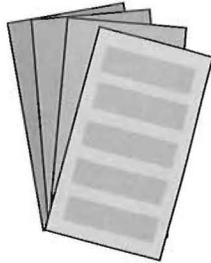


PICKLE CARDS



The Omaha South High School Alumni Association has received a pickle card license. This license allows us to sell pickle cards at our designated premises, bingo occasions, and through any number of retail establishments that hold a liquor license and are licensed as Pickle Card Operators.

Any South High alumni (or friends of the school) in the State of Nebraska who have Class II liquor licenses in their bar, restaurant or convenient store and are willing to help by selling pickle cards for our Alumni Association, please write or call your president, Dick Gulizia (330-3954), for further information.

All money raised by pickle card sales will be used for operating funds, scholarships and to build an endowment fund for future scholarships.

BOWLING "SHOOT-OUT" AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. the second annual bowling "shoot out" will be held at Leopard Lanes in Bellevue. The cost is \$10 per bowler. For more information about this popular activity, please contact **Dan Dasovich (341-7093)** or **Chris Saklar (333-8348)**.

A delicious spaghetti dinner will follow the bowling "shoot out." The dinner will be held at Sokol Hall South Omaha, 21st and "U" Streets from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for \$5.00 per person. Where else could you get such a bargain, and get to see your fellow alumni at the same time? For tickets contact **Dick Gulizia (330-3954)**.

All proceeds will benefit the SHSAA Scholarship Fund.

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT AT THE ROYALS

The Omaha Royals donated the tickets, use of the Royals facilities, and the pop for our very successful *Night at the Royals* on July 28. **Delores Wright** and her staff cooked and donated the delicious Mexican dinner we enjoyed at this fun event. Special thanks to **Delores, Tony Palma** and **Steve Cavlovic** for all of their work to make this a very special event.

SPORTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Helen Elsasser

In October 1995, **Chris Saklar (1950)** stepped down as Chairman of the Sports Committee. We thank Chris for the fine job he and his committee have done to provide the SHSAA members many fun activities.

Helen Elsasser (1968) was appointed to succeed Chris. Helen's goal is to recruit more alumni for a better representation of our alumni classes. "Also, these are the building years for our bowling and softball events to make them better and bigger. The sports committee is making a conscious effort to assure that alumni will enjoy participating in these events, renew old friendships and to make these alumni events fundraising successes."

The bowling "shoot out" event director is **Dan Dasovich (1963)**. **Frank Palma** serves as host for this event. Assistant directors are **Chris Saklar** and **Helen Elsasser**.

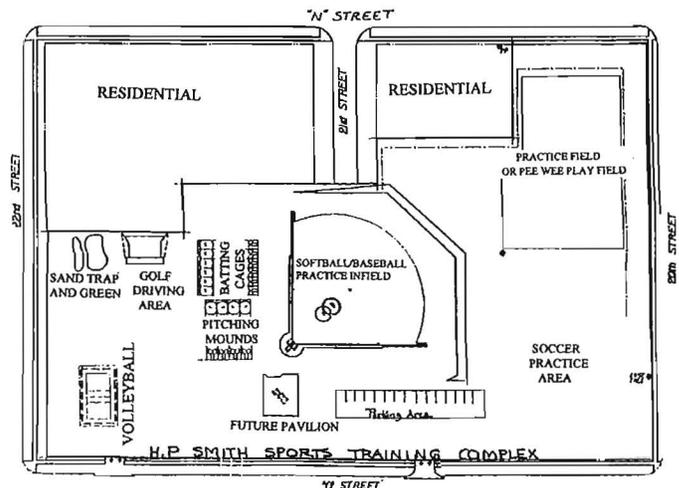
Softball Tournament directors for this summer event are **Joe Daneff (1967)**, **Cathie Dosenovich (1968)**, **Ron Cuevas (1960)**, **Tony Palma (1950)**, and **Bob Voboril (1972)**.

More information about the Golf and Softball Tournaments will be available at the March 16 spaghetti dinner.

The Sports Committee asks that alumni business owners donate prizes or gift certificates for the upcoming bowling "shoot out." Please contact **Dan Dasovich** or **Chris Saklar** if you can help.

Also, the Sports Committee would appreciate as many alumni volunteers as possible to help with these activities. Meetings are held at the Greek Islands on Wednesday nights. Contact **Helen Elsasser (341-9356)** for meeting dates.

Editor's note: Helen has served as our Association's Historian since inception. We appreciate the many hours she has spent in this activity, in selling alumni clothing at various reunions and events, and in helping with the sports committee activities. We need more dedicated volunteers like Helen!



