died February 1, 2006.

KATHRYN EPEPETER JOHNS (1960) — Died March 2, 2006.



Old East: The Site Of The First Denver Public Library

(Continued from Page 1) policy. Prior to this the common practice in American libraries was to keep all books under closed shelves. He was also one of the first to emphasize the importance of children reading and set aside a special children's section.

Soon it was obvious that a larg-

er facility would be needed. Taxpayers supported the building of the first central library in the Civic Center area. This building opened in 1910. The current central library opened in 1956 and has undergone renovations over the years.

When New East opened in 1926 on the Esplanade, a new library

became a central piece in the creative architecture of the school. The East library was finished in gray oak with an Elizabethan ceiling. Various states adorn the room. In 1934, Hugh Weller, a WPA artist finished a mural, "The Travels of Marco Polo" which is situated over the main entrance.

East High Mural Part Of WPA History

Although the Great Depression was a devastating economic event in American history, one of the positive stories to emerge from the crisis was the creation of the WPA, the Works Progress Administration. Created by Congress in 1935, the program was designed to help provide economic relief to Americans who were suffering through unemployment. The program covered a myriad of employment opportunities; among them was the program to assist "starving artists." This program included: The Federal Art Project, The Federal Theatre Project, the Federal Writers Project and the Federal Music Project.

Hundreds of murals, statues, public fountains, posters, paintings and photographs were created and housed in various public facilities throughout the city. They were most commonly found in public schools, hospitals, government buildings and post offices.

The East High library is one such site. The grand mural, "The Travels of Marco Polo," was created by Hugh Weller and dedicated in 1934. Situated above the



Edward Chavez



Ethel Magafan



Jennie Magafan

main entrance of the library, the mural adds to the artistic design of the room. Other murals were also created for Morey Junior High, Cole Junior High, South High and West High.

Among the over 5,000 artists employed by the WPA, four were East graduates: Jennie and Ethel Magafan (1933), Edward Chavez (1935) and Eugene Trentham (1936).

Jennie Magafan created a mural which is housed in the South Denver Post Office, while Ethel Magafan and Edward Chavez, who eventually married, created murals for West High School.

Thousands of pieces of art were created during this period, which ended with World War II in 1942. The program was praised by many as a necessary measure to put the unemployed back to work and to conserve the skills and self-esteem of artists in America. There was, of course, later criticism that the government had no business subsidizing art in America.

Many of the art works of the period have been destroyed or stolen. It is comforting to know that the mural in the East library has been cleaned and preserved as part of the enduring East High history.

Tower Of Strength Revisited

The magnificent East tower, with its huge clock, rises 162 feet from grade to top of finial. Over the years the tower has had a variety of functions: radio station, observatory, student council meeting place, square dancing site and most recently as the crowning feature of the East High museum, established by the Alumni and Friends of East.

Using its distinctive tower and landmark, East established a "Tower of Strength" program. It became tradition to give all sophomores billfold-size cards which provided a full explanation of the "Tower of Strength" following a school-opening assembly. The five ideals of the Tower: COURAGE, COMPETENCE, COURTESY, CULTURE AND CHARACTER. In 1959 East High School received a Freedom Foundation Award for its Tower of Strength program.

Patty Reagan and Herrick Chapman, head girl and head boy in 1966-1967, were interviewed by the *Rocky Mountain News*, December 1966, and reminisced about the value of the Tower of Strength program. "If you make rules, kids just want to break them. Instead you should give students ideals to live by."

Patty and Herrick served in leadership roles at the discussion stage of school integration in America and at East. During that time, East was 32 percent African-American and three percent Hispanic-American. Patty and Herrick were proud to point out that under the "Creative Citizenship" program at East students were learning to live together, and doing better than the larger world. "A mixture of different people helps you learn to live in the real world," Patty Reagan.

The Tower of Strength was similar to the old East High Creed fashioned in 1924 when the current East High building opened. These programs were designed to make students aware of the many opportunities available for growth and understanding, and the sense of responsibility also necessary. All of these programs, according to Patty and Herrick, stressed the importance of the individual, and that individuals were obligated to do what they could do to improve the negatives and to foster service to others. "This is an ideal, a goal and it is the spirit of East."



