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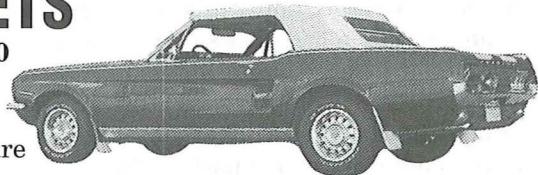
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LAST CHANCE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

This beautiful blue **1967 Ford Mustang Convertible 4-speed (or \$6,500 cash)** can belong to you (or your child or grandchild) if you are the lucky winner in our drawing which will be held on October 2, 1998 at the Annual Night of the Packers celebration. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10. Contact your Alumni Association for tickets.



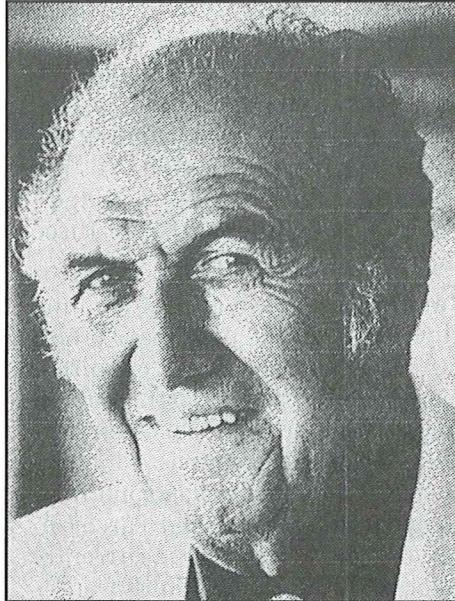
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Sebastian A. Circo

Seb Circo was recently honored for being a contributor to Omaha History. That is an understatement regarding a South High grad who has had such a profound impact on so many lives. While attending SHS, Seb wanted to be either a baseball catcher or a sports writer. However, he chipped an ankle bone playing in the state basketball tournament. The wound became infected which was the turning point of his life. What had seemed to be a minor injury turned into osteomyelitis which nearly killed him and permanently damaged his ankle. The medical bills were so high that his family could not pay them during the depression. The principal of SHS, **Roy Marr**, helped Seb obtain training on a dictating machine, and he got his first job as a male stenographer at Ahlberg Bearing Company for \$15 a week. Such is fate for he studied the bearing business very seriously and sincerely and was promoted to salesman then store manager. In 1945, Ahlberg was having financial problems and closing stores, so Seb opened his own store (with the \$75,000 he had saved) next to Ahlberg's and called it Precision Bearing.

The company he started, now named Precision Industries, is a Nebraska-based bearing, power transmission and fluid power distribution firm. They have customers in all 50 states, 50 outlets in 40 states, and employ more than 400 workers, including 160 at the corporate headquarters in Omaha. They are at the \$100 million milestone in annual sales and are one of the three largest family-owned firms of its type in the United States. They are the world's largest supplier of traction motor bearings. They are also looking at exporting opportunities. His entire family has or does work at the firm and he credits their talents for the company's remarkable growth. He and his wife Olive have been married for 53 years and they have two children, Dennis and Lisa, and two grandchildren. They spend winters in California with Seb's brother, Paul.

Precision has won numerous awards including honors as the Nebraska winner in the national Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative, a contest sponsored by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Connecticut Mutual that judges companies' success based on three resource management approaches: human resource, marketing and quality management.



Their quality statement is: "We are committed to providing excellence in service and superior quality products. We will be responsive to our business partners and associates. Within an environment of open communication, we will seek constant innovation and improvement in our quality process." That has been Seb Circo's unwritten philosophy since he started the company 53 years ago

— service and quality — the two keystones for growth at Precision Industries. His advice to youngsters is that they must "have a burning desire to succeed." He says that education is an important part of success — both within and outside the company. His personal motto is "When you want action with satisfaction...call Sebastian."

Although he will be 80 soon, he works a 12 hour day and has two favorite past-times — gambling and golfing. He owned race horses for 15 years, and is still an avid golfer. A recent hole-in-one resulted in a feature story on him and his golf companion. In 1970 Seb and other investors purchased Skyline Woods Golf Course near 217 and West Center Road. Improvements to the Course included a swimming pool, trees, eight new lakes, remodeled fairways, and a restaurant. The Circos eventually bought out the other investors and homes are being built around the course, but they sold their interest in that venture for business expansion.. His passion for the game caused him to found the Priest Fund Golf Event that supplies golf memberships for area priests.

We honor Seb for his outstanding success in his business and for his fourth year donating \$1,000 per year to the H. P. Smith Sports Complex through the Alumni Association. You are a credit to SHS and we are proud to claim you as one of our outstanding alumni!

HALL OF FAME WINNERS -1998

Congratulations to the 1998 South High School Hall of Fame Members – **Phyllis Barajas - 1965; Dr. Pauline Negomir Harding, 1968; Dr. Ike Pane, 1957; State Senator Donald G. Priester, 1965; and Cheryl Sparano Wild, 1968.**

Ms. Barajas, Deputy Director of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs in the United States Department of Education, has come a long way since she celebrated the Autumnal Equinox and Quimpissal Day in Norman Zinn's French class, or the hours spent in rehearsals for the Ambassadors or one of South's musicals or plays. Prior to being named to her current position, she was Assistant Dean for Human Resources at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University—the first Latino to be named to an administrative post at the school. Dedicated to a lifelong commitment of helping others help themselves, Ms. Barajas has actively combined community volunteerism with her professional pursuits. She was part of the team under Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn which focused on improving race relations in the city and has taken an active role in serving on several not-for-profit boards including the WGBH community board, the Beth Israel Hospital ethics committee and as president of La Alianza – New England's largest service agency. Ms. Barajas is the mother of three grown children and currently lives in Washington, DC.

Dr. Pauline Negomir Harding was once caught running up the down staircase and was sent to the principal's office. This was the most serious infraction she ever committed and was sent to South's equivalent of capital punishment. She wondered if the teachers were starting to "pick on her" when she received word that she was selected as a Lyndon B. Johnson Australian Science Scholar. She has gone from being a Presidential Scholar to a distinguished career in medicine since her graduation from SHS. She is currently Medical Director and founder of the Optimal Health Center of America, a center devoted to the use of advanced biomedical technology and natural healing techniques in treating neuromuscular, hormonal and immunologic conditions which do not respond to traditional therapy. Dr. Harding has been in practice in DuPage County, Illinois since 1979 as a family practitioner, emergency room and occupational health physician. She has been an instructor in the Department of Family Practice of Rush Medical College in Chicago and a lecturer at the University of Chicago College of Medicine. Dr. Harding is a frequent guest of Chicago-area television programs as an authority on such illnesses as fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome. She and her husband are the parents of two teenage daughters.

Dr. Ike Pane has been in school for fifty-three years starting in 1945 as a student, teacher, member of a school board and as an administrator. This year, he celebrates his retirement from the active ranks of educators, having spent 16 years as the founding principal of Millard North High School. He helped to build his school into one of the finest public high schools in the country – excelling in academics, athletics and forensics. Dr. Pane began his career thirty years ago in the Millard Public Schools, first as a teacher, then as a junior and senior high administrator before being appointed to his current position. He also found time to serve his profession as president of the Nebraska State Association of Secondary Schools Principals and as Region

Five representative for the National Association of Secondary School Principals National Committee on School and College Relations. Active in his church, Dr. Pane has served as the President of the Mary Our Queen Board of Education, and the St. Wenceslaus Parish Council. "I take pride in the fact that I graduated from Omaha SHS. The community in which I grew up had a work ethic and competitive spirit that carries on with me today. Omaha SHS has a tradition of which to be proud, and I am proud to be part of that tradition." Dr. and Mrs. Pane are the parents of three educators.