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

by Judi Limas

Norma Jean Kelley Schnase, 1948 is a product of both Hawthorne Elementary School and SHS. She married Fred H. Schnase in 1949 and lived in the South Omaha home that Fred built and expanded for 44 years. Their children, **(Mrs. Bob) Eileen Schnase Thornburg (SHS 1968)** and **Fred Schnase, Jr. (SHS 1970)**, presented them with grandchildren, Brock and Parker Thornburg and Clinton and Laura Schnase.

Norma Jean became known as "Miss Jean," the writer, producer and presenter of a religious program called "Jean's Storytime" on Channel 3 - KMTV. The program, started in 1956, was to run 13 Sundays and was intended to reach "unchurched children" as Jean told how God loved each person, shared Bible stories, and presented a moral lesson by showing pictures she asked children to draw and send weekly. The program is seen in parts of Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri and reaches thousands of children and adults weekly from September through May. It is the longest running television program in the area and is about to begin its 40th season. "Jean's Storytime" has received three Gold Frame Awards from the Omaha Radio and Television Council.

Jean was named to the SHS Hall of Fame in 1991, was named Woman of the Year by FOE Women's Auxiliary in 1981. She has been a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in South Omaha since 1939, and over the years has taught Bible School, Confirmation Classes, and Adult Bible Classes. She has taught at Puppetry Workshops, Communication Workshops, Lutheran Youth Camps and twice went to Mexico to spread the word of God on mission trips.



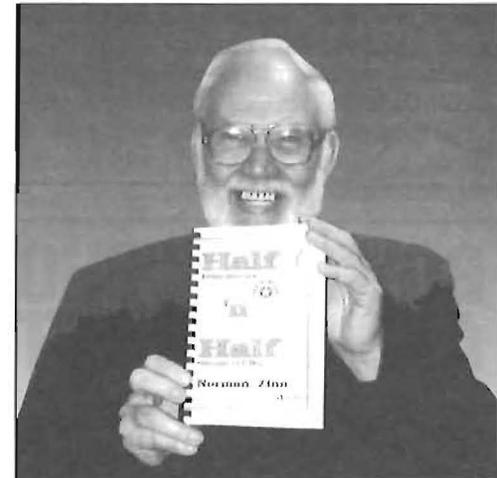
"Miss Jean"
Norma Jean Kelley Schnase, 1948

Other community activities include Cub Scouts, Brownie Troop, President of Ashland Park Elementary School PTA, South High PTL, presenting programs in Easter Seal Summer Camps, participating in Easter Seal Telethons and giving hundreds of speeches to area communities about "Jean's Storytime."

Miss Jean has turned the television ministry over to her son, Fred, Jr. (puppeteer and voice of Zach and Claude) and daughter-in-law Maribeth. Miss Jean is recovering from a stroke, but will continue to oversee "Jean's Storytime," which can be seen Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Channel 3.

Lois (Groves) Ernce - 1961 and I had the pleasure recently of having lunch with one of our favorite teachers from our happy days at SHS. If we thought he was an interesting character "way back then," we didn't know the half of it. We found that he is a published writer, among many other accomplishments, so we thought we'd let him tell his own story. We want you to know that he looks fantastic and has a physical workout daily that puts all of us "youngsters" to shame. These are excerpts of a fascinating biography.

When he was inducted into the Army following high school graduation, he was categorized as a clerk-typist because that was one of the talents he picked up in school. He spent most of his four years of the war working as a message center clerk in London and Paris and as a claims processor for reparation payments and customs inspector for war brides coming to the States.



Mr. Norman Zinn
SHS French and English Teacher

Upon his return to civilian life, he enrolled at Washburn University in 1947 where he "distinguished himself as a pinochle and hearts player." After switching his major from business to English, he realized he would have to have a minor in education to get a teacher's certificate to make a living. Jobs were not plentiful so he enrolled in Graduate School at KU to earn a master's degree in French. (You see how there is always a plan in one's life!) He had finished all the work for his master's except his thesis — which was initially rejected because it was too long!

Mr. Zinn worked in an ordnance plant to tide himself over until a teaching job became available. When he returned home one day, he had a visitor who turned out to be the principal of

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DID YOU KNOW?

(a current update item about SHS)

The Performing Arts Center at SHS is a perfect fit, blending opportunities for students to perform in a year-long season of plays, musicals, dance programs and concerts with its highly successful use as a major arts venue. The 750-seat theatre is used by the NEBRASKA THEATRE CARAVAN, OPERA OMAHA, the OMAHA SYMPHONY, HEARTLAND OF AMERICA BAND and SOLIDEO GLORIA CANTORUM, as well as many other community arts groups. Completed in 1992, it is recog-



nized as one of the most outstanding theatre facilities in the Midwest, offering SHS students chances to work with professional performers, musicians and technicians which few high school students experience.

