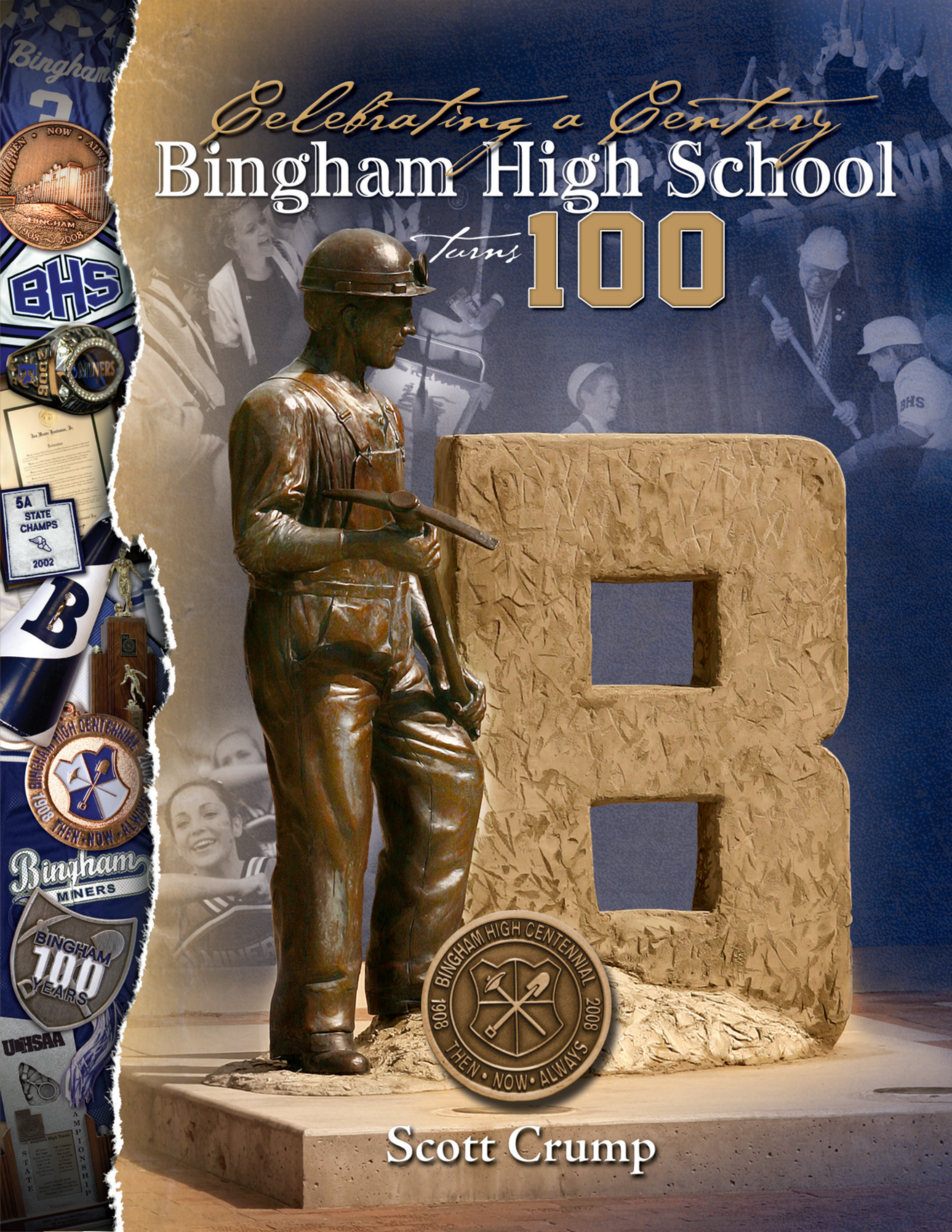
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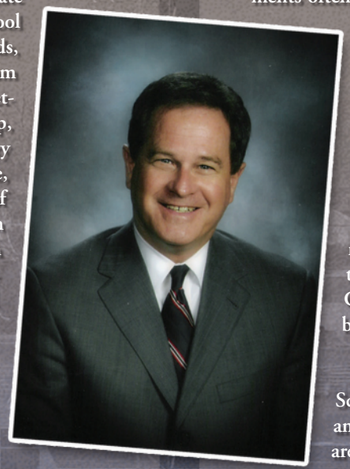
FOREWORD

The Centennial Celebration year at Bingham High School beginning with the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2008 through the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2009 with ten other major activities in between was a year of high school like no other. The planning started with the formation of a Centennial Celebration Committee chaired by Linda Long Sandstrom whose assignment was to select a theme; finance a year-long centennial celebration; engage four classes of students – Classes of 2008 (Seniors), 2009 (Seniors), 2010 (Juniors), and 2011 (Sophomores) along with the school faculty, staff, and community; promote the history, tradition and culture of Bingham High School; coordinate all activities with the Bingham High School Alumni Foundation and Marilyn Richards, President; and celebrate 100 years of Bingham High School academics, arts, activities, athletics, and achievements. Every school group, team, activity, event, club, newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook, dance, class, website, text, email, and student was to be a part of this celebration. The Centennial Celebration logo and theme started with "Bingham High School: Then, Now, and Always…" and unofficially ended with the celebration logo and theme, "Bingham High School: Then, Now, Always, and Then Some…"



In addition to the two Graduation Ceremonies of the Classes of 2008 and 2009, other Centennial Celebration activities included:

- Summer Activities, Class Reunions, and Community Municipality Events
- A September 9, 2008, Full Day and Evening "100 Year" Birthday Celebration
- A Centennial Football Game with long-time, across the valley rival Jordan High School
- Centennial Homecoming Week Activities
- Centennial Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball Games with long-time rival Jordan High School
- Candlelight Concerts (Traditional holiday Bingham High School Musical Concert Performances)
- The Celebrate America Patriotic Assembly
- The Minerette Showcase Reunion (State Championship Drill Team Performances)
- The Spring School Open House
- The Activity and Athletic State Championships Celebration Assembly.

There were also year-long, on-going activities and displays such as individual club and team activities and reunions, musical celebrations with past musical styles, Main Hall Decades Showcases (which are now housed in the Bingham High School Media Center) including memorable items, artifacts, and technology from ten decades of Bingham's past, a Bingham Centennial history book, Bingham announcements with music and historical trivia from each of the ten decades of Bingham's history, celebrations of Bingham student artwork, and Bingham clothing, pins, merchandise sales, bricks, a Bronze Statue amidst a Centennial Plaza, and much, much more.

During the Centennial Celebration there were a few statements often used that best described and summarized the culture and relationships formed at Bingham High School: "It's a great day to be a Miner!" "You are the best of Bingham!" "This is Bingham!" and "We'll always remember…" These statements became a unifying force for our school among students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and patrons. Bingham High School is more than just a school; it's a place in which students use their educational experiences and opportunities to better prepare for the challenges of the future. The Centennial Celebration connected the past with the future by providing direction for the next 100 years.

I was very proud to be the Bingham High School principal during much of the planning and implementation of these activities, and there are many people to thank for the great successes of this year-long celebration including Scott Crump, the author, and Adam Moore, the graphic designer of this book. This book is intended to be a companion to the book published for the Centennial Celebration, *Bingham High School - The First 100 Years*. I hope that you enjoy reading these two books as much as I have enjoyed living many of the experiences that they share. I am now looking forward to the next hundred years of Bingham High School.
Enjoy…

Tom Hicks
Principal, Bingham High School
1998-2005 and 2008-2013







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My father, a newly hired Bingham High School teacher took me, then just two and a half years old, to my first Bingham event on January 7, 1955. I do not remember much about that basketball game played against Cyprus High in the old Copperton gymnasium, but in the nearly six decades since I have experienced a countless number of memorable activities at Bingham High, not only as the son of two Bingham High School graduates and a 36 year Bingham High teacher, but as a student and teacher there myself. Reflecting back on those nearly 60 years, I would have to rank the Centennial Celebration, during the 2008-2009 school year, near the top of my Bingham memories. Not many high schools are able to boast a century of history and tradition. Bingham High is one of the proud few whose beginnings date back to the early 20th Century. The Centennial Celebration was a fitting capstone to a dynamic event-filled century of achievement and accomplishment and a fitting beginning to a new century of promise and hope. For those who attended any of those centennial events, it is hoped that this book will help to reignite some of the year's feelings of excitement and pride as well as memories of friendships and events from a time now past. For those unable to be present at the Centennial, hopefully this recounting will remind them of what it means to be part of a school with over 100 years of history, unifying traditions, and learning excellence.

The completion of this history would not be possible without the help of many cooperative and dedicated Bingham Miners. I am deeply indebted to Tom Hicks, principal of Bingham High, whose vision made this book possible in the first place. He conceived the idea for this history in order to keep the Centennial and the spirit it created alive for future Miners and gave this project his full support. I am also thankful to Linda Sandstrom, the Centennial Celebration Chair, Marilyn Richards, the Alumni Foundation Chair, Jolene Jolley, former Bingham High Principal, the Centennial Committee, and the Bingham Alumni Foundation for all their dedication and hard work in planning and carrying out Bingham's yearlong Centennial Celebration.

Grateful appreciation goes to all those who took the time to recall their centennial experiences. Extended interviews were given by Tom Hicks, Linda Sandstrom and Jolene Jolley and shorter interviews were given by Joey Sato, Michael Anderson, Dennis Edmonds, Margaret Pratt, Marilyn Richards, Brenda Rutledge—Bingham High administrators, teachers and staff, and David Shackelford, Daniel Shackelford, Stephanie Tobias, Jason Sara, Brad Klekas, Michael Christensen, and A.J. Bronson—Bingham High students.

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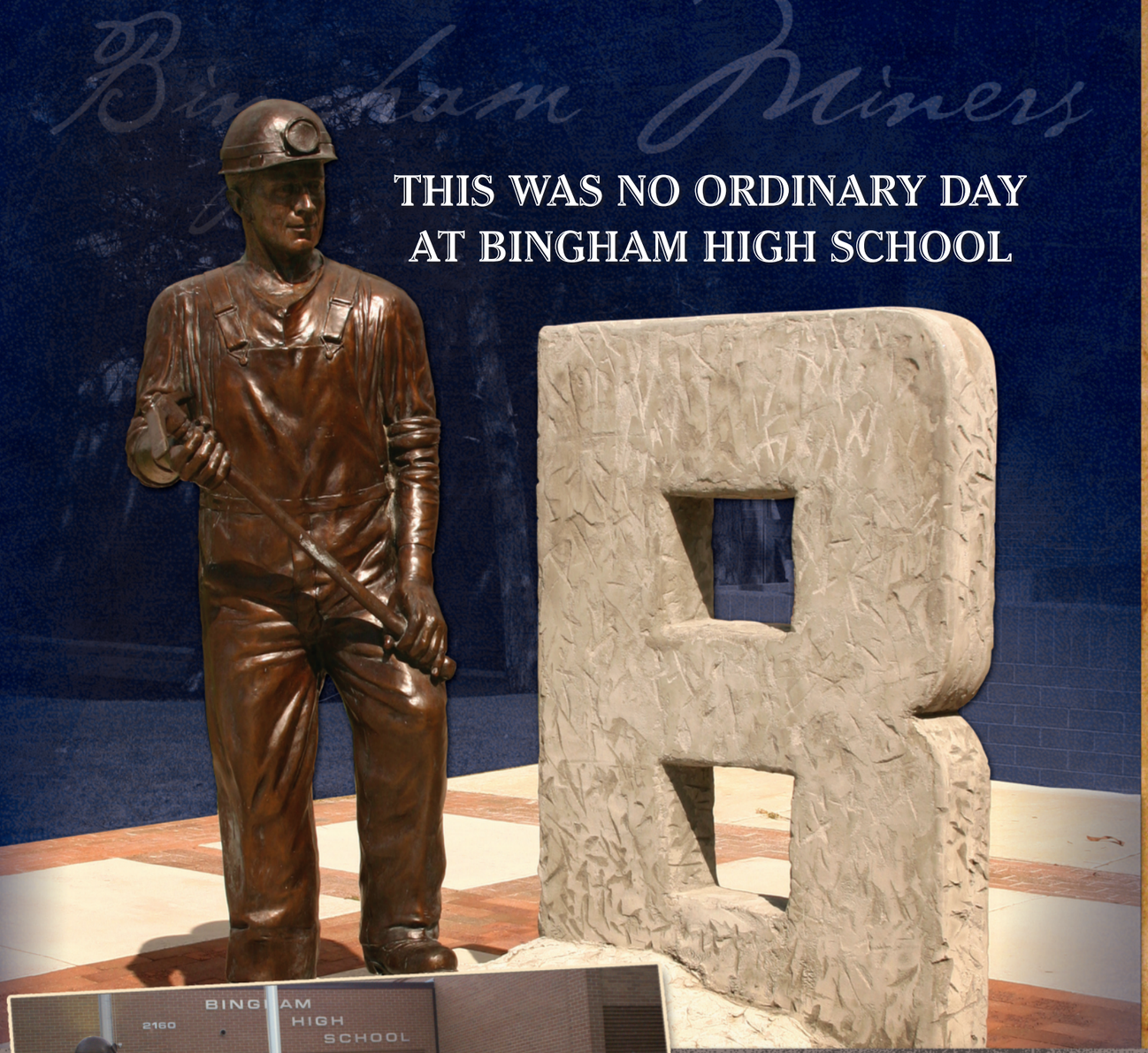
Thanks also go to my wife, Desiree, and my family for their support, encouragement, and patience. Final thanks go to the many alumni, teachers, students (now alumni) and staff members of Bingham High who offered help and advice on this history and worked to make Bingham's Centennial Celebration one that truly could be called a Celebration of a Century.

THIS WAS NO ORDINARY DAY AT BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL





September 9, 2008


Birthday Celebration in Class



Introduction

September 9, 2008—The United States, Utah, and Bingham Centennial Flags flew briskly in the early morning breeze as students, faculty, staff members, and guests arrived at Bingham High School on this special Tuesday morning. Excitement filled the air as they scurried past one of the recently completed centennial projects—the Centennial Plaza with its larger than life Miner statue, the decades display cases exhibiting memorabilia from the last century, or the historical pictures of past principals and schools in the hallways—anticipating the day's celebration. For this was no ordinary day at Bingham High School, as Miners—young and old—prepared to commemorate their school's birthday exactly 100 years previous to this very day. The five-minute bell rang at 7:25 signaling the students' first period classes. Cheers greeted the announcement on the intercom reminding everyone that the day's celebration would consist of three assemblies: two in the auditorium in the morning (for half of the school at a time) and one in the gymnasium in the afternoon. And yes, there would be free lunch and birthday cake for everyone in the cafeteria between these assemblies!

Bingham's Principals


Singing School Hymn

The festivities commenced after first period when students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visiting dignitaries filled the auditorium to capacity to witness historical highlights of Bingham's proud past. A slide show, student performances, and a visit from eight past principals were featured in the presentation. A birthday party followed the assemblies in each of the three lunch periods. Students gathered around blue and white frosted birthday cakes, sang "Happy Birthday" and blew out 100 burning candles. They then enjoyed the centennial treat with their complimentary meal.

After lunch the whole school moved to the gymnasium to receive a proclamation from Governor Jon Huntsman naming September 9, 2008, "Bingham High School Centennial Day." South Jordan Mayor, Kent Money, presented the proclamation, after which Coach Joey Sato spoke on the spirit and traditions of Bingham High. Student body officers then opened a time capsule, which had been buried in a cement vault on the football field since 1984, and revealed memorabilia from Bingham's 75th anniversary celebration. The football team brought the students to their feet with thunderous approval when it concluded the afternoon's celebration performing its signature "haka" cheer.

Evening festivities began at 7:00 pm when alumni, parents, and friends of Bingham came back to the school for an open house and birthday celebration of their own. Student leaders conducted tours of the building after which a repeat of the morning's historical assembly was presented in the auditorium. Guests greeted friends and reminisced as they shared stories of times long past, mingled in the Alumni Room and main hall among the numerous historical artifacts and memorabilia, and dined on birthday cake in the cafeteria. At the end of the day Bingham's Miners readily agreed that their school's Centennial Day Birthday Party would long be remembered. It was a fitting conclusion to a dynamic and event-filled century of achievement and accomplishment and a fitting beginning to a new century of promise and hope. It was not only a "Great Day to be a Miner," but upon reflection, it was a "Great Century for the Bingham Miners."



Centennial Birthday Cake

Faculty Luncheon


Opening Time Capsule


Joey Sato



Jon Huntsman

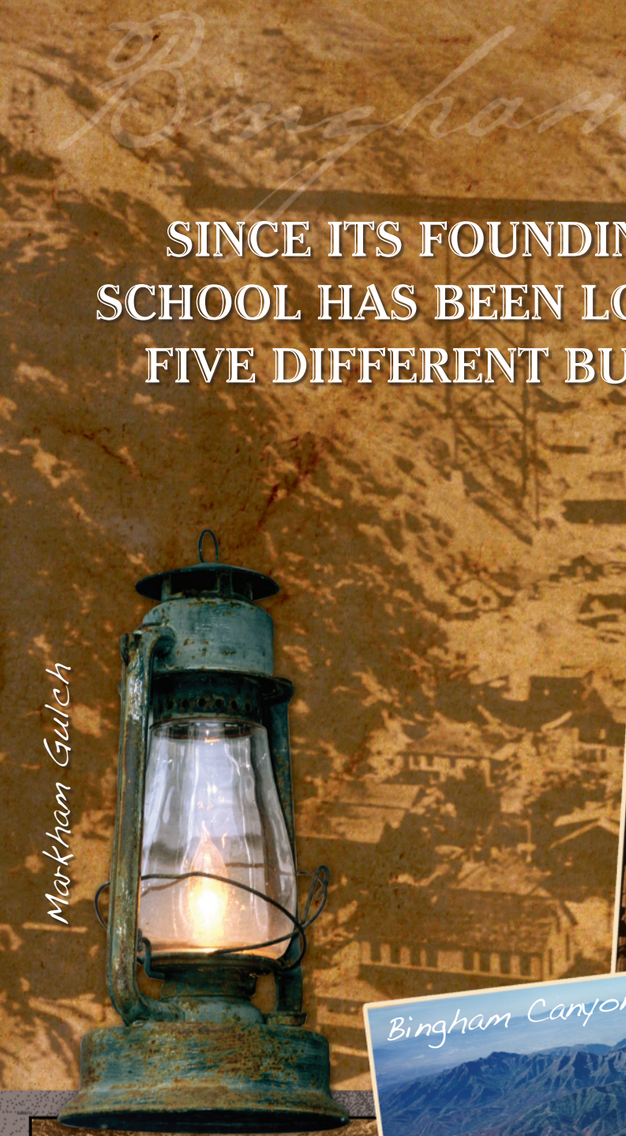

Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.
Governor
Declaration
Whereas, Bingham High School received official designation to become a high school on April 1908 by the Jordan School District Board of Education and class sessions began September 9, 1908;
Whereas, since 1908, Bingham High School has continuously provided outstanding educational opportunities in five school building locations; including three in Bingham Canyon, one in Copperton, and one at the current location in South Jordan, Utah;
Whereas, Bingham High School is among the few educational institutions in Utah to earn the distinction of educating students for a full century;
Whereas, thousands of dedicated and distinguished educators have staffed Bingham High School during the past century;
Whereas, as a hub for community activities, including sports, music, and drama, Bingham High School continues to receive enthusiastic support from the community;
Whereas, Bingham High School works to prepare students to become contributing members of society and further their education at universities, colleges, and technical schools;
Whereas, Bingham High School students excel academically, athletically, as well as culturally and thousands of successful adults are proud to call Bingham High School their alma mater; and,
Whereas, Bingham High School will celebrate 100 years on September 9, 2008, and students, past and present staff, alumni, and the community will commemorate the school's longevity and achievements with special events that day and throughout the 2008 - 2009 school year.
Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare September 9, 2008 as
Bingham High School Centennial Day
Governor

BINGHAM 1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.

Bingham Miners

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN LOCATED IN FIVE DIFFERENT BUILDINGS

The Bingham High School with its 2,501 students, 108 teachers, and five administrators that celebrated its centennial in 2008 was a vastly different place than the Bingham High School that opened its doors in 1908. Since its founding, the school has been located in five different buildings and in three different towns, the original location being in the mining town of Bingham Canyon about 12 miles west of the South Jordan school site. To see what remains of the school's initial location in Bingham Canyon, one needs to take a trip to the Bingham Copper Mine. The Bingham Mine, internationally famous as the largest open pit copper mine in the world, has gradually engulfed the towns of Bingham Canyon over the last century. Even Bingham Canyon has been filled by waste from the constantly expanding mining operations. Looking north of the mine one can see few signs of the city of Bingham or even Bingham Canyon's existence. Bingham High's first location, in the middle of Bingham Canyon at the mouth of Markham Gulch, has been covered by hundreds of feet of mine overburden. The only noticeable evidence left is some identifiable rock outcroppings at the highest elevation of Markham Gulch, and that too is gradually disappearing with the constantly increasing mounds of rock being dumped into the canyon. One hundred years have certainly changed the physical condition of Bingham Canyon in a very dramatic fashion. However, as one gazes at the huge open pit mine and the surrounding topography, one cannot help but think of the many other ways that Bingham High School has changed since 1908.









Early 1900s Businesses

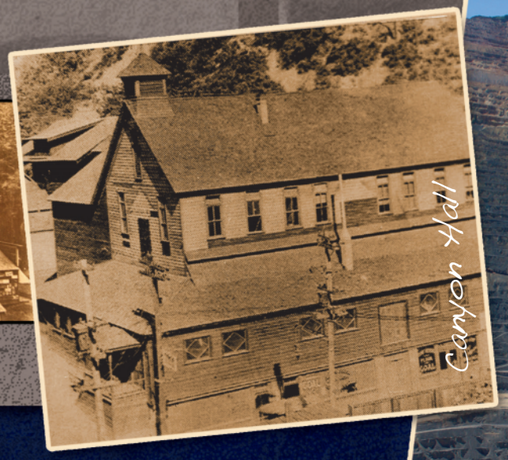




Highland Boy



Main Street around 1908







BINGHAM Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.

Bingham Miners


Early Miners


Steam Shovel






Mallet Steam Engine

BINGHAM Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.

Bingham Canyon - 1908



Bingham Canyon in 1908 was a prosperous mining town of over 15,000 people. Due to its steep topography, Bingham had room for only one main street. From the city limits, it snaked its way up the canyon past Frogtown, Dixon and Freeman Gulches, Heaston Heights, the main business district, and Markham Gulch for three miles to where it forked; the right road led to Carr Fork and Highland Boy, and the left fork continued as Main Street. It then covered two and one-half miles to Copperfield, Terrace Heights, and Telegraph, passing through Dinkeyville, Japanese Camp, and Greek Camp on the way. By the 1930s, the road to Copperfield would be engulfed by the constantly expanding mine, necessitating the construction of a one-and-one-fourth mile single lane vehicular tunnel to link the communities on the left fork to the rest of Bingham. People joked that due to the narrowness of the canyon, dogs could only wag their tails up and down.

Noisy, vibrant and dynamic, Bingham was always a kaleidoscope of sight, sound and activity. Trains with their whistles echoing throughout the canyon could be seen plying their way over the terraced mountain slopes or canyon-spanning bridges on their way to the waste dumps or mills; their presence made evident by the roar and smoke from the steam engines, the sparks from the electric engines' pantographs, or the squealing brakes from the ore cars trailing behind. Bingham was a town inside a mine and the daily ground rattling blasts and the accompanying noise, dust, or smoke was an expected occurrence. Located at the fork of Main Street, the Bingham Mercantile was always a hub of activity as traffic converged outside its doors, and miners shopped the wide variety of merchandise inside. The Bingham Mercantile formed the nucleus of the business district that also contained such Bingham landmarks as the City Hall, the Princess Theater, the Bingham Hospital, the Post Office, Canyon Hall, numerous bars and saloons, which included the Copper King, Butte Club, and Pastime, one of the nation's first J. C. Penney's, and the infamous "520 Main Street" brothel. Further down the canyon were Canyon Hall, the Bingham Central School and the Civic Center. Apartment buildings, hotels, drug stores, hardware, candy, meat, and barber shops also made up the district. Spread out from the narrow 20-foot wide main street and perched all the way up the sides of the canyon walls, were the frame houses, shacks, shanties, apartments and mansions that housed the town's inhabitants. The limited space left little room for yards, and the ever-present wooden cribbing protected property from the constant threat of rock slides.



Floods of immigrants came to Bingham Canyon from all over the world to work in the mines making Bingham a melting pot of cultures. It was estimated that in 1912, sixty five percent of the residents were foreign born. Each group settled in a different area of the canyon, elevating the population to over 15,000 by the 1920s. In the process, these groups created distinct communities that not only included Bingham, but also Highland Boy, Copperfield (Upper Bingham), Carr Fork, Lark, and later Copperton. Finns, Swedes, and Norwegians came to Carr Fork; Eastern and Southern European Slavs and Italians to Highland Boy; Greeks, Japanese, Britons and Scandinavians to Copperfield; Austrians, Welsh, Cornish, and other Britons to Lark; and the British, French, Irish, and numerous others to Bingham. Bingham was a melting pot, a literal League of Nations, united by its ethnic celebrations, feast days, parades, school activities, and sports.

FLOODS OF IMMIGRANTS CAME TO BINGHAM CANYON FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD



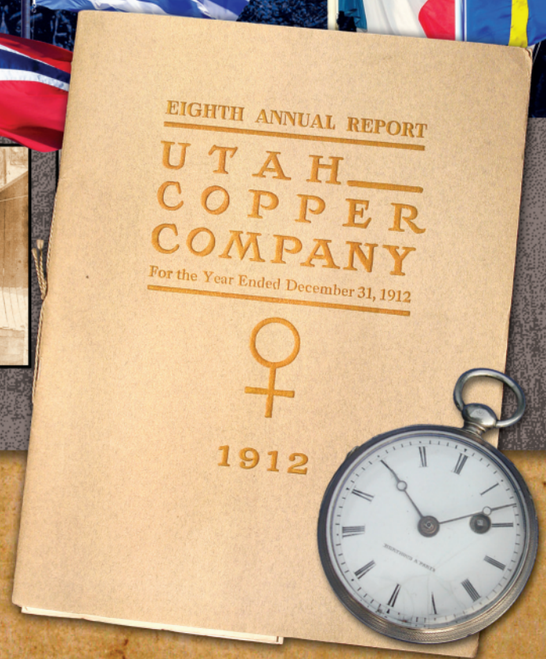


City Hall-Main Street





Bingham Coal & Lumber



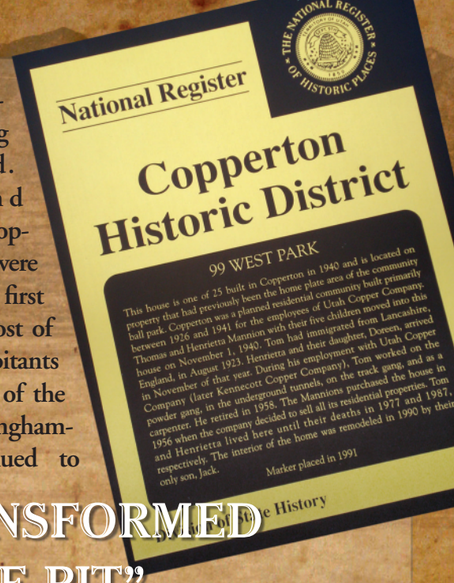


Main Street 1918



Bingham Canyon was the wild and woolly West come alive. Fires, snow slides, and floods constantly plagued Bingham's residents. Since a majority of the town's buildings were constructed of tinder-dry, unpainted wood, fire was the most feared disaster. Houses were built so close together that a small fire in one structure could quickly spread and incinerate an entire neighborhood. Making matters worse, it was very difficult for firefighters to haul water to high canyon locations. The worst of the canyon's fires occurred in Highland Boy in 1932. The total loss of property added up to nearly $400,000. A 1924 conflagration in the main business district was less severe in property losses but took the lives of two people. Highland Boy's steep mountain slopes and the severe winter of 1926 resulted in Bingham's worst disaster. An avalanche that winter cost 39 people their lives, destroying 17 homes and a boarding house.

The threat of disasters and the canyon's limited residential space led to the construction of Copperton at the canyon's mouth in 1926. Designed as a model mining community, the town was originally built by the Utah Copper Company (UCC), not for the average miner, but for the company's management. The well-built brick and stucco homes with beautiful, well-tended yards contrasted sharply with the yardless wooden structures in Bingham and showcased the company's product by having all the plumbing, wiring, rain gutters, sheet metal work and roofs made of copper from the mine. Garages housed cars off the streets, and a large well-shaded park occupied the heart of the community. The UCC, which only rented the houses to company employees, immaculately maintained the community until 1956 when the homes were sold to the residents and the park was donated to Salt Lake County. The town and its historic structures were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The people of Bingham Canyon survived labor disputes, mining accidents, fires, floods, and other disasters. The tragedy of these events proved to be another unifying force for the canyon's melting pot of cultures. Yet they could not survive a force that they themselves were fueling—the steady expansion of the copper mine into their own living areas. Their efforts had transformed "the hill" into "the pit," and now their towns were gradually being swallowed. Highland Boy and Copperfield were dismantled first and lost most of their inhabitants by the end of the 1950s. Binghamites continued to move throughout the 1960s until only 19 people remained at the end of 1971. At that time the City of Bingham was disincorporated, and within a few years, all of its buildings were torn down. Lark's residents were told they had to move in 1978, and the town vanished from the map by the end of 1980. Copperton is the sole survivor of the many communities that helped make Bingham Canyon one of the most culturally rich and diverse areas of Utah.



THEIR EFFORTS HAD TRANSFORMED "THE HILL" INTO "THE PIT"




1932 Fire


Greek Town



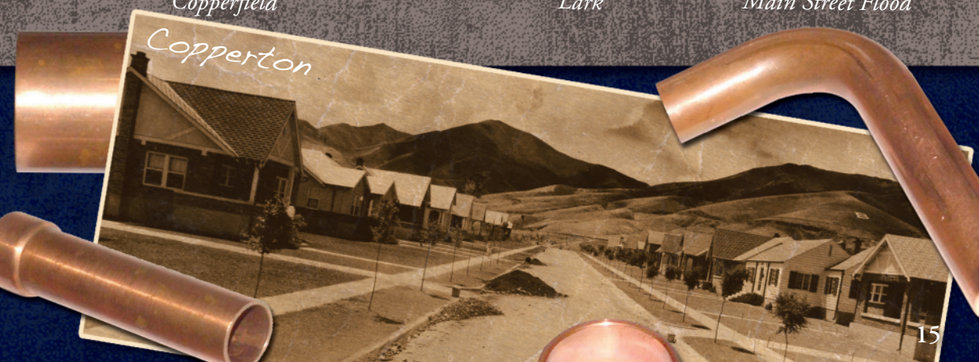

Carr Fork


Copperfield

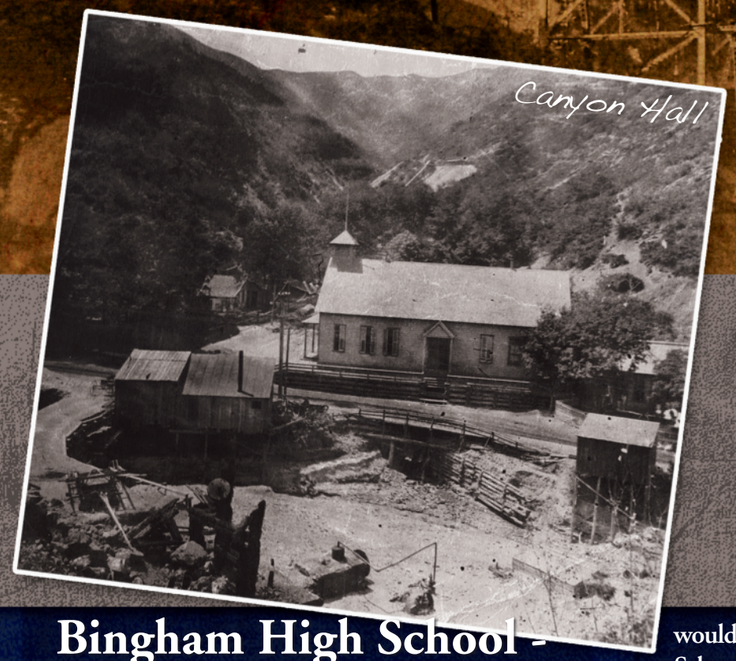

Lark


Main Street Flood











Eugene S. Hart



Principal F.G. Eskelson



1914 Upper Main Street



Students 1925



Early Teachers



1919 Student Life

Bingham High School - Beginnings

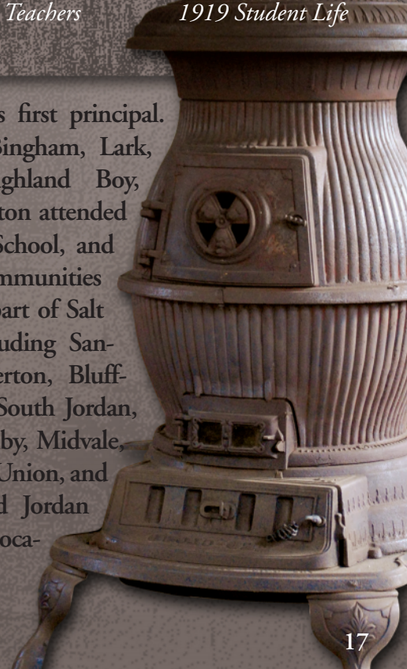
In 1908 with Eugene S. Hart appointed as the supervising teacher, Bingham High School was established as a branch of Jordan High School. Classes began on September 9, 1908, when 12 eager freshmen set up school on the upper floor of Canyon Hall—Bingham's opera house, dance hall, and silent movie theater. Canyon Hall was situated next to Bingham's Main Street and the mouth of Markham Gulch, a major landmark midway up Bingham Canyon. Markham was famous for the spectacular railroad trestle that spanned its width and towered directly above Bingham High's first location. Under Mr. Hart's direction the educational excellence that would become synonymous with Bingham High School began. Going to Bingham High in those early years was not easy. Students had to help set up the hall for school each day by cleaning up the mess from the previous evening's dance, play or movie. They also had to chop wood for the room's pot bellied stove and make sure it was clean. Mr. Hart, who only taught at Bingham for one year, instructed the 12 pioneering students in all the required subjects.

Students who attended Bingham High during those early years loved their town and felt it was a good place to grow up and be educated. They were hard working, eager to learn, and wanted to participate in as many activities as possible.