State Senator Donald G. Preister says that "South High afforded me the opportunity to know people of differing ethnic heritages, religious beliefs and ideas. It was as much an education in social diversity as it was in academic endeavors. Learning about and working with diverse people was a good foundation for life." First elected to the Nebraska legislature in 1992, Senator Preister has been active voice for his South Omaha constituency. The founder of Joy Creations Greeting Card Company, Senator Preister has also been an active member of the Omaha business community. He is past president of the South Omaha Optimists, and a member of the South Omaha Neighborhood Association and South Omaha Business Association Boards. This community and social activist is Chairman of the South Omaha Environmental Task Force and on the board of Voices for Children. He is recognized as an Outstanding Young Man of America by the Jaycees and was a former Optimist of the Year. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star from the United States Army and the Service Cross from the Republic of South Vietnam. Senator Preister has maintained a regimen of service and hard work and continues to work in such diverse organizations as The Nature Conservancy, Veterans for Peace, Sierra Club, The Audubon Society and the Croatian Cultural Society.

Cheryl Sparano Wild has been giving of herself to community and charitable causes for over 25 years as a leader, as a fundraiser and as a worker. Mrs. Wild is called "an amazing woman" by Dr. Liz Karnes who also says "she cares deeply about every single person she meets, and she gives unselfishly of herself to many organizations and causes through hard work, dedication, energy and philanthropy. She has touched thousands of people." Mrs. Wild has been a member of the boards of The Child Saving Institute, Omaha Children's Museum, Act II of the Omaha Community Playhouse, the Omaha Theatre Company for Young People and The South High Alumni Association. Her fundraising for charities includes the American Red Cross, Children's Hospital, Clarkson Hospital, the Diabetes Association, Leukemia Foundation and Humane Society among many other organizations and charities. Mrs. Wild has also worked with religious and social service agencies, including Christ Community Church, the Open Door Mission, Madonna School and Sacred Heart School. She has also served on the Parent Advisory Committee of the Millard Public Schools and as an active parent at Millard North High School. Her contributions are unending. She and her husband are the parents of two and Cheryl is the daughter of South High coaching legend Micky Sparano.

We need your nominations for future "Hall of Fame" honorees. Please complete the form on page three and return to SHS

OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER

Judy Jensen Tesar-1961 was recently named "Woman of the Year" by the Omaha Alumni Panhellenic Association at their annual brunch held at Happy Hollow Country Club. Judy received this award for her allegiance to the Greek system through various activities and responsibilities. She has been a dues paying member of Alpha Xi Delta for 33 years, and has served in every office of her local alumnae chapter, in addition to representing her sorority nationally. She served as President of the five-state Province, chaired the Province convention, and represented her group as a delegate to many national conventions. She participated with the Active chapter at UNO, serving as their Social Advisor for many years, and held many chairmanships for their activities on and off campus. Judy has received many Alumnae awards for outstanding work and appreciation from her local alumnae chapter. She served on the Omaha Alumnae Panhellenic board for 6 years, holding such offices as the Education Chair, Awards Chair, and Membership Chair. The Panhellenic Association is made up of women from 21 different sororities. Each year members are asked to nominate someone from their group for this award. Only one such award is presented to an alumnae. Judy is currently the Director of St. Paul United Methodist Preschool. She was nominated for an Outstanding Early Childhood Award in 1995. She holds a life-time membership in the PTA and served on the UNO Board of Directors for 6 years. She is a charter lifetime member of the SHS Alumni Association and has served as an active member of the SHS Alumni Association Board since its inception. *Congratulations for receiving this outstanding award, Judy!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10-2-98 SHS vs. North Homecoming Game at Bergquist Stadium - 7 p.m.
- 10-2-98 Annual Night of the Packers Celebration at Grover Street Bingo Hall - following football game
- 10-10-98 SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting at SHS Room 254 - 9:30 a.m.
- 11-7-98 SHS Dance at Mueller Hall - 8 p.m. to Midnight
- 3-20-99 SHS Bowling Shoot-out at Leopard Lanes at 1 p.m. - followed by Spaghetti Dinner at Sokol Hall South Omaha

All alumni and friends of SHS are welcome and encouraged to attend all of these activities.

SHS 1998 ALICE BUFFETT OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to **Thomas Jodlawski**, who has been at SHS for 11 of his 21 years with OPS. He has a Bachelor of Science and a Master's degree from UNO and works with moderately mentally handicapped students.

South High School 1999 Hall of Fame Nomination Form (Due December 1, 1998)

The SHS Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding graduates of SHS past and present. A maximum of ten inductees may be chosen each year, and the awards will be presented at a special banquet. Attach extra sheets of paper as needed.

Name of Nominee: _____ Alum Year: _____
Address of Nominee _____
Telephone Number of Nominee _____

I nominate the above individual because: (include educational background, professional background, professional accomplishments and honors, civic involvement, civic honors, other significant accomplishments and any other information you deem relevant. Include a statement of significant contributions to SHS.)

Your name, address and telephone number:

Please return completed form by December 1, 1998 to: Hall of Fame Committee c/o Jim Eisenhardt - South High School - 4519 South 24 Street - Omaha, NE 68107

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We invite all SHS alumni who have written and published a book or monograph to send a copy to Dick Gulizia - 400 South 119 Street - Omaha, NE 68154 (402/330-3954) for a special display for the library at SHS. Please sign and include your class year in the front of your publication. We wish to spotlight the accomplishments of alumni for current and future students.

We also encourage all SHS alumni to read the material they have or will receive from First National Bank regarding our Alumni Credit Card program. This is a wonderful monetary benefit to your school as well as to you, the cardholders, and we hope you will consider enrolling in this program.

PACKER GREATS

Congratulations to the following SHS alumni who have been selected as 1998 Packer Greats:

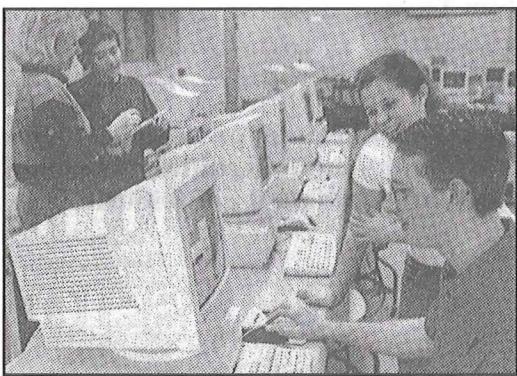
Johnny Goodman-1928 - He is one of only five golfers to have won both a U. S. Amateur and a U. S. Open. In the U. S. Amateur, he defeated the legendary Bobby Jones. His greatest achievement was winning the U. S. Open as an amateur – and he was the last to win as an amateur. He was considered one of the best golfers of his generation.

Virgil Williams-1936 - Virgil dates back to the 30's at South High, when he was a 15 letter athlete with four in basketball, track, and baseball and three in football. Virgil may be the last Omahan to win that many letters. He was All-State in both basketball and baseball.

James Hartung-1978 - James was a 19-time state champion at South High. He was a member of the National USA Team as a high school student. He was the top ranked high school gymnast in the nation. His other accomplishments are: 22 time college All American at UNL where his team won NCAA championships all four years. James was a member of the 1980 Olympic Team, and also of the 1984 Team when the USA won Team Gold.