Just another reason why the young adults in your family should choose SHS as their school—the Perfect Fit!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

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Overbrook High School. Since he was looking for a French and English teacher, thus began his new career.

After two years at Overbrook, he moved to Omaha to teach French and English for ten years at SHS. He was then named Foreign Language Supervisor for Omaha Public Schools.

In that capacity he was responsible for the foreign language program and for the students who spoke limited English, supervising between 85 and 95 teachers. He enjoyed this work, but was glad to retire at the first opportunity. He said he's never been sorry and feels early retirement is the only way to go.

He said if he had it to do all over again, he probably wouldn't teach. When he began in the classroom, he said he pictured himself as some kind of hip Mr. Chips, and he enjoyed some success in that mold. His students liked him and he liked them, but at the same time he also enjoyed their respect. He can't see how today a teacher can have the kind of relationship he enjoyed with his students, and he wouldn't want to teach in an atmosphere of tension, suspicion, distrust and antipathy that seems to prevail in our schools today. There will always be teachers who find their jobs rewarding, but he feels the rewards will have to come from different sources. He fears his generation of teachers was the last when teachers and knowledge were respected, and where imparting and acquiring knowledge were desirable and worthy pursuits.

He said he also fears matrimony has not been his most successful venture, with his present wife, Judie, being wife number three. Rejection is one of the greatest traumas the ego can sustain, but eventually one gets over it and goes on to a better life. He said he's sorry for the hurts he caused and for those done to him, but his biggest regret is that he didn't find Judie some 30 or 40 years ago. Judie wisely told him that they wouldn't have then been smart enough to appreciate what a life together could mean to both of them.

He said his checkered nuptial career resulted in a puzzling array of offspring, having one, two or three children—depending on your point of view. He had a daughter with his first wife, adopted his second wife's daughter, and has tried to help Judie raise her son. He also says (with no pride whatsoever) that he has two of the most beautiful and brilliant granddaughters to ever walk the face of the earth.

Mr. Zinn's greatest avocation is reading, setting a pace of 100 to 150 books per



BOARD REPORT

by Judi Limas - Secretary

We last reported to you in August, 1995. We held the annual SHS Alumni Association meeting on October 7 where **Dick Gulizia, Judi Limas, Chris Saklar, George Reid, Steve Lee, and Jackie Casper** were re-elected to the Board and **Scott Knudsen** was elected to his first term. Reports were given regarding the Associations very successful and fun activities during the past year including the bowling shoot-out and Spaghetti Dinner, the Softball Tournament, the Golf Tournament, the Day of the Packers Dance and Reverse Raffle and Omaha Royals Baseball Night.

Your Alumni Association has put a lot of time and effort into planning these social activities and your support and attendance are very much appreciated.

At the January 6, 1996 Board meeting, **Dick Gulizia, Rudy Tesar and Judi Limas** were re-elected for two-year terms as President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. **Steve Cavlovic** nominated **John Krayneski** to replace him as Vice-President for the two-year term, and John was unanimously elected to serve in that capacity. The Board entered a Resolution of Appreciation to **Steve Cavlovic** for all the dedication, fundraising, time and effort he has expended on behalf of South High School. We anticipate Steve's continued heavy involvement in all Alumni Association happenings and he will continue to chair the H.P. Smith Sports Complex Committee.

Steve Cavlovic gave an update regarding Phase I of the H.P. Smith Sports Training Complex, which is nearly complete. Phase II includes building the Pavilion (office and rest rooms), and Phase III includes other property to be purchased. Special appreciation was expressed to Phil Protaskey for the outstanding grading completed at the Complex. This has truly been a joint effort of so many individuals and companies. All donations will be listed on a plaque at the site. You may want to consider a donation as a memorial for a family member or classmate since this facility will be a great benefit to the youth of South Omaha.

The Honors Convocation will be held at SHS on May 6, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. and we will award our Alumni Association Scholarship and the Joyce Christensen Scholarship. Mrs. Watanabe will present her scholarship. You are all welcome to attend this event.

Our next meetings will be held April 13 and July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at South High School. You are all welcome to attend. We would love to have your input and ideas of how we can better serve you.

On behalf of your Board, we wish you a happy new year and pray for continuing success of your Alumni Association.

year. He also pursues duplicate bridge arduously, playing usually three times each week. He also writes a regular column in the Valley Falls Vindicator, considering writing another "hobby."

