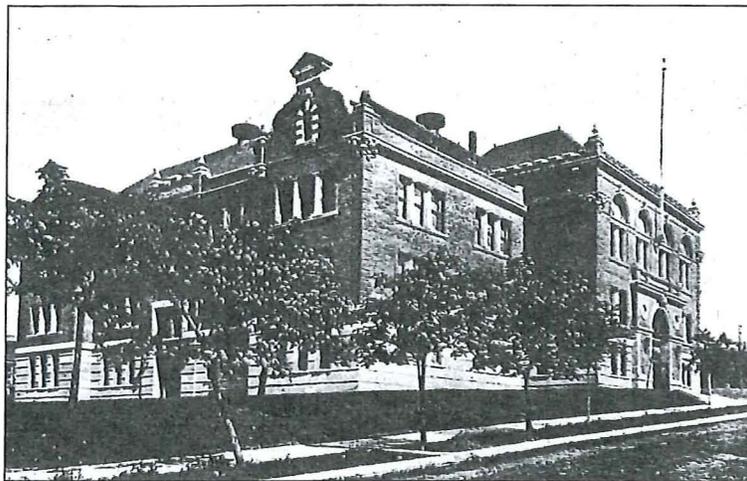


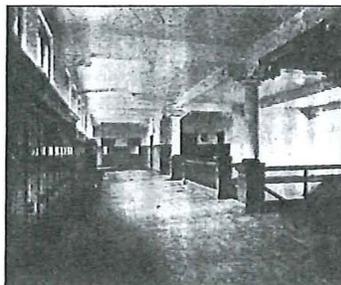
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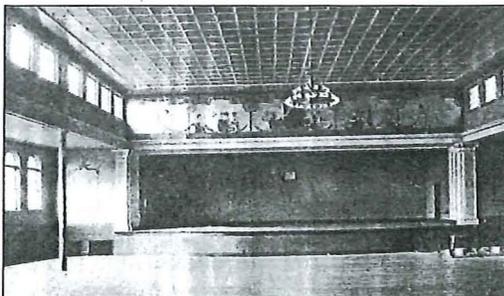
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South Omaha High School Photos 1908 Above: Exterior



Top left: Main Hall, Top right: Entrance Hall



Top left: Auditorium, Top right, the first Tooter Office (better than what we have today!)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEIVES ARCHIVE ITEMS

While sorting through some of the memorabilia received by the Alumni President so far, we came across these pictures of the Old SHS. These are the earliest pictures we have acquired to date. These photographs were taken from the 1908 Commencement Issue of the **Tooter**, which was provided by **Mrs. Emily Nystrom Gentry (1914)** who died last year.

SHS has provided the Alumni Association with space in the media center for cataloging archival materials starting this year.

Thanks to the generosity of the following alumni, the SHAA now has yearbooks from several early years:

1914 - **Emily Nystrom Gentry** (1908, 1911 and 1914)

1927 - **Harold Kalthorn** (1925, 1926 and 1927)

1931 - **Leonard Floen** (1931)

1932 - **Georgina Kozel Kiscoan** (1932)

Thanks also to **Lorraine Miller Ruther - 1946** for a bound copy of all of the **Tooters** for the 1945-46 school year.

Thank you, **Jim Kubovy - 1967** for donating SHS music production programs to the Archives.

Other alumni and friends of SHS who have SHS memorabilia to donate to the SHSAA should contact your Association President **Dick Gulizia**.

OLDEST LIVING ALUMNI SOUGHT

ARE YOU THE OLDEST LIVING SHS ALUMNI? OR DO YOU KNOW WHO IS? OUR RECORDS SHOW OUR OLDEST ALUMNI IS **FRANK OURADA, 1918, AT P. O. BOX 12575 - MARINA DEL REY, CA 90295. IF YOU CAN BEAT THAT, PLEASE CONTACT DICK GULIZIA, YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.**

PACKER GREATS OF THE PAST

The Alumni Association has formed a new committee to select Packer Greats of the Past, recognizing men and women who excelled in sports while attending SHS and after graduating. Criteria include the following: Must have graduated at least five years prior to candidacy. Also must have outstanding achievement in at least one of the following areas: high school sports career; collegiate sports career; coaching career. A picture plaque will be hung on a wall near the SHS gymnasium honoring these outstanding athletes. We will honor inductees at the Annual Alumni Football Game each fall.

If you would like to nominate someone for this honor, please request an application from **Laddie Nemecek**, Committee Chair at 557-3608 or write to Laddie %SHS, 4519 South 24 Street, Omaha, NE 68107. Other committee members are **Jerry Bartee, Rich Beran, Steve Cavlovic, Dick Gulizia, Beau Haizlip, Dave Kahm, Joe Neuberger, Bugs Redden, Mario Remijio, Charles Rush, Roni Staver, Sue Swanson and Tony Palma.**

Congratulations to **Mike Churchich, Sr. - 1934** the unanimous choice for our first "Packer Greats of the Past" honor. Mike was #20, a left end for SHS and was All State, All City, Inner City and Missouri Valley football honoree in 1934.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Dick Gulizia

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all alumni and friends a happy 1997. I hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season and that you all received everything you

wanted for Christmas.

Dear Alumni, I want to share some information about an event that happened at SHS in the spring of 1996 that has continued to be discussed to the present. A fight between two male students was filmed by a third student. This film was released to the local television stations and in turn made the national news. At the same time, an assistant principal, named Catherine Pillar, said it was unsafe for staff members at SHS.

As I am sure you know, SHS has never been an unsafe place to attend school. Knowing that an event of this kind would not be an easy situation for SHS to overcome, your Alumni Association stepped in and brought together the Omaha School Board, South High administrators and teachers, parents and alumni to help in this situation. Meetings were held on July 27, August 10 and October 5, with discussion centering on "what can we do to create and promote a more positive image for SHS." More than 100 interested parties attended and began discussing ways to present the good features of SHS to the public.

Fall enrollment has increased, and promotions by television and radio stations are showing SHS in a more favorable light.

We the Alumni Association have shown the Omaha community that SHS has a fine tradition which will continue. I will keep you updated on any future happenings in connection with the image of SHS.

Thank you all for your continued support of your Alumni Association through memberships, renewals, donations, postage payments, clothing purchases and attendance at our various events. Our latest statistics include 1,078 memberships totaling \$69,244 out of 17,568 alumni in our data bank. If the rest of our alumni make a minimal donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the **Tooter** subscription, it would really help. A breakdown of memberships by class year is available if you are interested. Write or call and we'll send it to you. (Note: 1961 has the most members—47.) We challenge any other classes to sign up more members than that during their reunion year. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation. Reunion committees, we appreciate your help. Membership forms will be sent to you upon request.

Membership forms are also available in this and every issue of the **Tooter**.

Please send all questions, comments, address changes, alumni news and memorabilia to Dick Gulizia, SHSAA President, 440 South 119 Street - Omaha, NE 68154.

MEMORABILIA WANTED

If anyone has yearbooks, annuals and/or other memorabilia pertaining to SHS, we would greatly appreciate this as a donation to your alumni archives. Please mail to your Alumni Association President, Dick Gulizia.

BOARD REPORT

by Judi Limas - Secretary

Many items were discussed during the two Board meetings we held since our last **Tooter** was published. We enjoyed listening to the report given by **Phyllis Barajas** from the U.S. Department of Education during our October Board Meeting identifying SHS as having "best practices" to emulate throughout the nation. **John Krayneski, Steve Cavlovic, Scott Knudsen, Paul Kracher, Mark Martinez and Rudy Tesar** were re-elected for a two-year term.