PERFECT FIT

Students Andy Melichar and Cherise Eckel work at a terminal in SHS's new computer room as teacher Veronica Heurta, left, talks with LAKitta Woods. A new



federal program will make the use of computers and telecommunications systems more affordable for libraries, hospitals and schools, promising \$500,000 in savings for the Omaha School District alone. (*Omaha World Herald* photo).

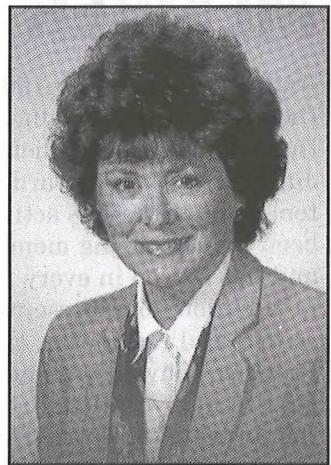
BOARD REPORT

Your Board of Directors held two meetings since our last report and has been involved in many activities. We donated funds to the After Prom party; pledged support to a computer project entitled Project Osmosis; donated alumni clothing items as prizes for the annual golf tournament scheduled for August 22; solicited support for scholarships from reunion committees; planned another Night of the Packers celebration at Grover Street Bingo Hall in conjunction with SHS Homecoming on October 2 at Bergquist Stadium. We will draw the lucky ticket to award the car at this event. We also are planning another fall dance at Mueller Hall on November 7. We are reviewing plans for placement of the bricks sold to be displayed at the H. P. Smith Sports Complex, and are happy to report that the Sports Complex is being used on a regular basis. A few items remain to finish the Complex. Thank you for the many items received for the Alumni Archive project. We set the dates for the 1999 Bowling Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner (March 20); scheduled a dinner to honor 1997 and 1998 Hall of Fame inductees; selected three new members as "Packer Greats" and will award trophies to them or their representatives at the Homecoming Game. We added two new Board members; "audited" the Association's financial records; prepared a mailing to ask alumni support of our organization; awarded three scholarship checks at the Honors Convocation; joined the Adopt-A-School program; and are in the process of establishing another corporation for fund raising projects. We will mail approximately 19,000 copies of this TOOTER edition, and finalized an agreement with First National Bank of Omaha to offer our alumni a competitive credit card to benefit the Alumni Association. We brainstormed with an OPS school board representative to discuss ways to increase enrollment at SHS and will attend future OPS Board meetings in this regard. Any and all ideas you may have would be appreciated.

We will discuss our next five year plan at our October meeting. Your input as to what you want us to do for you in the future would be greatly appreciated. Again, we are working hard and feel we have made a great deal of progress, but know our future is wide open. We appreciate your support and encouragement and look forward to continued growth and challenges. Let us hear from you so we can know how to best serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Limas, Secretary



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Congratulations to these **1998 Alumni Scholarship Winners** – SHS Alumni Association Scholarship - **Susan Morton**, Joyce Christensen Scholarship - **Elizabeth Noble**, and Fern Watanabe Scholarship - **Michelle Peterson**.

We also congratulate other outstanding youth: **Francesco Reyes-1997** was honored as the 1997-1998 Midwest Region Youth of the Year for Boys and Girls Club in 1997. He was selected for his scholastic achievement, community service, leadership ability and the consideration of physical, social or emotional obstacles overcome. **Tommy Dickey-1998** was honored as Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year for Nebraska in 1998. He shares the responsibility of running their household and caring for their elderly grandmother with his brother, while maintaining a gpa over 4.0 and being involved in numerous activities to help others. Other **1998 Outstanding Students** include: Peter Kiewit Foundation Memorial Scholar Awards to **Mary Digilio** and **Lorelei King**; Peter Kiewit Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award to **Elizabeth Noble**. Outstanding Student Scholar Awards to **Susan Morton**, **David Weisser** and **Cheri Warner**. Nebraska Academic Honorable Mention Awards to **Susan Morton**, **Elizabeth Noble**, and **David Weisser**.



Susan
Morton



Elizabeth B.
Noble



Tommy
Dickey



Mary
Digilio



Lorelei
King



David
Weisser



Cheri
Warner

THE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE LAPTOP PROGRAM AT SHS

by Gary Kastrick

The **Anytime, Anywhere Laptop Program** is the brain-child of Microsoft Corporation. The major goal is to provide students with inexpensive laptop computers which can be used in the classroom, but also taken home to be used by the family. SHS and Marrs Jr. High have been selected by the District to pioneer this program. Currently educators are preparing curriculum to train teachers to integrate and infuse laptop technology into their classrooms. Toshiba Corporation will become the distribution partner for the computers and parents at both schools will be informed of this opportunity in the coming school year. The program will be implemented in 1999-2000 and will help these students become more technically literate and prepared for the world of employment.

PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS/MONEY

If you received car raffle tickets in the mail, please return the stubs and money as quickly as possible. The drawing will be held at the October 2 Night of the Packers celebration. If you are unable to buy or sell the tickets, please return the ticket envelope to Dick Gulizia.

THANKS FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

ALUMNI BAND NOTES

The next SHS Alumni Band get together to prepare for the homecoming game will be on September 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHS Band room. SHS's instrumental music director, **Mark Miller**, is donating his time and a limited number of school instruments to help us. (Since the marching band will also be performing at Homecoming on Friday, October 2 at Bergquist Stadium, please try to bring your own instruments.) Special thanks to **Millie Fanciullo** and **Jim Vehlehradsky** for mailing the last band announcement letter to many of you. Call **Gary Miller, 1972** with questions at 712/525-1061.

IN MEMORIAL

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our
lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength
for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy undying love..

1927-J. Paul Chase died spring 1998
in Lincoln, NE.

1927-Eugene Jacobson died June
1998 in Omaha. Longtime Omaha car
dealer, also owned dealerships
throughout the United States. Past
president Nebraska New Car Dealers
Association.

1928-Barbara Cvitak McLaughlin
died March 21, 1998 in Omaha.

1930-Mildred Mengler DeHart died
September 8, 1997 in Lincoln, NE.

1931-Joe Stepanek died peacefully in
his sleep December 2, 1997 in Omaha.

1932-Fred Nestroyl died spring 1998
in Conoco Park, CO.

1933-Gabriel Covalciuc died in
Springfield, MO. He was an outstanding
athlete at South High winning many
awards in wrestling and boxing.
He had been married 59 years to loving
wife, Donna.

1933-Dorothy Hood Davis died
September 29, 1997 in Omaha.

1933-Ethel Schomer Nickelson died
Fort Dodge, IA.

1934-Mildred Calek Booth died
Maryville, MO.

1934-Pauline Schlichtig Kiggins
died Wildomar, CA.

1934-Frances Hrbek Maloney died
January 30, 1998 in Long Beach, CA.
She and her husband, Ralph had both
worked in the aerospace industry for
many years. They were married 55
years before his death in 1989. Both
were avid saltwater sports fishermen
and loved to travel.

1935-Mary Alice Walsh
Bellefontaine died June 1, 1997 in
West Covina, CA. She was 80 and still
practicing nursing up to two weeks
prior to her death. She was an Army
nurse in France during World War II.

1935-Paul Jakopovic.

1935-Birdie Boom Kotas.

1936-Michael Krizanac died spring
1998 in Omaha.

1936-Majorie (Mary) Caroline

Harvat Witherspoon died April 21,
1997 in Omaha.

1937-Otto Charvat.

1937-Ralph Coleman.

1937-Ethel Sullivan Dougherty.

1937-Mildred Geiler.

1937-Fred Gross.

1937-Jerry Jelen.

1937-Ruth Gartner Kudacz.

1937-Ronald Kurtz.

1937-Elsie Smith Matcha.

