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Outstanding Alumnus 2001

1965 graduate, Richard W. Lee, was installed as Assistant Director of the Richmond District Internal Revenue Service in 1994. Prior to that, he served as the chief of the Examination Division for the IRS in Wichita, Kansas and a lengthy interview was published in the "*Heart of the City*" May-June 1992 issue.

He became an IRS revenue agent after receiving his Business Administration degree in Omaha, transferring to Texarkana and then Dallas, Texas, Denver, Colorado, Baltimore, MD, Wichita, Kansas, and in 2000 was moved to the Board of Inland Revenue – Port of Spain in Trinidad, W.I. as an Ambassador to that country. He earned his master's degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University and became a Certified Public Accountant.

While in Wichita, Lee felt that the accounting field had a significant under representation of African Americans so he recruited heavily at historically black colleges like Langston University in Oklahoma, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He was also very active in the community and used those contacts to identify potential employees. According to Lee, the IRS had more African American accountants than any other organization in the state of Kansas, and his office also exported talent to larger districts through promotions and transfers at the employee's request.

While Lee was the Assistant Director in Wichita, the IRS Examination Division in Kansas had over 300 employees who were responsible for 8,000 tax returns every year. During Lee's tenure, the IRS hired 18 African American agents and auditors, and five African American student trainees in positions designed as training to become revenue agents. He encouraged employees to seek CPA certificates and did everything he could to aid them in the process. He also was instrumental in hiring young African Americans who obtained significant business world experience and education, even if they would not be future accountants.

Lee's community involvement included teaching an adult Sunday School class at his church, St. Paul AME, refereeing at the YMCA youth and adult basketball programs, belonging to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, mentoring through the Wichita/Sedgwick County Cities in Schools project, and serving as a mentor to a fifth grader, Michael Carr, from Dodge Elementary School.

This versatile role model also performed with the Wichita Children's Theater, surprising himself at the "greasepaint" in his veins.

Richard Lee said his family is his lifeline and source of his strength. His wife, Althea, and children Rhonda, Eric, and Marcus, are not only supportive, but are actively involved in every part of his personal life. They are enjoying Lee's appointment as Ambassador to Trinidad, and hopefully will have more stories in the future to share with TOOTER readers!

Excerpts from the "Heart of the City" Newsletter – May/June 1992. The Alumni Association congratulates Richard Lee for his outstanding achievements and looks forward to hearing about his Ambassadorship to Trinidad!

TOOTER LOVERS, PLEASE HELP

We are thrilled to learn how much you look forward to receiving the TOOTER, and reading all the news about your classmates, friends and school. Please help us continue sending the TOOTER to more than 21,000 alumni by sending a minimum \$20 annual membership fee to your alumni office. A form is on Page Twelve for your convenience. Our annual \$50,000 budget includes the TOOTER, office space rent, expenses, and salary, scholarships and grants, as well as various Alumni Activities. While we appreciate the 4,500 alumni who financially support the Alumni Association, we cannot continue without help from the 16,500 who do not help in any way. If you are a member of the Alumni Association, your dues help pay for your TOOTER and we thank you!

If you are not a member, please send in your membership fee, or at a minimum send a \$10 subscription to continue receiving the TOOTER. Each Board meeting agenda contains a plea to continue sending TOOTERS to ALL alumni, but the continued rise in the cost of doing so makes it harder each mailing. Please support your Alumni Association – you won't be sorry and so many people will benefit from your generosity.

From your SHS Board of Directors

PACKER GREATS

Congratulations to the 2001 Packer Sports Greats, who will be honored at a fall banquet:

1900 to 1949: Ed Moravec-1934, Artie Gomez-1944, Rudy Matulka-1939; 1949 to 1970: Stan Schaetzle-1952, Marlin Briscoe-1963, Buddy Hunter-1965; 1971 to 1990: Cedric Hunter-1983; Female Winners: Kandi Srb Vampola-1988, Nancy Etter Sweetwood-1954; Coaches Winner: Howard Sorensen; Team Winners: 1944 State Basketball Champions, 1957 State Wrestling Champions, 1957 State Football Champions, 1958 State Football Champions.

Ed Moravec wrestled for four years and won two city, three state and five YMCA championships and qualified for the 1936 Olympic tryouts. Artie Gomez won all-city baseball honors, was state wrestling champ at 136 lbs., played football and won eight letters; Rudy Matulka was selected twice all-city and all-state for football. Stan Schaetzle was a football, basketball and baseball standout. He won all-city honors as a basketball star at Omaha University and was inducted into the Omaha University Hall of Fame. Marlin Briscoe was selected all-city for football and basketball, starred at Omaha University's football program, was the first black quarterback in the National Football League. He also played pro football for Denver, Buffalo, and the Miami Dolphins, winning two Super Bowl rings. Buddy

Hunter was all-state in baseball in 1964 and 1965 and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 1969. He played AA-AAA baseball for seven years, and was a major league player in 1971, 1973 and 1975, and played in the 1975 World Series with Boston. He also managed for two years with the Red Sox farm clubs. Cedric Hunter was all-city and all-state in Basketball, participated in track and played for Kansas University in the Big 8 Conference. He also played professional basketball. Kandi Srb Vampolo won 13 letters as a member of the cross-country, basketball, track, soccer and drill team. She was a member of the College of Saint Mary basketball team and was a Hilton Scholarship winner. Nancy Etter Sweetwood lettered four years in basketball, volleyball and tennis. She also won the State Women's Golfing Championship in 1953. Howard Sorensen coached wrestling and football, and was assistant coach for many years in the 1940s and 1950s, producing great wrestling teams. There was a great rivalry with his brother, Norman, who coached for Central High School.

The 1944 Basketball Team won city, state and Missouri Valley championships. The 1957 Wrestling Team was ranked #1 nationally, producing six state champions. The 1957 and 1958 Football Teams won city and state championships.

Past Packer Sports Greats winners are: 1996 – Mike Churchich; 1997 – Cornie Collin, Tom Novak, Dave Rimington; 1998 – Johnny Goodman, James Hartung, Virgil Williams; 1999 – Charlie Bryant, Dr. Phil Cahoy; Coaches: Beau Haizlip, Mickey Sparano; 2000 – Bob Astleford, Harold "Buddy Yambor, Rich Yost, John Sherlock, Emil Radik, Nancy Steiner Baker, Susan Kay Ihnen Schotte, Coach Richard Beran, 1960 Basketball Team, 1948 Legion Baseball Team, 1937 Basketball Team, 1978 Gymnastics Team.

Send your nominations for Packer Sports Greats honors to committee members Steve Cavlovic, Jim Collin, Don Crum, Jim Hardick, Bugs Red-

den, Bob McNutt, John Krayneski, Tony Palma and/or Beau Haizlip % the alumni office.

CHECK YOUR WEB SITE

We hope all of you are checking out the Alumni Association web site at ops.org/south/alumni. Thanks to SHS teacher, Rich Benak, and his students for updating the site for us.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Please send ALL memberships, correspondence, archives, address changes, etc., to the new Alumni Association Office at 6613 Sunshine Drive, Omaha, NE 68107. Please feel free to stop in and say hello or call us at 402-738-9493.

