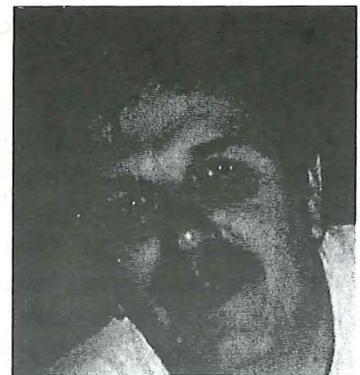


SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME - 2002

Jim Eisenhardt was the Master of Ceremonies at the 2002 Hall of Fame banquet held June 4 at Anthony's Restaurant. He introduced the honorees by quoting Harry Emerson Fosdick: "One must have the adventurous daring to accept one-self as a bundle of possibilities and undertake the most interesting game in the world—making the most of one's best." Certainly our Hall of Fame honorees have done exactly that—made the most of their best. Our recipients have made major impacts on our school and our greater community in education, the arts, business and sports. These individuals represent the best of SHS."

Joanne Wilson Carlson, Class of 1949—Dr. Carlson recently retired as the Chair of the Department of Education at the College of Saint Mary. Noted nationally and internationally for her work in preadolescent reading, Dr. Carlson began her 50-year teaching career the fall after her graduation from SHS at the age of 17. She will continue to work with fledging educators as Professor Emeritus at the College of Saint Mary. The holder of the ConAgra Distinguished Professorship, Dr. Carlson is a member of the Reading Hall of Fame and was named a Woman Visionary by the YWCA and honored by Ak-Sar-Ben as the Midlands Outstanding Educator. As the Chair of the Education Department, Dr. Carlson instituted and implemented several programs which have serviced many of Omaha's poorest minority families including the SMART program which brought girls from Girls, Inc. to the college every Tuesday and Thursday night to study math, science and related technologies. She also founded the PALS program in which college students traveled to some of Omaha's most economically deprived schools to tutor in reading and writing. Dr. Carlson is the author of more than a dozen articles and textbooks and has presented at more than three dozen national and international reading conferences.

Paul Kracher, Class of 1961—Mr. Kracher is the maintenance supervisor at the *Omaha World-Herald* responsible for maintaining the presses in the new World-Herald Freedom Center. He has worked for the *OW-H* for 38 years. During the SHS centennial celebrations in 1989, Mr. Kracher had the idea that the school needed to develop an alumni association. He talked to some friends and soon became a founding member of the SHS Alumni Association and a Board Member. Mr. Kracher has chaired committees which have raised more than \$30,000 for scholarships. His support of the work of the Alumni Association has provided scholarship assistance to more than three dozen students so far, and has provided monetary assistance for special educational projects for classroom teachers. He currently serves as Vice President in charge of Fund Raising and Public Relations for the Alumni Association. Mr. Kracher has also donated his time to the United Way of the Midlands for 15 years as well as serving as a Red Cross volunteer.



Judi Clark Limas, Class of 1961—Mrs. Limas is also a founding member of the Alumni Association and has served as Secretary of the Board of Directors since its inception and as editor of the *Alumni Tooter* for ten years. In this capacity she has helped maintain contact with almost 20,000 alumni and kept the records of the Association. She has also served on the Insurance, By-Laws, and Auditing Committees for the Association.

Mrs. Limas is also one of the founding members of the Omaha Downtown Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. She has served as President and Secretary, and has chaired and served on many committees including the Membership Committee. She was honored as the Chapter's Woman of the Year,



Nominee for Top Ten Candidate Nationally, and Business Associate of the Year. Other honors include being selected as one of five "Employees of the Year" among 15,000 employees at Coopers & Lybrand, her previous employer.

She has served various local charities and organizations in fund raising and membership campaigns including the Henry Doorly Zoo, American Heart Association, Cancer Society, Sacred Heart School, Salvation Army and the Omaha Symphony as well as being involved in the Adopt-A-School Program.

David McDowell, Class of 1975—Dr. McDowell is the Regents' Professor and Carter N. Paden, Jr. Distinguished Chair

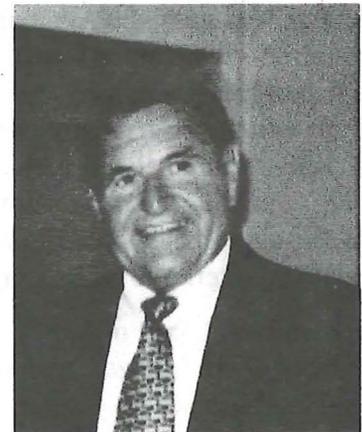


in Metals Processing at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has been with the George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Tech since 1983. He is also Vice President of Engineering and founding partner of Structured Alloys, Inc., and a consultant for Sandia National Laboratories and the Institute for Defense Analyses. Dr. McDowell is the recipient of many distinguished awards in engineering, teaching and writing.

Dr. McDowell is a past winner of the Alfred Noble Prize, has published four books and authored more than 100 journal articles. This Eagle Scout also finds time to serve First Christian Church in Atlanta as Trustee and Elder, coach a middle school Science Olympiad Team, coach church league basketball, and act as a Cub Scout Den Leader. He currently serves as President of the Society of Engineering Science.

Darrell Mudra, Class of 1946—Dr. Victory retired from collegiate football in 1988, bringing an end to a Hall of Fame career

which boasts a 200-81-4 record and two national championships. He rebuilt every football program he oversaw and turned them into a playoff team. He started his collegiate head-coaching career at Adams State in 1959 and led the team to the Mineral Water Bowl. In 1963, he became the head coach at North Dakota State, where he successfully turned the program around from a 0-10 record the year before to a 1964 Mineral Water Bowl victory. In 1965 he won his first national championship, defeating Grambling in the Pecan Bowl. He then coached at the University of Arizona for two seasons and led them to the 1969 Sun Bowl. After a suc-



cessful stint at Western Illinois, Mudra coached Florida State for two years before going to Eastern Illinois, where he won the Division II National Championship. Recently his Florida State Team was honored at a half-time program where Bobby Bowden acknowledged them as the start of the Florida State dynasty. During Coach Mudra's tenure at Northern Iowa, he led them to the semifinals in both 1985 and 1987.

Not bad for a kid from South Omaha who got his start coaching the Phillips Midgets in 1951. But Dr. Mudra is more than a sum of his wins and losses. His coaching philosophy became the book "Freedom in the Huddle." He advocated listening to players and giving them more of a say in play calling and the general direction of the team. He did what a true educator would do.

Jane Hill, Retiring Executive Director of Opera Omaha



Ms. Hill holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie-Mellon University and a Masters Degree in Theater Arts from Humboldt State University. She is one of the founders of the internationally recognized Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre in northern California. She has served as Executive Director of Opera Omaha since 1995. Prior to that she served as its Development Associate, Public Affairs Director and Managing Director. In addition to her 30 years of experience in arts management, she is a playwright, actress and director, specializing in collaborative projects.

It is for these collaborative projects that Jane is selected as a member of the Hall of Fame. At a time when other people were selling education in general, and SHS specifically, down the tubes, Ms. Hill developed the PACE project at SHS. Students worked with a composer and videographer to create music videos, which soon became a joint production of "The Daughter of the Regiment," which became the production of a student-written version of "Carmen" called "The Final Judgment." This leads us to the current project – an original opera written by the students entitled "Bloodlines," a contemporary and historical look at immigration in South Omaha, which will be produced at SHS next spring. All the time Ms. Hill was ram-rod-ning these events, she was acting as a one-woman band supporting SHS programs and students in the media, with sponsors, and throughout the community. Over the past few months, Ms. Hill has received the accolades of many prestigious groups and organizations as her tenure in Omaha comes to an end. She knows that none of those awards can be any more heartfelt than being selected as a member of the SHS Hall of Fame.