1937-Margaret Skarda Mollner.

1937-Leo Novak.

1937-Donald Olsen.

1937-Harold Petersen.

1937-Emily Charvat Radil.

1937-Jean White Rooney.

1937-Edward Rozmajzl.

1937-John Stusek.

1938-Eugene Beister died spring
1998 in Omaha.

1938-Eugene Lang died spring 1998
in Omaha.

1938-Stella Stefanski Maliszewski.

1938-Lorraine Sorenson Osborne
died spring 1998 in Omaha.

1938-Pete Uzdawinis died in Omaha.

1938-Eugene Welna died in
Collinville, OK.

1939-Ed Abbott died of a heart attack
in Scottsdale, AZ. He was an outstanding
trumpet player in the South
High band. He married his high
school sweetheart **Madeleine Walsh**
Abbott - 1940 and had six very successful
children.

1939-Robert S. Quinn died December
2, 1997 in Madison, WI.

1939-Donald Taylor died from a
stroke in Petaluma, CA.

1940-Tess Schmitt Edney died
February 1998 in Omaha from cancer.

1940-Walt Kavanagh died at the age
of 74 on April 10, 1998 at Bergan
Mercy Medical Center in Omaha. His
familiar voice delivered the news to
thousands during his nearly 40 years
with Omaha radio station KFAB.
Kavanagh, who retired in 1992 as
KFAB news director, had been suffering
from cancer of the pancreas. His
father had a law practice at 24th and N
Streets, and his mother taught at
South High school for 40 years.
Kavanagh earned a journalism degree
from Creighton University and took
his first radio job at KFJB in
Marshalltown, Iowa. He joined KFAB
in 1952 and the station's morning team
in 1955. He was named news director
in 1959. For 15 years, Kavanagh, Don
Cole and Kent Pavelka made up the

KFAB morning team. Many
Midlanders grew up listening to
Kavanagh and made his weekday
morning show a part of their routine.
Kids tuned in on snowy days to see
whether his distinctive voice would tell
them their school was on the list of
weather-related closings. When he
announced his retirement, Kavanagh
said, "I have people 50 years old come
up and tell me they used to listen to me
to see if school was going to be closed or
not." He was inducted into the
Nebraska Broadcasters Association
Hall of Fame in 1993. He received a
lifetime achievement award in 1992
from the University of Nebraska at
Omaha's Department of
Communication. He was inducted into
the South High Hall of Fame in 1988.

1940-Ruth Horning Steil.

1940-Helen VeyLupek Taylor died
in Omaha after a long illness.

1940-Charles Waddell died April 21,
1998 in Torrance, CA. Dr. Waddell did
research in nuclear and solid state
physics all across the country as well
as teaching at the University of
Southern California for over 35 years.
Also, an Elder of his church and an
avid HAM radio operator, he was a
charter life member of the SHS Alumni
Association.

1941-Patrick J. Clyde died December
7, 1996 in Omaha. He was a varsity
football player at South.

1941-Clarence "Fritz" Lorence died
October 17, 1997. He had been married
50 years.

1941-Shirley Safely Nocita died
spring 1998 in Omaha.

1941-Andrew Pecha died April 1998
in Puyallup, WA

1941-Dwain Meridith Stocker died
April 20, 1998 in Boulder, CO. A real
estate developer in Boulder Country
and a circulation manager for Denver
Post in Boulder for 16 years.

1942-Richard Bertagni died
December 6, 1997 in Phoenix, AZ from
complications of the stroke he suffered
December 21, 1996 and then a heart
attack. Retired as a letter carrier in
the U. S. Postal Service. He had lived
in Phoenix more than 40 years.

1942-Leonard Zurek died November
3, 1997 in Omaha.

1943-Leonard Borcyk died in Fond
du Lac, WI.

1943-James Krupicka died January
1998 in Omaha.

1943-Mary Perich Swircinski died
July 22, 1997 in Omaha after battling

pancreatic cancer for 11 months.

1943-Patricia Tombrink Vollmer died January 9, 1998 in Omaha from a second heart attack. Her first attack was on the steps of St. Peter's in Rome on November 13, 1997 one day after an audience with Pope John Paul II. She graduated from Creighton University and worked as an office manager for Gordon Fredrickson for 25 years retiring in 1997.

1944-Robert "Pete/Pee Wee" Yambor died in spring 1998 in Omaha. He was 71 years old and passed away as a result of complications from heart surgery. He was a three time Nebraska Wrestling "Hall of Fame" champion, Nebraska State Wrestling champion, 1942-1944, member of the 1940 Griswold State Midget championship team, two time "Big 7" champion, member of the Knights of Columbus 3019, Old Timers Baseball Association, and American Legion Post 331.

1945-James Corcoran died spring 1998 in Omaha.

1945-Frank Dynek died spring 1998 in Omaha.

1945-Joseph Glogowski died December 9, 1997 in Omaha.

1945-Margaret Adsbell Mucha died March 7, 1996 in Bellevue, NE.

1945-Mildred Myers Spreitzer died January 4, 1998 very suddenly in Las Vegas.

1946-Frank Hazuka died January 9, 1998 in Omaha of cancer. He worked for MUD for 35 years.

1946-Robert Short died August 5, 1996 of a ruptured aorta in Oklahoma City, OK. He worked at Tinker AFB for many years.

1948-Robert McEvoy died in Waterloo, NE.

1948-Larry D. Sullivan.

1950-Elizabeth Ann Kusek died March 1998 in Omaha.

1950-Paul "Bud" Novak died February 1998 in Omaha.

1950-Roland Penfield died in Rawlins, WY.

1950-Donna Hjikal Combs Simpson died March 1998 in Omaha.

1950-Lupe Villabuerte died April 7, 1998 in Omaha.

1951-Sally Kinsel Jefferson.

1951-LaVern "Vern" Luddington died June 15, 1998 in Omaha. He retired from the Union Pacific Railroad.

1952-Pauline Tasich Ciechomski

died December 30, 1997 in Omaha of cancer.

1952-Charles Chrastil.

1952-Robert Cramer.

1952-Delores Swihel Downs.

1952-James Giles died July 2, 1997 in an auto accident in Omaha. He worked for Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent for 32 years.

1952-June Sales Klemencic.

1952-Robert Nath.

1952-Gordon Pounds.

1952-James Simon.

1952-James Sobbing.

1953-Delbert Brown.

1953-Richard Callahan.

1953-Alex Cubrich died March 22, 1998 in Bellevue, NE. He had 26 years of service with MUD.

1953-Robert Filipowski.

1953-Sam E. Marasco died June 22, 1998 in Omaha of cancer. He was business manager for Huber Chevrolet.

1953-Geraldine Richardson Miller.

1953-Janet Petersen Nieto.

1953-Charles Shanahan.

1953-Fred Stepanek.

1954-William "Bill" Casart died in March 1998 at age 62. He is survived by wife Diane (Buehler) Casart.

1958. Bill was the assistant coach of the South High Legion Baseball Team. He retired from the Post Office.

1954-Robert Hyde.

1954-Gilbert Slizoski.

1955-William "Billy" Rischling died September 30, 1996 in Omaha from Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

1956 - Don

Pavlik who died March 20, 1998 in Omaha, is pictured with his special pets, Barnie and Buffie.



1955-Marge Graham Kalina and family have our deepest sympathy on the death of Lori Ann Kalina, wife of Marge's son, Dave Kalina.

1956-Elaine Schwer Carmody Neely died spring 1998 in Omaha.

1957-Thomas "Dinger" Dropinski died June 1998 in Omaha.