Sandie Casey (1964) and Gary Miller (1972) were appointed to fill the remaining board seats. An Associate membership category for non-alumni teachers and parents was approved and many new memberships were established. The Sports Committee held a baseball tournament on September 14 and the Entertainment Committee held a "Day of the Packers" celebration at the Field Club following the South vs. North football game on September 20. Further discussion was held regarding memorial bricks and we are ready to move forward in this regard. We were updated regarding the H.P. Smith Sports Complex which is progressing well. Our major benefactors who donated money, labor and material to complete the complex were honored at a dinner at Sts. Peter & Paul auditorium on November 11, 1996. Jackets were presented to **Tony Palma, Danny Gazinski, and Don Rogert** for their significant contributions toward the Complex. **Susan Rolfes** gave a computer demonstration of our Alumni Association "Home Page." We established a "Packer Greats of the Past" committee to honor past SHS athletes and coaches.

Jerry Porterfield gave a complete computer report broken down by classes. Because of the outstanding job Jerry has done computerizing your Alumni Association, he was given an honorary degree at our last board meeting. **Sue Smith** was also honored with an honorary degree at our meeting because of her outstanding dedication in assisting our President, **Dick Gulizia**, with every facet of running the Alumni Association. We could not run the Association without the unselfish contributions of Jerry, Sue, Dick and others who devote so much time and talent to keep things moving forward. Congratulations and thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, if anyone has time (even one evening a week or periodically) to help with computer input and other administrative duties, please call Dick direct. You all know that "many hands make light work." Let's help our founding members (mostly Dick) with the massive amount of paperwork always needing attention. If you have any time at all to volunteer, please call us.

We approved activities of the Entertainment Committee including the Bowling Shootout and Spaghetti dinner on March 22; Day of the Packers celebration on September 12, and a 60's dance on October 18. We approved the Brick Committee's recommendation that we solicit brick orders immediately. We also approved suggested Scholarship amounts.

Our next meetings will be held April 5, July 12 and October 11, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. (which follows the annual Association meeting) at South High School. We invite you to join us as we need your input. Hope to see you at the upcoming activities.



ALUMNOTES

Please continue to send us your news and pictures for today or yesteryear—we all enjoy hearing what you are doing now or who your favorite teacher was or sharing your memories from your school days. If you are aware of any news regarding other alumni, please send that also. Continue to send your items to your Alumni Association President, Dick Gulizia. We are pleased to present the news items received to date:

1928 - Eugene J. Graves Sr. and Harriet Finney Graves (January 1941) of Phoenix, Arizona were married 51 years in 1996. *Congratulations!*



1929 - Maurice Katz who turned 85 on November 23, 1996 is still doing his own style of ornamental penmanship, a form of calligraphy. Mr. Katz mastered the writing skill shortly after graduating from SHS. He used his new-found talent to write the graduation certificates for his own class. (See sample above.) Mr. Katz and his wife Minette have been married 60 years. *Congratulations!*

Maurice Katz - 1929 and sample of his special calligraphy

1932- Helga Petersen Lund writes how much she appreciates all the work done by the volunteers of the Alumni Association, and sent a gift to help defray costs. *Thank you Helga for your kind words and donation.*

1936 - C. C. Kranda writes from Hill City, South Dakota. He went to Pasadena, California where he built post office buildings from 1936 to 1941. He spent 4-1/2 years in the Air Corps until 1945. Kranda lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and worked in a bakery for 21 years, rac-



ing cars for excitement. After retiring in 1970, he moved near Mount Rushmore to rebuild Model A Fords. Mr. Kranda remembers a civics teacher (Thelma Rush) who wrote the fight song adapted from the Notre Dame song. He also remembers with fondness an English teacher (Ms. Sutherland or Sunderland) "who cared enough to see



C.C. Kranda's Ford Model A - 1929 Sports Coupe and Five Window Coupe - NEAT!

that I learned something; no one else seemed to care." Mr. Kranda and his wife, Rose, have been married 53 years and were blessed with three children. His question was "What else does one need?" *How true, Mr. Kranda. Thanks for the memories and congratulations to you.*

1936 - Mildred A. Prazan Gogela of Lincoln has been married 53 years to Dr. Louis Gogela. They have two sons (both doctors) and seven grandchildren. *Congratulations!*



1936 - Gene Engel of La Mesa, California was recently honored in a "Can You Identify This Man?" article. Statements made included: "He's been bowling for 30 years. He owns an insurance agency in La Mesa. He's sponsored at least one team in San Diego for the past 20 years. He was a director for the San Diego Bowling Association and honored as San Diego's *Joe Bowler* in the 1974 City Tournament. He was elected to the San Diego Hall of Fame in 1976." *Congratulations for being so honored!*



1937 - John C. Cermak of Roseburg, Oregon and his wife will be married 60 years on June 12, 1997. *Congratulations!*



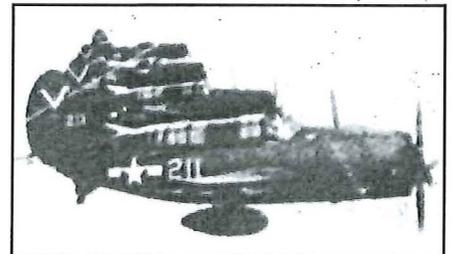
1937 - Lester Criswell of Las Vegas recently retired from Union Pacific Railroad after 40 years as a machinist. Mr. Criswell worked for four years in Omaha for UPRR before moving to Las Vegas. Since retiring, Mr. Criswell makes clocks.

1938 - Gene Lang and Rosemary Getzschman Lang were married November 10, 1995. Gene was on SHS's baseball team for four years under Cornie Collins and now belongs to the Old Timers Baseball Club in South Omaha. Rosemary says that "life is great." They like to dance and belong to American Legion Post #1, VFW, and the German-American Club.

1938 - H. Paul Brehm of Irvine, California is to be commended for his new book Flyboys: Wings, Women, War. The book lets the reader "experience WWII through the eyes, thoughts, and feelings of a boy/man pitched in the middle of the air war in the Pacific, where day-to-day life was lived to the fullest because no one knew if their next mission would be their last. H. Paul Brehm, college student at 19, commissioned Naval Aviator at 20, combat veteran at 21, offers a fascinating and touching insight into war, personalizing the experience of the American Naval Aviator as he tried to cope with a life



constantly on the edge." Mr. Brehm was a veteran dive bomber pilot in WWII and the Korean War, is a recipient of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with six years, as well as numerous campaign ribbons. He is a member of the Legion of Valor. Today he is a Director of Human Resources for the Business Council Credit Union in Tustin, California.



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1938 and 1940 - Joe Pecha and Virginia Erca Pegatz Pecha were married June 15, 1996 in Omaha *Congratulations!*

1941 - Chris Gugas was a Marine Corps. captain 49 years ago in a reserve unit in Los Angeles when he was given a special assignment to come up with an idea to give the unit some good public relations. He came up with the idea of "Toys for Tots." From the original idea of discarded or broken toys that could be repaired, to today's new toys campaign, the proposal has grown to include marine reserve units in 42 states.

1944 - Jerry Parks writes from Glen Ellyn, Illinois that he has great memories of South Omaha and his youth. He left Omaha after graduating early in 1944 to join the Navy and only returned for one visit in 1965. Jerry retired after 34 years with the Tucson, Arizona school district. His wife, P. Irwin, is superintendent of schools in Glyn Ellyn. He was a cheerleader at SHS in 1943 and 1944 and says his favorite cheer was the Packer Locomotive "P-A-C-K-E-R-S."