BOARD REPORT

Y o u r Board of Directors again held two meetings since

our last report and it has been a very busy time. We presented a certificate of appreciation to **Dean Rezac** for his volunteer work at the Sports Complex. We had a successful Bowling Shoot-out and Spaghetti Dinner, as well as our Golf Tournament. We installed three new vice presidents to our Board of Directors: **Sandie Knudsen** - responsible for Entertainment, **Paul Kracher** - responsible for fundraising, membership and public relations, and **Ron Cerone**— responsible for website, e-mail communications, history and clothing. We sadly said farewell to **Principal Jerry Bartee** as we congratulated him for his promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for OPS. We welcomed the opportunity to meet with the incoming Principal **Nancy Faber** at our July meeting. We mailed more than 19,000 **TOOTERS**, and are establishing an advertising committee to solicit ads for future **TOOTERS** to help underwrite the growing cost of publication. (Note ad samples in this publication. Please sponsor an ad.) We attended the dedication of **Dave Rimington** Street, and approved **Bess Mandich**'s proposal to organize the SHS AA Cookbook scheduled for sale this fall, as well as scheduling a Packer Greats Sports Banquet this fall with Darrell Mudra as our keynote speaker. (Hope many of you will attend this outstanding banquet.) We scheduled a Dance to be held May 9,

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2003 that is sure to be lots of fun. We approved the second annual raffle to be held from September to December, 2002. We nominated and accepted the following new Alumni Association Board members effective immediately: **Jason Calek—1989, Julie Riha Diehm—1966, and Lori Roberts Hunter—1966.** We welcome the talents and ideas these new board members bring to the Association. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or on a committee, please contact the office. We welcome your participation.

Reminder - check for news from fellow classmates and school events at the SHS web page www.ops.org/south or at our Alumni website this fall www.omahasouthhighalumni.com.

Again, we need your help in telling us if you have moved so we do not have to pay to be notified of your new address after we mail the next TOOTER to you. We also need your active membership in the Association, including funds and any time you can spare to help with our many fund-raising and other activities. We can sure use your help. Again, we are working hard and feel we have made a great deal of progress, but know there is much work to do and many goals to meet. We appreciate your input, support and encouragement and look forward to continued growth and challenges. Please let us hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Limas, Secretary

JERRY BARTEE—YOU'LL BE MISSED



Congratulations to Jerry Barte, Athletic Director for six years and then Principal at SHS for the past nine years, for being promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds for OPS. He will assume his new position this Fall.

Jerry has been a very positive influence as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors during the past nine years. His many contributions and support of our numerous projects and events and his sharp sense of humor will be greatly missed.

The Alumni Association presented Principal Barte with a Packer Bull engraved as follows:

**“JERRY M. BARTEE
SOUTH HIGH PACKER
1987-2002
WITH RESPECT AND
APPRECIATION
FROM THE OMAHA SOUTH
HIGH ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION”**

*Good luck in your new position,
Mr. Barte!*

WELCOME NANCY FABER NEW PRINCIPAL OF SHS—FALL 2002



We welcome Nancy Faber, incoming Principal of SHS. More information regarding her background will be published in the next TOOTER.

SPORTS GREAT DAVE RIMINGTON HONORED

It's official – a SHS Alumnus has a street named after him! L Street from 20th to 24th Street is now named DAVE RIMINGTON STREET, connecting the School to its athletic field. Check out the sign next time you drive through.

The street-naming ceremony, held on 4-12 at 24th and L Streets, was attended by Dave's mother (who came from Texas), Mayor Mike Fahey, City Councilman Garry Gernandt, the SHS band, teachers, students, South Omaha merchants, and representatives of the local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (which helped push for the dedication). Rimington is the president of the Boomer Esiason Foundation, which is fighting for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

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Mayor Mike Fahey with Dave Rimington

Mayor Fahey said the street could have been named for Rimington based on his football achievements alone. Dave was a two-time First-Team Academic All-American, was honored by the NCAA as a top-five student athlete, and was selected as a National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame scholar athlete. He said that "...Dave is more than that. His character, dedication, humanitarianism .are testaments to him, the Foundation, and all Americans."

Assistant Principal Chuck Walker added that speaking with people who know Dave, he learned that Dave has outstanding personal traits which have led to his success, such as his desire to be successful and the best, his untiring work ethic, his heart, his humility, and his appreciation for his roots. He asked the students to reflect upon and embody those characteristics each time they pass from Collin field to SHS.

The street dedication was originally scheduled to take place on September 13, 2001, but was postponed after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center towers in New York City where the Foundation officed.

Since Dave was in Omaha for the ceremony and the Sports Great Banquet, neither he nor his staff suffered personal injury during the attacks.

Congratulations, Dave! We are all so proud of you!



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OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Jack Benedick – 1960 has a BS in Sociology and Psychology. He is retired from the military and serves on the Board of Directors for the U.S. Skiing and Snowboard Association. He won a silver medal in the 1984 Winter Olympics for the Disabled and two bronze medals in the 1986 World Disabled Alpine Championships. Oh, and did we mention that a land mine blew off his lower limbs in Viet Nam?

Jack was born with a fighting spirit, which has served him well throughout his lifetime. He spent his first five years of life in and out of hospitals with an unknown kidney disorder. When he was 18 months old, he lapsed into a coma for six weeks. The doctors said he could not survive because he was retaining tremendous amounts of fluids, since dialysis had not yet been invented. Confounding the doctors, he overcame what they had pronounced incurable. He grew into a lean, lanky, athletic kid who played football, pole vaulted, swam and wrestled.

After he graduated from Omaha SHS in 1960, he roamed Europe for six months, then worked in a slaughter-house to pay off his expenses. Drifting to Omaha University mid-year, Benedick walked onto the wrestling team. He had no clear goals other than to meet girls, have fun with his fraternity brothers, and wrestle.

That changed when **Nancy Rolle** walked into the student union at OU and into his life. He and Nancy were married in September 1965 after he received his bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology and he was halfway through his basic military training.

Then the Viet Nam war gave Jack a clear focus. Enlisted in the Army's College Option Program, after graduation he signed up for Officer Candidate School Training, then Jump and Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He shipped off to Viet Nam in 1967 assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. Between tours he spent 10 months at home to see his wife and infant son, predicting he would be

injured in his legs.

He returned to Viet Nam a rifle company commander in charge of more than 100 men. On April 30, 1968, while leading a group of fighters through a stand of trees, his grim prediction came true. He stepped up on a dike to get a better view and it blew him into the air. His left leg was blown off and right one looked like ground hamburger. He ordered his injured men out first, even though they had only superficial wounds, tied tourniquets around his legs, gave himself a shot of morphine and waited – almost bleeding to death in the process.

He later found out that the company had nominated him for the Distinguished Service Cross – posthumously. They didn't know it, but he was still alive, conscious and fighting at a MASH hospital. He told the attending doctor that he would kill him if he cut off his knees. He was rushed into surgery and given 47 pints of blood. When he awoke, both lower legs were gone, but he still had knees. Two days later, his childhood illness returned to plague him when he experienced complete renal failure. Advances in medicine saved him and he spent a month on dialysis.