1957-Clinton Meehan died January 1998 in Omaha.

1959-Sharon Hayes Brown died November 1996 in Texas of cancer.

1961-Elaine Kalasky Hill died spring 1998 in Omaha. She worked for the U.

S. Postal Service.

1961-Stefa Naujokaitis McGlown returned to Omaha recently to attend her mother's funeral. *Sympathy to you and all the Naujokaitis family for your loss.*

1961-Ronald Tuccitto died February 27, 1998 in Omaha in a car accident.

1961-Gerald "Jerry" Wulf died February 1998 in Omaha of complications following heart surgery. HDR employee for many years. He was active in the All Saints Episcopal Church and as a faithful volunteer in SHS Alumni Association activities.

1962-James Dudzinski.

1962-Joseph Golden.

1962-Rosemary Elakis Turille.

1962-Lorraine Glica Christiansen.

1962-Richard Horan.

1962-Richard Novotny.

1967-Cathy Collins.

1967-Cathy Armendariz Doll.

1967-Tom Gillespie.

1967-Francis Roberts Greco.

1967-Mary Hixson.

1967-Conrad Krajicek.

1967-Ed Kudlacz.

1967-Elaine Grabenschroer Limpach.

1967-Harley David Nebel died October 16, 1996.

1967-Tom Norcutt.

1967-Ed Phelps.

1978-David M. Torek died in the spring of 1998 in Omaha of a heart attack at age 39.

1980-Margaret Ann Hunt Mackey died July 4, 1993 of a heart attack at age 30.

1993-Anthony Pfeiffer died June 2, 1998 in Omaha at the age of 23 due to an unfortunate accident at his home.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

Sophie Mandich from sister and brother Bess and Mike Mandich; and from Riha Farms, Inc.

Donald Pavlik from Thomas Cullinane, Bess and Mike Mandich; Vic and Bev Riha, and from Riha Farms, Inc.

Ardythe Collin from Fritz and Alice Stanek, James and Pamela Hastings, Ellen Hargus, Ruth Gulizia, Ray Van Cleve, Sharyl S. Pilgrim, Steve and Mary Lou Cavlovic, Gloria and Weston Hill, Rose Nemecek, Darby's Tavern by Paul Krajicek, and Jim and Margaret Collin.

ALUM Notes

1908-William Frahm celebrated his 108th birthday in April at the Lindenwood Nursing Home in Omaha. *Congratulations!*

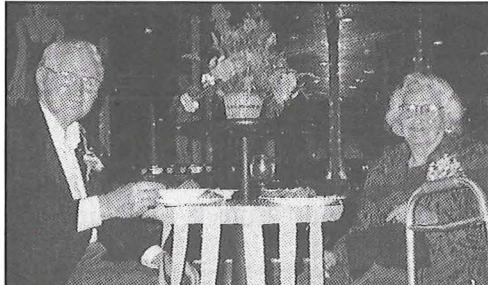
1926, 1928 and 1930 - A "Tip of the Hat" award to **Sophie Kopke Shopen-1926, Elsie Kopke Stanek-1928** and **Raymond Kopke-1928** who recently donated class year books from 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 plus other memorabilia to the SHS Alumni Association. All three siblings now live in Phoenix, AZ.

S o p h i e and Elsie share an a p a r t - ment and are still both very a c t i v e volunteers in various positions and groups within their church. Both are 55 year members of the National T.T.T. Society. Their other sister, **Clara Kopke Lehman-1930**, her husband, **Melvin-1930**, now both deceased, were also SHS grads. You can reach Elsie and Sophie at 1694 West Lindale Ave., #365, Phoenix, AZ 85021. *Thank you so much to Sophie, Elsie and Ray for their generosity. We greatly appreciate your sharing these books and memories with us.*



1930-U. S. Congressman Glen Cunningham recently donated the "MOST UNUSUAL" archival gifts received to date — his gold class ring and his National Honor Society pin. *Thank you so much Congressman Cunningham for your continued dedication to your country and your school.*

1930-Frank Strnad and Helen Lierley Strnad-1934 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during the October 1997 blizzard with their chil-



dren, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *Congratulations and may you celebrate many more (but with better weather!).*

1932-Bernice Labedz is charming the residents at the Mable Rose Estates in Papillion with her warm smile and caring ways. She was featured in a *New Horizons* article earlier this year as a popular, caring resident of the assisted living facility.

1933-Marie Novotny Skryja and husband James of Savannah, Georgia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 10, 1998. The couple were married in 1938 at Assumption Church in South Omaha, NE. They are parents of two children, James Skryja of San Diego, CA and Ann Marie Yadegar of San Jose, CA. They also have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The couple traveled to San Diego, CA where the families met to celebrate the occasion. In the course of Marie's married life, she and her family have traveled throughout the United States because of her husband's work. *Congratulations.*

1934-Frank Kompare and wife, **Mary**, recently donated South High yearbooks from 1926, 1927 and 1928 to the Alumni Association. *Thank you so much for your generosity. We greatly appreciate all memorabilia donated to our archives.*

The 1935 Alumni Committee had lunch at the Bohemian Café on Monday, May 4, 1998. Those present were **Bernice Riedmann Algya** and husband, Joe, **Andrew Bernth, Emil "Bud" Gember** and wife, Lillian, N. **Bruce Irwin** and wife, Dorothy, **William Klusmire, John J. Krajicek, John F. Nownes, Naomi Barrett Nownes** and **Mildred Mortensen Walsh**. "As senior citizens, we get together for lunch (and as

Please send us name, address and telephone number changes, as well as names and addresses of friends, family and classmates who are not currently receiving the Alumni TOOTER.. Please include class year and maiden name where applicable. We need this information to keep our data base updated. Send changes and news items to Dick Gulizia.

usual the meal and service were very good) while we discuss the events of the day. Absent were **Mildred Johnk** who was not up to par for the drive from Avoca, Iowa; **Joe Riha** who was with his daughter since she had been in an accident (we hope and pray that all is well with her); and **Joe Prokopek** and wife, Marie who were in Bakersfield, CA with their daughter and family. Oh! Oh! **Evelyn Korisco Bures** was to be there. She marked it on her calendar, but misplaced her calendar. We covered the ongoing events of Omaha. However, most of the time, the good old days were discussed and rehashed. All attendees appeared to be in reasonably good health. Keep in mind, we are all close to 80 or so. At this age, you are in good health if you can get up each morning, have breakfast and on a special day, attend a luncheon with folks your age. We were limited as to time, so our group did not have the after meal review of all of our wonderful past years. The parting good byes included plans of when we will have our next luncheon. During our lunch, we discussed the idea of having other 1935 graduates attend our meetings. Several other 1935 names of graduates were mentioned and we will contact them to see if they may be interested in our meetings." Submitted by **John Nownes, Sr.**

1936-C.C. "Bud" Kranda and wife **Rose** of Hill City, South Dakota will be married 56 years on October 31, 1998. He spends his free time taking care of four Model A Fords, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. *Congratulations and may you celebrate many more.*

1936-Helen Kalina Zentz. Thank you so much to Mrs. Zentz for her 34 dedicated years of caring for Laurel Hill Cemetery along with husband, Earl. They spend several days a week caring for the small South Omaha Cemetery with very little outside help. Due to her

age, Helen is worried who will take over when she no longer is able. If you could help her out doing some work or with a monetary donation, contact her at 5319 Valley Circle, Omaha, NE 68106. *Thanks again, Helen for all your hard work.*

1937 - Class Reunion sent their class photo (and aged "Packer Symbol" for a good laugh). *Thanks!*



1937-Les Criswell of Las Vegas and **Wilma Nelson Tate** of Omaha a "Tip of the Hat" award and a huge thank you for the many clocks handmade by Les and donated from Les and Wilma to the SHS Alumni Association. Les made a clock in honor of his class, a clock personalized for the Association President, clocks previously donated and given at the raffles in the past and most recently three Las Vegas theme clocks to be given at our next raffle at the spaghetti dinner, March 20, 1999. These are beautiful clocks that anyone would be proud to display. *Thanks again, Les for all your wonderful work.*

1938-Donald Baker and wife **Dorothy Nelson Baker-1941** of Omaha will be married 55 years on December 31, 1998. They have 44 grandchildren. *Congratulations!*

1938-Merle Newquist of Tucson, AZ wrote recently to say he had just learned of the Alumni Association from his brother, **Russell -1939**. Thanks for your interest and subscription, Merle and thanks to Russell for forwarding the information along. *Also, congratu-*

lations to Merle and his wife, June Wilkening Newquist-1940 on 58 years of marriage.