Events held during Bingham's initial 1908-1909 school year included an Opening Social dance at Canyon Hall, a Grand Christmas Ball, card parties, Friday night hops (informal dances), and a Jordan School District lecture series and field day. The Bingham High School Club, which included the entire student body of 12 to 17 ninth grade students, was the sponsor of these events. Highlighting the end of the year activities were commencement exercises. Although there would not be any Bingham High graduates until 1912, commencement exercises provided the opportunity to reflect on the year's accomplishments and promote the freshmen and later the sophomores and juniors to the next grade. The first Bingham High School commencement was held on May 28, 1909, at the Sandy LDS Ward House located next to the Sandy campus of the Jordan District High School.

CANYON HALL WAS SITUATED NEXT TO BINGHAM'S MAIN STREET AND THE MOUTH OF MARKHAM GULCH

In the 1909-1910 school year, Bingham offered two years of high school instruction, and Mr. F. G. (Farley Gilbert) Eskelson (1909-1910) was hired at a salary of $1,100 for nine months as Bingham's supervising teacher to replace Mr. Hart, who accepted a position at the Weber Stake Academy. Miss Bernice E. Day was also employed at Bingham to help teach the 12 freshmen and 19 sophomores enrolled. Just three months into the new school year, communication problems between the Sandy and Bingham campuses became apparent. Enoch Jorgensen, the principal of Jordan High, who was not receiving regular reports from Mr. Eskelson, petitioned the Board of Education in November to require Mr. Eskelson to send the reports he requested. Mr. Eskelson replied to the Board that the distance between the two schools made communications difficult and suggested the separation of the Bingham Campus from the high school in Sandy. After considering the request for a couple of months, the Board acquiesced and voted on January 17, 1910, to make Bingham High School independent of Jordan High and to appoint Mr. Eskelson as Bingham's first principal. The towns of Bingham, Lark, Copperfield, Highland Boy, and later Copperton attended Bingham High School, and all the other communities in the southern part of Salt Lake Valley, including Sandy, Draper, Riverton, Bluffdale, Herriman, South Jordan, West Jordan, Welby, Midvale, Crescent, Butler, Union, and Granite, attended Jordan High's Sandy location.





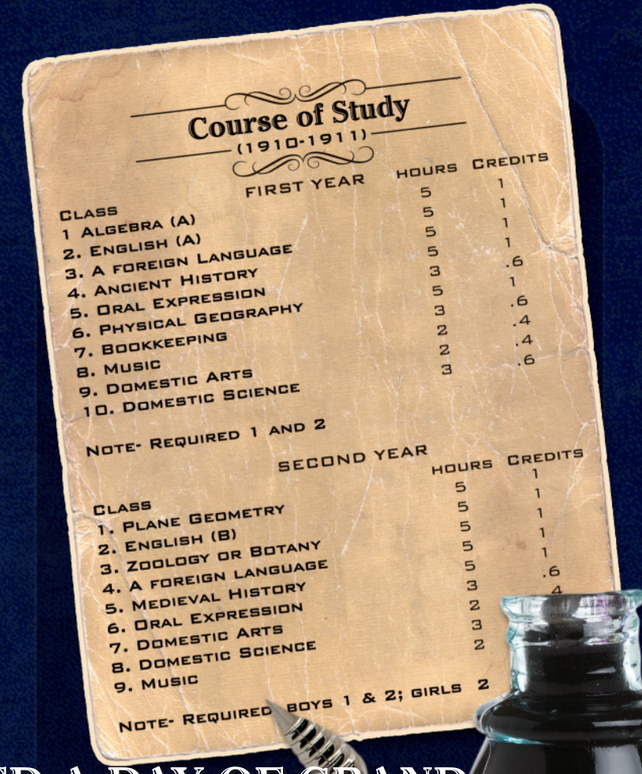
Although the required academic courses for graduation at both Jordan District high schools were the same, with only two teachers and 31 students, Bingham's academic electives were somewhat limited during its second year. Mr. Eskelson taught the basic science and mathematics courses and Miss Day instructed the language and history classes. First year students were required to take algebra, English, Ancient History or a foreign language, oral expression, physical geography, or bookkeeping and could choose music or domestic arts as an elective. Required courses for second year students included geometry and English with choices from zoology, botany, Medieval History, a foreign language, music, or domestic arts as electives. Students who had not taken Ancient History, geography, or bookkeeping during their first year could complete any of these courses the second year.

Third year course work was offered during the 1910-1911 school year with three teachers, E. E. Dudley, Ira H. Masters, and Effay Van Cott, instructing all required courses and a fourth year curriculum was available in the 1911-1912 school year with three teachers on the faculty—all new to Bingham—Fred Reber, Estelle M. Ise (who resigned in November and was replaced by Ernest Young), and Royal H. Daw. The principal, who also instructed classes and supervised the grammar school, earned $126.31 each month on a ten-month contract and teachers' salaries ranged from $85 to $111.11 a month for nine months. Juniors and seniors were required to take English, history, math, science, and whatever electives they needed to attain the 16 units of credit required for graduation.

Each year a new grade was added so that by the fall of 1911, Bingham High became a grade 9-12 high school. With student enrollment fluctuating between 30 to 50 students from 1910-1912, and with only three teachers on the faculty, curriculum offerings at Bingham continued to be limited. No class was organized for fewer than five pupils, but students desiring courses not offered at Bingham were given travel expenses to go to Jordan High. Students were admitted free to school although they had to purchase their own textbooks and supplies. Small laboratory fees were required of those who studied domestic science (basic cooking and economics), or a science class.

The hard work and academic achievements of all Bingham's students were celebrated at commencement exercises held each year with Jordan High in Sandy (until 1917). At the school's second commencement held on May 20, 1910, Utah Governor William Spry delivered the keynote address before one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the LDS Church Chapel in Sandy. May 17, 1912 marked a day of grand celebration for Bingham High and a day of great pride for the entire Bingham Community as the school graduated its first class of seniors. Before an overflowing audience, Reverend Elmer I. Goshen delivered the commencement address, and music was given by individual students and the Jordan High School Orchestra. Jordan principal Enoch Jorgensen spoke after which James R. Rawlins of the Jordan School Board of Education presented diplomas to the five Bingham and 17 Jordan graduates. The ceremonies served as a tribute to the pioneering work of the first graduating class of Bingham High – the Class of 1912 – whose members included Elvira Christensen, Davis I. Geffen, Mona G. Heaston, Clifford A. Mayer and Agnes McDonald.

MAY 17, 1912 MARKED A DAY OF GRAND CELEBRATION FOR BINGHAM HIGH


Course of Study
(1910-1911)

FIRST YEAR

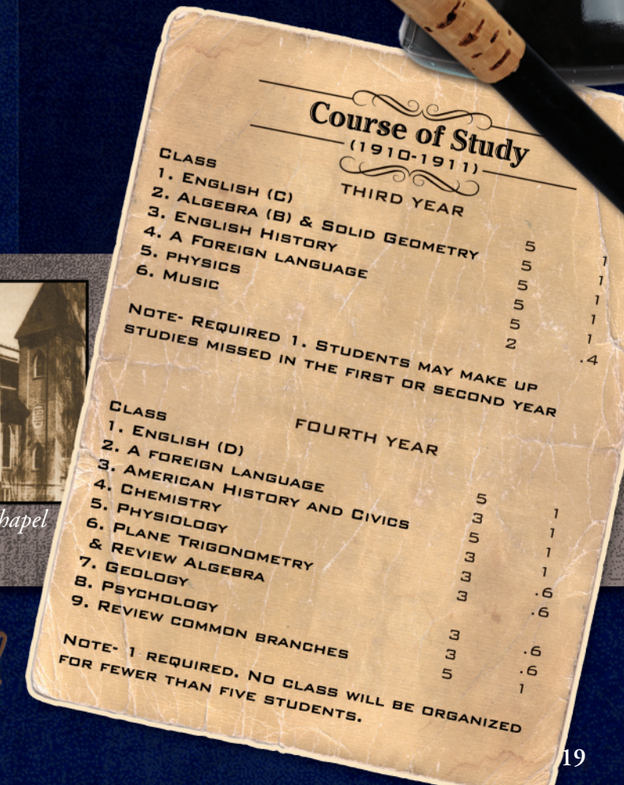
Class	Hours	Credits
1. Algebra (A)	5	1
2. English (A)	5	1
3. A foreign Language	5	1
4. Ancient History	3	.6
5. Oral Expression	5	1
6. Physical Geography	3	.6
7. Bookkeeping	2	.4
8. Music	2	.4
9. Domestic Arts	3	.6
10. Domestic Science		

Note- Required 1 and 2

SECOND YEAR

Class	Hours	Credits
1. Plane Geometry	5	1
2. English (B)	5	1
3. Zoology or Botany	5	1
4. A foreign language	5	1
5. Medieval History	3	.6
6. Oral Expression	2	.4
7. Domestic Arts	3	
8. Domestic Science	2	
9. Music		

Note- Required boys 1 & 2; girls 2


Course of Study
(1910-1911)

THIRD YEAR

Class		
1. English (C)	5	1
2. Algebra (B) & Solid Geometry	5	1
3. English History	5	1
4. A Foreign language	5	1
5. physics	5	1
6. Music	2	.4

Note- Required 1. Students may make up studies missed in the first or second year

FOURTH YEAR

Class		
1. English (D)	5	1
2. A foreign language	3	1
3. American History and Civics	5	1
4. Chemistry	3	1
5. Physiology	3	.6
6. Plane Trigonometry & Review Algebra	3	.6
7. Geology	3	.6
8. Psychology	3	.6
9. Review common branches	5	1

Note- 1 required. No class will be organized for fewer than five students.


Lark Bus


E.E. (Elwood) Dudley


Japanese Camp


1918 Students


Gov. William Spry


Enoch Jorgensen


Sandy LDS Chapel





In 1910 construction started on a new building for Bingham High. The cost of this two story red brick structure, located next to the Bingham elementary school, totaled $35,000 and was opened in 1912. The eight room school had two big doors in the front that opened onto Bingham's Main Street. There was hardly any space in the front or the back of the building as the mountainside loomed only a few feet from the back windows. On the first floor there were four classrooms with a wide stairway that occupied the middle of the building. More classrooms occupied the top floor, along with a principal's office and a small auditorium that seated about 100 people. The shop and a storeroom were located in the basement. With a dressing room for plays and other auditorium activities located next door in the Central School, it became necessary to build a bridge between the windows of the two buildings to provide easy access. Restrooms were located outside. The building's roof was flat, and original plans called for it to be used for physical education activities. However, it is not known whether it was ever used for this purpose. Soon after the completion of the high school, plans proceeded on the construction of a gymnasium building. The red brick structure was located on the lower canyon side of the old Central School and was completed in November 1915. This three-storied gymnasium (later to become Bingham's Civic Center) had dressing rooms on the first floor, a basketball court encircled by an elevated race track on the second floor, and classrooms on the third. A swimming pool was built in the basement. However, soon after its completion, the high school discontinued the pool's use because of Bingham doctor Paul S. Richards' objections. He contended that swimming in the pool could cause ear damage. Students from the towns of Bingham, Copperfield, Highland Boy, and Lark were brought to this new school with buses pulled by horses.

THE COST OF THIS TWO STORY RED BRICK STRUCTURE . . . TOTALED $35,000









Lark 1910s



Bingham Students 1923

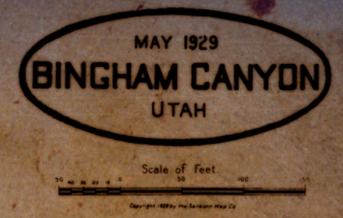








BINGHAM Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.




Bingham Central High School (1925-1931)


First BHS and Old Central Grade School

Canyon Hall (left) First BHS (middle) Gym (Right)

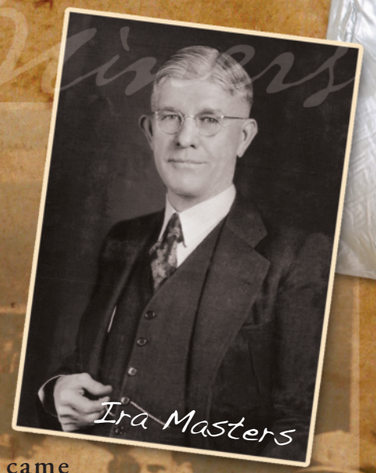
Bingham Central from Markham Gulch

Old BHS Gym

Canyon Hall & Markham Gulch

The Teens & Twenties

Bingham started its sports program in 1910 by fielding a football team. This was no small feat considering enrollment fluctuated between 30 and 40 students throughout the year, most of which were female. Finding a place to play within the narrow confines of Bingham Canyon was also a difficult task. A small vacant lot next to the elementary school—that students had to harden and smooth each week—was the best available space. Despite the students' efforts to make the field playable, visiting teams continually complained that the Miner field was not level and too rocky. However, since Bingham players knew where all the rough spots were located, they had a great home field advantage. Play was rough in those early years as participants, which included coaches, wore little protective equipment and competed on the primitive dirt playing fields.


Ira Masters

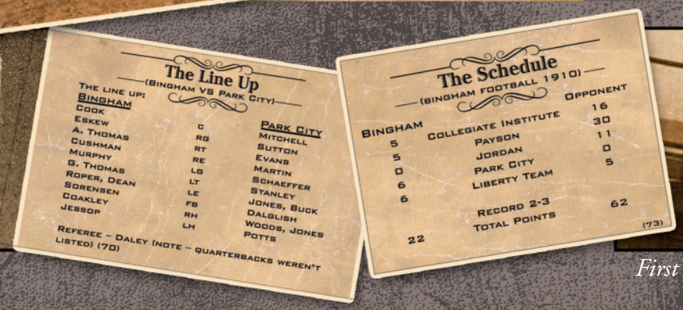
Ira Masters, Bingham's first coach (later appointed principal) suffered a dislocated shoulder during his first few weeks of competition. The Miner's first sport's victory came during the fourth game of the season when the gridders scored a 6 to 0 shutout of Park City. Nevertheless, the football team was disbanded at the end of the year with a 2 win and 3 loss record, and Bingham's gridders would not play again until 1925.

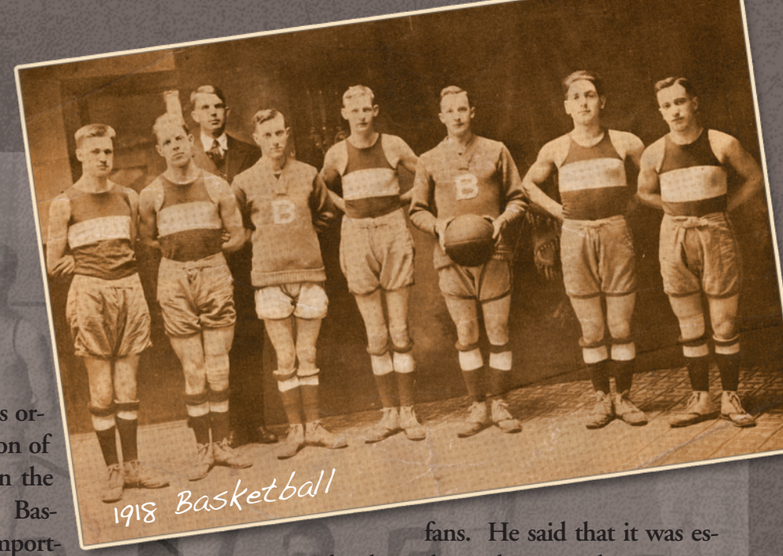


1930 Football Team


Utah Copper Ballpark (Hogan's Brickyard)

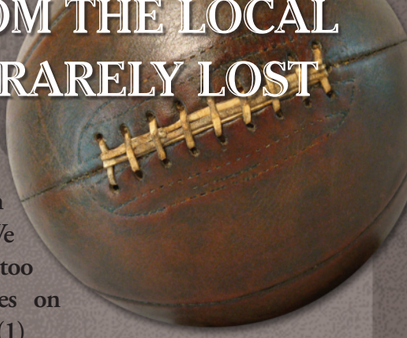

1920s Football




1918 Basketball

The Miners' first basketball team was organized in 1915 with the completion of a gymnasium a few hundred feet down the canyon from the high school building. Basketball, win or lose, soon became an important part of student life, and eventually, the whole town of Bingham fell in love with the sport. Games played in the small Bingham gymnasium were packed with fans whose noise shook the structure to its foundation. With tremendous support from the local community, Bingham's teams rarely lost a game in their gym, which—when full—had people sitting on the out-of-bounds lines, in the bleachers, on the race track, and behind the baskets. Willard Nichols (Class of 1928) remembered that when an out-of-bounds play was made, the officials had to ask half of the crowd to move back. Also being a yell leader, he knew the secret of getting more noise out of the fans. He said that it was essential to have cheers that were short, peppy, and worked the crowd into a frenzy. The Miner's court, located on the third floor of the gymnasium building and encircled by an elevated indoor track that cut the corners off the playing floor, gave Bingham teams a built-in advantage. Tommy McMullin, who coached the Bingham teams for many years recalled, "The track was just like having an extra guard. We didn't lose too many games on that floor." (1)

WITH TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, BINGHAM'S TEAMS RARELY LOST




First Gym Basketball Standard
(Notice Track Above)


1928 Basketball



Examples of Bingham students' innovation and eagerness to learn in the school's early years abound. One example came when the boys at this time were confronted with the problem of not having any facilities for an auto mechanics shop. So eager were they to study this subject that they got together with some adults and built themselves a wooden shop on a mining dump. This shop was later torn down to make room for the next Bingham High School, but while it stood, it provided many a youngster an opportunity to study and fix cars.

Friday after class concluded, she would unlatch the lock on a type room window. On Saturday when she returned to the school, she climbed the cribbing on the mountainside directly in back of the type room. Taking some 2x4 wooden boards that had been previously placed in the cribbing, she laid them flat between the cribbing and the window sill. Then she simply walked across the boards, climbed through the window, sat down at a typewriter and caught up on her assignments. On Monday morning before school started, she returned to the inside of the room and locked the window latch. The system worked well until her type teacher, suspecting something, started double checking to make sure that the window latches were locked after school. (2)

THE CLASS OF 1917 SENT ITS FORCES AWAY WITH A SMILE

Another example came when Alta Miller, student body president and member of the Class of 1922, did not have enough money to afford a typewriter. So anxious was she to learn typewriting skills, she cleverly devised a system to use the school's typewriters on the weekends. The location of the second floor type room in the back of the school, just a few feet away from the mountain cribbing, was the key to her plan. Each

With the coming of World War I Bingham's Miners showed their patriotism and true spirit as they joined the armed services in large numbers. In 1918, Bingham High English teacher, Inez Todd King, wrote her impressions as some of her students marched off to war:

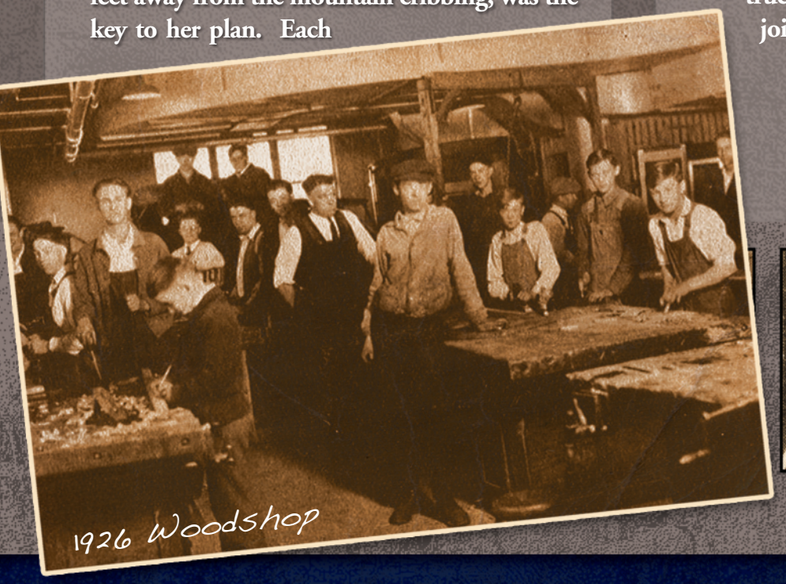
A year ago some of the boys of the class of 1917 responded to the nation's call for men. We walked with them to the depot to tell them "God speed." As I looked into their faces, my thoughts went back over the time I had known them. It did not seem possible that these calm, quiet men were the boys who but yesterday had been eagerly looking for some new prank with which to astonish their fellows. They stood there, shoulders square, heads up, eyes bright, the spirit of the (mining) camp, made flesh and blood.

Beside them stood the boys and girls who had been playmates and companions in the childhood which had vanished forever. In their faces was no sign of hysteria. Each wore a smile—a little tremulous perhaps –but nevertheless courageous. The Class of 1917 sent its forces away with a smile, and so man and woman, it won its first great battle of life – the fight for self-control and self-forgetfulness.

God bless them all. They are splendid representatives of the camp, active, fearless, and loyal, endowed with spirit of youth, and the self-control which the majesty of the mountains which surround Bingham gives to all the people who lift their eyes to the white peaks. (2A)


1918 Classroom




1926 Woodshop


Alta Miller


Inez Todd King

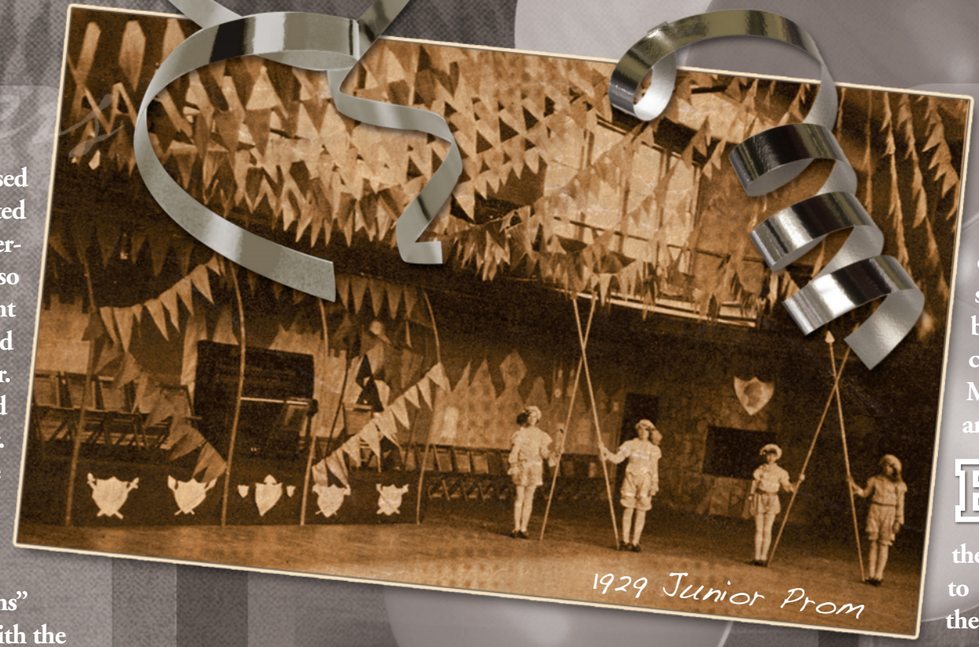

Utah APEX Mine 1908 (example of cribbing)


Men Leaving for War



During the years that the high school was located in the City of Bingham, many traditions were started. From its beginning, Bingham's colors were royal blue and white, and it was only natural that the school's nickname be the "Miners." Two dances, the Junior Prom and the Senior Hop, had their beginning at this time. These dances, held in the newly completed gymnasium, attracted large crowds of students who danced the fox-trot, two-step or Charleston to favorite songs like the "Varsity Drag," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Sheik of Araby," and "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles." Cheek-to-cheek dancing was frowned upon, and couples who got too cozy were escorted from the floor. Rules for dancing, imposed in 1915 by the school district, prohibited close dancing and dancing with exaggerated motions. School administrators also required that all dancers be in an upright position. Matinee dances and those held after sporting events were very popular. The Junior Prom, started in 1916, proved to be the most popular dance of the year. It provided the whole school with the opportunity to demonstrate creative talents in transforming the gymnasium into a make-believe world. Each class spent countless hours decorating "booths" in its section of the gym to harmonize with the rest of the decorations coordinated by the juniors. The juniors participated in the dance's traditional promenade that proved a highlight of each dance.

May Day activities were also a Bingham tradition. On May 1, regular school activities were suspended and each class took a hike in the mountains surrounding Bingham to enjoy a picnic and games. The competitive nature of the classes was evident as each class seemed intent on outdoing the others in making their outing the best of the day.



Drama, debate, and music all became an important part of school activities in the new school. Plays and operettas were a standard part of the school calendar by 1924, and Bingham boasted of an excellent orchestra and chorus. Debaters have represented the Miners in tournaments throughout the area since 1914.

Bingham's first yearbook was published in 1918. At first it was called the *Metal*, but this name was later changed to the *Coppertonian* (a name taken from the Bingham Copper Mine). The student newspaper began publication in 1919 and was first entitled the *Apocalypse*, then the *Arrow* (because it got straight to the point), and later the *Coppertonian*. However, this name was soon changed to *Hi-Lights* to avoid confusion with the yearbook and then finally to the *Prospector* in 1961.

RULES FOR DANCING... PROHIBITED CLOSE DANCING AND DANCING WITH EXAGGERATED MOTIONS


1918 Drama


1919 Dance

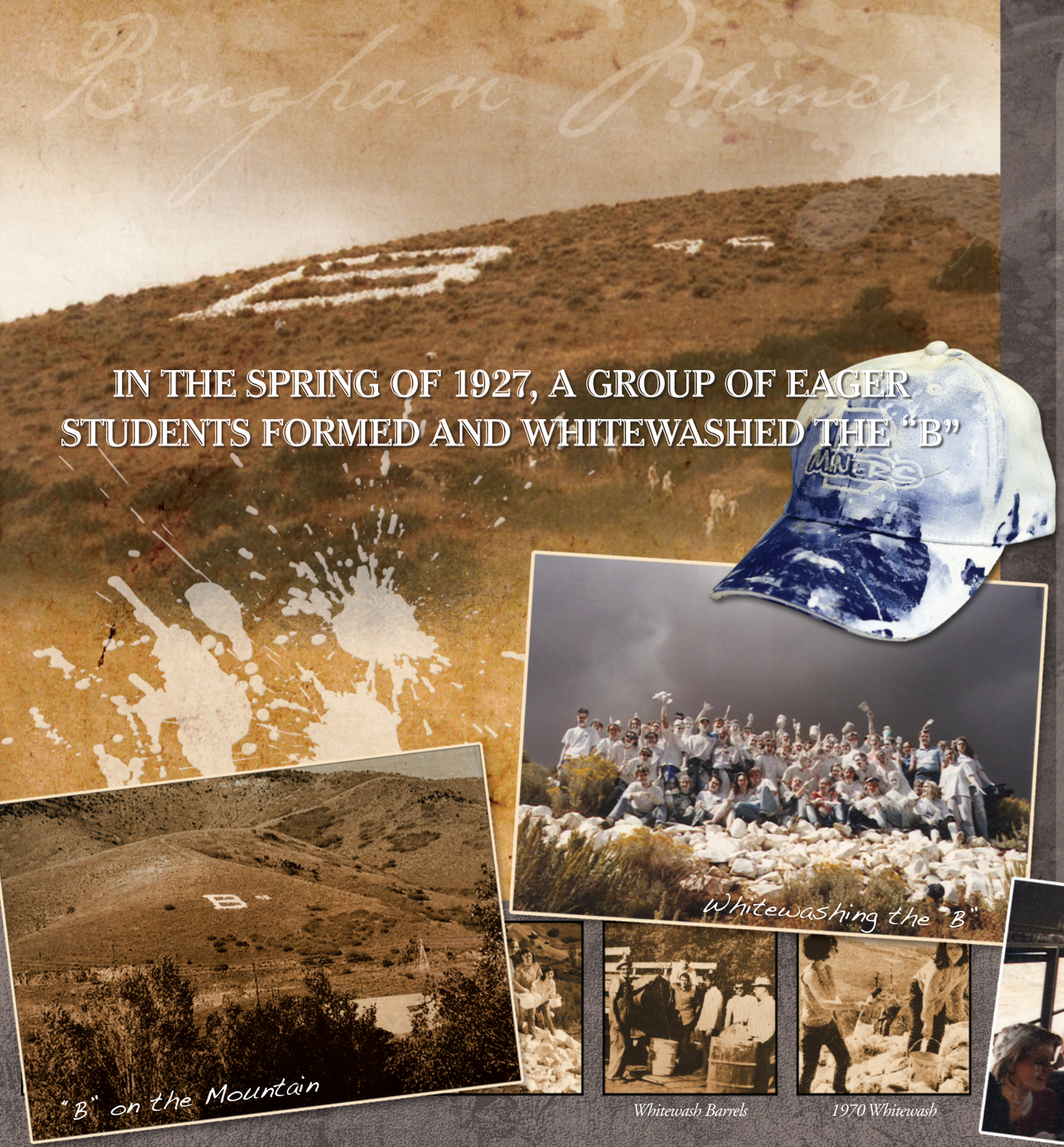

1929 School Band


1918 Boys


1928 Student Life



IN THE SPRING OF 1927, A GROUP OF EAGER STUDENTS FORMED AND WHITEWASHED THE "B"



Whitewashing the "B"

"B" on the Mountain

Whitewash Barrels

1970 Whitewash


Bus Ride Home


Norma Olson Nichols


Tommy McMullin

ACTIVITIES

One of Bingham's oldest and most popular traditions had its beginnings at this time. Norma Olson Nichols, student body vice president in the 1926-27 school year, was so proud of Bingham High that she spearheaded the effort to put a block "B" for Bingham on the side of the Oquirrh Mountains. Despite a number of setbacks, she never quit trying until she accomplished the task. (3) In the spring of 1927, Norma and a group of eager students formed and whitewashed the "B". The 1927 *Coppertonian* recorded this about the event:

> *On April 8, 1927, the school doors were locked for the day and the students and faculty were transported to the ball park for an official holiday. The boys were marshaled in companies - each led by a spirited captain. They then trekked up the steep mountainside and erected a "B" to show the affection we hold for the school and the town. After completion of the "B", the girls served luncheon to the hungry and worn-out boys. The rest of the afternoon was spent in games and other competitive activities. (3A)*

Tommy McMullin, a Bingham teacher at the time, recalled that moving all the rocks to form the block letter "B" was hard work for the boys, but by early afternoon most of the rocks were in place. Trails were made and whitewash was carried up the switchbacks to complete the project. In the next few years the "B" was enlarged each spring when it was whitewashed until it reached its present size. (4) Other activities were soon added to the annual spring sprucing up, and this became known as "B" Day. For a while it was the boys who did the whitewashing while the girls prepared lunch in the Copperton Park. Later, the senior class had the privilege of doing the annual cleaning. But no matter who did it, whitewashing the "B" was great fun and a good way to begin a day of competitive activities that included intramural football and softball games, races, pie eating contests, shoe scrambles, and more.

Whitewashing the "B" continued to be an important part of student activities throughout Bingham's Copperton years. Students could hike from the school to the "B" for the annual whitewashing. When the high school moved to South Jordan, some wondered whether the venerable tradition would continue. Fortunately, Kennecott Copper continued to grant permission to perform the annual event. Over the years, a few changes have been made in the whitewashing process. Today students ride busses instead of walk to the "B," whitewash with paint instead of lime and water, and perform the annual ritual in the fall of the year instead spring. Nevertheless, whitewashing the "B" (sometimes called Bingham's longest running whitewash paint fight) continues to be a cherished tradition.

Student Council may be described as students solving real problems, making important decisions, speaking honestly, and taking an active part in the administration of the school. Teaching the basic skills of leadership has always been an important part of Bingham's student government. Student government in the twenties, like the national government, consisted of three branches, executive, legislative and judicial. The student body officers formed the executive branch with a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, yell master, yearbook editor and business manager. Representatives from all the classes, the principal, and two faculty members made up the legislative branch of Bingham's student government. The student body court, with a prosecuting attorney, judge, chief of police, and a clerk, handled the judicial duties of interpreting the school constitution and maintaining discipline. Over the years the structure of student government would change, but the lifetime lessons in leadership would be the same. Today, throughout the country today are leaders who have been Bingham Miners. Graduates who are CEOs, politicians, scientists, teachers, athletes, and church, military, and civic leaders all received valuable lessons in leadership at Bingham High School.

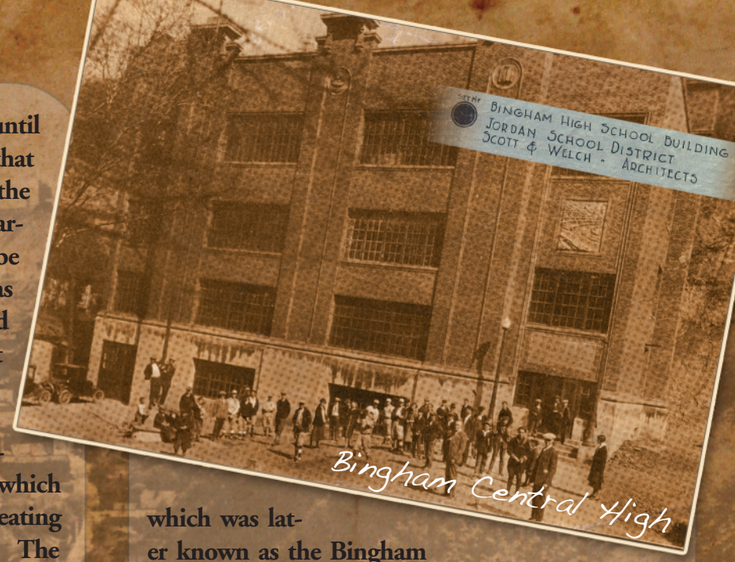
BINGHAM CENTRAL AFFORDED ITS PUPILS THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT

Another integral part of student activities at Bingham was the variety of student clubs. A sampling of the clubs in the 1920s included the Debate, Drama, Commercial, Home Economics, Minor Miners, Triple Gs, Peter Pan, Art Guild, and Ukulele Clubs. Each provided students a means to expand classroom learning and to socialize with youth of similar interests.

Throughout the late teens and early twenties, Bingham's enrollment grew until by 1924, it was nearing 200 students. At that time because of crowded conditions and the need for a more modern facility, it was apparent that a new high school would have to be constructed. The site for this structure was located about 300 feet up the canyon and across the street from the old building. It was opposite Canyon Hall and Markham Gulch on the east side of the canyon. The Draper Construction Company was awarded the general contract for the new school, which totaled $87,000. Long Plumbing and Heating received the utilities contract for $15,000. The blackish-blue brick building designed by architects Scott and Welch was completed and dedicated by December 1924, and students started regular class work in the new facility in January 1925. This new three-storied structure contained a wood shop, auto mechanics shop, a boiler and fan room, and a coal room in the basement; three classrooms, a faculty room, restrooms, and the principal's office on the ground (first) floor; and four classrooms, a lecture hall, and a science lab on the second floor. A 500-seat auditorium with a stage and dressing rooms, music room, the school library, and a motion picture projection room occupied the third level. The construction also included a cottage for the Bingham Principal, which was erected on the school grounds.