1949 - Beverly Thompson Graff is looking for a copy of the 1948 SHS Yearbook. If none are available, would someone let her copy the yearbook at her expense? Contact her at 12817 Emiline Street, Omaha, NE 68138. *Thanks for considering her request.*

1949 - Oliver "Topyy" Patrick and 1952 - Georgie "Teddi" Wilder Larrick were reacquainted and finally married in 1966, 48 years after they first dated when he was a senior and she was a freshman in 1948-49. Topyy graduated, joined the Army, married and raised a family in California and was widowed. Teddi married and raised her family in Omaha. She was divorced when they met again in 1995 through Topyy's sister. After dating a year to the day they were married and returned to their roots in South Omaha to celebrate at the VFW Hall at 20th and "R" Streets

1950 - Steve Cavlovic gets a "Tip of the Hat" from the SHSAA for his hard work and dedication in completing the H.P. Smith Sport Complex. Ten \$100 checks (or \$1,000) were received by the Alumni Association towards Steve's dream of a suitable activities facility for the South Omaha community. *The names of these and other contributors to the Complex will be published in a future Tooter.* We also congratulate Steve on his recent retirement from the Nebraska Department of Roads. We wish you the best in your "leisure years" Steve!



1950 - Hector Vela and 1952 - Betty Kudym Vela retired recently. Hector was a South Omaha barber and Betty an English as Second Language (ESL) teacher for Omaha Public Schools. They moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Immaculate Heart of May Seminary where they are volunteers for the Archdiocese. Hector cuts hair and Betty teaches ESL.

WISE SAYING

*Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
Was it worth it?*

1952 - Jeanette Slavik Elmore participated in the Art Educators Exchange Program to China, Thailand, and Mongolia. *See your Fall 1997 issue of the Tooter for more information on this "Outstanding Alumnus."*

1952 - Shirley Totusek Dropinski and 1955 Edwin S. Dropinski celebrated their 14th anniversary on July 24, 1996. Both are retired and have two daughters and two grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1953 - Robert Chipman credits SHS woodworking/technical training for his success in the framing business. As stated in a 1952 Omaha World-Herald article, Bob worked at Champ's Custom Picture Framing Co. while attending SHS. He was familiar with all the necessary hand and power tools used in this business because of his training in wood-working at SHS. Bob later owned his own gallery and frame shop "The Talent Tree Galleries." After selling the business (and with a lot less hair, according to Bob), he accepted a framing job at Mangelsen's on 84th Street.



1958 - Lannie Weak, president of Electric Company of Omaha, was a featured speaker at the Business "How To" series at the CBMC Downtown office. Lannie has made a career of treating his 100 employees and his customers with fairness, honesty and integrity. Electric Company of Omaha is a "who's who" of top businesses in Omaha as a result of Lannie's hard work.

1960 - Paul Limas has returned to his roots in South Omaha as Principal of Assumption School. *Welcome back, Paul.*

1961 - John Krayneski and 1962 - Bev Moravec Krayneski get a "Tip of the Hat" award from the SHSAA for the countless donation of time, products, prizes and money that they have given to the Alumni Association for our dinners, memorials, dances and Sports Complex. Their most recent donation was a scholarship in memory of Bev's father, Wesley Moravec, who died recently. *Thanks for everything, John and Bev!*

1962 - Robert S. Murphy was recently named Senior Vice President, Managed Care Product Management at Mutual of Omaha. Bob joined Mutual in 1973 as a special representative. In 1978 he was named assistant vice president and was named second vice president in 1981. From 1988 to 1991 he was second vice president and manager, Group Alternate Delivery Systems, and was named Vice President and Director of that area in 1991. In 1995 he was named vice president of Managed Care Programs. Bob's wife, Carol, is an art teacher at Westside High School. Bob wrote "I appreciate all the work you did to boost South's image in the aftermath of the showing of the videotape beating on television. SHS does have a good story to tell." Bob is working on his 35th class reunion which will held this summer. *Thanks for the kind words, Bob.*

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1964 - Sandie Poppen Casey is the proud mother of three grown sons—Bob, 29; Bill, 27; and Barry, 25; and is engaged to **Scott Knudsen (1965)**. Sandie, an accomplished graphic artist, is President of Casey Graphics, and manages the production of many national advertising clients such as Godfather's Pizza, 3.10 Reward Wall Systems, and Claudia Jeans, through her affiliation with Ellis & Johns Advertising Agency. *We welcome Sandie as a new member of the SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors.*



1966 - Gerald Koziol was glad to celebrate 30 years since graduation last year. He received his BFA degree from UNO in 1971 and was in the Army during the Vietnam Era. He wanted to say "to all my past teachers and instructors at SHS - thank you!"

1968 - Eileen Schnase Thornburg was named Director of Alumni Relations at Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. Eileen graduated from UNO and is nearing completion of her Master's degree. *Congratulations, Eileen!*

1968 - Cheryl Sparano Wild continues to devote countless hours to volunteer activities such as the Omaha Community Playhouse, Child Saving Institute and our own Alumni Association, to name only a few.



1972 - Gary Miller was student band conductor and member of the All-City Band and Orchestra under the direction of **Albert "Red" Travis** while at SHS. He also lettered in varsity football. Gary served in the Marine Corps and the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1972 through 1988, receiving many medals of commendation during that time. He received a B.G.S. degree from UNO in December 1996 and in May, 1997 will receive an Associate degree in

Applied Science specializing in computer programming from Metropolitan Community College. His wife, Carol (Jirak) Miller is a computer operator at First National Bank of Omaha, and they have three children (Matthew, 9; Bethany, 7; and Emily, 5). They live on an acreage near Silver City, Iowa where Gary keeps busy attending school, raising kids and livestock. He enjoys music, golf, old cars and trucks, and being outdoors. He traveled to Bolivia, South America in 1975 with a missionary team from Raleigh, North Carolina. Gary says he is a very fortunate person and cherishes fond memories of SHS. *We welcome Gary as a new member of the SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors. His dedication in driving in from Silver City, Iowa for the Board meetings and Alumni Association functions is greatly appreciated!*

WISE SAYING

Never fall in love with something that can't love you back.

1973 - Norm Cratty graduated from UNO where he studied Communications/ Broadcast-Production. While attending UNO he produced in-depth music and interview programs with music industry celebrities traveling through Omaha for KVNO-FM. Since he enjoyed music, he produced concerts in Omaha as Concerts Chair for the Student Programming Organization for UNO. He produced Weather Report at the Music Hall among other acts at various venues. He moved to Chicago after graduating to work for a music management and promotion firm that went broke in six months. Norm then joined the Chicago Tribune where he spent five years working on a variety of accounts. Next he moved to the American Conservatory of Music where he worked as the Assistant Director of Development for the late maestro Leonard Bernstein in student recruitment, fundraising and promotion. Norm says he has many fond memories of his years at SHS. Among his most memorable teachers were Ms. Whiting (typing), Ms. Turnquist (art) and "some who taught me bookkeeping practices, although I cannot remember his name. I am happy to report that the knowledge I learned from two of these disciplines, (I had to give up on the art since I cannot draw a stick man) , are very valuable to my business career today. Thanks to Ms. Whiting's teaching capabilities, I am making my living today typing, and that is how I put myself through five years at UNO. Today Norm owns and operates a typing/word processing/secretarial service in Chicago. He is also currently working on a new business venture with three other partners and several political people. He says he is "sorry but I can't divulge any information on this project yet." *Hopefully Norm will write and tell us when the time is right. Watch this column for fast breaking news!*

1976 - Jim Dieter is single and living in Paris, France. Jim is involved in business development throughout Europe and Russia. He enjoys travel, wind surfing, skiing and wine tasting. Jim's family remains in Omaha and he may move back to the States in the future.