BUMPING ELBOWS II

The South Omaha Sun was once so much a part of our lives. It was published every Thursday and how we would look forward to reading "Bumping Elbows" to find out the latest. Some of the "Bumping Elbows" journalists that I remember were Mary Ann Swoboda Schrack, Jeanne Hahn Johnson, and Jeanne Johnson Mill-1960. I have often wondered what happened to the many popular Southites whose names so frequently appeared in the column. My first year at SHS was autumn 1956. That was the year that Jerry Gould and Joyce Paulson were our Homecoming royalty. They were such a cute couple, and I wonder whatever became of them? They were crowned by 1955 royalty, Don Marquez and Rose Sena. Sad to say, Rose passed away on May 31 this year. Mr. Roland Heinrichs recently commented that Carmen and Rose Sena were such nice friendly students. I am happy that their brother Ray Sena is no longer on the Class of 51 missing list. Ray looks as young as ever and recently returned to Omaha to live. Speaking of Mr. Heinrichs, it reminds me of the great SHS musicals

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that our talented SHS students still produce. Our band is still the greatest. I wonder how many students like **Alice Torwirt-Metcalf-1956** still enjoy playing their musical instruments? The last of our teachers who taught in the late 1950s retired this June, **Mrs. Joanne Placek Sokalsky**. She was such an adorable friendly teacher. How much we loved her. I wish her well as she begins yet another new chapter of her life - retirement. I see a few SHS grads who are enjoying the retirement for which they worked so hard: **Pauline Jaksich-1941, Joe Gunis-1942, Joe Cupich-1943, Jim Pavlik-1947, Ben Letak-1949, Martin Giles-1952 and Dano Danoff-1950**. I recently saw **Donna Conley Nelson-1961**. She is a horticulturist and ever so brilliant about plants and shrubs. Her brother, **Robert-1960** passed away in 1992. He was such a nice fellow. I told Donna that he never failed to ask me to dance at the SHS festivities. Donna smiled and said that he loved to dance. At a South Omaha parish function, I saw **Sharon Barry Eissler and Sharon Bahun Payne-1960**. Both are avid golfers and it was so nice to see them. **Sharon Bahun Payne's** brother, **Joseph Bahun-1956**, is as handsome as ever. On the subject of looking so good - **Ginny Bohaty Vomacka-1961**, you look as young as ever! I saw **Bob Gaddie-1957**, and his wife, **Mary Ann**, recently. They are still one of the cutest couples I know. I remember when Bob worked at Owl's Supermarket on 36th & W Street along with **Diane Oliver Pinney-1960**, after school. I used to admire Diane's ability to operate the store's cash register. We didn't have scanners back then, either. The male employees at Owl's had to wear dark trousers and white shirts with black bow ties. Those were the days when appearance was very important. Congratulations are in order to two more SHS grads who became Buffett winners recently - **JoEllen Weise Leifert-1964** and **Karen Clark-1957**. I wonder how SHS ranks in comparison to other high school recipients of the Buffett

Award? There are at least two other SHS grads who received the Buffet Awards - **Mary Alice Kubovy-1961**, and **Bob Frank-1968**. It would be exciting to hear from former Southites and your school memories - especially as reported in "Bumping Elbows." I wish I could write more, but am limited in space. See you next time!

By Susie South.



Gary Kastrick—Omaha History Project Leader

OMAHA HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

The Omaha History Project started two years ago to record the history of the stockyards, but has grown to include not only Omaha's history, but even rural Nebraska history. The student historians have produced study material for third graders, written children's books, produced Internet movies and even created a board game—all designed to teach the city's history to youngsters. These materials will be part of next school year's curriculum, which excites and dedicates the history students to the tasks at hand. Most of the student's work is done on computers provided by an \$86,205 grant from the Nebraska Lottery. Many of the stories were based on interviews that students conducted with about 180 residents, from stockyard workers, to former Mayor Hal Daub, to former Nebraska senator Bob Kerrey. They have 300 more people to interview and record their stories for this important history class. History teacher **Gary Kastrick**, a Buffett Award Winner, said the students are so highly motivated and enthused about being part of this project, that graduating seniors, including **Josue Cabral**, returned during the summer to finish or improve their projects.

(Excerpts from the May 22, 2001 *Omaha World-Herald*.)



BOARD UPDATE

We have had an exciting six months since our last report.

Your Board of Directors held two meetings, had a very successful bowling tournament, followed by a wonderful spaghetti dinner on March 24, held a fun barbeque/picnic on 6-30-01, planned a golf tournament on 7-29-01, Night of the Packers celebration on 9-14-01, and a Fall Dance on 10-13-01. We established a Foundation to ensure SHS scholarships will be available for many years to come. We awarded many scholarships totaling over \$10,000 at the Honors Convocation held on 5-7-01, and are planning to mail more than 19,000 TOOTERS to alumni this mailing. The Board discussed the high cost of printing and mailing the TOOTER and voted to distribute copies to our entire readership this time, recognizing we may not have the finances to continue future mass mailings. We voted to conduct a fund-raising raffle and hope the response will be positive so we can continue our mission of helping SHS students, teachers, and alumni with scholarships, grants, activities and mailings. We conducted a clean up campaign of the school grounds with parents, students, teachers and alumni raking, cutting, shoveling, and planting to improve the appearance of SHS grounds. We installed a grille for picnics at the H.P. Smith Sports Complex and planned a fall clean up of Collin Field. The Packer Sports Greats alumni committee selected this year's inductees, and the Hall of Fame committee is in the process of finalizing this year's honorees.

It's been another busy six months. With your financial help (and help with our many activities) we can continue our forward momentum of the most active Alumni Association in the area. Let us know how we can continue to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Limas, Secretary

CHEERS FROM THE PAST

Remember this favorite repeated over and over as a loudness contest against our opponent's cheerleaders and fans: "2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits, a dollar. All for South High, Stand up and holler!" No wonder so many cheerleaders and fans had laryngitis after each game! Wonder what the favorite cheer is now? Write your alumni office and let us know.

"THE PLAN OF THE MASTER WEAVER"

My life is but a weaving
between the Lord and me,
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be:
For He can view the pattern
upon the upper side
While I can see it only on this,
the underside.

Sometimes He weaves in sorrow,
which seems so strange to me;
But I will trust His judgment,
and work on faithfully;
'Tis He who fills the shuttle,
and He knows what is best.
So I shall weave in earnest,
leaving to Him the rest.

Not till the loom is silent
and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
and explain the reason why--
The dark threads are as needed
in the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
in the pattern He has planned.

IN MEMORIAM

1921-John "Chesty" Hill a lifetime Omaha resident, died 12-31-00. He lettered all four years at SHS in both baseball and basketball. He was a charter member of Old Timers Baseball Association and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

1923-Gertrude Dohse Huebner of Council Bluffs, IA died 3-29-01.

1923-Marie Swinarski Madsen of Omaha died 5-29-01. She was a retired teacher from Omaha Public Schools.

1927-Margarethe Nowiezonki Fiala of Omaha died at age 90. She passed away 5-00 in Memphis, TN where she resided for the past year. She and her late husband, Clifford Fiala, were married over 45 years and are survived by three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Margarethe touched the hearts of so many and will be greatly missed.