Grades 7-12 moved into this new building (the junior high and the high school grades would be together until the late 1950s), which was later known as the Bingham Central School (not to be confused with the old Central School). To students at the time, the edifice seemed very big and modern compared to the old high school. Set back against the canyon wall, Bingham Central afforded its pupils the most modern equipment and provided them some space for recreation in the front. However, the new structure had no gymnasium, so the school still used the old gymnasium building. This required Miner students to walk down the canyon a few hundred feet for P.E. classes. Immediately after the move, the old high school was converted into an elementary school, and soon thereafter, the old Central Elementary School was torn down.

Life at Bingham High School in the teens and 1920s was a mixture of a wide variety of clubs, organizations, and activities which provided education and fun for those early Miners and laid the foundation for student life for the next century.




1926 Chemistry Class


1929 Student Life


1927 School Bus


BHS Gym, First BHS, and Bingham Central High


1939 Student Life


1931 Girls Club



1910-1929







MUSIC & DANCING

Let Me Call You Sweetheart
Good Night Ladies
Over There
Rhapsody In Blue
Ol' Man River
Jazz • Fox Trot
Charleston • Varsity Drag







RMS Titanic
Sunk, April 14, 1912

FADS & FUN

1910s	1920s
Tinker Toys	The Jazz Age
Lincoln Logs	King Tut
Raggedy Ann	Dance Marathons
Pogo Stick	Flag Pole Sitting
Erector Set	Airplane Wing Walking







PRICES 1910-1929

1915:
Loaf of Bread: 7¢
Gallon of Milk: 36¢
Car: $500
House: $4,800
Postage Stamp: 2¢
Average Income: $1,076/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 99

1925:
Loaf of Bread: 9¢
Gallon of Milk: 56¢
Car: $265
Gas: 22¢/gallon
House: $7,809
Postage Stamp: 2¢
Average Income: $1,324/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 157







FASHIONS

3 Piece Lounge Suit
Small Jacket Lapels
Bowler Hat
Brassiere
Hats w/ Feathers and Flowers
Fringed Skirt
Bow Tie
Knickers
Short Bobbed Hair
Raccoon Coat



MOVIES

The Perils Of Pauline
Birth Of A Nation
Intolerance
The Jazz Singer
The Gold Rush
The Big Parade









BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
1910-1929

1908-1912:
Bingham High School classes held in Canyon Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah

1912-1924:
Bingham High School housed in its first building in Bingham Canyon

1912:
First Bingham High School Graduating Class

1915:
Student Body: 75
Teachers: 5

1918:
The Metal, First Bingham High School yearbook

1920:
Apocalypse, First Bingham High School student newspaper

1925-1931:
Bingham Central Building houses Bingham High

1925:
Student Body: 108
Teachers: 13

1927:
Block letter "B" placed on mountain above Copperton, Utah





The Thirties & Forties

As Bingham High moved to its third and fourth decades in the 1930s and 1940s, the stock market crash of 1929 would result in creating the darkest time in US economic history. As the Great Depression took its toll on the country, residents of Bingham Canyon faced an important decision, whether to spend money for a badly needed new high school building or not. After a bitter fight, the town's citizen's put education first and decided to build a new Bingham High School building at the mouth of Bingham Canyon in the town of Copperton. This fourth Bingham High opened in the fall of 1931 with an enrollment of 616 students (grades 7-12), in the middle of the Depression. The beautiful art deco styled building was erected at a cost of $282,362 contained 26 classrooms with a separate gymnasium and shop buildings. The new structure would house Bingham High School for the next 44 years.

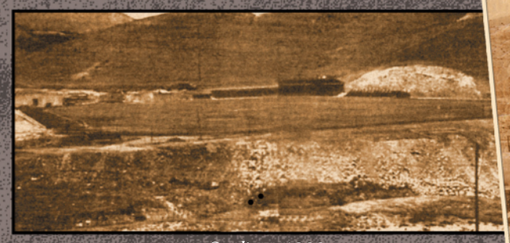
Tommy McMullin, who was Bingham's principal at this time, recalled those first days at the new high school in Copperton and remarked that there was a lot of confusion. With many new students, new teachers and a new setting, everyone had some adjusting to do. In addition, there were many in Bingham who still opposed the Copperton high school. However, he concluded that after a while things returned to normal as the school was finally accepted. The enrollment for the 1931-32 school year jumped to 616 students, the largest ever at Bingham High School. This included a senior class of 40 and a freshman class of 200 which was the largest enrollment for these two classes. The increased student population added six new members to the faculty which now totaled 22. However, funds were so short during the school's first year in the Copperton building that Bingham High and schools throughout the Jordan School District had to close in March. Showing the true Miner spirit of educational excellence, most of the 40 members of the Class of 1932 returned the next year to earn their high school diplomas.







Shop



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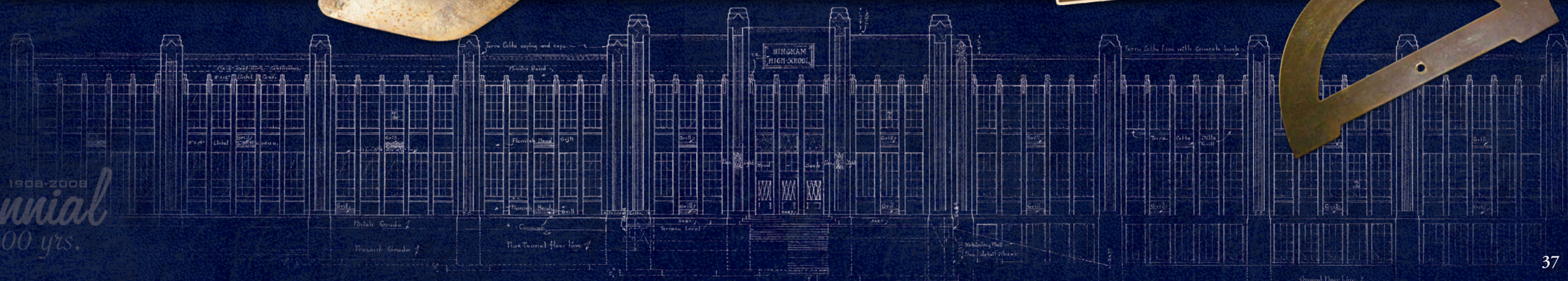

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Social Studies


Main Hall East



Business


Auditorium


Woodshop


Auditorium Balcony



Main Hall West


Cafeteria


Ramp to Balcony


Courtyard


Library


Home Economics Cooking


Stage


Science Lab

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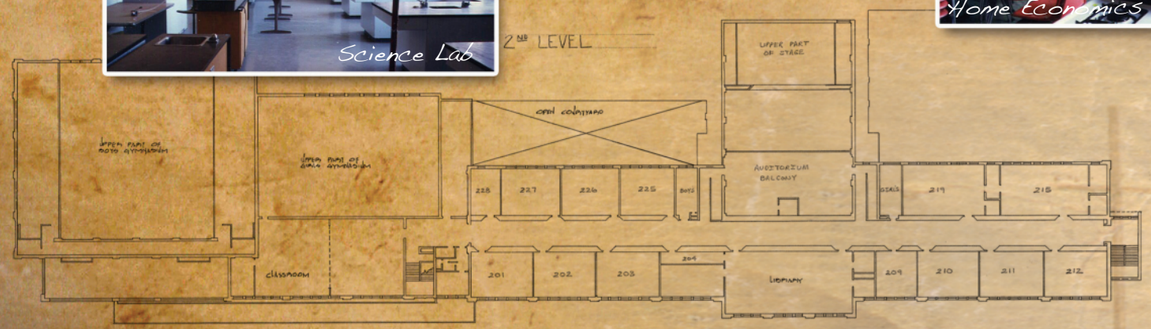
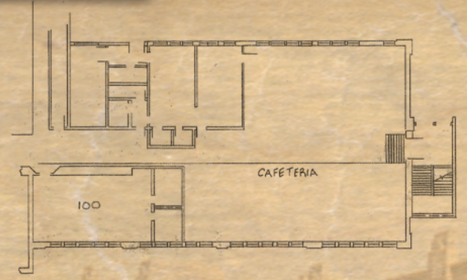
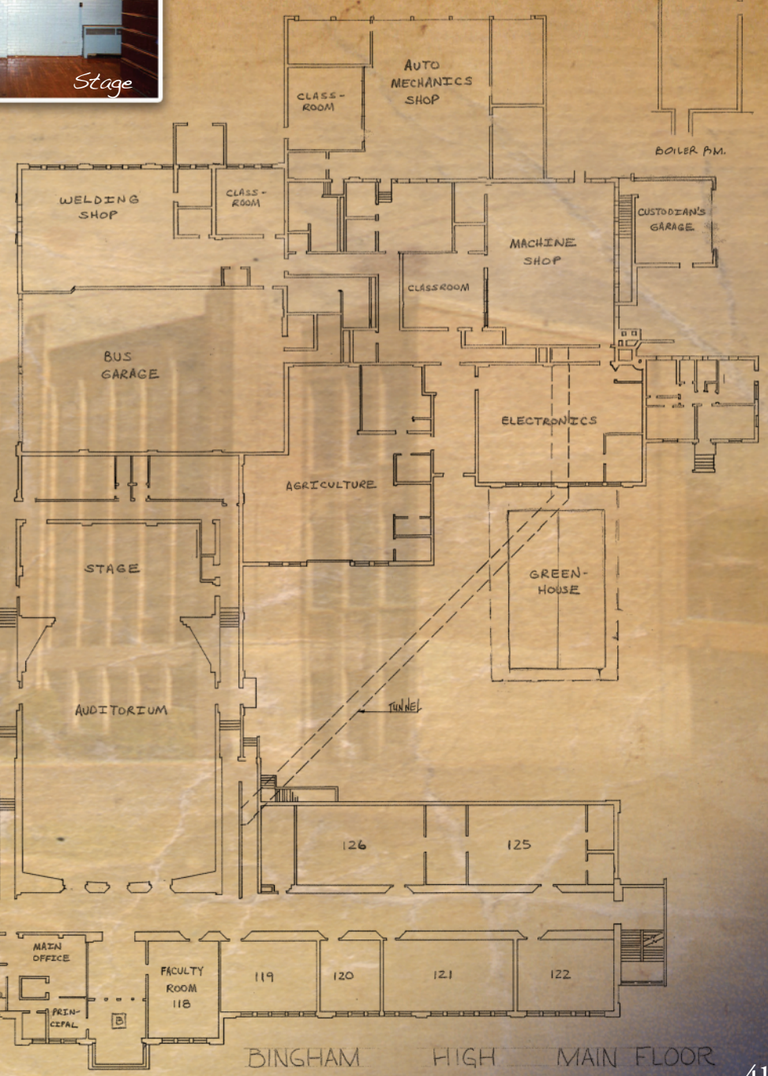







Band Room


Boys Gym


Main Office

Bingham Miners

THE 1930s SAW THE ADDITION OF THREE IMPORTANT BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Student life and activities during the 1930s saw the addition of three important Bingham High School traditions: the adoption of a new school song, the addition of the Candlelight Service Christmas program, and Homecoming.

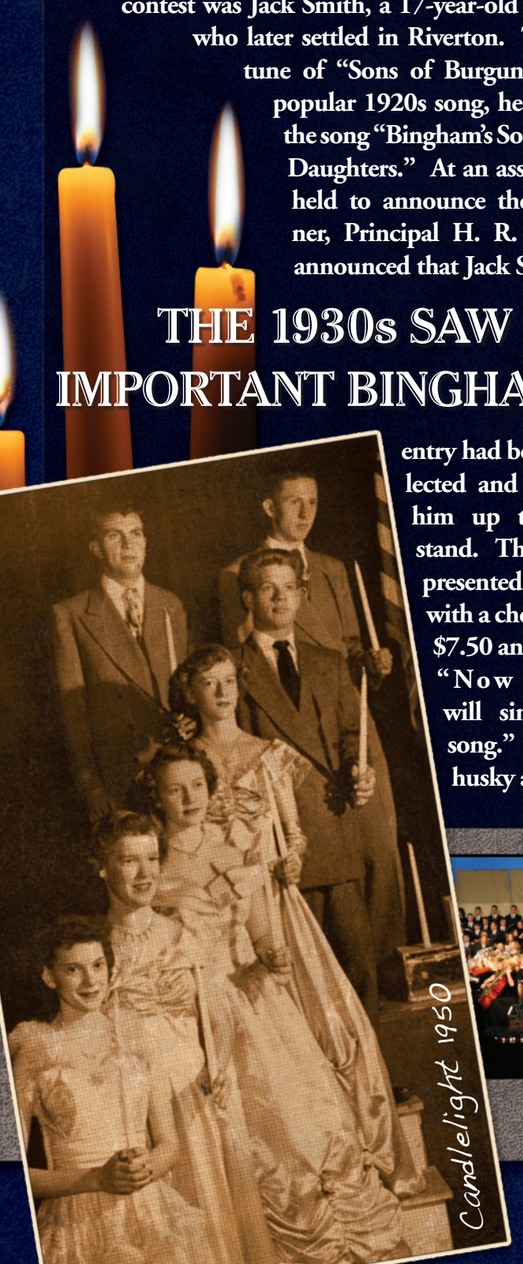
In 1930 Bingham's student body conducted a contest to select a school song. Two earlier songs proved to be unsatisfactory. The winner of the contest was Jack Smith, a 17-year-old senior who later settled in Riverton. To the tune of "Sons of Burgundy," a popular 1920s song, he wrote the song "Bingham's Sons and Daughters." At an assembly held to announce the winner, Principal H. R. Atkin announced that Jack Smith's entry had been selected and called him up to the stand. There he presented him with a check for $7.50 and said, "Now Jack will sing his song." The husky athlete blushed, handed the check back and said, "Like heck I will!" and walked away. Even though Jack didn't sing that day, students have been singing those words ever since.

The Candlelight Service Christmas program also became a major addition to Bingham's traditions at this time. This musical program was started in 1937 by Joel P. Jensen, who got the idea from college programs in which he had participated. The evening traditionally began with the participants marching into the auditorium with candles that they lit at two large candelabra on each side of the stage. After the prayer or processional number concluded, they blew out their candles and proceeded with the program which consisted of Christmas numbers and dramatic presentations ranging from traditional to modern. Most every group in the school took an active part in the program, whether it was vocal or instrumental musicians, dramatic arts groups, dancers, speech and oratorical students, or even industrial arts technicians building sets and orchestrating sound and light. It became traditional for the services to end with the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah* for which all alumni in the audience who had participated in the past were invited to come on stage to sing with the chorus. The recessional consisted of each participant filing past the candelabra to relight his or her candle while singing "Silent Night." The chorus then surrounded the audience with its lighted candles, and everyone in the auditorium joined in singing the third verse of "Silent Night." Few were not touched by this annual festival of music and light that grew in popularity every year.

Over the years, a few minor changes have been made in the Candlelight Program which, by its 76th anniversary in 2012, included performances by 12 different musical groups over two nights. Due to safety concerns, battery lit candles replaced real ones, except for the small candelabrum lit by musical group leaders, and new processional and recessional activities including bell choirs, were implemented. Another addition to the program known as the Candlelight Service Award or Yule Award came in 1976 just after the school moved to South Jordan. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, this award is presented annually people who have given outstanding service to Bingham High School.

Rich in tradition and full of memories, Bingham's Homecoming celebrations date back to the 1930s. Over the years homecoming traditions have included: white-washing the "B", a parade, a foot race down the "Miner Mile" (the designated street name for 10400 South in front of Bingham High), the "Tour de Bingham" bicycle race from the old Bingham High in Copperton to the school in South Jordan, "Binghamstock" battle of the bands, a pep rally with the burning "B", an alumni assembly, the homecoming dance (held at the old Bingham High School in Copperton for many years even after the school moved to South Jordan), and a football game.

In addition, athletics continued to be a regular part of school activities as football, basketball, baseball, tennis and track were all popular Bingham sports. The Miner baseball team would win Bingham's first state championship in 1932 and would go on to win more baseball state titles than any other school in the state of Utah.

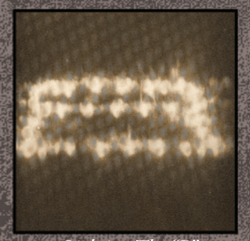



2012 BHS Candlelight


1956 Candlelight


Joel P. Jensen


Jack Smith


Lighting The "B"


1932 BHS Baseball Team



The December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into the boiling cauldron of war. Bingham High School, like the rest of the nation, mobilized all its resources to help in World War II. Student labor was in high demand during the war years and in 1942, for the first time, the beet digging vacation that had become a regular activity for Jordan High School was extended to Bingham students in grades 7-12. Efforts to get Miners, most of whom had never worked in a beet field before, to harvest sugar beets met with resounding success. In 1942, an average of over 100 Bingham boys worked the beet fields each day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the 12 days of the beet harvest vacation. An estimated 50 youth, ages 17 to 18 years, worked for the Utah Copper Company during the harvesting recess. Other students worked at the beet factory or with private individuals. Area beet farmers were pleased with the assistance given and reported to the school board that their crops could not have been harvested without student help.

Other contributions included scrap and salvage drives, war bond drives, and civil defense training. Competitions encouraged students to conserve and recycle tin foil, scrap metal, rubber, and other items in short supply. Boys and girls eagerly collected used gum wrappers (wadding them up into large balls), used toothpaste tubes, old wires, old tires, and countless other recyclable items. One student recalled Mr. James W. Bingham, who was the prom advisor, requiring that all the crepe paper used at dances be re-rolled so it could be available for future dances. Efforts were made to conserve everything from crepe paper to writing paper.

To help finance the war, schools were urged to promote the sale of war bonds. Students purchased 10 or 25 cent stamps weekly, eventually hoping to fill their stamp books and purchase bonds. War bond savings stamps were sold weekly, and through class competitions and other patriotic activities, Bingham High regularly exceeded its goals in the sale of war bonds. The *Coppertonian* yearbook staff developed a novel idea to promote bond sales. Staff members decided to choose a yearbook queen—and give her the title "Miss Coppertonian"—by having students pay 50 cents a vote, with the proceeds of the contest going to buy bonds. Choosing a Miss Coppertonian yearbook queen, albeit by different criteria, would continue as a Bingham tradition for the next 40 years. Teachers participated in buying bonds through payroll deduction. In addition, regular air raid drills and community defense education classes in espionage, sabotage, fire prevention and plant protection were part of Bingham's civil defense preparation.

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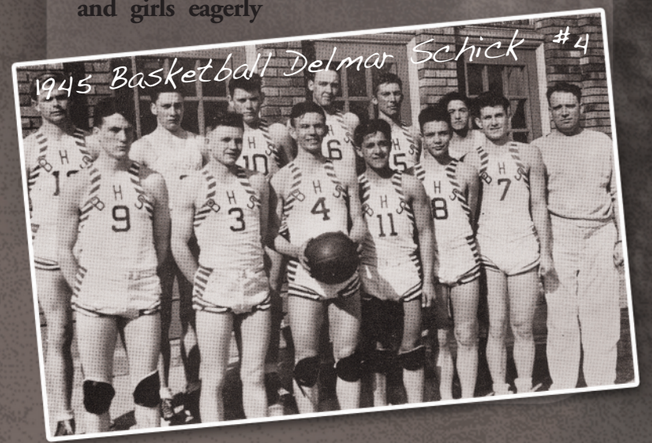


The curriculum underwent wartime changes as well. Teachers emphasized war needs in all subjects taught. English classes learned propaganda analysis, and vocabulary words became sprinkled with military terms. Social studies stressed citizenship and followed current events. Even mathematics teachers incorporated war-related story problems. Vocational-technical subjects were emphasized, and courses that aided wartime preparation were added to the curriculum. Typical of these classes was the Pre-Induction course that taught Miners signaling, using the Morse code, and other war-related skills.



Delmar Schick (Class of 1945), who was the student body president his senior year, recalled how he immediately put to use the things that he learned in Mr. Howard Hausknecht's class when he trained to be a radio operator in the Navy. He also remembered the night of his final basketball game as a senior. Bingham was playing Murray, and he knew that he had to report for military duty the next day, since it was his 18th birthday. Bingham was winning the game by a comfortable margin, so Coach Sonny Allsop took him out with a few minutes left. The crowd gave him a standing ovation. Then after the game, his teammates hoisted him on their shoulders and paraded him around the floor. Carrying him were Germans, Japanese, Mexicans, Greeks, Serbs, Italians, and Basques. He would never forget how emotionally tough that experience was on him.

In 2002, nearly 60 years after Delmar Schick left Bingham High, he (represented by his wife, Maxine) and other Miner servicemen, who left Bingham to serve their county, would receive their Bingham High School diploma in an emotion-filled homecoming assembly that will never be forgotten.

The Home Economics Department cooperated with the Bingham community in the dissemination of food information to facilitate the national rationing program. Some Bingham girls started taking classes in the shop in preparation for work in the mines while the men were away to war. The Victory Corps program was adopted in physical education classes. Student's wearing "V" emblazoned shirts participated in physical training to prepare for future military service

The home front efforts of Bingham High School students and their parents, who produced 30% of the free world's wartime copper supply in Bingham's mines, combined with the war front contributions of over 761 Binghamites who joined the armed forces—15 of whom paid the ultimate price—all helped to bring about America's World War II victory.



WWII Poster Contest

Pre Induction Club



1930-1949



Pearl Harbor Attacked
Dec 7, 1941



FADS & FUN

1930s	1940s
Dirigible	Toilet Papering
Crossword Puzzle	Swooning
Shirley Temple Doll	The Yo-Yo
Pinball Machine	Slumber Parties
Jukebox	Cha-Cha-Cha
Monopoly • Scrabble	Latin Music
Bingo	& Dancing





FASHIONS

Conservative Dress	Rolled Up Jeans
Lower Hemline	Exotic Hats
Pants w/ Pleats & Cuffs	Nylon Stockings
Wider Ties	Bobby Socks
	Zoot Suits



MOVIES



Gone With The Wind
The Wizard Of Oz
Snow White
Cinderella
Pinocchio
It's A Wonderful Life
Oklahoma
South Pacific





MUSIC & DANCING



On The Sunny Side Of The Street
Jeepers Creepers
We're In The Money
Swing Dancing
Lindy • Lambeth Walk
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
Chattanooga Choo Choo
In The Mood
Benny Goodman • Frank Sinatra
Glen Miller







New York World's Fair
April 30 - October 27, 1939

PRICES 1930-1949



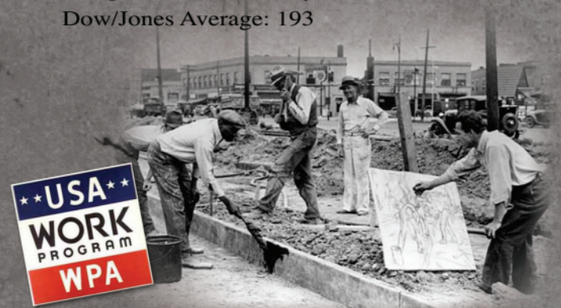
1935:
Loaf of Bread: 8¢
Gallon of Milk: 47¢
Eggs: 54¢/doz.
Car: $580
House: $6,296
Postage Stamp: 3¢
Average Income: $1,594/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 144





1945:
Loaf of Bread: 9¢
Gallon of Milk: 62¢
Eggs: 64¢/doz.
Car: $1,250
Gas: 21¢/gallon
House: $10,131
Postage Stamp: 3¢
Average Income: $2,807/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 193





BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
1930-1949

1930:
"Bingham Sons And Daughters" school song written by Jack Smith

1931-1975:
Bingham High School Copperton Campus

1932:
First baseball state championship

1935:
Student Body: 513 (7-12)
Teachers: 22
First Homecoming organized

1937:
Candlelight Service Program established by Joel P. Jensen, music teacher

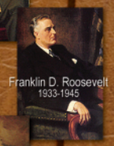
1938:
Opening of the Bingham High School Stadium

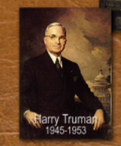
1939:
First football state championship

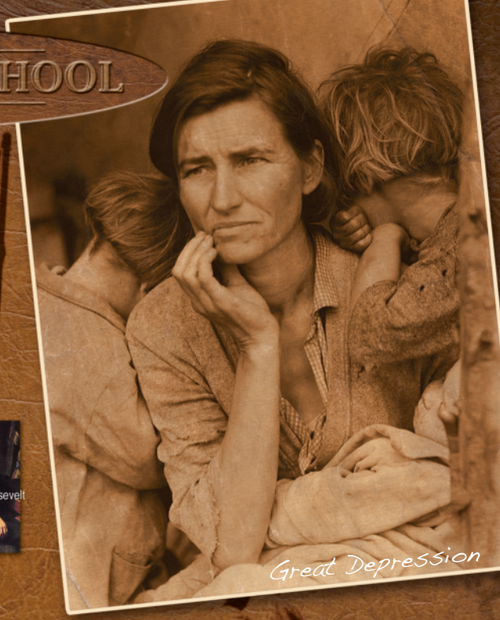
1942:
Copper-colored plaster relief of the copper mine is placed in Main Hall entrance

1945:
Student Body: 380 (7-12)
Teachers:23
First "Miss Coppertonian" Yearbook queen selected













The Fifties & Sixties

The 1950s and 1960s were decades of economic prosperity in the US. The same was true for Bingham Canyon and its world famous copper mine. The prosperity and expansion of the mine would create major changes for Bingham High School. Starting with the Bingham Canyon mining towns of Copperfield and Highland Boy in the 1950s and Bingham in the 1960s, the towns of Bingham Canyon were slowly being wiped off the map by the ever increasing size of the copper mine.

The direct result of this mining expansion was a continuing decrease in student population as families were forced to leave Bingham Canyon. The decrease of students in Bingham Canyon coupled with the huge increase of students in the southern part of Salt Lake County, caused in part by the post World War II baby boom, forced the Jordan School District board to reevaluate high school boundaries. After an intensive study, the Board voted in 1957 to change Bingham High's boundaries to include all students living west of the Jordan River in the towns of West Jordan, South Jordan, Riverton, Bluffdale, and Herriman, who had previously attended Jordan High School. There was a great deal of resistance to this sweeping change. Parents in the valley signed petitions protesting the boundary adjustment, and 27 parents mostly living in the city of South Jordan refused to let their children attend school on registration day. To some, Bingham brought forth images of a rowdy mining town. Nevertheless, the students from the valley were welcomed and soon felt right at home traveling up the Bingham Highway to Copperton. The farming culture and traditions of the valley students added valuable ingredients to Bingham's rich melting pot of cultural diversity. Mixing the valley farmers and the canyon miners was a recipe for success that produced a dynamite combination. Soon Bingham added the Harvest Ball to its calendar of dances, the Future Farmers of America to its clubs, and a Farm Mechanics building to its shop area. The melting process would be completed by 1960 when the combined efforts of the valley and canyon students won Bingham its first state basketball championship.

The boundary changes permanently altered Bingham High's demographics. Bingham High changed from a school with a declining population centered in Bingham Canyon to one with a growing population that encompassed the entire southwest part of Salt Lake Valley. The new demographics caused enrollment to grow from 552 students (grades 7-12) in 1956-1957 (there were only 231 students in grades 10-12) to 934 pupils (grades 10-12) in 1971. This growth caused numerous other changes to come to the school. The first of these was moving the junior high students from Bingham to the newly built West Jordan Junior High in 1958, which dropped enrollment from 787 in 1957-58 to 622 in 1958-59. This made Bingham a 10-12 grade high school for the first time. Additional students required more space and in the 1950s, in addition to the Farm Mechanics Building, a field house and ticket booth were erected by the stadium, and a wrestling gym was built north of the gymnasium. The last construction to take place in Copperton occurred in 1965 when a new girl's gym, dance studio, band and choral rooms, auto mechanics shop, and other classrooms were added. Skyline Construction Company won the bid on the $661,400 addition which when completed, connected the high school into one big building for the first time.



THE BOUNDARY CHANGES PERMANENTLY ALTERED BINGHAM HIGH'S DEMOGRAPHICS


Bingham City


Copperfield Demolition


Student Life 1945




1950 Construction


1959 School Bus Interior


Cheerleaders 1956



An important addition to Bingham High traditions in the 1950s was the school hymn, "Dreams of Bingham High." The music was composed by Lowell Hicks, the Bingham music teacher at the time, and the words were written by Robert Knotts, an English and debate teacher. Mr. Knotts had recently completed writing a poem entitled, "Dreams of Bingham High," that he felt paid a fitting tribute to the school he had grown to love. Two girls in his class, who had heard him recite the lines, took his composition down to the auditorium where Lowell Hicks was playing the newly acquired Hammond organ. Showing him the poem, they asked if he could put the inspiring words to music. He agreed and while sitting at the organ, he fingered a little melody, writing down the notes as he composed. Over the next few days he added a four-part harmony to the hymn-like composition, and Bingham High's school hymn was completed.

Harmonies came naturally to Mr. Hicks, an experienced musician, who not only was the Bingham music teacher but also played in the Utah Symphony and on some local radio shows. The student body loved the composition and voted, in 1953, to adopt the piece as the school hymn. This hymn was not intended to replace the school song but was adopted so that students had something more solemn to sing at official functions like graduation and the conclusion of school assemblies. At first Mr. Hicks or a student played the hymn on the organ, and the student body would sing along. Later, the cheerleaders were added to help lead the singing. After the school moved to South Jordan, the Madrigals were invited to come to the auditorium stage at the end of each assembly to sing the hymn.

RaNae Holladay Groves (Class of 1954) believed her class was the first to sing the new hymn at graduation and remembered how beautiful it sounded to her then. She still got emotional when she sang it 50 years later. Over the years the hymn became a traditional part of each school assembly, whether it was sung by a performing group like the madrigal choir or the students themselves. The official name of the hymn is "Dreams of Bingham High" and the words go as follows:

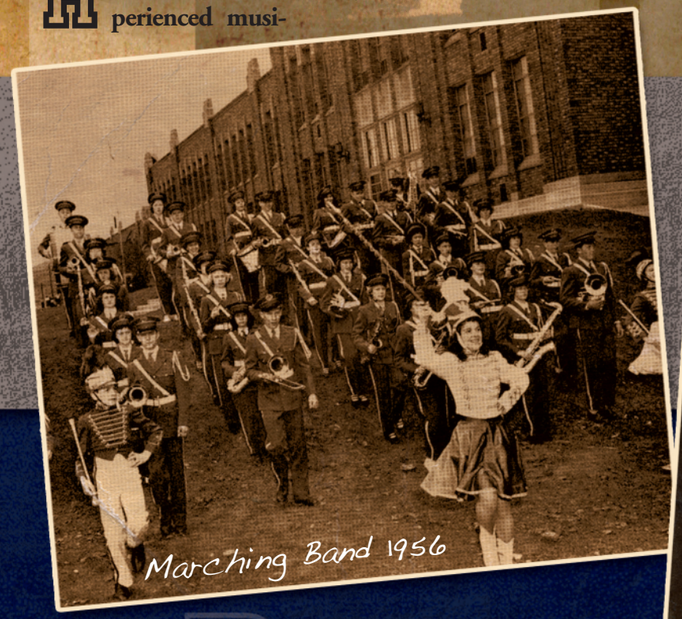
THE STUDENT BODY LOVED THE COMPOSITION

Day is ending, night is blending, stars among the blue
Memories wonder while we ponder school days fond and true.
As the golden sun sets in the west –
We lay our dreams of Bingham High to rest.

We'll always remember the blue and the white
And faces so tender and dear –
We'll always remember the stars in the night
That shine on our campus so clear.
We'll always remember the laughs and the smiles
And the struggles, the sorrows and tears.
But though we may travel o'er many strange miles,
We'll always remember in May and September –Bingham High as our happiest years.

The school pep song also made its debut during the Copperton years. Sung to the tune of the "Our Director" march, the pep song was introduced to motivate and energize teams and fans during crucial times in athletic contests. The words to this song went like this:


1961 Girls Quintet


Marching Band 1956


1954 "...our happiest years..."


1955


Lowell Hicks


Robert Knotts

Here's to our dear high school yes, Bingham High
Here's to our colors, may they fly on high.
Climbing, ever climbing, we'll ever be,
Leading our colors to victory.

The Miners are the heroes, gallant and true,
They are all fighting for the white and blue.
Cheering, shouting, yelling: we'll have fair play,
There's no rebelling we all can say.