1976 - Debra Szczepanowski Lewis and her husband, Jerry, have three children. Debbie is Associate Manager of the Lockbox Department of First National Bank of Omaha. Debbie and Jerry also own a janitorial equipment repair sales company, Complete Services, Inc. Debbie also enjoys collecting antiques from the late 1800s to the 1960s.

WISE SAYING

The better part of one's life consists of friendships.

1976 - Margie Pleuler Barrientos is married and enjoys being a wife and mother. She is a Junior High School Youth Leader. She encourages kids to live a life committed to Jesus so they can live an abundant and responsible life. Margie also loves sewing, painting and is STILL playing volleyball.

1985 - Susan Mertz Rolfes. A "tip of the hat" award to Susan for all of her hard work in getting the Internet and Home Page up and running for the Alumni Association. Susan has spent countless hours on this project—all the while gaining a promotion at First National Bank of Omaha (which required overtime) and remodeling their home with her husband, Mike! Susan and Mike have only been married for a year and a half. *We appreciate your dedication to excellence, Susan!*

REUNIONS



Class of 1941 - Father Paul Begley, a Catholic priest, and an S.O.B., gave the address at the reunion and his comments brought back so many memories to so many people, that we are taking the liberty of repeating many of them in this column. Father assumes you all know that an S.O.B. is a "South Omaha Boy." He started with the famous noon dances which were often the catalyst for new romances. Many names still echo through the hallowed halls: **Marrs, Kuncl, Lowery, Collin, Sheets, Kavanaugh, Cook, Drake, Landal, Hubbell, Prochaska...and Fern Eads**, who prepared you for life with a drill sergeant. Remember when you became a celebrity when your name appeared in the **Tooter**? And the Grand Canyon of South Omaha...Athletic Park? And the night South beat Prep and a snake dance ensued around the stands of the hole. The battle cry of "South High Will Shine Tonight" echoed throughout the community. And the burning of the street car on the Hickory Street viaduct after the South-Prep game when someone inadvertently pulled the trolley. Has the mystery ever been solved of who painted "South Beat Prep" on the 24th Street wall at Prep?

Remember the ingenuity of the students who lived on west "L"? When the cattle trucks stopped for the light on 42nd Street, they hopped aboard and rode into the stockyards, meanwhile stealing the clearance lights. They didn't exactly give off the fragrance of Old Spice. Remember going to the Athletic Bowl or City Drug or Artie for a drag or two. Or dancing the maturing melodies of the Bobby Van or Eddie Haddad orchestras. Possibly you stopped at Woolworths for a cherry coke from Rosie the waitress. Passing by Bewer-Korisko, some were known to open the door and ask if they had any fresh hamburger. Remember the retreats at Easter week, the cramped quarters of the old gym, how our lives were governed by the packing house whistle, going to see the cattle trucks double parked on Sunday night clear out to 84th Street, South Omaha on Saturday nights with the one-legged man and his popcorn stand, and the medicine men in front of the Livestock Bank, Beaton Drug, Buehler's Meat Market, Phillip's mecca, P&M, the smell of sawdust on the butcher's floor, "Alex Sells for Less," Flynn's. My dad, unable to find a parking space, stopping in front of Stanek's Shoe Store and hollering that he needed a pair of shoes. Joe would come running out with them as he knew everybody's shoe size. How you couldn't pick up the **World-Herald** without reading that "Lightning Johnson" had been arrested again. We had celebrities in those days: Yakahula Staskiewicz, Leo Kubik, Joe Potach, The Enforcer, Stanley Ciurej, Jim Corcoran, Joe Tess, etc.

Editor's Note: We will try to publish more in a future issue - some priceless memories relived, but space considerations force us to stop here.

Class of 1946 celebrated its 50th Anniversary the weekend of July 13, 1996. They toured SHS Saturday morning, and held a dinner dance that night at The Dance Centre in Omaha which was attended by 146 classmates. **Bette Erca Swanson** served as Mistress of Ceremonies. On Sunday they held an informal brunch at the Bellevue Queen which was attended by 118 classmates, spouses and guests. After their first reunion in 1956, this class has held reunions every five years with **Lorraine Miller Ruther** and **Bette Erca Swanson** leading the committee. This year's committee also included **Burt Finch, Gwen Kuehner Marshall, Joe Mauro, Anne Stirek Eyman** and **Dorothy Muray Arman** assisted by **Alyce Mixan Svajgl, Jim Svajgl, Laddie Kripal, Virginia Frederick Walsh, Ralph Ewin, Nick Bitzes, Bob West** and **Laddie Bolek Prazan**.



Donation from Class of 1946 presented to Alumni Association President, Dick Gulizia by Betty Swanson and Burt Finch



1946 Reunion Comittee, 1996

Class of 1961 celebrated its 35 year reunione on June 20 and 21, 1996. Friday was a "Casual Affair" at Sokol Park south of Omaha. **Paul Kracher**, Chair, reported that the evening was perfect and they danced the night away under the stars. Saturday started with a school tour, and alumni agreed that the new facilities certainly were impressive. Seeing the old building with the new brought back memories of days gone by—and with the help of the Alumni Association - visions of the future. Saturday night's dinner dance at Sokol Hall South was a "garden party" theme. The decorations were exquisite and after a delicious catered buffet dinner, the Grease Band entertained attendees with music from the past. The Committee is tentatively planning a cruise for its 40 year reunion according to **Jackie Schultz Casper**, Chair of that event (phone 402/330-4738).

Class of 1966 - had 300 attendees at their 30 year celebration held on July 13, 1996. Hors' d'oeuvres and drinks were served at Harvey's Casino, followed by a three hour dinner/dance cruise on the River Belle, followed by more dancing and breakfast at Harvey's. The weather and sunset from the river created a perfect postcard picture evening. To add a touch of nostalgia, five school buses were used to transport the gang from the casino to Miller's Landing. On the return trip one of the buses was "hijacked." The driver was forced to drive the passengers from Miller's Landing, through the Old Market, and along 24th Street to SHS. Upon arriving, the "terrorists" led the willing passengers in several old SHS fight songs, along with assorted hooting and hollering. The bus driver was generously tipped. At last report, many members of the class deny having participated in a 30 year celebration.

Note: the class of 1966 is interested in having a year 2000 millennium reunion celebration with other classes. Traditionally, reunions are held in five year multiples. 2000 will be 34 years for this class, but who is counting after 20 years anyway? Class representatives who might like to join in this unique celebration, please call **Steve Lee** at 402/493-5516 or 402/444-5040 or **Lori Roberts Hunter** at 402/298-7530.

REUNION SCHEDULE - 1997

1932, 1937, 1942 - No reunions planned.

1947 - October 11 (Oak Hills Country Club) and October 12 (Bellevue Queen). Contact **Kathleen Walton Waite** - 8601 South 46 Avenue - Omaha, NE 68157 (731-6195).

1952 - August 8 and 9 - German American Club. Contact **Sharon Timmons** (733-6443) or **Shirley Shiery** (291-2419).

1962 - August 8 (YWCA Camp Brewster) and August 9 (Field Club). Contact **Bev Krayneski** (731-6617) or **Bob Murphy** (558-1694).