Patty Reagan and Herrick Chapman



Hugh Weller Mural

East High Angel Foundation's Student Assistance Fund Program

'A Recognized Member Of The East Academic Community'

The purpose of The Student Assistance Fund is to remove all economic barriers to classes at East High School. Students are provided economic support for class fees, books, necessary equipment (i.e.: calculator), RTD bus passes and athletic participation fees. The Fund provides qualified students with several options for assistance, 1) the item loan program, 2) the

work program, 3) the financial loan program. The **only requirement** for participation in this program is school attendance. A truancy list is consulted weekly and students requesting assistance from the Student Assistance Fund may be required to provide a copy of their attendance record. The goal of the program is to provide resources for students to be ac-

demically successful at East High School. **Success requires attendance!**

This program began during the spring semester of 2004 and assisted 50 students. Each year the program has expanded. 360 students were assisted during the 2005-2006 school year and over 200 students were assisted in the first 14 days of the 2006-2007 school year! The program is now staffed by four current and former East parents with office hours Monday through Friday in room 130.

Over 35 percent of program participants are asking for assistance with accelerated or Advanced Placement course materials. This is a particularly important number as one of the goals is to reduce the "Achievement Gap" between socioeconomic and racial groups. This number indicates that either more economically challenged students are taking advanced classes and/or they now have the necessary materials to be successful in these classes.

The item loan and work options are the most utilized of the assis-



tance program's options and in many ways the most successful. Many students are working for faculty and staff at East High School and receive \$8.00 an hour credit for their time. They use their work credit to pay for books, art fees, PE uniforms, graphing calculators, athletic fees and RTD bus passes.

We have a donated library of over 2,800 books available to students to borrow. This includes expensive Advance Placement textbooks and novels required for English classes. We loan and provide payment plans for TI-83 graphing calculators which are required by many math and sci-

ence classes. Students have frequent interactions with the SAF volunteer staff as they return items and receive newly required ones. These frequent contacts encourage the students to make good decisions concerning their school attendance and academic performance.

The SAF volunteer staff is deeply committed to supporting the many hard working East students who for a variety of reasons need a helping hand in achieving academic success.

Come by and see us in room 130 or send your support to the EHAF and note the SAF.

Constitutional Scholars Update 2006 — Third Place!

Beginning as part of the Bicentennial Celebration in 1987, and now known as the "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution" Competition. East has competed in this rigorous academic national competition 17 times as the Colorado State Champions. Thirteen times East has placed in the top ten. This year, May of 2006, East placed third in the nation! Our proud tradition continues.

The third place accomplishment was an extra happy achievement for retiring teacher and team coach Edna Sutton. After 31 years of teaching in the Denver Public Schools, seven as the Constitutional Scholars teacher/coach, Edna will turn the teaching over to Susan McHugh and become one of the volunteer panel coaches. Edna credits the continuing success of the program to committed students, and the great support and help from the school and community. East has a significant number of highly qualified volunteer coaches to help the students with their preparations.

Congratulations! 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 grateful to all those who provide financial assistance and make this national competition a reality!!

East High Sports Hall Of Fame To Be Created

East High School has a sports history that goes back to 1898 when Old East was in session on 19th and Stout Streets. Angel teams have amassed an impressive record of city and state championships. Equally impressive, is the record of individual achievement by Angel athletes in the many sports offered at East.

Over the years, nothing has been done to recognize such individual achievement. There are trophies and banners which speak of the tradition of winning teams at East, but nothing to honor those who were a step above everyone else. For example in the past 100 years plus 473 athletes have earned All-State recognition, but there is no evidence of it anywhere in the building. Of course hundreds of Angels have earned All-City honors as well.

A group of former athletes and coaches and East supporters have organized a hall of fame selection committee and have set in motion the creation of a Sports Hall of Fame to be located in the foyer of the Pat Panek gymnasium. The hall will feature individual plaques honoring the individual. Because we are so many years behind in doing this project, the

committee decided to induct a large number of athletes in the original class.

In subsequent years, individuals within the East community will be provided an opportunity to nominate athletes of their choice for future induction classes.

The initial class will be made up of 90 individuals: 53 male athletes, 18 female athletes and 19 coaches. The girls class will be smaller primarily because they did not enter competitive sports until the 1970s. To be considered on the first class, an athlete must have earned an All State ranking in at least one sport. Other factors taken into consideration were: number of years lettered, number of sports played, special honors earned in high school, honors and records earned in college, participation in post-education competition (i.e. Olympics, professional leagues), and induction in other honorary halls and societies.

Plans are being made to hold a special induction dinner and ceremony once the hall is ready. At this time, the East community will be able to honor these individuals who brought honor and glory to themselves and to East High.