1939-Patricia Walsh Lesar writes from Lakewood, CA to thank the Alumni Association Board of Directors for all the efforts that have been made to reunite classmates, sponsor worthwhile programs and building up the South High community. Patricia also wrote to inform us of one of her sisters not receiving the TOOTER and of the death of another sister. Thanks so much, Patricia for the kind and encouraging words, for the additional name for the computer and for information regarding other family. *Editor's Note: We appreciate any information sent to us regarding graduates, anniversaries, weddings, honors, new names for our data base, changes of address, etc. Please keep those updates coming.*

1939-Phil Sokolof of Omaha, who has spent more than \$9 million over the years to educate the public on health issues, was honored recently as one of six "UNSUNG HEROES" by the 1997 America's Awards. The awards honor "unappreciated Americans who personify the country's character and spirit." Phil has been spending a great deal of time and his own money promoting his non-profit group: National Heart Savers Association. *Thank you Phil and congratulations.*

1940-Blanche Mensik Novotny recently donated two scrapbooks filled with SHS memories from the early '30's. *Thank you, Blanche.*

1940-Richard Schultz and Bobbette Kuehrer Schultz-1942 of Omaha will celebrate 55 years of marriage on December 11, 1998. Thank you for sending us an October 27, 1939 TOOTER and picture of the winning SHS golf team. *Editor's note: To Richard and Bobbette and all others.* Yes, we are definitely interested in any and all South High memorabilia that you may have and wish to donate to your Alumni Association Archives. *Thanks again and congratulations!*

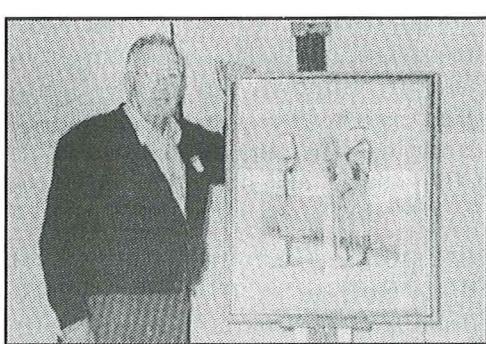
1941-Nancy Fucinaro Rembolt "I am enclosing my check of \$5.00 to cover cost of the TOOTER for another year's subscription. I really enjoy reading it and keeping abreast of all the "goings on" with SHS and my

school friends of 1941 Class, some of whom I've lost contact. I lived the first 37 years of married life in Grand Island, NE. We had three children and now have three grandchildren. This year, in June, we hope to celebrate our 52nd wedding anniversary. We were able to attend SHS's 1941 Class 35th and 40th years reunions-, but have been "on the road" in our motor home the past 15 years and spend extended winter months in Arizona. Our house "on wheels" is our only home. We enjoy the traveling and making new friends. Sorry, I missed our special 50th class reunion. Hope to make the 60th next! I was born and raised on a farm in Ralston and I see from the TOOTER that **Marian (Almquist) Samples** has given up the Class of '41 contact and moved to Ralston. There are many "Fucinaro's" there-my two brothers and cousins. We hope to drive back to Nebraska this coming summer and try to visit SHS and see all the changes made. Thanks, again for the TOOTER. It's great!"

1942-Father Richard Wolbach, Chief of Chaplains at Omaha Veterans Hospital, was recently named Monsignor by Pope John Paul II. *Congratulations.*

1943-Reunion Committee members Shirley Rush Wilson, Bob Driml, Fred Kudym, Bob McNutt, Wally Hopkins and Carren Chastek deserve a big thank you for organizing their 55th Class Reunion!

1943-Jack Hetterich moved from Omaha to Bella Vista, Arkansas in 1981, where he continues to pursue a career in art. Jack recently won 1st place in the 18th Annual Ozark Art Alliance Competitive Art Show in



Siloam Springs, AR for his watercolor entitled "Haitian Fields." Jack also states how much he enjoys reading the

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TOOTER. Congratulations, Jack and thank you. Jack is represented at Heller Art Images in Omaha.

1943-Fred Kudym of Omaha and Wife, Ruth celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 28, 1998. Fred says he will never forget prom night 1943, because they got married on their way to the prom. The Kudyms have four children, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They winter in Arizona. *Congratulations.*

1943-Rudy Stoysich and wife, **Rita Pawlowicz Stoysich-1945** owners of The Stoysich House of Sausage stores in Omaha celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20, 1998 at the Matterhorn in Switzerland. *Congratulations.*

1946, 1949 and 1951. Ed Lang-1946, celebrated his 70th birthday this year. On February 28, 1998, about 40 friends, former co-workers, and family members gathered from around the country in Sacramento for a surprise birthday celebration for Ed. Pictured



in the photo (L. to R.) are **Ed Lang**, retired as an executive sales director for a national furniture manufacturer, and now living in Newcastle, CA (Sacramento); **Marilyn Lang Pierceall-1951**, who owns and operates a successful insurance company in Decatur, Illinois; and **Rich Lang-1949**, who lives in Simi Valley, California (Los Angeles) and works as a free-lance illustrator. *Happy birthday, Ed, and many more.*

1949-John Hoffman and Carol Olson Hoffman-1953 recently donated a 1921 yearbook and class picture. *Thanks so much.*

1949-Louie Llamas "As a January 1949 graduate, I wish to thank you and all the officers that are keeping the spirit and flame burning on my behalf. I cherish and value the TOOTER, so

this way I can keep abreast of former classmates. Enclosed is a check for \$12.00 for twelve raffle tickets. Am looking forward to our 50th Class Reunion next year, God-willing. Always happy to hear and read about some of my classmates like Tony Palma, Steve Cavlovic, Joe Stanek and of course, Chris 'Crazylegs' Saklar. Again, thanks and keep the spirit and flame of SHS burning brightly."

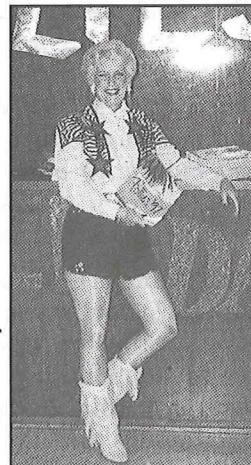
1951-Robert Giles and wife Jeanne Barton Giles-1954 recently moved from Palmyra, NE to South Sioux City, NE after Robert retired as a Presbyterian minister on January 31, 1998.