1967 - June 14 (Sokol Hall South Omaha). Contact **Frank Klusmire** (393-1277).

1972 - June 28 (Sokol Hall South Omaha). Contact **Robin Klusmire** (738-1510) or **Mary Sippel** (498-8538).

1987 - July 25, 26 and 27. Saturday, July 26 - Anthony's Restaurant. Contact **Chris Brown** (597-0731) or **Christine Nelson** (342-2160).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22

Bowling Shoot-out (see flyer)
Spaghetti dinner - Sokol Hall
South Omaha 5 to 8 p.m. (see flyer)

April 5

SHS Alumni Association Board Meeting -
9:30 a.m. at SHS Rm. 254

May 13

Honors Convocation - 7:00 p.m. SHS Auditorium

June 14

1967 Class Reunion at Sokol South Omaha. Contact Frank Klusmire at (393-1277) for this 30 year reunion.

July 12

SHS Alumni Association Board Meeting -
9:30 a.m. at SHS Rm. 254

August 24

SHS Golf Tournament - Terra Hills Golf Course.
Contact Steve Cavlovic at 3927 "X" Street -
Omaha, NE 68107 (733-3886) for reservations.

September 12

"Day of the Packers" - Football Game at Bergquist Stadium vs. Bryan Senior High School - followed by party at Grover Street Bingo Hall 42nd and Grover. (Tickets in next **Tooter**.)

October 11

SHS Alumni Association Board Meeting -
9:30 a.m. at SHS Rm. 254

November 18

Oktoberfest 60's Dance - Alumni, family and friends all invited. Mueller Hall - 5716 South 36 Street
8 p.m. to midnight. (See flyer.)

SPOTLIGHT ON SHSAA BOARD MEMBER



One of SHS's most popular and well-known alumnus graduated in 1950. While at SHS he held class offices, excelled in sports (football and track), was a Student Council member and President of his graduating class. After graduating from SHS, he attended UNL on a football scholarship, but a football injury cut his college career short. He joined the Douglas County Sheriff's Department in

1952, serving as Road Patrol Deputy until he was drafted into the Army in 1954. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he returned to the department, serving until 1991 when he officially retired after 32 years of service. During his last 12 years in the department, he served as Public Relations and Crime Prevention Officer. He established Neighborhood Watch Programs in city and country residential areas. He presented anti-drug abuse and anti-crime education programs to elementary, junior high and high school students in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

By now many of you know, our spotlight is on **CHRIS SAKLAR**, honored when Mayor P.J. Morgan proclaimed September 25, 1990 as "Deputy Sheriff Chris Saklar Day" in Omaha, Nebraska. This honor was recognizing Chris' service to Public Safety and Anti-Drug and Alcohol Programs which he presented to citizens of all ages in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Chris was selected "Officer of the Year" in 1988-89 by the Nebraska Crime Prevention Association; "Officer of the Year" in 1990 by the Omaha Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and "Officer of the Year" in 1989 by the Association of Insurance Women for his crime prevention efforts. Chris made presentations to more than 185,000 students from 1981 to 1990.

After "retiring," Chris became the morning and afternoon rush hour "traffic reporter" for nearly 14 years, working for several local stations in the Douglas County area. He was also on the Board of "Pride Omaha" and participated in many fund-raising charity events such as Cystic Fibrosis, "Make A Wish," Easter Seals, United Way, Tree of Lights, and of course all SHSAA events. He presented Crime Education programs to SHS Freshmen, currently serves on the Executive Board of the Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of the Air Force Association, and leads the TA' Zorba Greek Band which entertains throughout the Midwest. Chris has been a member of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church Choir for 50 years!

Chris is a die hard Packer fan, attending as many sporting events as possible. He gathers golf balls to donate to SHS golf teams, and does all he can to help raise scholarship funds for the students, as well as being a very active SHSAA Board Member.

In addition to a lifetime of service to others, and being a fun guy to have around, he is also an accomplished musician, entertainer and singer. What an asset to our community and a classy addition to the SHSAA board! *Congratulations on your outstanding achievements, Chris, and thank you for all you do to help others—especially good old SHS!*

SPORTS NOTES '97

by Helen Elsasser

The Sports Committee (Event Host - **Frank Palma**, Event Director - **Dan Dasovich** 1963, Coordinators - **Chris Saklar** 1950, **Helen Elsasser** 1968, **Bob Voboril** 1971, **Tony Palma** 1950, **Keith Howard** 1995 and **Josh Priester** 1950) is preparing for a full house on the afternoon of March 22, 1997. Making sure that bowlers will have a great time, bowlers will be offered cash prizes, alumni clothing, fun novelty prizes along with split the pot and raffle prizes. \$2 of the

entry fee goes toward cash prizes along with SHSAA's donation of \$100. Beer is \$.50 a glass and pitchers are \$3 with the proceeds benefiting this event. Any alumni who would like to help at the raffle table or donate money, prizes or gift certificates, please call 341-9356. We'll see you Bowlers at the Shoot Out (see flyer for details). Note the 3-3 tournament has been canceled.



SOFTBALL '96 UPDATE

by Helen Elsasser and Tony Mendiola

Tournament held at Hitchcock Field on September 14, 1996. Tournament Directors and umpires were **Tony Mendiola** and **Joe Daneff**

\$300 was raised for alumni scholarships.

1st Place - **Mary Cuevas'** team - Captain **Junior Jasso**, '79

2nd Place - **Larry Cervany's** team - Captain **Joe Clark**, '78

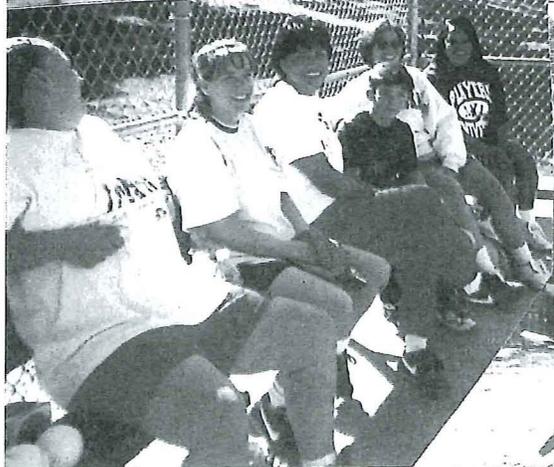
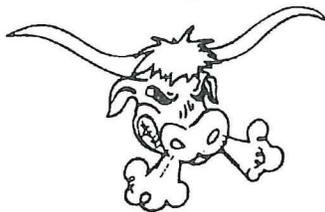
3rd Place - **Joe Daneff's** team - Captain **Joe Daneff**, '67

Additional teams—**Mike Cunningham**, 1971; **Tony Mendiola**, 1979 and **Vince Barraza**, 1983.

After a slow start in reshuffling tournament dates—the players finally got going—and a good time was had by all! Softball teams with their "Packer Spirit," were friendly and joking was good natured as, family and friends cheered on their favorite teams! Thank you to **Joe Daneff** for donating the trophies and to all the softball players who participated. (By the way, Joe was the oldest alumni in the tournament. Way to go, Joe!)

Recommendations for 1997 include: Tournament to be scheduled for early summer on Saturday and Sunday. Entry

fees to remain the same—\$50 non-refundable. Co-ed teams (males/females), limited to 16 teams. Trophies to be solicited from South Omaha Businesses. Media coverage to be requested from Directors in writing two weeks prior to tournament play.



Batter up In the fall of 1996, the girls softball team was able to practice at the H.P. Smith Sports Complex.



