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HALL OF FAME DINNER

The Second Annual Hall of Fame Dinner was held October 1, 1998 at Anthony's Steakhouse with 50 attendees. Thanks to Master of Ceremonies, **Jim Eisenhardt - 1967**, who did an excellent job of honoring all Hall of Fame attendees with special recognition of the 1997 honorees **Terry Calek - 1967**, **Shari Zagor Hofschire - 1961**, **Maurice Katz - 1929**, **Alfred Martinez - 1944** and **Chris Saklar - 1950**; and 1998 honorees **Phyllis Barajas - 1968**, **Dr. Paulette Negomir Harding - 1968**, **Ike Pane - 1957**, **Senator Don Preister - 1965** and **Cheryl Sparano Wild - 1968**. Special thanks also to **Judy Jensen Tesar - 1961**, for planning, extending invitations and receiving responses, decorating and hosting this event. Sincere thanks to the alumni who helped underwrite this special event with donations. This was a great evening, and all attendees enthusiastically agreed this should be an annual (or bi-annual) event.



Judy Jensen Tesar - 1961 is shown presenting a plaque to **Herman Myers - 1944** for his generous contribution to the dinner. Other generous donors who received plaques (not pictured) were **John Krayneski of AAA Building Components, Inc. - 1961**, **Madeline Dickey of First National Bank of Omaha**, **Ron Anglim of Continental Elevator - 1960**, and **Phil Sokolof of Heart Savers - 1939**. Sincere thanks to each of you who helped underwrite this special event with your generous donations.

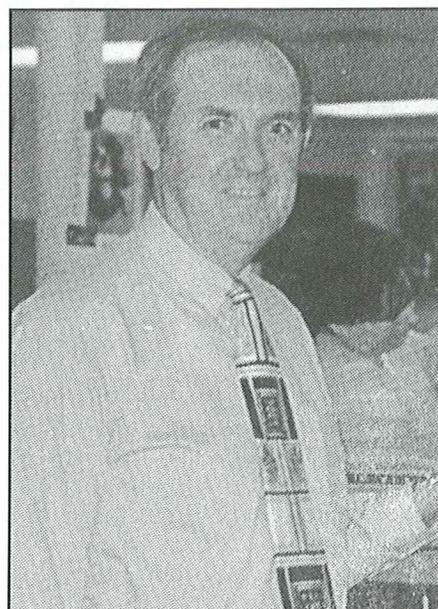
1998 PACKER GREATS AWARDS

Trophies were presented during a wonderful half-time ceremony at Berquist Field last fall in connection with the *Night of the Packers* celebration. Honorees included **Johnny Goodman - 1928**, **Virgil Williams - 1936** and **James Hartung - 1978**. Pictures of all "Packer Greats" will be on display at South High School. Congratulations to each of you.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Jim Becher - 1961 is the President and CEO of **Omaha Graphics**. He is our generous benefactor providing the layout of your **Alumni Tooter** twice a year, which is a very substantial contribution. Jim was featured in a recent *Midlands Business Journal* article when his company purchased new technology, the Omni-Adast press system, one of only five in the United States. Jim said this technology is the "future of the printing industry" and he felt that "direct-to-plate" would be a natural for his company. The cost for this new technology is approximately \$1 million plus another \$460,000 for computer hardware and software required. Since this process eliminates film, quality is improved and makeready time is reduced 50% while cost of materials is reduced by 30%. It also is environmentally friendly since it generates no chemical waste.

Jim started **Omaha Graphics** in 1977, and also opened **Digital Impressions**, the printing division, in the fall of 1994, and **Studio 23**, the company's graphic design division, in the spring of 1995. He expects revenues to reach about \$3.7 million this year and future increases when this new technology is better known. They'll expand their current **Omaha Graphics** building at 3115 South 61 Avenue another 7,000 s.f. next spring to allow room for additional equipment.



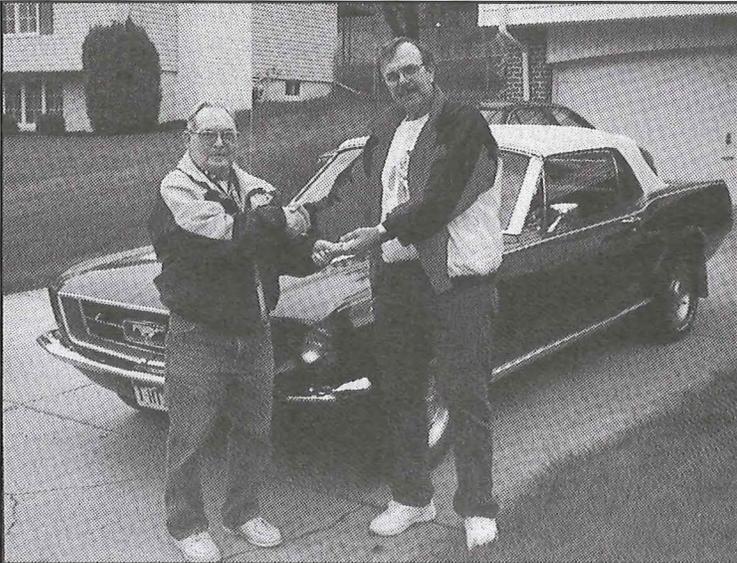
Jim credits his career in printing to landing a job at St. Joseph Hospital on 10th Street when he was 13 years old and a Freshman at SHS in print shop. He took the job for the summer making 75 cents an hour and thought he was rolling in high clover. *Look how far you've come, Jim!*

He and his wife, Karen, have been married 28 years and have two children - Amy - 20 and Chris - 17. Jim is an avid hunter and fisherman and has coached his daughter in the sport of curling, traveling the world with her as she enters amateur competitions. Jim said she has won the junior national championship twice.

We congratulate Jim for his outstanding success - both as a businessman and a supporter of SHS and thank him for his tremendous contributions!

AND THE WINNER WAS

The lucky winner of the 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible was **Mary Alice Rice Lemm - 1948**. Her husband is shown with Chairman **Paul Kracher - 1961** as Paul presents the car title. **Mrs. Lemm's** three sons also graduated from SHS and two of them married SHS alumni. The winning ticket was drawn by **Roy Smith**, former owner of H.P. Smith Ford, while **Dean Rezac - 1963** and **Jason Calek - 1989** turn the drum, and **Rudy Tesar - 1960** reads the winning ticket at the Annual *Night of the Packers* celebration at the Grover Street Hall on October 2. More than 400 alumni and friends were on hand for this exciting event. **Don Hempel of Hempel Sheet Metal - 1963** made and donated a fantastic drum for our drawing, as well as a cash box used for all selling events. By the way, your Alumni Association purchased this car and invested more money to ensure the car would be in excellent shape for the lucky winner. We were pleased that our investment was recouped in January 1998. After costs, our profit toward scholarship funds totaled \$20,000. Chairman **Paul Kracher - 1961** complimented the many



people who were responsible for the outstanding success of this fundraiser - beginning with **Terry Moore - 1961** providing us a prime spot at Septemberfest 1997 to sell over 500 tickets. In the Septemberfest parade the next day, the convertible was behind the SHS band, with **Dick Gulizia - 1961** driven by **Dean Rezac - 1963** and an injured band member selling another 100 tickets. **Paul Kracher - 1961** and the crew went to the West Point Nebraska car show where **Doug Peterson's** assignment of a fine location, and the ingenuity of **Scott Knudsen - 1964** in keeping the tickets dry despite the downpour resulted in another 2,000 ticket sales. **John Krayneski - 1961** allowed us to sell tickets at the Fall Home Show at the Civic Auditorium from his **Overhead Door** booth, and we sold another 600 tickets. **Doug Kinney**, new owner of H.P. Smith Ford included the car in his grand opening celebration and purchased 400 tickets to be given away to his customers. A mailing by the **Alumni Association** resulted in sales of 12,050 tickets. (If all tickets had been returned, the sales would have totaled \$30,000.) **Bobby Mancuso** gave us space at the Spring Home Show at the Civic Auditorium in April 1998. The many volunteers donated very long hours during this week-long event - resulting in sales of another 3,500 tickets. **Doug Kinney** of H.P. Smith again helped by placing a 1998 Ford Mustang Convertible in the space next to ours at the World of Wheels car show in April where we sold another



er 2,000 tickets. **Richard Couch - 1961** allowed us to store the car at his home in Fremont for the John C. Fremont days celebration in June where we sold 2,000 tickets over the four-day event. At Gretna days in July, and at the All Ford Show in August we sold 500 tickets at each event. By displaying the car at several different South Omaha locations such as Eagels, Hy-Vee, Bakers on Vinton and Spring Street we sold another 2,000 tickets. In September we sold 2,500 tickets at the West Point "Last Fling Til Spring."