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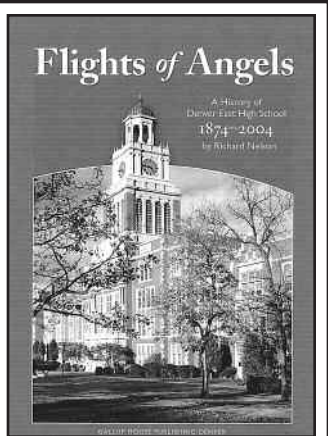
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Roscoe Hill: The Soul Of East High School

The longevity of a modern day high school principal is short. Pressures of the job have caused high turnover rates among high school principals, even in the best of districts. One man who handled the rigors of running a high school successfully was Roscoe Hill, who was principal at East from 1920-1944. He started his career as the headmaster at Old East at 19th and Stout and then moved over to New East when it opened for the 1925-1926 school year.

His 24 years at East easily establishes him as the longest tenured principal in the Denver schools. Following his retirement, the district recognized the achievements of Mr. Hill by naming Hill Junior High in his honor.

Roscoe Hill was a significant adult role model for thousands of teens at East.

Returning alumni fondly recall the gentle but direct "parenting" they received from Mr. Hill. There seems to be consensus about the depth of Roscoe's intellect, his expert ability to gather the best teachers, to inspire the best in them, and his devotion to what fondly came to be known as "Roscoe's Kids." Former students claim he was so involved in the activities of East High that he knew every student by name. This is remarkable considering that over 15,000 students attended East when Roscoe Hill was principal.

When New East was being planned, Roscoe was heavily in-



Roscoe Hill

involved. One of his pet projects for the new building was the auditorium. He called this place the "Gathering Place." It was his belief that high school students needed to gather on a regular basis and be involved in some community building. Alums from the Roscoe Hill years recall the many educational assemblies, musical assemblies, athletic assemblies and dramatic productions that took place in the East auditorium.

One alum from the '40s, recalls coming back on Monday morning, December 8, 1941, and joining the entire congregation of East students in the auditorium. Roscoe talked to them about the tragedy of December 7 at Pearl Harbor,

and how their lives would be different. She added that on a day when our vision of a perfect world was destroyed by this fearful event, it was wonderful to be reassured and told we needed a new patriotism.

Roscoe told them they would be the hope of America's future. He must surely have sensed that for many young East students, this would mean paying the ultimate price.

In 1942, the Angelus was dedicated to Principal Hill. It read in part:

"Mr. Hill personifies the finest and best in our teachers. He has fought for better education for young people and he has made East a well-equipped, well-organized school. His faith in the potential strength of youth has served as an incentive for countless boys and girls. He is the true American."

At his farewell dinner, Roscoe Hill said: "I think East is making good citizens out of its students. It makes me proud to think of the thousands of students who have left East and made good. And, as for our boys who are serving our country in this terrible war, I can only say, good job and come home safely."

Roscoe Hill has earned the right to be called "A Legend."

New Football Coach Takes Over

Ron Woolfolk, assistant football coach at East for the past three years, has been named as the head football coach for the 2006 season. Ron replaces Dave Sidwell, who resigned after leading the Angels for the past two seasons. Ron previously coached at Fairview and Regis High Schools and brings a wealth of experience and leadership.

Coach Woolfolk will have a formidable challenge this season. East will join Montbello, TJ and Fruita-Monument to form a new league. This means that East will not have the luxury of playing many of the struggling DPS schools. Their schedule will be filled by non-league teams from the suburbs. Coach Woolfolk commented that: "We will have to step up this year to compete. We are going to be playing nine teams with football traditions who do not take the game of football lightly."

FOUNDATION UPDATE

The East High Angel Foundation is beginning its fourth year. Over the past three years the foundation raised approximately \$330,000 to support programs and the physical structure at East. Support has come from current parents, an increasing number of alumni, the community and private foundations.

Monies raised have supported the following:

Physical Structure:

- \$70,000 to support the Library Renaissance Project
- \$10,000 upgrade to the audio system in the historic auditorium
- \$21,000 in support of Angel Pride's grounds collaboration with Denver Parks and Recreation and Denver Public Schools

\$95,000 has been spent on Programs:

- Student Assistance Fund

- Additional staff for Japanese, summer school, athletic trainer, treasurer, counseling office
 - Teacher Grants program
 - All School Staff Development
 - Mentoring programs
 - Student Scholarships — college and Katrina student support
 - Enhanced Science Curriculum
- ### Special Events
- Hosted "Second Time Around" Prom for parents, alumni and staff in April 2005
 - Co-Hosted Community Forum Speaker Series — John Dean in 2003/2004, and Dr. Mel Levine in 2004-2005, Mitch Albom 2006-2007
 - Hosted a community wide open house in February 2004 attended by Mayor John Hickenlooper
 - Created the first East High Alumni Directory with Harris Publishing