He retired as a major from the Army in 1978 with awards including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry, the Legion of Merit, and a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

While competing in the world of skiing, he served as director for the US Disabled Ski Team and simultaneously oversaw the able-bodied US cross-country ski team. Throughout the 1980s he served on committees for the US Olympics, International Paralympics and the International Ski Federation. He currently serves on the US Skiing and Snowboard Association Board.

He also mastered scuba diving and despite being told he could not pass the physical challenge required, he passed easily. He has worked so hard to keep in shape, that people are amazed when they learn that Jack now has Parkinson's disease. He believes exposure to Agent Orange lead to the diagnosis. He continues his active lifestyle and is an inspiration to all who know him.

Information regarding Jack was excerpted from a feature article in the UNO Alumni Association "Profile" series celebrating UNO's rich graduate history.

Just as UNO is proud to call you one of its own, South High is equally proud to claim you as one of our Outstanding Alumnus. Congratulations!



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We thank the following alumni for including donations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 when they renewed their memberships this year:

Sophie Riza – 1951
Ruth Alexander – 1934
Frank and Linda
Hermesmeier Babka – 1968
Tom Cullinane – 1965
Tom Ruffino – 1964
Adolf Novacek – 1946
Colleen Haley – 1967
Robert – 1932 and Elsie
Stahmer Anthes – 1934
Walter Grene – 1941
Albert Demkowski – 1955
Dale Buchanan – 1948
Betty Lilley Croft – 1940
Dwight Anderson – 1951
Milton Faulk – 1937
Sharon Rose Davis – 1964
Ray Nauslar – 1942
Christine Cisar Grady – 1981
John Pacholski – 1962
Judy Meister Stiles – 1961
Gene Brantz – 1967
Larry Kenny – 1961
Karen Clark – 1957
Cheryl Sparano Wild – 1968
Frank Pospishil – 1960
Mary DeWitt West – 1964
Phyllis Troudt Sandstedt – 1955
Jack Benedick – 1960

Also, special thanks to **J. K. Hammond** for donating \$3,000 toward the purchase and care of the drug dog that SHS hopes to purchase soon.

In future editions, we will again publish the names of generous individuals who give donations in addition to renewing their memberships.

MEMORIALS

In memory of -

Virginia Erca Bogatz Pecha-1940 who died 4/29/02 from husband, **Joe Pecha-1938** and children: **CeCe Bogatz-1976;** **Lou Bogatz-1973;** **John Bogatz,** **Ginny Bogatz Tylski,** **Regene Bogatz Jaksich.**

Virginia Erca Bogatz Pecha-1940 from classmate **Josephine Citta Godown-1940.**

Frances Felinski Moe-1941 who died 10/27/01 from daughter **Patricia Moe.**

Frank Riha-1944 from **Larry and Sharon Maupin** of Unionist Printing.

Vernon Hines-1948 who died 1/26/02 and **Gene Hines-1950** who died 2/12/02 from sister, **Maxine Hines Marcum-1943** to her brothers.

Charles (Chuck) Wees-1975 from his mother, **Loretta Wees.**

Barbara Yost McKinney-1952 who died 4/30/02 from classmate **Alice Vodicka Stanek-1952** and husband, **Frank Stanek.**

Margo Collins Garrett-1955 who died 3/01 from sister, **Susan Collins Gutoshi-1963.**

Ted Petriga-1959 from **Judith Henggeler Spohr-1959.**

Beverly Niederle Dropinski-1960 who died 6/10/02 from classmate, **Jeanie Kubovy Porterfield-1960.**

Lanaya Lapham Fleck-1960 of Omaha who died 3/02 from classmate, **Jeanie Kubovy Porterfield-1960.**

Many thanks to all of these individuals for remembering friends and loved ones by donating to the SHS Alumni Association.

A WIDOW'S LAMENT

"He didn't make it," those words seem so cold - My heart grows heavy, my life is on hold.

Dreams of the future gone, what will I do - I cry out to God - "You took my love. How could you?"

Family and friends try to comfort As they gather around. I look at the stone that has been placed in the cold ground.

This can't be true, it must be a dream. The pain is still there, it hurts, it's mean.

"Now don't cry," everyone will say. What do they know? Maybe someday.

Where do I belong? Where is my place? Certainly not a couple, I feel a disgrace.

A silence hovers over my lonely home. Those nights when I realize, my God, I'm all alone.

I pray, I cry, "Help me, dear Lord This is too much to bear." "I need you now, Oh please, if you care

Show me the way, what is in store for me? Will I ever feel whole? Will this pain be set free?

I'll be waiting for Your Will to be done. Take away my pain, let me look to the sun."

Written by **Jackie Jensen Novak-1952** After the death of her husband, **Paul Novak-1950**

IN MEMORIAM

1928—Josephine “Jo” Kersigo Goodman of Colorado Springs, CO died 2/16/02. Jo was the widow of golfer **Johnny Goodman**. She worked for Mutual of Omaha for many years and later Occidental Life Insurance Company in Southern California.

1930—Eunice Brummer Kreeger of Omaha.

1930—Leslie Kynett of Mesa, AZ.

1931—Steve Balters a life-long resident of South Omaha died 1/19/02. He was a 43-year employee of Cudahy Packing.

1931—Ludwig Kaiser of Omaha.

1931—Sylvia Cerveny Valentic of Omaha.

1932—Esther Schomer Dohahoo of Elkhorn, NE died 6/27/01.

1932—Kenneth Haney of Omaha died 3/27/01.

1932—Ethel Rohrer of Omaha died 2/8/02.

1932—Cecilia Subject Thomas of Omaha died 2/20/01.

1933—Francis Anglim of Omaha died 9/11/01.

1933—Ladisa Pacholski Benis of Omaha.

1933—Arthur Benson of Elkhorn, NE died 7/28/01.

1933—Marie Dobrolyny Blugas of Omaha died 1/20/01.

1933—Frank Franek of Omaha died 7/26/01.

1933—Raymond Haney of

Bellevue, NE.

1933—Josephine Ruth Palais Hasenjager of Omaha, NE died 4/10/02.

1933—Vlasta Calta Josoff of Bellevue, NE died 5/02.

1933—Christina Tiwald Janecek of Omaha.

1933—George Sautter of Omaha.

1934—Emil Koubsky of Omaha.

1934—Abbie Ruth Carlisle Murphy of Blair, NE died 7/11/01.

1934—William Raymond Velich of Silver Spring, MD died 2/9/02 of cancer. He was assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and retired in 1973 after a 25-year career.

1935—Steve Bosiljevac of Omaha died 10/20/01 of lung cancer and heart complications.

1935—Ralph Cox died in San Antonio, TX on 9/14/01 of a heart attack. He was a long-time employee of Eli Lilly.

1935—Lucille Trela Kobielski of Orono, MN died 10/1/01.

1935—Bruce Nownes of Van Nuys, CA died 2/02.

1935—Walter Schroeder of San Gabriel, CA died 11/17/01.

1935—Helen Strupat Stelzer of Tampa, FL died 12/28/01. Helen was a secretary for the Hillsborough County Civil Defense for many years.

1935—Jane Lind Williams of Omaha.

1936—Sister Mary Michaela McGuire, R.S.M. of Johnston,

IA. Sister Michaela taught 35 years before serving at St. Mary's Care Center, St. Bridget's, and Paxton Manor.