Special thanks to Chairman, **Paul Kracher - 1961** (and his wife **Sharon** and daughters **Jennifer** and **Stephanie**), and his committee members **Jackie Dower - 1961**, **Tony Palma - 1950**, **Jason Calek - 1989**, **Dean and Candy Rezac - 1963**. Other key volunteers include **Donna Duree - 1961**, **Gaylord Duree - 1952**, **John Krayneski - 1961**, **Bev Krayneski - 1962**, **Ed and Julie Diehm - 1965**, **Vic Riha - 1961**, **Bev Riha - 1964**, **Wayne and Judy Masek - 1964**, **Steve Andersen - 1989**, **Sharon Yeager - 1961**, **Wayne Yanovich - 1957**, **Dave Tasich - 1966**, **Delores Wright - 1952**, **Jim Leonard - 1961**, **Jackie Casper - 1961**, **Kathy Roy - 1968**, **Tom Roy - 1962**, **Helen Elsasser - 1968**, **Dean and Evelyn Winther - 1972**, **Dick Gulizia - 1961**, **Sue Smith - 1996**, **Christopher Smith - 2001**, **Jerry Porterfield - 1996**, **Jeannie Porterfield - 1960**, **Dick Jensen - 1953**, **Rudy Tesar - 1960**, **Jan and Mike Gilbert - 1970**, **Donna Cardella - 1967**, **Dorothy Prill - 1954**, **Kate Dosenovich - 1968**, **Karen Wilson - 1961**, **Scott Knudsen - 1965**, **Sandie Knudsen - 1964**, **Larry Christensen - 1961**, **Betty Welch - 1961**, **John Oltman - 1960**, **Sally Heineman - 1966**, **Tom Plambeck - 1963**, **Gary Miller - 1972**, **Diane Noakes - 1977**, **Shane Villafuerte - 1990**, **Ron Cerone - 1975**, **Carl Schroeder - 1961**, **Stan Lang - 1951**, **Richard Larsen - 1942**, and all the Board members, alumni and friends of SHS who sold or purchased tickets. **Paul Kracher** and his outstanding committee and volunteers could not have done it without you!

A Laugh For You

A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No, you idiot!" the man shouted. "This is her husband!"

SEEING SHS IN A NEW LIGHT

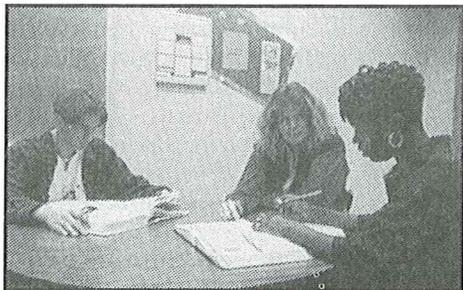
The latest edition of SHS's Tooter featured an article by **Danielle Bojanski** where she described her indecision about attending SHS following the well publicized videotaped beating of the student. She felt high school was scary enough, without worrying about something like that happening. When she actually started as a Freshman at SHS, she learned that "monsters with video cameras were not lurking in the hallways, people were kind, and there were surprisingly few fights; no more than should have been expected." She feels that she had stereotyped SHS and suffered from the delusions about the school that a lot of other people believed. She now feels that this year SHS is being seen **in a new light**. It has always been a great school with a capable staff and caring people, but with a bad reputation. The students, staff and administration don't need to be told what a good school SHS is, they know. It is the public that needs to be updated on SHS's successes.

For example, our football team made it to the state playoffs for the first time in 15 years. Senior **Tom Dickey** won the local and state competition for Boys' and Girls' Clubs Youth of the Year, appearing on the Oprah Winfrey show. He also won the regional competition and went on to Washington, D.C., bringing much recognition to SHS and demonstrating the passion and commitment of many students. An American History teacher, **Mr. Steve Pulverenti**, had his essay "Mr. South Omaha" published in the national journal, *Memories of the Jewish Midwest*. His article centered around **Mr. Samuel Meyer Greenberg**, his life and commitment to the city of Omaha. Mr. Pulverenti's achievement exhibits the talent that many staff members possess.

Danielle feels that SHS is being seen **in a new light** and we certainly agree with her.

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL THE PERFECT FIT

The Special Education Department at SHS is able to meet the needs of students in this program. The staff strives to meet the individual, social and academic needs of all special education students. Students are enrolled in mainstreamed classes with special staff support. Some of our students are involved in the community and are provided an opportunity to acquire and use daily living skills. SHS provides an educational environment that challenges and allows all students to work to their full potential.



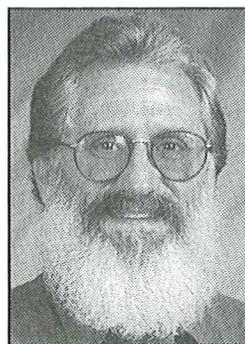
A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

The **Novemberfest Dance** was held at Mueller Hall on November 7 and was a great success. More than 500 attendees participated in dance and hula hoop contests, Line dances, and many other fun activities.

Congratulations to Jackie Schultz Casper - 1961, Bev Moravec Krayneski - 1962 and Wayne Yanovich - 1957 and their committee for another fantastic job.

WHAT A TEACHER!

Ronald Cisar, science, geography and biology teacher at SHS since 1991, has won numerous awards during his teaching career. These include the National Science Foundation Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teacher, Alice Buffett Award, Education Award from the Yellowstone Grizzly Foundation, Nebraska Conservation Educator of the Year, and the Wildviews Conservation Award. He is also an accomplished singer/songwriter of environmental music including "Earth Music" and "The Spell of Yellowstone." In the summer he serves as Director of Teen Adventure Programs and Environmental Music Programs with the National Wildlife Federation. He also gives programs and teacher workshops for Fontenelle Forest and Neale Woods. He and his wife have three boys, Kent, Kurt, and Cliff. Mr. Cisar was featured in a recent UNO Alumni Magazine, and we add our congratulations for his outstanding achievements.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lost and Found - 1965 SHS girl's class ring engraved "MB" found by Jerry Kruntorad in settling his mother's estate. Contact Jerry at 8516 South 46 Avenue - Omaha, NE 68157 - 402/731-1157.

Memoirs Wanted - Since it is spring cleaning time, if you come across old memory books, **Tooters**, yearbooks, etc., please consider forwarding such archival items to the Alumni Association. When it doesn't have a place in your home any longer, please let it take root in ours, and preserve this history for future generations.

Authors Wanted - If you have written articles, poems, stories or books that have been published, please send an autographed copy to Dick Gulizia - 440 South 119 Street - Omaha, NE 68154. We plan a special display in the SHS library to spotlight accomplishments of alumni for current and future students. Please include class year and, if applicable, maiden name.

Addresses Wanted - Important notice to **all graduates** - especially **1989-1998** class years who have not yet had a class reunion, and the **1970-1979** class years for which we are missing many names and addresses. (For example, we only have 30 complete records for the class of **1979** - and only those 30 receive this **Tooter**.) PLEASE notify the Alumni Association % Dick Gulizia of all name, address and telephone changes. Tell us if you have moved, married, etc., -- or if you are receiving this **Tooter** at your parent's address, please bring us up to date. If you have information regarding alumni from any years who are not receiving the **Tooter**, please let us know.. Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated so we can keep our data base current. Dick's E-mail address is dgulizia@novia.net.

REUNIONS 1999

1939 - 60 year reunion later this year. Contact **DeLoryce Kopecky Eledge** at 334-1985 or **Dorothy Panuska Lawver** at 733-0491

1944 - 55 year reunion scheduled on September 4, 1999 at Ameristar Ballroom and Casino. Contact **Frances Walsh Curran** - 9811 "O" Street - Omaha, NE 68127 - 339-3240.

1949 - 50 year dinner dance reunion scheduled on June 12, 1999 at Holiday Inn Central - 3321 South 72 Street. Brunch at Dance City - 7117 Jones Circle on June 13, 1999. Guests welcome. Contact **Delores Torek Kripal** at 731-7865, or **Roberta Freadt Martincik** at 553-1486 or **Wilma Rathe Chizek** at 333-1844.

1954 - 45 year dinner dance reunion scheduled on August 14, 1999 at Best Western Regency. Contact **Shirley Calta Goodro** at 498-8477 if you know of anyone who has not been notified.