1950-1969



FADS & FUN

1950s

Hula Hoops
UFOs
Davey Crockett Hat
Drive-in Movie
Television
Malt Shop
Juke Box

1960s

Lava Lamp
Surfing
Woodstock
Slot Car Racing
Color Television



FASHIONS

Poodle Skirt
Ponytail
Saddle Oxford
Leather Jacket
Crew Cut

Go-Go Boots
Mini Skirt
Bell-Bottom Pants
Long Hair for Men
Tie-died Shirt
Bouffant Hairstyle



MOVIES & TELEVISION

The Ten Commandments
Rebel Without A Cause
I Love Lucy
Leave It To Beaver
Gunsmoke
Sound Of Music
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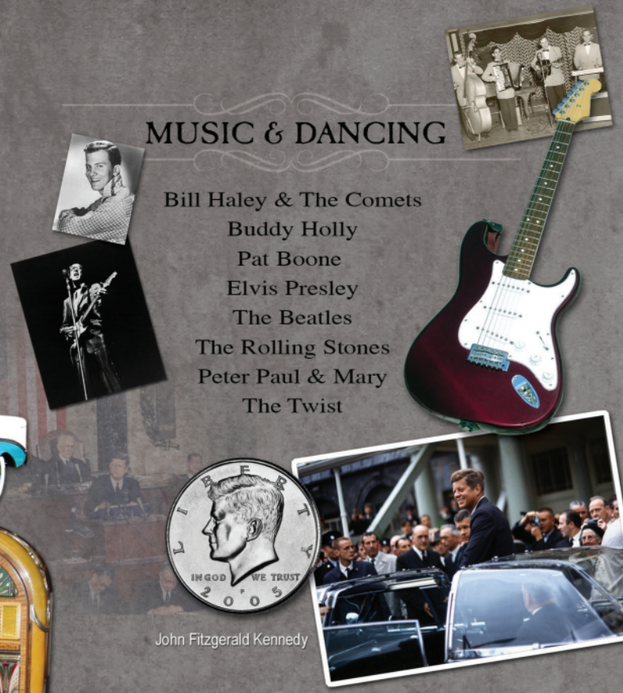
Beverly Hillbillies
The Andy Griffith Show







MUSIC & DANCING

Bill Haley & The Comets
Buddy Holly
Pat Boone
Elvis Presley
The Beatles
The Rolling Stones
Peter Paul & Mary
The Twist

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

PRICES 1950-1969

1955:

Loaf of Bread: 18¢
Gallon of Milk: 92¢
Eggs: 79¢/doz.
Car: $1,950
Gas: 29¢/gallon
House: $17,600
Postage Stamp: 3¢
Average Income: $4,962/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 488





1965:

Loaf of Bread: 21¢
Gallon of Milk: $1.05
Eggs: $1.00/doz.
Car: $2,350
Gas: 31¢/gallon
House: $21,500
Postage Stamp: 5¢
Average Income: $7,704/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 969

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
1950-1969

1953:
"Dreams of Bingham High" School hymn composed by Lowell Hicks

1954:
First wrestling team organized

1955:
Student Body: 570 (7-12)
Teachers: 27

1957:
Bingham High School boundary changed to include Bingham, Bluffdale, Copperton, Herriman, Lark, Riverton, South Jordan, and West Jordan, Utah

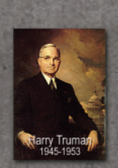
1958:
Harvest Ball started

1960:
First boy's basketball state championship

1962:
Bingham Central building (High School: 1924-1931) (Elementary: 1931-1961) is demolished

1965:
Student Body: 635 (10-12)
Teachers: 32

1968:
National Honors Society organized











The Seventies & Eighties

As a result of the population growth in the Salt Lake Valley's southwest section in the 1960s, Bingham High grew from 231 students in 1957 to 934 pupils in 1971. Since the Copperton Bingham High had only been designed for 1,000 students, it was decided that still another high school would have to be built. The 42 acre site selected for the new school was in South Jordan at 10400 South and 2160 West. South Jordan at this time had a population of a little over 3,000 with only two major stores. The future site of BHS was surrounded by farmland with only a few houses on 10400 South, which in 1975 was a street that forded the Jordan River with a single lane bridge, dead ended at 3200 West, and had only recently been paved west of 2200 West. There had been some discussion of starting a new school with a new name and new traditions; however, with the urging of a united student body and faculty, the school board decided to retain the name of Bingham High. The fifth Bingham High School was erected at a cost of nearly $11,000,000 and was designed as a model school with an open classroom plan that was faddish at the time. When the new Bingham High opened its doors on September 2, 1975, with 1,246 students, construction was far from complete. Carpet had to be laid; ceiling tile, the auditorium's seats, and lights had to be installed; the heating and air conditioning equipment was far from being finished; and wiring, painting, and other inside work had to be completed. Regular school work was delayed a week so contractors could sufficiently clean up the building for students to attend classes. For the year's first assembly, everybody (one class at a time) had to sit on the cafeteria floor or on rolls of carpet that were waiting to be installed. For the first few weeks, all P.E. Classes had to be held outside because the floor in the gymnasium was still being laid, and students had to bring their own lunches to school because the kitchen facilities in the cafeteria were still being finished. At the first assembly in the auditorium (a rock concert), the student body sat on boxes or carpet rolls and had to fight the dirt and dust of the continuing construction. School was rather hectic the whole first year. Construction crews worked around students, and faculty members tried to make the best out of a difficult situation. One teacher at the high school that first year remarked that she got to know the workmen better than some of the faculty members because they were around so much. Teachers braved the move to South Jordan, endured the construction inconveniences, and taught for years without classroom walls (permanent walls were eventually erected in 1991 and 1992) because they wanted to be Bingham Miners.



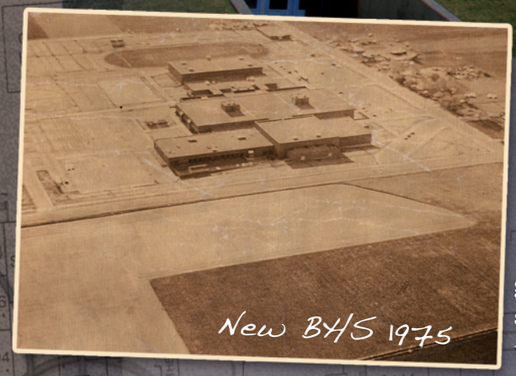

Inside Construction


New BHS Construction



1975 Bingham High Front

Going to the new school required students to make numerous adjustments. Not only did classrooms no longer have walls, but carpet replaced tile and wood on all floors. Tammy Crump Rindlisbacher (Class of 1976) recalled looking across the open second floor balcony and seeing people with-gummed-soled shoes, not used to walking on carpet, tripping all over the place. She missed the night football games, the loud intense atmosphere of basketball games in the old gymnasium, and the intimate historic feeling of the old building.



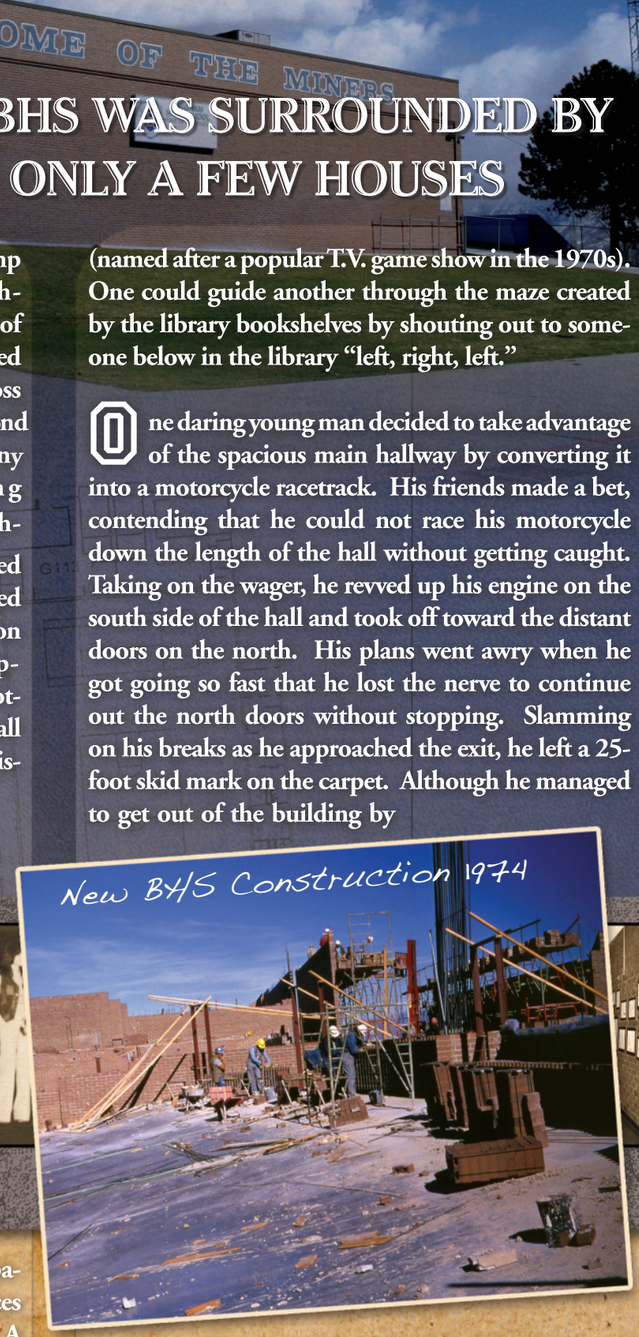
THE FUTURE SITE OF BHS WAS SURROUNDED BY FARMLAND WITH ONLY A FEW HOUSES


Open Balcony 1975


New BHS Main Hall

However, students soon got used to their spacious new building with its many open spaces and found ways to enjoy their new surroundings. A favorite place to hang out was on the second floor balcony by the banks of lockers on the east or west side of the building. From this vantage point one could see the entire library below, as well as all the people traversing the second floor hallways. It was not only interesting to just watch people from here, but students could play a game called "Money Maze" (named after a popular T.V. game show in the 1970s). One could guide another through the maze created by the library bookshelves by shouting out to someone below in the library "left, right, left."

One daring young man decided to take advantage of the spacious main hallway by converting it into a motorcycle racetrack. His friends made a bet, contending that he could not race his motorcycle down the length of the hall without getting caught. Taking on the wager, he revved up his engine on the south side of the hall and took off toward the distant doors on the north. His plans went awry when he got going so fast that he lost the nerve to continue out the north doors without stopping. Slamming on his breaks as he approached the exit, he left a 25-foot skid mark on the carpet. Although he managed to get out of the building by pushing his motorcycle out the door, he soon found himself in school administrative custody. Luckily no one was hurt, and carpet layers, still working in the building, could patch the damaged floor.



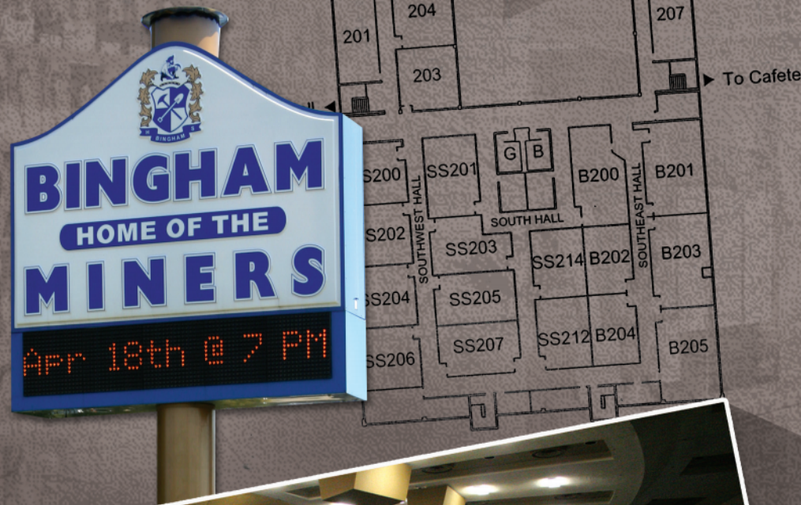
BINGHAM Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.


Library


North Side of BHS


Gymnasium


Science Room

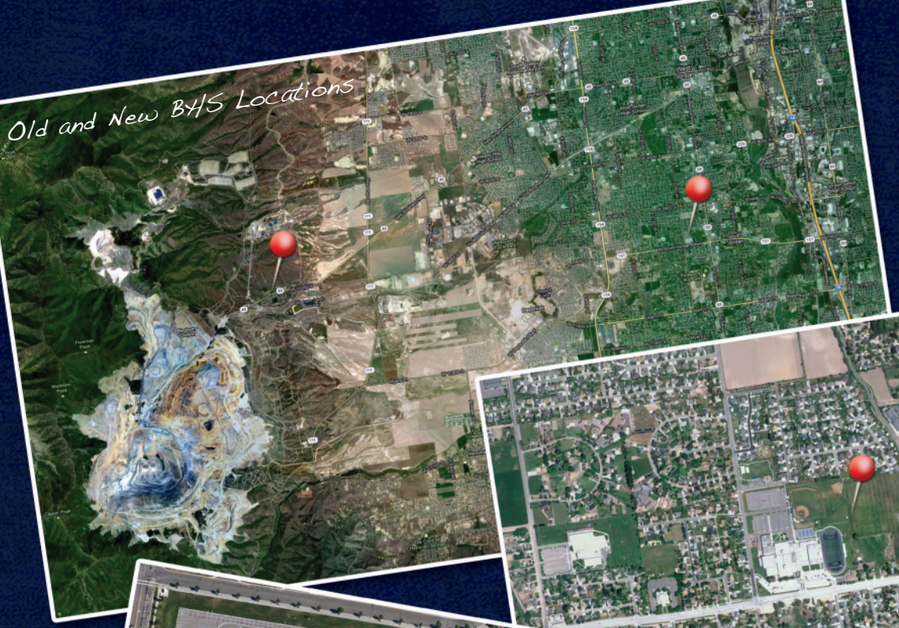


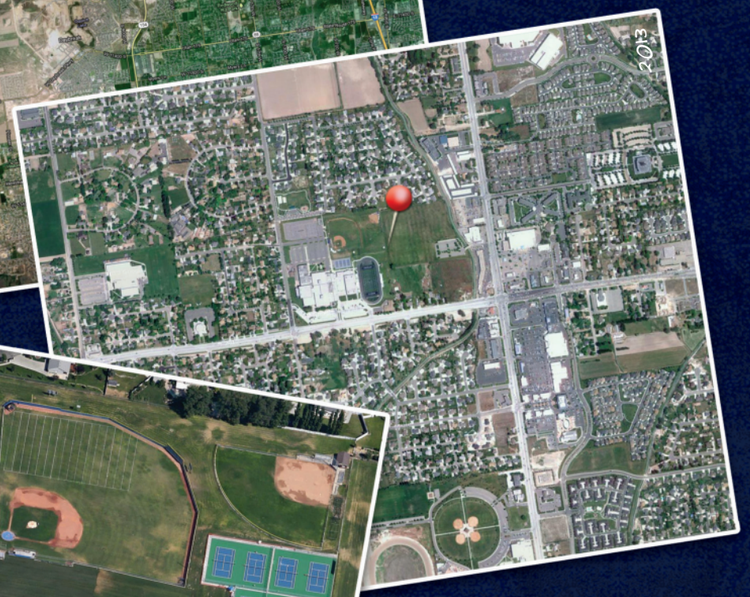

Auditorium

Music Room


Cafeteria

Bingham Miners















1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.

Bingham Miners

For some Bingham teachers, team teaching and the open plan worked well; however, for most, traditional methods of instruction seemed to work better. It was difficult for traditional teachers to keep the attention of their students when four or five other teachers were conducting class in the open area (called a pod) around them. Barry Lehto remembered the day he was teaching a science class in the new building and suddenly some of his students startled the entire pod by screaming. Anxiously looking around the class, he tried to determine what the problem could be. He soon discovered the source of anxiety. Some frogs had escaped from the class next to him by hopping around the five foot, portable folding divider.

Old traditions were continued and new traditions were added at the New Bingham High School in South Jordan. Since a successful miner is one who strikes pay dirt, the Pay Dirt Club was organized in 1976 to honor successful Miner graduates. The Pay Dirt Club is Bingham High's version of a "Hall of Fame." Each year new members are chosen by an alumni committee and formally inducted during homecoming week. Inductees include doctors, teachers, military leaders, a former U.S. Treasurer, professional athletes, and prominent business leaders. Like miners in the early years of Bingham Canyon, each year Bingham's student leaders and new administrators symbolically reenact a miner's search for pay dirt. Donning a miner's hat and using an old double jack and a drill bit, each leader drills a rock taken from Bingham Canyon. This tradition, started in 1982, usually takes place at homecoming and symbolizes the quest for success of all Miners during the year ahead. Two graduating seniors who have achieved this success in scholarship, citizenship and service during their high school experience are awarded the Pick and Shovel Award. Two awards given for outstanding service to Bingham High School include the Pick Award which is given to graduating seniors and the Candlelight Service Award, instituted in 1976, which honors people of the Bingham Community who have rendered service over their lifetime.

Reminiscent of the homecoming bonfires in the early Bingham years, a tradition started at the South Jordan high school consisted of burning a large block "B" wrapped in rags. It is burned twice a year at homecoming and graduation. Other traditions added in the 1970s and 1980s included: naming Bingham's mascot Melvin the Miner, lighting the Bingham Victory Light (which consists of a gas cauldron surrounded by four large metal "Bs") for special occasions like state championships, the Inauguration Candlelighting for new student body officers, Bingham Ball, and using pins to recognize Miners' outstanding accomplishments.



Student Body Officers 1979


Burning the "B"


Barry Lehto


Hitting Pay Dirt

To keep in contact with former Bingham Miners, the Bingham High Alumni Association was reorganized in 1989. The Alumni Association was first chartered in 1916 and rechartered in 1935 and 1957. The current Alumni Foundation not only informs alumni of high school events, but also raises money to support school projects and scholarships. Other activities continuing over the years included: Pride and Spirit Weeks, Girl's Preference, the Senior Hop/Christmas Dance, the Junior Prom, Senior Dinner Dance, Senior Sunrise, Talent Assemblies, Sweetheart's Ball, and Yearbook Day. All these activities helped to mold and enrich Bingham High.

OLD TRADITIONS WERE CONTINUED AND NEW TRADITIONS WERE ADDED AT THE NEW BHS


Victory Light

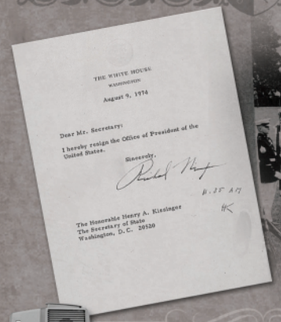
Women's athletics made their debut in the 1970s. During the 1971-1972 school year, under the direction of Dorothy Peterson, the founder and first coach of the Lady Miners sports program, Bingham organized its first official girls' competitive sports teams in volleyball, track and field, gymnastics, and softball. Basketball and tennis were soon added. In the early years, girls simply signed up for the sports team and played every sport. The Lady Miners were able to win the first district volleyball tournament in 1972. The girls' basketball team started competing in regional play in 1973 with Coach Peterson mentoring the cagers. Shawna Hunter and Karlene Gillespie soon came on board to coach volleyball and gymnastics respectively. New sports added to men's athletics around this time included: golf, soccer, swimming, and cross country.


Inauguration Candlelighting 2007


Melvin the Miner


Dorothy Peterson

1970-1989




1974 Watergate Scandal

FADS & FUN

1970s

CB Radio
Mood Ring
Happy Face Button
Hackey Sack
Roller Disco
8-Track Tape
Skateboarding

1980s

Pac-Man
MTV
Cabbage Patch Kids
Rubik's Cube
Transformers
Tanning Salons

FASHIONS

Platform Shoes
Hot Pants
Butterfly Collar
Feathered Hair
Tube Top

Preppy Look
Punk Style
Stonewashed Jeans
Big Hair & Bangs
Spandex

MOVIES & TELEVISION

Star Wars • Rocky
The Godfather
Jaws • M*A*S*H
E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial
Back To The Future
Raiders Of The Lost Ark
Ghostbusters
Dallas • The Cosby Show





MUSIC & DANCING

Chicago • The Carpenters
Led Zepplin • Bee Gees
Disco
Michael Jackson
Van Halen • U2
Break Dancing
Line Dancing




January 28, 1986
Space Shuttle Challenger
Disaster

PRICES 1970-1989

1975:

Loaf of Bread: 28¢
Gallon of Milk: $1.40
Eggs: $1.26/doz.
Car: $4,950
Gas: 57¢/gallon
House: $42,600
Postage Stamp: 10¢
Average Income: $15,546/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 852

1985:

Loaf of Bread: 55¢
Gallon of Milk: $1.98
Eggs: $1.20/doz.
Car: $11,902
Gas:1.20¢/gallon
House: $100,800
Postage Stamp: 22¢
Average Income: $32,944/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 1,547



BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
1970-1989

1970:

Madrigal Choir established

1975:

Student Body: 1,264
Teachers: 67
Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah campus established

1976:

"Pay Dirt Club Hall of Fame" and "Candlelight Service Award" established

1977:

First debate state championship

1981:

Metal "B" with pick and shovel put in main hall

1982:

Drilling for Pay Dirt tradition established

1983:

First golf state championship

1985:

Student Body: 2,112
Teachers: 84

1986:

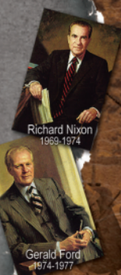
First Bingham Ball organized

1989:

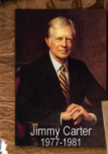
First volleyball state championship
First girls' track and field state championship






Richard Nixon
1969-1974

Gerald Ford
1974-1977

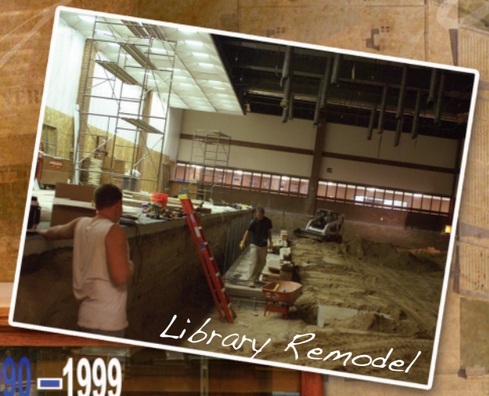

Jimmy Carter
1977-1981


Ronald Reagan
1981-1989


George H.W. Bush
1989-1993













THE 1990s AND 2000s BROUGHT NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS TO BINGHAM'S PHYSICAL PLANT



Copper Hills High



Herriman High



Riverton High



Math Dept. Remodel



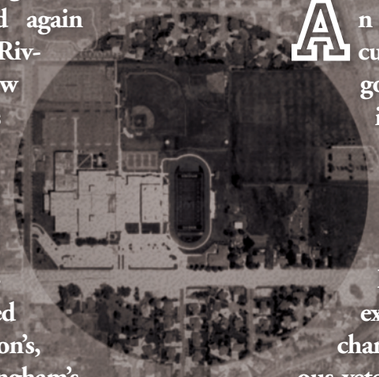




The Nineties & Aughts

Bingham's student population grew to nearly 3,000 in 1980, which necessitated the opening of West Jordan High School in the fall of 1981. Enrollment continued to explode in the 1990s, making Bingham the largest high school in the state of Utah by the middle of the decade. The opening of Copper Hills High School on the New Bingham Highway in West Jordan in the fall of 1995 helped to reduce crowded conditions at Bingham. However, Bingham's population would again grow to over 3,000 in 1999 when Riverton High School opened. The new Riverton School reduced Bingham's student body by almost half. Nevertheless, continued growth to over 2,570 students in the first decade of the new century would result in yet another school, Herriman High (established in 2010), to be constructed to relieve Bingham's, as well as Riverton's, student population. Since 1958, Bingham's boundaries have shrunk from all the area west of the Jordan River to the Oquirrh Mountains and from 6400 South to the Point of the Mountain to just the city boundaries of South Jordan. In Bingham's original area there were, by 2010, four additional high schools all originating—in whole or part—from Bingham High School.

The 1990s and 2000s brought numerous improvements to Bingham's physical plant including the remodeling of the gymnasium and stadium with the addition of a new weight room, outside restrooms, team rooms, and a new stadium turf field. Also all the school's core academic areas were remodeled, along with improvements and updates made in the cafeteria, library, family and consumer science and art areas. New classrooms were constructed at this time between the main building and gymnasium as well as in the west side of the library.



An important part of Bingham's school culture in these two decades was the goal to achieve excellence in academics, activities, athletics, and the arts. Some of the lasting memories of Bingham High School have been those of outstanding teachers who helped to create and maintain Bingham's tradition of academic excellence. The faculty was always changing, but there have been numerous veteran teachers at Bingham who have become virtual legends in the Bingham community. These dedicated teachers helped assist Miner students in achieving numerous academic honors. In 2013 a Bingham teachers Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding Miner educators. Bingham's strong tradition of academic success placed the Miners in the top tier of schools from throughout the state. Standardized national and state test scores and the Advanced Placement test passing rates ranked Bingham above Jordan District, state and national averages.

Bingham has also excelled in state academic competitions. The Bingham debate program, beginning around 1914, is one of the Miner's oldest competitive activities. Having honed their skills in public speaking and persuasion, students on Bingham's debate teams have dominated the field. The Miner Debate Team would win its first state championship in 1977 under the direction of M. L. Smith. Bingham continued its winning ways in the 1980s and 1990s when Utah debate coach legend Dennis Edmonds came to lead the Miners to eight championships in 1980, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, and 1994. The Miner debaters would again capture state crowns in 2005, 2006, and 2007 under the direction of Stan Banks. Carol Shackelford would lead Miner teams to new heights by capturing state crowns in 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

In 1962 the *Deseret News* and KSL TV inaugurated the Sterling Scholar program to give academic recognition to outstanding high school seniors throughout the state of Utah. Scholars are recognized in 13 academic areas for their pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Utah public high schools choose 13 Sterling Scholar candidates, one for each academic category, who then compete in the state-wide competition. Since 1962 over 600 Sterling Scholars have been selected to represent Bingham High School. Many of these Miner scholars have gone on to win at the regional level and some have been selected as state winners or runners-up. Sterling Scholars exemplify Bingham's best and brightest in academic achievement.

The Academic Decathlon is a relatively new national scholastic competition having its beginnings at Bingham in 1986. Miner teams consist of nine students, three "A" or Honor students, three "B" or Scholastic students, and three "C" or Varsity students who match their intellects in 10 academic events with students from other schools. There are three performance events in the decathlon competition; speech, interview, and essay, and seven tested events; language and literature, art, music, history, math, science, and economics. Bingham's scholars have done well in district, region, and state competitions and captured the state championship in 2002 under the direction of coaches Scott Crump and Tom Herret.

Banners commemorating the state championships of the Bingham High Debate and Academic Decathlon teams hang in the auditorium as a tribute to Bingham's excellence in competitive academics. Sterling Scholars, National Merit Scholars, Champion Debaters, Academic Decathletes, skilled artists and musicians, award winning vocational students, and other academic award winners have all walked the halls of Bingham High School and have been a credit to the school's tradition of academic excellence.





Banners in Auditorium











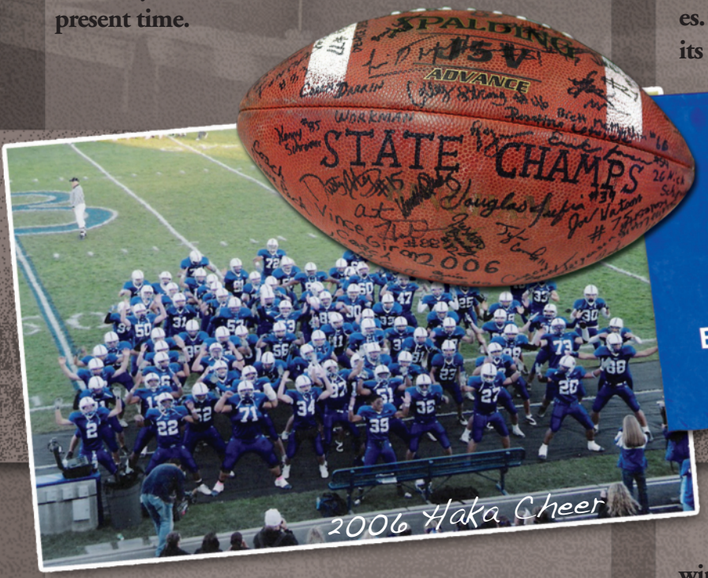






2013 Academic Decathlon Team

Sports continued to be a vital part of life at Bingham High School. They fostered school spirit and played a big part in the unity of not only the student body, but also the entire Bingham Community. In the early years they were the only game in town. Loyal supporters of Bingham sports would take time off work, miss meetings, or drop other activities to attend the weekly Bingham High School game. Everyone was there because it was a community activity. Many loyal supporters went years without missing a game. Bingham always seemed to have the most fans, the loudest cheering fans, and the most loyal fans at games both home and away—a tradition that continues to the present time.



2006 Haka Cheer

Since Miner football teams first competed in 1910, Bingham's gridders continued to promote school unity and were a power to be reckoned with for many years. Under the able leadership of Coach Bailey "Sandy" Santistevan, who idolized football great Knute Rockne, Bingham's football players won their first state championship in 1939. The 1939 Miner Team amassed a 9-1 record and defeated American Fork 13-0 in the state championship game at the University of Utah. Bingham reached the state semifinals for the third straight year in the fall of 1940 but was unable to bring home its second state title until 1941. That year the Bingham gridders downed Park City 13-0 for the championship. Santistevan's teams captured the state crown two more times with championships in 1945 and 1946. The 1946 title was Santistevan's last in football, but in capturing this last title, he realized his dream of building a football dynasty, winning a total of four state championships—two of them in succession. In the process he established a winning tradition at Bingham High School and laid the foundation for future football successes. Sixty years passed before Bingham claimed its next football championship in 2006 under the leadership of David Peck. Coach Peck used the 1946 team as an example of Bingham's winning tradition for his players in 2006, holding some team meetings in the old Bingham Stadium in Copperton and inviting members of the 1946 team to give pep talks. The 2006 team, renowned for its signature Haka Cheer, turned in a 14-0 record with a 21-19 win over Alta High in the state championship game. Few will forget the elation of the state championship assembly at Bingham High on November 22, 2006, when the 1946 championship team returned to honor the 2006 champions. Coach Peck would continue the Miners' football dominance in the 2000s by leading the gridders to championships in 2009 and 2010. At the end of the 2010 season, Bingham football would be rated as one of the top programs in the nation. Head coaches of Bingham's football program have included: Ira Masters (1910), Bailey Santistevan (1928-1954), Delmar Schick (1954-1962), Raynor Pearce (1962-1967), Steve Dangerfield (1967-1969), Roy Whitworth (1969-1979), Jerry Fiat (1979-1983), Albert "Sonny" Sudbury (1983-2000) and David Peck (2000-present).



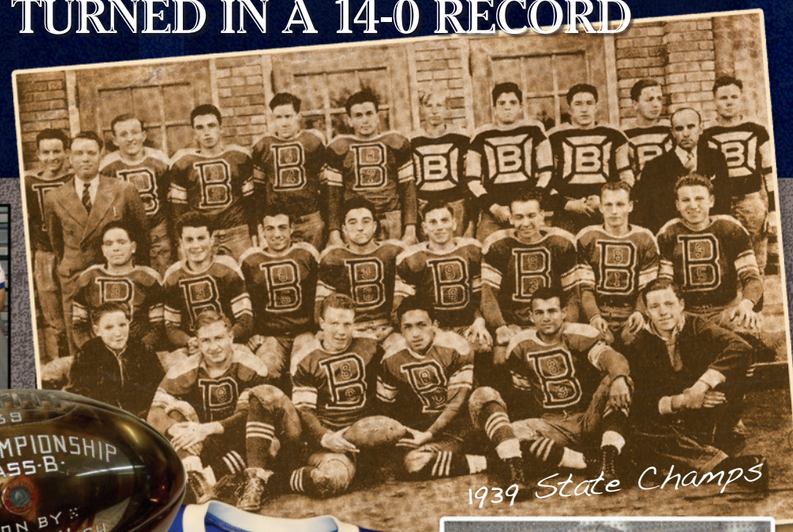

Bailey Santistevan



Dave Peck


1946 Champs in 2006

THE 2006 TEAM, RENOWNED FOR ITS SIGNATURE HAKA CHEER, TURNED IN A 14-0 RECORD

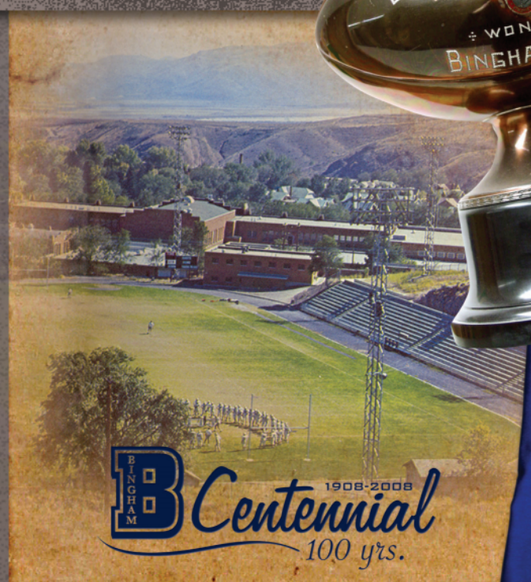

1939 State Champs







1946 State Champs

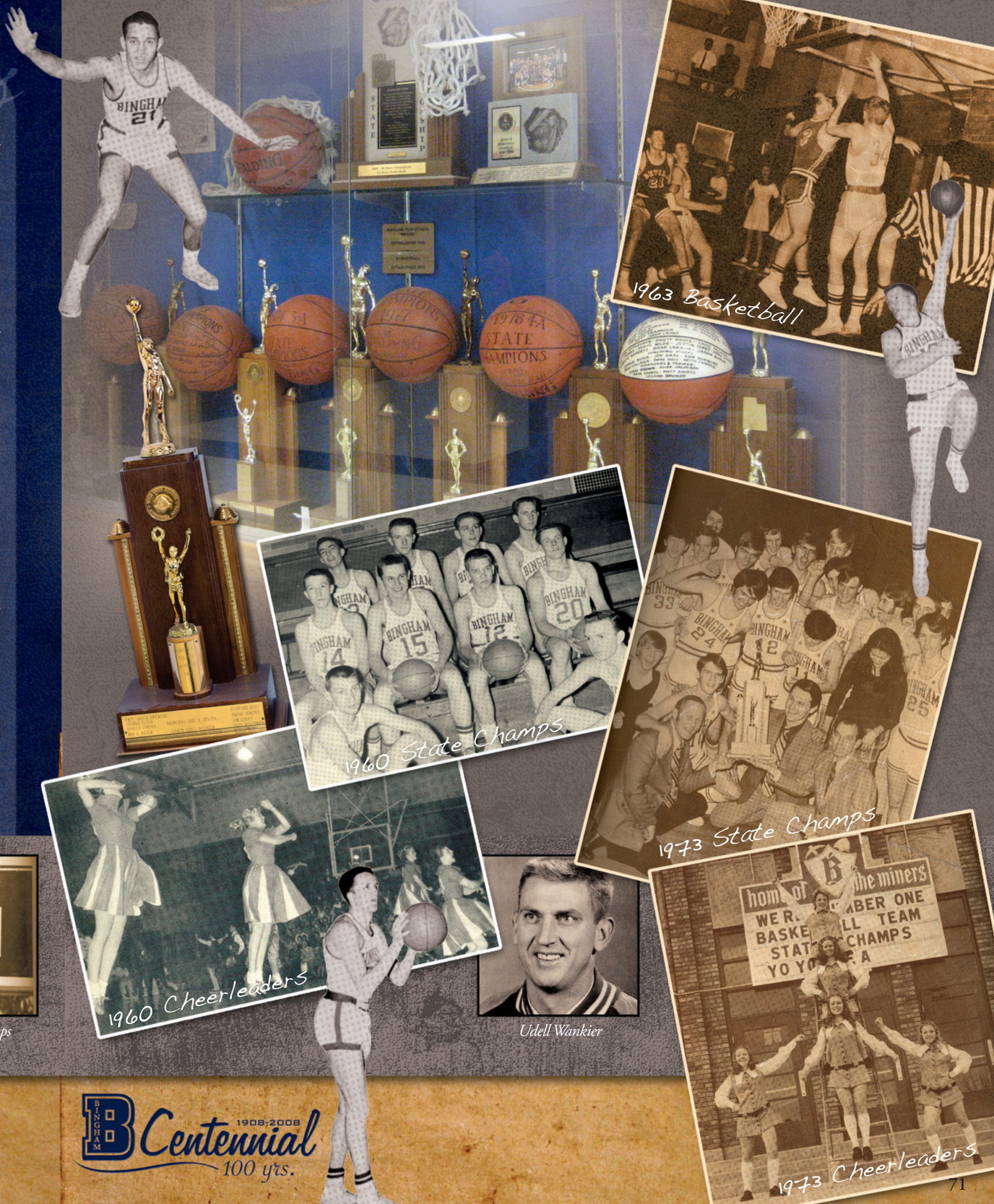


Bingham Miners

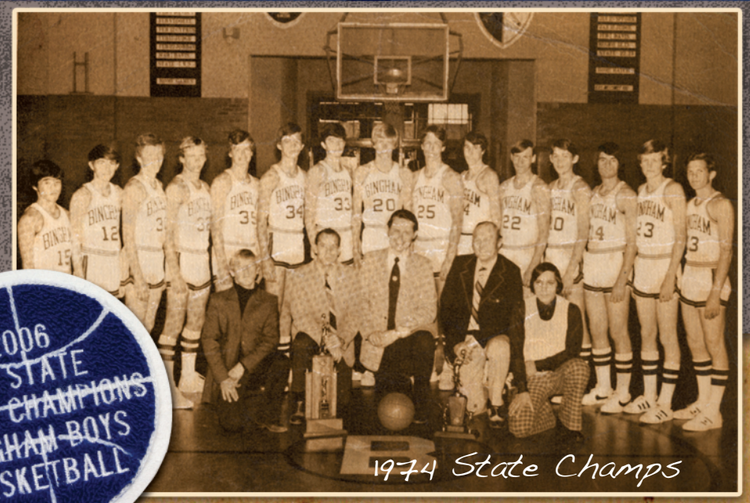
Basketball, started in 1915, has been popular with Bingham sports fans for nearly a century and is Bingham High School's longest continuously played sport. Bingham's first basketball state championship came in 1960, with a 64-53 title game victory over Olympus. The Miner cager's first state championship unleashed a celebration almost equal to those ending a war. The entire city of Bingham closed down to commemorate the milestone and celebrated in a way that only Bingham, with its mining town culture, could celebrate. It was only fitting that the official awards ceremony take place in the Bingham Civic Center, the same building that once served as Bingham's first gymnasium and home of Bingham's first basketball team. The historic celebration will long be remembered by many a Bingham old timer. In addition to the initial 1960 state title won under the leadership of Coach Udell Wankier, Miner basketball teams would claim two more championships while playing in the old Copperton gymnasium (1931-1975) in 1973 and 1974 under Coach George Sluga. Bingham's cagers continued to win at the new high school in South Jordan, whose gymnasium more than tripled Copperton's in size. They captured the state 3-A championship in 1977 and the state 4-A championship in 1978. By winning the 4-A championship in 1978, Bingham became the first school in Utah history to win successive championships in two different size classifications. Coach Sluga continued Bingham's winning ways in the next decade capturing two more championships in 1989 and 1990. Coach Sluga's winning traditions placed Bingham in the record books numerous times. His teams earned nearly 500 victories, 27 state play-off births, and six state championships during his 31 years as head coach.