1928-Marjorie Hermansky Niebergall died 1-2-01 of cancer in Harvard, MA. Marjorie attended Riverview Grade School in Sarpy County and SHS in Omaha where she was named Queen of Achievement. She graduated with honors from SHS and then attended Creighton University and Park College in Kansas City. She received her degree in English Literature at Park, returned to Omaha and began teaching at Chandler School in Sarpy County in 1932. She later taught English at SHS from 1935 through 1942. In June 1942, she entered the Navy becoming the first member of the WAVES accepted from Nebraska. She was assigned to Navy Communications, Com12 at the Mare Island Navy Yard near Vallejo, CA. She achieved the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade. At this assignment, she met Lt. Commander Gerald M. Niebergall, an orthodontist assigned to a submarine tender in the Pacific. She returned to teaching after her husband's death.

1928-Ann Merwald Haven of Omaha died 5-11-01.

1928-Frank Mertz of Pleasant Hill, OR died 6-9-00. He played on SHS's football team and spent most of his life farming in Oregon.

1931-Edward Grabe of Papillion, NE died 4-24-01.

1931-Forrest Graves of Des Moines, IA died in 1983.

1931-Fred Greise of Omaha.

1931-Addie Foxall Hinton of Omaha died late in December 2000. She was a longtime piano teacher and community leader and was known for her music, both as a performer and as an instructor. She taught piano and vocal lessons from 1940 to 1980, and formed many choral groups and produced many music lovers. (This is an excerpt from *The Omaha*

World-Herald, 1-1-01.)

1931-Mary Stillmock Holt of Arcadia, CA died in October 2000.

1931- Robert MacDonald of Omaha died in February 2001.

1931-Rudolph Pliska of Irvine, CA died 11-26-00. Rudolph was editor-in-chief of **The South High Tooter Newsletter** during his senior year. Also, he was main editor of the 1931 class yearbook and captain of the tennis team in his senior year. He had many fond memories of SHS.

1931-William Schlichtig of Hyattsville, MD died 1-18-01 of complications from liver cancer. William competed in the Maryland Senior Olympics of Prince Georges County for the past 20 years and held the State of Maryland record of 132 medals by age 86 years. He was a life member of the SHSAA.

1931-Edward Sterba of Omaha.

1933-Virginia Ann Morrison Kotlar of Omaha died 9-16-00.

1933-Adolph J. Saniuk of Omaha.

1934-Rosalia Caccoma LoBue of Exeter, CA died 11-5-00. While at SHS, she named "The Roundup," a South High Talent Show.

1934-Mary Ellen Lotsteich Curran of Omaha died 6-2-01, preceded in death by her husband, Thomas and son, Richard. She is survived by two sons and their wives, John and Marilyn Curran, Bella Vista, AK and **James-1958** and wife Eileen Curran; brother Bernard and wife, Mary Lotsteich; two sisters, Frances Hike, Doris Ayers and daughter-in-law, Shirley Curran.

1934-Otto E. Smolik, Sr. of Lake-wood, CO died 1-26-01 from lung cancer. He attended Garfield Elementary and received a BS from UNL. He was a S/Sgt in the U.S. Army and worked for John Deere, Farm Credit Association and Westinghouse. He worked for 25 years with Hotpoint/GE, which transferred him to Colorado in 1965. He was married 52 years to Cordelia "Corky."

1935-James F. Cisar of Omaha, Nebraska died on Thanksgiving Day, 11-24-85 of a heart attack.

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1935-Peter A. Goldenusky of Salem, OR died in 1998.

1935-Carol H. Haubroe Stone of Sante Fe, NM died 2-7-01.

1936-Albert L. Janousek of Omaha was a retired 45-year employee and vice-president of Packers National Bank.

1936-Stanley Sobczyk of Omaha died 1-11-95.

1937-Sherman R. Hanson of Peoria, IL.

1937-Charles Kramolisch of Omaha died late in 2000.

1938-Hollie Franks of South Bend, NE died in June 2001.

1938-Mary Mac Norris of Bellevue, Nebraska died on Christmas Day, 2000 of pancreatic cancer. She worked many years at Cudahy Meat Packing Company and was the wife of former restaurant owner, "Big Joe" Norris.

1938-William G. Laird of Omaha died 8-5-00 of colon cancer, emphysema and congestive heart failure.

1938-Miles Smutny of Omaha died May 2001.

1939-Helen Boyd Blythe of Papillion, Nebraska died 7-17-99.

1939-Ilene Swoboda Donahue of Tucson, AZ died 3-31-01 after a long struggle with cancer.

1939-Paul Knutson of Omaha.

1939-Frank Remar of Cedar Creek, NE.

1939-Hazel Ratay Tapocik of Springfield, IL died 4-14-00.

1939-Ben Watkins of Las Vegas, NV died 6-22-00.

1940-William Schutz of Omaha.

1940-Anne Traynowicz Baska of Omaha died 3-11-01.

1940-Darrell T. Smith of LaVista, NE died 11-23-00 of multiple myeloma (bone cancer).

1940-Clement "Van" VanMoorlehem of Omaha. He was co-owner and manager of United Electric Supply for 45 years.

1941-Virginia "Gina" Fowler Looney of Omaha died late January 2001.

1942-Loretta Agee Houston of Cincinnati, Ohio died 2-4-01. She was one of the first two African Americans to earn a Registered Nurse degree from Saint Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha.

1942-James "Jim" Jones of Mt. Angel, OR died 3-6-01. He served in the Army in WW II in Italy and in North Africa. He was a postal worker for 33 years and was married to **JoMarilyn Penn Jones-1945** for 55 years.

1942-Edward J. Lupomech of North Platte, NE died late 1999.

1942-Ernest Ralph Murray of Tucson, AZ died 12-4-00.

1942-Dorothy Coolman Popa of Las Vegas, NV died 5-8-00. She was retired from the U.S. Government Civil Service.

1942-Irene Novak Stirek of Griswald, IA.

1943-Wallace Reid Dabelstein of Omaha died 12-2-00 from lung cancer. He served in the Air Force during WW II and was married to **Lelo Schroeder Dabelstein, March Class of 1942**, for almost 56 years.

1943-Gerald Goodman of Omaha died 11-1-00 from complications of diabetes. He was a lifetime employee of the U.S. Post Office.

1943-Vral Popa of Las Vegas, NV died 2-9-01. He was retired from US West.

1943-Vernon E. Sanwick of Omaha died 7-9-93. He attended Creighton University and worked for Peter Pan Bakers for several years. He also worked for Montgomery Ward and Paramount Furniture and owned the Silver Dollar Bar and Grille in Bennington for 16 years. He and his wife, **Bonnie Lee Rickard Sanwick - 1945**, had 14 children, 35 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

1944-Robert O. Allen of Omaha died 3-9-01.

1944-Loren Polson of Omaha died 11-20-00. He and his wife, **Katherine Grace Polson - 1944**, were married 53 years.

1944-Dorothy Landram Sklenar of Omaha died 12-12-00.

1945-Harry Bodeker of Omaha died mid-January 2001.

1945-Betty Jane Semin Grote of Omaha died 11-13-98.

1945-Norma Smola Shimek of Omaha died mid-January 2001.

1945-Stanley Shodeen of Omaha died mid-January 2001.

1946-Robert O. Dawson of Omaha died September 2000.

1946-Eugene Gillogly of Garden Grove, CA.

1946-Phyllis John Voecks of Sondra, CA.

1946-Elo Limas of Omaha.

1946-Dorothy Hupp Sander of Omaha died 2-19-00.

1946-Marcella May Woodring of Springfield, MO died 7-19-98.

1947-Loretta Halski Allen of Omaha died 11-9-00.

1947-Patricia Eckles Currin of Omaha.

1947-Phyllis Berg Goettsch of Grand Island, NE died 3-1-20.