1959 - 40 year reunion scheduled on August 7, 1999 at Ameristar Ballroom & Casino. Contact **Dennis Graves** at 592-5484 to receive mailed information.

1964 - As of print date, no information available.

1969 - No reunion planned.

1974 - As of print date, no information available.

1979 - No reunion planned.

1984 - Contact **Kelly Urkevich Sanko** at 346-2714.

1989 - Contact **Jason Calek** at 343-9384 or **Steve Andersen** at 731-6359.

1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3-20 4th Annual Bowling Shoot-out at Leopard Lanes. (See flyer in this **Tooter**.)

3-20 Spaghetti Dinner at Sokol Hall South Omaha from 4:30 to 8 p.m. (See flyer in this **Tooter**.)

4-10 SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting at SHS Room 254 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All welcome to attend.

5-10 SHS Honors Convocation at SHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Alumni scholarship winner announced and graduates honored. Join us for this important event.

7-10 SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting at SHS Room 254 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All welcome to attend.

7-31 Golf Tournament Tara Hills Golf Course.

9-24 SHS Homecoming Football Game (SHS vs. Bellevue East) at Berquist Stadium at 7 p.m.

10-8 SHS Alumni **Night of the Packers** annual football game (SHS vs. Millard West at Berquist Stadium at 7 p.m.). The "**1999 Packer Greats**" will be honored at half-time. After the game, the celebration will begin at Grover Street Hall - 41st and Grover - from 8 p.m. to midnight. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information in the Fall **Alumni Tooter**.

11-6 3rd Annual Fall Dance at Mueller Hall with the "Persuaders." Watch for details in Fall **Alumni Tooter**.

BOARD REPORT



Your Board of Directors held two meetings since our last report and has again been involved in many activities. Current Board members up for re-election were unopposed and extended their terms for another two years by acclamation. We also welcomed **Steve Andersen - 1989** as the newest member of the Board. We awarded \$2,000 in teacher grants for special projects. We held several alumni functions including the annual golf tournament (netting \$1,000 to the Centennial Foundation and \$1,200 to the Alumni Association

Scholarship Fund), *Night of the Packers* celebration which included a football game followed by a party at Grover Street Hall (attended by more than 500 alumni in spite of the inclement weather), a fall dance at Mueller Hall (with more than 50 tables sold in advance, almost 600 alumni attended this fun event). We sold lots of raffle tickets for the car thanks to the generous response of our alumni and the hard work of **Paul Kracher - 1961** and his outstanding committee. We eagerly await the brick memorial which will be displayed at the **H. P. Smith Sports Complex** next Spring. 200 bricks have been sold for the initial layout, but we anticipate and solicit ongoing support for this lasting memorial to your school. The **Sports Complex** has a few remaining ongoing items needing attention for full usage in the spring. We offered new Alumni clothing and other items for sale which have been well received and also introduced an Alumni Association Credit Card. Many memorabilia items have been received by SHS and are being catalogued for the Alumni Archive project. We set the dates for the 1999 Bowling Tournament and Spaghetti Dinner (March 20), the Golf Tournament (July 31), the *Night of the Packers* celebration (October 8), and the Fall Dance (November 6). We inducted three new members as "Packer Greats" and awarded trophies to them or their representatives during the football game preceding the *Night of the Packers* celebration. We are supporting another computer grant request the school is submitting. We also will closely monitor the Desegregation Plan which Superintendent Mackiel will submit to the Omaha Public School Board on January 20 with the aim of increasing enrollment at SHS. We are also inviting all alumni to become Alumni Association members to help us improve our school and educate our students. Won't you please consider joining us?

We are seeking assistance from volunteers to help with the Archiving Program at SHS. Any ideas and/or volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

We have spent quite a bit of time discussing your Alumni Association's Long Range Plans and would appreciate any input you can provide. How can we serve you better in the future?

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Limas, Secretary

IN MEMORIAL

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant
To learn some things,
But never meant to stay

Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know.
For some, the journey is quicker,
For some, the journey is slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

1925 - Reverend Clarence M. Alexander was an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and served congregations in Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan.

1926 - Alice Jacobson died recently in Omaha.

1926 - Cecilia Krasovec died February 25, 1998 in Omaha. She was a telephone pioneer.

1927 - Reverend Willard Alexander ordained minister of Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America, Doctor of Divinity from Midland College, 1956. He was recognized as the "Healing Pastor." He was also known throughout the region as the "Prairie Pastor with the Golden Voice." He served in ministry 60 years. He served parishes in Tekamah, Hooper, Omaha, Lincoln, NE, Emporia, Abilene and Kansas City, KS.

1928 - Barbara Cvitak McLaughlin died March 19, 1998 in Oologah, Oklahoma.

1930 - Henry Kelpé died September 19, 1998 in Omaha after a six month battle with cancer. Mr. Kelpé had the "most recognized broadcast voice in this part of the country," said Dave Hamer, a former co-worker. Mr. Kelpé worked at KMTV for more than 30 years.

1930 - Vincent Parks died July 31, 1998 in Omaha after a long illness. A native of South Omaha, he was the youngest of 11 children. He and his brother, Joe, owned and operated the Parks Construction Company 1959-1987.

1930 - Sandra Spicl Rose died 1996 in Omaha.

1931 - Charles Briza of Omaha.

1931 - Marie Dusek Hruban died in Omaha the fall of 1998 of respiratory failure following a long illness. She was

the owner of Park Avenue Florist 1944-1997.

1931 - Paul Huxhold died December 1997 in Shelton, Washington.

1931 - Gustave Lombardo died 1994 in Omaha.

1931 - Rose Flancheck Oruch died 1988 in Carrollton, TX.

1931 - Helen Kolacny Vacha died February 15, 1998 in Omaha.

1932 - Kenneth Alexander died April 12, 1996 in Milwaukie, Oregon. He retired from Willamette Steel and Iron Company in Portland, OR.

1932 - Rosie Tata Alter died December 8, 1997 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

1932 - Roy E. Ekstrom died May 19, 1998 in Long Beach, CA. He was a member of the first 1932 class reunion committee.

1933 - William H. Krelle, Jr. died November 11, 1998 in Bella Vista, AR after a long illness.

1933 - Joseph Kroupa died November 26, 1996 in Omaha.

1933 - Leonard Meier died summer 1998 of congestive heart failure. Mr. Meier started work at Leo Hoffmann Mortuary in 1933. He retired as funeral director in 1991 from Heafey-Heafey-Hoffman - Dworak - Cutler Funeral Chapels. He was honored in 1988 by the Baseball Association and given a Key to the City of Omaha in a combined ceremony.

1933 - Ted Nykiel died November 12, 1994 in Omaha.

1933 - Teresa Palecek Shane died September 1998 in Omaha from emphysema.

1934 - James Beister.

1934 - Donald Berger died June 1998 in Omaha.

1934 - Mildred Calek Booth - Maryville, Missouri.

1934 - Edward Carlson.

1934 - Carol Severns Hannah died September 1998 in Omaha.

1934 - Frances Harris from Omaha. She devoted all of her working years to U.S. National Bank and later to Norwest Bank.

1934 - Pauline Schlichtig Kiggins died April 1992 in Wildomar, CA.

1934 - Alice Pardubsky Walander died in the fall of 1998 in Omaha. She was a former teacher and *Omaha World-Herald* employee.

1935 - Mike Churchich died September 1998 in Omaha. He was awarded the **Packer Great Trophy** by the South High Alumni Association. He was a true sportsman and sports fan until his death.

1935 - Helen Stancic Dasovic died September 1998 in Omaha.

1935 - Dorothy McLey Langenegger

died 1988 in Omaha.

1935 - Martin Miller died June 28, 1987 in Omaha.

1936 - Marjorie Dennis Johnson died December 5, 1996.

1936 - Dorothy Junek.

1936 - Mae Gustafson Kacirek died September 13, 1998 in Omaha of cancer. She was a twenty-year employee of the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department.

1936 - Helen Benes Stafford died September 17, 1998 in Mountain Home, AR. She retired as office manager of Victor Temporary Employment Services in Omaha after 35 years employment.

1937 - David F. McCourt died July 23, 1998 in Omaha.

1937 - Steve Socha a "Story Teller Extraordinaire," passed away June 29, 1998 in North Platte, NE while traveling from their winter home in Tucson, Arizona to their home at Hartford Beach, SD. Steve was born February 28, 1920 in Omaha, NE, and spent most of his life there except for a tour of duty in the US Army in WW II. He had retired from Kellogg Cereal Co in Omaha, NE after 32 years of employment. Since retirement he had been enjoying traveling. Steve was proud of his Polish heritage and loved to remind people that he was a "Pollock."