SPORTS UPDATE

by Helen Elsasser



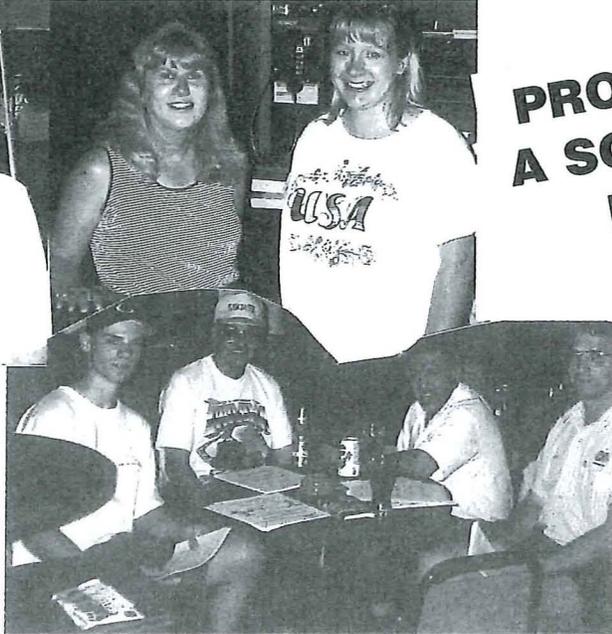
The gang is all here!

Back row: Joe Daneff, 1967; Keith Howard, 1995; Josh Priester, 1995
 Front row: Helen Elsasser, 1968; Cathie Dosenovich, 1968; Danny Dasovich, 1963; and Bob Voboril, 1971.

Helen with Monica Matuza, 1989

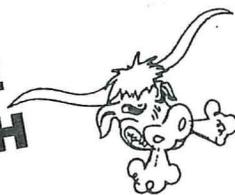


Frank Palma



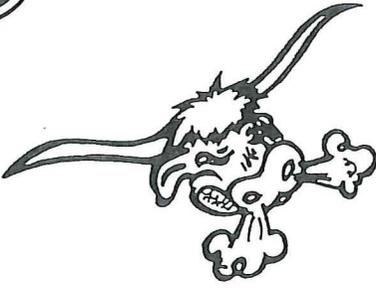
Alumni Packers - Josh, Hector Vela, 1950; Tony Palma, 1950 and Bob

**PROUD TO BE
 A SOUTH HIGH
 BACKER**



Sports Committee 1997

An active year for sports with the bowling shootout on March 22, 1997, and the softball tournament scheduled for Summer, 1997.



SOUTH HIGH GOLF DAY
 TARA HILLS GOLF COURSE
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH
 TEE OFF TIMES 8:00 TO 9:30 A.M.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF
 SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

18 HOLES OF GOLF PLUS CART & DINNER
 FLAG PRIZES --DIVISION PRIZES

MEN AND WOMEN DIVISIONS
 INDIVIDUAL AND 4MAN BEST BALL TEAMS

All money in excess of expenses will be donated to
 The South High Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

ENTRY FEE \$55.00

Send entries to:

Steve Cavlovic - 3927 "X" Street - Omaha, NE 68108
 733-3886

LIMITED ENTRIES - ENTRY DEADLINE 8-9

NAME _____ TEL.# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HANDICAP & SCRATCH
 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS _____ 4 MAN BEST BALL EVENT _____

TEAM MEMBERS

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

3RD ANNUAL
BOWLING SHOOT-OUT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1997

LEOPARD LANES, BELLEVUE

CHECK IN TIME 1:30 P.M.

STARTING TIME 2:00 P.M.



	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #	AVERAGE	ALUMNI YEAR
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF LAST YEAR'S SHOOT-OUT, ENTER EARLY!

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 1997

\$12 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON

CASH PRIZES FOR HIGH GAME AND HIGH SERIES

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (OR SHSAA) AND MAIL WITH ENTRIES TO:

DAN DASOVICH, 2121 DOUGLAS STREET #405 - OMAHA, NE 68102
(341-7093)

OR CHRIS SAKLAR - 12625 ELM PLAZA, SUITE 60 - OMAHA, NE 68144
(333-8348)

*****MORE INFORMATION FOLLOWS*****

SHOOT-OUT RULES

1. OPEN TO SHS ALUMNI, SPOUSES AND BOWLING FRIENDS.
2. BOWLERS USE 1996/1996 AVERAGE.
3. BOWLERS WITH NO AVERAGE WILL HAVE AVERAGE ASSIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.
4. HANDICAP BASED ON 80% DIFFERENCE FROM 200.
5. HONOR SYSTEM ON AVERAGE PREVAILS.
6. ENTRIES LIMITED TO 160 AND 5 PER LANE. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.
7. A NON-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT.
8. NO REFUNDS ON ENTRY FEES!!!

CASH PRIZES OFFERED FOR HIGH SERIES AND HIGH GAME FOR MEN AND WOMEN

ADDITIONAL FUN PRIZES AWARDED

ALUMNI SPAGHETTI DINNER FOLLOWS THE BOWLING SHOOT-OUT

TO 8 P.M. AT SOKOL HALL SOUTH OMAHA - 21ST AND U STREETS

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE SHSAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN MEMORIAL

*We do not lose the ones we love
They only go before.
Where there is everlasting life,
Where sorrow is no more.*



*And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere,
We do not lose the ones we love
God takes them in His care.*

1925 - Ray Stanley former banker, co founder of Center Bank, former Mayor of Ralston, held many other civic leadership positions. Died in Omaha August 1996.

1927 - Otto Matulka owner of Rendezvous Tavern at 15th and Vinton since returning to Omaha from WWII. Died November 1996 in Omaha.

1930 - Vera L. Helm Railsback died November 5, 1996 at the age of 82. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughter and grandson.

1930 - Steffie Kavalec Geist.

1930 - Vera Helm Railsback.

1930 - Marguerita Metzger Hall.

1931 - Mike Schuster. Died in 1992.

1932 - Kathleen Moore Hess "Sweetheart of South High 1932" died July 15, 1996 at Neosho, Missouri.

1933 - Lillian Yelinek Tallman.

1933 - Art Svoboda.

1934 - Virginia Sandstedt Cole.

1934 - Paul Sacks.

1934 - Frances Pivonka Nowicki died in Omaha on December 1, 1996.

1935 - Joe Nwaczyk.

1935 - Jerome Trunecek died of heart attack July 28, 1992. Union Pacific Railroad employee 41 years. Married 52 years to classmate **Dorothy Robertson Trunecek.**

1936 - Delia Lilley Marion died January 11, 1996.

1937 - Robert C. Cook succumbed to cancer June 1994 in Rockwall, Texas.

1938 - Phillip Ferrante WWII veteran. Accountant in Bellevue. Died in Bellevue July 16, 1996.

1938 - Verlas Vander LAAN died January 1997 in Omaha.

1938 - Lois Hight Fischer.

1938 - Dr. Richard Johnson.

1939 - Ruth Williamson Young.

1939 - John J. Wisniski died in Omaha April 6, 1996. Lived in South Omaha all his life, and retired in 1980 after working for Union Pacific more than 40 years.

1939 - Edward A. Zaracki died in Omaha April 11, 1996.

1939 - Christine Seifert McElligott died February, 1996 after a very brief battle with cancer.

1939 - Charles Noordam died 1992.

1939 - Leo Wisniski died in Omaha May 23, 1993.