1947-Patricia Polsley Jensen of Omaha.

1947-Robert Jewell of Omaha.

1947-George Svagera of Omaha died 4-18-99.

1948-Shirley Cooley Tomanek of Valley, NE died February 2001. She worked diligently on class reunions.

1948-Walter Victor of Omaha.

1948-Pauline Kralicek Watts of Omaha died 1-9-01.

1949-Dixie Clark Hall of Houston, Texas died June 2000.

1949-Arlene Karel Nechodom of South Arrayo Grande, California died 2-17-01.

1950-Donald Butcher died July 2000.

1950-Robert L. Hempel of Elwood, NE died 6-4-01.

1951-Larry Briggs of Omaha died early 2001 of cancer.

1952-Ray Schimonitz of Omaha died August 1987.

1952-Nancy Schenck Schroeder of Bellevue, NE died 1-30-01.

1953-Melvin Bronowski of LaVista, NE.

1953-Eleanor Munson Mair of Carter Lake, IA died 9-14-99.

1953-Walter Stout of Gretna, NE.

1953-Ross Thomas of Omaha died 2-6-01.

1953-Rose Marie Bozak Young of Parker, CO.

1954-Marilyn Nimerichter Kidder of Omaha died 9-25-99 of cancer. She was a longtime employee of OTC.

1954-Helen Winkler Pochop of Bellevue, NE died 2-26-01.

1955-Fred Ludwig of Omaha died January 2001.

1955-Carol Lee Hoffman Wilson of Omaha died 12-23-00.

1956-Duane Pavlik of Yutan, NE died in the spring of 2001.

1956-Rose Sena Salerno of Omaha died 5-31-01 of a heart attack following two years battling lung cancer. She was a hair stylist for 35 years and worked on the 1956 class reunions for many years. She is survived by her husband, **Joseph Salerno - 1955**; daughters and sons-in-law, Sheree and Rick Flores, Theresa and George Whitbeck; son, Joey Salerno, Jr; son-in-law, Jimmie Root; sister, Carmen Schmahl; brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Georgene Negrete, George Negrete, Ray Sena; sister-in-law and husband, Rose and George Bogatz.

Rose had five grandchildren. Rose is preceded in death by daughter, Christine Root who died just a few weeks before Rose died. Rose was Homecoming Queen, a cheerleader and served on Student Council when she attended SHS.

1956-John Wietzki of Wheatridge, CO.

1957-Sister Rose Marie Tomaszewicz of Chicago, IL died 7-3-00. Rose Marie was the second eldest daughter in a family of four children and she attended St. Anthony's Elementary School. During her senior year at SHS, Rose Marie began to seriously think about her plans for the future. Although she had taken business classes, she wanted to become a Sister of St. Casimir because she felt that by dedicating herself to God, she could save her own soul and those of others. She decided that the only employer she could be happy with was Jesus Christ. Sister Rose Marie was a born teacher, and she derived a great satisfaction in her work. She loved the students whom she taught in the primary and middle grades for 38 years in the parish schools conducted by the Sisters of St. Casimir in Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Mexico. She was also devoted to the sick and cared for her mother during her final illness. Sister was a religious for 40 years. Four years ago, when she became sick, she prayed that she would overcome her illness and return to full-time duties. With God's help, she did regain her health. However, she again became gravely ill and this she accepted with infinite patience and trust in God's designs, and prepared for her meeting with her Creator. She died peacefully with her brother, Father Ed and the sisters, whom she loved and served, at her bedside. Sister Rose Marie was lovingly taken into the arms of God. *(Typist note: This was submitted by Sister M. Immacula, General Superior of the Sisters of St. Casimir, via Mrs. Stan Naujokaitis.)*

1960-Robert Conley of Omaha died 4-13-92 of a heart attack.

1960-Edwin Fiala of Moriarty, NM.

1960-Ruth May East of Colorado

Springs, CO died 5-8-01. She is survived by husband **Richard - 1958**; son, Mark; daughter, Tammy Major all of Colorado Springs.

1960-Phillip A. Orlando of Omaha is survived by wife, Rose; step-son, Bill Rychly; sister, Phyllis Lemonds.

1961-John Guida of Pico Rivera, CA died 7-7-00 of lung cancer.

1961-Terry Thode of Little Rock, AK died 7-20-01 of cancer following exposure to agent orange.

1961-S/MSgt Jeffery White (Retired USAF) of Pensacola, FL died 2-12-01 following a long illness.

1961-Emily Jean Onik Wilczynski of Omaha died 3-24-01.

1962-Bonnie Mulder of Omaha died suddenly in December 2000.

1965-Charlotte Munger Josoff of Chubbuck, IN died 12-24-99.

1965-Ralph Kreiger of Massillon, OH.

1967-Peter Hirniak of Omaha.

1968-Phil Sandberg of Omaha.

1969-Jim Elder of Omaha, NE died 3-31-01 of a sudden heart attack while hunting. He was a 28-year veteran of the Omaha Police force, and was about to retire.

1969-Peter Parizek of Omaha died 11-2-00 of liver cancer.

1973-Rocco Fili of Omaha died 3-201. He was employed 23 years with Gazelle Communications, formerly known as Executone of Nebraska and Western Iowa. He was the regional director for AT&T, Local.

1973-Mary Hillis Meschede of Omaha died in 1992.

1988-Mary Vanderston of Omaha.

Donald Cain-We are very saddened to hear of the death of Donald Cain on 4-24-01. Mr. Cain recently donated \$50,000 to the Alumni Association to establish the **Sheila Little Cain Scholarship Fund**. Sheila was a 1953 grad of SHS. The first \$1,000 scholarship was given in Sheila's name at this

year's honors convocation. We will continue to give a **Sheila Little Cain Memorial Scholarship** for many years, thanks to the generosity of this kind man.

Steve Tomasek--"Mr. South Omaha" graduated from SHS and worked his way up from an office job to general manager of Falstaff Brewery until it closed in 1984. He was the South Omaha representative on the City Council from 1981-1993. He represented his school well by being a fund-raiser for the Centennial Scholarship Fund and was on the Advisory Committee to the Alumni Association President. He attended all alumni functions as long as his health would allow. He will be greatly missed.

THANK YOU BRICK DONORS

The following alumni and friends of SHS have purchased bricks for the **H.P. Smith Sports Complex** since our donor listing in the Fall 2000 **Tooter**. *Thank you so much for this permanent memento to honor your loved ones or to ensure your place in history.*

Fern Watanabe June 1941 Graduate - Precious Memories; Ruth Church Gulizia 1938; Ted A. Gulizia 1960; Richard S. Gulizia 1961; James R. Gulizia 1964; Karen Gulizia Mueller 1974; Katherine Gulizia Ramirez 1974; Mildred Chleborad Padmore 1937; Warren Pattie Baker Monson Family 1958; John R. Sherlock Go Packers Class of 1979; George Huettelmaier and Family From Warren Huettelmaier; South High Classes of 1938 From Warren Huettelmaier; In Memory of Louis Strasser by Wife Sharon; Rudy and Alice Kubovy, Jean M. 1960 Mary A. 1961 and Jim 1967 from Mary Alice Kubovy; Carpenters Apprenticeship Local 444 from SHSAA in appreciation; In memory of Jim A. Elder 1969 From Family Friends; In memory of Shirley Tomanek Class of 1948 From sister Betty J. Swanson 1941;

Jeanette Ferguson Pedersen Class of 1995 Robert Pedersen Class of 1958; Robert J. Kopecky In memory of Tiny By Marjorie Lempke; Dave Cisar 1978 Screaming Eagles; Anthony R. Cisar; Robert F. Cisar 1936 2000 In Loving Memory; Sheila Little Cain -1953, Donald Cain; From South High School Alumni Association In Appreciation and Memory for \$50,000 donation; F. Ed Diehm by Julie Riha Diehm-1965, 1966 .