1938 - Joseph F. Dasovic died in Omaha.

1938 - Katherine Saklar Green died in 1996.

1938 - Merle C. Iske died 1995 in Omaha.

1938 - Anthony Matulaitis.

1938 - Virginia Stahurski Pichler died in 1996 in Omaha from cancer.

1938 - Victoria Novak Roth died March 17, 1998 in Arlington, TX.

1938 - Pete Uzdawinis died in Omaha.

1938 - Genevieve Miller Waterman died December 1997 in Omaha.

1939 - Edna Farrow Ramage died in Heath Springs, South Carolina.

1939 - Donald Stevens died September 15, 1998 in Omaha.

1939 - James J. Velehradsky died in the fall of 1998 in Omaha.

1940 - Phillip Pattavina died October 2, 1991 in Omaha.

1940 - Alvie Plantmore.

1941 - Douglas Stanley Arthur died July 27, 1998. He lived his whole life in Omaha and was very proud to be a graduate of South High Class of 1941.

1941 - Walter E. Davidson died April 1996 in Costa Mesa, CA.

1941 - Lois Kiefer Inghram died September 1998 in Omaha of cancer.

1941 - Dorothy Klein died December 1997 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

1941 - Carl Schulz – died suddenly on August 2, 1998. He had farmed in the Blencoe, Iowa community for over 45 years. He greatly enjoyed the **Tooter**.

1941 - John Shainholtz - Omaha.

1941 - John (Jerry) Sullivan.

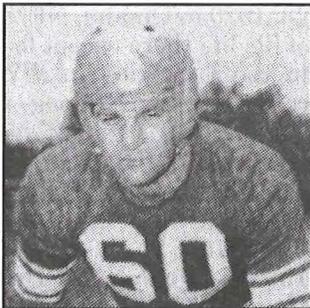
1942 - Diane Mae Miller Almsteier died April 5, 1998 in Omaha.

1942 - Merritt S. Hugins died May 6, 1998 in Yorba Linda, CA with entire family present. He served in WW II in the US Navy. He received a Masters Degree in Applied Mechanics from California State University in Sacramento and he worked in aeronautics and nuclear energy fields. Nothing meant more to him than his family. He was never too busy for his children and grandchildren.

1942 - Hugh B. Kerwin died March 16, 1998 in Omaha.

1942 - Elvis Adams Krajicek died September 12, 1995 in Reno, NV of breast cancer.

1943 - Tom Novak died in the fall of 1998 in Lincoln, NE. The old Notre Dame football players of the late 1940s used



to say that Tom Novak was the toughest guy who ever played against them. The former Nebraska All-American, who earned the nickname "Train Wreck" for his hard hits, made Notre Dame's all-opponent team in 1947 even though the Cornhuskers lost 31-0 to the Fighting Irish. Novak's family and friends saw a different kind of toughness. It was one that made him press on despite living his final 22 years paralyzed. It was that toughness they remembered Sunday, when Novak died at his home in Lincoln at the age of 72. "He never quit battling," said Novak's son, Tom. "He had a great attitude. He's the first to tell you not to feel sorry for him. Actually, we don't. We're sad, but we're also very happy for him. It wasn't a pretty life if you'd seen it." The younger Novak said his father got up for breakfast Sunday, went back to bed and died peacefully in his sleep. Novak had used a wheelchair since falling down a flight of stairs in 1976, his son said, and endured a series of illnesses over the past few years. To this day, Novak is Nebraska's only four-time All-Conference selection. His number, 60, is the only one to be permanently retired by a vote of the N Club. He played fullback, linebacker and center

for the Cornhuskers, earning All-America honors in 1949. He played in the East-West Shrine Game and the 1950 College Football All-Star Game. "He's the toughest guy I ever knew," said Don Bryant, a former Nebraska sports information director and associate athletic director. "He was just a ferocious football player, a great linebacker and a tough center. Anybody who saw him play or played against him said the same thing. For years, I've gone to New York for the Football Hall of Fame dinners, and I'd run into Notre Dame players who played against him. They'd always ask about him and say he was the toughest guy they ever played against. He always had to have a pad on his chest, a sponge rubber pad, because he was always wrecking his chest, always manhandling guys. He was a really tough tackler," Bryant said. Off the field, though, there was a different side to Novak. "He was just an extremely friendly guy," Bryant said. "He had a heart of gold." Novak earned seven letters at Nebraska, helping the Cornhuskers win Big Seven baseball titles in 1948 and 1950. Each spring, a Nebraska football player is honored with the Novak Award, which according to the NU media guide, "best exemplifies courage and determination despite all odds in the manner of Nebraska All-America center Tom Novak." (Excerpts from *Omaha World-Herald* article.) *Editor's Note: Tom was named as a SHS Alumni Association Packer Greats in 1997.*

1943 - Norma Rae Bartek Rubek of Bellevue, NE.

1943 - Patricia Tombrink Vollmer died January 9, 1998 in Omaha.

1945 - Charles Hrbek died September 8, 1998 in Long Beach, CA. two months after surgery for stomach cancer. He was a private distributor for Carnation Dairy Products in home delivery and retail delivery.

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

1947 - Gloria Galsche Halsey died April 21, 1998 in Omaha.

1947 - Edward J. Sobczyk died December 2, 1998 in Omaha.

1947 - Richard A. Raven, Sr. died November 17, 1996 in Omaha of a sudden heart attack. He worked as an Electrical Designer for (HDR) Henningsen, Durham & Richardson for 40 years.

1948 - Milo Bartling - Bellevue, NE.

1948 - Frank Berry - Omaha.

1948 - Don Burson - Madison, NE.

1948 - Sam Circo.

1948 - Joann Reid Deems - Omaha.

1948 - Beverly Magnuson Dittman -

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1948 - Henrietta Lorence Haynes - Omaha.

1948 - Barbara Nerness Johnson - Omaha.

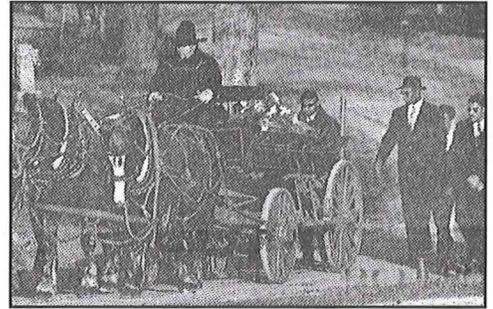
1948 - Agnes Kasun Knipping - La Vista, NE.

1948 - Bob McEvoy - Waterloo, NE.

1948 - Dean Mercer - Omaha.

1948 - John Moriarty.

1948 - Drahamera Storch Smith - Grand Island, NE.



1948 - Harold D. Starks, Sr. died December 4, 1998 in Omaha. His casket was taken to the grave site at Graceland Park Cemetery, 4723 S. 42d St., in a dray wagon. Starks, who loved horses and had a ranch near Springfield, Nebraska, bought a set of Belgian draft horses before his death. Starks' wish, according to his children, was for his horses to take him to his grave. Using Starks' team wasn't possible, so John Metz of Crescent, Iowa, who is driving the wagon, provided the team. "It was fitting way to send him off," said son, Ed Starks, one of his four children.

1948 - Paul Stella.

1948 - Beverly Thompson Graff - Omaha.

1948 - Robert Tiunaitis.

1948 - Ina Mae Small Velehradsky - Bellevue, NE.

1948 - Phyllis Carrick Volenec - Vicksburg, MS.

1949 - Doris June Hendrix Isreal - Lawrence, KS.

1950 - Ann Marie Thompson Boldt died August 1998 in Omaha.

1950 - Joyce Marie Steele Johnson died September 1998 in Omaha.

1950 - Helen Todoroff Polsan died December 19, 1997 in Chico, CA.

1950 - Albert Selinger died summer 1998 in Omaha. He was a retired cattle buyer.

1951 - David Pritchard - Omaha.

1952 - Ken Adams died summer 1997 in Omaha following surgery.

1952 - Gloria Rookstool Carrell died August 17, 1998 in Council Bluffs, IA.

1953 - Frank Bellinghiere died August 16, 1998 in Westlake Village, CA. He worked for Upjohn Co for 30 years. He enjoyed California and showing it off to family and friends. Loved

time with children and 10 grandchildren. He celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary in August 1997.