1936—Albert Seater of Rich Hill, MO died of cancer.

1937 — Gertrude “Trudy” Quaintance Jensen of Omaha.

1937 — Mildred Cecetka Koubsky of Omaha.

1937 — Betty Jane Schmidt Kovarik of Omaha.

1937 — Donald O'Connor of Omaha.

1937 — William Schlaifer of Los Angeles, CA died 8/20/01 of leukemia.

1937—Rudolph Valentic of Omaha.

1938—Harold Paul Brehm of Riverside, CA died 2/22/02. Harold was a pilot and a Lieutenant Commander of the U.S. Navy. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

1938—Donald Dross of Omaha.

1938—Marie Pivonka Laitner of Omaha.

1938—Mildred Mahacek Early of Wichita, KS died 4/2/02.

1938—James Powers of Council Bluffs, IA.

1938—Lorene Crismon Swaney of Bellevue, NE died early 5/02.

1939—Pat Walsh Lesar of Lakewood, CA died 2/4/02 after a lengthy illness. Pat was very proud of being a SHS graduate and loved class reunions. She was very active while at SHS, reading for Dr. Kuncel, and was named Queen of Achievement.

1939–**William G. Oliver Jr.**, of Papillion, NE died 12/17/00.

1939–**Theresa Biga Perina** of Omaha, NE.

1940–**Virginia Erca Bogatz Pecha** of Omaha died 4-29-02. Virginia volunteered for the SHS Alumni Association with husband Joe and worked many hours.

1940–**Karlene Kuehner Aldrup**.

1940–**Richard Schultz** of Omaha died 2/1/02.

1940–**James Slinkard** of San Antonio, TX died 8/01.

1941–**Matthew Fabich** of Omaha.

1941–**Frances Felinski Moe** of Seattle, WA died 10/27/01.

1941–**Joseph Velehradsky** of Bellevue, NE died 11/27/01. Joseph was in the home construction business and retired from Omaha Public Power District. He was a member of the 1948 Storz Brewery Nebraska State Champion Softball Team.

1942–**Ray Bachman** of Elkhart, IN died 2/27/02 at his winter home in Marco Island, FL of a sudden heart attack. He retired as a partner and tax specialist at R.M.S. McGladrey. He was also a member of the Nebraska Society of CPAs.

1942–**Jack Callahan** of Omaha, Nebraska. Jack is survived by his wife, **Brownie Crnkovich Callahan**. Jack was dearly loved by friends and family who miss him.

1942–**Bobbette Kuehner**

Schultz of Omaha.

1942–**Dorothy Thies O'Connor** of Omaha.

1942–**Ben J. Lombardo** of Tigard, OR died 5/13/02.

1942–**Robert “Bugs” Redden** of Council Bluffs, IA died 4/14/02. He was an educator and Dean of Students at Iowa School for the Deaf. He had a great passion for baseball, which included a lifetime of playing and coaching. He received many baseball honors and was a member of the SHS Alumni Association Packer Sports Greats Committee.

1942–**Pauline Czaplewski Tarascio** of Kennard, NE.

1943–**Willard Boggs** of Omaha died 9/3/00. Willard was a truck driver and a small fleet owner. He loved to have his wife **Alice Kofka Boggs-1949**, travel with him. They visited all 48 states in the continental United States.

1943–**Berneyce Davis Peterson** of Kelso, WA.

1943–**Edith Parsley Vasile** of Omaha died 4/2/02.

1944–**Richard Franks** of Omaha died spring 2002.

1944–**Dr. Joseph Kovarik** of Denver, CO died 1/31/02. He



was a long-time general and thoracic surgeon. He was on staff at 13 Denver area hospitals. He had prestigious medical posts and received honors. While at SHS, he was June class president and Lt. Col. of ROTC.

1945–**Dorothy Benes Grieb** died 6/02.

1945–**Ray Smolinski** of Omaha.

1946–**Gwendolyn Kuehner Marshall** of Omaha.

1946–**Joan Viner Dixson** of Truth or Consequences, NM died 1/11/01.

1946–**Arthur Eeman** of La Vista, NE died 12/29/01.

1946–**Fred Sterba** of Omaha.

1946–**Julius VanSeveren** of Bellevue, NE died 6/5/01.

1947–**Gertrude Walpus Johnson** of Omaha died winter 2001.

1947–**Ellen McGinnis Monnier** of North Platte, NE.

1947–**Anthony Shimkus** of Omaha died 12/01.

1947–**Richard Swiercek** of Omaha.

1947–**June Richards Lester** of Grimes, IA died 3/6/00 of lung cancer.

1948–**Joseph Aschenbrenner** of Omaha died 7/1/01.

1948–**Vernon Hines** of Midland, TX died 1/26/02. He was a geologist.

1948–**Robert Kolar** of Omaha died 10/17/01 of heart and diabetic problems.

1948—**Betty Ruckle Place** of Omaha died 4/2/02.

1948—**Geraldine Means Sterba** of Omaha.

1948—**Eugene Wojtkiewicz** of Kansas City, MO died 1/9/02.

1949—**Vilma Shropshire Doo-ley** of Austin, TX died 8/9/00.

1949—**Gilbert Franks** of Bellevue, NE died 2/4/02.

1949—**Nannie Fields Metcalf** of Omaha.

1949—**Fred Sacco** of Omaha died spring 2002 of cancer and liver disease. He was an Omaha police officer for nine years. He worked at State Farm Insurance as an agent for 35 years.

1949—**Barbara Flipowicz Skradis** of Omaha died 1/27/02.

1950—**JoAnn Jensen Cook** of Sioux City, IA.

1950—**Gene Hines** of Omaha died 2/12/02 of cancer. He was a teacher and principal at Iowa School for the Deaf for 33 years. He was a baseball player and signed on by Dodgers Branch Rickey for a nine-year stint. He worked with baseball teams at Creighton University, Iowa Western and Omaha University and had many local pitching prospects.

1950—**Rita Eggleston Spaulding** of Salisbury, NC died 2/3/02.

1951—**Walter Kuehner**.

1952—**Gerald Hardesty** of Omaha died 1/5/01.

1952—**Barbara Yost McKinney** of Bellevue, NE died

4/30/02.

1953—**Patricia Houlihan Derr** of Columbine Valley, CO died 11/1/01.

1953—**Joe Kripal** of Omaha died 12/21/01 of cancer.

1953—**LaVern Wegrzyn** of Omaha died 2/17/02.

1954—**William August Jorgensen** of Omaha died in El Paso, TX on 2/28/02 of brain cancer.

1954—**Paul Yeshnowski** of Omaha.

1955—**Margo Collins Garrett** of Omaha died 3/01.

1955—**Phyllis Dibaise Mertz** of Bellevue, NE died 4/02.

1955—**Julianne Cherney Myers** of Gretna, NE died 8/01.

1957—**William Kulper, Jr.** of Omaha.

1958—**Laura Milbourn Raymond** of Iowa Park, TX died 1/31/02.

1959—**Joe Dyrda** of Elkhorn, NE died 6/00 of cancer.

1959—**Daniel Masek** of Omaha died 2/1/02 from a brain tumor. Dan is deeply missed by his family and many friends.

1959—**Theodore "Ted" Pietryga** of Beaver Lake, NE died 5/10/02.

1960—**Lanaya Lapham Fleck** of Omaha died 3/24/02.