Memorial Contributions have been given to the Alumni Association in memory and honor of the following individuals:

In memory of husband, **Raymond Schimonitz-1952**, who died August 1987 from wife, **JoAnn Valla Schimonitz O'Keefe-1957**.

In memory of mother, **Sadie Shada Barton**, from daughter, **Judy Sebron Yacio-1960**.

In memory of sister, **Judy Rosenbaugh-1964** from **Linda Rosenbaugh Wallis-1971**.

In memory of **Deloryce Kopecky Eledge-1939**, who died 11-5-00, from **Rose Sevek Foreman-1943**.

In memory of **Marie Kubovy Jackson-1931** from **Mildred Belavek Downey-1931**.

In memory of husband, **Frank P. Volcek-March-1938** who died 5-28-98 from wife **Irma Novotny Volcek-1938**.

In memory of **Duane Pavlik-1956** from **Riha Farms**.

In memory of **Marie Madsen-1923** from **Ruth Church Gulizia-1938**.

In memory of husband **John Pohl** who died 11-14-98 from wife **Betty Bang Pohl**.

In memory of brother **Earl Lierley-1934** from sister **Helen Lierley Strnad-1934**.

In memory of **Jack Greene** husband of **Ellen Ann Hamilton Greene-1945** from **Jerry Maixner-1945** and **Luetta Nielsen Maixner-1945**.

In memory of **Ralph Thomas-1944**

from **Beverly Forman Riha-1964** and **Vic Riha-1961**.

In memory of sister **Davonne Couch Welch-1953** who died 6-25-00 from sister **Donna Couch Hough-1950**.

In memory of husband **Lawrence "Larry" Kolo-1962** who died 6-13-00 from wife **Mary Kolo**.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR BEAUTIFICATION OF THE H.P. SMITH SPORTS COMPLEX:

Thank you to the following for plantings for the Sports Complex:

In memory of father **Robert Cisar** from **Creighton and Christine Cisar Grady**.

In memory of **Robert Cisar** from **Lawrence and Cleo Snyder**. (Note: **Bob Cisar** was very active in working with the Alumni Association and the **H.P. Smith Sports Complex**.)

In memory of classmate **Michael Brandt-1976** from **Barbara Cooper Grobe-1976**.

In memory of parents **Paul and Juanita Limas** from **Paul Limas-1960, Patricia Limas Perry and Judi Clark Limas-1961**.

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**. Be sure to include class year and maiden name where applicable. We need this information to keep our database updated. Also, please send ALL information, changes, clothing orders, membership monies scholarship donations, archival contributions, inquiries and any other correspondence to:

Dr. Richard Gulizia
SHS Alumni Association Office
6613 Sunshine Dr
Omaha, NE 68107
Or Call 402-738-9493

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1931-Lawrence Lenstrom of Arcadia, CA wrote to remind us that he was a 95 lb. wrestling champion at city and state while at SHS. He also thanked us for a very informative newsletter.

1933-Edward Balaban of Omaha recently sent donations for himself and his sister **Rose Balaban Lewis-1927** of Los Angeles, California thanking us for keeping the **Tooter** coming. *Thank you, Ed!*

1933-Adolph Berka and Marge Stewart Berka are still living in South Omaha. They were high school sweethearts 70 years ago and are still together in their own home. *Thanks for your membership!*

1935-June Lohmann Rikard and husband **Bill** of Post Falls, Indiana will celebrate 54 years of marriage on 11-17-01. June and Bill met on a UPRR car while he was in the Air Force and on his way to Alaska and she was going on vacation to Evanston, WY. *Congratulations on a "53-plus year honeymoon" that included stops in Greece, Island of Crete, Okinawa and Council Bluffs, IA before Idaho.*

1938-Bob Vanderhaven and Elaine Steele Vanderhaven-1940 of Camarillo, CA sent the following note: "Elaine and I cannot attend your functions but we look forward to each edition of the **Tooter**. We are both well and enjoying life here in Camarillo, CA. Other alumni of those years may remember my dance band 'Bobby Van and His Orchestra.' We played for many school dances and were in the variety shows called the 'South High Round-Up.' Good luck on your fund-raising drive." *Thanks Bob and Elaine!*

1939-Dorothy Stehno Skvaril of San Jacinto, CA wrote: "I am a November 1939 graduate from SHS. After graduating, I worked for UPRR Headquarters at about the same time the war broke out. My husband, Louis Skvaril, graduated from Assumption School and went to SHS two years before moving to California before I met him. On a later visit to Omaha, we met and later he joined the Navy.

We were married in 1943 at St. Adalbert's Church and later we moved to California. We have three daughters, (one deceased), eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Working and raising a family until retirement 16 years ago filled our years. We live in a small retirement community with a high desert surrounded by mountains. We have made many trips to dear Omaha and attended the 50th reunion in 1989. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me way back when. Sincerely, Dorothy Stehno Skvaril, 780 Porterfield Dr., San Jacinto, CA 92582 (telephone number 909/654-1675)."

1941-Fred Blaszles of Victorville, California sent in the membership fee with a note about how much he enjoys the Alumni **Tooter** as he set the type for the school **Tooter** while at SHS. He hopes fellow graduates are sending their memberships, too.

1941-Frances Reidman Garvin and husband **Bob** of Camarillo, California were honored in this article from **RV Journal Magazine**...

"If you have ever attended an RV show, rally or major club outing in the southwest, you have most likely talked to one of the most recognized and well-known RV couples in southern California, Bob and Fran Garvin. Recently, Bob and Fran were the recipients of a 20-year service award from Camping World's Goodwill Ambassador program. The Garvins were presented with the service award at the company's conference at Camping World's headquarters in Bowling Green, Kentucky. As Goodwill Ambassadors, the Garvins travel around southern California attending RV shows and rallies and visiting campgrounds to increase awareness of Camping World and the RV lifestyle. They hand out Camping World catalogs and flyers in their popular 'goodie bags,' to provide additional marketing support for the company."

1941-Bill Yambor of Omaha was recently mentioned in the "New Horizons" magazine in an article about senior couples dancing. Bill was quoted extolling the health benefits of a good dance outing. You can find

Bill at Bluffs Run Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Thursday night at the Eagles Club downtown, and wherever ballroom dancing is going on. Bill loves to dance and enjoys many dance partners.