1953 - Richard Callahan.

1953 - Robert Janovich.

1953 - Janet Petersen Nieto died March 1998 in Bellevue, NE.

1955 - Betty Nystrom Harbin died October 3, 1998 in Springfield, NE.

1955 - John Krajicek - Omaha.

1956 - Doris Couch Wozny - Fullerton, NE.

1957 - Sharon Marcelino Timmins died suddenly December 1997 of a heart attack in Bellevue, NE. *Editor's Note: We were surprised to hear of the passing of Sharon and wished we could have complimented her more for the time she gave to the Alumni Association and her class reunions.*

1957 - John Wolfe died May 9, 1997 in Gretna, NE of lung cancer.

1961 - Joe Golden died 1997 in Omaha.

1961 - Joan Loday Bosiljevac died in Omaha of cancer in January 1999.

1961 - Elaine Kalasky Hill died suddenly May 21, 1998 in Omaha. She was a postal service employee.

1962 - Patricia Kostecka Doss - Omaha.

1964 - Craig Campbell died August 12, 1998, Las Vegas, NV.

1964 - Dennis Solko died suddenly November 13, 1998 of a heart attack in Plymouth, MN.

1966 - Sophia Pelisiak Hoke died August 22, 1998 in Omaha after a long battle with cancer.

1968 - Kelley Bolton - Siera Vista, AZ.

1968 - Daniel Gibilisco - died April 1998 in Omaha of cancer.

1968 - Sue Mertz Torel - Lincoln.

1969 - Donald and Kathy Ratay Horvath were both killed in an auto accident in Omaha, February 10, 1992 leaving five young children.

1973 - Sharon Ellis.

1974 - Linda Brand Mahoney died November 1998 in Omaha.

1977 - Cynthia Thomas Robles died December 1998 in Omaha. She was born in Wisconsin. Her family moved to South Omaha when she was a toddler. She attended business school after graduating from South and she was known for always helping others. She was a Head Start bus driver for the Chicano Awareness Center until heart disease was diagnosed about 18 months ago.

1989 - Ann Sargent died 1990.

1992 - Edward Pariseau.

1997 - John Zaragosa died August 1998 in Omaha.

MEMORIALS

Memorials were given in memory of
Milas Novotny - 1942 from wife
Emily Svoboda Novotny - 1946.
Paul Novotny - 1972 from mother
Emily Svoboda Novotny - 1946.
Laura Koutsky Dichson - 1931 from classmate
Mildred Belavek Downey - 1931.

Edward Abbott - 1939 from wife
Madeleine Walsh Abbott - 1940.

Lois Bertolini Schaetzle - 1952 from husband
Stan Schaetzle - 1952

Bill Vincent - 1960 from brothers
James Vincent - 1963, and **Kenneth Vincent - 1965.** Jim and Ken sent this memorial tribute honoring Bill at the 35th anniversary of this death, as well as a copy of the following 1963 Omaha World-Herald article:

Omaha, NE, Friday, June 21, 1963 - Vincent Death Blow to 1st Cipriano Five

Huskers' Coach: 'We Were Counting Very Much' on Ex-South Star

Bill Vincent, University of Nebraska basketball player, was killed in an automobile wreck on Highway 6 east of Council Bluffs this morning. The former South High all-stater was working at his summer job of driving a truck for an Omaha bakery between junior and senior years at Nebraska. His death will cut considerable height from the first Husker team to be coached by Joe Cipriano, the new coach for next season. Vincent, 6 feet 7 inches, was a starter on the last team bossed by Jerry Bush during 1962-63. He was one of the leading scorers with 245 points. "We were counting very much on him, and he definitely would have been a starter," Cipriano said today. Bob Gates, Husker assistant, said of Vincent: "Really a good kid. Never any trouble, a good kid to work with. The boys all like him. He was doing well in school." Bill was in the Teachers College. He was married to **Wilma Jean Dobbs**, a high school girl friend at South, on August 25, 1962. Their first child, David William, was born early this month. Vincent was labeled as the best tall player ever to compete in the Nebraska High School Basket Ball Tournament as South won the state championship in 1960. He was a member of the *Omaha World-Herald All-State Team* twice, first gaining a spot as a junior in 1959 and repeating in the championship year. Bill scored 462 points during 1959-1960, as South ran up a 21-0 record-the only all-victorious campaign for the veteran Packer coach, **Cornie Collin.** Vincent

also was a close friend of Cornie's son, **Jim.** They were teammates on the championship team in 1960. Bill's best maneuvers in basketball were hook and jump shots. It was his hook, in fact, which brought the basket which beat Alliance, 58 to 56 in the waning moments of the state meet semifinals in 1960. Two of Bill's brothers were regulars on the South High team last winter. **Jim** was graduated this year while **Ken** will be a junior. **Vincent** was one of the most sought after high school athletes in Nebraska history. Fifty-four colleges contacted him. They included practically every major school in the United States. One college in Alaska and one in Hawaii also were interested in Big B. *Editor's note: Bill was recently elected to the Nebraska Hall of Fame.*

EDITORS CORRECTION - we wish to extend our deepest apologies to the following individuals, their family and friends. These names were listed as deceased in the Fall 1998 TOOTER and thankfully, they are still alive:

1937 - Ethel M. Sullivan Dougherty Wall of Peoria, AZ. Reports that she is still active-dancing, playing 18 holes of golf several times a week and working part time, designing greeting cards.

1967 - Cathy Armendariz Doll

1967 - Francis Roberts Greco

Again we apologize for these mistakes.

On Getting Older

My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely.

I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I am so far behind, I will live forever.

Not everyone is as old as we are—remember that the people starting college this year were born in 1980! They have never heard of King Cola, Burger Chef, Jack-in-the-Box, The Globe Democrat, Pam AM or Ozark Airlines. They never took a swim and thought about Jaws. They don't know who Mork was or where he was from. They never heard of the terms "Where's the beef?" "I'd Walk a Mile for a Camel" or "de plane, de plane!" They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. is.

ALUM Notes

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.

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

1908 - William Frahm, a resident of the Lindenwood Nursing Home celebrated his 108th birthday in April, 1998. He spent most of his working years with his four brothers hanging wallpaper and painting. *Congratulations!*



1928 - Angela Jacoby Murphy from Omaha wrote a note thanking us for all the Alumni Association does for SHS and for the many memories the mention of "South High Will Shine Tonight" brings to mind.

1928 - Ray Kopke writes from Phoenix, AZ to thank us for honoring **Johnny Goodman**. **Mr. Kopke** remembers working at the Elmwood Park golf shack as a youth. *Editor's note to Mr. Kopke: Dr. Gulizia wanted you to know that many changes have been made at the Elmwood course and if you decide to come back and play a round or two to check it out, give him a call, and he'll go along.*

1932 - June Graduating Class - The June Class of 1932 South High School held its 65 Year Reunion August 23-24, 1997. It was the 9th Class Reunion Celebration. The first was the 20th Year which was held in 1952. Our second celebration followed in 1962. Thereafter, we have had a reunion every five years. SHS was operating on the quarterly system then, graduating classes in September, December, March and June. After having no contact for 20 years, our research was done only on the June graduates. There were 239 members which was the largest class to graduate from an Omaha high school at that time. Members of the other classes were always invited to take part. We were told by **Principal R.M. Marrs** at

one time that we were the first class to have an organized reunion. It was the decision of our Reunion Committee to close our bank balance. We would like this amount of \$143.88 to go to the SHS Alumni Association to help with the **H.P. Smith Complex Athletic Field Project**. Signed - the Reunion Committee: **Henry Greenberg, Marissa Bibly Lind and Aliene Kelp Hammer**. *Editor's note: Thank you very much!*