He also says that "seeing my girth", you will not be surprised to learn that cooking is also something he enjoys and does all his cooking "Chez Zinn."

When Mr. Zinn retired, the foreign language teachers gave him the price of around-trip ticket to Paris, so he could take Judie to see the city where he spent most of his time in the Army. He said he had quite a bit of misgiving about going back, being afraid it had changed too much. The more they talked about the trip, the more they realized that neither was that wild about going, so they never did go.

He likes to travel in a different way—roaming the Nebraska countryside in Old Blue, his 1963 GMC Pickup. He said he's

fond of Old Blue because they are so much alike—they don't make them like that anymore! During the summer he tours historical sites, museums and other places of interest with a friend, and other times he drives to small towns just to see how things are. He said earlier trips used to involve quite a bit of beer drinking, but he's slowed down quite a bit the past few years. Judie doesn't care for that type of thing, but they have a mutually agreeable arrangement. Mr. Zinn doesn't quilt, and she doesn't ride around over the countryside in old pickups. It works out very well.

Mr. Zinn says he is looking forward to getting letters from his former students and fellow teachers and hopes that you'll drop him a line. He's in the phone book, but your Alumni Association would also be glad to pass along any correspondence you may have.

ALUMNOTES

Please continue to send us your news and pictures from yesteryear or today — we all enjoy hearing what you are doing or your favorite memory from your school days. Send your items to your Alumni Association President, Dick Gulizia. We are happy to present news items received to date:

1918 - Frank Ourada is a 95 year young gentleman living in Henderson, Nevada. He sent in a two-year subscription for the **Tooter**. *Thanks, Frank! If Frank likes to gamble, we wish him well on the slot machines.*

1930 - Rose Kloch Cunningham - *Congratulations to Rose and husband Bill who celebrated 61 years of marriage on October 2, 1995.*

1930 - Laura Kositsky Dichsen of Belleville, Illinois has had some medical problems this past summer. *We hope she is felling much better and thank her for keeping in touch.*

1930 - The Class of 1930 celebrated its 65 year reunion on August 25 and 26 at Eddie's Catering and 65 classmates and friends attended. A noon buffet was held on Friday with entertainment of ERA songs by The Sweet Adelines. On Saturday, a breakfast brunch with entertainment by Angelo Emmi the "Man of Many Voices." Impersonator of Jimmy Durante—the legend they all loved. There were five out-of-state guests. A great job has been done by **Dorothy Long Mikovec** of Mason City, Iowa for organizing these reunions yearly for the past 10 years. *Thanks!*

1931 - Ray Lush and wife **Myrna Busse Lush (1929)** wrote a warm letter of congratulations to the Alumni Board for all the "relentless labor on behalf of the Association." It was 125 degrees in Sun City, Arizona when they wrote. Ray was president of the March 1931 class. *Thanks for the kind comments!*

1936 - Don Armstrong has been living in California since the end of World War II. Since retirement 20 years ago, Don restores and sells old radios made during 1920 to 1950 (see picture page). *Congratulations to Don and his wife, "a Nebraska girl," on 53 years of marriage!*

1937 - Louise L. Lehmer Melson writes from Statesville, North Carolina where she has lived since 1949, saying she enjoys reading about her friends (young and old) in the **Tooter**. Her father, **T.J. Lehmer**, was a 1910 graduate of SHS and Louise had three sisters who graduated from SHS 1938 through 1943.

1937 - John Prazan and his wife **Ladislava Boler Prazan 1946** have been running a "cut your own" Christmas tree farm for several years in Council Bluffs. In November 1994 they opened "La De Dah's" Craft shop in their basement and are having a great time with it.

1937 - Tom (Thomas) Sullivan is the last surviving member of the starting 5 of the State Championship basketball team of 1936.

1939 - Angeline Fucinaro Rowe sends a note from Sedan, Kansas that she finds the **Tooter** most interesting and that it brings back memories of 56 years ago. She thanks volunteers for the work for the Alumni Association and wishes continued success in upcoming endeavors. *Thanks for the kind words, Angeline!*

1939 - Irene Riedman Van Moorlegghem and **Clem (Babe) Van Moorlegghem (1940)** have been married for 52 years and have 6 children and 20 grandchildren. Irene writes that she is a homemaker and a "happy Grandma" and that Babe has been co-owner and manager of United Electric Supply (The Light Palace) for 40 years. *Congratulations!*

1940 - The Class of 1940 held its 45th class reunion on July 1, 1995 at Anthony's Steak House. (Committee picture on picture page.) Walt Kavanaugh was a very popular Master of Ceremonies.