1942-Fred Gibilisco and 1945-Lucille Favara Gibilisco of Omaha, celebrated 55 years of marriage on 4-28-01. They met in Mr. Damhoff's Modern Problems class when Fred was a Senior and Lucille was a Freshman. They have four children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. *Congratulations!*



1942-Ed Swanson and 1946-Bette Erca Swanson of Bellevue, NE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 5-8-99 at the Of-

futt Officers' Club. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Bette retired from Philips Department Store and Ed retired from Mutual of Omaha. *Congratulations!*

1943-H.W. "Ben" Sievers and 1944-Helen. Schlichtig Sievers celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss on 8-17-01. *Congratulations!*

1948-Dale Thomas and Mary Jane Krejci Thomas of Coronado, CA celebrated 50 years of marriage on 1-27-01 by renewing their vows at a Luau at Citrus State Historic Park in Riverside, CA. They have four children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1949-George Egyed of Oregon, IL writes a memo praising the Alumni Association and the diligence of the individuals who have committed to nine years of hard work that it has taken to bring it to this point. George has invited the Editor and Staff to enjoy a "cold one" at Darby's on his next visit to Omaha. *We gladly accept. Thanks!*

1949-Louis Llamas of El Paso, TX wrote a most enlightening note: "Dear Dick, Please forgive the familiarities I am taking with you, since I have not had the pleasure of meeting you. I am

enclosing my **Tooter** renewal. I always eagerly await this **Tooter** to read of old school chums from my class of '49. My wish is that ALL former South High graduates would belong to the Alumni, since I see or rather read of all the projects and accomplishments that you, the members, the driving forces behind these goals, are doing. I know that you people, the driving forces, may feel that you are not appreciated. Rest assured, that you are appreciated by the invisible members who never write and give you recognition; but then I feel that you do it in the South High spirit. I do want to emphasize the fact that you are appreciated by yours truly. Keep up the good work and thank you and all the people involved in getting out the **Tooter**. Thank you, thank you."

1953-Clara Windels Woracek of Sargent, NE writes that she has retired after 44 years of teaching in Omaha, Arnold and Sargent, NE. Her husband is a semi-retired farmer in Sargent. They are enjoying retirement and sent encouraging words for us to be sure and keep the **Tooter** coming with information on friends and fellow graduates.

1954-Janet Mirasky Haney of Omaha was the first SHSAA member honored when the Alumni Association awarded a new \$500 scholarship in her name. The scholarship is given in honor of a SHS graduate who has a current paid \$20 (minimum) membership with the Alumni Association. (The honoree is chosen from the names of all paid members at the annual spaghetti dinner in March.)

This year's \$500 scholarship went to 2001 graduate **Mark Barta** so he could represent SHS at the Grand National Speech Tournament in New York City in May 2001. Barta competed in the areas of Poetry Interpretation and Oral Interpretation of Prose Literature. Jim Eisenhardt, SHS Theatre Arts and Speech teacher, said that Barta finished in the top 100 students nationally. More than 4,000 students from around the country competed in the three-day tournament. Barta will

attend Cypress College in the Los Angeles area, where he has been accepted into their national touring group, THE YOUNG AMERICANS. Mark also received the Alumni Association Fern Watanabe Fine Arts Scholarship this year. *Congratulations to you both!*

1956-Jim Kain and 1957-Dolores Dropinski Otte Kain of Pahrump, NV were married on 12-27-00 in Pahrump at his mother's home. They both enjoy the **Tooter** and miss family and friends in Omaha and hope to visit soon. *Congratulations to you both!*

1957-Karen Clark of Omaha, who is a South High guidance counselor, was recently named as a Buffett award winner. This is a most prestigious award. *Congratulations, Karen. Due in part to the dedication of Ms. Clark, the 2001 graduating class of SHS earned \$3.1 million in scholarships!*

1957-Michael "Mickey" Brown Uyeki of Pomona, CA writes: "Here is my \$20. I have been enjoying your mailings for free for far too long. After living in Alaska and up and down both coasts, I am now a California lady, who misses the Nebraska snow, at least once a year. I work for WestCorp Federal Credit Union and previously worked for the Air Force, NASA and private industry. My husband and I spend most of our free time riding our Gold Wing motorcycle and we have traveled and camped all of the western United States. We even buzzed through Omaha on the bike at five o'clock one morning several years ago, on our way to South Dakota." Mickey also added that her mother, **Evelyn Brown-1927 or 1928**, taught for many years in South Omaha at the old West Side School, Jungman and Train. She is now 91, but enjoys hearing from many past students.

1958-Ed Hallgren wrote us about his memories of the SHS noon dances. He regretted wasting four years in not asking the "gorgeous, popular" SHS girls to dance. Girls whose memories he cherishes the most at the noon dances were: **Joan and Jean Faيمان, Tommie Beyette, JoAnn Novotny, Pat Baker, Judy Alex,**

Waunita Snell, Mary Kay Champion, Joyce Conklin, Lucie Chrest, Suzie Peters, Joann Rad-den, Kathy O'Keefe, Vicki McKinney, Jeanie Grahovac and Adelyn Issacson. The last week of school before graduation, he developed the courage to ask **JoAnn Novotny** to dance and she graciously danced with him. Ed added that some of his male classmates were very good dancers and well coordinated. In particular, he remembers: **Al Taylor, Joe Barrientos, Ron Fogle, Jim Gentile and Bob Angelo** as being the best dancers on the floor. Ed commented that **Pete Devaney** was known as the Polka King. *(Typist's Note: Ed, we are sorry we couldn't use all of your nice four page note due to space limitations, but the Alumni Staff greatly enjoyed your thought and thank you. We remember also that you were quite handsome. Think what a thrill you would have given one of us plain-Janes if you had asked us to dance!)*

1960-Jeanie Kubovy Porterfield writes that after 40 years on the lost list, one of her classmates, Michael E. Davis, was found via www.classmates.com. Mike was in the Marines after graduating from SHS and presently lives on the west coast. He is married and his three children are all grown with children of their own. Mike is about to retire. He loves to write and is in the process of completing his second novel. The latter, in part, will be about his boyhood called "Homeboy." *We're sorry you missed the 40th reunion, Mike, but at least, from now on, you will be receiving the Tooter.*

1960-Judy Sebron Yacio of Arlington, TX has appeared for the second time in **Who's Who Among America's Teachers**. The retired principal of Kennedale (Texas) Junior High appears in the current sixth edition and was also honored in the third edition. Less than 2% of the nation's teachers are included in

more than one edition according to Paul C. Krouse, publisher. Only 5% of America's teachers are honored in each edition of *Who's Who*. These teachers are selected for this honor by being designated as "the teacher who made a difference" by their former students who have distinguished themselves by being recognized for excellence in *Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List*. Judy, former editor of *The Tooter*, earned her teaching certificate at California State University and her administrative certificate from Texas Woman's University. Prior to a teaching career, Judy was a newspaper reporter in Omaha before moving to California and Texas.

1961-Condolences to Margaret Sova Kreitner on the loss of her mother on May 16, 2001.

1961-Condolences also to Vic Riha on the loss of his mother. Mary Riha, in June, 2001.

1964-Jo Ellen Weiss Leifert of Omaha is a kindergarten teacher at Crestridge Elementary School. She was also honored with the prestigious Buffett Award in May 2001. *Congratulations.*

1965-John Ross Clark now living in Los Angeles working as a professional actor writes: "I was a member of the swimming team and 'O' Club for four years, was an active participant in the senior choir and had a leading role in the 1965 production of 'The Sound of Music.' My work can currently be seen on TV in commercials for DirecTV, the Wall Street Journal, Vioxx (on the Larry King Show), Mobil Oil, and Kellogg's Apple Jacks. Starting in January, I will be featured in commercial spots appearing on the Golden Globe Awards and most major golf tournaments. (That's me in the picture with Betty Volenec in the Hall of Fame section of the SHS Web Page.)" *Congratulations!*

1965-Garry Germandt of Omaha worked very hard and recently won the District 4 City Council position.