1935 CLASS ALUMNI COMMITTEE MEETING - The 1935 Alumni Committee had lunch at the Bohemian Café on Friday October 16, 1998. Those present were **Evelyn Korisco Bures, Bernice Riedmann Algya** and husband **Joe, Andrew Bernth, Joe Riha, 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 we live our daily lives, occasionally insignificant incidents occur that remind of us our High School Days at SHS. One such incident might be stopping at one of the fast food stores for lunch and buying a hamburger, fries and a coke at a very reasonable cost. Then we remember when we went to the commissary, also room 110, and got a glass of water and a very good hamburger for 5 cents. On with our meeting. **Mildred Bly Johk** and husband **Harold** were unable to attend since a niece from South Dakota was stopping with family. **Joe and Marie Prokupek** were not able to make it due to the time and distance to get there as they are now living in Bakersfield, California. As usual, the food was very good and many areas of interest were reviewed and discussed. Inasmuch as October was coming to an end soon, the upcoming winter was reviewed. During this discussion **Bud Gember** and wife **Lillian** had little to say but always had very pleasant smiles on their respective faces. Of course, they will be in Phoenix, Arizona; however, not until after Christmas. This day also was special, inasmuch as **Evelyn Bures** had the opportunity to be with us and enjoyed the very pleasant lunch with the group. **Evelyn** missed our last meeting. **Joe Riha, Bud Gember, Andy Bernth and John Krajicek** had to review the baseball season and dis-

cuss home runs. Was it the pleasure of being with friends, remembering many pleasant and happy events of many years ago or just plain apathy, but very little time was spent talking politics. The time comes for each of those attending to leave, but first just how soon are we going to get together again? How about April 1999? With the to do about the year 2000 upsetting the computer systems, it is hoped that all of us will see if the year 2000 comes in with the normal activity. For graduates of 1935 who might read this article in the **Tooter**, if you would like to join us at one of our lunches, self treat, just contact any of your classmates mentioned in the article for more information. Submitted by **John F. Nownes, Sr.**

1938 - Nellie Black Wobschall of Newton, IA wrote to say how much she enjoys the **Tooter**. She's still active, and keeping busy and looking forward to a future visit. She also thought the Alumni Visa was a nice idea to support SHS.

1940 - Doris McCown Capps of Omaha was recently recognized in the **Reminisce** magazine's "Nicest Thing Anyone Has Done For Me" column. Her submission follows: "As an 18-year-old city girl in 1941, I took a teaching job at a country school near Omaha, Nebraska. Besides teaching 14 students in six grades, I had to start and bank a fire in the coal stove, pump water and carry it inside and make sure the outhouses were clean. My first year of teaching was nearly over on April 12 (my birthday). I was surprised when a seventh-grade student, Charles Fox, rode his pony to school and helped me with the morning chores. Afterward, he shyly handed me a small package. Inside was a beautiful necklace he'd made by stringing beans from a catalpa tree. I noticed his fingers were blistered and asked him why. I nearly cried when he told me he'd heated a crochet hook to burn holes through those beans. The burns had hurt, but the joy of giving made him forget that. And I've never forgotten that boy and the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me. I treasured his gift for years."

1941 - Byrle E. Whitney, West Covina, CA. Mr. Whitney's daughter wrote saying that even though her father is in a nursing home, he knows

his children and responds to information about SHS. If you would like to send him a remembrance, send in care of Mary Lou Whitney, P.O. Box 118, West Covina, CA 91793.

1941 - Clarence "Bud" Dahl - Sonora, CA sent the following: "I was part of the engine room crew aboard a Coast Guard LCI (landing craft infantry), one small vessel in the armada that assaulted the beaches at Normandy. I and the other 250 soldiers and sailors aboard the LCI did not make it across the channel. German gun emplacements on the European shore lobbed shells at the invaders and one struck the luckless LCI. The vessel's fuel supply was hit, igniting an explosion that sent the ship to the bottom. I struggled free and was one of only 20 who survived. By 10:15 that morning, we were aboard a hospital ship receiving treatment for burns and other injuries. I returned to active duty but never participated in other landings. I would like to remind people that in WW II, and in other wars, the Coast Guard participated in a lot of fighting, especially in the amphibious landings." *Editor's Note: We thank Mr. Dahl for his participation in the Normandy Invasion. He can be contacted at Box 4762, Sonora, CA 95370.*

1943 - Dale Marcum - Omaha wrote the following to the Alumni Association: "I received your note indicating that **Norman Zinn** had sent in a **Tooter** subscription for me. I sent Norm a thank you note and will enclose a check for postage for the **Tooter**. My wife and I attended the 55th SHS Class reunion this summer. With the news that the South Omaha Stockyards will cease to exist in one more year, I recall that as a 15 year old in 1939, I got up at 4:20 a.m. to arrive at the Stockyards to begin driving hogs for a commission company. At 10:00 a.m., I left the yards to attend SHS classes, and, I worked five days a week with a beginning wage of \$5.00 per week. This of course was during the Depression of the 30s, and upon graduation I was soon off to the Navy for WW II. We now have 15 to 20 former South High staff members who get together for lunch every 2-3 months. I was a teacher, counselor and Director of Guidance at South from 1953-1969. Thank you for your leadership of the South High Alumni Association." *Editor's Note: Thank you for the memories and kind words.*

1948 - Vanita Brown Stanback of Salisbury, NC came back to Omaha this summer for the 1948 Fifty Year Class Reunion. She delighted us with a couple of her most recently composed

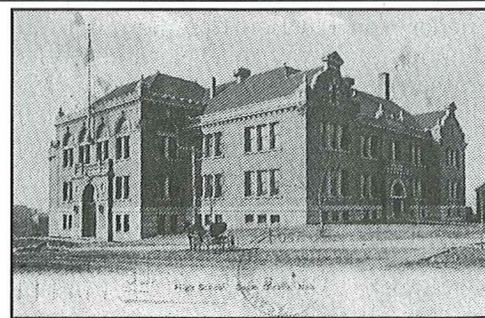


1948 Reunion Memories - "It has been 54 years since most of us first passed through the portals of Omaha SHS. It would be 53 for me as I came by way of Creighton Prep. My reasons for enrolling at SHS were twofold. Firstly, our family moved closer to South Omaha, but perhaps of more impact was a letter from the principal of Prep to my parents suggesting that they send their son to a school where he could use his hands. Taking his advice, I thus became a South High Packer and enrolled in woodworking class under the tutelage of Coach Moore. During my tenure at South, I did have some modest success as an athlete, and was elected a senior class officer, but did not distinguish myself academically or a threat to be on the honor roll. Notwithstanding, I did manage to graduate in the prescribed time. The senior class of 1948, like others that preceded and followed, had its own personality by virtue of its participants. We were the product of the war and post war years. We experienced rationing and gas stamps along with other shortages of the times. We also saw the servicemen return home, some reentering high school. We all have our private remembrances of those days. Some of my fondest recollections were the songs *Ole Buttermilk Skies*, *Mademoiselle* and of course the polkas. Hard to forget was **Miss Remley's** whistle call for ladies' choice at the noon dance, **Coach Collin's** call of "everybody up" at football practice and **Mr. Deever's** refrain "its better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Since that warm night in June many years ago at Technical High where we were presented diplomas, we each embarked upon our own odyssey of life. We are now in the phase of life where most of our hopes and dreams have faded with the quiet acceptance of being closer to the end than beginning. We have come together on the golden anniversary of that event to pay tribute to the way we were and the departed. We honor ourselves and for the moment are classmates again, turning back the clock to a simpler time. As we near our last roll call we can take pride in what we are and that the Cass of 1948 will shine tonight all down the line! May the good Lord protect and keep you till we meet again. In spirit with you, 1948 Senior Class Secretary **John C. Wiren.**" *The picture the class sent shows a nice looking group! Thanks!*

Easter poems, copied with permission as follows: **"The Revelation of Easter** -- As a mode of God I have within me the spiritual power to sustain and regenerate myself, undiminished by external causes, And the more severe the external causes, The more pronounced becomes the essence of my being. Easter 1997

Justice - As justice is the application of truth, So injustice will be pursued and conquered by truth, and the more extreme the injustice, the more victorious is the truth which triumphs over it. Easter 1998"

1950 - Jim Collins, M.D. sent a picture postcard of SHS "at least two years older than the one pictured in the recent Tooter issue. *Thanks, we'll add it to our archive collection.*



1952 - Georgia Urban Goodell of Redfield, South Dakota writes "This is the first correspondence of any kind I have received since graduating in 1952. I certainly enjoyed reading the **Alumni Tooter** and many of the names brought back pleasant memories. I am looking

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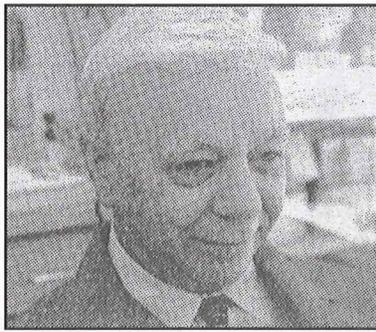
forward to the next issue!" *Editor's Note: If you know of anyone who graduated from SHS who is not currently receiving a Tooter twice yearly, please send name (include maiden, if applicable), address and class year to Dick Gulizia. Thank you.*

1955 - Phyllis (Troud) Sandstedt is a consultant at the University of Northern Colorado, School of Education where she works as a supervisor of student teachers in Greeley and surrounding districts. "After teaching in the elementary grades for 25 years, I enjoy working with college age students who are preparing for their life in the teaching profession. It is exciting to see them working successfully in the classroom and to share in their enthusiasm as they are getting ready to attain their long-awaited goal of having their own classroom of students. It is also very interesting to work in various school districts and to observe the various types of educational techniques and curriculums that are used." *Editor's Note: Phyllis also sent a \$300 donation for the scholarship fund, and thanked the Board for all they are doing for SHS. Thank you, Phyllis.*

1957 - Mary Pisci Robertson Harter of Omaha writes that the Omaha Chorus of Sweet Adelines is always looking for new members of all ages. Anyone interested can call 493-6624 or 333-5845.