THE ENTIRE CITY OF BINGHAM CLOSED DOWN TO COMMEMORATE THE MILESTONE

Bingham's cagers earned another state championship trophy in 2006 under the leadership of Mark Dubach. Coach Dubach's team defeated archrival Riverton in a thrilling 61-59 contest to capture Bingham's eighth state title. Mentoring Bingham's cagers over the last century have been nine head coaches: Homer Christensen (1915-1919), Stubby Peterson (1919-1920), Pesty Jarvis (1920-1921), Tommy McMullin (1921-1936), Warren "Sonny" Allsop (1936-1953), Udell Wankier (1953-1969), George Sluga (1969-2000), John Bosco (2000-2003), Mark Dubach (2003-2013), and Jake Schroeder (2013-present).




George Sluga




1990 State Champs

Udell Wankier

Bingham Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.



Bingham's major spring sport has been baseball. Since 1925, Miner teams have been the most successful of any team in state history capturing 21 state titles. Legendary Coach Bailey Santistevan laid the foundation for this success. His little league program, known as the Eskimo Pie League, was one of the first in the state and helped train Miners from ages 6 to 16 in the fundamentals of a sport that put Bingham on the state sports map. George Sluga (Class of 1960), who participated in the Eskimo Pie league, described it well by saying that every kid in Bingham had his own "field of dreams." Bingham won its first state championship in any sport in 1932 when Coach Santistevan's baseball team captured the state crown. His teams would go on to win titles in 1933, 1934, 1935, 1939 1940, 1942, 1947, 1950, 1952, and 1954 before his untimely death in 1954 at the age of 53. The stability and success of Bingham baseball is exhibited by the fact that there have been only nine head coaches, in the history of the school. These have included the following men (the years they won state championships are in parenthesis): Tommy McMullin, Bailey Santistevan (11 titles listed above), Delmar Schick (1955), Mickey Culleton, Udell Wankier, George Sluga, Albert "Sonny" Sudbury (1974, 1975, 1976), Brad Bevan (1984, 1985) and Joey Sato (1999, 2003, 2011, 2013). Bingham's baseball tradition of excellence—32 region titles and 21 state championships (a state record and the third best in the United States)—resulted in the *Salt Lake Tribune* selecting Bingham's baseball program as the Utah High School Program of the 20th Century. The Tribune also named the Miner state championship teams of 1947, 1952, 1974-1976, 1984, and 1999 as five of the top 13 individual teams of the century, the most of any high school program.

BINGHAM WON ITS FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY SPORT IN 1932

The 2003 5A state final game against Taylorsville typified the character of Bingham baseball. Trailing 10-1 going into the bottom of the 6th inning, the Miners rallied. Showing the heart and character of Miners past, the team scored 11 runs to take a 12-10 lead. Striking out Taylorsville in the top of the 7th, Bingham achieved what newspapers called a "Miner Miracle." To Bingham Miners it wasn't a miracle at all. It was just another example of the "Miner Magic" that has been created in Bingham baseball by years of spirit, pride, hard work, and tradition.


Eskimo Pie League

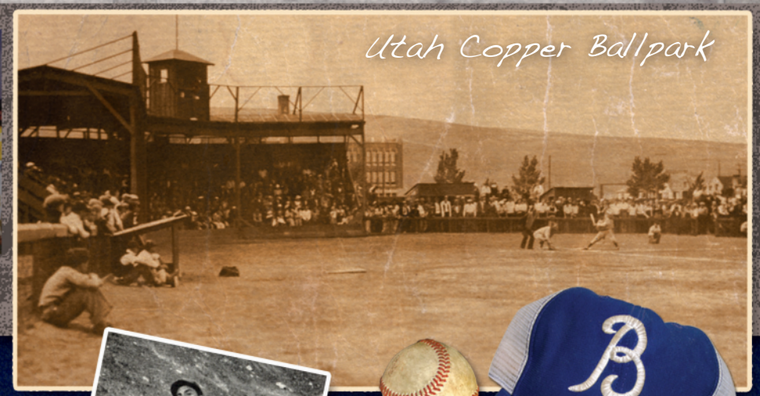

Coach Santistevan


2004


1972


1948


1992













BINGHAM B Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.

Bingham Miners

Wrestling came to Bingham in the 1954-1955 school year and since that time has become one of the school's major sports. There have been very few years Bingham's grapplers have not had winning records, as constant effort and training have enabled them to finish high in region and state tournaments.

Miner men have participated on a host of other sports teams that have represented the school well. These have included golf, cross country, track and field, soccer, tennis, and swimming. Bingham fielded its first golf team in the spring of 1969, but later switched the sport to the fall of the year along with cross-country, which had its start in 1971. Men's golf teams won state titles in 1983 under Coach Keith Chapple and in 1991 and 2004 under Coach Brad Bevan.









The cross-country harriers captured state championships in 1990, 1995, 1996, and 2003 under the leadership of Coach Jeff Arbogast. Coach Arbogast's teams in both cross-country and track (boys and girls) have earned 10 state and 2 national titles. His boys' cross country runners made school history in 1995, when they won Bingham's first national championship in a team sport.

Bingham fielded its first track team in 1927, but the sport was soon discontinued. With the completion of the new Copperton stadium in 1938, track and field teams were again organized. The sport, however, would be held on an intermittent basis for the next 20 years as coaches and resources became available. Since 1958 track and field has been a permanent sport, and the Miner thinclads won their first state championship in 1995.

Miner soccer made its debut in the early 1980s and earned its first state crown in 2001 under the leadership of Lynn DeMill. In addition, boys' teams in swimming (started in 1978-1979) and tennis (played regularly since the 1930s) have brought numerous honors to Bingham High.

CONSTANT EFFORT AND TRAINING HAVE ENABLED THEM TO FINISH HIGH IN REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS










Keith Chapple



2004 Swim Team




2001 Wrestling

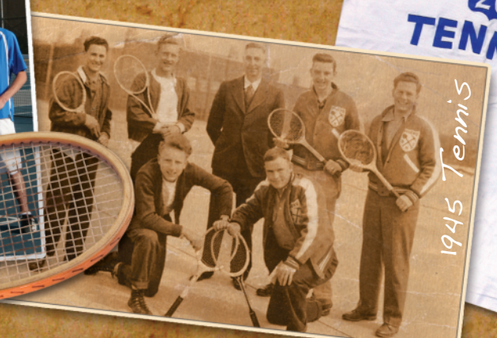



1977 Golf


1977 Track















BINGHAM 100 1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.

Bingham Miners

Lady Miner competitive athletics started in a limited way in the late 1930s with the girls' participation in the Posture Parade held at B.Y.U. Competitive opportunities expanded in the mid 1960s with the organization of a senior girls P.E. class. By the 1971-1972 school year, under the direction of Dorothy Peterson, the founder and the first coach of the Lady Miners sports program, Bingham organized its first official girls' competitive sports teams in volleyball, track and field, gymnastics, and softball. Basketball and tennis teams were soon added. Most of the sports programs that Bingham's girls compete in today were officially sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association after 1975 when Bingham High moved to South Jordan.

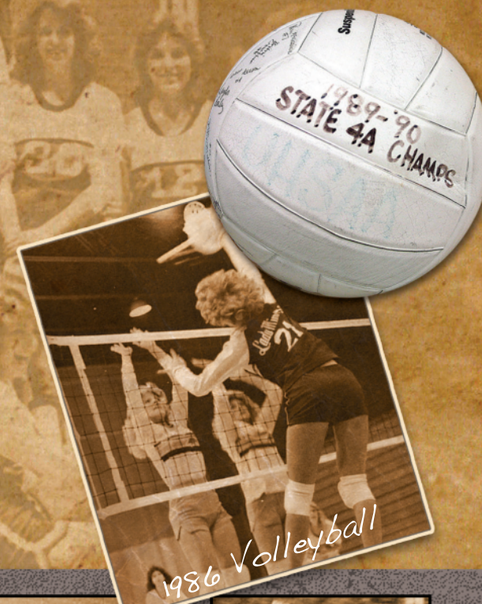
One of the Lady Miners most successful sports at the South Jordan Bingham High School has been volleyball. Under the able leadership of Esther Halliday, who coached Lady Miners' volleyball teams to over 400 victories, Bingham's spikers captured three consecutive state titles in 1989, 1990, and 1991. During her 29 years as head coach (1976-2005), Coach Halliday helped establish a winning tradition in Bingham's women's sports, attending the state tournament every year but one. Lady Miner volleyball teams became a force to be reckoned with and made their mark on prep sports.



Always one of the more popular girls' sports, Lady Miner basketball teams have won four state championships in 1990, 1994, 1995, and 2007—all under Coach Rand Rasmussen. Under his self-described "old school program" the Lady Miner cagers dominated region play for many years, achieving 35-game win streaks in 1990-1991 and 1994-1995, which rank among the longest in state history. Named head coach in 2013, Charron Mason worked to continue Lady Miner basketball excellence.

The Lady Miners track and cross country teams have also been an important component of the Bingham girls' sports program. In fact, the women tracksters were the first women's sports team at Bingham to win a state championship. They accomplished this feat in 1989 and added another crown in 2002 with Coach Arbogast at the helm. The girls' cross country harriers earned three consecutive state titles in 1998, 1999, and 2000 and made school history in 1999 with the first girls' national championship in any sport.





1986 Volleyball


1992 Softball Trophy


2003 Softball


Esther Halliday


1977 Volleyball Game


2004 Volleyball


1980 Gymnastics


1982 Tennis Team


1990 Track

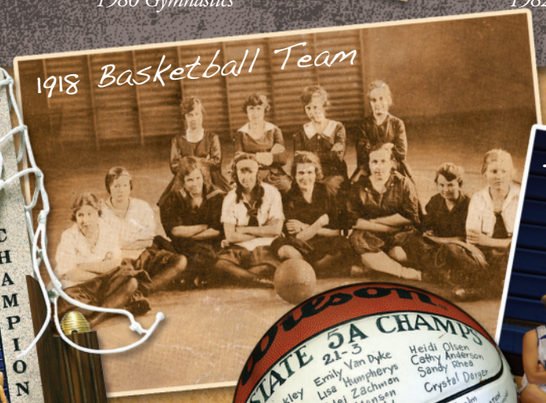






Although girls' softball was not recognized as an official state high school sport until 1990, Bingham's softball teams have shown—through practice, determination, and sheer tenacity—that they were top caliber teams seizing numerous state records. Bingham's eight state championships (in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 2008, 2009, and 2010 under coaches Kim Searle and Mikki Jackson) are the second most of any school in Utah and established a Bingham softball dynasty. The girls' four state championships from 1991 through 1994 established a state record for consecutive titles.









BINGHAM Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.

The Minerettes Drill Team won four straight drill team titles in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, making Bingham the only school in state history to accomplish such a feat. Additional titles were won in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Coaches Trista Prince, Jen Ranson, Morgan Merideth, Cecily Oldham and Erin Richardson provided top-notch instruction in the competition areas of dance, military, novelty, and prop, enabling the Minerettes to soar to new heights. Bingham's cheerleaders won the Utah Cheerleader's Association state championship in 2011 and 2012 coached by Amber McGrath and over the years have earned championship trophies at numerous cheerleading competitions throughout the country. The Bingham Color Guard Drill Team brought home its first state championship in 2012.

Lady Miners have also won state championships in soccer (2003 with Trish Roberts as coach) and diving (1998 with Mark Nielsen as coach). Women's golf is one of the newest sports at Bingham High having its start in 2009. Since that time girls' golf teams have taken state titles in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 under the leadership of Liz Conry. Girls' teams in swimming, tennis, and gymnastics have also won regional trophies for Bingham High, adding to the school's winning tradition.

Over the years, Bingham has developed an outstanding tradition of sports excellence. Over 600 trophies can be found in the school's trophy cases and over 80 state and national championship banners bedeck the school's gymnasium walls. (5) At the end of the 1992, 2002, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013 school years Bingham was awarded the *Deseret News* All Sports Award for finishing the highest in all state competitions involving men's and women's sports. These honors reflect well on the combined efforts of players and coaches who have represented Bingham High School over the last 100 years. Bingham's athletes have certainly given the school cause to cheer and be proud. Not only have they been good at sports, but they are also known as good sports, continuously enriching Bingham's sports legacy.




2004 Tennis


2002 Soccer



2003 Soccer State Champs





BINGHAM HAS DEVELOPED AN OUTSTANDING TRADITION OF SPORTS EXCELLENCE





Roy Whitworth

To recognize the dedicated and outstanding service that coaches have rendered to Bingham High, a "Wall of Honor" was established in 1999. Large banners with each coach's name, years of service (15 years minimal service is required) and sports coached adorn the east gymnasium wall as a lasting tribute to the outstanding men and women who have mentored Miner athletes. The list of these coaches includes:

BINGHAM COACHES' WALL OF HONOR

T.H. "Tommy" McMullin
1921–1955
Basketball, Football

Bailey Santistevan
1928–1954
Baseball, Football

Udell Wankier
1953–1969
Football, Golf, Track, Basketball, Baseball

Warren "Sonny" Allsop
1936–1953
Basketball, Football

Odell Peterson
1930–1962
Tennis

Virginia McDonald
1940–1969
Minerettes Drill Team

Dorothy Peterson
1964–1975
Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Track, Gymnastics, Minerettes

George Sluga
1964–2000
Basketball, Baseball, Tennis, Cross Country

Cal Crump
1954–1990
Wrestling, Tennis, Football, Basketball

Keith Chapple
1967–1996
Track/Field, Football, Golf, Basketball, Athletic Director

Roy Whitworth
1969–1981
Football, Wrestling

Albert "Sonny" Sudbury
1969–1976 & 1983–2000
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Wrestling

Delmar Schick
1952–1962
Football, Wrestling, Baseball

Larry Brown
1979–2001
Athletic Trainer

Esther Halliday
1976–2006
Volleyball, Track, Basketball

Mike Cordray
1991–2007
Swimming



BINGHAM HIGH BECAME A POPULAR GATHERING PLACE FOR ALUMNI



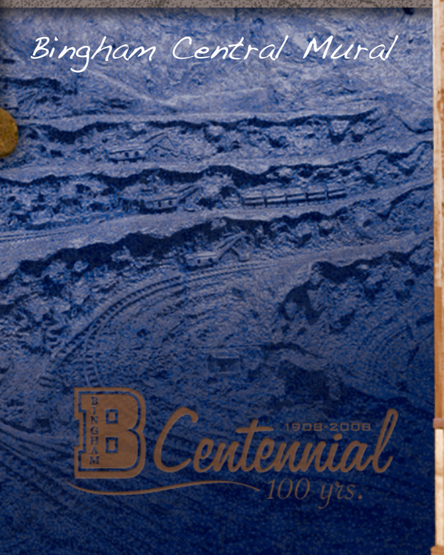
Mosaic Tile Seal In Copperton


Alumni Room


Ceramic Mine Mural


"B" From Copperton





As Bingham entered the 21st Century and prepared to celebrate its Centennial, numerous projects were undertaken to strengthen the Miners' school culture and traditions and to engage students in their past. These included creating the Alumni Conference Room, restoring artifacts taken from previous Bingham High School buildings, and placing those artifacts and others in the current Bingham building. Restored artifacts consisted of the Copper Mine Mural, dedication plaque, mosaic tile seal and smoke stack "B" taken from the Copperton Bingham High, and a ceramic mine mural that was located above the doors of the Bingham Central building in Bingham Canyon. New trophy cases were constructed by the Bingham woodshop students and their teacher Lynn DeMill in the gymnasium. The beautifully crafted ceiling-high cases were not only filled with trophies but also displayed pictures and other memorabilia from Bingham's past. The students built a special historical trophy case from wooden planks taken from the gymnasium floor and bleachers of the Copperton Bingham High. State championship banners were not only hung in the gymnasium for every year that a Bingham sports team won a state championship, but they were also hung in the auditorium for each academic state championship in debate or academic decathlon. All these items not only connected current Miners to their past, but also forged stronger links between Miner alumni who graduated from the Copperton or Bingham Canyon buildings, which were no longer standing, and the South Jordan Bingham High. Bingham High became a popular gathering place for alumni and community members of all ages. (5A)


Memorabilia Case


Moving Mural





1990-2009



FADS & FUN

1990s	2000s
Paintball	Text-Messaging
Bungee Jumping	Flip Flops
Laser Tag	iPods
Inline Skating	Playstation 3
Snowboarding	Harry Potter
Beanie Babies	Bottled Water
Tickle Me Elmo	

FASHIONS

Rugby/Polo Shirts	Hip-Hugging Pants
Bowl-Cut Hair	Spiked Hair
Cargo Pants	Long Basketball Shorts
Capri Pants	Body Piercing/Tattoos
Hawaiian Shirts	Tight Shirt w/ Bare Midriff

MOVIES & TELEVISION

Lion King	Lord Of The Rings
Titanic	Harry Potter
Forrest Gump	Finding Nemo
Jurassic Park	Spiderman
Dances With Wolves	Friends
Home Improvement	Reality TV
Seinfeld	American Idol
E.R. • Frasier	CSI

MUSIC & DANCING

Celine Dion • 'N Sync
Garth Brooks • Metallica
Pearl Jam • R.E.M. • Green Day
Madonna • Britney Spears
Coldplay • Eminem • Dave Matthews
Christina Aguilera • 50 Cent



PRICES 1990-2009

1995:
Loaf of Bread: 79¢
Gallon of Milk: $2.51
Eggs: $1.46/doz.
Car: $18,360
Gas: $1.21/gallon
House: $158,700
Postage Stamp: 32¢
Average Income: $42,235/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 5,117

2005:
Loaf of Bread: $1.12
Gallon of Milk: $2.85
Eggs: $1.52/doz.
Car: $23,500
Gas:$2.32/gallon
House: $235,700
Postage Stamp: 37¢
Average Income: $55,238/yr.
Dow/Jones Average: 12,105

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
1990-2009

1990:
First boys' cross country state championship
First girls' basketball state championship

1991:
First softball state championship

1995:
Student Body: 3,034
Teachers: 133
Boys' cross country national championship
First boys' track and field state championship

1998:
First girls' diving state championship

1999:
Girls' cross country national championship
Coaches' Wall of Honor established

2000:
Bronze "Miner" statue placed in Main Hall

2001:
First boys' soccer state championship

2003:
First girls' soccer state championship

2004:
First drill team state championship

2005:
Student Body: 2,275
Teachers: 90

2008:
Turf football field & new scoreboard installed
Centennial Plaza, with bronze miner statue built
Centennial Birthday Party September 9th

2009:
Centennial Celebration Ends











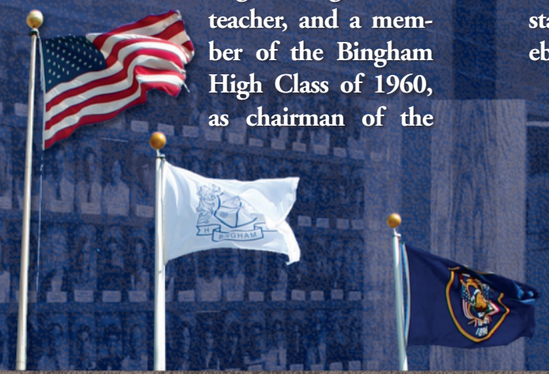






Centennial Celebration Preparation

A capstone of these efforts to engage students in their past and to unify the alumni was the Bingham High School Centennial Celebration. Plans to celebrate this milestone in grand style began in earnest in 2005. One of the first acts in preparation for this event was the selection of Linda Sandstrom, a retired Jordan District administrator, former Bingham High School teacher, and a member of the Bingham High Class of 1960, as chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee. Mrs. Sandstrom's extraordinary hosting, planning, and organizing skills made her the perfect choice for an event of this magnitude. She soon began to assemble a Centennial Celebration Committee of around 25 people consisting of alumni, Bingham High students, teachers, and administrators. This hard working group would organize and coordinate centennial events running from graduation in 2008 to graduation in 2009. (6)



The committee first formulated a mission statement which encapsulated the goals of the celebration:

> *To bring together students, alumni, staff and the community; to celebrate Bingham spirit, pride, traditions and accomplishments after 100 years; through participation in activities designed to remind, inform, and inspire.* (7)

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL - THEN, NOW, ALWAYS





Bingham Students 1925



SBOs 1944



Minerettes 1964



Homecoming Festivities 1995



Homecoming 2000



The motto chosen for the Centennial was "Bingham High School—Then, Now, Always." In choosing this statement, the committee envisioned the celebration to remember and reflect upon Bingham's past events, people, and buildings; celebrate that legacy in the present with current students, faculty, and community; and then motivate all participants to carry Bingham's rich legacy into the future. The Bingham newspaper, the *Prospector*, reported the following about the Centennial motto:

> *"Then, Now, Always." This is the theme for Bingham High School's Centennial. It's not particularly flashy, complex, or elaborate, but it is fitting. The theme is elegant in its simplicity. It's dignified and stalwart, much like Bingham High itself.*

The theme is also informative. It is hard to believe the Centennial Committee could pack so much meaning into just three words… (8)

EVENTS, EVENTUALLY TOTALING 12, WERE PLANNED AND ADDED TO THE CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

With the mission statement and motto serving as templates for all planning decisions, the Centennial Committee began meeting regularly in 2006 to prepare for the celebration. A close and cooperative working relationship was soon developed between the school administration, the Bingham Alumni Foundation and the Centennial Committee. Linda Sandstrom would later remark, "One of the things that I liked the most about the Centennial was the way the school and the Centennial Committee were able to work so well together. There was no friction or competition between the groups." (9) Events, eventually totaling 12, were planned and added to the centennial calendar which began with Bingham's 100th Commencement Ceremony in June 2008, and ended with the graduation of the Class of 2009 in June 2009. In addition to the two commencement exercises, centennial events included: the 2008 summer class reunions and area city celebrations, a birthday party on September 9, 2008 (the day Bingham opened in 1908), Centennial football and basketball games with Jordan High (at the time Jordan District's other centennial school and one of Bingham's oldest rivals), special Centennial Homecoming events and Candlelight Concerts, a Patriotic Assembly, a Minerette Showcase Reunion, a school open house at the end of the year, and a State Champions' Assembly.


2008 Homecoming

In addition, activities conducted during the regular school day recounting each of the ten decades of Bingham's past were planned and carried out throughout the year. Each month, starting with September, featured a decade in the school's history. Songs from the decade were played between class changes and other school activities focused on the decade of the month. Ten display cases, one for each of Bingham's ten decades, were placed in the main hall and filled with memorabilia depicting life at Bingham High and the United States over the previous century. The historic cases, constructed by Bingham's woodworking students and filled by alumni volunteers, proved to be an outstanding success engaging and educating students and visitors throughout the Centennial year. One committee member who was walking in the hall a few days before graduation in 2009 recalled two students standing in front of a display case that had been in the hall for a year, still commenting about the artifacts and the changes that had occurred at Bingham since that decade. (10) The display cases' popularity resulted in their permanent placement in the Bingham High School library at the completion of the Centennial Celebration.


Centennial Preparation Library Remodeling




Striking Pay Dirt


Parking Lot Construction



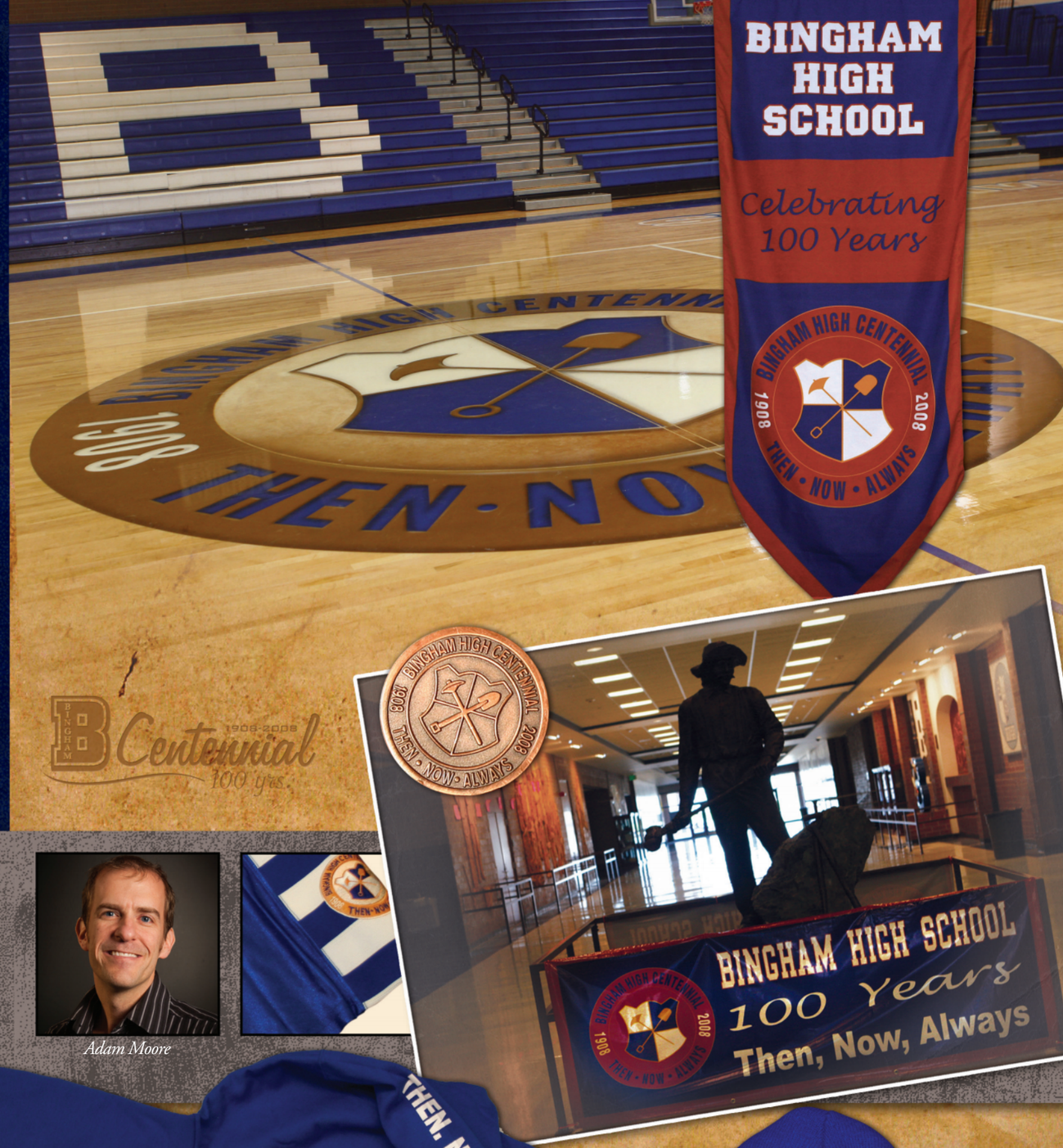
City Celebration Parade


Relocating the Victory Light

A copper-colored centennial logo was designed with the school's shield in the center and the centennial motto around the outside. This logo was then placed on the centennial flag, banners, pins, coins, the yearbook cover, diploma covers, and all centennial merchandise. With the Centennial Committee's encouragement, the logo, which has been described as a beautiful piece of art, was used by most of the school's sport teams and clubs as part of their uniforms and equipment throughout the year. (11)

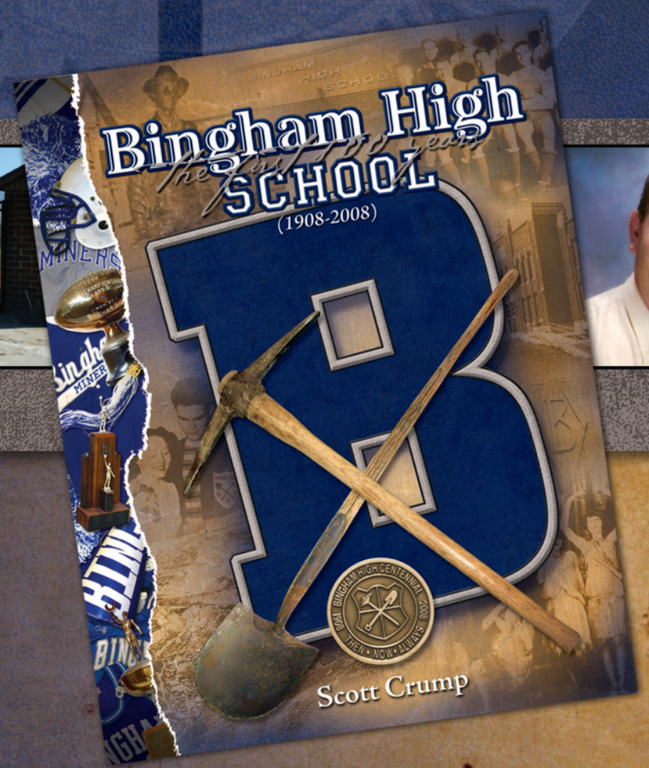
Banners were placed throughout the school and community advertising the Centennial, with the most conspicuous being placed on the pedestrian crosswalk spanning 10400 South and 1300 West. Additionally, club, team, and class reunions as well as time capsules were planned to celebrate a century of Bingham history and achievement. Scott Crump, a veteran social studies teacher and a Bingham graduate (Class of 1970), was commissioned to write Bingham's Centennial history entitled—*Bingham High School—The First Hundred Years*. The full color book was lavishly illustrated with over 1,000 historical and current photographs. Adam Moore (Class of 1993) did the publication's art work, beautifully designing each of its 240 pages. It proved to be a valuable resource for the entire Centennial Celebration.