Congratulations, Garry!

1968-Cheryl Sparano Wild of Omaha was recently honored as Volunteer of the Year by UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) of Nebraska. Cheryl was named Suburban Rotary Omahan of the Year in 1998 and received the Child Saving Institute Ambassador Award in 1999. Family Service named the Wilds the Leadership Family of the Year in 1998 and Cheryl was inducted into the SHS Hall of Fame that same year. Cheryl's latest award was given at a wonderful dinner in her honor on April 20 at the Champions Club. *Congratulations to Cheryl who is most deserving of these fine honors.*

1971-Christine Erkman of Tucson, AZ wrote via e-mail looking for 30-year reunion information and fellow classmates. She is currently the Exchange Programs Director at the University of Arizona, Office of Study Abroad and Student Exchange. Her e-mail address is: erkmanc@u.arizona.edu.

1976-Tom Foster of League City, TX wrote regarding his reunion information and address update. He is currently VP, Marketing and Contracts, DDMS Technologies, Inc.

1976-Barbara Cooper Grobe of Frisco, TX sent a note and donation regarding the beautification project at the H.P. Smith complex. *We thank Barbara for the donation in memory of classmate, Mike Brandt-1976, who died last year.*

1978-Dave Remington of New York, NY is being honored through a new college football award. The Boomer Esiason Foundation, of which Dave is president, is sponsoring the award, which will honor the nation's outstanding center. Dave is also being honored in Omaha by the renaming of "L" Street from 20th to 24th Street to "Dave Remington Avenue."

1995-Chris Bober of Omaha is a two-time All-American at UNO. In one year, he's gone from NCAA Division II to the National Football League to pro-football's ultimate

event, Super Bowl XXXV with the New York Giants. *We know the Giants lost the Super Bowl to the Baltimore Ravens, but we congratulate Chris on this opportunity and wish him all the best with his football career.*

2001-Kelli Vomacka of Omaha represented Nebraska in America's Homecoming Queen Competition at Disneyland in July. Kelli competed against more than 200 Nebraska Homecoming Queens and beat out 12 other finalists in April to win a scholarship and an all-expense-paid-trip to the national competition. If she wins, she will receive a trip to Europe and a \$10,000 scholarship. The last time a girl from Omaha won the Nebraska title was in 1984. That young lady was from Benson High. A girl from SHS has never made it to the regional competition. The contest is based on grace and poise, as well as the contestant's involvement in community and volunteer work—no swimming suit competition. Kelli will be interviewed and will deliver a speech before the judges. *Good luck, Kelli. A report on how Kelli did in the finals will be in the next Tooter. (Typist's note: Kelli's mother is Virginia Bohaty Vomacka-1961.)*

2001-Lydia Zaragosa of Omaha has received 12 athletic letters while at South. She lettered in soccer and track for two years, and in basketball and softball all four years. She is the only student in Class A sports to reach this accomplishment in a very long time. She will be attending Morningside College this fall on an academic scholarship, but she will also play softball, which is her main sport. *Congratulations, Lydia.*



Scott and Sandie Knudsen - Alumni Board Members pre-

sented the Alumni Scholarships at the Honors Program on May 7



Principal Jerry Bartee at the Honors & Awards Program



CLASS OF 2001 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Many scholarships were presented at the Senior Honors & Awards Program in the SHS Theatre on Monday, May 7 to the following students: **Anna Cziria, Brook Kuenning, Jamie Perea and Clydell White, Jr.** – Kiewit Foundation Memorial; **Jennifer Jackson, Rolf Rasmussen, Shauna Riggs, Christine Savatovic and Adam Skripsky** – Kiewit Memorial semifinalists; **Jonathan Sallenbach - Walter Scott Jr.-Kiewit Institute Scholars**; **Miranda Benek - Ak-Sar-Ben Leadership**; **Lenli Corbett and Cortney Franks - Nebraska Academic Honorable Mentions**; **Cortney Franks, Jason Stodolka and Micah Torgrimson - Outstanding Student Scholars**; **Makayla Barrett - SHS Alumni Sparano-Wild**; **Mark Barta - SHS Alumni Watanabe - Fine Arts**; **Elizabeth Peterson - SHSAA**; **Miranda Benak - SHS Alumni Preister-Whitmarsh**; **Jerald Bulanda - SHS Alumni Riha**; **Amy Cherko - SHS Alumni Cain**; **Lenli Corbett - SHS Alumni Watanabe - Business**; **Chad Elsasser - SHS Alumni school staff**; **Jason Stodolka - SHS Alumni honoring Joyce Christiansen**; **Mary Woodruff - SHS Alumni Powell**. Many other students won numerous scholarships totaling a record number awarded to this remarkable class. Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents on the outstanding achievements of this class.



Steve Cavlovic, SHS Board Member, awarding scholarships



Don Preister awarding SHS Alumni Preister-Whitmarsh scholarship.



Fern Watanabee and Cheryl Sparano Wild awarding scholarships.



More Honors Night pictures



BOWLING FUN!

The March 24 Bowling Shoot Out held prior to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Sokol South Omaha Hall, drew a great number of top bowlers, including **Otto Suej-1955** who bowled 600 and won the pot. Game winners #s 1, 2 & 3 respectively for the men were **Zach Parker, Matt Gorgen and Forrest Dalton, Sr.** and for the women **Anita Barton, Cindy Brock and Jeanette Kalasky**. Series winners 1 through 7 respectively for the men were **Matt Gorgen, Bob Casey, Forest Dalton, Sr., Toby Martinez, Ralph Fredericksen, Zach Parker and Chris Saklar** and for the women, **Cindy Brock, Anita Barton, Rosie Pierz, and Jeanette Kalasky**. *Congratulations and thanks to all these fine bowlers for helping raise scholarship funds while taking part in a fun activity. Contact the Alumni Association if you would like to bowl next year!*

Chris Saklar, SHS AA Board member won at bowling!



Ex-Mayor Hal Daub and wife Mary greeting **Paul Limas-1960** at the Spaghetti Dinner



Jim Leonard, Dean Rezac, Bev Riha and other workers at Spaghetti Dinner



Pete Carlentini and Carma Jean Colanino enjoy the Spaghetti Dinner



Congrats to **Julie Riha Diehm and Paul Kracher** for the delicious and fun spaghetti dinner



DELICIOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

876 people were served a delicious spaghetti dinner, including salad, bread, coffee or tea, and dessert for a mere \$6 per ticket on March 24 at Sokol Hall South Omaha. The efficient entertainment committee, chaired by Julie Diehm and Paul Kracher, run this annual dinner like clockwork and had everyone served in record time. Scott Knudsen served as raffle caller, assisted by Sandie Knudsen and helped raise extra funds for scholarships. The theme of the prizes was gardening and outdoor items donated by generous alumni and friends of SHS were awarded. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this dinner, including the cheerleaders who bussed tables during the evening and added to the fun of the event.

FREE FIREWOOD - SEPTEMBER 2001 CLEAN-UP WEEKENDS

The Alumni Association plans three clean-up weekends in September, 2001. 9 a.m. to noon on both Saturdays and Sundays on 9-15 & 16; 9-22 & 23; 9-29 & 30 at Collin Field. Please bring chain saws, rakes, clippers, wheelbarrows, and other yard tools to help clean up Collin Field. Questions, call the Alumni Association office at 738-9493.