1952-Dave Powell receives a "Tip of the Hat" award for his willingness to help the SHS Alumni Association by deed and contribution. *Thanks very much for all you do.*

1952-Jean Bednar Skinner is awarded a "Tip of the Hat" award for very generous donations of the spaghetti for our spaghetti dinners each March and a financial donation to the band uniform fund. *Thank you so much for your continued help and support.*

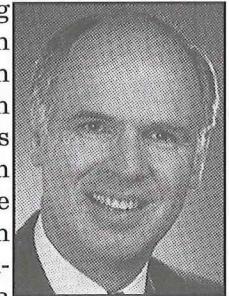
1953-Z. Joseph Campos, Jr recently retired after 30 years with the U. S. Foreign Service. His assignments took him and his wife, **Chris Martin Campos-1954**, and family to eight different countries in Central America, South America, the Caribbean and other U. S. Embassy Posts for 18 years. They also spent 12 years assigned to Washington, D.C. They retired in Silver Springs, Maryland to be near their children and grandchildren. They plan to travel, play golf and visit Omaha often. Mr. Campos is a 1991 South High Hall of Fame Inductee.

1955-Joyce Watkins Blundell writes from Brownsville, TX: "I really enjoy the Alumni TOOTER. Keep up the great work! Well, their 'old gal' is still kicking. Started dancing in high school and other than 16 years of competition fencing, I haven't stopped. I have a



dance group called Gotta Dance, for ages 40 on up. We do several performances a season. The winter visitors, many from Nebraska, love it. I teach tap, jazz and line dancing. We, here, were first with the Macarena and it's still somewhat popular. Can't wait until June for my annual trek home. Sister Jan and I are attending the Class of 1953 reunion. My dad, C.W. **Watkins-1928** is still going strong. I have 9 grandchildren."

1955-George Norman "I am retired after 30 years with IBM, all over the U. S. and 10 years with Kodak. Various jobs from" servicing "IBM Typewriters in the White House in D.C., directing Service Sales from IBM HQ in New York to selling Digital Printers and supplies to Boeing and Intel in Oregon and Washington state. I have been married for 40 years to Jane Tharpe, from Maryland, and have three grown children and one new grandchild. We have a condo we enjoy very much on the Oregon coast and I spend my time as Chairman of the Central Branch of the YMCA in Portland and working with Habitat for Humanity here in Portland. You are doing a terrific job with the SHSAA and the TOOTER and there are countless graduates including four of my brothers who live in California, who appreciate all your dedication and hard work." *Editor's note: Thanks for the kind words.*



1956-Bob Campos received a Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce 1998 Golden Spike award in honor of Campos Construction's outstanding contributions to the economic stability and future growth and development of the community. Bob started the company in 1977 and their early projects included painting Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield, IL, and working on Herbert Hoover's home in West Bend, IA and Harry Truman's home in Independence, MO. They currently have about 35 employees and have done both commercial and residential construction and renovation in seven states. *Congratulations, Bob!*

1960-Lad Nemecek retired this past June after teaching 30 plus years at

SHS. A special thanks to Lad for six years of dedicated service to the SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors, service as chairman of the Packer Greats Committee and monthly contributions to the scholarship fund from Lad and his wife, **June Samson Nemecek-1972**. *Thanks, Lad for everything and have a great retirement.*

1961-Terry Moore was appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank's Tenth District Economic Advisory Council. *Congratulations.*

1961-Jackie Mengler Dower receives a "Tip of the Hat" award for countless hours of hard work and dedication to the SHS Alumni Association since moving back from Texas. Jackie has helped with spaghetti dinners, Day of the Packer celebrations, fall dances and most recently, many many hours with the car raffle committee making telephone calls and working the raffle booth. *Thanks, Jackie.*

1961-Shari Zagor Hofschire was recently elected president of the District 66 School Board. She also held this position in 1993. One of her goals is to work out differences between the Board and its residents as to the value of all day kindergarten and remodeling costs of school buildings. She hopes to bring a closer relationship between the residents and the schools in District 66. Shari was a 1997 South High Hall of Fame Inductee. *Congratulations, Shari.*



1963-Lil Riha Cabiness writes from Northport, AL. to **Dick Gulizia** and **Sue Smith** "I do keep in touch with what is going on with the Alumni Association through **Julie (Diehm)** and **Vic (Riha)**. It was suggested by our attorney that we might want to mention a charity or association in our living trust so that the kids don't have to pay a great amount of inheritance tax. The information you sent me will be passed on immediately so that it can be added to my living trust. Bill and I are enjoying retirement. We have been traveling a great deal this year. In January, we were in New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania, Fiji and Tahiti. We do a lot of week-end trips to Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama showing our 1954 Chevy at Classic Car

Show. Bill has won at least ten trophies this year. It is so great to visit these small towns. They have some of the neatest antique shops and restaurants. I feel so very fortunate to have worked for US West for over thirty years and to be able to retire at 50 and really enjoy life. I give much credit of my success to Mr. Smith, my business and shorthand teacher at SHS. He prepared me for the working world knowing that I would not have the funds to go on to college. With much determination, I was able to have a very successful career and to be the first woman in many non-traditional jobs at US West. This paved the way for many other women to become Engineers, Storekeepers and follow in my footsteps. I really do look forward to reading the newsletter. I hope to come back to Omaha in October and join in some of the activities the Alumni have planned. I'm sure all of the SHS Alumni really appreciate the work that Sue Smith and you have done to make the Alumni Association very successful. I know first hand the many hours that you have dedicated to this project. Take care and hope to see you soon."

1966-Terry Ruch. *Thank you for the donation of a set of golf clubs and bag donated for the golf team at SHS.*

1967-Linda Demitruk Potere is CEO and President of Seacrest Resource Center, Inc., in Coral Springs, Florida, a management consulting, education, and resource center for mental health and substance abuse services. Seacrest provides outpatient treatment for adults and adolescents with substance abuse problems. Linda received her MBA from Nova University in 1996. She is a nationally certified Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor and is President-elect for the Florida Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. She has worked in the alcoholism and drug field for twenty years as a therapist helping individuals and their families recover from alcohol and drug addictions.

1967-Linda Martis Bartunek Spencer wrote from Alameda, CA announcing her marriage April 19, 1998 to Frederick Spencer in Reno, NV. *Congratulations Linda and Frederick.*

1968-Cathie (Kate) Lopez Dosenovich is one of our newest

Alumni Association Board members. She has one son, Richard, and three wonderful grandchildren, Richard, Madelaine, and Jordan. She entered nursing school in 1972 while working at Saint Joseph Hospital, and graduated from Clarkson School of Nursing in 1975. After holding several positions at Saint Joseph's, she accepted a position with Creighton University as Nurse Manager for a Family Practice Clinic in 1994. She enjoys running, dancing and bike riding. One of her goals is to become more involved in South Omaha community projects and we plan to keep her busy as a member of our Board. *Welcome!*



1969-Gary L. Baker, M. D., writes from Kansas City, Missouri that he is an American Board Certified Doctor specializing in plastic, cosmetic, hand, microvascular and reconstructive surgery. *Way to go, Gary.*

1970-Gary Kastrick is a new member of your SHS Alumni Association Board. He has been teaching at SHS since 1984. He received his Bachelor degree from UNO in Political Science, his Masters degree from UNL in Economics and is currently working on his Ph.D. His father Leo Kastrick worked for OPS for 52 years and was elected to the school Board in 1980. His mother, Joann, also worked for OPS, and his sister, Janet, retired as an elementary supervisor for OPS. *You might say academics are "in the family."* Gary is very involved in the computer program at SHS and we are pleased to have him join our board.