BANNERS WERE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ADVERTISING THE CENTENNIAL





Landscaping the Stadium



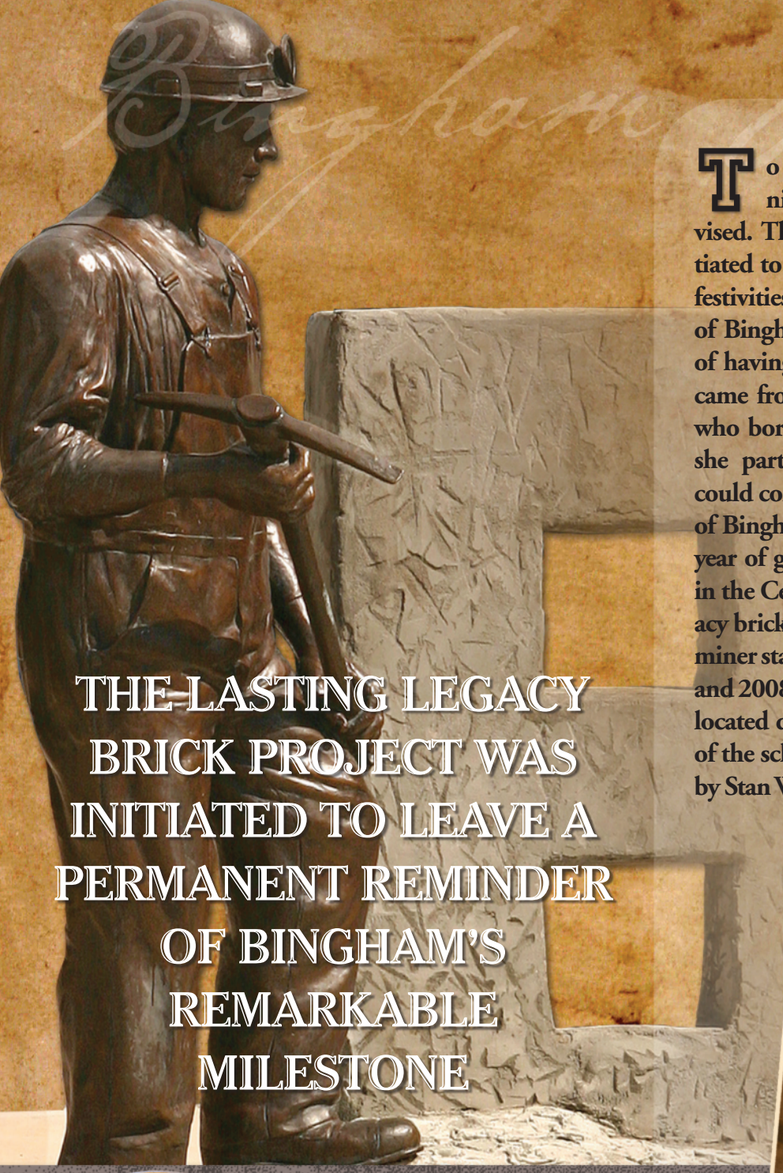


Scott Crump

Adam Moore







THE LASTING LEGACY BRICK PROJECT WAS INITIATED TO LEAVE A PERMANENT REMINDER OF BINGHAM'S REMARKABLE MILESTONE

To help pay for a celebration of this magnitude, a number of projects were devised. The Lasting Legacy brick project was initiated to not only raise funds for the year-long festivities, but to leave a permanent reminder of Bingham's remarkable milestone. The idea of having bricks engraved with donor's names came from committee chair Linda Sandstrom who borrowed the idea from a similar project she participated in at Disneyland. Donors could contribute $100, one dollar for each year of Bingham's history, and have their name and year of graduation engraved on a brick placed in the Centennial Plaza. (12) The Lasting Legacy brick project merged with a ten foot bronze miner statue (a gift of the Classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) to create Centennial Plaza which was located directly south of the flag poles in front of the school. The modern miner was sculpted by Stan Watts, the designer of the famous statue of three firemen at Ground Zero for the national firemen's museum. Placed in the center of the Lasting Legacy bricks facing a concrete block "B," the larger than life bronze miner greeted students at the school's main entrance each day. The following summarized the school's new addition:

For its hundredth birthday Bingham High School got a present, the Miner statue in the newly erected plaza at the front of the school. The plaza was just recently built for two different reasons. It was partly for the centennial, but it was also a gift from the graduates from the last two years… Stan Watts, the man who created the firemen statues of Ground Zero, made Bingham's 10 foot statue. The statue was designed to symbolize a modern miner as opposed to the original statue (of an old time miner) in the main hall…

Principal Hicks said it was a great idea. "It's really added not only to the decoration of Bingham, but also to the traditions and culture of Bingham High School." Sophomore Itzel Leal said, "It's a good representation of Bingham's pride. It's one of the many ways we show our school spirit." Senior Brianna Smith said, "It gives tribute to former students of Bingham. I think it is a good way to honor alumni." (13)

Other memorabilia designed to aid Centennial fund raising included sweatshirts, beanies, tee shirts, coins, key chains, and pins. A special 12 pin historical series was designed with replicas of each of the five Bingham High School buildings, and decades' pins from the 1940s to the 2000s. Coins were minted with the Copperton and South Jordan buildings on one side and the Centennial logo on the other. Sold throughout the celebration, these mementos provided keepsakes of Bingham's milestone event, while raising much needed funds for the year's planned activities.

















Centennial Plaza













Centennial Memorabilia







The Celebration Begins

Bingham's Centennial Celebration began amidst a flurry of construction and change in June 2008 with the school's 100th Commencement Exercises. Construction projects in the front parking lot, stadium, and library were all under way in addition to all the Centennial preparations still in progress. Principal Jolene Jolley had recently announced her retirement, and Tom Hicks, Bingham's former principal, had been appointed to take her place. The school's newsletter described events at the time:

The school year may be coming to an end; however, things will still be happening at Bingham High. Jordan District will be remodeling the front parking lot to increase capacity and prepare for the future widening of Miner Mile (10400 South). Also construction crews have begun replacing the football field and track. We are very excited to get a new artificial turf field and a new eight lane track…

Renovation of the library media center will continue inside the building. Computer stations that will accommodate a full class will be added. The circulation desk will also be changed to increase efficiency and take up less space…

Centennial Celebrations begin this fall as Bingham High celebrates 100 years of excellence. A birthday party will kick off these events on September 9, 2008. During the remodel of the stadium, two Bingham time capsules (only one was found) will be removed from the field and they will be opened at the birthday celebration assemblies on September 9… Also during the front parking lot remodel, Centennial Plaza will be constructed directly in front of the flag poles… (14)





Stadium Construction

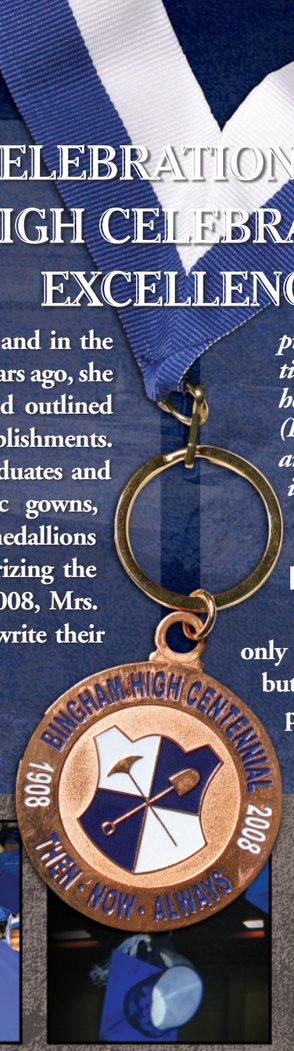

Newly Finished Track

At Bingham's 100th Commencement, held at Utah Valley University's McKay Special Event's Center, Principal Jolley introduced the Centennial theme of Bingham "Then, Now and Always" in her address and set the tone for the upcoming year by explaining what it meant for a school to be 100 years old. Comparing

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS BEGIN THIS FALL AS BINGHAM HIGH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

what it was like at Bingham High and in the United States 100, 75, 50, and 25 years ago, she spoke of Bingham's proud past and outlined the school's traditions and accomplishments. Seated in front of her were the graduates and faculty dressed in their academic gowns, each wearing special Centennial medallions around their necks. After summarizing the accomplishments of the Class of 2008, Mrs. Jolley challenged the graduates to write their own future. She closed by saying:

What a remarkable day today is, June 3, 2008. What makes it remarkable is you, the Bingham High Class of 2008. It seems only fitting that serving as the backdrop of this notable day is the celebration to honor a most remarkable institution, with an unmatched tradition of excellence for the past one hundred years, Bingham High School. The medal that you are wearing signifies the tradition of excellence of these 100 years. Tradition as defined by the dictionary is the "passing down of cultural elements from generation to generation… a custom or time honored practice, all affecting the present." Knowing our past is essential to shaping our future. You are the hero of your own story, and as Stephen (Huynh—the Class of 2008 valedictorian) said, all you need to do is finish writing it. Congratulations Class of 2008! (15)




Commencement 2008

Graduation Celebration


Jolene Jolley


2008 Faculty

The experience was especially poignant to Principal Jolley since it not only marked the beginning of the Centennial, but it also marked her retirement as principal of Bingham High. Her transition into retirement and the transition between administrations just as the Centennial began were eased by her willingness to continue serving on the Centennial Committee until December. Another boost to the Centennial's success was the fact that Tom Hicks, her successor, had been Bingham's principal immediately preceding Mrs. Jolley and he continued to help with Centennial preparations while he was an area director at the Jordan School District office.

The summer of 2008 was a whirlwind of activity in preparation for the biggest birthday party Bingham High school had ever experienced. The colossal event was scheduled for Tuesday September 9, 2008—exactly 100 years to the day that Bingham High School held its first classes for 12 students in the upstairs room of Canyon Hall. Displays were set up at the town day's celebrations of Copperton, South Jordan, and Riverton advertising the year's events. Centennial memorabilia, including the newly published Centennial history, were sold in each municipality. A special meeting was held in June with Mayor Kent Money and the city manager of South Jordan at the South Jordan City Hall to preview the Centennial calendar. The mayor was presented with a Centennial shirt, memorabilia, and a copy of the Centennial history. He was excited about the upcoming events, and volunteered his personal support and the services of the city to help make the celebration a success. He also pointed out that there would be a lot to celebrate in 2009 as South Jordan would be commemorating its sesquicentennial at the same time as Bingham's Centennial. Reunions were held at the high school and throughout Salt Lake County as construction continued on the school's numerous projects throughout the summer.

As school began in the fall, Principal Hicks reported his thoughts on the Centennial Celebration and its progress:

Bingham High has reached its Centennial year! From very humble beginnings in Bingham Canyon, we have been through two world wars, the Women's Suffrage (movement), the Great Depression, massive social changes, myriad clothing and hairstyles, and five different buildings.

Despite all the changes in the world, Bingham High remembers our humble beginnings from a small room in 1908 with a handful of students. These were not the times when students were required to go to school. However, there were some high school aged students who recognized the benefits of an education and requested a (high) school to be formed in their mining community.

Families recognizing many ethnic backgrounds were segregated in the community. They grouped together in smaller towns such as Frogtown, Greek Camp, Japanese Camp, Highland Boy, Copperfield, Lark and of course, Copperton.

There were two places these groups mixed: working in the mine and at the schools. Socials held at the school were open to all groups. The next day at school, students would clean up after the social, set out their desks and then go to work… World and national events slowed the progress and diminished resources at the school, but education continued despite these many challenges.

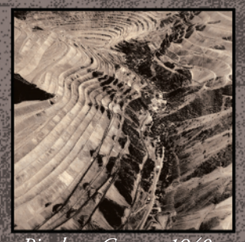
As a school we are proud of our humble beginnings and that same school spirit still exists. Students at Bingham continue to mix well among our various ethnicities. We set high standards which inspire students to work hard, earn their diplomas, apply for and earn scholarships, encourage community involvement and service, and make Bingham one of the safest and most highly achieving schools in the state.

As we celebrate our Centennial, we invite you to participate in these exciting times. Please check our calendar often (binghamminers.org) and select events in which you may participate… When you come into our building please take a moment to view the display cases of each era of our school. These may be viewed in the Main Hall. You will also enjoy seeing the memorabilia and art collected over the years on the walls of the library. In our gym hall, athletic teams have redone their trophy cabinets to reflect the past, while still recognizing the current students in these programs. Finally, please check out our newest addition, a miner statue in our new (Centennial) Plaza in front of the school. This is truly a GREAT year to be a Miner! (16)





THE COLOSSAL EVENT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2008


Bingham Canyon 1940s


Old Bingham Central Grade School 1909

Upper Bingham Grade School 1909


Mayor Kent Money



Bingham Canyon Miner's Celebration



Bingham Mercantile


Markham Gulch







Centennial Birthday Party

It was the party of the century as students, faculty, alumni, and visiting dignitaries ended one century of Bingham's history and began another on September 9, 2008. The day-long celebration began with an entertaining and informative assembly, presented twice to a standing room only crowd in the auditorium. A narrated slide show of Bingham's past interspersed with performances by the Dance Company (a 1920s Charleston number), the Drama Club (a 1940s wartime skit), and the Minerettes (an actual 1960s Minerette routine) set the tone for the day's activities. An electrifying part of the assembly was the introduction of eight of the nine living past principals of Bingham High. They received a spontaneous standing ovation as they stepped onto the stage demonstrating the students' sincere appreciation for their service to Bingham High. The Madrigals concluded the morning's festivities by leading those in attendance in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" to Bingham High followed by the traditional singing of the school hymn.

Following the Centennial Assembly, free lunch and a birthday cake specially prepared by the cafeteria workers were provided for the entire student body during the three regularly scheduled lunch periods. The student body officers lit the 100 candles on each of the three festively decorated treats and served them to the students in the cafeteria. One student body officer's most memorable moment of the day was lighting the candles on the birthday cakes and singing happy birthday as hundreds of students surrounding him joined in the choruses. (17) Faculty, alumni, and special guests gathered for lunch in the library where each of the past Bingham principals recollected his or her favorite memories of Bingham High. A common theme cited by all the administrators was the outstanding support they received from the Bingham community.

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS SINGING HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Madrigals Leading Happy Birthday



1920s Charleston





Faculty Luncheon





After lunch, all 2,501 students gathered in the gymnasium to receive a proclamation from Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, naming September 9, 2008, Bingham High School Centennial Day throughout the State of Utah. South Jordan Mayor, Kent Money, presented the proclamation to the student body urging them to enjoy the three years they spent in high school and to help those around them to do the same. The proclamation outlined the accomplishments of Bingham High as follows:

Whereas, Bingham High School, since 1908, has continuously provided outstanding educational opportunities in five different school buildings—three in Bingham Canyon, one in Copperton and for the past thirty two years in South Jordan;

Whereas, Bingham High School has met the changing educational needs of hundreds of thousands of students in the southwest quadrant of Salt Lake County;

Whereas, Bingham High School is one of the few high schools in Utah to have earned the distinction of serving the public with vigor and distinction for an entire century;

Whereas, Bingham High School has been staffed with thousands of dedicated and distinguished educators during the last century;

Whereas, Bingham High School has been and continues to be a hub for community activities—sports, music, drama, etc;

Whereas, Bingham High School has always enjoyed enthusiastic support from the communities it has served;

Whereas, Bingham High School has rigorously prepared students for further education at universities, colleges and technical schools;

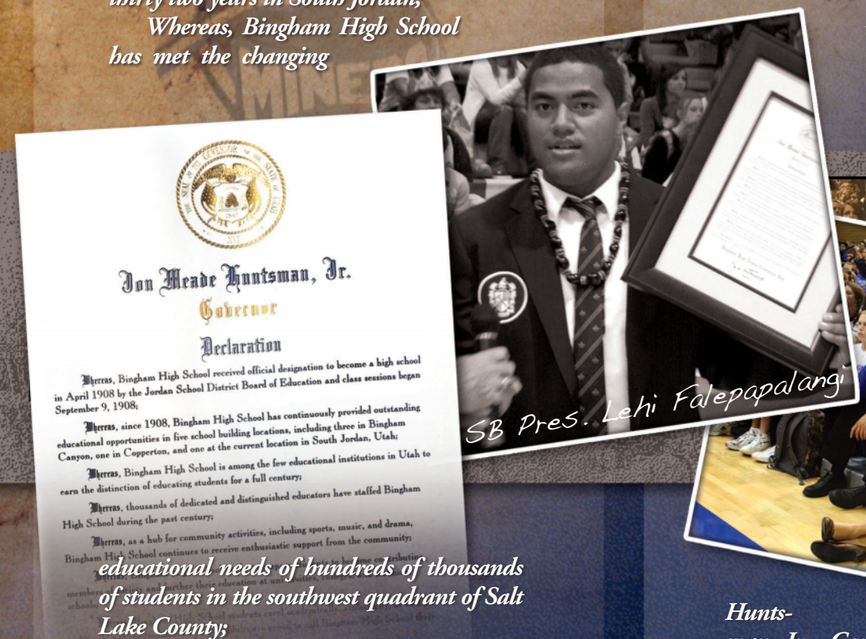
Whereas, Bingham High School students have excelled academically, athletically and culturally;

Whereas, many thousands of successful adults have been and are proud to call Bingham High their alma mater;

Whereas, Bingham High School students, past and present staff, alumni and the community will commemorate the school's longevity and achievements with special events throughout the entire 2008-2009 school year;

Whereas, Bingham High School will be 100 years old on September 9, 2008, and a special birthday celebration will be held at the school on that day.

Now, therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman Jr., Governor of the State of Utah do hereby declare September 9, 2008 as Bingham High School Day throughout the state of Utah. (18)



Coach Joey Sato then spoke on the spirit and traditions of Bingham High School. He compared the headlines written by the newspapers after Bingham won its last state baseball championship. One headline proclaimed that a "Miner Miracle" had made possible the championship, and the other stated that "Miner Magic" had won the title for Bingham. He explained why only the latter headline had described the feat correctly:

Each time we win a state title, which are many, in many different areas, the newspaper headlines always seem to scream, "Miner Miracle!" That's all well and good and we enjoy and deserve the headline, but as a long time Bingham Miner, having witnessed success after success by our students here at Bingham, I am here to tell you it is no miracle. It is a product of "Miner Magic."

No other place has it; no other place can acquire it. It was in the schools in the canyon, and it is here at the school in the valley. It is the product of the type of culture we have and we promote here at Bingham High School. It is a product of long time traditions; the legacy left behind by students, teachers, advisors, and coaches, and by the careful continuation of those things by the incredible, dedicated people still here at the school. At Bingham High "Miner Magic" occurs on a daily basis. Each day many Bingham Miners find "Miner Magic" in success or excellence in many areas.

"Miner Magic" is created by hard working and caring students and staff. It has its roots in the hard work ethic from the people who lived and worked in Bingham Canyon where the school first started. Over the years it was continued by a combination of those mine workers and the hard working agricultural people from the neighboring towns in the valley…



Joey Sato

"Miner Magic" is created by the relationships that each student has with each other, with the relationships that are developed between students and teachers, and the relationships developed by the teachers with each other. It is the shared belief that as Bingham Miners, we are here to help and support each other and hopefully create and find "Miner Magic"…

So, yes I do take exception when the headlines proclaim a "Miner Miracle." It is not a miracle that the students here at Bingham are able to succeed. It is not a miracle that a Miner makes a game winning basket or comes from behind to earn a victory, or sustains excellence over a long period of time to gain or repeat as a champion. It is just another example of the "Miner Magic" that is created …everyday by the very special people we have here at Bingham High School. (19)



Pep Assembly Class Contests



Minerette Performance



Mayor Kent Money

Bingham Miners

YESTERDAY & EVERYDAY, "IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A MINER!"

The student body officers then opened a time capsule, buried in a cement vault on the football field since 1984, and revealed memorabilia from Bingham's 75th anniversary celebration. Many of the quarter-century old mementos were unfortunately covered with mold caused by moisture that had leaked into the buried capsule. The football team brought the students to their feet with thunderous approval when the players concluded the afternoon's celebration performing their signature "haka" cheer. The Prospector described the afternoon event as follows:

The (afternoon) pep assembly was a real celebration where the raucous cheering of 2,500 students was actually appreciated. Through the deafening noise the celebration had a feel of an enjoyable pep rally rather than an assembly. (20)

Alumni, parents, and friends of Bingham High were invited to an open house and birthday celebration of their own at 7:00 pm that evening. Guests enjoyed a repeat performance of the morning's Centennial Assembly, complete with former principals, after which they toured the school and celebrated the evening dining on birthday cake in the cafeteria.

Many students returned in the evening, some even bringing their parents to relive the excitement of the day's events. The Main Hall was a popular gathering place as alumni and guests reminisced looking at the ten display cases containing memorabilia from each decade of the past 100 years, the alumni room displays and the restored artifacts from previous Bingham High School buildings. It was a night of memories and community spirit.

The excitement of the day was summarized by one Miner graduate:

What an awesome event. It was so fun to see old principals, teachers, and friends. The slides brought tears to my eyes. The statue is incredible. The Centennial Committee has done a fantastic job! As an old Miner, I couldn't be more proud that now my kids are attending Bingham. I can truly say that yesterday and everyday, "It's a great day to be a Miner!" (21)

Principal Tom Hicks recounted the day's celebration in a memo sent to the faculty:

On behalf of the Alumni Foundation, Centennial Committee, students, parents and community of Bingham High School, please accept this letter of appreciation for all of yesterday's activities and for everyone's help in support of celebrating Bingham. It was a great 100 year birthday celebration for Bingham High School…

In my 34 years of educational experience, I have never participated in a full day of activities with two morning assemblies of a documentary nature, full lunch time activities of feeding about 2,800 students, faculty, staff and special guests in two different locations, an afternoon activity in the gym, and an evening of community activity in the auditorium.

It all came together much as it was envisioned, and there were literally hundreds of people involved in the "behind the scenes" preparatory work, the management of the activities as they progressed, all working together to just get the job done while the activities unfolded.

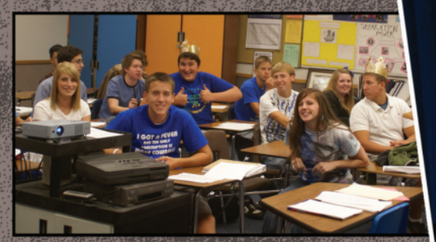
We are very fortunate to be here at Bingham as we continue through another outstanding year in providing a quality educational experience for our students. Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you do and for how you work together at Bingham High School. It's a great day and year to be a Miner!!! (22)


Football Haka


WWII Skit


Opening Time Capsule


Open House


Classroom Celebration


James Shurtleff


Tom Owen


Glen Beere


Memorabilia Sales


Robert Day


Open House
1940s Alumni


Denni Carlisle


Ray Jenson


Jolene Jolley

Football Celebrations

Just three days after its Centennial birthday bash, Bingham played Jordan High School (the Miner's oldest sports rival) for Bingham's Centennial football game on the Miner's newly remodeled field. *The Deseret News* announced the following about the historic event:

Bingham High will celebrate its Centennial as a school and dedicate its refurbished football stadium on Friday when it hosts Jordan, and the Miners hope to have a host of former Bingham High football players on hand to enjoy the festivities.

Bingham's football program will be honoring former players throughout 2008 starting with players from 1962 and earlier (the years of Coaches Santistevan and Schick) on Friday…

Also at halftime, Bingham will dedicate its newly renovated stadium, which will be officially renamed Ron Thorne Stadium. The sparkling facility now features a digital scoreboard and a new turf field, among other amenities.

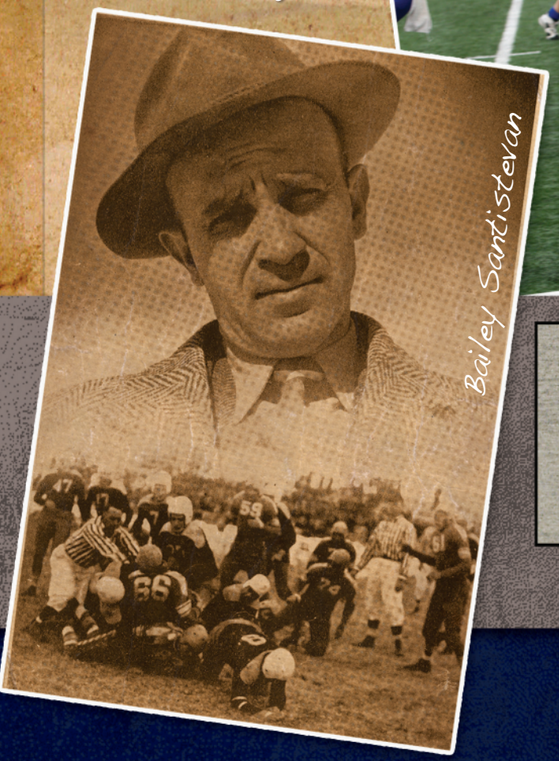
Construction on the project took slightly longer than expected and forced Bingham to shift its home opener against Skyline to Skyline High, but the field will be ready for this Friday's game. (23)

Miners were also playing for the first time on their new field, celebrating the school's 100th anniversary and welcoming back the program's oldest alumni.

"There was a lot of pressure on this weekend," said L.T. Filiaga, who had two sacks in Bingham's 27-7 victory over Jordan. "But we just got together as a team before the game, cleared our minds and just thought about the game. I was relieved to win for the alumni." (24)




Centennial Game / Jordan


Bailey Santistevan

THE NEW STADIUM WAS OFFICIALLY DEDICATED...

As part of Jordan's Centennial Celebration in 2007, Bingham played the Beetdiggers in football and basketball. For the Miner's Centennial in 2008, Jordan returned the favor by playing Centennial games at Bingham. The games took on a special flavor as the teams outfitted themselves in retro uniforms. After suffering a heartbreaking 35 to 36 loss during Jordan's 2007 Centennial game (which had to be played at Bingham due to construction delays on Jordan's new turf field), the Miner gridders handily defeated the Beetdiggers at Bingham's 2008 centennial contest. Reporters wrote the following about the event:

If facing one of the best teams in the state wasn't enough pressure, the Bingham

During the game's halftime festivities, Bingham's first football coaches Bailey Santistevan (1928-1954) and Delmar Schick (1954-1962) were honored for their pioneering contributions to Bingham sports. The deceased coaches were represented by family members who, along with former players of the legendary football mentors, were introduced to the cheering crowd. (Bingham's six other coaches, who served from 1962 to 2008, and their players were honored at subsequent home games.) After honoring Bingham's football legends, the new stadium was officially dedicated and christened Ron Thorne Field. A fireworks display at the game's conclusion provided the perfect backdrop for the week's celebrations.



1969 Warmup Shirt


1940s Miner Football


Football Champions 1941




2008 Football

Centennial Homecoming

Homecoming at Bingham has always been rich in tradition as Miner alumni return home to participate in an activity-filled week culminating with the Homecoming football game and dance. The Miners' Centennial Homecoming festivities included the traditional activities and more. The week began on September 30 with the traditional Homecoming assembly. The assembly program was summarized by the Bingham High newsletter as follows:

As is traditional at Bingham High School each year, we honor a past graduate with induction into the "Pay Dirt Club." The inductees are people who have had success within their chosen field and within their community. As part of the ceremony, they—along with the current student body officers—wear a miner's hard hat and strike a drill bit placed on a rock from Bingham Canyon. This symbolizes a miner hitting pay dirt. This year's recipients are Randy Brinkerhoff (Class of 1964) and Reid Tateoka (Class of 1972)…

Lowell Hicks, the oldest living faculty member and composer of the school hymn (1953), entertained the students and guests with a lively rendition of "Dreams of Bingham High" which he played on the marimba. Mr. Hicks, who will be 95 years young in December, showed us what 80 years of practice will do for your talents. The daughters of Jack Smith, who wrote the words to our school song by winning a competition held in 1930, led the student body in the singing of the song in honor of their father.

We were also honored to have the oldest living alumni, Sophie Piedmont, in attendance. She graduated with the


Jack Smith's Daughters


Jack Smith

Lowell Hicks

MR. HICKS SHOWED US WHAT 80 YEARS OF PRACTICE WILL DO FOR YOUR TALENTS


Striking Pay Dirt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Randy Brinkerhoff


Alumni Entertainment



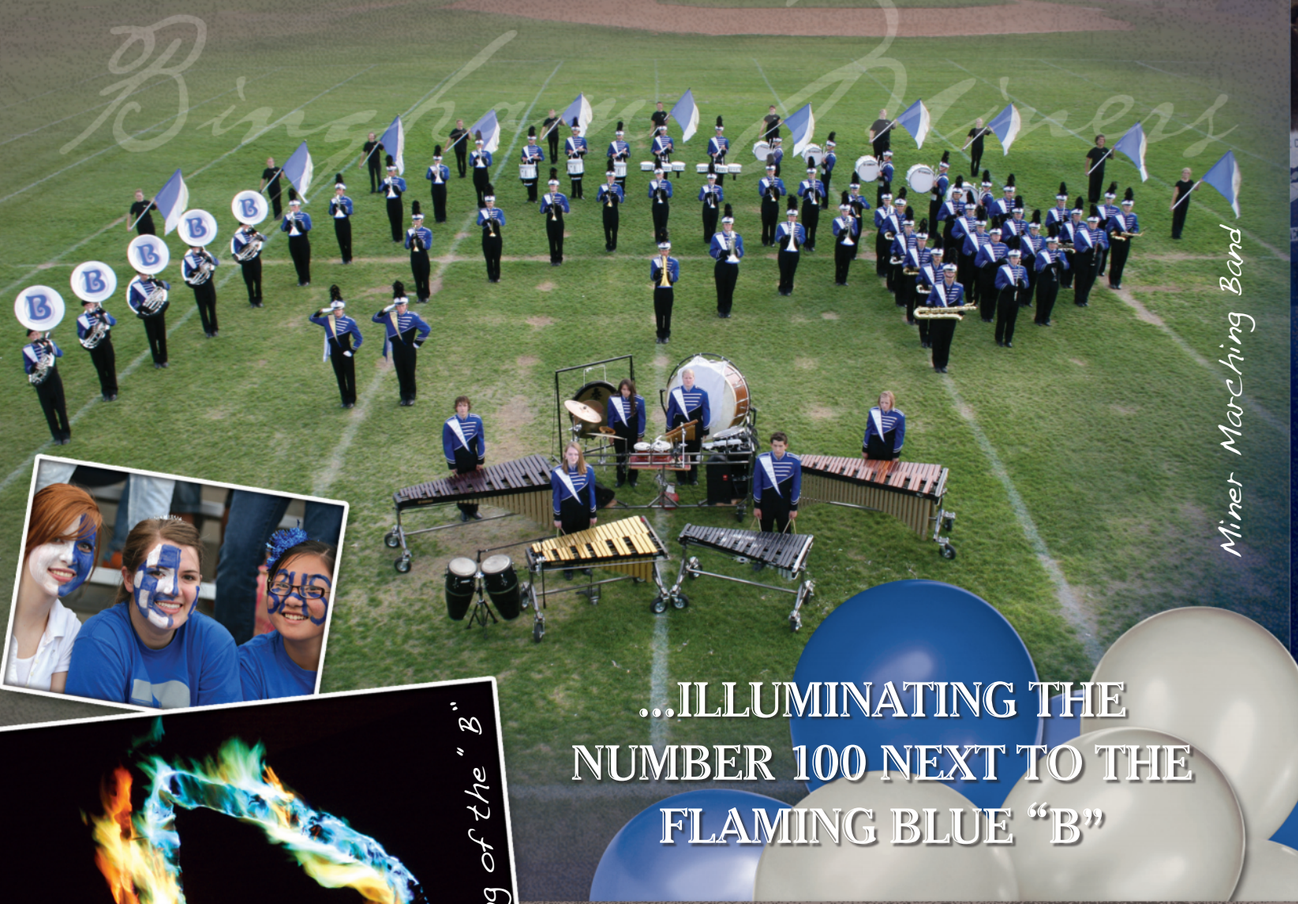

Sophia Piedmont


Royalty Contestants


Mr. Hicks Playing School Hymn


Homecoming Royalty


Pay Dirt Club Members



Miner Marching Band



Centennial Burning of the "B"

...ILLUMINATING THE NUMBER 100 NEXT TO THE FLAMING BLUE "B"



Class of 1929 and is 98 years old. As part of the Centennial year we invited back past "Pay Dirt" recipients and the 12 in attendance were introduced during the assembly…

The candidates for homecoming royalty were introduced and the students voted for their favorites as they left the assembly. (25)

The night pep rally and burning of the "B" were held on Wednesday immediately following the battle of the bands. An additional feature of the centennial burning of the "B" was illuminating the number 100 next to the flaming blue "B." The week's enthusiasm reached its peak on Friday at the traditional football game played against Kearns. The Miner gridders would not disappoint the Homecoming celebrants by clubbing the Cougars 42 to 10. The halftime extravaganza featured the BHS Marching Band, the cheerleaders, Minerettes, Dance Company, and the announcement of the Homecoming Royalty. A special addition to the halftime events was the introduction of past Homecoming Queens, Miss Coppertonian Yearbook Queens, cheerleaders, yell leaders, and student body and class officers who attended centennial reunions before or after the football game.

The week concluded when students and alumni, dressed in their best dress, danced the night away at the Saturday Homecoming Dance. Homecoming proved to be a popular Centennial activity. One senior was so excited seeing so many famous Binghamites from the past. He felt that meeting Bingham legends like Lowell Hicks gave meaning to events that happened so long ago and increased his pride in Bingham High. He was impressed that Mr. Hicks still had so much pride in Bingham High that he returned to our school at age 95, over 55 years after he wrote the school hymn. (26) All these activities helped make Homecoming Week a magic and memorable part of the Centennial Celebration.







Student Government Alumni Reunion



Miners Defeat Kearns



Cheerleaders



2008 Football



Dance Company

Basketball Celebrations

Basketball would commemorate Bingham's 100th year by playing a girls' and boys' basketball doubleheader against Jordan High School on December 12th. These games, like the football contest, were a rematch of the 2007 Jordan Centennial games. The Lady Miners dominated the Beetdiggers in a 69-45 contest interspersed with accolades for past players and coaches. At halftime five of the seven girl's basketball coaches during the program's 36 year history, Dorothy Peterson (1972-1975), Esther Halliday (1976-1979), Steve Crowther (1981-1984), Lezlie Harper (1984-1990) and Rand Rasmussen (1990-2013), were present to be honored by the overflow crowd. [Patti Read (1975-1976) and Penny Hish (1979-1981) were unable to attend.] Tip off for the boys' game was delayed to introduce many of the legends of Bingham Basketball from both ladies' and men's teams, who lined up across the Miner basketball court which was emblazoned with the large centennial seal. Halftime was extended to give accolades to two out of the three living boys' coaches, George Sluga (l969-2000), and Mark Dubach (2003-2013), as well as the late Udell Wankier (1953-1969) who was represented by his wife, Elma. [John Bosco (2000-2003) was the only living coach unable to attend.] The successes of all nine Miner mentors covering Bingham's 93 years of boys' basketball were extolled. The evening's euphoria propelled the Miner cagers to a 44 to 37 victory over the rival Beetdiggers. The *Salt Lake Tribune* summed up the evening's commemoration:

> *The pressure was on the Bingham boys' basketball team to come out with a victory over Jordan on Friday night as the school honored former players and coaches as part of Bingham's Centennial Celebration.*
>
> *Bingham High coach Mark Dubach called the opportunity to play in front of former legends of the Miners' girls' and boys' basketball programs an honor. And Dubach and Co. didn't disappoint with the Miners pulling out a late 44-37 win…*
>
> *"Being a Centennial game for the school, there was a lot of pressure on before the game," Shad Sommerville said.*
>
> *"(The coaching staff) told us to go out and make memories of our own. And I think after a rough start, we were able to do that." (27)*






Ladies Basketball






Coaches McMullin, Allsop, Wankier & Sluga


Men's Basketball



CANDLELIGHT'S 72 YEAR HISTORY

Centennial Candlelight

Bingham's Music Department had its chance to be part of the Centennial Celebration by performing a special matinee concert for the annual Candlelight Christmas programs held on December 13, 15, and 16. Alumni and past directors, LeAnna Willmore (1991-1999), Maureen Hatch (1999-2008), and Richard Anderson (1964-1974) along with current directors, Jim Thompson, Darin Graber, and Kerrin Gates performed a series of numbers that were parts of past programs in the Candlelight's 72 year history. Audience favorites included: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Fum, Fum, Fum." Chris Bair (Class of 2006) performed a trumpet solo of "O Holy Night." The current musical groups presented the majority of the matinee's numbers and all of the selections at the concerts on the 15th and 16th. The alumni also joined the current groups in the traditional performance of the Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah" at the end of the Candlelight program. The alumni choir proved to be a huge success as former students and music directors not only had the opportunity to perform together again, but they were able to return to Bingham and renew past friendships while enhancing the Centennial Celebration with their talents. Many choir members expressed their disappointment that they were not scheduled to perform at the other two Candlelight concerts. Nevertheless, long after the concert was completed, alumni could be seen taking group pictures, visiting classmates and teachers, and reliving their memories of Bingham's past 100 years.