1960—**Beverly Niederle Dropinski** of Omaha died 6/10/02. Beverly and her husband were actively involved in their parish of Sts. Peter & Paul throughout the years. Beverly was dearly loved. She

was so kind and friendly to everyone. She was a good classmate and friend.

1961—**Melvin Beal** of Ann Arbor, MI died 1/25/02 in Oakland, CA.

1962—**Gretchen Hoffman Hungerford** of Pueblo, CO died 7/17/01 of cancer.

1962—**Linda Saunders Magnuson** of Lowry, MN.

1962—**Robert Merwald** of Omaha.

1962—**Don Rookstool** of Everett, WA.

1964—**Mary Jo Andrla** died spring 2002.

1964—**James Blazek** of Kingwood, TX died 4/17/02 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

1965—**Judy Smith Schwisow** of Omaha died late 2000.

1966—**Robert John Leonard** of Papillion, NE died 4/1/02.

1969—**John Wisnieski** of Omaha died 6/4/01 of spinal cancer. He received the Outstanding Soldier Certificate from the Army in November 1970. He was a Viet Nam veteran and worked for Mastercraft Furniture until 1998 and was self-employed since then.

1970—**Charles Cox** of Bellevue, NE.

1974—**Daniel Galus** of Omaha.

1977—**Diane "Dee" Loftus** of Omaha died 1/1/02.

1990—**Dana Anderson** of Omaha

BUMPING ELBOWS II

First of all, apologies are in order to Dorothy Wisniski Hanak and Fred "Fritz" Hanak both 1942 for misspelling their names in my last column.

The Alumni Association Annual Spaghetti Dinner brought out many former SHS grads. It was so nice to see Richard Benak-1957, Dave-1961 and Betty Huxhold, Ken and Jean Dobrovolny Boicourt-1956, Bob Frank-1968, Barbara Fahey Baker-1959, Carolyn Kripal Kiehn-1958, Jeanne Alexander McCann-1953, Dave Cisar-1978 (congratulations on the birth of your little girl, Dave), Frank Newell-1955, Janet Secora Kitzman-1958, John and Loretta Gomez-1942, Mary Kramolisch Jaksich-1942, Ann Covrig Churchich-1936, Georginia Kozel Kiscoan-1933, Mardee Kiscoan Tomlin-1963, Jack Kiscoan-1959, Frank Riha-1963, Jeanne Johnson Mill-1960, Lollie Mittermeier Sharpe-1960, Nancy Muldowney Patrick-1960, Dolly Guy-1960 and her mom, Mrs. Trobek, George Dasovich-1960, Ed and Joy Gruttemeyer-1960, Barbara Gruttemeyer Jensen-1964, Linda Ramirez Nieto-1960, Dorothy Panuska Lawver-1939, Paul Opocensky-1956 and his wife, Marilyn Olsen Opocensky-1960, Paul and Faye Ryba-1959, Paul-1960 and Judi Clark Limas-1961,

Jim Leonard-1961 and Ellen Connor Leonard-1961, Jackie Mengler-1961, Steve Anderson, Dean and Candi Fahey Rezac-1963, Vic Riha-1961 and Beverly Forman Riha-1964, Alice Kruntorad Kubovy-1934 and Mary Alice Kubovy-1961, Ron Cerone-1975, Sharon Suydan Davenport-1967, Paul Jaksich-1967 and wife Regene, John Lynch-1956, Dean and Evelyn Woodard Winther-1972, Vincent 1961 and JoEllen Hlavacek Riha-1964, Janice Druskis Riha-1964, Scott Knudsen-1965 and Sandie Poppen Knudsen-1965, Dick Gulizia-1961, Ginny Bohaty Vomacka-1961, Linda Sherwood Davenport-1965, John Krayneski-1961 and Beverly Moravec Krayneski-1962, Janet Crofford Katz-1961, Steve Andersen-1989 and Julie Riha Diehm-1966. I know there were more but as of this date, these are all the graduates that I can remember now.

The SHS Alumni Hall of Fame celebration was a fabulous success seeing such worthy people being inducted. Once again, Jim Eisenhart did a great job in organizing it. Thank you for all your hard work, Jim, in making the evening such a memorable event. The following people were inductees and our congratulations to them: JoAnne Wilson Carlson, Paul Kracher, Judi Clark Limas, David McDowell and Darrell Mudra, and the Community Hall of Fame honor went to Jane Hill. It was so nice seeing the Reynolds sisters, Nancy Reynolds Veys—1976 and

Susan Reynolds Brousek-1980 at a community function back in April of this year. They are both married and have lovely families. Nancy and Susan are prettier than ever. Both ladies are very much involved in doing volunteer work for their respective parishes. This is just another example of SHS grads being the best that they can be in their undertakings.

In glancing through the South High Yearbook of 1957, I am wondering where some of you grads are. Where are you Jerry Gould, Jim Yelnek, Linda Zoeller, Joyce Paulson, Carole Weak, Joan Wesolowski, Judy Trobough, Mary Lou Valencia, Ron Swanson, Geraldine Svoboda, Jean Schwartzlander, Carmen Schneckloth, Gary Ryan, Betty Jane Revers, Janice Rose, Paul Rowe, Mike Ramirez, JoAnn Pospishil, Ruth Pinkal, Don Ostronic, Charlotte Mears, Marian Meyers, Anita Marsik, Janet Lillethorup, Joe Koziol, Joan Kennedy, JoAnn Jacobs, Roy Gorup, Charlene Dunn, Carol Chance, Gloria Castro, Mary Lou Barrientos, Robert Barrientos, Clemie Kisicki, Donna Ballou, Theresa Pistillo? I wish I could mention each and every 1957 classmate by name because we do want to hear from you. The Alumni Association truly hopes that all members of the 1957 class are well and healthy. In my next column, I will randomly select another class and names. It would be so nice to hear from all of you to make the newslet-

ter even more interesting.

Love,
Susie South

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

1924—Helen Menshik Moore of Bellevue wrote that when she was in 8th grade at Brown Park elementary, the school was so crowded that the class was sent to SHS for their last semester. She feels they were probably the only class to ever graduate twice from SHS... 8th and 12th grades. Helen said it was quite a surprise to have every lesson taught in a different room by a different teacher. Miss Abraham



was their class sponsor and she was with them until graduation. Helen celebrated her 96th birthday on 1/11/02 at her new home at Harmony Court. She still enjoys crafts and gardening. *Thank you for the 1924 class photo given to Gary Kastrick and the Omaha Room at SHS for everyone to enjoy.*

1926—William “Bill” Hort of Omaha is 95 and the oldest living recipe contributor for our upcoming cookbook. (Details and order form elsewhere in this **TOOTER**.) *We would like to thank Bill for his participation and for his wonderful sense of humor.*

1929—Adeline Howley Van-Winkle of Walnut Creek, CA writes that she’s still active at 91 ½ years young. She’s bowling in two leagues and performing magic. She very much enjoys her five children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1930—Pete Leonovicz, Sr. of Omaha celebrated his 88th birthday in January 2002. He is wondering if there are any other 1930 graduates in the area who could contact him. He says,



From Left—Dr. Peter F. Leonovicz, Jr. and Peter F. Leonovicz Sr. (Photo taken Dec. 2000)

“My get up and go has not left, yet. I still work three days a week as a volunteer at Immanuel Hospital. I am widowed and live alone, but have lots of grand and great-grandchildren close by.” Contact him at: 3614 Martin Ave., Omaha, NE 68112.