1939 Edward John Potach native Omahan, married Helen Divin in September 1942 and worked for Dr. Pepper in South Omaha. Joined Pittsburgh Plate Glass in 1948 and was



Manager of the Sioux City plant from 1957 to 1970. He transferred to Pueblo, Colorado from 1970 to 1976. Ed and Helen returned to Omaha in 1976 and he retired from PPG with 28 years of service. In December 1976, Ed joined AAA Building Components, retiring from full-time sales in 1983 but working part-time until June 1989. Passed away July 7, 1996 and his family and friends sure miss him. He was a member of St. Gerald's Parish West and American Legion #331. Ed loved fishing and traveling and over the years had traveled all over the world. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids and could bring a smile to everyone's face with a good story or joke. *Editor's Note: We thank AAA Building Components for its donation to the Alumni Association in memory of Mr. Potach.*

1940 - Robert W. Bell General Manager of Metropolitan Utilities District, two-term director of Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, intimately involved with NRD since 1969. WWII and Korean War veteran. South High School Hall of Fame Member.

1940 - Harry Hotovec.

1941 - Evelyn Monnier Hudak died 1995 in Florida.

1942 - Richard Carlson died December 1, 1995.

1942 - Lee Grace died August 15, 1996 in Omaha.

1943 - Robert Sainovich died in Lincoln June 8, 1984.

1943 - Mari Lou Trant Sims died summer 1995.

1945 - Ann Marie Palma Talarico died February 14, 1996 after being married to R.B. Talarico for more than 49 years. She is deeply missed.

1945 - Rose Marie Dragaczewiski Burns.

1946 - Theodore "Ted" Bertagni.

1947 - Dorothy Kirk Sempek died January 30, 1994.

1947 - Elaine Billings Levy.

1948 - William Smutny.

1949 - Janet Turley Tasich.

1949 - Veora Brown Bartels.

1950 - Ronald A. Monnier was a 24 year resident of Kentwood, Michigan, passed away March 3, 1994.

1950 - Robert Yager died September 1993.

1953 - Rose Marie Andersen.

1955 - Lyle Flyr.

1955 - David J. Placzek died in January 1997. He was a retired Omaha Public Schools employee. Survived by wife, Carolyn, sons, daughters and grandchildren.

1955 - Dorothy Messany Kent died June 2, 1996.

1956 - Gerald Vodicka was a typical South Omaha boy of his day. Played football and was named to the All-American Midget Team. Also excelled at basketball and baseball.

1959 Lee T. Preston died January 7, 1997. Survived by wife, Barbara Jo, two sons, one daughter and his mother and brother in addition to five grandchildren.

1960 - James Hoffman was killed September 1994 in a car accident in Bellevue, Nebraska.

1960 Sandra Diedrichs Corelli died in Omaha July 4, 1996.

1960 Rita Jean Wagner Moody died in Omaha in 1996.

1960 - John Pecha was a long-time Omaha businessman, owner of Benson Radiator and Benson Radiator West. Died in Omaha November 1996 of Lou Gehrig's disease. Charter member SHSAA.

1968 - Rich Keiser, owner of Keiser Book Store, died suddenly in 1995 in Omaha.

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THE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

In addition to extensive book and magazine collections, students have access to CD-ROM technology. Newsbank, SIRS, Ebsco Magazine Article Summaries, Ethnic Newswatch, InfoTrac, and electronic encyclopedias are some of the CD-ROM programs available to student researchers.



SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 1997

President - **Dr. Richard Gulizia**, 1961; Vice President - **John Krayneski**, 1961; Secretary - **Judi Limas**, 1961; Treasurer - **Rudy Tesar**, 1960. Board members: **Sandie Casey**, 1964; **Jackie Casper**, 1961; **Steve Cavlovic**, 1950; **Scott Knudsen**, 1965; **Paul Kracher**, 1961; **Steve Lee**, 1966; **Mark Martinez**, 1977; **Gary Miller**, 1972; **George Reid**, 1945; **Susan Rolfes**, 1985; **Chris Saklar**, 1950; **Judy Tesar**, 1961. School Representatives: **Jerry Barte**, **Jim Eisenhardt**, 1967; **Lad Nemecek**, 1960.

IN MEMORIAL

(Continued from page 12)

1970 - Robert Lee died of heart attack summer 1996. 24 year employee of City of Omaha. Brother of Alumni Board member **Steve Lee**.

1980 - LuAnn Miller.

1983 - Raymond Davis.

1995 - Rodolfo Flores died September 1996.

Bernadine Burkhardt Benak was a true South Omaha person who touched the lives of many people in her community. One of the most giving individuals one would ever want to meet. An employee of SHS, she had requested that memorials be given to the SHSAA Scholarship Fund.

Ted Kozol died January 4, 1997 after a nine-year battle with cancer. Ted has been a big help to the Alumni Association at chili and spaghetti dinners, bowling events, etc. We really appreciated all his hard work. Ted was inducted into the Nebraska Softball Hall of Fame in 1994.

Joseph "Curly" Churchich died in January 1997 at age 75. Survived by son and brother.

Teacher, George Wildrick taught Social Studies at SHS for 33 years. Died in Omaha recently of cancer at age 68.

MEMORIALS

DONATIONS TO SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

- 1931 - Michael Schuester** from loving wife, **Frances Yelinek Schuester (1933)**.
1935 - Jerome Trunecek from loving wife, **Dorothy Robertson Trunecek (1935)**.
1936 - Delia Lilley Marion from sister **Betty Lilley Croft (1940)**.
1938 - Dr. Richard N. Johnson from classmate **Warren Huettelmaier**.
1939 - Edward John Potach from co-workers at AAA Building Components.
Bernard Pizinger from loving wife, **Alice Monroe Pizinger**.
Bernadine Burkhardt Benak from **Mary Riha**, and **Riha family**; **Alice Thompson**; **Wayne and Nancy Salvo**; **Velda Hughes**; **Anonymous**. Additional contributions will be listed in the next **Tooter**.
Chester H. Bailey teacher at SHS from daughter **Wanda Bailey Goodwin (1942)**.
James Alfred Parks from **Jerry A. Parks**.
Paul Gorup from loving wife, **Betty Blasing Gorup (1949)**.
Wesley Moravec, father of **Bev Moravec Krayneski (1962)** from **Ann Covolcius**.

MEMORIAL TO H.P. SMITH SPORTS COMPLEX

- Memory of **Gregory H. Bullard** from Mother, **Ardythe Agee Sayers - 1953**.
Memory of **Otto Charvat** from **Agneta Charvat**.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND MEMORIALS

- Memory of **Don Graham** from **Paul and Judi Limas (1960/61)**.
Memory of **Virginia Sandstedt** from **Leon Jungbluth**.
Memory of **Mark Helms**, USMC, from **Mary Ann Turek (1961)**.
Memory of **Gordon Pounds** from **Judy Pounds**.
Memory of **Evan Jungbluth** from **Leona Jungbluth**.
Memory of **Randy Villafuerte** from **Rebecca Holloway**.
Memory of **Paul Novotony** from **Emily Novotony**.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS TO THE H.P. SMITH SPORTS TRAINING FACILITY WILL BE LISTED ON A PLAQUE AT THE SITE.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PLANS THREE EVENTS FOR 1997

Our annual **Bowling Shoot-Out and Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, March 22, 1997**. Look for the flyers in this newsletter about these events. We hope you will join us for these fun events.