1940 - Dorothy Nygard was featured in a recent *Omaha World-Herald* article about World War II. Dorothy worked in the flight division of the Martin Nebraska plant which built the Enola Gay. When the plane was being prepared for flight, the pilot and co-pilot told Dorothy to give them a farewell kiss. She decided to kiss the plane instead—and after applying lots of lipstick, she ran over to the nose of the ship and planted a perfect pair of lips on it. The lips were covered with shellac to preserve the kiss. *The article ended with the question: "Whatever happened to Dorothy Nygard?" Does anyone know?*

1946 - Bob Redfield of Glen Rose, Texas (on the banks of the Brazas River), was in the Marine Corps from graduation until 1973. He was married for 45 years to **1947 South Grad Delores Carey** who died of cancer in 1992. Bob has remarried and is looking forward to coming back for his 50 year class reunion this summer.

1949 - Delores Krajicek Little - writes from Boston, Massachusetts that the **Tooter** has inspired her to come back to Omaha for a visit to see old friends, places and relive memories. She hasn't been back since 1974.

1949 - Beverly Butler Longton - recently retired after 26 years of service as office manager of Nebraska Children's Home Society. She is enjoying her 3 children, 8 grandchildren and traveling since retirement. She much enjoys the **Tooter** to catch up on news of old classmates.

1949 - Check out the picture page to see the star wrestlers of 1949!

1950 - Larry Britton sent us the picture of the 1948-49 wrestling team (see picture page). Larry has lived in Denver, Colorado since 1954 and is a retired police captain currently working as a private investigator. Larry returns to Omaha regularly for alumni functions.

1950 - Bob Giles and **Jeanne Barton Giles** of Palmyra, Nebraska send news that Bob is the pastor of Hopewell and Palmyra Presbyterian (U.S.A.) churches and Executive Secretary for Homestead Presbytery. Jeanne is a speech-language pathologist for Educational Service Unit #4 serving three school districts. They enclosed a two-year postage donation so they can keep up with the news, even though they doubt they will be able to attend any events. *Thanks for the donation!*

1953 - Dr. Arthur Ronald Croft is a professor of Restorative Dentistry and Director of Practice Administration at the School of Dentistry, The Medical College of Georgia, located at Augusta (the home of the Masters Golf Tournament). He wrote "many in Nebraska retire and move to warmer climates in the South. We are planning to move back to Nebraska when we retire in a few years. If you like crime, you'll love the sunny southeast." *Nebraska will welcome such distinguished alumni!*

1960 - Don Kroupa was elected Chair of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors. *Congratulations Don!*

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Sports Committee members pictured are Dan Dasovich - 1963, Tony Palma - 1950, Joe Daneff - 1967, Frank Palma, Helen Elsasser - 1968, Simone Dante - 1957, and Chris Saklar - 1950 at a meeting at the Greek Islands.



Carl Schroeder, 1961
Photo, courtesy Omaha World-Herald



Al Wichert (courtesy of the Omaha World-Herald) 1981 photo



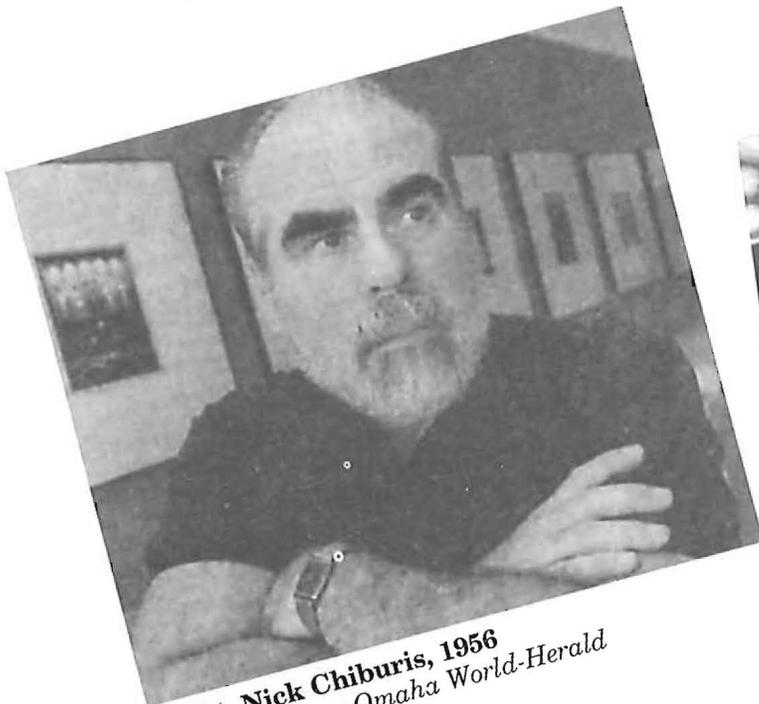
Donald Graham, 1960



1940 REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Back row: **Walt Kavanaugh, Jack Vandembroucke, George Heyde, Pete Gomez, Bernie Lotspiech and George Parsons.**