Alumni Choir



Bell Choir



Percussion Ensemble



Patriotic Assembly

On February 20, as part of the Centennial Celebration, Bingham held a patriotic assembly to honor Bingham graduates who served their country in conflicts spanning from World War I to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. The auditorium was packed with over 1700 students who turned to watch as 100 American flags were marched into the room by the student officers and members of other student organizations. The flags lined the wall as soldiers from the National Guard posted the national and state flags on the stage. The posting lasted about five minutes during which time one could hear a pin drop. The A'Cappella Choir and Bingham Symphony performed the national anthem after which a special faculty choir sang "God Bless the USA."

Students then heard about and from Bingham alumni who had defended their country during times of war. Scott Kramer (Class of 1999) described what his Bingham education meant to him physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as he served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Robert Cowdell (Class of 1948) narrated a few of his experiences in World War II. He told a story of how a Bingham teacher inspired him to improve his artistic skills and to set goals, and how, 62 years later, at the age of 80, he completed an oil painting. He emotionally explained what graduating from Bingham High meant to him when he and other World War II veterans, who left for the war before completing all their high school credits, were invited back to Bingham in 2002 to receive their long delayed Bingham High School diploma. Finally, General John Matthews (Class of 1950) described his experiences as a pilot in Vietnam and how his Bingham education shaped his life. He explained how proud he was representing Bingham all over the world during his military service.



Flag Bearers

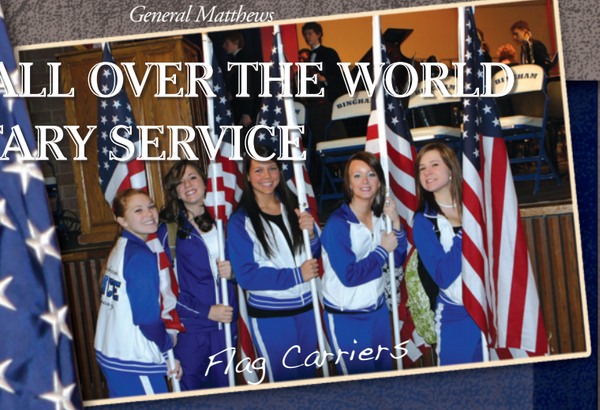






General Matthews





REPRESENTING BINGHAM ALL OVER THE WORLD DURING HIS MILITARY SERVICE

After Bingham graduate, Gary Sorenson (Class of 1993), sang a moving musical montage of patriotic songs, the audience was treated to a special patriotic message sent from Afghanistan by serviceman Mario Gil, the father of Bingham student Nichole Gil. The assembly concluded with a stirring rendition of "America the Beautiful" by over 200 students in the A'Cappella Choir and Bingham Symphony, after which the traditional singing of the school hymn was performed by the Madrigals.





Robert Cowdell





Gary Sorenson



The effect of the assembly was profound. Few left the auditorium without a greater appreciation of their school, their country, and their freedoms. For many, the Patriotic Assembly created some of the longest lasting impressions of the Centennial year. One student commented that it made him feel a part of something larger than himself. By having Bingham veterans participate, it personalized world events by linking Bingham High and its students to the world scene and to our nation's conflicts since World War I. He felt proud to be an American, a Miner, and a part of the 100 years of tradition that Bingham High offered. (28) A staff member who was emotionally moved by the opening flag ceremony left the assembly appreciating to a greater degree that America was the land of the free because of the heroic actions of the brave. (29) An administrator remarked that he felt a spirit of reverence at the assembly that he had never encountered before at a high school assembly. (30) Yet another administrator recalled that the patriotic feeling that came across during that hour was the most incredible moment he had experienced in any Bingham assembly with the possible exception of the assembly held in 2002 to award BHS diplomas to World War II veterans. (31) Principal Hicks summed up the feeling of the day when he wrote:

> *I am so very proud of our students for their engagement, support, courtesy, and respect, and how well they represent and promote the legacy of "Bingham Spirit and Pride." Without exception, our special guests in the audience were amazed with the program, but they were astounded at how well the program was received and appreciated by our students. (32)*

Minerette Showcase & Spring Open House

Reunions for performing groups and clubs were held throughout the Centennial year. The Minerette Showcase held in April was the official reunion for one of Bingham's oldest and most prominent lady's organizations. The Minerettes' history dates back to 1929, when it was a pep club and marching group. It evolved in the late 1970s to the competitive drill team it is today. The current Minerettes performed their showcase program featuring popular performance numbers from the past year. Between performances Minerettes from various decades, dating back to the 1940s, were introduced. After the program Minerettes, both present and past, socialized at a reception where they received a Centennial pin from Principal Hicks.

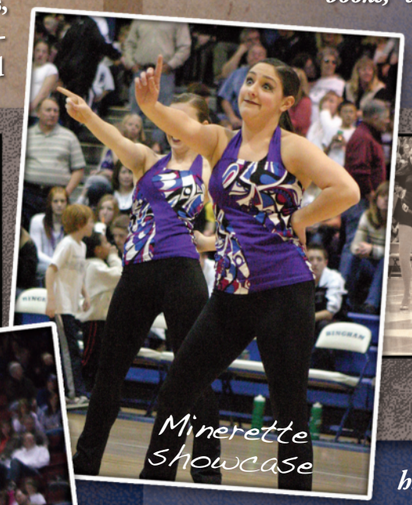
On Thursday, May 7, a spring open house at Bingham High School was held to give a final opportunity to parents, alumni, and community members to tour the school. This second open house was held to allow those who missed the September 9th Birthday Party to see what was new at Bingham High during the Centennial year. The following advertisement was featured in Miner Details, the alumni newsletter:

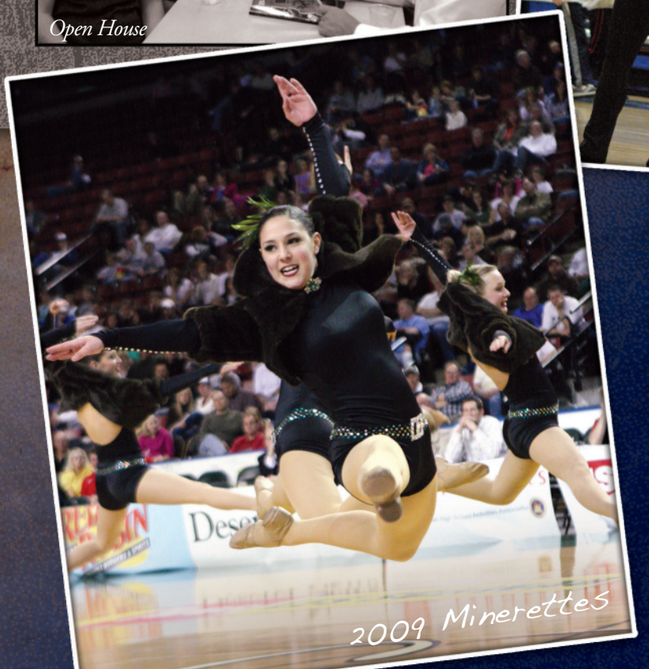
This is your final opportunity to be a part of the Centennial Celebration! There will be displays of school history books, student body history books (compiled by the student body historian each year), and decades display cases. The DVD that was presented at the fall birthday party will be shown again and will be available for purchase. The DVD covers the history of Bingham High School through pictures, slides, and narration.

Prices on all remaining Centennial memorabilia (shirts, coins, key chains, etc.) have been reduced. The Centennial history of Bingham High School by Scott Crump will be available. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the Centennial year. (33)

Although there were not as many guests in attendance at the Spring Open House as there were at the Open House held for the September 9th Birthday Party, everyone enjoyed taking the student government-led tours, watching the historical slide show in the auditorium, and seeing for themselves the many traditions that had been kept alive at the high school. A Senior Class Officer reported that one of her favorite activities of the Centennial Celebration was taking alumni on tours of the building. She exclaimed that she got so excited seeing their faces light up when they saw something familiar from their high school years. (34)


Open House


Minerette showcase


2009 Minerettes




Open House



Open House - Memorabilia Table




Minerette Performance



THE MINERETTES' HISTORY DATES BACK TO 1929

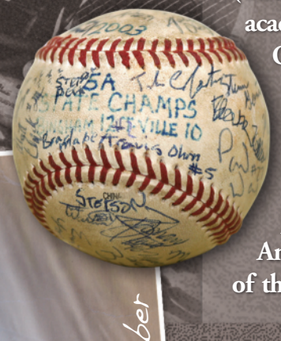


Champions' Assembly

One of the last centennial events was the Champions' Assembly held on May 13th. Originally planned as a celebration of baseball, the assembly was expanded to honor the champions of all the school's sports and academic teams. All current Bingham High School competitive teams from Academic Decathlon to Volleyball were seated in the front rows of the auditorium. (The 48 teams present represented 21 sports, two academic teams, the cheerleaders, and Special Olympics teams.) Since only one assembly was planned and hundreds of special guests and alumni were in attendance, extra seats were placed in the aisles and in front of the stage to accommodate the nearly 2000 present. After the playing of the National Anthem by the Bingham Pep Band, the theme of the assembly was introduced by the showing of a video clip highlighting "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," America's number one song when Bingham High was founded in September 1908. Students were led in a sing along of that song by Darin Graber, the BHS Band Director, who played the tune like he once did on an organ at a minor league baseball park. Clips of triumphal moments from Hollywood baseball movies—*Field of Dreams, Sand Lot, Pride of the Yankees, the Natural, American Pastime* (filmed partially at the old Bingham High baseball field) and others—were interspersed between the introductions of the current fall, winter, and spring competitive teams and their coaches, as well as in breaks throughout the entire program.



TO HONOR THE CHAMPIONS OF ALL THE SCHOOL'S SPORTS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS











1947 Baseball



2006 State Football Champions



1983 Golf Champions



1993 State Softball Champions



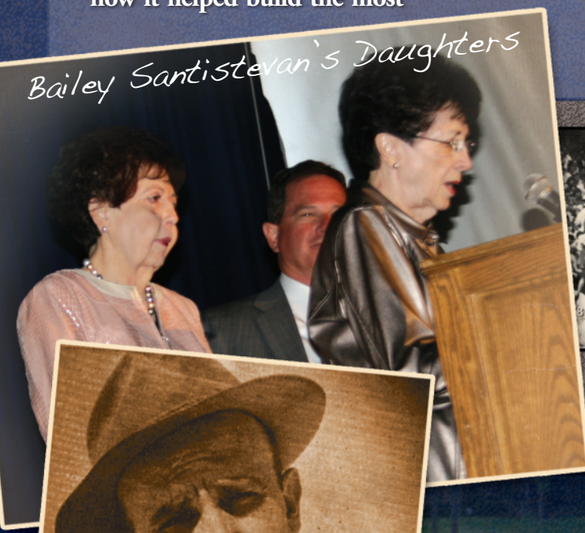






Bingham Miners

A highlight of the Champion's Assembly was the introduction of Bingham's nine former baseball coaches or their representatives. Nanette Noble and Susan Christiansen, the daughters of Bailey Santistevan (1928-1954), Bingham's second baseball coach, represented their father and spoke about his pioneering efforts in laying the foundations of the Miner baseball. They told about his little league program (one of the first in Utah) known as the Eskimo Pie League, how it trained young Miners in the fundamentals of baseball, and how it helped build the most successful baseball program in Utah history. Students who played for the legendary baseball mentor were referred to as "Bailey's Boys." (35) A roar of applause shook the auditorium when all of "Bailey's Boys" in the audience were asked to stand and be recognized. The accomplishments of the other head coaches, Tommy McMullin (Bingham's deceased first coach), Delmar Schick (deceased and represented by his wife, Maxine), Mickey Culletin (deceased), Udell Wankier (deceased and represented by his son, Steve), George Sluga, Albert "Sonny" Sudbury, Brad Bevan, and Joey Sato were all lauded. Coach Sato speaking on behalf of all the coaches paid tribute to Coach







1978 Champions



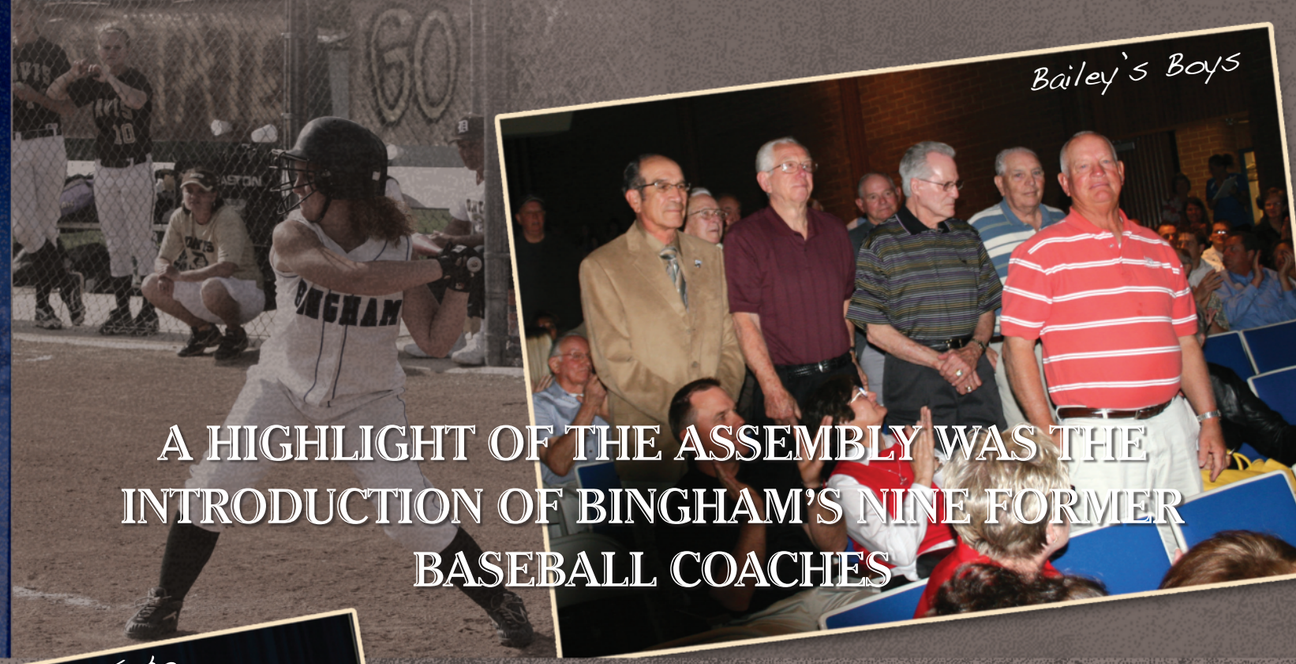
1977 State Basketball Champions

Santistevan (after whom the Bingham baseball field is named):

I know that from Coach Santistevan on, coaches here at Bingham, in all programs whether athletic, academic or other, have tried to follow his lead to positively influence the lives of their students, hoping to teach more about life's lessons than worry too much about the wins and losses.

We have been fortunate here at Bingham in more recent years following Coach Santistevan to have had baseball coaches such as Coach Del Schick, Coach George Sluga, Coach Sonny Sudbury, and Coach Brad Bevan. I have had the opportunity to know all of these men personally and have had the privilege of playing for or coaching along side of them. I can attest that they continued the legacy of instilling a passion for the game and taught many life lessons along the way. They have had a great influence on the lives of many of their players. It has been an honor to have learned from their examples…

We are all lucky to call ourselves Bingham Miners. We are so very fortunate to be a part of the rich traditions of success and excellence associated with Bingham High School. There is something special about Bingham High that started so many years ago in Bingham Canyon and has made its way down to this place in South Jordan. What makes it special? It's you the students; it's the administration, teachers and staff. It's the fabulous alumni, many of whom have joined us today. It's all of us together. We are so lucky to be a part of the great traditions built over the past 100 years, and we hope that we will continue to add to them as the years continue. (36)



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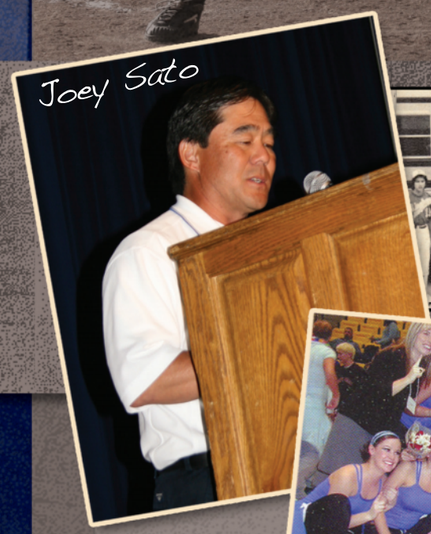




1974 State Baseball Champions



2005 National Champions



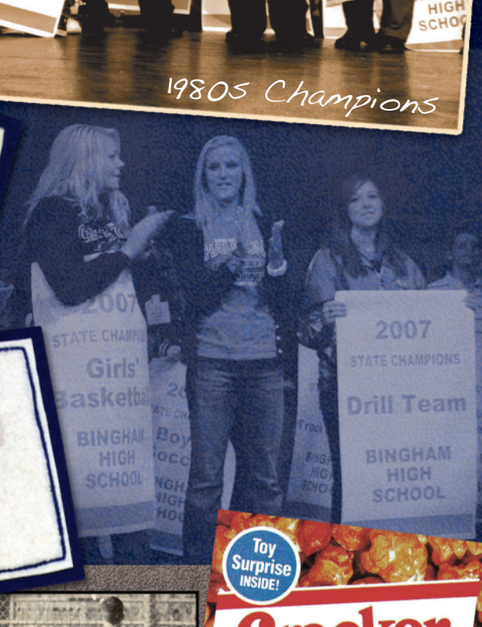
After the introduction of the spring sports teams, a slide show with pictures of each of Bingham's state championship teams (labeled with the sport or academic teams' championship year), beginning with the 1932 state champion baseball team, were shown on the big screen on the center of the stage. The most magic moment of the entire program came at the conclusion of the slides when the screen was rolled up and the curtains opened to reveal members from each of Bingham's state championship teams holding a banner like those hanging on the walls of the gymnasium or auditorium. Then each team (or a relative of a team member if all the team members were deceased) starting from the 1932 state champions and ending with the champions from 2008, stepped forward one at a time and were introduced to the cheering crowd. It was an emotional moment that will never be forgotten. All the champions stood on the stage as the Madrigal Choir sang the school hymn to end the assembly. As the students exited the auditorium, smiles and satisfaction could be seen on each face as everyone in attendance was given a box of Cracker Jacks and a coupon for a free "Bingham Burger" lunch in the school cafeteria. The alumni present retired to the library where they ate lunch, renewed old friendships, and relived championship feats of times long past.

Bingham's Miners had just experienced another amazing event of the Centennial year. One administrator remarked that he enjoyed the Champion's Assembly the most because all Bingham's history was represented in the program, and it exhibited Bingham's excellence in all competitive events. (37) An alumna was impressed to see the hundreds of other alumni present, many of whom had the same excitement and enthusiasm as the high school students, who took time off work or other activities to come back to Bingham High for just a few minutes on the stage. She was impressed that Bingham meant so much to them so many years after they had graduated. (38) Another alumnus was so impressed with what he saw that he wanted to become a part of it. He applied for a teaching job at Bingham and was hired the next fall. (39) Most students gained a greater appreciation of what it meant to become a champion and received motivation to maintain the high standards of the past. (40)



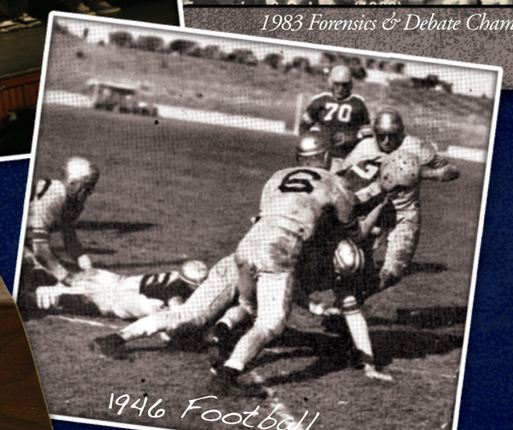
1980s Champions












1983 Forensics & Debate Champions


1992 Softball Champions


2001 Soccer Champions





The Celebration Concludes - Graduation 2009

Bingham's Centennial Celebration concluded in June 2009, at the same place it commenced—the David O. McKay Special Events Center at Utah Valley University. The university was the site of Bingham High School's 101st Commencement and graduation day for the Class of 2009. The senior class chose for their commencement theme a quote by Josh Hinds, "Set out each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt that you were made for amazing things. "Amazing Things," was an appropriate theme to describe not only the accomplishments of the 777 graduating seniors, but the accomplishments and effects of the Centennial Celebration as well. The school newsletter paid tribute to the Class of 2009 and the year's events with this note:

This is an incredible and talented group of students who already have and will continue to accomplish "amazing things." They have had the unique privilege of being the Centennial graduating class and being participants in Centennial activities that will not happen again. They have filled Bingham High School with their zest for life and enthusiasm for "all things Bingham." When they leave, it will definitely leave a hole, but it is encouraging to see these young people so prepared and ready to take on the challenge of making a difference in the world. We honor them as they graduate. This is their day! They are the "now" in our Centennial theme, "Then, Now, Always." They have left their mark and even though they will not be walking the halls of Bingham High School next year, we will remember them… Our seniors have entertained us with beautiful music, incredible acting, outstanding athletics, and made us proud as they have achieved amazing things in academics… We wish our graduates much success as they leave and hope that they will always remember these three brief but wonderful years. (41)











New Graduates



Graduation March

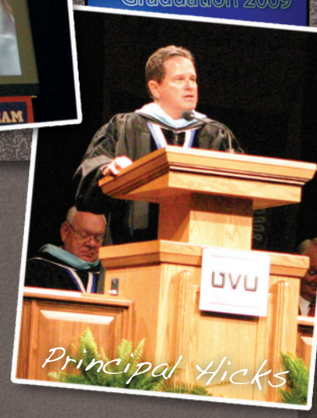


Commencement Choir









SET OUT EACH DAY BELIEVING IN YOUR DREAMS

These accomplishments were the subject of all the commencement speakers. Addresses by Brittany Aurich, Senior Class President, and Josh Harmer, Senior Class Valedictorian, recalled the history and progress of the Class of 2009. Principal Hicks spoke about the successes of the Senior Class in the three areas of educational achievement: academics, activities, and athletics, singling out specific students, groups, and teams for special recognition. He also honored those teachers and alumni who helped to make the year's Centennial activities possible. Jordan District school board member Randy Brinkerhoff, a 1964 Bingham High graduate, also recognized the seniors and thanked all involved for the positive effects of the Centennial on the entire community. As Linda Sandstrom, Centennial chair, was listening to the graduation program from her vantage point on the stand during the Centennial Celebration's last day, she felt a deep sense of elation. Her elation was not only for the successful completion of a year that had connected the school and the community with their past and had united them like no other, but that elation was for much more. As she watched the graduates in their caps and gowns bedecked with Centennial medallions and pins passing by her with smiles on their faces and diplomas in their hands, she also realized that this was what the high school experience was all about. She recognized that her efforts to enrich Bingham High School and to make this an enhanced experience for every student were well worthwhile. (42) Seeing young adults doing amazing things, achieving their dreams, and being recognized for these achievements, was a fitting conclusion for Bingham High School's Centennial year.

BINGHAM 1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.

The Second Hundred Years

As the Class of 2009 excitedly moved their tassels from the right side of their mortarboards to the left side and the sounds of the graduates' euphoric cheers slowly died out, the curtains reluctantly closed on Bingham's Centennial Celebration. Joining the seniors in celebration were the members of the Centennial Committee. Bingham's celebration of a century had been completed, and the committee's mission of bringing together Bingham Miners of every kind to remind, inform, and inspire them about Bingham's traditions and accomplishments had been met. Its effects upon the students had exceeded all expectations. Appreciation was given to the Centennial Committee members for their countless hours of planning and dedication over the last few years. All were deeply grateful for the efforts of hundreds of students, teachers, staff, and alumni who had made it all possible.

Committee Chair Linda Sandstrom, in commenting on the Celebration's success, stated that the Centennial showed that Bingham High School cared about its history and that it raised the students' pride a notch by giving them a sense of continuity with their rich past. She was thrilled at the number of alumni who came back to the school and discovered the many material items and traditions saved from the old schools. She remarked that alumni were made aware of not only the happenings at Bingham High School, but the high quality of the students who attend Bingham today. (43)

Jolene Jolley (former principal and committee member) echoed these sentiments, adding that students and teachers had learned that Bingham had an incredible story. This knowledge gave them roots, knowing where they came from. She exclaimed that every facet of Bingham High School was touched by a Centennial activity and that the Centennial helped to unify the students and community like nothing she had ever witnessed. She continued by saying that just going to class, socializing, participating in activities, and doing homework did not do it. It takes more, and the Centennial had helped to accomplish the task. (44)

Joey Sato (Class of 1974 and teacher) was glad to see that Bingham's history and traditions had been brought back to the front. He was deeply satisfied that both students and teachers gained a better appreciation of Bingham, and he was convinced that they would continue to tell Centennial stories for many years in the future. He predicted that the Centennial would become a major benchmark in Bingham's history and a springboard for the future. (45)









Whitewashing the "B"



Principal Jolley



Marilyn Richards & Linda Sandstrom





Joey Sato





Margaret Pratt (English Department Chair) also felt that the Centennial was successful in instilling Bingham's rich culture, not only into the lives of students, but also the community. She said it unified the community and established Bingham High School as a South Jordan school. As she read press releases and attended Centennial events, her pride in Bingham grew, and she was happy to say, "I'm a Bingham Miner," and to claim Bingham as her school. (46)

Marilyn Richards (Alumni Foundation President) commented that the Centennial brought a new level of excitement and energy to Bingham High. Throughout the year, she observed many alumni reminiscing about Bingham's past and noticed that students took a great deal of interest in these stories. Through these stories and other Centennial events, students became aware of their history and Bingham's legacy. This brought additional pride in the school and helped revitalize all facets of school life. She compared each of the graduating classes of Bingham High to links on a chain and was elated that the Centennial provided the link that closed the chain helping to unify current students and alumni like no other event she had seen. (47)





Margaret Pratt



Copperton Bingham High School









End of Birthday Celebration



1946 Yearbook Staff

Principal Tom Hicks recalled that the Centennial Celebration exceeded expectations all year. Student respect, thoughtfulness, and courtesy were all at an all-time high. He witnessed the celebration touching the lives of thousands of people bringing back memories, rekindling forgotten feelings, and connecting students with their past. He believed that Bingham's culture was a powerful force—with almost a tangible feeling. He predicted that students participating in the Centennial would always remember its power and the connection they made during the year. He charged the Class of 2009 to never let the spirit of the Centennial die and to give something back to Bingham High. As a result, he said that he would be expecting big things in the future. He concluded by stating that long after we were all gone, the Centennial will continue to affect the future. He did not know exactly where it would go, but he never wanted it to end. Celebrations like the Centennial would keep the Bingham spirit and culture going. Historical projects and traditions would keep it going. They all establish our connection with the past and that is the power of Bingham. (48)

BINGHAM 1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.

Students had similar memories of the Centennial. A.J. Bronson (2010 Senior Class President) stated that seeing the many alumni who came back to the school gave history meaning. "I now see Bingham as a home, it is my Bingham." To him the Centennial gave the slogan "Bingham Then, Now and Always" new meaning. (49) Daniel Shackelford (Class of 2009) remarked that the Centennial made Bingham High special. "It increased my pride learning the history of Bingham and seeing the people who made it." He said that even though he had graduated, he still felt a part of Bingham and wanted to give back. (50) Michael Christensen (2009 Student Body Officer) recalled that the year's emphasis on history added to his pride of Bingham and that it would always be a year to remember. (51) Jason Sara (2009 Student Body Officer) commented that the students were united, loved learning about Bingham's history, and enjoyed meeting alumni. (52) Stephanie Tobias (2009 Class Officer) exclaimed that she loved the way that the Centennial brought the community together—students, teachers, parents, and alumni. She recalled, "It involved all our school's organizations and linked us to our past." (53) Finally Bradley Klekas (2010 Class Officer) said, "The Centennial gave me my first appreciation for our rich past. I want to keep up the momentum it gave our school. It gave me a new vision of what we as a school can become—of what our potential can be." (54)


1940s SBOs


2009 SBOs

Most students gained a deeper respect for Bingham High and felt it was a privilege to be a student at the school during the Centennial year. Others expressed the idea that because of the year's events, they realized that Bingham was not just an ordinary school: it was an extraordinary school. This feeling gave birth to the new Centennial saying, "This is Bingham." This implied that standards and expectations are higher at Bingham so students need to raise the bar in all that they accomplish. Students, teachers, alumni, and community members all agreed that the events of the Centennial year created a new spirit at Bingham High.



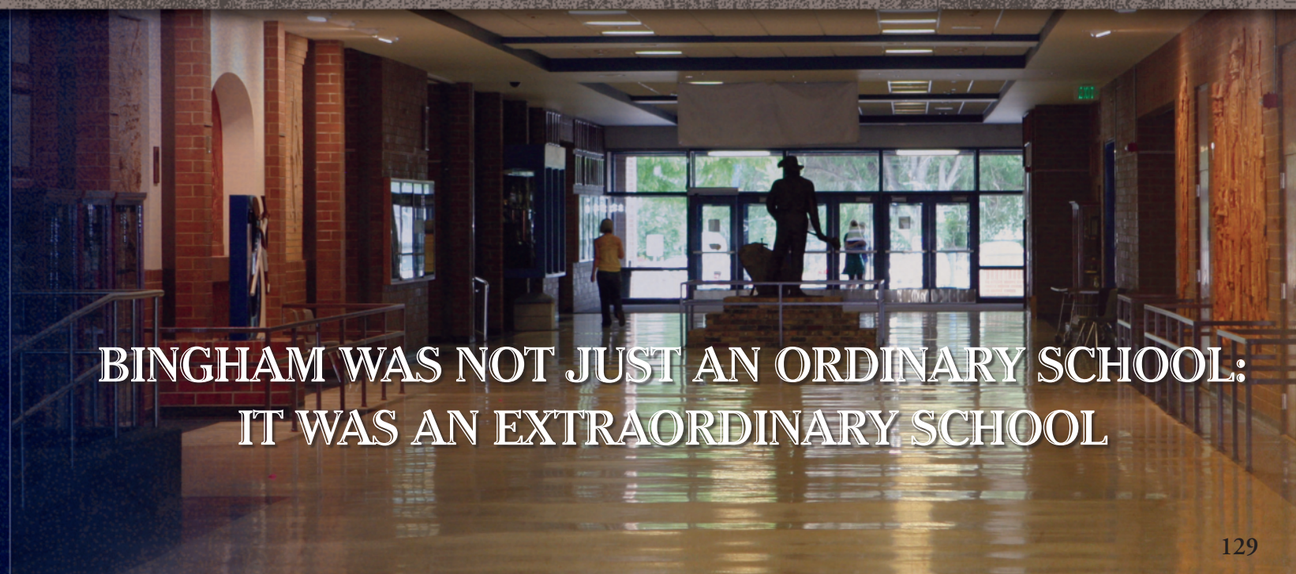

Cheerleaders


Opening Time Capsule


Centennial Proclamation


Faculty B-Day Luncheon


Battle of the Bands



BINGHAM WAS NOT JUST AN ORDINARY SCHOOL: IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL

H. R. Atkin, principal at Bingham from 1924-1930 described it best when he wrote the following in the 1925 *Coppertonian* just before the high school moved to a new building in Bingham Canyon:

Then too, a new spirit is being born at Bingham High School… Bingham High School is in itself one of the great high schools of the state. This new spirit will continue to grow next year and will be a vital factor in the progress and development of our school. In conclusion I wish to state that with the same sort of united and cooperative effort that has been manifested this year—next year will be the most prosperous and progressive year that Bingham High School has ever known. That this dream will become a reality, I have no doubt. (55)



It was hoped that Bingham could take what it gained from the Centennial year and build on it for years to come as Miners continued to celebrate Bingham, "Then, Now, and Always!"

The day after graduation, Bingham's teachers finished their school year and checked out with the principal. As a way to give faculty members a lasting memory of the Centennial and to thank them for their participation in the year's events, Principal Hicks presented each one with a nickel minted in 1908. He informed each recipient that the nickel's composition was 61% copper, some of which most likely came from Bingham Canyon. He also added that someone who lived in Bingham High's inaugural year had probably purchased something with that coin. In sharing a 1908 moment in the form of a coin, he informed the teachers that they would now have a tangible connection with the people and events they had just celebrated. Yes, the nickel would be a constant reminder of 1908 and the life and times of Bingham's Miners in their founding year. It would also be a souvenir of the Centennial Celebration that helped teach Miners of all ages about their roots in that great melting pot of Bingham Canyon. The Centennial Celebration itself is a lasting memory to the thousands of Miners who participated in its many events. It will forever remind all involved that not only has Bingham High School played an important part in the lives of Miners throughout the world in its first hundred years, but that it will continue to do so in its second one hundred years. Yes, the Centennial theme Bingham "Then, Now, and Always," will forever ring true, thus making it not only a great day to be a Bingham Miner "then and now," but that it will continue to be a great day to be a Bingham Miner—always.





Copperton BHS


Utah Copper Electric Train


Copperton 1929


2009 Champions Assembly



Stadium Scoreboard



BHS #1





BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PAY DIRT RECIPIENTS

The Pay Dirt Club was started in 1976 by Linda Sandstrom when she was teaching at Bingham High School. A miner in the early days of Bingham Canyon, who struck it rich was said to have struck pay dirt. Those miners would take a mule, shovel, pick and dynamite along with a drill bit and double jack and work hundreds of hours drilling, blasting and shoveling. With a combination of hard work and a little bit of luck a miner might find a rich vein of gold, silver or copper ore. This was dirt that paid him money or pay dirt. Striking pay dirt symbolizes a successful miner.

