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## Venue-Embassy Suites in Southfield

Hello Highlanders!

We're happy to announce that we have selected a venue and date for our 20-year reunion. The reunion will take place at the Embassy Suites in Southfield, Michigan during the **weekend of August 11-13, 2006**. We will have a Meet & Greet on Friday night at the hotel. (Hotel guests will receive 3 free cocktails and hors d'ouerves.) Then Saturday night from 6PM to Midnight,

we will have an elegant and delicious buffet-styled banquet followed by a dance complete with DeeJay Snake playing some of your favorite old school jams. We also plan on getting together for the made to order breakfast on Sunday morning at the hotel.

We have blocked a limited number of rooms at the hotel for your convenience. For pricing information, please see the end of this newsletter and the enclosed

Order Form. **The deadline for reserving discounted rooms is July 11, 2006.**

Contact information is below:

### Venue Information

#### Embassy Suites Detroit-Southfield

28100 Franklin Road  
Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 248-350-2000

Call 1-800-EMBASSY

The hotel's website is:

[www.embassysuitesdetroitsouthfield.com](http://www.embassysuitesdetroitsouthfield.com)

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## Kickoff Party at Dave & Buster's a Huge Success

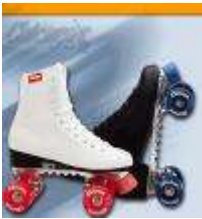
Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Kickoff Party at Dave & Buster's last August. We had a great time catching up with everyone and reminiscing about the good ole days. Plus it was a nice fundraiser! What a great way to get things started for our 20-year reunion. For those of you who missed it, we had a nice buffet dinner, a raffle, and we played all the games the restaurant had to offer. Since many of

us hadn't seen each other in over 19 years, it was a special treat. But we know that's only the tip of the iceberg. We're expecting a bigger turnout for the upcoming skating party, and the greatest turnout of all at the 20-year reunion dinner dance. We'd like to send a special thanks to the staff at Dave & Buster's for catering to our every desire. We would certainly consider using the facility for future events. We'd also like to

send a special thank you to the reunion staff, especially Carolyn Henley, for coming together for this event. Be sure to check out our Yahoo Group for photos.



*"The next jam is for backwards skaters-backwards skaters only."*



## Raffle at Cannon Raised Needed Funds For Reunion

The raffle held at Cannon Recreational Center adjacent to our beloved Finney High was another successful event. Many of our classmates came together on Friday, October 21st to purchase and to sell tickets to raise funds for our reunion. We managed to raise lots of money for the venue, which enabled us to defray some of the costs of the reunion weekend for our classmates. We'd like to

especially thank Kellie Lovett for putting this raffle together, and Byron Spivey for making Cannon Recreational Center available for us. Way to go everyone!

The first place winner won \$100.00. The second place winner won \$50.00. And the third place winner won \$25.00

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners!

## Come Roll, Bounce with us at Skateland in February 24, 2006

Okay Everybody. Who remembers this-The next jam is for backwards skaters-backwards skaters only? Well it's time to dust off those old skates and head down to Royal Skateland for what's sure to be the event of the winter. Yes, we will be having an old-fashioned skating party at one of our favorite hangouts from back in the day-Royal Skateland. We'd like to remind you that this

skating party, which will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2006 from 6PM to 9PM** is a fundraiser, so the more tickets you buy the merrier. If you're unable to attend, feel free to buy tickets and donate them to students (especially Finney students). Remember, all ages are welcome, and the DeeJay will be playing some of your favorite music-past and present. To purchase tickets at only \$5.00 each

please contact Crystal, Karen or Kellie, purchase online on our website, or at the door if tickets are still available.

**Royal Skateland**  
5201 Alter Road  
Detroit, MI 48224

Phone: 313-882-5911

(You can also pay for your reunion banquet/dance package at this event if you desire.)

## Check Out Our Website and Yahoo Group!

Did you know that we have a website? That's right. You can read about all of the upcoming events, purchase copies of your old yearbook, make donations and buy tickets to upcoming venues simply by using your

keyboard and mouse. To visit our website go to [www.geocities.com/detroitfinney86/](http://www.geocities.com/detroitfinney86/).

We also have a Yahoo Group. Be sure to join up to view our old school and new school photos or to just catch up with the latest view

happenings. Go to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/finneyhigh86> to join.

And be sure to send us your email addresses ASAP to help us save money on postage.

## Reunion Pricing Information

### **Classmates' Deluxe Package-\$100.00**

Both classmates and guests can purchase this package which includes tickets to the banquet/dance, a T-shirt, a travel mug, a keychain, a sports pack, a mix CD and a program book.

### **Guests' Tickets-\$70.00**

This special price includes admission to the banquet and dance, a travel mug and a program book. **Deadline to purchase both options is May 15, 2006.**

### **Couples-\$170.00 (one of each package above)**

### **Hotel Prices-\$109.00 to \$119 per night**

This price is for a one night stay at the luxurious Embassy Suites hotel at a discounted price. Hotel guests will have access to the swimming pool, get a free made to order breakfast, and lots of extras. (Non-hotel guests can pay \$12.50 for breakfast.) Plus, you won't have to worry about driving home after the dance.

### **Original Class of 86 Yearbook-\$35.00**

Yearbooks can be purchased by credit card by visiting our

website or by sending a money order or cashier's check. Please-No personal checks.

### **How to Purchase**

To purchase banquet/dance packages or to purchase a yearbook using a credit card, please visit our website. To purchase using a cashier's check or money order, please send your check payable to "**Finney HS Class of 86**" to:

Finney High Class of 86 20-Year Reunion Committee

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### **Collecting Photos for Reunion CD**

We are still collecting photos for our reunion CD. Please put your photos on a CD and mail them to: Margo "Ama" Giddens, 4402 28<sup>th</sup> Place, Apt. 6, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712  
Photos should be saved as a **tif file** or a **jpg file with high resolution (600 dpi or higher).**