Front row: **Virginia Bogatz, Virginia Manard, Mary Latspiech, Carolyn Parsons and Richard Brown**



Artist, Nick Chiburis, 1956
Photo, courtesy Omaha World-Herald



Radios from the 1940s sent in by **Don Armstrong, 1936.**



1948-49 WRESTLING TEAM

Larry Britton sent this picture regarding the very successful 1948-49 wrestling team and has identified the wrestlers as follows:

Front Row (knelling):

Alfred Allen, John Mayo and Joe DiMauro

Second Row (seated):

Eddie Reyes, Red Murch, Larry Britton, Steve Marinkovich, Ken Fisher and Rich Newville

Third Row:

Unknown, John Cameron, Bill Faulk, Robert (Frosty) Leiderbrand, Unknown rest of row

Fourth Row (standing):

Jim Wolf, ? O'Connor, Rich Jackson, Unknown, Tony Lamonte, Unknown, Tony ?
and Coach Howard Sorenson

Standing at right of Third Row:

Charles Chadd, and standing behind Charles is ? Brown.

Standing at left of Second Row:

Fred (Cooley) Martinez

Team accomplishments included winning North High Invitational in 1948, City Championship, Missouri Valley Meet and State Meet in 1949.

Larry remembers team members not pictured as Duane Burson (a great all-around wrestler), Don Salzbrenner, the Heavyweight (who was killed in the Korean War), and John Humpal (an important team member).

If you know any of the missing names, please let us know and we'll publish them in the next **Tooter!**

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1961 - Vern Barnet writes a column for *The Kansas City Star* titled Faith and Beliefs. Some recent columns addressed: 1) Why so many religions? Answer: Because there are so many kinds of needs; 2) Heroes have lost sense of service; 3) You need to know who you are; and 4) Men, women and theology's role—interpretations of scriptures often can mirror society. *Good luck with future columns, Vern!*

1961 - Marilyn Kiscoan Dail moved to Florida in 1991 where she worked with the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Service. She resigned her position in 1995 and now works from her home as a state certified individual to provide support coordination and case management for persons with disabilities. They said they really miss family and friends, but not enough to leave their mild winters to face the snow and ice of Nebraska!

1961 - Carl F. Schroeder, postmaster of Omaha since 1992, was recently named District Manager of Operations Programs Support by the United States Postal Service Central Plains District. He will oversee a variety of delivery operations and be responsible for more than 1,000 post offices throughout Nebraska, Kansas and southwestern Iowa. Carl also was postmaster of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of the largest post offices

in the Midwest. *Congratulations, Carl. We hope this SHS connection will allow your Alumni Association to get its mail early!*

1963 - Mike Bort recently opened a new restaurant near 119th and Pacific (the former Blue Fox) called *Georgio's* specializing in Greek cuisine. *Try it, you'll like it. Best of luck, Mike!*

1965 - Scott Knudsen is the newest member elected to the South High School Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is employed by the City of Omaha as Coordinator of Enterprise Zones where he works to get new companies to come into economically deprived areas of the city. *Congratulations, Scott.*

1967 - Phil Protaskey, Jr. gets a "Tip of the Hat" award from the Alumni Association for his fine job of grading the H.P. Smith Sports Training Facility. *You must see the facility to appreciate all of his fine work. Thanks, Phil!*

1975 - Dave M. McDowell - was senior class president and co-captain of the basketball team while at SHS. He is now a professor of Mechanical Engineering in Georgia. *Watch for the Outstanding Alumni column in the September 1996 Tooter for more information about all of Dave's accomplishments.*

1975 - The Class of 1975 held its 20 year reunion in July 1995. This reunion group raised \$760 which they donated to the H.P. Smith Sports Training Facility to build a bull pen area in memory of their deceased classmates. *We thank them for their hard work and generous contribution!*

1986 - Vojmir (Buddy) Benak, Jr. wrote to inform his fellow alumnus that Sokol Hall South Omaha at 21st and "U" Streets is having a \$5,000 giveaway on April 19, 1996. Please