Day of the Packers party will follow the football game on **Friday, September 12, 1997** at 7:00 p.m. at Bergquist Stadium where SHS will play Bryan Senior High. Again, complimentary tickets will be provided in your next edition of the **Tooter**. Because of the tremendous response to our last invitation, we have moved this year's party to the Grover Street Bingo Hall at 42nd and Grover. Additional food, bars, space and parking will all be provided so attendees will have space to dance, eat, drink and visit. Thanks to all of you who attended the Field Club Party last year for your patience, cooperation and good behavior even though the space was very crowded and the lines very long. SHS people always show class under pressure!

A **60's Dance** will be held on **Saturday, October 18, 1997** at 8:00 p.m. at Mueller Recreation Hall, 5716 South 36 Street. Chair of this event is Wayne Yanovich (1956) with co-chairs Jackie Casper (1961) and Bev Krayneski (1962). Tables of ten

are being sold for this event so round up your group and send in your reservations on the flyer included in this Tooter. Music by the Persuaders. Everyone welcome.

All proceeds from these three events will provide scholarships for future graduates. Mark your calendar now for all three events to help us raise funds while having a great time with fellow SHS alumni.

Committee members include Co chairs **Jackie Casper, 1961** and **Bev Krayneski, 1962**; **Dick Gulizia, 1961**; **Sue Smith, honorary degree**; **Evelyn Winther, 1972**; **Dean Winther**; **Paul Kracher, 1961**; **Sharon Kracher, Vic Riha, 1961**; **Bev Riha, 1963**; **Dorothy Prill, 1954**; **Lori Hunter, 1966**; **Candy Rezac, 1963**; **Dean Rezac, 1963**; **Gary Finazzo, 1970**; **Debbie Finazzo**; **Cheryl Wild, 1968**; **Helen Elsasser, 1968**; **Diane Whitmarsh, 1968**; **Scott Knudsen, 1965**; **Sandie Casey, 1964**; **Wayne Yanovich, 1957**; **Carole Miller, 1956**; **Alyce Tipley, 1967**; **Julie Diehm, 1966**; **Ron Cerone, 1975**; **Tom Roy, 1962**; **Kathy Roy, 1968**; **Donna Cardella, 1967**; **Judy Masek, 1966** and **Don Meyer, 1947**.
Thanks to each of you for all your hard work.

Oktoberfest

FUN 60'S DANCE (Everyone Welcome) POP

Music by the Persuaders



FOOD

When: Saturday, October 18, 1997
Time: 8:00 p.m. - Midnight
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Where: Mueller Recreation Hall
5716 South 36th Street

BEER



Sponsored by: South High School Alumni Association
(Proceeds Benefit South High Alumni Scholarship Fund)

Oktoberfest 60'S DANCE FORM

NAME _____
NAME of COMPANY _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____
_____ Dance tickets at \$10.00 each Total \$ _____
_____ Tables (tables for 10 = \$100.00) Total \$ _____

Make Dance Form Check payable to: South High Alumni Association)

Mail to:
Bev Krayneski
7201 South 49th Circle
Omaha, NE 68157 734-6617
or
Jackie Casper
2312 Mayfair Drive
Omaha, NE 68144 330-4738



Third Annual

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 22, 1997
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sokol Hall South Omaha
21st & U Street
Tickets \$5.00 per person

Sponsored by:
South High Alumni Association &
Sokol Hall South Omaha
All proceeds go to South High Alumni Scholarship Fund

Price includes: Spaghetti & sauce, sausage, salad, bread, dessert and coffee.
Pop, Beer and other drinks available at the bar.

Carry Outs Available

- Tickets can be purchased:
1. From any South High Alumni Association Board Member (Board members are listed in this newsletter)
 2. At the door
 3. Call Dick Gulizia, 330-3954

WISE SAYING

*At the end of the day, wherever you are,
may you hold in your hands the wings of a dream,
hold in your memory the smile of a friend,
and hold in your heart a wish for tomorrow!*

WISE SAYING

*It is better to look ahead and prepare
than to look back and regret.*

DO YOU WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ALUMNI TOOTER?

Dear Alumni:

Our mailing list for the **Tooter** now includes more than 18,000 alumni. If you are not a member of the Alumni Association, we ask that you send \$5.00 per year to cover

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We could not do it without their able assistance.*

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MAIL TO: RUDY TESAR, TREASURER SHSAA
11916 JACKSON ROAD
OMAHA, NE 68154

Dear Clothing Committee
(% Alumni Association President)

I want to look great and help my Alumni Association earn money to provide assistance to SHS. My order follows:

TEE SHIRTS	SWEATSHIRTS	POLO SHIRTS
___ L @ \$10.00	___ L @ \$20	___ L @ \$10.00
___ XL @ \$10.00	___ XL @ \$20	___ XL @ \$12.50
___ XXL @ \$12.50	___ XXL @ \$23	
___ XXXL @ \$12.50	___ XXXL @ \$23	
CAPS	LAPEL PINS	COFFEE MUGS
___ RED @ \$7.50	___ @ \$3 EACH	___ @ \$5 EACH
___ WHITE @ \$7.50		

Mail check payable to SHSAA to Dick Gulizia - 440 S. 119 St. - Omaha, NE 68154

*Note: Polo shirts are white, 3 button with collar, red lettering of Alumni Association logo on left side breast, no pocket.

ADD \$3 TO EACH ITEM (EXCEPT THE LAPEL PINS) TO DEFRAY DELIVERY CHARGES.

MY ORDER TOTALS \$ _____ AND MY CHECK PAYABLE TO "SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION" IS ENCLOSED.

NAME _____
MAIDEN NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CLASS YEAR _____
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PHONE # _____ H; _____ W

RECIPES WANTED

We have been asked by several alumni to consider putting together a true South Omaha ethnic cookbook to sell for future scholarship funds. We will need recipes from all nationalities for this to be the prized cookbook we envision. Please send us your favorite ethnic recipes for meats, vegetables, salads, breads, cakes, cookies, candies, sauces, deserts, casseroles, or whatever. Surprise us with your unique version of a favorite family dish. Please send all recipes for publication, with complete instructions, listing ingredients, baking times, etc., to Dick Gulizia, President of the SHS Alumni Association at 440 South 119 Street, Omaha, NE 68154. Please include your address and telephone number in case any clarifications are needed. (Note: with your permission, we will publish chosen recipes under your name, but will not publish your address and telephone number.)

Depending upon your response to this request, more information regarding publication, cost and delivery will be printed in a future issue. We look forward to receiving a wide variety of tasty recipes from ALL nationalities and thank you in anticipation of sampling some wonderful new dishes.

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The South High School Alumni Association invites you to participate in a permanent tribute/memorial to be placed at the newly established H.P. Smith Sports Complex located at 20th and "O" Street.

The site will consist of high quality bricks, available for purchase by the public. Each brick will be engraved as designated by you, to make your family name a lasting part of this timeless tribute or to record a special date, place or event.
You need not be South High Alumni to participate.

Each brick will be of top-quality and designed for lasting endurance and memories.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR BRICK

4" x 8" brick - \$50.00 each minimum donation

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

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STATE _____

ZIP _____

Send check or money order to:

South High School Alumni Association
Rudy J. Tesar, Treasurer
11916 Jackson Road
Omaha, Nebraska 68154

You are allowed a maximum of 32 characters (2 rows with 16 characters per row). Characters include spaces and punctuations - *No symbols, please!*

Please copy this form for your friends and relatives or for multiple brick orders.

Print clearly and exactly what you would like engraved on your brick in the boxes below.

One Brick Per Form

See other side of flyer for example and ideas.

Example:

John Krayneski
Class of 1961

	J	o	h	n		K	r	a	y	n	e	s	k	i	
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Ideas:

Rudy and Judy
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