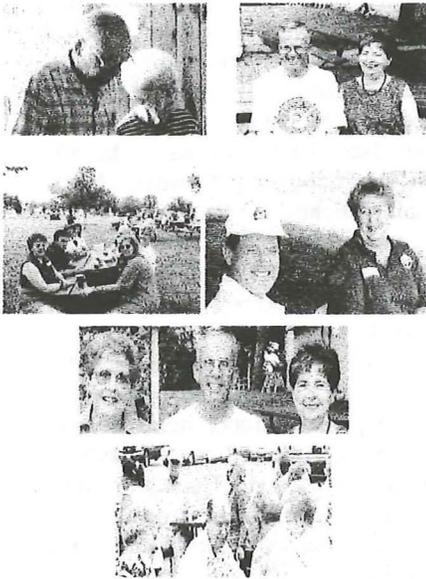
CLASS REUNIONS

1956 - 45th Reunion - September 21, 2001 - Regency Park Inn - 6 to Midnight. Contact Bob Fitzsimmons, 402/397-9025 or Joanie Kucera Hinkle, 402/896-0938.

1952 - 50th Reunion - August 23 and 24, 2002. Contact D. M. Holubar - 1308 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue, NE 68005 or Jerry Korisko - 502 Ridge Road, Bellevue, NE 68005 with your suggestions for a great reunion get together.

BARBEQUE/PICNIC FUN

The Barbeque/Picnic was enjoyed by five of the Mudra Family and many others pictured below:



BUFFETT AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to **Karen Clark** – Guidance Counselor at SHS who won a Buffett Award this year. A student wrote: “I could not have made it through these very tough years and decisions without the help of Ms. Clark. She gives and gives and does not ask for anything in return.” Ms. Clark received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from UNO.

Editorial Board

Dick Gulizia
Sue Smith
Judi Limas
Jerry Porterfield
Jeannie Porterfield

YOU KNOW YOU ARE MARVELOUSLY MATURE WHEN

- Your idea of weight lifting is standing up
- Your back goes out but you stay home
- Your idea of a “night out” is sitting on the patio
- It takes longer to rest than to get tired
- Your memory is short and your complaining lasts longer
- Your address book has mostly names that start with “Dr.”
- Everything hurts, and what doesn’t hurt, doesn’t work
- The twinkle in your eye is merely a reflection off your bifocals
- You give up all your bad habits and still don’t feel good
- You finally get your head together and your body starts falling part
- Your happy hour is a nap
- You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don’t remember being on top of it!

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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_____ Life Membership \$200
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Editor's Note: You will receive lottery tickets after September 15, 2001. This is an advance notice of this lottery FYI. Please make up your mind now to help!

**YOU WIN/
THE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINS
LOTTERY**

Fellow Alumni,

Consider how very fortunate we are to have an Alumni Association. It raises money to help the students of South High School prepare for college through high school grants, and helps pay for college through scholarships. It also provides the Roy A. Smith Sports Complex to improve their physical education program. Your Alumni Association sponsors various events (bowling, golf, spaghetti dinner, a football game, dances, etc.) for alumni and also mails approximately 19,000 TOOTERS twice a year to share news with you about your school, classmates and friends. These activities all cost money, and that is why we are asking for your support with this Win/Win Lottery. **Without this money for operating expenses, we are unable to continue our current level of support to SHS, its students, and its alumni.**

The persons buying the winning lottery tickets will win cash, and the persons selling the winning tickets will win the same amount of cash.

FIRST PRIZE —\$2,500— paid to the buyer and \$2,500 paid to the seller!
SECOND PRIZE—\$1,000— paid to the buyer and \$1,000 paid to the seller!
THIRD PRIZE —\$500— paid to the buyer and \$500 paid to the seller!

If you buy the lottery tickets personally and you win, **you are entitled to both the Buyer and Seller winnings.** (If you do not fill in the "seller" portion of the ticket, the buyer winnings will be donated to the Alumni Association.)

You may sell and/or purchase as many lottery tickets as you desire, so please let us know how many tickets to send you. If you like, you may send your check after September 15, 2001 for **\$1 for each ticket in books of ten tickets** and we will fill out the buyer/seller information for you as you direct us.

All lottery tickets and checks should be mailed **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10, 2001** to:

South High School Alumni Association
6613 Sunshine Drive
Omaha, NE 68107

402/738-9493

WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN DECEMBER 15, 2001
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

Thank you for your helpful participation.

Respectfully,

John Krayneski

John Krayneski, President
South High School Alumni Association



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2001

- 09-14-01 Night of the Packers "Alumni Homecoming" Night - 7 p.m. Berkquist Stadium at Norris Middle School. After-game party at GROVER Street Hall - 41st and Grover - 9 p.m. to midnight.
- 09-15 & 16;
09-22 & 23,
09-29 & 30 - Clean up weekends - Collin Field. Call the SHSAA office for details (738-9793).
- 09-29 SHSAA Board of Directors Meeting - SHS Room 254 at 9:30 a.m. All alumni welcome.
- 10-13 Fall Dance at Mueller Hall - 36 and W Streets - 8 p.m. to midnight - dance to the music of Johnny Ray Gomez.
- 10-18 Hall of Fame Banquet - by invitation only

Alumni Clothing Order Form

Mail to: Dick Gulizia - 6613 Sunshine Drive - Omaha, NE 68107

POLO SHIRTS - \$15 Each - All Sizes

Alumni Association Logo on left side - with or without pocket

	Large	X-Large	XX-Large	Total
White with pocket	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
White without pocket	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Red with pocket	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Red without pocket	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

TEE SHIRTS

Large \$10	X-Large \$10	XX-Large \$12.50	XXX-Large \$12.50	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

NEW TEE SHIRT DESIGN

Gray w/darker gray print of SHS Alumni repeated down the shirt w/large bull over the writing

Large \$10	X-Large \$10	XX-Large \$12.50	XXX-Large \$12.50	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

GRAY SWEATSHIRTS WITH SCREEN PRINT

Large \$20	X-Large \$20	XX-Large \$23	XXX-Large \$25	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

RED EMBROIDERED SWEATSHIRTS

Large \$30	X-Large \$30	XX-Large \$35	XXX-Large \$35	Total
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___ Travel Mugs @\$5.50 each-gray w/red Alumni Logo-perfect for home or travel - no spill	\$ _____
___ Red Cap with white logo \$7.50 each or ___ White cap with red logo \$7.50 ea.	\$ _____
___ Red Cap w/white embroidery "SOB" (South Omaha Boy) \$7.50 each	\$ _____
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___ Lapel Pin \$3 each	\$ _____

Add \$3.00 to each item for shipping charges (except lapel pin).

My order totals \$ _____ and my check payable to the **SHS Alumni Association** is enclosed.

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OCTOBER

DANCE

(Everyone Welcome)



When: Saturday, October 13, 2001
Time: 8:00 p.m.- Midnight
Cost: \$10.00 per person
Where: Mueller Recreation Hall
5716 South 36th Street

Music by
Johnny Ray Gomez

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

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_____ Dance tickets at \$10.00 each Total \$ _____

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Please cut out your complimentary ticket (BELOW) for the September 14, 2001
"Night of the Packers"

"NIGHT OF THE PACKERS"

TICKET

Friday, September 14, 2001
Football Game
SHS vs. Bryan High
Berkquist Stadium
Norris Middle School
South of Center on 46 Street

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Beer-Pop-Snacks

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