REUNIONS

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- 1936 8-17-96 - Eddie's on South 24th Street. Contact Florence Niksich Rezek 733-2138.
- 1941 4-26 and 27, 1996 - Saturday night at New Tower Ball Room - 78th and Dodge. Contact Mary Christen 733-1079.
- 1946 7-13 and 14, 1996 - Saturday night at Dance City - 71st and Jones. Contact Lorraine Ruther 393-7282.
- 1951 No reunion planned in 1996.
- 1956 No information available at time of print.
- 1961 6-21 and 22, 1996 - Saturday night at Sokol Hall South Omaha. Contact Paul Kracher 712/322-8700.
- 1966 7-13-96 - Bellevue Queen Riverboat. Contact Lori Hunter 298-7530 or Steve Lee 493-5516.
- 1971 No information available at time of print.
- 1976 7-26 and 27, 1996 - both nights on Bellevue Queen Riverboat. Contact Ann Floral Dibelka 734-0296.

- 1981 No information available at time of print.
- 1986 6-22, 23 and 24 - Saturday June 23 - St. Ann's Hall. Contact Renee Riza (Heisser) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 738-1590 or Celia Guerra (Hilario) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 733-6972

Alumni: If you have any questions about your class reunion or have not yet been notified, please call your class contact(s) listed above.

Class contacts; please send your Alumni Association president all additions and/or corrections regarding your classmates. This can be done by sending a copy of the updated class list or reunion booklet you use for your reunion. **Did you know** you can obtain mailing labels for your classmates from your alumni association? Contact your president, Dick Gulizia, for more information.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- Donations to the Alumni Association were received in memory of:*
- Bonnie Bauerkemper Barber, 1949**
 - Bernard Brown, 1944**
 - George Deras, 1946**
 - Jean Grace Fricke, 1939**
 - Donna Zoroya Grobeck, 1947**
 - Earl Lierley, 1934**
 - William Smutny, 1948**
 - Florence Smith Svoboda, 1918**
 - Margaret Machal Soboda, 1938**
 - Stanley Svoboda, 1939**
 - Susan Mertz Torell, 1968**
 - George Upah**
 - Donald Graham, 1960**
 - Ida Hodek Mapes, 1931**

- Donations to the H. P. Smith Sports Complex were received in memory of:*
- Robert E. Eyman, Jr. - \$1,950** from Eyman Plumbing
 - Rich Kalina - \$350** from his wife **Marge Graham Kalina**
 - George Deras - 1946** class graduate
 - William & Delores Merwald, SHS Alumni - \$1,200**

IN MEMORIAL

The sun is always brightest just after days of rain,

When winter's through, the sweetest of songbirds sing again.

When roads are hard, there's beauty in view around the bend.

In need we learn to treasure the priceless name of FRIEND!

1918 - Florence Smith Svoboda was born October 19, 1886, died August 7, 1977. Former teacher, mother of five children, all of whom graduated from SHS. "Even after all these years, she is still loved and missed by her family and friends."

1930 - Agnes Ujick Kretschmer died in Gresham, Oregon.

1930 - Morton Wells died summer 1995. Longtime bandleader, trumpet player and singer organized first band "The Hot Points" in 1928 while a student at SHS. In recent years, his band "The Happiest Music in Town" played Dixieland music at Peony and midwest night spots.

1931 - Gaylord "Gayle" Drubin died summer 1995. Former President Omaha Livestock Exchange; former President Omaha 400 Club; 60 year member and elder at Zion Lutheran Church.

1931 - Louis A. Kaipus died in Omaha on October 6, 1995 of cancer. Worked for Omaha Parks, Recreation and Public Property Department for 30 years, retiring in 1972. Also spent many years as golf superintendent.

1931 Loretta Janich Davis

1931 - Ida Hodek Mapes - November 22, 1995 in Los Angeles, California.

1933 - Alfred Wichert (Santa Incarnate) died at home in Omaha in July 1995 at the age of 85. He was a 40 year employee of Swift & Co. meat packing plant. He was widely known for portraying Santa Claus for over 60 years.

1934 - Grace A. Savage Hess

1934 - Earl Lierley died November 6, 1993.

1934 - Colonel Donald C. Sherrets died June 14, 1995 at his home in Crystal Beach, Florida following a long battle with cancer.

1935 - Salvatore Carrow died February 13, 1995.

1935 - George M. Johnson, M.D.

1935 - Georgia Soukup Martis died September 21, 1993.

1935 - Marjorie Needham

1937 - Hugh "Jack" Campbell

1937 - Ann Kovar Skripsky died in Omaha November 1995.

1938 - Margaret Michal Svoboda

1938 - Margaret Schwerger Iverson

1939 - Joseph Coniglio died October 21, 1993.

1939 - Jean Grace Fricke died in Snohomish, Washington June 1995 from a malignant brain tumor.