1932—Robert Anthes of Lincoln, Nebraska was an *Omaha World-Herald* Scholarship winner in 1932. He won the 1931 Nebraska High School Golf First Flight Championship. He graduated from UNO in 1937.

1933—Bessie Dienstbier Murcek of Omaha was a pianist and played for the boys choir. She was in at least one musical or play at SHS. She was an executive secretary for different organizations in Omaha throughout her life and credits her success to her typing and shorthand classes at SHS.

1934—Elsie Stahmer Anthes of Lincoln, NE taught for the Omaha Public Schools after graduating from UNO in 1938.

1937—John Zemunski of La Vista, NE graduated from Drake University, taught in St. Louis, MO and now is back in the Omaha area. John was a star football player at SHS in the 1930s.

1939—Elaine Dienstbier Eddy of Grand Junction, CO wrote that she has lived in the desert in western Colorado for 33 years. She says it’s a very beautiful area surrounded by mountains, up to 10,000’, rock formations, and wooded areas. They enjoy wild turkeys, pheasants, rabbits,

coyotes, deer, antelope, mountain goats and even bobcats. She lives 25 miles from Utah and two hours from Aspen. *Sounds like a great place to live. Thanks for the visual trip.*

1939—Lydia Bovick Seely of Kirkland, WA wrote: "A lot of wonderful and exciting years followed my time at SHS, but somehow my high school years will always be special. I made so many friends—and was inspired by so many devoted teachers. When the **TOOTER** arrives, I read every word and do lots of happy reminiscing. Thanks for your efforts." *Thanks, Lydia for your kind words.*

1939—Phil Sokolof of Omaha founder of National Heart Savers Association has written a book, "Add Years to Your Life! Maintain or Regain a Healthy Heart." Mr. Sokolof encourages everyone to eat a heart healthy diet. *Thanks, Phil for all that you do to help us all remain healthy.*

1941—SHS Class of 1941 Reunion Committee. Thanks to the committee for the \$250 donation to the scholarship fund on behalf of the Class of 1941. The reunion committee has done a wonderful job of putting on reunions for the class for many years. *We thank the 1941 class for all they have done for the Alumni Association.*

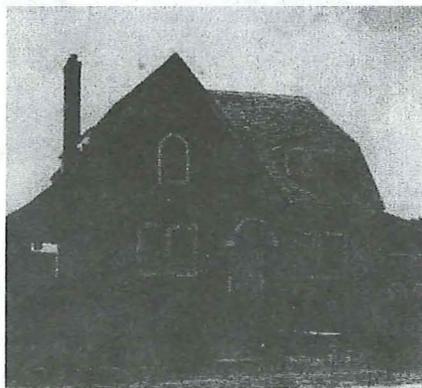
1941—Warren Christie of Omaha. *Thank you, Warren for the 225 golf balls donated to SHS last spring.*

1941—Bill Yambor and Donna Hackenberg Chenoweth-1948 became engaged on Christmas Eve 2001. They have vowed to be

engaged 'til death do they part, but they may elope. *Congratulations to you both.*

1941—Fern Miyeno Watanabe of Omaha. *Thank you, Mrs. Watanabe for your most generous donation to help underwrite the Alumni Association Cookbook and your continuing support of the SHS Alumni Association.* (The cookbook is now available. See information and order form elsewhere in this **TOOTER**.)

1944—Phyllis Kuehner Zoucha of Omaha sent an earlier photo of the house across the street from the Alumni Office. The house at 6620 Sunshine Drive, which is now brick, was built by her father, Walter Kuehner with a wood frame. There were five Kuehner children all of whom graduated from SHS. *Thank you!*



1945—Lucille Yost Kotera and husband, **James** of Portland, OR celebrated their 50th anniversary on 8/23/02. Lucille retired from Farmers Insurance and United Pacific Insurance of Oregon. John retired from Boeing of Portland. *Congratulations!*

1946—Marie Seybold Schneider and **Herb "Bud" Schneider-1947** of Sun City, CA recently celebrated their 50th anniversary in Carmel, CA with family. Bud re-

tired from the California National Guard after 30 years of service. Marie retired as an Escrow Officer in Temecula, CA. *Congratulations to both of you!*

1947—A. J. Wichita wrote: "Sixty years ago when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, I was a freshman at SHS. As students we all worked on salvage drives for the war effort and I worked half days on a school program at Martin Aircraft as a riveter. A recruiter posted a large sign in our rest area about patriotism and the needs of the Merchant Marine.

There was a desperate need for seamen because of an immense attack Hitler made on our coastline. A few weeks after Pearl Harbor, on 1/13/42, Hitler started this special operation called 'Paukensschlag' or drum roll. He sent a fleet of submarines to sink our merchant ships right in our home waters. At the time we had precious few since we were just forced into war the month before. Within a very short time our country suffered 3,500 casualties and the loss of almost 400 ships. This was approximately a third of the peacetime fleet.

These vessels were torpedoed within sight of our beaches from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, Florida and even in the mouth of the Mississippi. Civilians on the waterfront beaches could see the sinking ships afire, the fuel tank explosions and lifeboats threading their way through the oil fires. The loss was as severe as that of Pearl Harbor but the information was

highly classified and not for publication. Perhaps it was thought this information might alarm the public even more and give comfort to the enemy.

It was such a tremendous loss of trained personnel that the Maritime Commission began a massive recruiting program. As with many mid-westerners, we all would like to see more water than we were accustomed to and going to sea looked attractive. That is how I, and thousands of dry land farmers, became Merchant Seamen. There must be many from SHS who responded as well and it would be nice to hear from them."

1948—Barbara Forsberg Bidroski of Omaha wrote that there are eight 1948 graduates who attend Wheeler Presbyterian Church (located behind SHS on 23d and "J" Street). She says that the church is full of SHS alums of all ages. To name a few: **Betty Wise Bader, Bob and Barbara Forsberg Bidroski, Ralph Godwin, Jeanne Tiffany Grice, Gene Hague, Barbara Landrun Sanstedt and husband Richard, -January Class of 1947, Frank Schulze (who died 3/10/02) and Phillip Huning-1949.**

Three of the couples have celebrated their 50th anniversaries recently: **Gene and Irene Hague, January 2001; Richard and Barbara Sanstedt, June 2000; Bob and Barbara Bidroski, July 2001.** *Congratulations to all of these couples on their 50 years of marriage.*

Thanks, for the information, Barbara.

1949—Richard Bednar of Washington, D.C. is Senior Counsel to the Washington, D.C. Office of Crowell and Moring LLP, where he specializes in the practice of public contract law, suspension and debarment, and ethics and compliance. He has over 30 years experience in private and government practice as well as in teaching and writing in the specialty of government contract law. He has authored or co-authored a number of publications.

1949—Richard Lang of Simi Valley, CA wrote how much he enjoyed the Husker fans at the Rose Bowl 2002.



These Elvis impersonators/
Husker Fans sang "Don't
Step on My Red Suede
Shoes" to Richard Lang—
1949

1949—Charlie Martinez of Omaha gave a large box of golf balls to SHS golf teams. *Thanks, Charlie.*

1949—Anton "Tony" Miratsky of Omaha wrote that he and **Katherine Lucas Miratsky-1954** have been married 47 years and greatly enjoy

traveling and spending time with family. He retired from the Omaha Fire Department 15 years ago.