1958 - Carmella Lombardo Egger of Omaha wrote "I am a 1958 graduate, and we just had our 40th year class reunion this past summer. What fun to see everyone again! After graduating from SHS, I started my career at Lueder Construction Company here in Omaha. In July of this year, I also celebrated my 40th year with Lueder. My gift was a 1998 Toyota Corolla all licensed up and ready to take home. What a great surprise and what a neat gift! I don't have any thoughts of retiring yet, as I really do enjoy it so very much. I also enjoy the newsletter so very much. Thanks again for keeping us all informed." *Editor's Note: Congratulations and we agree what a wonderful surprise a car would be!*

1959 - Terry Randone, president and owner of Midwest Hair Replacement Center, was recently featured in an *Omaha World-Herald* article about the popularity of hair replacement and treatments. *Congratulations!*



1959 - Ike Pane retired after 19 years with Millard North High as Principal, and 31 years with the Millard School District. He was honored as an outstanding educator who relates well both to students and teachers. He said he was inspired by teachers at SHS and began considering a career in education in his junior and senior years at SHS. He earned his master's degree and doctorate from UNL. His wife, Henrietta, is a teacher at Westgate Elementary School in District 66. Their two daughters are also teachers -- Anne Ridgway at Willowdale Elementary in Millard and Jean Beckman in Georgia. Their son, Sam, attends UNO and will begin his student teaching next year. *Congratulations on your outstanding achievements and enjoy your retirement!*

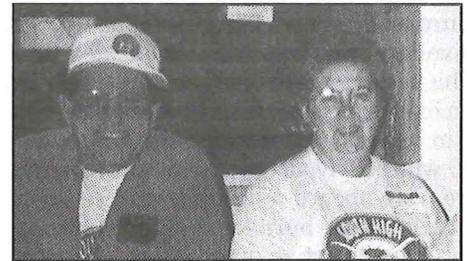


1960 - Norman Rockwell and 1964 Alyce Harder Rockwell of Lusk, Wyoming recently purchased Pre-size Model Specialties. Pre-size is a manufacturer of model railroad scenery accessories specializing in tunnel portals, retaining walls, abutments, bridge piers and culverts and other track side accessories. The products are available in N through G scales. You can contact them at their web-site www.pre-size.com *Congratulations and good luck!*

1960 - John Clay Smith, Washington, D.C., is a Professor of Law at Howard University Law School. He has written two books - *Emancipation; The Making of the Black Lawyer, 1844-1944* and recently *Rebels in Law: Voices in History of Black Women Lawyers*.

1961 - Vic Riha and Bev Forman Riha - 1964 receive a "Tip of the Hat" award for countless hours of dedication

and work for the Alumni Association. They have chaired the spaghetti dinner since its inception, and handled food preparation for the *Night of the Packers* and the fall dance. They have hosted a thank you picnic at their farm for the Spaghetti Dinner workers for the past three years. Vic is a member of the Sarpy County Fair Board and they do a great deal of work for that also. They also donate all of the corn stalks, gourds, pumpkins, etc., for the fall dance decorations. *Thanks again, Vic and Bev for ALL you do!*



1961 - Jim Palmer was promoted to first vice president and director of mortgage loan servicing for Commercial Federal Mortgage Corp., responsible for escrow administration, investor reporting, residential income recovery and commercial income recovery. *Congratulations, Jim.*



1962 - Annett Riley Sekera of Mesa, AZ wrote "I am presently working at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. I have been here for 9 years and truly enjoy what I do. My son **Edward - 1987**, and his wife, Monique live with me in Mesa. Ed works in the moving industry. My son **Robert - 1989**, and his wife Jeanine, live in Chicago where Robert is one of Chicago's finest - a police officer. He is looking forward to his 10 year reunion soon. Everyone is doing fine and we follow the Packers faithfully. We enjoy the **Tooter** very much because we are able to keep in touch with old friends. You know, none of you have changed a bit. I especially want to thank you for the nice tribute you gave my daughter in the **Tooter**. **Mary** passed away two years ago last April from cancer. She was also part of the SHS Alumni and remembered all of her friends from South clear up to the end. She had fond memories of the Ambassadors - many of whom came to her memorial service. I love all the pictures you take--it makes me almost believe I am there enjoying the festivities with you - and believe me, if I ever come back and there is an opportunity, I will join in the fun. My best to you all."

1963 - Marlin Briscoe, Long Beach, CA. We were pleased to see a recent Omaha World-Herald article on Marlin recognizing him as a **Nebraska High School Football Hall of Fame Honoree**. He has aspirations of returning to Omaha someday as a teacher or a coach.

1963 - Dean Rezac and Candy Fahey Rezac - 1963 receive a "Tip of the Hat" award from the SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors recognizing SHS Hall of Fame member Dean and his wife, Candy for the many volunteer hours given to our organization. Dean and Candy worked selling car raffle tickets at every single opportunity. They went to every show and function where tickets were sold. Dean headed the bar committee at the fall dance. They both put in 12-hour days at the Spaghetti Dinners, helping cook and set up. Dean is constantly soliciting for new pickle card accounts for the organization, serving on the entertainment committee and the building committee and hauling alumni supplies all over town. We also call Dean our best recruiter, because he's always finding alumnus who we do not yet have on our computer data base. Candy is with Dean at all of these functions, helping cook, set-up at the Spaghetti Dinners, traveling with the car, etc., and she also heads the clothing sales-selling at ALL alumni functions, Saturday morning reunion gatherings, etc. Candy is also secretary of the Entertainment Committee. We greatly appreciate the dedication and loyalty that Dean and Candy have for their school.



1965 - "Geanie" Eugenia Cullinane Barnes of Omaha wrote "Thank you for the marvelous tie to precious memories and people. The **Alumni Tooter** makes fresh all those memories of school days from cafeteria smells drifting through the building to hot, sticky early fall days in a stuffy classroom filled with kids still fidgeting with summer energy. A glimpse of a name or photo in the **Tooter**, and something is triggered--I'm back in the gym for the lunch-hour dance, or I can smell **Mr. Zanders'** Biology room, or an old "crush" comes to mind."

1965 - Dee Bower and Colleen Langle Moore - 1967 own Games People Play, a licensed pull tab and bingo supply dis-

tributorship at 8410 "K" Street. **Kathy Nemec Slobodnik - 1956** and **Mike Cahalane - 1986**, are other alumni employed at this growing company.



1965 - Scott Knudsen of Omaha, a SHSAA Board member, was in Washington in July to attend the White House Community Empowerment Conference. Scott and the other attendees were addressed by the President. Knudsen stood in the front. After the President spoke, he began shaking hands, reaching behind the Omahan to greet as many as possible. Knudsen said he was six inches from the President's ear and blurted: "You're so close I can't shake your hand, but I could almost kiss you." According to Knudsen, Clinton replied: "Don't do that. They'll probably call you to testify."

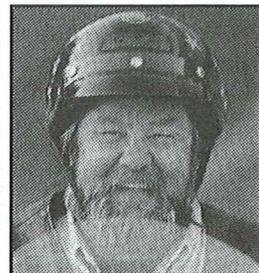
1965 - Michael Peterson writes "Hi! I'm **Michael R. Peterson**. Doesn't seem like it's been that long. I get back there once in a while and of course I do have to pass by the school so I can remember where I came from. I now live in Greensboro, North Carolina. I still miss Omaha, but not the winters. I transferred here with Western Electric back in '81, but they changed to AT&T and then Lucent Technologies. I took early retirement last year from Lucent when they had a plant closing and I'm now doing contract work with General Dynamics. Not too bad for someone barely graduating with Industrial Wood as a major. I became a Tool & Die Maker in Omaha with Western Electric in the apprenticeship program. The last five years I was a Tool and Gage Inspector working in the Metrology Lab with Lucent Technologies. Now I'm building a recall system for recalling Tools and Gages for re-inspection and tractability to the National Institute of Standards and Technologies. After this who knows?

