

Ruston High School remembered in pen and ink

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Ruston High School alumni and friends now have a new way of remembering their ties with the school.

The RHS Alumni Association is selling pen-and-ink drawings of the school done by Ruston artist and RHS graduate James White. The prints are \$40 matted and framed, or \$20 for the print only.

"The beautiful matted and framed drawing brings back so many wonderful memories of the years spent as a student and faculty member at Ruston High," RHS Alumni Association President Jackson Thigpen said. "I know this would be a great gift for any graduate of RHS or anyone who has been associated with the school."

White, a 1954 RHS grad, said he did the original sketch for former Lincoln Parish School Superintendent Gerald Cobb. It was given to Cobb when Cobb left the RHS principal's job to become superintendent in 1980.

The drawing took about 30 hours to complete, White said.

"It's my old school, and I enjoyed doing it," said White, a retired Louisiana Tech University biological sciences

professor. "When I was drawing it, it brought back many good memories."

White has signed each print. The framed prints are doubled matted in red and gray with black frame. Framed prints can be seen and ordered at Classic Designs, 106 North Vienna St. in downtown Ruston, and Townsend House Gifts, 410 North Bonner St. in Ruston.

Orders can be picked up at Classic Designs approximately two weeks after placement. The prints can also be ordered from the alumni association Web site, www.rustonhighalumni.org. For framed prints, add \$15 for shipping; for the drawing only, add \$5 shipping.

Proceeds from the sale of the prints go toward alumni association projects. Among other things, the association hosts an annual homecoming week alumni luncheon, during which distinguished alumni are named; presents a \$1,500 Outstanding Achievement Award to a graduating senior each year; and provides assistance in funding academic programs, equipment or capitol improvements for the school.

For more information about the association, visit www.rustonhighalumni.org.



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Ruston High School alumnus James White (left) and RHS Alumni Association President Jackson Thigpen (right) hold a framed print of RHS available for purchase.