1950—Carol Young Merrill of Ottumwa, IA wrote: "I want to say how much I enjoy the **Alumni TOOTER**. Being gone from Omaha since soon after graduating, the **TOOTER** is the only information I get from my class friends. I lost my husband in July, but I bet I'm the only 1950 graduate with a 17-year old daughter. No! To everyone's next question, she was adopted."

1953—John Stella of Omaha gets an **Alumni Tip of the Hat** for many years of volunteerism and baseball leadership. John has been helping young baseball teams throughout South Omaha since 1960. John played professional ball with the San Francisco Giants organization 1958-1959. Since then, John has coached at St. Ann CYO, SHS, and S.O. Legion Post #331 until the present. He has been honored by Nebraska Baseball Coaches Association; NE/Western IA Oldtimers Baseball Association; and Great Navy (State of NE) among others. John is also an active member of many local organizations. *Congratulations and thank you, John for your dedication to the youth of South Omaha.*

1955—Gil Dunne of The Villages, FL wrote: "After graduation, I played semi-pro

baseball with the Woodbine Whizkids (Iowa) during that summer. In the fall, I attended the University of Nebraska on a baseball scholarship where I subsequently lettered all four years and was chosen captain of the team during my senior year. During the summers, I continued to play semi-pro baseball in central and western Nebraska. I graduated from UNL with a teaching degree and coached the Husker freshman baseball team in 1960. My heart was set on flying, however, and through the ROTC program, I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force and entered pilot training in 1961 at Moody AFB in Valdosta, GA. I was fortunate to accumulate over 5,000 hours of fighter time during a 27-year career, which included tours in Georgia, Texas, Viet Nam, Arizona, Canada, Korea, Hawaii, Okinawa and California. In 1966-67, I flew 324 combat missions in Viet Nam in the F-5 Freedom Fighter jet. I was awarded a number of medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, 14 Air Medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Over the course of my career, I was a squadron commander of eighteen F-15 fighter jets and 300 men and women, commander of 326th Air Division, responsible for the defense of the Hawaiian Islands, and Deputy Director of Inspection for the Air Force.

I retired with the rank of colonel and moved to Florida where I reside with my wonderful wife of 43 years, Connie. We have

two children and five super-grandchildren, and both Connie and I are involved in golf, bowling and numerous activities in our community. I don't get back to Omaha very often, but I have fond memories of SHS and all my classmates. Go Packers!"

1959—Sonny Calta of Parker, CO. *Thank you so much for sending the poem written in Viet Nam in 1965 that was published in the New York Times. We regret that we are not able to print it at this time due to space restrictions. We will keep it and hope to print at least part of it at a later time. Best wishes!*

1961 - Stefa Naujokaitis McGlown and family our sympathy on the death of your brother Victor on 3-9-02

1966 - Mary Linstrom Cirigliano of Mahopac, NY wrote: "I wanted to express to you how very much I enjoy getting my newsletter. I really appreciate all of the hard work the Alumni Association does. Since I don't live in Omaha, I can't take advantage of your dinners and other events, but I am grateful for my **Alumni TOOTER.**" *Thanks, Mary and many others who wrote in appreciation of your TOOTER.*

1967—Suellen Dice of Kansas City, Missouri has lived in K.C. since 1978. She owns a small company, importing and representing products from Denmark and Germany. She travels frequently to Denmark, volunteers for a local K.C. health clinic that serves the under-served and indigent and is on the board of directors of the Kansas City Hospital. For fun she goes fly fishing,

which she discovered in the Delaware River Valley on the Pennsylvania border.

1968—Linda Brosnihan Willson of LaVista, NE is the new Nebraska representative for the American Adoption Congress (AAC). The AAC's mission is to educate and advocate honesty, openness and respect for family connections in adoption, foster care, and assisted reproduction. She is very active in trying to pass new legislation promoting open records for adoptees and other fair adoption laws in Nebraska. If any one would like more information on these issues, please write her at 8141 S. 69th St., LaVista, NE 68128. Linda also graduated this year from Bellevue University with a BS in Health and Human Services Administration. *Congratulations, Linda.*

1977—Gary Jeck of Bellevue, NE is a Master Technician and Owner of AMTECH Automotive Specialists.

1978—Dave Cisar of Valley, NE. Dave is on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dave and his wife, Tina had a daughter, **Reagan Nichole**, born on 3/5/02. *Congratulations to all of you.* Dave is also the founder of the Screaming Eagles Youth Sports Program. The program, which started in 1998 with 40 kids and one football team, now has 300 kids, eight football teams, four basketball teams and three baseball teams.

The program is a Christian organization that monitors grades and enforces a strict conduct policy for coaches and players.

Thanks to Dave, and all the coaches and volunteers for all the work they are doing to help the young of Omaha.

1990—Greg Wilson of Ames, IA is the Senior Network Administrator at the Iowa Foundation.

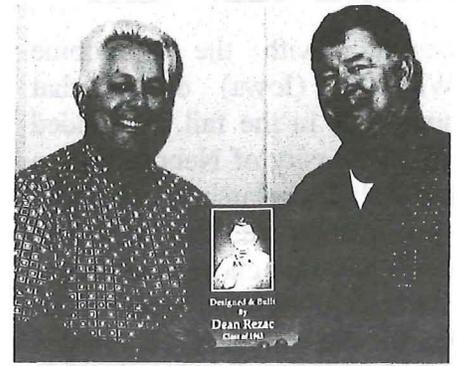
1992—John Novak of Omaha is developing a website for the SHS Alumni Association. If all goes well, the website may be up and running by the fall of 2002. There will be a link established to OPS/South High School. Visit your website www.omahasouthhighalumni.com this fall.

NOTES OF INTEREST

- ◆ **The Alumni Association office at 6613 Sunshine Drive** in Omaha is generally open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Please call or stop in anytime; however, it is wise to call us at 402/738-9493 before stopping in to be sure we haven't stepped out for a meeting or other office business. If we miss your call, please leave a message including your first name, maiden name if applicable, last name, graduation year and phone number so we can call you back as soon as possible. Thank you.
- ◆ **The Packer Sports Great annual dinner will be held on September 25 at Anthony's at 6 p.m.** Inductee Darrell Mudra will be the keynote speaker. Contact Steve Cavlovic (733-3886)

or John Krayneski (592-2850) or the Alumni office for advance reservations.

- ◆ **The Eighth Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at Sokol Hall South Omaha. Mark your calendars now. Details in our Spring 2003 **TOOTER**.
- ◆ **The Eighth Annual Bowling Shoot-out** will also be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at Leopard Lanes in Bellevue prior to the spaghetti dinner. For more information or to be placed on the bowling information mailing list, e-mail Veronica Krayneski Uhe at rfluhe@msn.com or call the Alumni office at 738-9493. All bowlers are welcome. Complete details in our Spring 2003 **TOOTER**.
- ◆ **A Spring Dance on Friday, May 9, 2003** at the Millard American Legion Hall is being planned by the Alumni Association Entertainment Committee for ALL alumni and friends. Dance to the music of the Jimmy B Orchestra. Watch for more details in the Spring 2003 **TOOTER**.
- ◆ **Brothers Dean Rezac - 1963 and Allen Rezac - 1965** received special thanks and recognition from the Alumni Association for all their hard work trimming the trees and bushes at Collin Field; and for the flag pole, flowers, trees, brick work, and building the



Alumni President John Krayneski presenting Dean Rezac a plaque expressing the AA appreciation for his work on the Sports Complex

special storage shed all at the H.P. Smith Sports Training Facility. The storage building cost was donated by Helene Elsasser-1968. Thank you Dean, Allen and Helene.