I was married and had three children. That's when I learned about my ADD. My daughter was diagnosed with ADD and I knew where she had gotten it. I had so much trouble growing up, I could really relate with her. I wish I could have gotten help with mine. My life could have been so much better. But I guess I just learned to deal with

it, except I still don't like to read. It's really hard to keep rereading a paragraph when your mind wanders. I wonder how many kids at SHS right now have the same problem and are labeled trouble makers or slow learners or just plain dumb. They are not! They will all excel in their own way in something they really like to do if they just apply themselves. Well I need to get back to work. From: **Michael R. Peterson** E-Mail: michael.peterson <mpeterso@gdats.com>

1965 - Roger Van Scoy of Phoenix, AZ writes that he just happened across the Super Home Page and encourages others to check it out @www.ops.shs.edu. Roger has been at US West Communications for 31 years. His present position is Metrics Manager-New Products. He wants to encourage Omaha-based classmates to have a major 35 year class reunion in 2000.

1968 - Kyle Hetrick was featured as the new Police Chief in Grand Island in the local news in November. He was said to have a sense of humor, as evidenced by his Bugs Bunny ties, and to like to have fun, as evidenced by his pleasure in riding his Harley Davidson. He joined the Grand Island Police Department in 1972 after finishing his military duty, including serving in Vietnam. He and his wife, Dee, have four children, Val, 28; Pam, 26; Chris, 24; and Adam, 21. *Congratulations!*



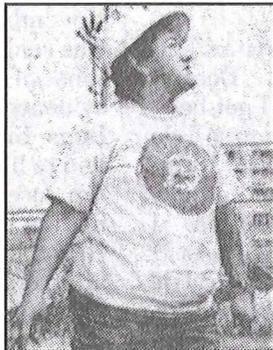
1968 - Cheryl Sparano Wild - Congratulations to Cheryl, her husband, Steve, and sons, Deric and Drew, for recently being named **Family Services 1998 Leadership Family** in the organization's annual Salute to Families.

1968 - 30 years of Memories - by **Helen Elsasser**. "Reunions with Class" organized our reunion at the Stockyards on July 17 and 18, 1998. They provided decorations, class photos, and an outstanding memory book for alumni to enjoy. "Creative Catering" provided the buffet. D.J. Dennis Aliano provided the music. Alumni **Michael Aliano** was the Master of Ceremonies. He informed the alumni of all of the upcoming Packer events. **Diane Whitmarsh** provided gag gifts to the alumni to join the fun in several contests. Alumni **Jackie Marr** reviewed

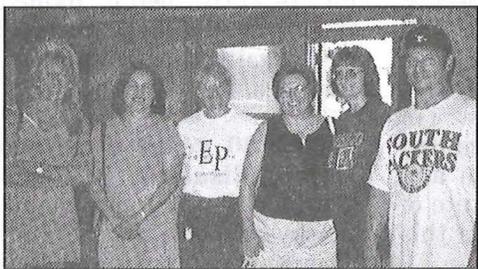
trivia handouts about our senior year. Michael announced winners of several drawings for Packer Clothing and other items from the bookstore (including those famous beanie baby Packers). The Alumni Committee provided free drinks and koozys. Kudos to the Class of 1968: **Dr. Pauline Negomir Harding** and **Cheryl Sparano Wild** were inducted into the Hall of Fame and **Cathie Lopez Dosenovich** was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Brick donation given on behalf of the class in memory of **Danny Gibilisco - 1968** who died of cancer in April 1998."

1970 - Mike Gilbert and Janette Kurtz Gilbert - 1970 get a "Tip of the Hat" award for extended hours of volunteer work at the Spaghetti Dinners and other entertainment committee functions. Thanks also to Mike for his time and dedication in coaching South Omaha girls softball teams for several years. Mike brings girls from his teams to help at the Spaghetti Dinners. Mike is a long-time employee of Omaha Public Power District, and Jan is a Special Education Teacher with OPS. They have four children, two of whom have graduated from South, and one who is a student there now. We expect to see little Olivia (#4 child) there in years to come.

1970 - Anita Huerta Rojas was pictured recently in the *Omaha World-Herald* in an article about tearing down the Wilson packing plant. Anita was wearing her Alumni T-Shirt at the time of the photo. Way to go Anita-great advertising for the SHS Alumni Association. Thank you.



1973 Class - Thank you to the 1973 Class Reunion Committee for all the hard work they did in finding names and addresses for classmates that we did not previously have on our data base. We want to encourage other 1970's classes (1970-1979) to put forth the same effort in finding classmates.



1973 - Bob Garcia is a math teacher and cross-country coach at SHS. He runs the 6 miles from his home in Bellevue to the school each morning and back home each evening. His dedication is an inspiration to us all.



1975 - Leo Eledge E-mailed his new address from Scottsdale, AZ. He is a stockbroker for Charles Schwab. Others can E-mail Dick @ dgulizia@novia.net with name and address changes and other information. Thanks, Leo.

1978 - Dave Rimington. Congratulations to Dave for your latest honor in being enshrined into the **College Football Hall of Fame** in South Bend, Indiana!

1987 - Bob "B.J." Waszgis, catcher for Pawtucket, was on the disabled list for awhile this summer due to a left shoulder strain. We hope that his injury was short-term and that he has returned to full health.

1988 - Tammy Evans attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for three years. She returned to Omaha to finish her education at UNO. Tammy graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice and is presently pursuing her Master's Degree in Criminology at UNO. Recently, Tammy went to London, England to study their correctional system. She is currently working with delinquent and psychiatric teens through the juvenile justice program. In her spare time, Tammy enjoys volleyball, tennis, music and traveling.

1988 - Rob DeGeorge graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Midlands College. After graduation, he moved to DesPlaines, near Chicago for 12 months. He lived in the lower level of a funeral home, while studying to be a mortician. After that, he moved to Lincoln, where he was a funeral director at Metcalf for two years. Rob, then moved back to Omaha, where he is employed as a funeral director for Brewer-Korisko Mortuary. Rob's boss is **Jerry Korisko**, a 1952 SHS grad. In his spare time, Rob enjoys riding his 1987 Harley Davidson and he attended the Sturgis rally this year.

1988 Class - Congratulations on a successful reunion, thanks to committee members pictured below.



1991 - Marcy Harbeck Camp of Wichita, KS W E-mailed the following: "Hi, I graduated from SHS in 1991. After that, I attended Midland Lutheran College for two years. At Midland, I was involved in drama and the speech/debate team and was also a sports columnist for the college paper. I started working full time with developmentally disabled individuals in 1993. I currently work as a house manager, assisting developmentally disabled individuals in a group home setting. I am also married. Actually, my husband, **Bob Camp**, was a student teacher at South a few years back. He is currently working in the same career field as I am. If I could be added to an alumni directory, that would be great. I am very interested in getting news from my old high school. I have nothing but fond memories of SHS. Thank you."



Packers Dancing The Night Away - November 7, 1998

4th Annual Bowling Shootout



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ALL PRIZE MONEY
BASED ON NUMBER OF BOWLERS

MARCH 20, 1999
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Check in time 12:30 p.m
Shoot out starts 1:00 p.m

ALL PROCEEDS TO SOUTH HIGH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Entry Deadline March 14, 1999 NO REFUNDS

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Saturday, March 20, 1999

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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21st & U Street

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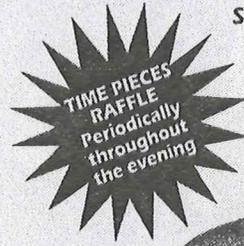
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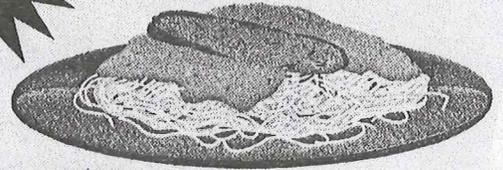
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Packers Enjoying Their Night - October 2, 1998

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Alumni Association Logo on left side - with or without pocket

	Large	X-Large	XX-Large	TOTAL
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TEE SHIRTS

Large \$10	X-Large \$10	XX-Large \$12.50	XXX-Large \$12.50	TOTAL
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Large \$20	X-Large \$20	XX-Large \$23	XXX-Large \$23	TOTAL
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