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PAY DIRT CLUB (HALL OF FAME)

1976 **Ivy Baker Priest** (1924) Treasurer of the United States
1976 **Colonel Avery Masters** (1933) Military, colonel, served at the United States Pentagon
1976 **Dr. Andrew Contratto** (1925) Medical doctor, heart specialist in Massachusetts
1976 **Dr. Lenore Richards** (1935) Medical doctor, one of Utah's first women surgeons
1977 **Ivor Pickering** (1935) Mining Executive, Vice President of Kennecott Copper
1977 **Dr. Peter Pitchos** (1931) Law Enforcement, Sheriff of Los Angeles County, California
1978 **Theros "Ted" Speros** (1934) Businessman, manager and owner of Lamb's Café in Salt Lake
1978 **George Sluga** (1960) Educator, history teacher and coach at Bingham High
1979 **Dennis Nichols** (1963) Health care provider, acclaimed organist, and pianist
1980 **Virginia Harris Mcdonald** (1934) Educator, Bingham High dance teacher, and Minerette advisor
1980 **Mitchell Melich** (1929) Lawyer and politician, Utah State Senator, Republican candidate for governor of Utah in 1964, and solicitor in the US Department of Interior.
1981 **Harold Chesler** (1929) Businessman, manager of the Princess Theater in Bingham, owner of Salt Lake Theatre Candy Distribution Company
1981 **Pearl Milner Wagstaff** (1960) Creative artist, dance instructor, and educator
1982 **Nicholas Vidalakis** (1946) Businessman, owner and operator of the Family Center Malls
1983 **General John L. Matthews** (1950) Educator and military officer, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, teacher, and principal.
1983 **Bruce Hardy** (1974) Athlete, professional football player for the Miami Dolphins
1984 **Dr. Russell Sumnicht** (1934) Dentist, commanding officer of military dental clinics, president of International Men's Clubs
1984 **Kenneth Shulsen** (1960) State corrections administrator, warden of the Utah State Prison System.
1985 **William R. Boren** (1947) Educator, superintendent of Weber County School District, Utah State Office of Education administrator.
1985 **Fred Roberts** (1978) Athlete, professional basketball player for the NBA
1986 **Jimmy Brown** (1944) Businessman, founder and co-owner of Stevens and Brown Sports stores, served on the National Sporting Goods Board of Directors
1986 **Farley Gerber** (1978) Athlete, won the NCAA National Steeple Chase Championship
1987 **Delmar Schick** (1944)Educator and administrator, teacher and coach at Bingham High, Principal of Hillcrest High
1987 **Dr. Ned Brown** (1949) Social worker, earned PhD in social work, co-founded a drug and alcohol rehabilitation hospital
1988 **Ellen Vidalakis Furgis** (1944) Businesswoman, extensive civic involvement, and service.
1988 **Dr. John Knudsen** (1947) Doctor of Dentistry, extensive work with civic organizations, and community service
1989 **Dr. William Dale Crump** (1949) Doctor of Dentistry, school board member, service with civic organizations, author
1989 **Alta Miller** (1922) Educator and administrator, vice-president of the National Association of Child Educators
1990 **Ole Hervilla** (1928) Businessman, owner and operator of the Little River (California) Inn and Resort
1990 **Marion Dunn** (1941) Journalist, renowned sportswriter for local newspapers, and president of the National Football Writers of America
1990 **J. Cal Crump** (1947) Educator, coach, counselor, and vocational coordinator for Bingham High
1991 **Brent Overson** (1968) Politician, Utah State Senate & Chief Assessor of Salt Lake County, Salt Lake County Commissioner
1991 **Grant Pullan** (1953) Educator, assistant superintendent of Jordan School District
1992 **Cleo Groves Riley** (1942) Educator, Wyoming Teacher of the Year
1993 **Nanette Santistevan Noble** (1952) Educator, First woman Asst. Superintendent of Schools for the Jordan School District
1994 **Gordon Russell Loveless** (1942) Businessman and mechanical engineer, executive vice president, chairman, and managing director of Chicago Bridge & Iron
1994 **Ann Pachina Slattery** (1946) Athlete, nationally acclaimed bowler
1995 **Richard Dotson** (1960) Educator, college professor at Southern Utah State University, 1993-1994 Professor of the Year
1995 **John Andersen** (1942) Industrial engineer, journalist for U.S. Mining Co. and Varian Associates
1996 **Don Gust** (1950) Educator and coach at Hillcrest High for 28 years
1996 **George Addy** (1944) Educator, BYU history professor, author
1997 **John Goris** (1956) Civil engineer, U.S. Bureau of Mines researcher, selected US Mines Federal Engineer of the year
1997 **D. Tom Lovat** (1957) Educator, coach, professional football coach for the Green Bay Packers.
1998 **Denny Simkins Carlisle** (1952) Educator and administrator, principal of Bingham High (1986-1994)
1998 **Linda Long Sandstrom** (1960) Educator and administrator, principal of Alta and Hillcrest High Schools
1999 **Norma Nichols** (1928) Extensive community service, served on Primary General Board for the LDS Church, originator of the CTR ring, (Choose the Right), helped found BHS Alumni Foundation
1999 **Tom James** (1956) Businessman, President of Asset Deployment, Inc. of Southern California
2000 **Joan Beard Thompson** (1952) Lawyer and judge, one of first women to be a U.S. Federal Administrative Court judge
2000 **Anthony "Tony" J. Montoya** (1940) Social worker, promoted causes for senior citizens, wrote book, Hands Across New York, worked with groups concerned with service for the aged
2001 **Ned Miller** (1950) Businessman, CEO of long term health care facilities in California
2001 **Norbert Martinez** (1958) Businessman, originator and owner of Mama Maria's Mexican food products
2002 **Denise Parker** (1992) Athlete, won a bronze medal in Women's Archery at the 1988 Olympic games in Korea and a silver medal in the 1992 Olympic games in Spain
2002 **Greg Newbold** (1985) Artist, illustrator, nationally acclaimed graphic artist
2003 **Victor Roblez** (1946) Structural engineer, principal partner of major structural engineering firm, involved in design of many major buildings in Utah and across the nation
2003 **Harry Pappasideris** (1958) Electrical engineer and businessman, launched a number of revolutionary printing products while working at Xerox
2004 **Scott Crump** (1970) Educator, Bingham High history teacher, 2004 Utah Teacher of the Year, historian, and author
2004 **George Dimas** (1947) Social worker, originator of Hughes Act of 1970, which recognized alcoholism as a disease
2005 **Wayne Ray** (1946) Social worker, YMCA work, wrote a health and fitness column for Portland's Oregonian Newspaper and dubbed Portland's "Father of Fitness"
2005 **Richard "Dick" Peterson** (1942) Educator, science teacher, and Utah State Office of Education administrator
2006 **George Lendaris** (1970) Doctor and physical therapist, pioneer in sports medicine
2006 **James Prigmore** (1961) Musician and composer of more than 500 compositions, and musical director of the Pioneer Memorial Theater
2007 **Mark Kouris** (1979) Lawyer and judge, Utah State Court judge, assistant attorney general, assistant federal defender, and deputy district attorney
2007 **Robert Cowdell** (1948) Miner and electrician, Kennecott Copper electrical supervisor, city councilman, and extensive community service
2007 **Thomas Brown** (1948) Educator, professor of French and Italian at BYU, chairman of Honors Program, and author of numerous textbooks
2008 **Randy Brinkerhoff** (1964) Businessman, city councilman and school board member.
2008 **Reid Tateoka** (1972) Lawyer, civic leader, and mission president
2009 **Marilyn Richards** (1968) Educator and administrator, principal of South Jordan Middle and Jordan High Schools.
2009 **John Saltas** (1972) Journalist, founder, editor and publisher of Salt Lake City Weekly magazine.
2010 **Michael Bell** (1972) Lawyer and military officer.
2011 **June Holmes Garrity** (1946) Journalist, writer, designer and editor of corporate news magazines including Kennecott's *Kennescope*.
2011 **Gary L. Hatch** (1982) Educator and administrator, professor of English at BYU, chief reader of national AP English test, director of BYU Honors Program, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education
2012 **Sherman Margetts** (1971) Businessman, civic leader, and mission president.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1976 **Joel P. Jensen** – Bingham music teacher, founder of the Candlelight Service and Bingham High principal (1956-1962)
1977 **John Wheadon** – Jordan School District School Board member
1978 **Vern Baer** – Educator with 60 years of teaching experience in the Jordan School District and 43 years at Bingham High School
1979 **Donald Parr** – Educator, Bingham High principal (1962-1966), and Jordan District superintendent
1980 **George Welch** – Music teacher at Bingham High and Jordan District administrator
1981 **Thomas H. "Tommy" Mcmullin** – Educator, coach and Bingham High principal (1930-1955)
1982 **Willard & Norma Nichols** – Bingham alumni, founding members of the Alumni Foundation and Pay Dirt Committee
1983 **Beatrice Bates** – English teacher at Bingham High
1984 **Richard Gourley** – Educator and Jordan District administrator
1985 **Linda Sandstrom** – English and Psychology teacher at Bingham High, Bingham and Jordan District administrator
1986 **Elma Wankier** – English teacher at Bingham High
1987 **Maurine C. Jensen** – Jordan District School Board member
1988 **Nell Peterson** – English teacher at Bingham High
1989 **Verna W. Jones** – Home Economics teacher at Bingham for 39 years
1989 **James W. Bingham** – Bingham High chemistry teacher
1990 **Richard Anderson** – Bingham High music teacher
1991 **Lowell Hicks** – Bingham High music teacher who wrote the music for Bingham's school hymn
1991 **Bailey Santisteven** – P.E. teacher and baseball and football coach at Bingham
1992 **Otto Carpenter** – Custodian at Bingham High
1993 **Warren "Sonny" Allsop** – P.E. teacher and basketball coach at Bingham High
1994 **Robert Day** – Educator and Bingham High principal (1980-1986)
1995 **Paul R. Newton** – Mathematics teacher at Bingham High
1996 **Tom Pazell** – Social Studies teacher and administrator at Bingham High
1997 **Lamar Wanberg** – Head custodian at Bingham
1998 **Ray Jenson** – Educator and Bingham High principal (1994-1998)
1999 **Glen Bateman** – Spanish teacher at Bingham High and Jordan School District administrator
2000 **Jackie Christensen** – Home Economics teacher at Bingham High and president of the Jordan Education Association
2001 **Ron Thorne** – Educator, home builder and Bingham High booster, president of Salt Lake and Utah Home Builders Associations
2002 **Jean Newman** – Secretary at Bingham High
2003 **Jack Smith** – Bingham High graduate (1931), wrote words to school song "Bingham Sons & Daughters"
2004 **Dorothy Peterson** – Teacher and coach at Bingham High, started Bingham's girls' sports program
2005 **Tom Hicks** – Educator and Bingham High principal (1998-2005, 2008-2013)
2006 **Jenae Cobbley** – Secretary at Bingham High
2007 **Yvonne Cardwell** – Counselor at Bingham High
2008 **Jo Jolley** – Educator and Bingham High principal (2005-2008)
2009 **Jim Bridge** – English teacher at Bingham High
2010 **Esther Halliday** – Teacher and coach at Bingham High
2011 **Larry Brown** – Physical therapist and trainer for the Bingham High sports teams (1979-2000)
2012 **Dennis Edmonds** – administrator, teacher, and debate coach at Bingham High.
2012 **Charles "Chuck" and Tanya Shoemaker** – Bingham High Booster Club president and assistant for 7 years.

BINGHAM 1908-2008 Centennial 100 yrs.



BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CALENDAR (2008-2009)

Sept. 9	Bingham High's Birthday Celebration (BHS opened on September 9, 1908)	
	Centennial Assemblies	8:45 am
	The assemblies will honor Bingham's proud past and celebrate Bingham's100th birthday. All Bingham's former principals will be invited to attend and will be honored (alumni are invited to come to the evening assembly)	10:00 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm
	Tours of the high school will be conducted throughout the day	
Sept. 12	Centennial Football Game (Jordan at Bingham)	7:00 pm
	Dedication of new stadium	
Sept. 25	Football Game (West Jordan at Bingham)	7:00 pm
	Honoring former coaches and alumni football players in Bingham's early years	
Sept. 30	Homecoming Assembly	8:45 am 10:00 am
	All inductees of the Pay Dirt Club (Hall of Fame) are invited to be honored at the assemblies	
Oct. 1	Traditional Burning of the "B"	
	Homecoming Pep Rally (after the sophomore football game)	
Oct. 2	Homecoming football game (Kearns at Bingham)	7:00 pm
	Reception for alumni cheerleaders, song leaders, homecoming queens and Miss Coppertonian queens	5:30 pm
Oct. 3	Centennial Homecoming Dance BHS Gymnasium	7:00 pm
Oct. 15	Football Game (Hunter at Bingham)	7:00 pm
	Former coaches and alumni to be honored	
Dec. 12	Centennial Basketball Games (Jordan at Bingham)	
	Girls' game	5:30 pm
	Boys' game	7:30 pm
	All former coaches and alumni basketball players are invited to attend	
Dec. 13	Centennial Candlelight Christmas Concert (All alumni are invited to attend. Former music teachers will be invited to participate.)	2:00 pm
Dec. 15-16	Candlelight Christmas Concerts	7:00 pm



Canyon Hall



B-Day Celebration





Sub-for-Santa Fundraiser 2008



Birthday Cake

Feb. 20, '09	Patriotic Assembly	9:00 am
Spring '09	Centennial games and reunions will be held for all spring sports	
April '09	Minerette Showcase and Reunion	
May 7, '09	Spring Open House	7:00 pm
May 13, '09	Champions Assembly	9:00 am
June 4, '09	Centennial Year Graduation at David O. McKay Events Center, UVU	10:00 am

Year-long Centennial Activities
Individual Club/team activities and reunions
Class change music from various decades

Main Hall showcases from all decades
Bingham gifts and memorabilia sales
Monthly "Bingham in this decade" announcements

BINGHAM HIGH STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS

1917-18	Dewey Miller
1918-19	Lillian Chiara
1919-20	
1920-21	
1921-22	Alta Miller
1922-23	Russell Anderson
1923-24	
1924-25	Reynold Vietti
1925-26	Riley Patten
1926-27	William Olson
1927-28	George Dahlstrom
1928-29	Kenneth Fullmer
1929-30	Runnar Martinson
1930-31	Walter Bolic
1931-32	
1932-33	
1933-34	
1934-35	Bill Mitchell
1935-36	Peter Speropoulos
1936-37	Austin Loveless
1937-38	Spencer Jacques
1938-39	Tommy Strelich
1939-40	David Ireland
1940-41	Harold Mattice
1941-42	Mike Tomas
1942-43	Stephen Pickering
1943-44	Mike Leventis
1944-45	Delmar Schick
1945-46	Chris Apostol
1946-47	William Boren
1947-48	Doug Morris
1948-49	Ralph Tibble
1949-50	Ned Miller
1950-51	Paul Smilanich
1951-52	Sam Robison
1952-53	Grant Pullan
1953-54	Harold Smith
1954-55	Bob Peterson
1955-56	Norman Whiting
1956-57	Norman Bianchi
1957-58	Harry Pappasideris
1958-59	Bob Davis
1959-60	Harold Dimond
1960-61	John Adondakis
1961-62	Andy Johnson
1962-63	Jeff Sutherland
1963-64	Ray Jenson
1964-65	Sam Pino
1965-66	Jay Silcox
1966-67	Ray Newbold
1967-68	Mark Burton
1968-69	Craig Wardle
1969-70	George Lendaris
1970-71	Sherm Margetts
1971-72	Randy Tyson
1972-73	Mark Wagstaff
1973-74	Ronnie Tyson
1974-75	Larry Fullmer
1975-76	Mark Allen
1976-77	Scott Hill
1977-78	Garn McMullin
1978-79	Kelly Nokes
1979-80	Steve Daniels
1980-81	Mike Zervos
1981-82	Neal Bergstrom
1982-83	Darrin Allen
1983-84	Curtis Butterfield
1984-85	Todd Bailey
1985-86	Mike Hutchings
1986-87	Bryce Dunford
1987-88	Gail LeCates
1988-89	Jeff Sorensen
1989-90	Devan Slade
1990-91	Josh Peterson
1991-92	Clint Hutchings
1992-93	Justin Bailey
1993-94	Matt McInnes
1994-95	Kevin Kemp
1995-96	Frank Gilmore
1996-97	Morey Reeder
1997-98	Heather Brady
1998-99	David Ackerman
1999-00	Matthew Bellows
2000-01	Doug Anderson
2001-02	Mike Reeder
2002-03	Peng Se Lim
2003-04	Enrique Reyes
2004-05	Dallas Robinson
2005-06	Chase Petrey
2006-07	Jesse Hancock
2007-08	Ella Tuione
2008-09	Lehi Falepapalangi
2009-10	Mark Woodbury
2010-11	Ryan Lever
2011-12	Tiffany Chin
2012-13	Quinn Pitcher
2013-14	Tyler Brown



1957 Student Government

BINGHAM MINERS SCHOOL SONG

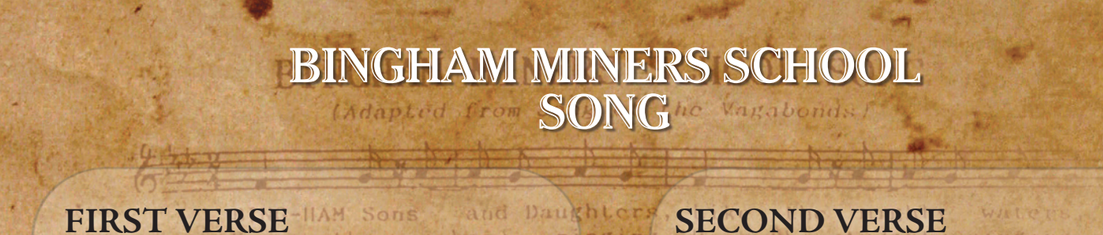
(Adapted from "The Vagabonds")

FIRST VERSE

Bingham Sons and Daughters,
Like the mighty waters,
Roll along to victory!
Tides of warriors greet us,
With their teams to beat us
But we'll fight for victory!
Onward! Onward! Team against the foe,
Forward! Forward! Our honored banners go.
All our foes will tremble,
As our teams assemble
ON! ON! ON! TO VICTORY!

SECOND VERSE

Hear the echoes ringing,
Hear the students singing,
'Tis our song of victory!
Colors flying o'er us,
Blue and white before us.
Lead us on to victory!
Onward! Onward! Team against the foe,
Forward! Forward! The Bingham Miners go.
Bingham we are with you,
And we're here to cheer you
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! FOR VICTORY!



1971 Madrigals

2009 Cheerleaders

1947 Cheerleaders

BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL HYMN

We'll always remember the blue and the white
And faces so tender and dear –
We'll always remember the stars in the night
That shine on our campus so clear.
We'll always remember the laughs and the smiles
And the struggles, the sorrows and tears.
But though we may travel o'er many strange miles,
We'll always remember in May and September –
Bingham High as our happiest years.

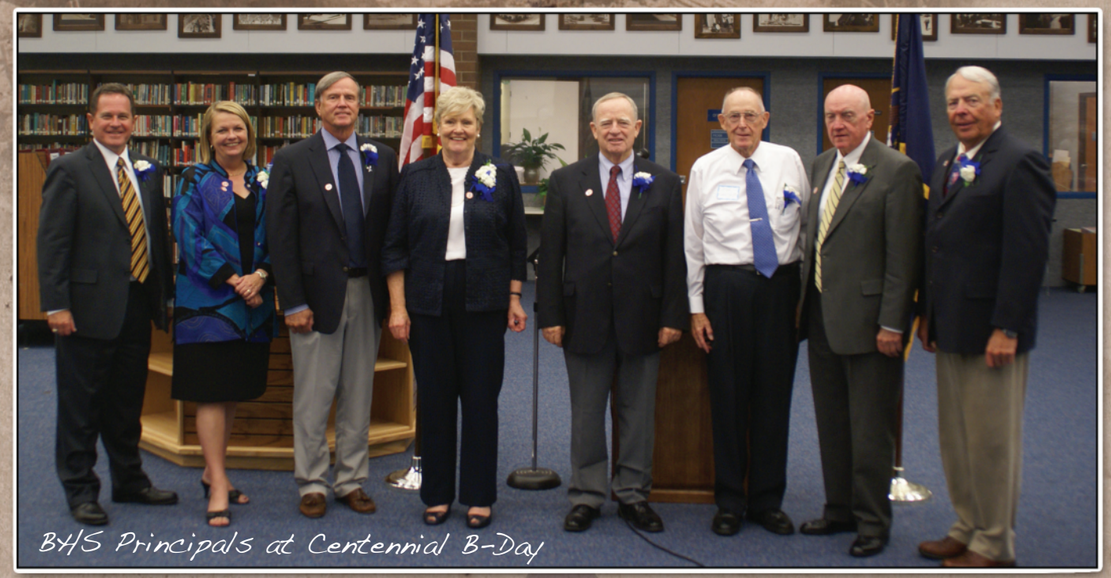
BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PEP SONG

Here's to our dear high school yes, Bingham High
Here's to our colors, may they fly on high.
Climbing, ever climbing, we'll ever be,
Leading our colors to victory.

The Miners are the heroes, gallant and true,
They are all fighting for the white and blue.
Cheering, shouting, yelling: we'll have fair play,
There's no rebelling we all can say.

PRINCIPALS OF BINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

E. C. Hart
(1908-1909) Supervising Teacher
F. G. Eskelson
(1909-1910) Supervising Teacher and Principal
E. E. Dudley
(1910-1911) Principal of Bingham High and Bingham Central Elementary
Ira H. Masters
(1911 January-May)
Fred Reber
(1911-1912)
Howard Alston
(1912-1916)
Arthur L. Willard
(1916-1917)
Lars W. Nielsen
(1917-1924)
Howard R. Atkin
(1924-1930)
T. H. "Tommy" McMullin
(1930-1955)
H. W. Jorgenson
(1955-1956)
Joel P. Jensen
(1956-1962)
Donald J. Parr
(1962-1966)
Richard A. Bateman
(1966-1970)
Glen L. Beere
(1970-1973)
Thomas L. Owen
(1973-1977)
James L. Shurtleff
(1977-1980)
Robert D. Day
(1980-1986)
Denny Simkins Carlisle
(1986-1994)
Raymond Jenson
(1994-1998)
R. Thomas Hicks
(1998-2005)
Jolene Jolley
(2005- 2008)
R. Thomas Hicks
(2008-2013)
Christen Richards-Khong
(2013-present)


B/H/S Principals at Centennial B-Day

BINGHAM HIGH CENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION (2008-2009)

Tom Hicks	Principal
Lynn Allred	Vice Principal
Michael Anderson	Vice Principal
Dennis Edmonds	Vice Principal
Rich Price	Vice Principal

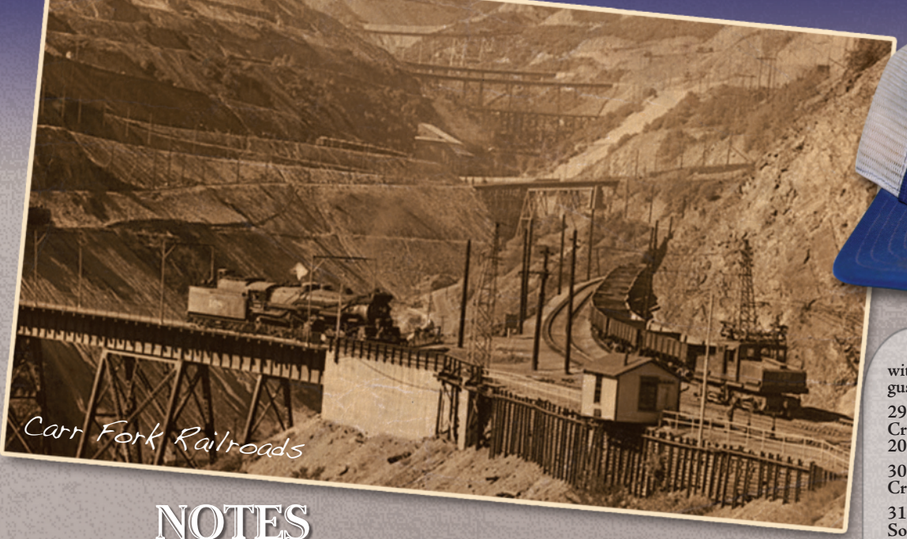
BINGHAM HIGH CENTENNIAL FACULTY (2008-2009)

Jeri Albrecht
Stanley Andrus
James Applegate
Jeff Arbogast
Patricia Bartlett
James Barton
Grant Beere
Marva Bennett
Brad Bevan
Brett Boberg
Andrea Bouwhuis
Allison Bown
Ranae Brady
Jana Brinton
Bill Broderick
Deborah Brown
Jackie Burr
Jeremy Butterbaugh
Heather Christopher
Elizabeth Conry
Cynthia Cox
Scott Crump
David Davis
Lynn DeMill
Jared Deslow
Wayne Dittmore
Mark Dubach
Ashley Durham
Lisa Edstrom
LaRue Edwards
Sherrie Eloff
Georgia Fairbanks
Geraldine Fairbanks
Richard Farley
Marilyn Gallaway
Denise Gasser
Kerrin Gates
Brennen Gee
Gennifer Gochnour
Darin Graber
Anne Griffin
Wesley Gross
Joe Hanks
Lance Hansen
Jay Hardman
Lezlie Harper
Kim Hermansen
Thomas Herret
Jessica Hollinger
Noelani Ioane
Mikki Jackson
Tory Jacobson
Jonie Jenkins
Marc Jensen
Barbara Johnson
Michael Johnson
Katie Jones
Dawn Kelly
Matt Kennaley
Karen Kidd
Jordan Kjar
John Lambourne
Tammy Lambourne
Barry Lehto
Monica Lifferth
Doug Livingston
Matthew Lorenzen
Travis Lucero
Jeff Mackay
Melinda Mansouri
Charron Mason
Susan McCandless
Patrick McDonald
Amber McGrath
Vince Merrell
Kevin Moritz
Sara Newberry
Donna Newbold
Christy Osborn
Russel Paulsen
David Peck
Sue Peterson
Margaret Pratt
Randall Rasmussen
Rebecca Reed
Michael Richardson
Gail Ritz
Trisha Roberts
Janet Sagaser
Joe Sato
Emily Sell
Carol Shackelford
Scott Sommer
Shona Sorensen
David Stevenson
James Thompson
Wendy Vandekamp
Jessica van Klaveren
Janice Voorhies
Matthew Walker
Jaime Weidmer
Rebecca Wells
Gary Whitney
Michelle Willden
Benjamin Williams
Garrett (J.J.) Wilson
Janet Woodward
Darrin Workman


1959 Faculty


2005 Faculty

Bingham Centennial 1908-2008 100 yrs.





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1 Willard Nichols (Class of 1928) interview with Scott Crump, Copperton, Utah, January 24, 1974 and T. H. "Tommy" McMullin, interview with Scott Crump, Midvale, Utah, August 19, 1976.

2 Alta Miller (Class of 1922) interview with Scott Crump, Midvale, Utah, August 4, 1994.

2A 1918 Metal, Bingham High School Yearbook published by the students of Bingham High School, Bingham, Utah.

3 Norma Olsen Nichols (Class of 1928), interview with Scott Crump, Copperton, Utah, January 24, 1978.

3A 1927 Coppertonian, the Bingham High School Yearbook, published by the students of Bingham High School, Bingham, Utah.

4 Tommy McMullin interview.

5 At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, Bingham High had won a total of 95 state and national championships, 79 in athletic competitions and 16 in the academic competitions of debate and academic decathlon.

5A Scott Crump, Bingham High School—The First Hundred Years, (Salt Lake City: Great Mountain West Supply, 2008). An extended history of all the events in the first part of this publication can be found in the First Hundred Years book.

6 The members of the Centennial Committee included: Linda Sandstrom (Chair), Marilyn Richards (Alumni President), Scott Crump (Alumni Vice President), Larry Fullmer, Tom Hicks, Brad Bevan, Cheri Johnson, Jolene Jolley, Patrick McDonald, Perry Newman, Dustin Carter, Wade Newman, Joey Sato, Scott Thomas, Gaylene Thomas, Brenda Rutledge, Scott Brady, Merlyn Newbold, Ray Newbold, Sterling Jack, Michelle Willden, Lynn DeMill, Jeri Albrecht, Katie Jones, James Donner, Mitchell Sorensen and Brittany Aurich. Lori Edmunds, South Jordan City Director of Special Events and Activities, served as a liason between the committee and South Jordan City.

7 Linda Long Sandstrom (Class of 1960 and Centennial Chair), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, July 6, 2009.

8 Prospector, October 2008. The Bingham High School newspaper, published by the students of Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah.

9 Linda Long Sandstrom (Class of 1960 and Centennial Chair), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 19, 2007.

10 Linda Sandstrom interview, July 6, 2009.

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12 For a contribution of $100 (one dollar for each of Bingham's 100 years) donors could have a brick placed in Centennial Plaza engraved with their name. A small pick and shovel logo was placed on bricks bearing the names of Bingham High School graduates, an apple logo was engraved on bricks purchased by Bingham faculty members, and a small school house logo was put on the bricks listing the names of all Bingham's principals. All donations were used to support the year-long centennial celebration activities with remaining funds going to the Alumni Foundation Student Scholarship Program.

13 Prospector, October 2008.

14 Copper Wire, May 2008. Bingham High School newsletter published by the school administration and mailed to parents, South Jordan, Utah.

15 Jolene Jolley, speech delivered at the Bingham High School graduation exercises, June 3, 2008.

16 Copper Wire, October 2008.

17 Jason Sara (Class of 2009), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 10, 2009.

18 Bingham High School Centennial Proclamation, September 9, 2008. The proclamation given by Jon Huntsman Junior, the governor of Utah, for Bingham High's Centennial Celebration. The original signed proclamation can be found in the Bingham High School Alumni Room, Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah.

19 Joey Sato, speech delivered at the Bingham High School Birthday Celebration. Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah, September 9, 2008.

20 Prospector, October 2008.

21 Deseret News blog, September 10, 2008.

22 Tom Hicks, Memo sent to the Bingham High School faculty, Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah, September 10, 2008.

23 Deseret News, September 11, 2008.

24 Deseret News, September 13, 2008.

25 Bingham High School E-Mail Newsletter, October 2, 2008. Bingham High School electronic newsletter published by the administration of Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah.

26 Daniel Shackelford (Class of 2009), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, August 31, 2009.

27 Salt Lake Tribune, December 13, 2008.

28 David Shackelford (Class of 2009), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, August 31, 2009.

29 Brenda Rutlege, interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, September 9, 2009.

30 Michael Anderson, interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 17, 2009.

31 Tom Hicks, interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 16, 2009.

32 Tom Hicks, Memo sent to the Bingham High School faculty, Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah, February 21, 2009.

33 Miner Details, Spring 2009. Newsletter published by the Bingham High School Alumni Foundation, South Jordan, Utah.

34 Stephanie Tobias (Class of 2009), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 10, 2009.

35 The *Sports Illustrated* article on "Bailey's Boys" can be found in the July 5, 1999 issue of the magazine.

36 Joey Sato, speech delivered at the Bingham High School Champions' Assembly. Bingham High School, South Jordan, Utah, May 13, 2009.

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39 Joey Sato, interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, October 23, 2009. The teacher referred to in the story was Randon Young

40 A.J. Bronson (Class of 2010), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 17, 2009.

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45 Joey Sato interview.

46 Margaret Pratt, interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, September 28, 2009.

47 Marilyn Richards, telephone conversation with Scott Crump, West Jordan, Utah, July 26, 2010.

48 Tom Hicks interview.

49 A.J. Bronson interview.

50 Daniel Shackelford interview.

51 Michael Christensen (Class of 2009), interview with Scott Crump, South Jordan, Utah, June 10, 2009.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

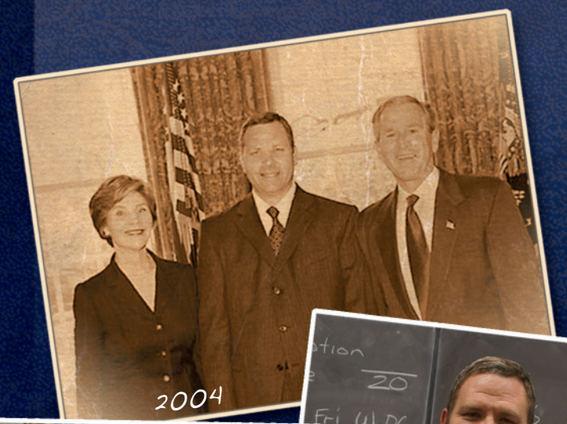
Scott Crump was born in Newport, Rhode Island on August 11, 1952 to Cal and Gwen Crump while his father was serving in the Navy. He moved to Copperton, Utah in 1954 when his father secured a teaching position at Bingham High School, a position he held for 36 years. Mr. Crump graduated from Bingham High in 1970 and attended BYU—Hawaii for a year. He then served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain. Upon his return he resumed his studies at Brigham Young University in Provo graduating summa cum laude in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science. He continued his education at BYU earning a masters degree in educational administration in 1980. After attending law school for a year in 1976-77, he decided to pursue a career in education. He completed his student teaching at Bingham High School in the fall of 1977 and was hired to teach at Union Junior High School in January 1978. He returned to Bingham High School in the fall of 1978 where he has taught history and political science to the present time.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Crump served as President and a member of the board of directors of the Utah Council for the Social Studies, has worked in student government on the school and state level as an advisor and state associate executive director of the Utah Association of Student Councils. He was also a founding member of the Riverton Historical Society and served as its president for many years. He served as vice president and historian of the Bingham Alumni Foundation for 18 years and is currently serving as the foundation's president.

During Mr. Crump's career, he has been recognized with numerous awards and honors. Some of these have included: the Utah State Historical Society Teacher of the Year, Utah State Legislature Educator of the Year, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Excellence in Civics Education Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Teacher of the Year, the South Jordan City Educator of the Year and the Coca Cola Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year. In 2004 he was named Jordan District Teacher of the Year and was later honored to be selected as the 2004 Utah Teacher of the Year. As the 2004 Utah Teacher of the Year, he was able to meet with President George W. Bush at the White House, attend space camp and participate in other national teacher of the year activities.

Mr. Crump has always loved history and wrote his first book *Copperton* in 1978 on the history of the mining town, Copperton, Utah. In researching information for that book he became better acquainted with the history of Bingham Canyon and Bingham High School. He continued researching Bingham's history when he wrote, *Bingham High—Decades of Excellence, Bingham Canyon—The Richest Hole on Earth,* the script for the video, *Bingham's Sons and Daughters* for Bingham High's 90th anniversary, and *Bingham High School—The First Hundred Years* for Bingham High School's centennial celebration in 2008. He has also coauthored the book, *Riverton—The Story of a Utah Country Town,* and authored *The First 100 Years—A History of Jordan School District* for the Jordan School District's centennial celebration in 2005, *Jordan High School—The First Hundred Years* for Jordan High School's centennial celebration in 2007, and numerous other historical pamphlets and scholarly articles.

Mr. Crump married Desiree DeFrehn in 1993. They have three children, Cami, Matthew, and Zachary.


2004


With Superintendent Newbold and Books


On Bingham's 100th Birthday





Celebrating a Century





BINGHAM

1908-2008 Centennial

100 yrs.