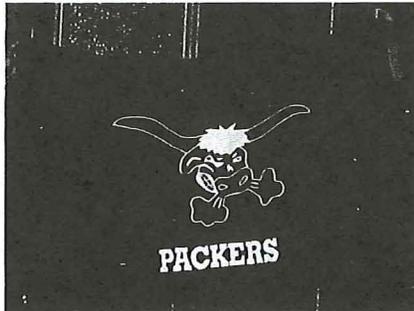
- ◆ **The Omaha South High Alumni Association Cookbook** is now available for sale at the Alumni Office thanks to Bess Mandich and her committee. Please see order form and more details on Page 19 of this **TOOTER** newsletter.
- ◆ **A 1983 girls class ring** was found in a home in Millard. If you have lost yours, please call Robin at 330-6766 to identify it.
- ◆ **The Williams Gibbons 2002 Scholarship** — the Alumni Association wishes to congratulate and thank William Gibbons — 1963 of Portland, OR as his name was drawn out of all alumni with current paid memberships to have a \$500 scholarship given to a graduating senior in his name. The

organization gave the **Williams Gibbons 2002 Scholarship** to **Jacob Bathen**. Thank you William and all other paid members. At the spaghetti dinner on March 29, 2003 another lucky alumnus will have his or her name drawn for a 2003 scholarship award.

- ◆ **Alumni News Appreciated** - the Alumni Association **TOOTER** staff thanks everyone for informing us of your name and address changes, AlumNotes, deaths, and other information about yourself and fellow alumni. We regret we cannot print every article and photo in the current issue, but we save items for later printing as space permits. Please remember that our deadlines for publication are June 10 and December 10. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS, and let us know if you have moved or changed your name, etc.

- ◆ **Alumni Association Website** - we'd like to thank everyone for inquiring about an Alumni Association website. We are excited to announce that an AA website is currently being developed, and we plan to link it to the SHS website. Our Spring 2003 **TOOTER** will have more information
- ◆ **SHS Alumni Flag** - we are pleased to announce that we have a SHS Alumni Flag for sale (pictured below) —

with a white bull. The cost is \$30 plus postage as is, or additional lettering can be added at a cost of \$2.00 per letter. Send orders to the Alumni Association office.



- ◆ **The Second Annual SHS Alumni Association Raffle** will run from September 20 to December 20, 2002. Tickets will be available for pick up after September 20 and one book will be mailed to each person on our mailing list in late September. Watch for this mailing. Thank you to everyone who participated in our successful fundraiser last year.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2002 SHS
SCHOLARSHIP
WINNERS!**

Daniel Nagy - \$1,000 Watanabe Fine Arts

Alicia Gonzalez - \$1,000 Watanabe Business Scholarship

Christina McCloskey - \$1,000 Dave Powell Scholarship

Heather Gohr - \$1,000 Sheila Little Cain Memorial

Leticia Ledesma - \$1,000 Class of 1961 Scholarship

Sarah Tasich - \$1,500 South High School Alumni Association

Amanda Laaker - \$1,500 South High School Alumni Association Scholarship

Lynn Campbell - \$500 Joyce Christiansen Scholarship

Lindsay Blohn - \$500 Sandstedt Scholarship

Jacob Bathen - \$500 William Gibbons Scholarship

Lindsey Heldt - \$500 1956 Class Scholarship



Daniel Nagy and Fern Watanabe



Alicia Gonzalez



Christina McCloskey



Heather Gohr



Sarah Tasich



Amanda Laaker



Lynn Campbell



Lindsay Blohn



Jacob Bathen



Lindsey Heldt

BESS MANDICH & COOK BOOK COMMITTEE THANK YOU!

Bess Mandich and her wonderful committee have done a fantastic gathering South Omaha recipes and putting together a taste-tempting cookbook so these ethnic recipes can be enjoyed by all.

Thank you Bess, Dorothy Honcik Blankman-1945, Violet Pospichal Callway-1938, Donna Grzebielski Diggins-1982, MaryAnn Spudich Divoky, Elsie Tesarek Downs—1934, Veronic Haney Heflinger-1938, Betty Stevens Honcik-1948, Mary Ann Riha Moore-1957, Ladislava Bolek Praan-1942, Paula Vranes Prochaska-1957, Sylvia Russell Sweeney-1941, and Lillian Pavlik Vesiak-1938.

(See order form on next page.)

WATCH THAT SHS CAMPUS!

There are wonderful changes coming to the SHS campus!

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Lomax, SHS Librarian, has been working with experts to develop a plan to re-landscape the property around the SHS building. Dr. Lomax wrote grant proposals and received substantial funding from the Nebraska Forestry Service and the Omaha World-Herald's Branching Out Program to pay for the removal and replacement of the trees.

Next year (2002-2003) will begin Phase II of the campus improvements, with the installation of shrubs, native grasses, wildflower perennials, and bulbs. They will surround the school with color throughout the growing season. Also, a large SHS "S" is planned for the slope south of the flagpole on 24th Street. It will be constructed of brick and will be easily visible from the sidewalk or street. Coralberry bushes and gray dogwoods will highlight this unique feature.

When the trees, shrubs and other plants are established in the next couple of years, SHS will have the most beautiful landscape in the OPS District!

Thanks and congratulations, Dr. Lomax!



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General Manager

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THE PACKER GREATS SPORTS BANQUET

The following will be inducted into the 2002 Packer Sports Greats Hall of Fame 9-25-02:

1900-1949 Period

Carl Buda - Football & Baseball

Peter Yambor - Wrestling & Baseball

Vern Bernth - Wrestling

1950-1992 Period

Bill Vincent - Basketball

Bob Wolfe - Football, Baseball & Basketball

Richard Brown - Wrestling & Football

Coaches Category

Clete Fischer - Football

Darrell Mudra—Football

John Fiaman—Football

Special Honoree

Leonard Hawkins - SHS Trainer

Packer Great Sports Teams

1947 - Metz Legion Team

1950 - SHS Baseball

1960 - SHS Baseball

1990 - SHS Basketball

Let's have a great turnout. **Darrell Mudra** is the keynote speaker.

Call Steve Cavlovic 733-3886, John Krayneski 592-2850 or the Alumni Office 738-9493 for reservations to be paid in advance. Thanks .

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(OR COOKBOOKS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE TO AVOID SHIPPING & HANDLING COST.)

BUT PLEASE CALL 738-9493 FIRST TO MAKE SURE WE ARE THERE!

Calendar of Events

**9-20-02 to 12-20-02 Scholarship Foundation 2nd Annual Lottery Fundraiser
Letter to follow.**

**9-21-02 & 9-22-02 1947 Class Reunion
Contact Jean Harder Volcek at 402/235-2839**

**9-25-02 Packer Sports Great Annual Dinner—Anthony's
Contact Steve Cavlovic 733-3886 or Alumni Office
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND— ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY**

**10-19-02 SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
at SHS Room 254 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend**

**01-11-03 SHS Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
at SHS Room 254 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend**

**03-29-03 SHS Alumni Association 8th Annual Bowling Shoot-Out
and Spaghetti Dinner**

**05-9-03 Spring Dance at Millard American Legion Hall
Jimmy B Orchestra – details in Spring Alumni TOOTER**

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