1971-George "Dare" Dahir was featured in an *Omaha World-Herald* article for winning numerous awards for the jingles he has written, including the Bluffs Run jingle "It's bigger and better at Bluffs Run Casino." He has worked in the music industry in Las Vegas since 1980, but started his career singing for Chip Davis

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and writing jingles for local companies. *Editor's Note: George, please write a great jingle for SHS and we'll help you publicize it. We've got a good thing going and would love for the rest of the city to know it!*

1972-Evelyn Woodard Winther and husband, **Dean** are awarded a "Tip of the Hat" award for dedication in helping with many alumni functions for the past six years. They both help at spaghetti dinners, Day of the Packer activities and fall dances and any other activities. They will be in charge of food preparation and sales at both the upcoming Day of the Packers (October 2) and the Fall Dance (November 7). *Special thanks to both Evelyn and Dean for all their hard work.*

1973-Norm Cratty writes from Chicago, IL that he is entrepreneur and owner/operator of Cursor Characters in Chicago. He announced that he celebrated 13 years in business during the month of April 1998. Cursor Characters is a secretarial and office support services business providing high quality, custom word processing for presentations, resumes, cover letters and general office correspondence. Cursor Characters started as a home-based business in 1985 and has grown into a commercial storefront location in Chicago's Lakeview/Lincoln Park neighborhood and is a member of the Association of Business Support Services International (ABSSI). *Congratulations!*

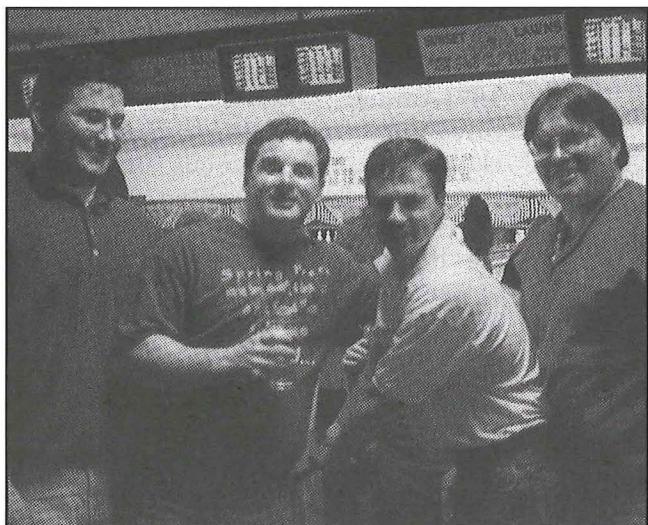
1975-Cindy Grant Thramer of Overland Park, Kansas, has the honor of being the first alumnus ever to join the SHS Alumni Association through the Internet web page. You too can contact us at the following *SHS Alumni Association Internet address: www.ops.org/south/alumni*. The Home Page is updated and maintained by teacher, Rich Benak and the South High Web Team of Students. Thank you, team! The Alumni Association E-MAIL address is *dkulizia@novia.net*.

1977-Deby Lawrence Marco wants to know if anyone has a 1977 yearbook that they would like to share with her. Contact her at 7506 South 42d Street, Bellevue, NE 68147.

1991-Sasha Stump (Following written by Sasha's father **William Stump-1970**.) "It was with great pride that we read the recent Alumnotes article in the South High TOOTER about our daughter, Sasha Stump. We thought readers might be interested in an update of Sasha's activities. Since Sasha was selected as one of five national finalists for Lane Bryant's "Search for Real Women" contest last summer, she has modeled for Lane Bryant in New York City and Columbus, Ohio. She has appeared on Lifetime Television's "Our Home" show, and was one of 68 contestants selected from 7,500 applicants for the 1997 Ms. Plus USA Pageant held in Chicago last fall. She has appeared on television, newspapers, and national magazines. Sasha and her son currently reside in Chicago where she manages one of Lane Bryant's newest stores. She continues to receive offers to model from across the country." *Congratulations and continued success, Sasha.*

1998 BOWLING TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 1998 Bowling Tournament held on March 21, 1998 at Leopard Lanes. Individual men's game winners were Toby Martinez - 252; Dave Folda/Chris Ayala - tie 229 and Mick Skradski - 227. Series men's winners were Dave Folda - 658; Dale Swirzek - 650; Ron Shestak - 628; Mick Skradski - 621; John Miranda - 611; Toby Martinez - 606; and Bernie Zuehlke - 583. Individual women's game winners were Debbie Rushlau - 235; Tracy Thompson - 224 and Debbie Rushlau - 217. Series women's winners were Debbie Rushlau - 629; Tracy Thompson - 574; Juanita Hirsch - 558; and Sharon Parker - 553.



174 bowlers helped raise scholarship funds for the SHS Alumni Association – you are all winners! In addition to the prize money awarded to winners, \$350 was randomly awarded by bowling officials for spares, strikes, splits, etc. Thank you for your participation in this fun annual event. Also, thanks for the outstanding committee chaired by Steve Cavlovic for all your hard work in making this such a fun event.



Evelyn Woodard Winther, 1972, was one of the lucky players receiving a cash award on the spot

OKTOBERFEST DANCE

Vic and Bev Foreman Riha-1961 and 1964, donated the wonderful home grown fall decorations masterfully arranged by **Donna DuRee-1961** and her committee for our 1997 event. The Fall Harvest theme made a fun backdrop to the festivities attended by more than 650 people.



AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL REUNION COMMITTEES

Soon final touches will be made to the arrangements for the your class reunions. Your **South High School Alumni Association** sincerely hopes that the festivities rekindle fond memories and renew past friendships. The class reunion is one of the most nostalgic and bittersweet events you will celebrate in your life. Whether it is your tenth or fortieth, reunion weekend always seems to be filled with anticipation and magic.

One way to make these memories live forever is to plan a memorial to SHS from your class. As you know, it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet the needs of the students and the staff. We need your help in providing funds for the important developmental areas beyond the classrooms. Equipment for clubs, uniforms for our athletic teams, cheerleading squads and band, costumes and fees for musicals and plays – these are some of the areas where your contributions can make a difference. The Board of Education does not provide funds for these activities. Corporate sponsors and business-community partnerships help, but the most essential part is the third leg of support is (YOU THE ALUMNI).

There are many ways to make a contribution. Consider challenging another school or class, or have a formal fund drive among your own class. Auctions of class year memorabilia and white elephant sales have also been used. Then there is the tried-and-true method of passing the hat, or contributing a portion of the funds after reunion expenses are paid.

Thank you for your consideration and may your reunion be your best one yet.

From the South High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors

% Rudy Tesar, Treasurer
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Friday, October 2, 1998

South High's Homecoming Football Game
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at Bergquist Stadium
Norris Middle School 2236 South 46st Street

Alumni Party 9pm - Midnight
Grover Street Bingo Hall 4110 Grover St
Beer - Pop - Snacks

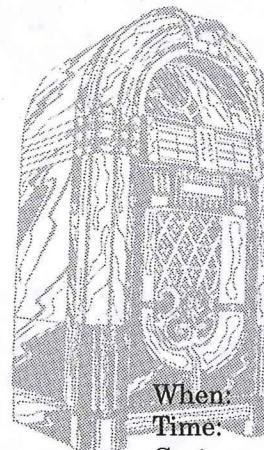
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(Everyone Welcome)
Music by the Persuaders



When: Saturday, November 7, 1998
Time: 8:00p.m. - Midnight
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Where: Mueller Recreation Hall
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1998 SPAGHETTI DINNER

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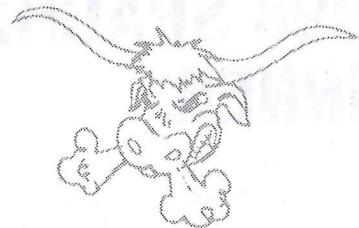
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