1939 - Richard Pavlik died December 15, 1995 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He had a 45 year career with Interstate Bakeries and Flowers Industries.

1939 - Norman Rogers died about 4 years ago.

1939 - Stanley Svoboda

1939 - Helen Staats Van Seveon died February 2, 1992.

1940 Robert Matsen died in Craig, Colorado in July 1995.

1940 - Stanley Micek

1941 - Josephine Battaglia Etalia passed away on November 4, 1994.

1942 - Tom Evans died in 1987.

1942 - Jerry Kozeny lost his battle with Alzheimers disease and died October 9, 1995 in Sun City, Arizona. He spent his career in the meat packing industry.

1942 - Edwin Kramer died 3 years ago.

1943 - Walter Mruz died summer 1995. He was a former real estate broker and home builder in Fremont.

1944 - Bernard Brown died in September 1995 following a long illness.

1946 - George E. Deras

1947 - Delores Carey Redfield died of cancer in 1992 in Glen Rose, Texas.

1947 - Donna Zoroya Grobeck died in Concord, California on March 21, 1995.

1952 - Sam Melentovich was killed in a Metropolitan Utilities District accident early in 1995.

1960 Donald E. Graham - Charter member of the South High Alumni Association and avid supporter of all SHSAA activities, always there to help when needed. Don will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the Alumni Association. His death is a great loss to all of us.

1961 - Daniel C. Mercer

1968 - Susan Mertz Torell "on February 5, 1995 Sue lost her long battle with breast cancer. She will be missed forever by her family and friends."

1975 - Ronald Achten died Summer 1995 due to cancer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1-6 Board of Directors' Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - SHS

3-16 Bowling "shoot out" - 2 p.m. Leopard Lanes - Bellevue; Spaghetti Dinner - 5 to 8 p.m. - Sokol Hall South Omaha - 21st and U Streets

4-13 Board of Directors' Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - SHS

5-6 Honors and Awards Convocation - 7:00 p.m. - SHS

6-1 Opening ceremonies - H.P. Smith Sports Training Facility

7-6 Board of Directors' Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - SHS

9-20 Annual Day of the Packers (Alumni Appreciation Day) - Field Club - 9 to midnight (following football game at Berquist Stadium - SHS vs. North High School - 7 to 9 p.m.) - complimentary to SHS Alumni members with postcard invitation.

10-5 SHS Alumni Association Meeting - 9:30 a.m. followed by Board of Directors' Meeting - SHS



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A little walk down memory lane:

"South High will shine tonight

South High will shine

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all down the line

South High will shine tonight

South High will shine

when the sun goes down

and the moon come up

South High will shine"

Let us hear from you if you remember this cheer! What was your favorite?



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Dick Gulizia

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Tech Reaches Peak; Rips Packers, 20-6

Why would we want to recall a long ago football game with an October 10, 1959 Omaha World-Herald headline reading "Tech Reaches Peak; Rips Packers, 20-6?" We might have lost, but oh what excitement on the field! If you remember your history, you may be our first sports trivia winner.

The article read, in part, "Tech moved into a tie for third with Central, but it took some rock 'em, sock 'em football to do it. On the first series of downs, South's **John Gillotte** blocked a punt and South recovered on Tech's two-yard line.

Tech held three times and then **Jim Hardick** of South bucked over the goal line. **But a South substitute had run onto the field after the play started and the resulting penalty cost the touchdown.**

Tech Guard Rodney Gray, who played a great defensive game, threw **Ron Kellogg** for a 5 yard loss to end the threat. Tech didn't miff its scoring chances. South fumbled on its 27 and Gray recovered for Tech. Two minutes later, Tech scored again, this time after a poor South punt. Preston Love bulled for six yards and then dashed 41 yards around right end to score. Farthing kicked his second point and Tech led at the half, 14-0.

South took the second-half kick-off and drove 60 yards in 12 plays with **Jim Collin** sneaking over for the touchdown. The Trojans then went 75 yards in 12 plays with Gary Sindelar plunging across.

Early in the fourth period, the 168 pound Love and two-hundred pound **Paul Limas** of South hit head-on. Limas was knocked out, but left the field under his own power."



Trojans move in on goal-line stand...Ted Gulizia is gang-tackled two yards from touchdown. - World-Herald Photo

Readers — answering this sports trivia question correctly will win the first caller a free SHS Alumni tee-shirt: WHO WAS THE SUBSTITUTE WHO RAN ONTO THE FIELD, DENYING JIM HARDICK HIS TOUCHDOWN? If you think you know the answer, call Dick Gulizia at 330-3954.

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